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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 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**2024**

**Sunday, June 2**

**Samaritan Woman**

Epistle Reading; Acts 11:19-26,29-30;

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00**

**Sunday, June 9**

**Blindman**

**St Cyril Alexandria**

Epistle Reading: Acts 26:1-5,12-20

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-9

**Divine Liturgy – 9:00**

**Saturday, June 15**

**Ascension of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ**

Epistle Reading: Acts 1:1-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-53

**Divine Liturgy - 9:00**

**SUNDAY, June 16**

**Father's Day**

**Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

St. Nicetas of Chalcedon

Epistle Reading: 20:16-18, 28-36;

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-15

**Divine Liturgy – 9:00**

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# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH

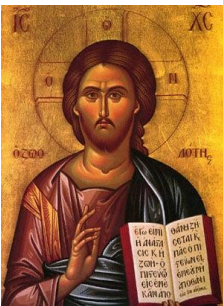
## GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READING

### The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30



In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

### The Gospel According to Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8



At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will

never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the citizens and residents of Ukraine, Stanley, Julia Walek, pani Lilia, Jean Markiw, 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, Fr. Yurii, Maria, Fr. Jakiw, Fr. George, Volodymyr, Alexandr, Vincent, John, Frank, Rowena, Carol.

## PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Appreciation Lunch.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** – Ss. Peter and Paul fellowship meeting.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** - Executive Board Meeting.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** – coffee hour organized by Debbie Cygan.

**Today after Divine Liturgy**, we will have an Appreciation Lunch for all our mothers, fathers, and volunteers who have supported us throughout the year. The lunch will take place after Divine Liturgy. Please join us for this special occasion and enjoy the catered food as a token of our appreciation for your hard work and dedication.

**Please remember**, our **Summer Food Sale** is happening this **Friday, June 7th!** As always, these events depend on the hard work and generosity of our community. We invite you to get involved and help in any way you can. For more information, please reach out to Antoinette Kennedy, Rose Raith or Fr. Yurii. Spread the word to your friends! Our delicious food out fast, so encourage them to order and arrive early to avoid missing out.

**Please note**, starting **June 9<sup>st</sup>** we are going to transfer our Sunday Divine Liturgies from **10:00 am to 9:00 am** for summer time! Remember, to change your schedule time and come to the Church on time!

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who helped with our Pirohi Sale this season! Please note that this was the last sale until the fall.

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.uocyouth.org](http://www.uocyouth.org). Let us join together in continuing to support the Ministry of All Saints Camp! Please, reach fr. Yurii if you need more information.

Since the establishment of our new Ss Peter and Paul Christian fellowship, we have achieved much together. From organizing events to aiding those in need, and simply coming together as one family, our efforts have been a testament to our commitment to serving others and glorifying God. We extend a warm invitation to all to become involved in our organization and contribute to our shared mission of serving our neighbors for the greater glory of God

## PARISH CELEBRATION

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>)**, **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!

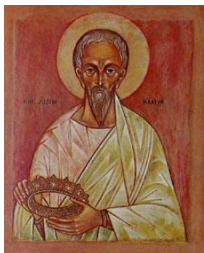
### Sunday of the Blind Man



The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

## Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome



The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher was born around 114 at Sychem, an ancient city of Samaria. Justin's parents were pagan Greeks. From his childhood the saint displayed intelligence, love for knowledge and a fervent devotion to the knowledge of Truth. When he came of age he studied the various schools of Greek philosophy: the Stoics, the Peripatetics, the Pythagoreans, the Platonists, and he concluded that none of these pagan teachings revealed the way to knowledge of the true God.

Once, when he was strolling in a solitary place beyond the city and pondering about where to seek the way to the knowledge of Truth, he met an old man. In the ensuing conversation he revealed to Justin the essential nature of the Christian teaching and advised him to seek the answers to all the questions of life in the books of Holy Scripture. "But before anything else," said the holy Elder, "pray diligently to God, so that He might open to you the doors of Light. No one is able to comprehend Truth, unless he is granted understanding from God Himself, Who reveals it to each one who seeks Him in prayer and in love."

In his thirtieth year, Justin accepted holy Baptism (between the years 133 and 137). From this time Saint Justin devoted his talents and vast philosophical knowledge to preaching the Gospel among the pagans. He began to journey throughout the Roman Empire, sowing the seeds of faith. "Whosoever is able to proclaim Truth and does not proclaim it will be condemned by God," he wrote.

Justin opened a school of Christian philosophy. Saint Justin subsequently defended the truth of Christian teaching, persuasively confuting pagan sophistry (in a debate with the Cynic philosopher Crescentius) and heretical distortions of Christianity. He also spoke out against the teachings of the Gnostic Marcian.

In the year 155, when the emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) started a persecution against Christians, Saint Justin personally gave him an Apology in defense of two Christians innocently condemned to execution, Ptolemy and Lucias. The name of the third remains unknown.

In the Apology he demonstrated the falseness of the slander against Christians accused unjustly for merely having the name of Christians. The Apology had such a favorable effect upon the emperor that he ceased the persecution. Saint Justin journeyed, by decision of the emperor, to Asia Minor where they were persecuting Christians with particular severity. He proclaimed the joyous message of the imperial edict throughout the surrounding cities and countryside.

The debate of Saint Justin with the Rabbi Trypho took place at Ephesus. The Orthodox philosopher demonstrated the truth of the Christian teaching of faith on the basis of the Old

Testament prophetic writings. Saint Justin gave an account of this debate in his work Dialogue with Trypho the Jew.

A second Apology of Saint Justin was addressed to the Roman Senate. It was written in the year 161, soon after Marcus Aurelius (161-180) ascended the throne.

When he returned to Italy, Saint Justin, like the Apostles, preached the Gospel everywhere, converting many to the Christian Faith. When the saint arrived at Rome, the envious Crescentius, whom Justin always defeated in debate, brought many false accusations against him before the Roman court. Saint Justin was put under guard, subjected to torture and suffered martyrdom in 165. The relics of Saint Justin the Philosopher rest in Rome.

In addition to the above-mentioned works, the following are also attributed to the holy martyr Justin the Philosopher:

- 1) An Address to the Greeks
- 2) A Hortatory Address to the Greeks
- 3) On the Sole Government of God

Saint John of Damascus preserved a significant part of Saint Justin's On the Resurrection, which has not survived. The church historian Eusebius asserts that Saint Justin wrote books entitled

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Denunciation of all Existing Heresies and

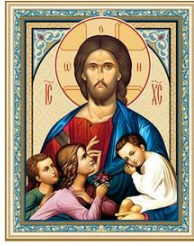
Against Marcian

#### **Troparion — Tone 4**

O Justin, teacher of divine knowledge, / you shone with the radiance of true philosophy. / You were wisely armed against the enemy. / Confessing the truth you contended alongside the martyrs, / with them, ever entreat Christ our God to save our souls!

#### **Kontakion — Tone 2**

The whole Church of God is adorned with the wisdom of your divine words, O Justin; / the world is enlightened by the radiance of your life. / By the shedding of your blood, you have received a crown. / As you stand before Christ with the angels, pray unceasingly for us all!



## **PRAYER FOR CHILDREN OF UKRAINE KIDNAPPED BY RUSSIAN FEDERATION INVADERS**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We come before You in sincere prayer, O God Almighty and with heavy hearts, we lift up the innocent children of Ukraine who have been kidnapped into the Russian Federation, taken forcefully from their homes and families during this, yet another invasion and genocide of our beloved homeland. Lord, You are the protector of the weak and the guardian of the vulnerable. We ask for Your divine intervention in and for their lives. Put an end to the soviet style “re-education policies” to turn them against their families and their native Ukraine.

Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free them. Lord, we pray for their safety and that these struggles will conclude in their swift return to their families and homeland.

Touch the hearts of even those who have stolen them, O Lord, that they may be moved by compassion and conscience to act with justice and mercy. Soften their hearts of these kidnapers, guiding them towards actions that will bring these children back to their homes, lest they be equated to those who slaughtered the innocents in Bethlehem after the Incarnation of Christ our Lord.

We also pray fervently for the families left behind who, without question, are enduring unimaginable pain and anguish. Grant them hope and courage that they may feel Your Loving Presence in this time of suffering and assurance that Your Holy Spirit is with their children eternally.

In Your infinite mercy and power, Lord, bring about a resolution to this invasion. Restore peace and justice to independent Ukraine, which will once again rise from the ashes like the proverbial Phoenix, and soar amongst the free nations of the world. We trust in Your mighty power and unfailing love, believing that You hear our prayers and are with us always.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.