

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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Clergy: Protopriest Paisius McGrath, Pastor Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Attached Parish Board President: Rob Prokopchak

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<u>Today's Commemorated Feasts and Saints</u>: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost-- Tone 2; Sunday before Nativity and Sunday of the Holy Ancestors of Christ; Great Martyr Anastasia and her companions

Today, Sunday, December 22, Sunday of the Ancestors of Christ/Sunday before Nativity, Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Blessing of Holy Supper Prosphora Memorial Litia for Kathryn Tymkiw NO COFFEE HOUR

Tuesday, December 24, Nativity Eve, Royal Hours and Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint

Basil 10 am Great Compline 8 pm

Wednesday, December 25, Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Sunday, December 29, Sunday after Nativity, Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Memorial Litia for Kathryn Tymkiw Coffee Hour: Executive Board

For Healing and Good Health: Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Father Paisius McGrath, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Pani Sonia Diakiw, Father Nestor Kowal, Panimatka Lillian Hnatko, Alan McCarthy, Jack Povlick, Rhea Jean Roxbury, Ryan Hammerschmitt, Ted Diakiw, Hannah, Alijah Robinson, Lee Vordos, Ron Markiw, Jean Markiw, Ann Belowich, Lydia Rudolf, Noah Troyan, Chase, Mary Keffalas, Kathryn, Brian, Orycia Hammerschmitt, Stephen Sheptak, Gregory Prokopchak, Jessica Burka, Amanda Burka, Tanner Noble, Arianna Rock, Mary Ann Jurysta, Sherri Burka, Emil Russo, Michael Romanyshyn, Eva Bilowich, Patty Hnatko, Rose Hnatko, Ethan Rock, Scott Cygan, Ronna Frenchak Pindel, Lovie Tymkiw, Donna Grey, Helen Olenic, our brothers and sisters suffering in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Egypt Memory Eternal: Celeste Pender, Protodeacon Sviatoslav Nowitski

This morning we commemorate the Sunday before Nativity which is also called the Sunday of the Holy Ancestors of Christ. On this day we commemorate the physical ancestors of our Lord and so we hear the recitation from the Gospel of Saint Matthew of the Ancestors of Christ. We hear this genealogy as a reminder that the one born the manger in the cave in Bethlehem is truly God and Man and he truly is both divine and human.

Today at the end of Divine Liturgy will be bless the Prosphoras to be used at our parish families Holy Supper celebration. Please leave a small gift for this purpose.

We encourage everyone to come out to worship and celebrate the Divine Services for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord on December 24 and 25. We especially encourage participation at the services of Christmas Eve: these services are full and rich in the theology and symbolism of what the Birth of our Lord means in our lives and help us learn of the Biblical framework for this celebration. Please check the Parish schedule in this morning's bulletin for the services and join us!

This morning we offer a reminder that this coming Sunday, December 29, will be our next Parish Bring a Friend or Neighbor to Church Sunday. Let us all participate in bringing others to celebrate this day with us!

We offer a word of thanks to our Church School teachers and students for the wonderful program and luncheon we all enjoyed last Sunday! Thank you all for the very enjoyable time everyone enjoyed.

We offer a word of thanks to everyone who came out for the recent First Faith Expo and Church Open House. Let us all work together as we schedule events like this in the future as well!

We offer our thanks to everyone who made donations for the beautiful poinsettia flowers that are decorating our Church; thanks also to Bob Shott for ordering and setting up everything; and thanks to Bob Schott and Ruth Dally for the beautiful Christ wreaths for the Church and Rectory!

We offer a word of thanks to everyone who came out to help with our final Pirohi Sale before Christmas. Thank you all for your diligent efforts on behalf of the Parish during the sales this fall. We will take a break for the holidays and our next Pirohi Sale will be on Thursday/ Friday, January 16/17 in the new year of 2020.

We encourage everyone to continue to give generously to our Capital Improvements Fund as we continue to work on the different projects of maintaining and updating our Parish buildings.

MAY CHRIST OUR GOD GRANT TO HIS SERVANTS ALL OF THE FAITHFUL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ALL OUR VISITORS TODAY, PEACE, HEALTH AND SALVATION AND MAY HE SAFEGUARD AND KEEP US ALL FOR MANY YEARS!