

Sunday Bulletin
January 28th 2024 – 34th Sunday after Pentecost
The Rich Young Man and the Kingdom of God



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STS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

*We invite you to a celebration of
the Resurrection of Christ each week.*

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**“WHAT IS IMPOSSIBLE
WITH MAN IS POSSIBLE
WITH GOD”**



**Bulletin is dedicated in Memory of
Maria Prychodchenko,
Iwan Prychodchenko,
& Nancy Tiedeman**

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Tone 1 Kontakion

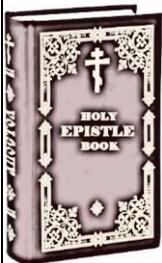
As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from
bondage and cries to You://
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You! (Ps. 32:22)

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 3:12-16



BRETHREN, Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 1

V. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

V. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke 18:18-27



A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Mariah N. Andrews, George Fill III, Robert Meredith, Oleksander Dymtro, Mark Vuksanovich, Soldier Vladyslav Chudakorov, Anna Adamovich, Soldier Serhiy, Roberta Lynn Canyo, Stephen, Mike, Zena, Michael, Darrell, Verna, Carl Swartzs.
All Who died during the war in Ukraine.

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE



Metropolitan Anthony (hospitalized), Archbishop Daniel, Matt, Judith Shonn, Stephen Shonn, Ivanna Pavlusk, Simeon, Selma, Thelma Zemko, Elaine Cartier, Artur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Mike Moon, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O'Leary, Dolly Mehalco, George, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zyka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Mykola Prychodczenko, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. All Ukrainian people who are suffering from the war.

Prayers for the Sick

O Lord Almighty, the Healer of our souls and bodies, You Who put down and raise up, Who chastise and heal also; do You now, in Your great mercy, visit our brother (sister) (Name), who is sick. Stretch forth Your hand that is full of healing and health, and get him (her) up from his (her) bed, and cure him (her) of his (her) illness. Put away from him (her) the spirit of disease and of every malady, pain and fever to which he (she) is bound; and if he (she) has sins and transgressions, grant to him (her) remission and forgiveness, in that You love mankind; yea, Lord my God, pity Your creation, through the compassions of Your Only-Begotten Son, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, with Whom You are blessed, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord of Love and Compassion, have mercy on the servant (Name) who is suffering from the illness. Stretch out your hand and heal your servant. Give wisdom and guidance to the doctors and patience to (Name), his family and friends! Heal him, so we may see Your miracles and strengthen our faith! For we know You are Holy and everything is possible with You! Amen!





Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, January 28, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 34th Sunday.** *Lk.18:18-27.Panahyda*
- Sunday, February 4, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 35th Sunday.** *Lk.18:35-43.*
- Sunday, February 11, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 36th Sunday.** *Mt.15:21-28.*
- Thursday, February 15 – **the Meeting of the Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.**
- Sunday, February 18, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 37th Sunday.** *Lk.19:1-10.*
- Sunday, February 25, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 38th Sunday.** *Lk.18:10-14.*

Upcoming dates & events

- **Adult study & Fellowship 6pm:** Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27.
- Starting Jan 19 - **House Blessings. Schedule for the House Blessings - Bulletin p. 11**
- Jan 28 - **Blessing of Water at the Mill Creek Park at Lake Glacier with other Orthodox Parishes, Sunday, Jan 28 at 3PM.**
- Feb 11 - **Souper Bowl soup give-a-way** will be Sunday, February 11th after church. We will be making soup on Saturday, February 10th starting at 9:00 am
- Feb 11 - **FOOD TRAYS – Bulletin p.**
- **Mar 24 – Due date for 100th Church Anniversary Commemorative Book Ad Form**
- Sep 13-15 - **100th ANNIVERSARY of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish CELEBRATION**

Church School Calendar

- Sunday, January 28, **Church School SESSION 12**
- Sunday, February 4, **Church School SESSION 13**
- Sunday, February 11, **Church School SESSION 14**

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On January 14	On January 21
General:	\$1715.00	\$ 1890.00
Renovation:	\$ 120.00	\$ 117.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$180.00	\$35.00

SOUPER BOWL SOUP GIVE-A-WAY

will be Sunday, Feb 11th
after church. 11:30am – 1pm

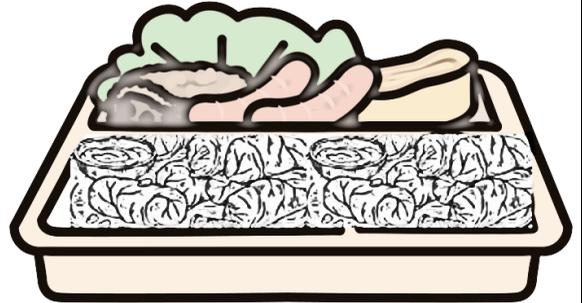


**We will be making soup on
Saturday, Feb 10th
starting at 9:00 am**

We will need donations for the soup. Potatoes, chickens, vegetables etc. Money can be donated for ingredients. We need helpers on Sunday to take soup to the drive-thru. See Anna if you have questions or donations.

FOOD TRAYS

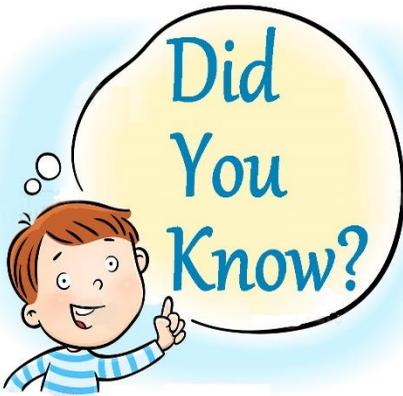
TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
Cal or Text: 234.247.1534
by Mon. 2/5/2024



Pickup Sat. 2/10/2024 10-2:00 PM

UKIE TAILGATE TRAYS AND SAMPLERS

Stuffed Cabbage (12 Servings) - \$36.00
Halushki 3 Qts. (12 Servings) - 24.00
Kielbasa/Kraut (12 Servings) - \$36.00
Ukie Samplers - \$15
Halushki 1 Qt.- \$9



"DID YOU KNOW?" section

We are starting an addition to the Sunday Bulletin about our children. It will be published once a month and is due to Father by the first Sunday of each month. **Just fill out the one liner and text it to 732-507-3228 or email to stspeterpauluoc@gmail.com**

Example: *Do you know Susan can count to ten.
Robert is on the swim team.
Erika came in second place with a drawing.
John helped his neighbor sweep the snow.*



100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

100th Church Anniversary Commemorative Book Ad Form

We are currently preparing our 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book. We are accepting memorial, honorary, and business ads from parishioners at this time. The costs are \$120 for a full page ad; \$70 for a half-page ad; and \$40 for a quarter-page ad. You can add photos for an additional \$10. If you want to sponsor the book, there is only a \$5 fee. The forms are in the vestibule. Or get the form online - <https://shorturl.at/dGIN6>

It is recommended that all photos be scanned and emailed to the address listed on the form. Checks should be made payable to Sts. Peter & Paul UO Church with Anniversary Book written on the memo line. The form and your check can be mailed to the rectory or turned into the Church Office: ATT: Michael Sernulka. All submissions are due by March 24, 2024.

DEADLINE FOR BRICK ORDERS - FEB 11

ORDER a Commemorative
Bricks IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY

\$100 per BRICK

(it can also be a greeting or just a name)
that will go on the Belfry platform

Get a **PAPER FORM** in the back of the
Church or order online.



(you will need a form for each brick) only **170 bricks left available.**

Do not postpone it. Order the Bricks early.

The Deadline for orders is Feb 11.

100TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO DIRECTORY

In preparation for our parish's 100th Anniversary, we will be taking family pictures for our 100th Anniversary Directory. This is a wonderful way for your family to be part of this momentous occasion!

Picture Dates:

- Saturday, 2/3/24 11 AM - 6 PM
- Saturday, 2/17/24 11 AM - 6 PM
- Saturday, 3/2/24 11 AM - 6 PM

Make-up Day will be: * Saturday, 3/9/24 11 AM - 6 PM

- All picture appointments must be made in advance by

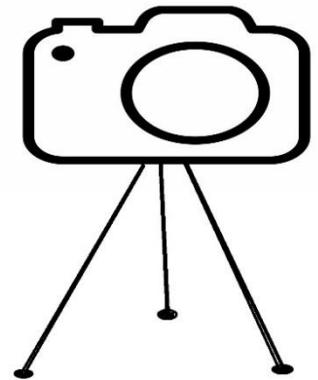
January 27, 2024. Pictures will be taken in 15 minute time increments. Register for your family's appointment via email at: anniversary100pictures@yahoo.com

If you are unable to use email, please call (330) 766-5204 and leave a voicemail with your preferred date and time to schedule your appointment, and someone from the photo committee will get back to you to confirm it.

- All appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up early!
- Out-of-town parishioners who are unable to attend a picture date may submit professionally taken pictures only to Father Mykola by February 28, 2024, in order to be included in the directory.

Organizations/Ministries Group Picture Day

Sunday, 3/10/24 after Divine Liturgy



The Rich and the Kingdom of God

It is the story of a young rich man who desires to know how he may inherit eternal life.

In this story, Jesus does not correct the man's idea that he must do something good to receive eternal life. You see faith and good works are not opposed in the Gospels and in Orthodox teaching. The Kingdom of God is always a gift but it is given to those who do something beginning with a permanent commitment of faith and followed by ongoing obedience to Christ's teachings.

You see, God always provides the saving grace, we cannot save ourselves. We can all receive salvation but must receive it actively and energetically in faith, prayer and loving deeds in a total Christian lifestyle. Money, power and pleasure are not bad in themselves, for a person needs those to survive. However, when one makes them as the center of everything, then it becomes a threat to faith, for it reduces the time to pray and to believe in the power of God.

It is essential that these worldly things do not cloud or misrepresent our trust in the grace of the Lord. Let us constantly strive to do even better and more meaningful things in our earthly lives. May Almighty God bless you all.



<https://www.sthermansoca.org/spirituality/the-rich/>

On the Rich Young Man

When we read today's Gospel, we often focus on the fact that the young man did not give up all of his riches and follow Christ. In particular, we tend to focus on our Savior's words that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven." We usually forget about the first part of this story.

The young man asks our Savior what must he do to inherit eternal life. Our Savior instructs the fellow that he should keep the commandments and lists them by name. The young man answers that he has kept all these commandments from his youth. Let's for a moment examine ourselves.

With a clear conscience, are we able to say the same as the young man, that from our youth we have kept all of these commandments? Do we completely follow and keep all of the Ten Commandments which are the foundation of the moral life? Can we honestly put ourselves on the same level as this young man?

The young man persists in his questioning and asks if there is anything else he can do. Our Savior says yes, there is an additional path that he can take. If you would be perfect, you can give away all your riches, sell all your property and come and follow Me. Today we would understand the second choice that our Savior offers the young man to be to choose the monastic life. There are two choices. The first choice is to live in what we call the “world,” have our secular employment, be married and have a family and follow the commandments of God, or give up everything: family, money and property and enter a monastery. There are no other viable choices. It is either the one or the other.

There is a third choice, but it is not unto salvation but unto condemnation, and that is to follow the path of evil and to serve the devil. Not everyone is required to become a monastic. This is a beautiful and wonderful way of life but it is not for everyone. However, everyone is required to keep the commandments of God as well as to be morally precise in living the Gospel. It makes no difference whether we are married or living in a monastery. The commandments of God are the same for everyone. The monastic life is simply stricter and at a higher level. More is given up for the sake of Christ. For those of us living in the world who do not completely physically give up all of our money, property and families, nonetheless, Christ must hold the first place in our hearts.

Our Savior tells us that we must not be more attached to anything else in this life more than to Christ. “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me isn’t worthy of me” (Matt. 10:37). In a sense, then, monastics and those living in the world are called upon to do the same thing but in a different way.

Our Savior says, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:21). In another place the Lord says, “You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matt. 6:24). Mammon is money and the greedy pursuit of gain. In life we are all called upon from time to time to deny ourselves for the sake of the other.

How often does the husband or wife deny their own desires in order to fulfill the desires of one’s spouse? How often do parents deny their own wants for the sake of their children? How often do we make unselfish personal sacrifices in order to serve and to help others: family, friends, acquaintances, our neighbors, those in need, those who ask for help, everyone around us?

You do not necessarily have to be a monk or nun in order to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Christ. This commandment is given unto all of us and is the calling to everyone who would be a Christian. Whether in the monastery or not in the monastery, we all have the opportunities to share what we have with others, whether it be money, possessions, our love, our care and our concern, our prayers for others and not only for ourselves.

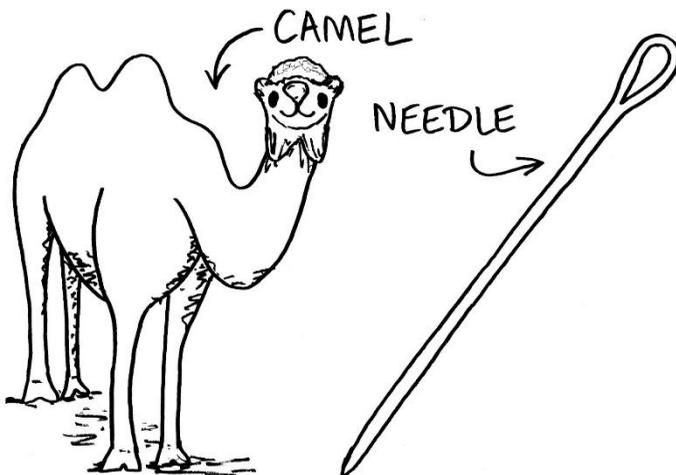
All of us must be doing and sharing and serving others with the blessings and talents that God has given us, no matter what form these talents may take. It is a sin to bury your talent in the ground and do nothing with it. God calls upon Christians to be people of action and to live the Gospel, not only in word but in deed. This is the path that the Lord blesses us to follow, by which, with God’s help, we may attain salvation and eternal life. Amen.

<https://www.pravmir.com/sermon-on-the-rich-young-man/>

What did Jesus mean when He said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven?

There are several different schools of thought on what Jesus was referring to in saying it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to gain eternal life ([Matthew 19:24](#); [Mark 10:25](#); [Luke 18:25](#)). The Persians expressed the concept of the impossible by saying it would be easier to put an elephant through the eye of a needle. The camel was a Jewish adaptation (the largest animal in Israel was a camel).

Some theorize that the needle Jesus was speaking of was the Needle Gate, supposedly a low and narrow after-hours entrance found in the wall surrounding Jerusalem. It was purposely small for security reasons, and a camel could only go through it by stripping off any saddles or packs and crawling through on its knees. The problem with this theory is there is no evidence such a gate ever existed. Beyond that, what sane camel driver would go through such contortions when larger gates were easily accessible?



Others claim that the word translated “camel” (Greek: *kamelos*) should actually be “cable” (Greek: *kamilos*). Then the verse would read that it is easier for a cable (or rope) to go through the eye of a needle. To believe this, however, brings up more problems than it solves, namely casting doubt on the inerrancy and inspiration of Scripture.

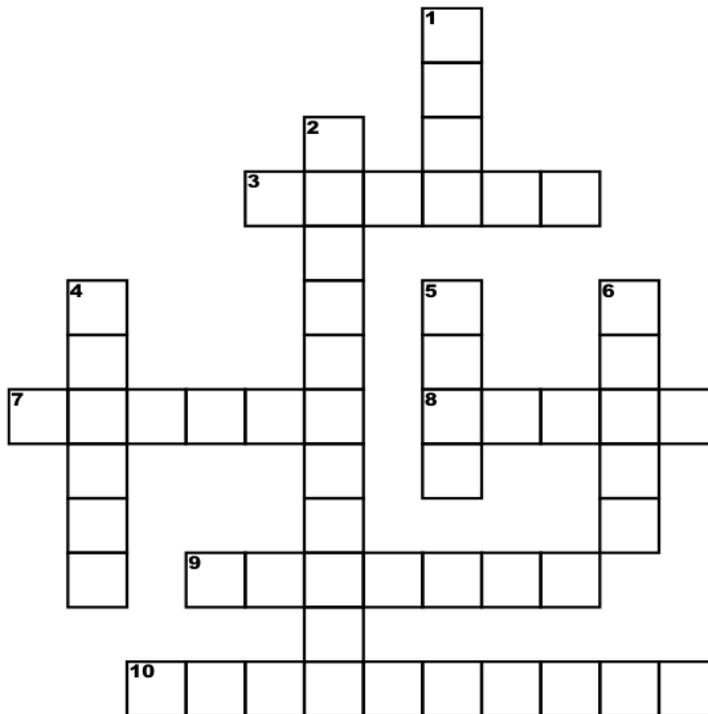
The most likely explanation is that Jesus was using hyperbole, a figure of speech that exaggerates for emphasis. Jesus used this technique at other times, referring to a “plank” in one’s eye ([Matthew 7:3-5](#)) and swallowing a camel ([Matthew 23:24](#)).

Jesus’ message is clear—it is impossible for anyone to be saved on his own merits. Since wealth was seen as proof of God’s approval, it was commonly taught by the rabbis that rich people were blessed by God and were, therefore, the most likely candidates for heaven. Jesus destroyed that notion, and along with it, the idea that anyone can earn eternal life. The disciples had the appropriate response to this startling statement. They were utterly amazed and asked, “Who then can be saved?” in the next verse. If the wealthy among them, which included the super-spiritual Pharisees and scribes, were unworthy of heaven, what hope was there for a poor man?

Jesus' answer is the basis of the gospel: "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God" ([Matthew 19:26](#)). Men are saved through God's gifts of grace, mercy, and faith ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)). Nothing we do earns salvation for us. It is the poor in spirit who inherit the kingdom of God ([Matthew 5:3](#)), those who recognize their spiritual poverty and their utter inability to do anything to justify themselves to a holy God. The rich man so often is blind to his spiritual poverty because he is proud of his accomplishments and has contented himself with his wealth. He is as likely to humble himself before God as a camel is to crawl through the eye of a needle.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/camel-eye-needle.html>

The Rich Young Man



Across

- 3.** sadness
- 7.** the place where God loving souls go to when they die
- 8.** an animal that can go without drinking water for a long time
- 9.** never ending
- 10.** give away

Down

- 1.** people who don't have many possessions or money
- 2.** another name for rule
- 4.** a tool used in sewing
- 5.** someone who has lots of money
- 6.** the act of taking something that doesn't belong to you

House Blessing



During the days following the Feast of the Theophany (January 19th), it is customary for the Priest to visit the homes of his parishioners, bringing with him the "Jordan Water" to bless the house. All who reside in the household should make every effort to be present for the Blessing if possible.

The home blessing at Theophany represents a renewal of our lives in Christ. Washed in the baptismal waters, our homes become temples of the Holy Spirit for the

fulfillment of the will of our Heavenly Father and to protect us from every evil!

Please light a candle and prepare a small bowl for the Holy Water for the blessing.

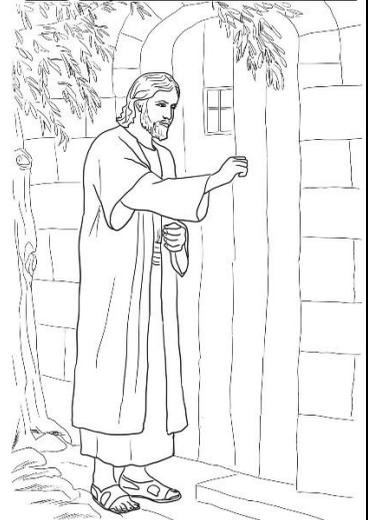
I am looking forward to blessing your homes this years and many to come!

Fr. Mykola

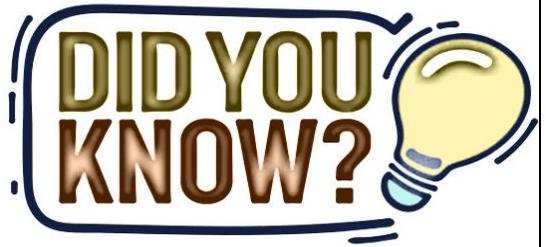
Schedule for the House Blessings:

- Jan 22 – Youngstown area
- Jan 23 – Austintown area
- Jan 24 – Austintown area
- Jan 25 – Austintown / Canfield area
- Jan 26 – Canfield area
- Jan 27 - Pulaski / Farrell
- Jan 28 – Boardman / Poland area
- Jan 30 – Boardman / Struthers area
- Jan 31 – North Jackson / Lake Milton area
- Feb 1 - Salem
- Feb 2 - Girard / McDonald area
- Feb 3 - Cortland / Brookfield twp./ Hubbard Warren

Please notify Fr Mykola if you may not be home on those dates and certain time is needed for the House Blessing. – 330-799-3830 (leave a voicemail if Fr. Mykola is not near the phone)



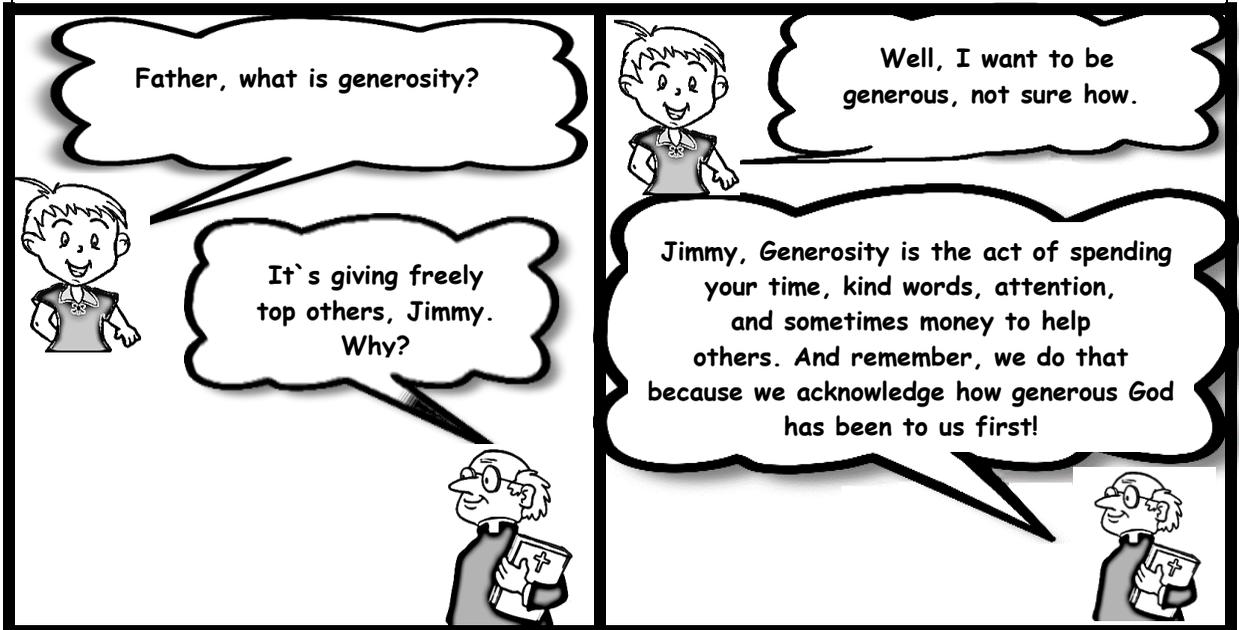
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish HISTORY FACTS



The iconostas in our church was blessed on May 15, 1958. St. Mary's Sisterhood contributed many thousands of dollars toward its installation.

The Sisterhood also purchased three new bells with electric motors for the church.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



**IN MEMORY OF
MARIA PRYCHODCHENKO**

(+ JAN 6, 2013)

**ON THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY
OF HER PASSING AWAY**

**"MAY GOD GIVE REST TO THE
SOUL IN HIS HEAVENLY
KINGDOM"**



**IN MEMORY OF
IWAN PRYCHODCHENKO**

(+ JAN 8, 2017)

**ON THE 7TH ANNIVERSARY
OF HIS PASSING AWAY**

**"MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL IN
HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM"**



IN MEMORY OF

NANCY TIEDEMAN

(+ JAN 24, 2022)

**ON THE 2ND ANNIVERSARY
OF HER PASSING AWAY**

**"MEMORY OF HER BE FROM
GENERATION TO GENERATION"**



**SADLY MISSED BY WAYNE TIEDEMAN
MYKOLA PRYCHODCZENKO
AND THE ANDERSON FAMILY:**

**DAVID, ANNA, PETER, KATHERINE,
NICHOLAS, LINDSAY,
SOPHIA AND CHARLOTTE.**

CHRISTINE AND ROBERT KLINE

