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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.

MARCH 3RD 2024

Sunday, March 3 PRODIGAL SON Martyr Eutropius

Epistle Reading: 1 Cor 6:12-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32

Divine Liturgy – 10:00

Sunday, March 10 MEATFARE; Last Judgement Cyprian & Dionysius

Epistle Reading: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2
Gospel Reading: Matt 25:31-46

Divine Liturgy - 10:00

Sunday, March 17 CHEESEFARE Vnn Alexis, Man of God

Epistle Reading: Rom 13:11-14:4
Gospel Reading: Matt 6:14-21

Divine Liturgy – 10:00

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH

GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READING

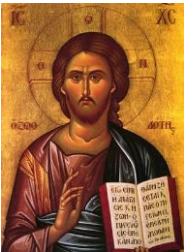
The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20



Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her?

For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

The Gospel According to Luke 15:11-32



The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder

son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the citizens and residents of Ukraine, Stanley Ostwinch, Julia Walek, pani matka Lilia, Jean Markiw, Patrick, Debbie, Wesly, Cindy, Christine, Denny Zymboly, Ruth Dally, Philip, Eric, Greg, 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.

PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

March 4th – Potluck.

March 17th - coffee hour organized by Adrienne Hassler.

March 24th – coffee hour organized by Barb Lesney/Mary McCarthy.

Join Us for Board Game Night! Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening of games and fellowship! The Ss Peter and Paul Christian Fellowship is thrilled to host a Board Game Night on **March 9th at 6:00 pm** in the Church Hall. You can bring your favorite board games and join us for a friendly competition and laughter night. Light snacks will be provided for refreshments. This event is open to family and friends of all ages, so be sure to invite everyone you know for an enjoyable evening together. We look forward to seeing you there!

As we prepare to enter the season of Great Lent, let us be mindful of the significance of this time of repentance and renewal in our spiritual journey. Next week, we observe Meat Fare Sunday, marking the transition into Lent and our focus on deepening our relationship with God and our neighbors.

We are excited to announce our annual Pascha-Easter Bake Sale, scheduled for baking on **March 18th and 19th**, with sales continuing on **March 19th and 20th**. We invite you to join us and contribute to the success of this event, which serves as a wonderful opportunity for fellowship while supporting the needs of our parish.

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. Our next meeting is scheduled on **March 12th at 6:00 pm**.

We are deeply grateful to all who generously assisted with our Pirohi Sale last week! We extend a warm invitation to everyone to participate in our next Parish Pirohi Sale on **March 8th**! Your support is invaluable as we come together once more to serve our Parish community. Please join us in this meaningful endeavor.

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.

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!

PARISH CELEBRATION

From the bottom of Ss. Peter and Paul parish family heart we wish **Jeff Heiger (March 1st)**, **Frank Hawryliak Junior (March 7th)**, **John McCarthy (March 23rd)**, **Lydia Rudolf (March 28th)**, **Rose Raith (March 31st)** Happy Birthday! May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

Council of Metropolia of the UOC of the USA Meets at the Spiritual Center of the Church



the Church and her faithful.

The session began with a Moleben, during which His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, along with His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarchy of the Western Eparchy and Consistory President, the members of the Council of the Metropolia, along with the Seminarians of the St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary prayed for the Lord's mercy and guidance, a quick cessation of the invasion of Ukraine and a return to peace and prosperity to their ancestral homeland, for the Grace of the Lord and peace for the world. With the conclusion of the service, the Metropolitan opened the meeting with a deep reflection on being good servants, and not being complacent in having achieved that which is expected of us, but, to strive to go that extra mile, to do that extra thing, to step outside our comfort zones and do all within our power for the glory of God, the good of the Church, and the salvation of mankind.

Having reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, recalling to mind what had been discussed, and the goals which had been set, the members got right down to business. Archbishop Daniel reviewed the news of the Western Eparchy, sharing the great news of numerous new mission parishes opening to fill the spiritual needs of the faithful. Long established parishes have been revitalized with an influx of new immigrants who bring with them enthusiasm and manpower to continue to grow and prosper the various parish ministries.

Property Management was next on the agenda, as the members viewed a prepared presentation, and reviewed the repairs and maintenance that needs to be done on various structures, especially after the huge damage incurred by Hurricane Ida in 2019. Repairs have been made and mitigation steps are in the plans to ensure that future storms do not wreak the same degree of damage.

The meeting continued with the review of reports from various Offices of Ministry starting with Stewardship. Very Rev. Robert Holet explained to the Council members the importance of stewardship of their home parishes, and the encouragement of instilling the sense of responsibility in each parishioner. We are after all not guests in a stranger's house, but are the faithful in the Lord's House, and it is on us to maintain it and ensure funds are available to ensure the necessary bills are paid, repairs are done, charitable work is completed, and reimbursements made.

Mrs. Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon prepared a detailed report for the Youth and Young Adult Ministry, reviewing the numerous programs and efforts in place to teach, guide and strengthen our youth in their Faith. From videos, contests, online magazines, to classes and sessions, the Youth Ministry has been profound in growing our Youth within the Church. The programs developed by the Youth Ministry of the UOC of the USA have been complemented by and implemented in various jurisdictions throughout the USA and beyond.

Speaking about the Orphanage Mission Program, Archbishop Daniel informed the Board about the situation of the orphans in Ukraine. Some were transported to Poland during the initial stages of the invasion by Russia but have since returned to Ukraine. The Church continues to support these orphans via various means and is also exploring new projects as the need has grown exponentially as the number of orphans has increased due to the invasion, killing, and destruction taking place in Ukraine.

The Office Religious Education report was prepared by Very Rev. Harry Linsinbigler who described the various educational materials available for youth and adults online. The study materials revolve around Orthodox Theology, Lives of the Saints, and other materials for adults, while for the youth there is material to prepare them for their first Confessions. Parishes extensively avail themselves of this invaluable resource.

The Office of Christian Charity has been fundamental in supporting Ukraine in these dark times. Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay, President of the St. Andrew's Society, explained how thousands of dollars have been collected and utilized in providing much needed supplies by both the refugees and the military. Ambulances and transport vehicles have been provided, along with hygiene products, warm clothing, and staples like non-perishable food items, and fresh fruit. Items are delivered in person to the remote villages along the front lines, where people in the most desperate need hunker down and await a cessation of the invasion.

Archbishop Daniel continued by reviewing the report of the Liturgical Commission which is currently working on publishing a second edition of the clergy Service Book, among other booklets to be utilized for various Sacraments. The Liturgical Commission is always working on offering both the clergy and the faithful the materials they need to serve, to pray, and to grow closer to the Lord.



Fr. Ivan Synevskyy prepared the report for Public Relations, focusing on the popularity of the Church website, WWW.UOCOFUSA.ORG. The news of the Church is shared on the website, on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, utilizing all the latest avenues and social media, to keep the faithful informed and to enrich their lives.

The session of the first day concluded with a review of the Office of Archives. Dr. Michael Andrec prepared the report on the Archives, which are currently being digitalized, making them available to a broader audience and ensuring their availability into perpetuity. Parish records,

archives of Church founders, historic records, and information from around the world is being organized, categorized, and made available for future generations.



Friday morning the council members once again gathered to continue with the second day of the meeting. Finances were the focus of the day, as the board reviewed the Financial Report prepared by Church Treasurer, Very Rev. Stephen Hutnick, and Financial Secretary Mrs. Natalia Honcharenko. Every aspect of income and spending was reviewed in detail assuring the board members that the finances are being handled properly and in a way that ensures the continued success of the Church.

Much discussion revolved around the proposed budget for 2024, as the board members did due diligence in their fiscal responsibility to the Church and her faithful. Fr. Stephen explained every aspect and numbers were increased or decreased accordingly.

Both Metropolitan Antony, Rector of the Seminary, and Archbishop Daniel, Provost of the St. Sophia Theological Seminary spoke in detail about the current news of the institution. The Seminary is currently undergoing final steps in achieving ATS accreditation. This will be a huge step in raising awareness, increasing the student body, and raising the status of our seminary. Archbishop Daniel began the process years ago by preparing and submitting over 600 pages to the ATS. Fr. Theophan Mackey has assisted this last year by finishing up the Seminary Self Study and will continue in his role with the Seminary in working towards full accreditation. Hopefully ATS accreditation will be confirmed in the coming months.

Switching gears, the members of the board reviewed the report from All Saints Camp who are offering a wide variety of programs this year. Having resolved the water issues from previous years the camp is rented out for the entirety of the camping season. It promises to be a fun-filled and enjoyable summer for the youth of the Church. The importance of spreading news about All Saints Camp was made clear. Sadly many of our parishes do not inform their parishioners of the various programs offered at the camp, and therefore, their children do not participate and miss out on a great opportunity to learn about God, build lifelong friendships, and experience summer camp life.

Dobrodiyka Laryssa Charest, President of the Senior Ukrainian Orthodox League, presented a report on the UOL, explaining the many ways the league plans to make improvements in their programs and ministry. Like All Saints Camp, many parishes are not aware of the arm of the Church and are missing an avenue to bond with sister parishes and work together for the good of their faithful and the Church as a whole. New initiatives are underway and wonderful ideas are being implemented in the league. Exciting times are ahead for the current members, and future members alike.

The Ukrainian History and Education Center report was prepared by Fr. Stephen Hutnick, Board President and Natalia Honcharenko, Director and Dr. Michael Andrec, Archivist. The museum continues to collect, document, catalogue and archive various aspects of not only Church history, but the history of Ukrainian immigrants throughout the world. While Covid curtailed physical exhibits, online exhibits drew a huge crowd. Smaller exhibits have continued being displayed and have attracted people from the Church, and the general public. Natalia Honcharenko,

Dr. Michael Andrec, and Dobrodijka Oksana Pasakas were instrumental in preparing the exhibits and displays.

Very Rev. Andrii Pokotylo and Howard West presented the report on the Guardians of the Metropolia, the youngest organization of the Church. The Guardians were formed as an organization whose main goal is to collect funds to assist the Church with various projects. Currently the Guardians are sponsoring the printing of the latest Service Book and will be helping out the Seminary. The organization has a list of items they wish to achieve in the coming years. Guardians are hoping to increase their membership in the coming year, and thereby be able to take on additional projects for the Church.

The meeting concluded with a review of upcoming key dates and anniversaries. While times are tough and much work needs to be done in the life of the Church, with the continued dedication and hard work of her faithful, her clergy, hierarchs, and the various ministries, the Church has a bright future ahead. As the St. Andrew Memorial Church lights up the darkest night, the UOC of the USA and her faithful continue to light up the world around them, igniting a love and enthusiasm for the Lord.



Two years ago at the meeting of the Council of the Metropolia, as the members sat around the conference table, the news broke of the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation. The meeting was paused as everyone attended numerous services to pray for Ukraine. Two years have gone by, and Ukraine is still defending herself from her invaders. Millions of people have been internally displaced, millions have become refugees, and half a million have lost their lives. However, the people fight on, protecting their loved ones, their families, and the entire free world.

Saturday morning, February 24, 2024, the members of the Council of the Metropolia gathered in the St. Andrew Memorial Church to attend a Divine Liturgy and pray for Ukraine, for those who are fighting to stay alive, and for the eternal memory of those who gave their all, those who were murdered, starved, and tortured to death.

The Council of Metropolia members prayed fervently along with their hierarchs and clergy, with heads bowed low before the Lord, asking for His mercy and intercession, and salvation of Ukraine and her people.

It is the responsibility of every Orthodox faithful, not just board members, to pray for Ukraine. Our persistent prayer and petitions will be heard. With this conviction in mind, the board members prayed fervently and upon the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy returned to their parishes confident and energized. May the Lord bless the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, her hierarchs, clergy and faithful, and may they continue to serve Him, shine His light in the world, help those in need, and pray ceaselessly.