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



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Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 **Gospel:** John 5:1-15

Bulletin is dedicated to All who have donated to the Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine.

Tone 3Troparion(Resurrection)Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Tone 3Kontakion(Pentecostarion)By Your divine intercession, O Lord,
as You raised up the Paralytic of old,
so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and
thoughtless acts;

so that being saved I may <u>sing</u> to You:// "Glory to Your <u>pow</u>er, O com<u>pas</u>sionate Christ!"

Tone 8Kontakion (Pascha)

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,

You de<u>stroyed</u> the <u>pow</u>er of death. In victory <u>You</u> a<u>rose</u>, O <u>Christ</u> God,

proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women,//

granting peace to <u>Your</u> Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the <u>fall</u>en.

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 Acts of the Holy Apostles

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 8

O Lord,You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. John

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

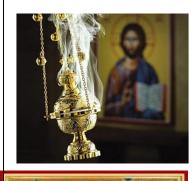
Instead of "it is right in truth"

The angel cried to the Lade Full of Grace. Rejoice, Pure Virgin, Again I say: Rejoice. Your Son is Risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised up all the dead: Rejoice, all peoples.

Irmos: Shine, Shine, O New Jerusalem, for the Glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now and be glad. O Zion and rejoice, Pure Birth-Giver of God in the Resurrection of Your Son.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*) *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*!





Gr. Martyr and Healer St. Panteleimon

MEMORY ETERNAL

Rev Fr Gregory Becker, Mary Ann Senedak, John Nicholas Visa, Alexandra Prychodczenko, Dr. Steven Sivulich, All Who gave their lives during the war in Ukraine

... AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Metropolitan Antony, Marianne Carmack, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Joe Ewanish, Peter Anderson, Mary Ann Senediak, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Charles & Margaret Senediak, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Mykola Prychodczenko, Kathy Zebel and all victims Suffering from the Corona Virus together with nurses, doctors and all who work for their recovery. <u>Also we pray for peace and justice in Ukraine!</u>

Mark your calendar:

Pascha is the Feast not only to the living but also to those who have departed this life. As Christians we have to bring the Risen Lord to them also! It is the time to pray at their graves.



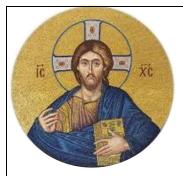
On Memorial Day Weekend this year there will two days of blessing of the Graves at our Cemetery for your convenience:

On Saturday May 28 – Blessing of the Graves from noon – to 4 PM

On Sunday May 29 - Divine Liturgy at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery Chapel. Memorial Service. Blessing of the Graves after liturgy

(If your relatives are buried at **other locations**, please contact Fr. Mykola at 330 799 3830 to schedule blessing of the graves.)





Liturgical Schedule, Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830 (Liturgy, Panakhyda, Moleben, Confession, Blessing of houses, cars,etc.) to request Bulletin Dedications, Announcements or Prosphora Offerings

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

• Sunday, May 15, Divine Liturgy, 4th Sunday of Pascha, of ParalyzedMan

• Saturday, May 21, 10AM - Archpastoral Divine Liturgy Remembering Metropolitan Constantine of Blessed Memory. 10th anniversary of repose. At St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Parish. 1810 Sidney St. Pittsburg, PA 15203.

- Saturday, May 21, 5PM Great Vespers
- Sunday, May 22, 9:30AM **Divine Liturgy, 5th Sunday of Pascha, the** Samaritan Woman. Welcome Lunch for new Pastor and his family
- Saturday, May 28, from **<u>noon to 4PM</u>** <u>**Blessing of the Graves**</u>.
- Saturday, May 28, 5PM Great Vespers at the Church
- Sunday, May 29, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 6th Sunday of Pascha,

the Blind Man. At the Cemetery. Memorial Day. <u>Blessing of the Graves</u> <u>after Liturgy</u>

• Thursday, June 2, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, **The Ascension of Our Lord**



Welcome our new Pastor and his family

May 22 Welcome Lunch,

greeting the new pastor Fr. Mykola, Matushka Maria and baby Sophia to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Q&A: WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE POOL OF



BETHESDA?

THE POOL OF BETHESDA IN JERUSALEM WAS WHERE SICK PEOPLE GATHERED WITH HOPES OF BEING CURED OF THEIR

ILLNESSES. THE ARAMAIC WORD BETHESDA MEANS "HOUSE OF MERCY" OR "HOUSE OF GRACE" IN ENGLISH. LOUNGING AT ONE OF THE FIVE PORTICOS OR PORCHES ADJACENT TO THE POOL, THE ILL PEOPLE WAITED AND WATCHED FOR AN ANGEL TO STIR THE WATER. THE HOPEFUL, DISEASED PEOPLE AT THE POOLSIDE BELIEVED THAT THE FIRST PERSON TO STEP INTO THE WATER AFTER IT WAS STIRRED BY AN ANGEL WAS HEALED (JOHN 5:1-4)

WHAT WAS THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE POOL?

AS NOTED ABOVE, WATER WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF EARLY MEDICINE AND ALSO IMPORTANT TO JEWISH LAW, WHICH PUT A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON BEING "CLEAN" VERSUS



"UNCLEAN." OLD TESTAMENT INCLUDES VARIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT CLEANING ONESELF TO GET RID OF DISEASES, REMOVING DEFILEMENT AFTER TOUCHING A DEAD CARCASS, OR FOR WOMEN CLEANING THEMSELVES AFTER A MENSTRUAL CYCLE. THEREFORE, EVEN BEFORE BAPTISM MADE WATER A SYMBOL OF REBIRTH, IT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH HEALING AND BEING CLOSER TO GOD.

IN THIS PARTICULAR STORY, THE POOL OF BETHESDA IS NOTABLE BECAUSE IT PROVIDED AN AVENUE FOR HEALING, YET IT'S HARD

TO TELL IF THE MAN WAS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT. HE IS DESCRIBED AS BEING AN INVALID FOR 38 YEARS, AND WHEN JESUS LEARNED THIS, HE ASKED THE MAN IF HE WANTED TO GET WELL. THE MAN REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO ONE TO GET HIM TO THE POOL AND SOMEONE ELSE GOT IN FIRST. GRANTING THE FACT THAT WE'RE NOT SURE HOW MUCH THE MAN COULD MOVE (WERE HIS LEGS CRIPPLED? COULD HE MOVE HIS ARMS AND CRAWL?), IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE HE COULDN'T HAVE FOUND SOMEONE TO HELP HIM REACH THE POOL EARLY. IN LIGHT OF THAT, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE MAN HAD ADOPTED A DEFEATIST MINDSET. IN THAT CONTEXT, THE POOL OF BETHESDA CAN BE SEEN AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING THAT ISN'T TAKEN. SOMETIMES THE PROBLEM IS THAT GOD HAS PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY WE NEED, BUT WE AREN'T FULLY AWARE OF IT OR SURE ABOUT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT. IT CAN BE MORE TEMPTING TO ACCEPT OUR SITUATION AS IT IS, MISSING OUT ON WHAT GOD'S PROVIDING.

June 5th

Our parish graduates will be honored on Sunday, June 5, after Liturgy at the Center. Please come and celebrate the accomplishments of our parish youth! If you have a high school or college graduate in your family.
 Please give a short biography and picture of the graduate to Father Mykola by Sunday, May 29th, so they can be included in the Sunday bulletin on June 5.



 The Sisterhood will be having a meeting after Liturgy on Sunday, May 15, at the Center.
 Parish Board meeting on May 19 at 7pm at the center.

Prayers for the Sick

O Christ, Who alone art our Defender: Visit and heal Thy suffering servant (name) delivering him (her) from sickness and grievous pains. Raise him (her) up that he (she) may sing to Thee and praise Thee without ceasing, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Thou Who alone lovest mankind. Amen.

Holy Father, Great Physician of our souls and bodies, You sent the Lord Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, to redeem us from sin and death and to heal every illness. Heal the sickness of Your servant's body and soul and give them life. You alone are the source of all healing, O God my God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and in all eternity. Amen.

O Lord Almighty, You heal all diseases by Your word alone. You chastise with pity and heal because of Your goodness. Grant aid to Your servant (name) and lift him/her up from this bed of pain and sickness. Through Your mercy and in Your Will, give health and full recovery. We send up glory to Father, and to Son, and to Holy Spirit now and through all ages. Amen.



He who hears my Word and believes in Him Who sent Me, has Eternal Life This verse shall remain for all eternity.

Christ's love will never change nor be corrupted by the passage of time. His fitting words are here for anyone to study and explore. Indeed, hope for "eternal life" and "victory over death" remain the ultimate objective and aspiration for mankind. Technological advancements and scientific discoveries are wonderful. There is however, a drawback. When our attention is immersed on earthly concerns, we become restrained from heavenly pursuits. While technology facilitates mass production that creates unimaginable capital profits and a higher standard of living, it distances us from our fellow human beings.



Mission Strudel Sale and Ruffle to benefit the Ukrainian Orphans



Profits will benefit UOC Mission Orphans who have

been relocated to Poland. *Please consider giving a monetary donation!* As always, all profits and monetary donations will be sent to the UOC of USA Consistory Headquarters and will then be forwarded to the Director.

Strudel Sale Schedule



RAFFLE

Raffle

May 21st from 10 am to 12-noon at the Orthodox Cultural Center *Please wear a mask at pickup. Thank you*!

Pick up on Saturday,

Get Tickets: Sat, May 21st from 10am-12noon Mon, May 23rd from 7:30pm-9:30pm

Winners will be called on: May 24th The Sts. Peter & Paul UOC "Strudel Team"



A Community that Gets Together – Stays Together! Please come up with Ideas for Church Fellowship Events. If you have any proposals or ideas for our congregation to get together for fellowship, celebration, occasions, events, fundraisers or other reasons to spend time together, to have

meal together etc, please let us know and share your ideas, so we can make it happen BECAUSE gathering is SO beneficial for us as CONGREGATION.

Bring the Congregation Together for any reason! Have an Idea? - PLEASE share it with Fr Mykola



THE IMPORTANCE OF GATHERING TOGETHER

Not only is gathering together enjoyable, but it also nurtures our most important relationships and promotes a sense of belonging and community. A simple meal shared with our parish family can leave us feeling incredibly inspired, rejuvenated and connected. When we gather, we bring ourselves into an environment that is about the sum of all those present.

See, the concept of gathering is one that Jesus understood well. He gathered his disciples in secluded spaces, around meals, to teach, to pray, to stand for injustice, to heal, and to forgive. The power of gathering is not only for the feel good, loving moments of spending time with loved ones, but it is also vital for the collective anointing in the fight for justice and equality. We gather to pray. We gather around the Lord's table to remember the work done on the cross and through the resurrection that binds us together as the body of Christ. However, it's also important to spend time together: to share both one another's joy or sadness, simply at a meal or any other way, but to be physically together with each other. God wants us to be together.

May the Lord bless our intentions and help us be good Christians.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF		
		May 8
General:		\$ 2,879.00
Renovation:		\$ 665.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly		\$ 20.00
Renovation Fund Donations to date:		\$ 17,814.00*
To the Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine	(on Mother`s Day)	\$ 745.00

LET'S HELP UKRAINE! ДОПОМОЖІМО УКРАЇНІІ

WAYS TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS AID TO UKRAINE

1. BY USPS MAIL TO THE CHURCH RECTORY (Memo: AID FOR UKRAINE)

2. DONATE ONLINE:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=J6H8WN2ZJSY54

... GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU... Luke 6:38

Please let us know!

Our parish Youth Ministry has applications available in the church office for the Very Reverend Father William Olynyk Merit Scholarship Award for 2022 high school graduates who will be pursuing post-secondary education. Applications are also available for High School/College Graduate Recognition. Both applications are due by Sunday, May 29,

2022. Please submit completed forms to Ann Woloschak.

Benefit Pasta Dinner - 5/15/2022 @ 12pm-6pm





Ukrainian Pasta Benefit

Proceeds benefit Humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Sunday, May 15, 2022 – 12pm-6pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center 4490 Norguest Blvd. Austintown, OH 44515 330-793-8899 \$10 Pasta dinner by Rachel`s Restaurant Catering Dine in or Carry out

Live Entertainment starting at 12:30pm

GENOA CHURCH The Genoa Church is helping Ukraine by fundraising \$ 65000 to prepare 200,00 meals

to send to Ukraine

To help them financially

you can mail a check to the church office at 7562 Lewis Center Rd. Westerville, OH 43082



...no one has ever become poor by giving...

Happy and Blessed Birthday

Happy Birthday to our loved members of the parish, God grant you many and blessed years! Многая літа! Мау

2 Anna Anderson
7 Howard Ulbricht
7 Julia Senediak
7 George Klein
8 Audrey Racz
9 Zenin Walkowiec
10 Michael Walkowiec
13 Douglas Dobransky
15 Steven Telischak
16 Katherine Anderson
19 Fr Andy Gall
22 Fr Mykola Zomchak
28 Stephanie Rimedio
30 Ken Senediak

Thank you for taking care of the Church property! May the Lord reword you ALL with good health to continue the work in His Holy Name!

(not everyone is in the pictures)











UKRAINIAN CUISINE

Feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, May 11

Divine Liturgy on the feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius (Gregorian calendar) at St John's American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church. Pastor - Rev Fr David Mastroberte





2022 Upcoming dates & events <u>Local</u>

May 8 May 15	Mother`s Day 9:30 Divine Liturgy, Festive lunch. The Sisterhood Meeting on Sunday, May 15, after Liturgy at the Center.	
May 19 May 21	Parish Board meeting 7pm at the center. 10AM Archpastoral Divine Liturgy Remembering Metropolitan Constantine of Blessed Memory. 10 th anniversary of repose. St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Parish. 1810 Sidney St. Pittsburg, PA 15203.	
May 22	Welcome Lunch, greeting the new pastor and his family to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish	
May 28-29	Memorial Day Weekend Saturday May 28 – Blessing of the Graves from noon – to 4 PM Sunday May 29 - Divine Liturgy at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery Chapel. Memorial Service. Blessing of the Graves after liturgy	
June 5	Recognition of Our parish graduates. After Sunday Liturgy at the Center	
<u>National</u>		
July 27-31	75 th UOL Convention at Sts Peter& Paul, Carnegie, PA.	
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