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WELCOME All! Welcome to the God-Loving and God-Protected Parish of Saints Peter and Paul! A Parish of the UOC of the USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Our warmest greetings are extended to all visitors and guests, and to all of our beloved parishioners who are participating in today's Divine Liturgy. We are blessed to have you with us today! If you are with us for the first time, PLEASE introduce yourself to Father Yurii – he is looking forward to meeting you! Also, please feel free to email or call Father Yurii with any questions and let him know what is going on in your life, especially if you need spiritual guidance. We hope that you will find peace and comfort in Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church. You are very welcome to come every Sunday and on feast days, make yourself at home, and to become a part of our parish family.]. Through your prayers and dedication of time, talents, and donations, this can become a reality in all faith and love.

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FEBRUARY 6, 2022

SUNDAY

February 6, 2022

ZACCHEUS — Tone 8. Venerable Photius;
Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the 1
Tim 4:9-15, Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Confession – 9:15, Hours-9:45

Divine Liturgy –10:00

Ukrainian Hall

SUNDAY

February 13, 2022

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Martinian; Epistle Reading: St. Paul's
Letter to the Timothy 2:10-15, Gospel
Reading: Luke 18:10-14

Confession – 9:15, Hours-9:45

Divine Liturgy –10:00

Saturday

February 19, 2022

Great Vespers – 6:30 pm

Sunday

February 20, 2022

PRODIGAL SON;

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to 1 Cor.
6:12-20; Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32

Confession – 9:15, Hours-9:45

Divine Liturgy – 10:00

Parish Board meeting

Sunday

February 27, 2022

MEATFARE, Last Judgment;

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to 1 Cor.
8:8-9:2; Gospel Reading: Matt 25:31-46

Confession – 9:15, Hours-9:45

Divine Liturgy – 10:00

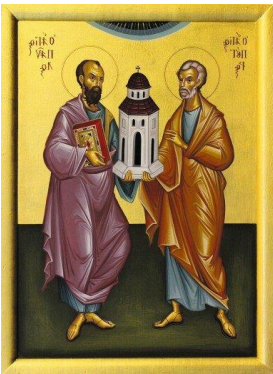
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH

THOUGHTS ARE SALVATION FOR US, IF WE REALIZE THAT THEY ARE BAD,
BATTLE AGAINST THEM AND DO NOT BRING THEM TO FULFILLMENT.

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GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:12-16



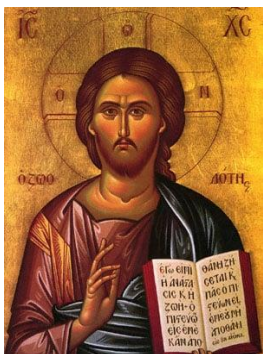
This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

For to this end, we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the leadership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Denny Zymboly, Ruth Dally, Alex Shott, Philip, Eric, Greg, Carl, Kayden, Rose, Dorothy Cygan, Helen, Fr. William, pani Sonia, Fr. Vasyl, Mary-Ann, Mary-Ann, Payton, Anthony, Tina, Mykola, Stella, Maksymko, Fr. Yurii, Maria, Fr. Jakiw, Fr. George, Volodymyr, Alexandr, Vincent, all the doctors and nurses and everyone who was infected by COVID-19.

The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10



Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

February 20th – We are going to have coffee hour which is going to be prepared by Karen and Steven Sheptak for the benefit of St. Barbara Christian Charities!

February 20th - We are going to have our ***Executive Board Meeting***.

Dear Brothers and sisters due to the painting project that started on Monday, January 17th at our Church, we are going to celebrate our services and Divine Liturgies at our Hall on the second floor for the next one or two Sundays! Hopefully, the project will be done after next Sunday and we could move back to our Temple for the celebration of services. Fr. Yurii will keep everybody updated on the time of moving back to Church.

This year Sunday, February 13th, our nation celebrates one of our country’s favorite pastime; Super Bowl Sunday! As a part of this, we have the opportunity to share with those who are in need by participating in our Super Bowl Sunday special collection to help the ministry of our Diocesan Saint Andrew’s Society as they ministry to those who are in need on Ukraine and many other places. The bowl with the collection will put by the tetrapod in the Church!

This month, we are going to have Executive Board Meeting on **Sunday, February 20th after Divine Liturgy at our Hall!**

We would like to express our gratitude to Karen Sheptak for doing our Coffee Hour and Potluck Schedule Calendar for the whole year. May God's awesome blessings be upon you and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

We would like to offer a word of thanks to all who helped with taking down Christmas trees at our Church after Christmas season and moving everything that is needed to the hall for the celebration of services there.

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who came up to help with our Pirohi Sale! We would like to invite and encourage everyone to come out to help with the next Parish Pirohi Sale on **February 11th, February 25th!** Please, come and help as we work together once again for the good of our Parish in this special way.

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

Holy Confession is available before Liturgy and Great Vespers! For Baptisms, Weddings, Memorial Litiya, or any other services, please arrange with Father Yurii! Pastoral Visitations of the Sick and Infirm: Please inform Father Yurii if you or your family members are going into the hospital for any reason or if they would like to receive Spiritual guidance!

For more information regarding our Church life, please visit the official website of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church- <https://uocofusa.org/>

PARISH CELEBRATION

From the bottom of Ss. Peter and Paul parish family heart we wish **Amil Lesney (February 9th), Frank Hawryliak (February 23rd), Mark Rudolf (February 24th)** Happy Birthday! May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

Statement of the Council of Bishops of the UOC of the USA: Pray for Ukraine!
**GOD IS WITH US! CHRIST IS AMONGST US! HE IS AND ALWAYS SHALL
BE!**

These ancient Christian greetings are so necessary for us all to embrace in hope and love, with a sense of deep concern and an unfathomable desire for peace, as the world watches the news reports from Ukraine and around the world concerning yet another threat from Russian leadership.

The scare and intimidation tactics with the presence of the armed vehicles and over a hundred thousand of soldiers around the borders of Ukraine combined with systematic cyber attacks at all levels of life in Ukraine can only be interpreted as terroristic threats that target innocent lives of Ukrainian citizens. They seem to be instigated by an extremely low sense of self-esteem among the leadership of what has become the aggressor nation of modern times – which creates a very dangerous set of circumstances.

Ukraine – the geographic reality – with its own sovereign borders has always been coveted by neighbors from anywhere beyond those borders because of the expanse of her natural resources, especially the incredibly rich black soil, which earned her the name “the Breadbasket of Europe”, which produced the abundance of wheat that was shared with the world. It was and is this land that so many other countries have attempted to annex, dominate, subordinate and benefit from not only in modern history, but throughout the early Kyivan-Rus’ history.

It is no secret that Russia, under the guise of the “Soviet Union” wanted not only the rich natural resources, but just as importantly, a buffer zone between itself and the rest of the Western world. Further, Ukraine, as a blossoming democracy inspires surrounding nations. Therein lies the key to comprehending modern Russian and other earlier invasions. In seeking to control the land, the resources and the political system, hardly a thought has ever been given to the real people who live in that land. These people are the “nation” of Ukraine, and that nation possesses a self-identity that is impossible to annihilate.

Through centuries of invasions the “nation” was unimportant to the invaders. Thus, the “nation” bore the loss of millions and millions of victims to genocide, most atrociously under the former Soviet Union and its Holodomor. Throughout all this history of terror, the self-identity of the “nation” survived – in the hearts, minds and souls of the people. It is with the people that we are desperately concerned as we write these words. It is for the them, our brothers and sisters, that we ask you to join is in prayer

We must beseech God in the Holy Trinity to protect her people from the horrors that far too many of their ancestors knew and perished from. We direct all our clergy to

offer the following prayer during the Litany of Fervent Supplication of each Divine Liturgy. Further, we ask you all to make this prayer part of your daily prayers in your home chapels. May God hear our loving petition and soften the hearts and minds of all, within and without Ukraine during these dangerous times.

With prayers,

+Antony, Metropolitan

+Daniel, Archbishop

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

LORD OUR GOD, GREAT AND ALMIGHTY, WE YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN TURN TO YOU WITH HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS AND BOW OUR HEADS LOW BEFORE YOU. WE BESEECH YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON THE NATION – THE PEOPLE – OF UKRAINE DURING THESE DAYS OF GREAT DANGER TO THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LORD, ARE ONCE AGAIN THREATENED BY AGGRESSORS WHO SEE THEM ONLY AS OBSTACLES BLOCKING THE PATH TO THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE PRECIOUS LAND AND RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE AS THEY FACE THIS GREAT DANGER, TURNING TO YOU IN THE IMMEASURABLY DEEP FAITH, TRUST AND LOVE THEY HAVE PLACED IN YOU ALL THEIR LIVES. SEND YOUR HEAVENLY LEGIONS, O LORD, COMMANDED BY THE PATRON OF KYIV, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, TO CRUSH THE DESIRES OF THE AGGRESSOR WHOSE DESIRE IS TO ERADICATE OUR PEOPLE.

GRANT UNITY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL, O LORD TO ALL LEADERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE WITH THOSE THEY SERVE. UNITE THEM ALL INTO ONE, GREAT CHRISTIAN FAMILY, SO THAT TOGETHER, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY MAY GLORIFY YOUR MAJESTIC NAME – GOD IN THE HOLY TRINITY – FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES. AMEN!

Sunday of Zacchaeus



The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he “sought to see who Jesus was” (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God’s mercy and compassion by Christ’s words to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation is come to this house” (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection “Today salvation has come to the world,” which echoes the Lord’s words to Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.

Photios, Patriarch of Constantinople



The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt. 23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual

struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

All foods are allowed the week that follows this Sunday.

Kontakion of Sun. of the Publican and Pharisee, Fourth Tone

Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn through our own sighs of sorrow the humility of the Publican. Let us cry out to the Savior, "Have mercy on us, for through You alone are we reconciled."

We're glad you are here to worship Almighty God with us. We are a parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, a canonical Orthodox church under the authority of the Ecumenical Patriarch. As Orthodox Christians, we believe in one God in Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We also believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God made man, was born of the Virgin Mary and suffered, died and rose from the dead so that we may have eternal life. Our Orthodox Faith is the universal living continuation of the Apostolic Church that was founded by Christ Himself. We seek to share the Good News of our faith and invite everyone to come and see and