



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
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*Leaders of the Apostles and
teachers of the world, pray to the
Master of all to grant peace to the
world and great mercy to our souls.*

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Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor

October 17, 2021

**Commemoration of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council,
The Holy Prophet Hosea (8th c. BC); the Venerable-Martyr Andrew of Crete**

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16

GOSEL John 17:1-13

Tone: Sheet

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

**Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM**

**Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.**

**Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule,
mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael
Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young**

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number –

**Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or
Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info.**

Returned checks are subject to a \$35.00 fee.

**Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be
in writing by Wednesday @6PM to be included in
that week's bulletin.**

**Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of
every month @7:15pm in the church hall.**

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
or by Appointment on other days**

******Please Note ******

Mass Offerings , Sorokousty

Mother's Day, Father's Day

**Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young
not the Church ! Thank You...**

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made
personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an
appointment.

**Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be
made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date.
Please call rectory for an appointment.**

**Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly
and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young
at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any
hospitalization.****

**In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul
Church in your will.**

**Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve
one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter
4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time,
money, prayers, and personal service according to their
circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the
universal Church**

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine

**offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week -
\$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.**

Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

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**Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available
for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.**

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All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A **Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish** to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

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(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)



A Prayer for America: Father, we beg Your blessing for the Right to Life, the Unborn, the weak, the sick and the old; all who are finding themselves being targets of the vicious culture of death; that our Lord Jesus bless and protect all who stand up for the Christian dignity of persons. That God enlighten those who are traveling down death's highway by their involvement, in any way, with either the contemporary death culture, selfishness, relativism, or any of the new age errors of our times, that God envelop our culture with His Divine protection and help us both individually and as a nation to true enlightenment,

conversion and repentance of ourselves and our culture. Help us to turn from our national sin of abortion, and return to, and once again become a Christian nation, on the narrow road, that is, the path to becoming a nation and culture, under God. Amen.

<i>Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered</i>			
10/16	Saturday		Religious Education
10/17	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян + Antoinette "Toni" Jaskilka req. by Robert Jaskilka
10/18	Monday		No Liturgy
10/19	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Special Intention
10/20	Wednesday		No Liturgy
10/21	Thursday	10:00 AM	+Esther Honas Angelini req. by family
10/22	Friday	10:00 AM	+Edward & Anna Young req. by family
10/23	Saturday		No Liturgy
10/24	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Kelly Nichole Castaldi & +Stefan Ivan Karpishka req by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>Good Health & Blessing Leonila Gebuza by Lisa & Michael Warycha & Family</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory +Marilyn Michel by Karen Wilson</i>	
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>	
BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/25/21-10/31/21 11/1/21-11/7/21 12/13/21-12/19/21 12/20/21-12/26/21		ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 11/1/21-11/7/21 11/8/21-11/14/21 11/22/21-11/28/21 12/13/21-12/19/21 12/20/21-12/26/21 12/27/21-1/2/22	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/25/21-10/31/21 11/1/21-11/7/21 11/8/21-11/14/21 11/15/21-11/21/21 11/22/21-11/28/21 12/13/21-12/19/21 12/20/21-12/26/21 12/27/21-1/2/22
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2021 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.

Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.

Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!
Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

Friendly Reminder - 2021 & Past Church Dues are due during lent to support your church to pay our obligations to keep the church running such as salaries; electricity; oil ; gas; water ; and continual maintenance; repair of the church, rectory and cemetery; insurance ; chancery fees; and telephone just to name a few.

**At Divine Liturgy and All other Services
Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced !!!**



2021 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of October 2021 continues the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2021**. This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower. Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification. Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support. You have received by mail your request for support. Please help this fund as you have in the past.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal !!!

Donations \$6,065 or 86.6% to go \$935.00 This week \$0.00

Have you forgot your donation we are so very close.....

The 2021 Stamford Diocesan Charities Appeal form has been sent. Please make checks payable to:

"The Byzantine Rite Diocese of Stamford" and send or bring your donation to the church.

Cash is acceptable form for payment.

Since every parish in the diocese has been assigned a Goal for this campaign, **please do not send your gift directly to Stamford.** Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. **We did not meet our goal in 2020.** While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.

Volunteers needed for Our 125th Anniversary

The parish will be celebrating Our 125th Anniversary in June 2022.

A committee needs to be formed to discuss ideas for this event.

If your interested please contact Bill Platosz platosz@hotmail.com or Scott

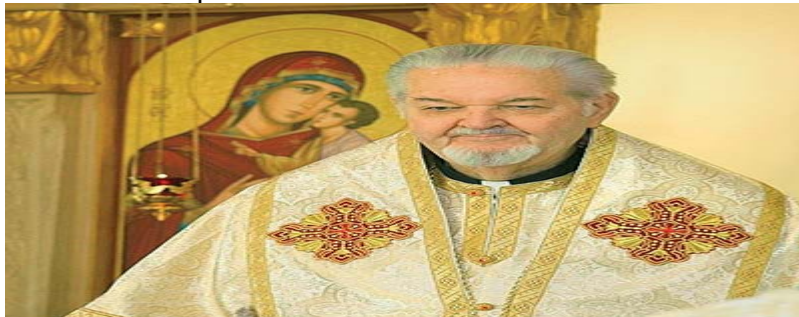
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Today



Sunday, at 9:30 AM there will be the Recitation of the Holy Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. One of the intentions for our prayers will be for our parish, as we prepare to celebrate our 125th Anniversary as a Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church here in Ansonia, Connecticut.

Care for the Caregiver's Support Group: A caregiver support group can be a lifeline, providing a place to share feelings, confidentiality, make friends, get help navigating the Healthcare system and learn from others who have walked a similar path. There will be an in-person monthly support group meeting on the first Sunday of each month from 2:30-4:00pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center. 733 Oxford Rd. Oxford, CT Reservations are required. Please contact Maryjane at 203-888- 2382 ext 104 or pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org to reserve a spot. Next in-person meeting is Sunday, November 7th from 2:30-4:00pm



Sunday 31 October 2021 **Most Reverend Basil H. Losten, D.D., S.T.L., LL.D (Hon.)**, Eparch Emeritus will visit our parish. Bishop Basil will be present at the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. This will be celebrated for the intention of our parish's Holy Name Society members live and deceased. Bishop Basil will preach at this Liturgy. All members of the Holy Name Society should be at this Liturgy.

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Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house.

June 28, 2021

Subject: **Need for Church upkeep and restoration**

Dear Parishioners:

In the year 2022, it will be the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. His Excellency Bishop Paul Chomnycky, O.S.B.M., Eparch of Stamford, has approved Sunday June 5, 2022 to be present with us to celebrate this significant moment in the history of this parish.

This parish community has been blessed and has much to be proud of in its long history.

Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your House is quoted from the prayer from the end of Divine Liturgy. It speaks measurably of how the founders of this parish understood the importance of the beauty of God's Holy House.

We, as a parish family, will begin preparation for our 125th Anniversary. There are many needs to be met in our church because of its age. One is our church kneelers. The pads need to be replaced and the kneelers repaired. This is a very costly project, a goal of at least \$50,000. In addition, there are a number of structural issues with the upstairs church and downstairs that need to be addressed. For example, we just received a quote for \$10,000 for repairs that need to be done due to water damage.

In the past year, our church financial situation has been greatly affected because of the Covid19 pandemic. We have been unable to have fundraisers and weekly donations were tremendously low. Therefore, we are launching a fundraising initiative to attend to the many needs of our church.

All members of the parish are called to assist and be as generous as possible in this fundraising effort, following the example of the founding fathers and mothers of this parish, who gave selflessly to build our beautiful church building. We pray our efforts will help sustain our church building for us and future generations.

Enclosed you will find an envelope to make your donation and a stamped return envelope.

Do not use PayPal !

Please make checks payable to:

Saint Peter & Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and wish God's blessings on you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward P. Young, Pastor

Mr. Scott Walker, Parish President

You have received this letter in the mail. Please be so kind as to use the enclosed return envelope to the parish with your gift to your parish church. God Bless and Protect.

Goal \$50,000 – Donated to Date \$17,025 34.05% to go \$32,975

Church Up Keep and Restoration Donations: Donations \$0.00 this week.



The Feast of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

BY GREGORY DI PIPPO

In the Byzantine tradition, today is the commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, the second held in the city of Nicaea, at which the Iconoclast heresy was condemned, and the sacred images restored to their rightful places for the veneration of the Christian faithful. At the seventh session of Second Nicaea, the definitive decree on the veneration of images was promulgated, on October 13, 787; the commemoration is fixed according to various traditions to a Sunday close to that date. At the Russicum here in Rome, the homilist reminded us of an important truth about Second Nicaea, namely, that it did not decree that sacred images are merely good and useful, but that they are necessary!

The rejection of the sacred images, particularly those of Christ, is ultimately a denial of the

Incarnation. The very choice of location for the council expressed this idea; at the time it was called, the two previous ecumenical councils and the important synod ‘in Trullo’ had all been held in Constantinople. The Empress Irene, who as regent of her

young son Constantine VI, arranged for a council to condemn iconoclasm, had tried to hold it in the imperial capital, but it was broken up by soldiers friendly to the iconoclast heresy. It was therefore moved to Nicaea, where the first ecumenical council had gathered 462 years earlier to condemn the Arian heresy that denied the true divinity of Christ. (To put this in chronological perspective, a greater distance in time than that between Trent and Vatican II.)

The refusal to depict Christ is a rejection of the fullness of His humanity, which is real, solid, and “circumscribed”, i.e., subject to limitations, and therefore capable of being expressed in an image. His humanity is the means of our redemption and salvation, as we confess in the Creed every Sunday, “For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven etc.” In the eighth and final session, the Council therefore also anathematized all who do not confess that “Christ our God is circumscribed according to His humanity.” The Greek word “perigraptōn – circumscribed” is related to the verb “graphein – to write”, the term which is traditionally used in Greek to refer to the painting of icons. None of this is accidental.

The liturgical texts proper to this commemoration make the point in a very interesting way. At Second Nicaea, the Patriarchs of Constantinople who had supported the iconoclast heresy were all condemned by name. However, they are not referred to in the liturgy, nor are the iconoclast emperors Leo the Isaurian (the real inventor and motivator of iconoclasm), and his two successors, Constantine V and Leo IV. (The traditional nickname of the second of these, “Copronymus”, means “dung-named” in Greek: a reference to an unfortunate accident at his baptism, which was taken by those who honored the sacred images as a presage of his impiety. It occurs repeatedly in the Roman Martyrology, in reference to the many saints killed or otherwise persecuted by him for the sake of the sacred images.)

It would be easy, but unjust, to see in this omission nothing more than an unwillingness to offend the offices of the Emperor and Patriarch. The greater truth taught by the Council, and by the Byzantine liturgy, is that the refusal of sacred images is a refusal of the Incarnation. To this point, therefore, the earlier Christological heretics are named repeatedly in the liturgy of the day, as in these texts from Vespers (bold texts are my emphases). As true shepherds you bravely drove away those who are like Macedonius, Nestorius, Eutyches, Dioscorus, Apollinaris, Sabellius and Severus (of Antioch), exposed as dangerous wolves in sheepskins, far from the Savior’s flock, stripped of their fleeces, making them thrice-wretched; therefore we call you blessed.

Let us praise today the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, the God-bearing Fathers, who sang a harmonious melody of theology in the midst of the Church, to the one Trinity, unchanging Essence and Godhead; the overthrowers of Arius, the champions of the Orthodox, who intercede with the Lord that He may have mercy on our souls. Holy Fathers, you have become sure guardians of the Apostolic traditions; for by teaching the orthodox doctrine of the consubstantiality of the Holy Trinity, you overthrew in council the blasphemy of Arius. With him you refuted Macedonius, the opponent of the Spirit, and condemned Nestorius, Eutyches and Dioscorus, Sabellius and Severus the Leaderless. We implore you: beg that we who have been delivered from their error may preserve our life spotless in the faith. The following text, sung between the first and second parts of the Doxology at the Aposticha, is particularly noteworthy. One might easily assume it was a part of the commemoration of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council on the Sunday after the Ascension, rather than that of today, again underlining the intrinsic connection between iconoclasm and Arianism, and between veneration of the images and the Incarnation. (update: A friend of mine who is a great scholar of the Byzantine liturgy tells me that this hymn may very well have been for the commemoration of the Fathers of First Nicaea, and later added to this feast.) Let us with faith celebrate today the yearly commemoration of the God-bearing Fathers, who were assembled from the whole world in the radiant city of Nicaea, as we reverence the gatherings of the orthodox; for they, their minds attuned to true religion, overthrew the godless teaching of Arius, and in council banished him from the Catholic Church; and in the symbol of faith, which they precisely and devoutly laid down, they taught all to confess clearly the Son of God as consubstantial and co-eternal, and existing before the ages. And so we too, following their divine teachings and firm in our belief, worship the Son and the all-holy Spirit with the Father, in one Godhead, a consubstantial Trinity. Although Iconoclasm was definitively condemned at Second Nicaea, it was revived in the early 9th century for almost thirty years under the emperors Leo V (813-20), Michael II (820-29) and Theophilus (829-42). Shortly after Theophilus' son Michael III, (the bearer of another unfortunate nickname, "the Drunkard"), came to the throne as a child of two, his mother and regent Theodora arranged for the definitive restoration of the icons at a synod in Constantinople. (Theodora is venerated as a saint in the Byzantine Rite.) The liturgical expression of this final victory is the celebration of the first Sunday of Lent as the "Feast of Orthodoxy." On that day, the Byzantine liturgy reads a text known as the "Synodikon of Orthodoxy", a collection of the anathemas of the first seven ecumenical councils. The text has been much altered and added to over the years, but the first rubric in one of the oldest manuscripts describes it thus: "A yearly thanksgiving is due to God on account of that day when we recovered the Church of God, with the demonstration of the dogmas of true religion and the overthrowing of the blasphemies of wickedness."

From This Sunday's Vespers Truly the Seven Councils of the Fathers* although held at various times* were brought together under the canons and in good order* by the Patriarch Germanus the New.* By inscribing and establishing their doctrines* and offering themselves as intercessors with the Lord,* the Fathers are protectors of our salvation* and shepherds of the fold. The Book of the Law has truly honored the seventh day for the Hebrews* who were dispersed in the shadow of the Law and devoted to it.* But you Fathers, by your participation in the Seven Councils,* by the inspiration of God who in six days finished this universe* and blessed the seventh day,* have made it even more honorable by decreeing the bounds of faith. *Glory...* Let us honor today those mystical trumpets of the Spirit,* namely the God-mantled Fathers* who, speaking of divine things,* sang in the midst of the Church a hymn in unison,* teaching that the Trinity is One,* not differing in Substance or Godhead,* refuting Arius and struggling for the true faith.* They always intercede with the Lord* to have mercy on our souls.

Come all you people of the true faith,* let us celebrate today in faith and true worship* the anniversary of the God-mantled Fathers* who came together in the splendid city of Nicaea* from the whole inhabited world.* These Fathers, in the wisdom of their pious minds,* refuted the impious belief which the wretched Arius had invented.* They banished him from the universal Church by a decree of the Council.* They instructed all to confess openly* that the Son of God is consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father before all eternity,* decreeing the same with precision and true worship in the Canon of Faith.* Therefore, following their divine

doctrines,* in true faith let us worship the Father and the Son and the most Holy Spirit,* the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead.

Monastic Martyr Andrew of Crete Commemorated on October 17

Troparion Tone 4: Trained in asceticism on the mountain, / with the weapon of the Cross you destroyed the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, all-blessed one; / Again you bravely prepared for combat / and slew Copronymus with the sword of faith; / for both struggles you have been crowned by God, monk-martyr Andrew of eternal memory.



Kontakion Tone 3: Today the Queen of cities / celebrates the radiant feast of your light-bearing memory, / and invites every city and country to join her. / She rejoices for she has gained a great treasure: / your body which sustained many struggles, martyr Andrew, beacon of the True Faith.

The Hieromartyr Andrew of Crete lived during the reign of the iconoclast emperor Constantine Kopronymos (741-775), who ordered Christians, under penalty of death, to remove the holy icons from their churches and homes. Believers, who fearlessly resisted the impious iconoclast, and held firmly to the traditions of the holy Fathers, were locked in prison. When the venerable Andrew heard that the emperor was throwing virtuous and pious Christians into prison instead of thieves and robbers, he went to the Church of the Great Martyr Mamas (September 2) in Constantinople and in front of everyone, denounced the heretic for persecuting the true Faith. In an attempt to justify himself the emperor said that it was folly to bestow veneration on wood and paint. To this the monk replied that whoever suffers for holy icons suffers for Christ, but whoever reviles the icon upon which Christ is depicted, offers insult to Christ Himself. The enraged iconoclast gave orders to torture Saint Andrew without mercy.

As he was being dragged through the streets to the place of execution, someone cut off the saint's feet. As a result, Saint Andrew was freed from his torments by death. A hundred years later a Canon was written to the saint by Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4). The saint heals those afflicted with seizures.

The month of October is dedicated to prayer for the end of legal ABORTION in America.

Our Catechism "Christ Our Pascha" addresses ABORTION beginning on Page 277, Sections 880—884; Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, in his pastoral letter "Thou Shalt Not Kill", emphasizes: "Cases of parents killing their own children are particularly abominable, horrible and unnatural. But perhaps even worse cases are those when the child has not yet come into the world. The very fact that the crime is committed by that child's own father or mother and that the child cannot defend itself... all this makes abortion a most particular kind of crime".

PRAYER TO END ABORTION: Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS: Continue to keep your prayers focused on the Vocation Crisis. As Church, we should strive that our prayers be raised in unity ~ unity in mind, heart and soul, praying that the will of God will send workers into His vineyard. ***A the sight of the crowds, His heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.: Matthew 9: 36-38***

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH - DEC. 8, 2020 - DEC. 8, 2021

Let us continue our prayers and devotion to St. Joseph, entrust our daily work to him, an opportunity "to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal". Remember our Fathers, living and deceased and also our Spiritual Fathers, our Clergy.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH: Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

"NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH TO END ABORTION"

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Guardian of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, the Son of God whom she carried in her Immaculate womb: intercede for us, we pray, that all recourse to abortion might cease in our nation and our world. As you cared for Mother and Child, care for all women who bear the gift of life in their womb. May no harm ever endanger them and may no choice ever threaten the blessing of human life that God has created within. Guard them with your loving protection, at every moment, until His will has been fulfilled. St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster father of the Lord, help us build a culture of life that yields a civilization of love among us. Say the "Our Father," the "Hail

Mary" and the "Glory be" after the novena prayer.



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Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...



—Psalm 33:12