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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.

## OCTOBER 17-31, 2021

### SUNDAY

**October 17, 2021**

Prophet Hosea; Reading: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1, The Gospel According to Luke 8:5-15

**Confession – 9:15-9:45, Hours-9:45**

**Divine Liturgy –10:00**

**Coffee Hour**

### Saturday,

**October 23, 2021**

Great Vespers – 6:00 pm

### SUNDAY

**October 24, 2021**

Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs with him; Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11, the Gospel According to Luke 16:19-31

**Confession – 9:15-9:45, Hours-9:45**

**Divine Liturgy –10:00**

### Sunday

**October 31, 2021**

Priestmartyr John Kochurov; Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to the 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9, Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

**Confession – 9:15-9:45, Hours-9:45 Divine Liturgy –10:00**

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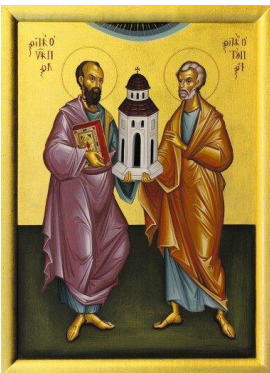
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# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH

“DO NOT BE SURPRISED THAT YOU FALL EVERY DAY; DO NOT GIVE UP, BUT STAND YOUR GROUND COURAGEOUSLY. AND ASSUREDLY, THE ANGEL WHO GUARDS YOU WILL HONOUR YOUR PATIENCE.”

~ *ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER*

## GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READING



### **The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sherry Burka, Dorothy Cygan, Fr. Williaml, pani Sonia, Fr. Vasyi, 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.



Parish Pirohi Sale on **October 22nd!** Please, come and help as we work together once again for the good of our Parish in this special way.

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.

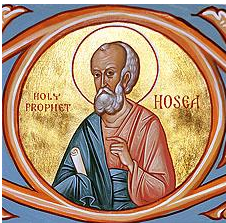
Holy Confession is available before Liturgy and Great Vespers! For Baptisms, Weddings, Memorial Litiya, or any other services, please arrange with Father Yurii! Pastoral Visitations of the Sick and Infirm: Please inform Father Yurii if you or your family members are going into the hospital for any reason or if they would like to receive Spiritual guidance!

## PARISH CELEBRATION

From the bottom of Ss. Peter and Paul parish family heart we wish **Karen Sheptak(October 2nd), Kat Rudolf(October 13th), Barb King (October 19th), Zach Prokopchak(October 27th)** Happy Birthday!  
Happy Anniversary to **Adriane and Chad Hassler; David and Patty Prokopchak (October 29<sup>th</sup>)!** 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

### Prophet Hosea



The Holy Prophet Hosea the first of the minor prophets, belonged to the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the ninth Century before Christ, in the kingdom of Israel. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. During this time, many of his fellow Israelites had forgotten the true God, and worshipped idols. The holy Prophet Hosea attempted to turn them again to the faith of their Fathers by his wise counsels. Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel (i.e. the northern kingdom Israel), the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria.

Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Savior, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the end of sacrificial offerings and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hos. 3:4-5), and that the knowledge of the True God would spread through all the earth (Hos. 2:20-23). Hosea spoke also about Christ, how He would return from out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; compare Mt. 2:15), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hos. 6 and especially

Hos.6:2; compare with 1 Cor.15:4), and that He would conquer death (Hos.13-14. Compare 1 Cor.15:54-55).

The prophesies of Saint Hosea are included in the book that bears his name. The prophetic service of Saint Hosea continued for more than sixty years. The God-inspired prophet died in deep old age, having devoted all his life to fulfilling the Will of God.

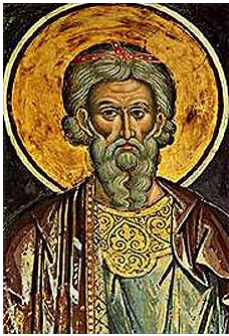
**Troparion — Tone 2**

We celebrate the memory / of Your prophet Hosea, O Lord; / through him we entreat You, / save our souls.

**Kontakion — Tone 4**

Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy; / for you saw things far off as if they were near. / Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophet Hosea.

**Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs with him**



The Martyr Arethas and with him 4299 Martyrs suffered for the Lord Jesus Christ in the sixth century. Arethas was prefect of the Christian city of Negran in Arabia. The Arabian (or Omirite) king, Dunaan, who was Jewish, decided to eliminate Christianity from the land. He issued an edict that all followers of Christ were to be put to death.

Because the inhabitants of Negran remained faithful to the Lord, Dunaan came with a large army to destroy the city. At the city walls of Negran the king's heralds announced that Dunaan would only spare those who renounced Christ and referred to His Cross as a "sign of malediction."

Not daring to assault the Christian city by force, Dunaan resorted to a ruse. Dunaan swore an oath that he would not force the Christians into Judaism, but would merely collect a tribute from Negran. The inhabitants of the city would not heed the advice of Saint Arethas, and putting their trust in Dunaan, they opened the city gates.

The very next day Dunaan gave orders to light an immense fire and throw all the clergy of the city into it in order to frighten the rest of the Christians. 427 men were burned. He also threw the prefect Arethas and the other chief men into prison. Then the oppressor sent his messengers through the city to convert the Christians to Judaism. Dunaan himself conversed with those inhabitants brought from the prisons, saying, "I do not demand that you should renounce the God of heaven and earth, nor do I want you to worship idols, I want merely that you do not believe in Jesus Christ, since the Crucified One was a man, and not God."

The holy martyrs replied that Jesus is God the Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Who for the salvation of mankind was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary.

Those suffering said, “We shall not abjure Christ, since He is Life for us. To die for Him is to find Life.”

More than four thousand Christians, men, women, both the aged and children, from the city of Negran and surrounding villages suffered martyrdom for Christ.

### **Troparion — Tone 1**

Through the sufferings which Your holy martyrs Arethas and his companions / endured for Your sake, O Lord, / we beseech You, O Lover of mankind: / heal all of our infirmities.

### **Kontakion — Tone 4**

Today the radiant feast of the passion-bearers Arethas and his companions / comes to us as a herald of joy; / as we celebrate it we glorify the Lord on high.

## **Putting Your Trust in God: Learning How to Simplify Life**

Presvytera Ourania Chatzis

About a year ago, when I was standing in the hallway of the X-ray department waiting for my father to come out of the examination room, my eyes caught sight of a framed photo with a verse that made an impression on me and has stayed with me ever since. It read, “Life’s not about waiting for the storms to pass. It’s about learning to dance in the rain.”

Most of us would agree that dancing in the rain isn’t exactly our idea of a good time; after all, it means we have to submit to getting wet and maybe cold too. How we wish we could just avoid the rain, either by holding an umbrella or running quickly to our destination point! How many of us willingly allow ourselves to get wet? Even as we look at all that is new in the welcoming season of spring, how many of us accept all of the changes? Don’t we wish we could just skip over the rain and the insects and just have warm, bright sunshine, knowing all along that flowers, trees, grass, and all that lives need water to grow effectively?

### **Trusting God**

The seasonal weather changes are comparable to the seasons of life. “There is a season for all things . . . a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; . . . a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance” (Ecclesiastes 3:2–4).

Yet do we welcome all that life brings? Do we trust enough in God? I dare say no, at least not wholeheartedly, though maybe if we did, we would find joy and inner peace. The “seasons” of our lives have many parts, including our day-to-day relationships with

family members, friends, and co-workers, as well as the unexpected events that occur and the people whom God allows us to encounter. How do we react or respond, especially to things that are out of our control? Do we have love in our hearts for our neighbor?

Let us consider Christ and how He welcomed all people, all circumstances, and everything that may have been unexpected. He engaged each person; He never turned anyone away regardless of how He was treated. And when it came time for Him to be arrested, He accepted this too; He trusted God in all things. What an example for us! What did Christ do when He heard the sad news that His friend St. John the Baptist had been killed? “He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself.” (Matthew 14:13) But when He realized that the multitudes were following Him and they were hungry after a long day, He didn’t say, “Leave me; I want to be alone now,” even though His disciples thought it would be best for Him to do so. Instead we see Christ’s empathy for the people, how He looked beyond Himself and His own needs. In His mercy He healed the sick among them, and He fed them with the miracle of the five loaves and two fish. So did Christ willingly accept the unexpected? Did He put His wishes aside for the sake of others? Yes, of course He did. This may have seemed easy to do, a nice little story, but His whole life was truly an act of love, of selflessness, and of surrendering His will.

Likewise, within our own families, whatever joys, conflicts, or even illnesses we may experience, they are there to help mend our spiritual infirmities and lift up our hearts to God, who will take them as His own, relieving us of our burden: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28–30).

### **Learning To Be Simple**

So how can we trust more in God? One important way is by learning to be simple. This is not easy to do, but it does make life easier by relieving us of unnecessary anxiety, which can have effects as harmful as those of radiation. It is an ascetic exercise to release the control we falsely believe that we have over our own lives and the lives of our family members, especially our children. When they are young, we worry excessively about their safety, and as they grow older we can easily become obsessed with what and who they will become. We inadvertently teach them to become anxious due to our own anxieties. Releasing control is a necessary step in trusting God. After all, as parents, we must always remember that, even though God has entrusted us with the sacred task of caring for our children, they ultimately belong to Him.

In fact, it is in and through the eyes of a child that we can learn how to simplify our own lives. As adults, if we’re honest, we’ll admit that children can teach us a lot about what life is truly about. They have few expectations; when they wake up in the morning, they are ready to take on the coming day, and when it comes to the changing seasons, they

just look around in awe. Have you ever observed the joy in a child's face as it splashes around in a puddle in the rain or makes snow angels on a winter's day? Children just take the changing weather as a part of life, as if they instinctively know that God is taking care of everything. They are much more insightful than we are in accepting God's will. I will never forget my experience at a children's hospital where I had the blessing to work for two years. I was able to observe the children, many with terminal illnesses, walking or playing in the hallways with smiles on their faces, pulling along their IV poles without a single complaint. This was remarkable to me. If a child can endure, who are we to complain?

The seasons of our life provide the perfect opportunity for each unique soul to remember the simplicity of a child and become vigilant in its efforts to love and trust God. Then we can affirm what is happening in and around us; we can surrender our desire to take charge and instead accept in what He allows, trusting in His loving embrace and receiving strength during our times of weakness. In this way, when the storms pass, we can rejoice and give thanks to Him who is the Author of Life.

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