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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.

## JUNE 14 2026

### Sunday, June 14 REGIONAL ALL SAINTS

Epistle Reading: Rom 2:10-16  
Gospel Reading: Matt 4:18-23  
**Divine Liturgy - 9:30**

### Thursday, June 21 Martyr Juliana Nad Tarsus

Epistle Reading: 5:1-10  
Gospel Reading: Matt 6:22-33  
**Divine Liturgy - 9:30**

### Saturday, June 27 Great Vespers

Feast of Ss Peter and Paul - **6:00 pm**

### SUNDAY, June 28 Apostles Peter & Paul

Epistle Reading: 2 Cor 11:21-12:9  
Gospel Reading: Matt 16:13-19  
**Divine Liturgy – 9:30**

**Sunday, July 5**  
**Ven Athanasius of Mt Athos**  
Epistle Reading: Rom 10:1-10  
Gospel Reading: Matt 8:28-9:1  
**Divine Liturgy – 9:30**

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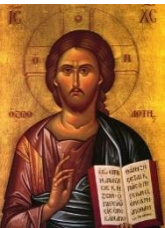
# **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH**

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16**



Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

## **The Gospel According to Matthew 4:18-23**



At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the citizens and residents of Ukraine, Frank, Frank, Sandy, Johanna, Stanley, John, Tim Roxbury, Lovie Tymkiv, Patricia Prokopchak, Patricia Hnatko, Carol. Sherry, Rhea Jean Roxbury, pani Lilia, Debbie, Wesly, Cindy, Christine, Denny Zymboly, Ruth Dally, Philip, Eric, Carl, Kayden, Rose, Dorothy Cygan, Helen, Fr. Vasyl, Mary-Ann, Payton, Anthony, Tina, Mykola, Stella, Maksymko , Volodymyr, Alexandr, Vincent, John.

## PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

### **Patronal Feast of Saints Peter and Paul – Saturday, June 28**

On Sunday, **June 28th**, we joyfully celebrate the Patronal Feast of our parish—**Saints Peter and Paul**. We warmly invite everyone to join us for the **Divine Liturgy**, followed by a festive **potluck meal** in honor of our beloved patron saints.

Please consider bringing a dish to share and stay for fellowship as we rejoice together as one parish family. Your presence will help make this a truly joyful and meaningful celebration as we give thanks for the blessings of our parish and the intercessions of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul. **Please note:** our monthly potluck, originally planned for July 5th, will instead take place on **June 28th**, in conjunction with the feast day celebration.

### **Independence Day Greeting**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach **Independence Day on July 4th**, let us give thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy in this country—especially the gift of freedom to worship, to live in peace, and to serve one another in love.

May this day be a time of gratitude, reflection, and unity. Let us remember in prayer all those who have sacrificed for the sake of freedom, and ask the Lord to bless our nation, that it may always strive to uphold truth, justice, and compassion for all people.

Wishing you and your families a safe, joyful, and blessed **Fourth of July**.

### **Upcoming Special Celebration – Sunday, July 19**

We are blessed to welcome our beloved **Archbishop Daniel** to our parish on **July 19th**, as he celebrates the **Divine Liturgy** with us.

This special day will also include a meaningful moment for our parish community as we open and reflect on the contents of the **time capsule left by our ancestors**. It will be a beautiful opportunity to remember our roots, give thanks for our heritage, and celebrate the faith passed down to us. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to join us for this important and joyful celebration.

### **Camping Program**

As we look ahead to the summer months, we offer a reminder about the upcoming camping programs available at All Saint's Camp this summer. All the necessary information and applications for campers and staff can be found online at [www.uocvouth.org](http://www.uocvouth.org). Let us join together in continuing to support the Ministry of All Saints Camp!

### **79th Annual UOL Convention!**

The 78th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention (UOL) will take place from **July 29- August 2, 2026 Pailos Park, Illinois**. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and engaging discussions on the future of our Church. A full schedule of sessions, worship services, and enjoyable activities is planned for all delegates and guests. For more information and to register, please visit the official UOL website: [Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA](http://Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA)

### **Contribution for help in Ukraine**

Dear brothers and sisters, we are still gathering the contribution for help in Ukraine. If you would like to send your contribution, you could send the check to our parish of Ss. Peter and Paul and made it Payable to the Ss. Peter and Paul UOCOFUSA. Please, write on the check "Help Ukraine". Thank you all so much for your support and help! 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.

## PARISH CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE

From the bottom of Ss. Peter and Paul parish family heart we wish **Barb Lesney (June 2<sup>nd</sup>)**, **Antoinette Kennedy (June 5<sup>th</sup>)**, **Linda Asche (June 26<sup>th</sup>)**, **Lovie Tymkiw (June 26<sup>th</sup>)**, **Sheryl Henricks (June 26<sup>th</sup>)**. Happy Birthday! May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

## Saints and Feasts

### Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles



The divinely-blessed Peter was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)" (John 1:42). On being raised by the Lord to the dignity of an Apostle and becoming inseparable from Him as His zealous disciple, he followed Him from the beginning of His preaching of salvation up until the very Passion, when, in the court of Caiaphas the high priest, he denied Him thrice because of his fear of the Jews and of the danger at hand. But again, after many bitter tears, he received complete forgiveness of his transgression. After the Resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit, he preached in Judea, Antioch, and certain parts of Asia, and finally came to Rome, where he was crucified upside down by Nero, and thus he ascended to the eternal habitations about the year 66 or 68, leaving two Catholic (General) Epistles to the Church of Christ.

Paul, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland. He was a Roman citizen, fluent in the Greek language, an expert in knowledge of the Law, a Pharisee, born of a Pharisee, and a disciple of Gamaliel, a Pharisee and notable teacher of the Law in Jerusalem. For this cause, from the beginning, Paul was a most fervent zealot for the traditions of the Jews and a great persecutor of the Church of Christ; at that time, his name was Saul (Acts 22:3-4). In his great passion of rage and fury against the disciples of the Lord, he went to Damascus bearing letters of introduction from the high priest. His intention was to bring the disciples of Christ back to Jerusalem in bonds. As he was approaching Damascus, about midday there suddenly shone upon him a light from Heaven. Falling on the earth, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" And he asked, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And that heavenly voice and brilliance made him tremble, and he was blinded for a time. He was led by the hand into the city, and on account of a divine revelation to the Apostle Ananias (see Oct. 1), he was baptized by him, and both his bodily and spiritual eyes were opened to the knowledge of the Sun of Righteousness. And straightway- O wondrous transformation! - beyond all expectation, he spoke with boldness in the synagogues, proclaiming that "Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 9:1-21).

As for his zeal in preaching the Gospel after these things had come to pass, as for his unabating labors and afflictions of diverse kinds, the wounds, the prisons, the bonds, the beatings,

the stonings, the shipwrecks, the journeys, the perils on land, on sea, in cities, in wildernesses, the continual vigils, the daily fasting, the hunger, the thirst, the nakedness, and all those other things that he endured for the Name of Christ, and which he underwent before nations and kings and the Israelites, and above all, his care for all the churches, his fiery longing for the salvation of all, whereby he became all things to all men, that he might save them all if possible, and because of which, with his heart aflame, he continuously traveled throughout all parts, visiting them all, and like a bird of heaven flying from Asia and Europe, the West and East, neither staying nor abiding in any one place - all these things are related incident by incident in the Book of the Acts, and as he himself tells them in his Epistles. His Epistles, being fourteen in number, are explained in 250 homilies by the divine Chrysostom and make manifest the loftiness of his thoughts, the abundance of the revelations made to him, the wisdom given to him from God, wherewith he brings together in a wondrous manner the Old with the New Testaments, and expounds the mysteries thereof which had been concealed under types; he confirms the doctrines of the Faith, expounds the ethical teaching of the Gospel, and demonstrates with exactness the duties incumbent upon every rank, age, and order of man. In all these things his teaching proved to be a spiritual trumpet, and his speech was seen to be more radiant than the sun, and by these means he clearly sounded forth the word of truth and illumined the ends of the world. Having completed the work of his ministry, he likewise ended his life in martyrdom when he was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero, at the same time, some say, when Peter was crucified.

### **Troparion of Apostles Peter and Paul, Fourth Tone**

First in prominence among the Apostles, and teachers to the Universe, intercede to the Master of all for peace in the world and for our souls great mercy.

### **Kontakion of Apostles Peter and Paul, Second Tone**

O Lord, receive unto the enjoyment of Your good things and Your rest, the steadfast preachers of Godly words, the pinnacle of Your Disciples. Receive their pain and death above every sacrifice, for You alone know the hearts of men.

### **Memory Eternal to Metropolitan and Patriarch Mstyslav: The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA Prayerfully Marks the 33rd Anniversary of His Repose**



With prayerful reverence, gratitude to Almighty God, and deep remembrance of a hierarch whose life became inseparably linked to the spiritual rebirth of the Ukrainian

Orthodox Church, the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America gathered on June 11, 2026, at the Spiritual Center of the Church in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the repose of Metropolitan and Patriarch Mstyslav (Skrypnyk).

At 11:00 a.m., in the sacred crypt of the Holy Resurrection Mausoleum of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, together with Archbishop Daniel, clergy, seminarians, and faithful from parish communities throughout New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and neighboring states, gathered in prayer to honor the memory and legacy of the Second Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the first Patriarch of the restored Ukrainian Orthodox Church in independent Ukraine.

The solemn Panakhyda (Memorial Service) was presided over by Metropolitan Antony and concelebrated by Archbishop Daniel and clergy of the Church. The prayerful responses were chanted by seminarians of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, whose voices filled the mausoleum with sacred hymns beseeching God's eternal mercy upon the soul of the departed hierarch.

Metropolitan and Patriarch Mstyslav reposed in the Lord on June 11, 1993, in Grimsby, Ontario, Canada. In accordance with his final wishes, his earthly remains were returned to the United States and interred at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church, which later became the Holy Resurrection Mausoleum. Since that time, generations of faithful have made pilgrimages to the resting place of the beloved hierarch whose life was dedicated to the service of God, the Church, and the Ukrainian people.

The life of Metropolitan Mstyslav stands as one of the most significant chapters in the history of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Having faithfully shepherded the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA for many years, he became a symbol of perseverance, spiritual courage, and unwavering commitment to the restoration of ecclesiastical freedom for the people of Ukraine.

When the opportunity emerged in the early 1990s to re-establish an independent Ukrainian Orthodox hierarchy in Ukraine after decades of Soviet oppression, Metropolitan Mstyslav answered the call of history. Leaving the comfort and security of his ministry in the United States, he traveled to his ancestral homeland to assist in rebuilding the life of the Church and to guide its faithful toward unity and spiritual renewal. In 1990, he was elected as the first Patriarch of the restored Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church, becoming a fatherly figure for millions of Orthodox Christians seeking freedom and ecclesiastical self-determination.

Following the memorial service, Metropolitan Antony reflected upon the profound influence of Metropolitan Mstyslav's ministry, recalling his vision for a united Ukrainian Orthodoxy and his tireless efforts to bring together Orthodox faithful throughout the diaspora and in Ukraine.



His Eminence noted that long before the granting of the Tomos of Autocephaly by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in 2019, Metropolitan Mstyslav had already begun laying the spiritual and ecclesiastical foundations that would eventually help make such unity possible. His leadership, sacrifice, and prophetic vision inspired generations of clergy and faithful to work toward healing divisions and strengthening the witness of the Orthodox faith among the Ukrainian people.

Metropolitan Antony remarked that “...*although he accepted the call to return to Ukraine and assume the responsibilities of leading the restored Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Mstyslav never ceased to be spiritually connected to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America. He retained his title as Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA while simultaneously serving as Patriarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine. Throughout his life, he also remained deeply devoted to the Ukrainian-American community. His ministry uniquely united the faithful of the diaspora with their ancestral homeland, making him a living bridge between the Ukrainian Orthodox communities of North America and Ukraine during one of the most significant periods in modern Church history.*

A particularly moving moment of the observance came as Archbishop Daniel stood in prayer holding the hand cross of the ever-memorable Metropolitan John (Theodorovych), while offering petitions in remembrance not only of Metropolitan Mstyslav, but also of the generations of hierarchs who faithfully shepherded the Church: Metropolitan Constantine, and the living ministry of Metropolitan Antony. The symbolism was profound - a visible reminder of the continuity of apostolic ministry and the sacred responsibility entrusted from one generation of Church leaders to the next.

Reflecting upon the life of Metropolitan Mstyslav, Archbishop Daniel remarked: “*Metropolitan and Patriarch Mstyslav understood that true greatness in the Church is measured not by earthly recognition but by sacrificial love. He carried within his heart the suffering of a people deprived of spiritual freedom, and he offered his life in service so that future generations might worship God in truth and liberty. Standing today at his resting place, we recognize that his ministry did not end with his earthly repose. His witness continues to inspire us to remain faithful to Christ, devoted to His Holy Church, and committed to the sacred work of unity. As heirs of his spiritual legacy, we are called to build upon the foundation he laid through prayer, sacrifice, courage, and unwavering trust in God's providence.*”

As the memorial prayers concluded, clergy and faithful approached the crypt to offer personal prayers and veneration, remembering a hierarch whose life bridged continents, generations, and historic moments in the life of the Church.

The annual observance served not merely as a remembrance of the past, but as a living testimony to the enduring legacy of Metropolitan and Patriarch Mstyslav. His vision of a spiritually vibrant Church, united in faith and faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, continues to guide the ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and inspires Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

As the faithful departed from the Holy Resurrection Mausoleum, the words of the Church's prayer echoed in every heart: *Вічна нам 'ять! Memory Eternal!*