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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.

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

SUNDAY

November 21, 2021

**Sun 22nd after Pen, Tone 5
ENTRY BVM in TEMPLE**

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the He
9:1-7, Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42,
11:27-28

**Confession – 9:30, Hours-9:45
Divine Liturgy –10:00**

SUNDAY

November 28, 2021

Sunday 23th after Pent, Tone 6
Mar. Stephen the New

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10; Gospel
Reading: Luke 13:10-17

**Confession – 9:30, Hours-9:45
Divine Liturgy –10:00**

Saturday

December 4, 2021

Great Vespers 6 pm

SUNDAY

December 5, 2021

Sun 24th Tone 7

Apostle Philip (of 12) Emperor Justinian &
his wife Teodora. Epistle Reading: St.
Paul's Letter to the Eph 2:14-22, Gospel
Reading: Luke 17:12-19

**Confession – 9:30, Hours-9:45
Divine Liturgy –10:00**

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH

DO NOT EVER PAY ATTENTION TO ANYTHING EARTHLY AND UNSTABLE.
STRIVE FOR THE UNION OF YOUR SOUL WITH GOD.

ELDER AMPHILOCHIOS OF PATMOS

GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

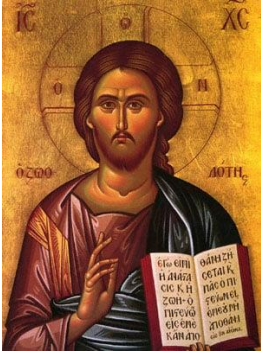


BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

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 10:38-42, 11:27-28



At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

We are very pleased to announce a unique and special opportunity for the youth of our church. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel invites all youth to create and submit handmade ornaments for a special Christmas tree at the Consistory Offices. Ornaments should be handmade by the youth themselves and appropriate for display in the rotunda of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

His Eminence will PERSONALLY hang the ornaments on the tree in thanks to our youth for their contributions.

***All ornaments should be sent directly to His Eminence Archbishop Daniel by
DECEMBER 10, 2021***

Send to:

Vladyka Daniel
PO Box 495
South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

We would like to encourage everyone to join us for the Nativity Decoration of our Holy Temple with Christmas trees and Christmas ornaments on **November 28,** following the Divine Liturgy!

Please, remember that we have entered the Nativity Fast on **November 15th**! We encourage everyone to come for Holy Confession by Sunday, **December 19** and to also engage ourselves in the other ways we have been given by our Holy Church to help us make this time one of spiritual and physical preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who came up to help with our Pirohi Sale last week!

We would like to invite and encourage everyone to come out to help with our Semi-Annual Bake Sale starting **November 29, 30th** (two days baking), **December 1st** (selling days)! Please, come and help as we work together once again for the good of our Parish in this special way.

We announce that our Parish Church School Saint Nicholas Day Program will be on Sunday, **December 5** following Divine Liturgy. Come out to join us as the teachers and students of our Church School present a wonderful program!

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 **Ethan Rock (November 12th)**, Happy Birthday! May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

Happy Anniversary to **Patty and David Prokopchak (November 29)**! May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA Archpastoral Message for 2021 Thanksgiving Day:

We Offer Praise and Thanksgiving

To the Venerable Priests and Deacons, the members of the Council of Metropolia and Consistory, leaders of our Church's Central Organizations, Members of the Parish Communities, the Youth, and the entire family of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, *O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever (Psalm 136: 1)*

One of the most beautiful American customs is the annual observance of Thanksgiving Day. There is something special about this day which we set aside for expressions of gratitude in our family gatherings. For the holiday of Thanksgiving is more than a gracious acknowledgement of God's bounties at the close of the harvest: it is also a demonstration of our faith and hope for the future, even in the face of the winter months ahead. This national readiness to thank the Lord for His abundant blessings, to see His hand at work even in difficult circumstances, and to look towards tomorrow without cynicism or despair is an element of the American heritage that is in profound accord with the traditions of Orthodox spirituality. As Ukrainian-Americans who are Orthodox Christians, therefore, we find a double joy in the observance of this day.

Many families have a Thanksgiving tradition of giving every person at the table an opportunity to express a reason for gratitude in the year that has passed. How fitting it would be for our family in Christ - the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA - to follow this tradition! As a Church, as brothers and sisters in the Faith, and as fellow communicants at the table of the Lord, we surely have found many causes for thanksgiving to God in the past year.

Yet on this Thanksgiving Day 2021, we have a special obligation to voice our gratitude. Our generation stands, according to the common reckoning, amid the COVID-19 Pandemic. Poised as we are at this unique vantage point in the history of humankind, it behooves us to look back with thanksgiving, not only on previous years of our life's journey, but also on the present-day blessings that we have received through the means of science and medicine, being able to save and protect humanity from the life-threatening pandemic. Thus, we must offer gratitude to Almighty God for the men and women in the medical profession, our scientists, chaplains, and essential workers.

Beloved in the Lord, REMEMBER that Thanksgiving Day holiday is a unique time in this country for us to reflect on the role of thanksgiving in our faith and in our lives. REMEMBER, that Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the many blessings we have received as we are mindful of the One who blesses us with life and grace. It is a day to call all people to affirm the power of gratitude, a call we make consistently through our worship and service. It is a day to *extend grace to more and more people so that thanksgiving may increase to the glory of God.* (II Corinthians 4:15)

In many parishes of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, the pastors and faithful, in particular, many Ukrainian Orthodox League chapters, REMEMBER the REASON for the feast by hosting community Thanksgiving meals or collect food and prepare bountiful baskets for families which are unable to afford such bounty with their own resources. What a powerful example of "THANKSGIVING in action". This is the expression of love-charity and compassion

taught to us by Christ our Lord. If you can, find the time to offer yourself in the service of others this season of Thanksgiving.

On this Thanksgiving Day, it is our fervent prayer that the blessings of our Lord be upon all of you as you gather in love and fellowship to offer gratitude to God for all that we have as Orthodox Christians, who are blessed to live in the United States of America. May His infinite love and perfect peace be with you on this day and always as we praise His most magnificent name and as we come together to give thanks for His abundant blessings.

With deep gratitude to God for each of you as our spiritual children,

+Antony, Metropolitan;

+Daniel, Archbishop

Stephen the New



of Saint Germanus.

The righteous Stephen was born in Constantinople in 715 to pious parents named John and Anna. His mother had prayed often to the most holy Theotokos in her church at Blachernae to be granted a son, and one day received a revelation from our Lady that she would conceive the son she desired. When Anna had conceived, she asked the newly-elected Patriarch Germanus (see May 12) to bless the babe in her womb. He said, "May God bless him through the prayers of the holy First Martyr Stephen." At that moment Anna saw a flame of fire issue from the mouth of the holy Patriarch. When the child was born, she named him Stephen, according to the prophecy

of Saint Germanus. Stephen struggled in asceticism from his youth in Bithynia at the Monastery of Saint Auxentius, which was located at a lofty place called Mount Auxentius (see Feb. 14). Because of his extreme labours and great goodness, he was chosen by the hermits of Mount Auxentius to be their leader. The fame of his spiritual struggles reached the ears of all, and the fragrance of his virtue drew many to himself.

During the reign of Constantine V (741-775), Stephen showed his love of Orthodoxy in contending for the Faith. This Constantine was called Copronymus, that is, "namesake of dung," because while being baptized he had soiled the waters of regeneration, giving a fitting token of what manner of impiety he would later embrace. Besides being a fierce Iconoclast, Constantine raised up a ruthless persecution of monasticism. He held a council in 754 that anathematized the holy icons. Because Saint Stephen rejected this council, the Emperor framed false accusations against him and exiled him. But while in exile Saint Stephen performed healings with holy icons and turned many away from Iconoclasm. When he was brought before the Emperor again, he showed him a coin and asked whose image the coin bore. "Mine," said the tyrant. "If any man trample upon thine image, is he liable to punishment?" asked the Saint. When they that stood by answered yes, the Saint groaned because of their blindness, and said if they thought dishonouring the image of a corruptible king worthy of punishment, what torment would they receive who trampled upon the image of the Master Christ and of the Mother of God? Then he threw the coin to the ground and trampled on it. He was condemned to eleven months in bonds and imprisonment.

Later, he was dragged over the earth and was stoned, like Stephen the First Martyr; wherefore he is called Stephen the New. Finally, he was struck with a wooden club on the temple and his head was shattered, and thus he gave up his spirit in the year 767.

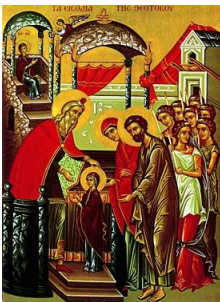
Tropar, Fourth Tone

Trained on the mountain in ascetical labours, with the whole armour of the Cross thou didst vanquish the spiritual arrays of unseen enemies; and when thou hadst stripped thyself with great courage for contest, thou didst slay Copronymus with the sword of the true Faith. For both these things hast thou been crowned by God, O righteous Martyr, blest Stephen of great renown.

Kontakion of Stephen the New, Fourth Tone

With songs and hymns, O ye feast-lovers, let us all extol the godly Stephen, that great lover of the Trinity, for he honoured with his whole heart the comely image of the Master, of His Mother, and of all the Saints. Now with one accord, with longing, and with joy of heart, let us cry to him: Rejoice, O Father most glorious.

Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple



The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion. When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.

Troparion (Fourth Tone)

Today is the prelude of God's pleasure and the proclamation of man's salvation. The Virgin is clearly made manifest in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also cry out to her with mighty voice, "Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Kontakion (Fourth Tone)

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

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