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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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# MAY 21, 2023

**Sunday, May 21**  
**Blindman**

**Ss. Constantine and Helen**  
Epistle Reading: Acts 26:1-5,12-20  
Gospel Reading: John 10:1-9

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00**

**Thursday, May 25**

**Ascension of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ**

Epistle Reading: Acts 1:1-12  
Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-53

**Divine Liturgy – 9:00**

**SUNDAY, May 28**

**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 – 10:00**

**Sunday, June 4**  
**PENTECOST**

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-11  
Gospel Reading: John 7L37-52,8-12

**Divine Liturgy – 9:00**

**Monday, June 5**  
**Holy Spirit Day**

Epistle Reading: Eph 5:9-19  
Gospel Reading: Matt 18:10-20

**Divine Liturgy – 9:00**

# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH

**“MEEKNESS IS AN IMMOVABLE STATE OF SOUL WHICH REMAINS UNAFFECTED WHETHER IN EVIL REPORT OR IN GOOD REPORT, IN DISHONOR OR IN PRAISE”**

— ST. JOHN THE LADDER

## GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READING

### The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 1:1-12

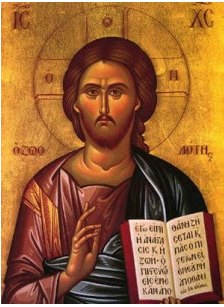


In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

### 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.

## The Gospel According to Luke 24:36-53



At that time, having risen from the dead, Jesus went up and stood among His disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish [and some honeycomb], and He took it and ate before them. Then He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name in all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the Temple blessing God.

### PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

**May 21 – Coffee Hour**, organized by Patty Prokopchak to benefit the youth.

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

**Please remember**, this week on **Thursday, May 25**, we are going to celebrate one of the 12 great feasts of the Church year – **Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Divine Liturgy starts at 9:00 am.** We encourage everyone to come and celebrate together with us Divine Liturgy of this feast day!

Please, make put your name on the sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board if you would be able to attend the appreciation Luck on Sunday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>** after Divine Liturgy.

**Please note**, starting **June 1<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 came up to help with our **Pirohi Sale!** We would like to invite and encourage everyone to come out to help with our **Pirohi Sale May 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please, come and help as we work together once again for the good of our Parish in this special way.

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!

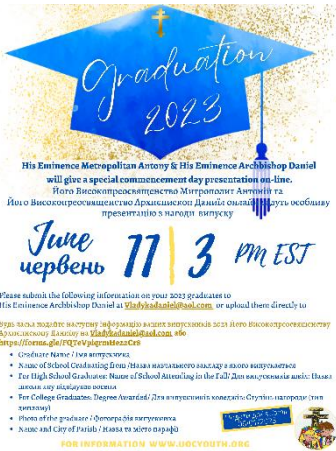
Dear brothers and sisters, we are still gathering the contribution for help in Ukraine. If you would like to send your contribution, you could send the check to our parish of Ss. Peter and Paul and made it Payable to the Ss. Peter and Paul UOCOFUSA. Please, write on the check "Help Ukraine". Thank you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

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

### PARISH CELEBRATION

From the bottom of Ss. Peter and Paul parish family heart we wish **Rose and Ron Frenchak (anniversary, May 6)**, **Antoinette and Wayne Kennedy (anniversary, May 10)**, **Caden Hassler (May 10)**, **Ted Diakiw (May 10)**. Happy Birthday! May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!



The Consistory Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry with blessing of our Hierarchs is pleased to announce Commencement 2023! Graduation from high school and college is a major milestone in life. We would like to honor them in a special way and in the life of the church.

June 11, 2023 will be Commencement Day for all high school and college graduates of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. There are several ways we hope to honor our graduates and we require the assistance of our parishes and parents to accomplish this.

Please submit the following information on your 2023 graduates to the Office of Young Adult Ministry

at [uocyouth@aol.com](mailto:uocyouth@aol.com) or you may submit information and photos [through this online form](#):

- Graduate Name
- Name of School Graduating from
- For High School Graduates: Name of School Attending in the Fall
- For College Graduates: Degree Awarded
- Photo of the graduate
- Name and City of Parish

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel will give a special commencement day presentation on-line. We ask that you participate in this special event June 11, 2023 at 3:00PM EST.

We also request that each parish thoughtfully and prayerfully honor their graduates. You will find suggestions for accomplishing this at <https://www.facebook.com/notes/uoc-office-of-youth-young-adult-ministry/recognizing-our-high-school-graduates-and-aiding-their-transition-to-the-next-st/1790093351072446/>.

Let us make 2023 a year of joy for our graduates and recognize their importance in the life of Christ’s church.

All information should be submitted to Office of Youth Adult Ministry by June 1, 2023. Please be advised that information will be made public and photos will be published.

## UOC of the USA Continues to Provide Assistance to Those in Warzone



February 24, 2022 – Russia invaded Ukraine. The world was aghast that a sovereign nation was facing an unprovoked attack. Images of crying children, pregnant women, bombed buildings, etc. hit the airways and the media outlets. The horror of war traveled across the oceans, directly into the living rooms and offices of the free world. Ukraine, which many could not have pointed out previously on a map, was the center of attention. People awoke to the latest updates of casualties being broadcast over morning radio shows. During lunch breaks people read up on the news via their mobile devices, shocked at the brutality of the invasion. The evening news showed in vivid color the horror that was taking place in Ukraine. Hearts broke and wallets opened. As when faced with any major disaster, good people wanted to help. They needed to “do” something. Fundraisers were held, prayer services were well attended, preparations were made to assist refugee families, and daily people prayed and awaited a cessation to the brutality, certain it would end within a few months’ time.

The images of bloodied bodies lying in the streets, burned down shells of hospitals and schools, destroyed churches, mothers weeping for their children, children screaming for their mothers, mass graves.... have faded. Today, people are more interested in the latest TikTok trend, the latest fashions, the coronation of kings, the election of governments, baseball statistics, and plans for summer vacations. Few even think of Ukraine anymore. They have become numb to the war, to the horror, and the constant requests for help... A war, far away, across the ocean, no longer seems relevant.

Yet while the world has become accustomed to the war in Ukraine, the innocent people of Ukraine have not. How does one become accustomed to constant missile attacks? How does one become accustomed to saying “I love you, and goodbye” every day not knowing if they will live to see tomorrow? How does one become accustomed to living without food, when their stomachs growl, and their babies whimper from hunger? How does one become accustomed to having their children kidnapped and taken to Russia to be indoctrinated? How does one become accustomed to no medical care – with their friends, family and neighbors dying from kidney stones, urinary infections, simple cuts that become infected... all of which had been easily curable prior to the invasion? How does one become accustomed to living underground in cellars out of fear of being bombed? How does one become accustomed to suddenly living without electricity, fuel, or even wood to burn for heat and to cook food? How does one become accustomed to not having a warm coat for their child, diapers for their infant, or gloves for their elderly grandmother? How does one



become accustomed to being raped? How does one become accustomed to being pulled out of their homes, hands tied, and being shot? How does one become accustomed to living in terror?

On this, the 441st day of the invasion of Ukraine, Ukrainians have not grown accustomed to the war. Every day they struggle to survive. Many have been forced from their homes, living as internally displaced persons. Hunkering down in bombed out buildings, in abandoned schools, even in demolished homes, mothers hold their children close and sing lullabies to coax them to sleep, while themselves keeping a weary eye open and listening for the slightest sound of unwelcome footsteps or the whirring of missiles flying overhead.

Kostyantynivka, a once thriving industrial city in the Donetsk Oblast, was one of the first cities to be hit by the invading Russian forces. In the first few hours of the invasion, the city was struck by missiles, and has constantly been bombarded ever since. The once peaceful streets lined by majestic trees, is now a city of rubble, a city of demolished buildings and infrastructure. A large fire was ignited in the city when it was hit by a Russian hypersonic Kinzhal missile, destroying a fuel depot, and burning down much of the surrounding buildings. A mere five weeks ago, the city's "Invincibility Point", a humanitarian support center, was struck by missiles killing numerous civilians. The onslaught does not ease up, and the terror continues to mount.



With all this horror raining down upon them, the people still hold out and have hope. Their faith is strong, and with a prayer in their hearts they are determined to overcome this latest invasion. The people of Kostyantynivka, and other bombed cities of Ukraine are right to hope, and their hope is not in vain.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Diaspora, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA, and Consistory President, has actively been sending aid to Ukraine thanks to the generous donations of the faithful of the Church. Working through Very Rev. Fr. Kostyantyn Kuznyetsov of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, the UOC of the USA has been able to send supplies and support Ukraine during these trying times.

Despite daily shelling and airstrikes, Fr. Kostyantyn and his team have been able to travel to the war-torn areas of eastern Ukraine and provide much needed aid. Bags of basic food items such as rice, pasta, oil, canned goods, and bread are delivered to the humanitarian centers where people come to pick them up. First Aid kits, flashlights, batteries, coats, gloves, blankets, and pillows are provided to the displaced persons, easing their suffering. Mothers are provided with diapers, baby blankets and much needed baby formula, as the constant stress, fear, and lack of sleep due to the persistent shelling, has hindered their own production of milk for their infants. During

Pascha children were gifted chocolates, and blessed paska breads. The elderly have been provided with warm blankets to wrap themselves in, along with food, and adult nappies.

In addition to caring for the most basic needs of those suffering in Ukraine, funds have been utilized to purchase numerous ambulances which travel deep into the warzone to rescue both civilians and injured soldiers. Logistical vehicles have been provided to assist in delivery of supplies and equipment, along with hundreds of generators utilized to keep the lights on, charge cellphones, prepare meals across the eastern regions of Ukraine. Boots, socks and helmets have been purchased and delivered to the armed forces, along with tourniquets, bandages, splints, and other emergency medical supplies.



When hope is but a dim glimmer in someone's soul, it is our responsibility to stoke that tiny flame and ignite it within their hearts. As Orthodox Christians, we are to always think of others before ourselves. We are never to forget those suffering, turn a cold shoulder to someone in need, or ignore someone's cry.

Christ taught us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, cloth the naked, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, etc. We can accomplish all this by conquering apathy and donating to the UOC of the USA Humanitarian Fund. Times are tough. The economy is not doing well. We, in the States, are not living a life of ease and prosperity... however, neither are we hiding in our basements, boiling tree bark for soup, nor dying for the lack of a simple antibiotic. It is day 441... and the need is still there. Babies are still weak with hunger. The elderly are still barefoot and cold. Families are still crouching in bombed out buildings. Sirens are still blaring over the entire nation of Ukraine as people brace for more shelling.

Pray for Ukraine, and please consider donating to the UOC of the USA Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund. Keep the flame of hope lit for those living in darkness.