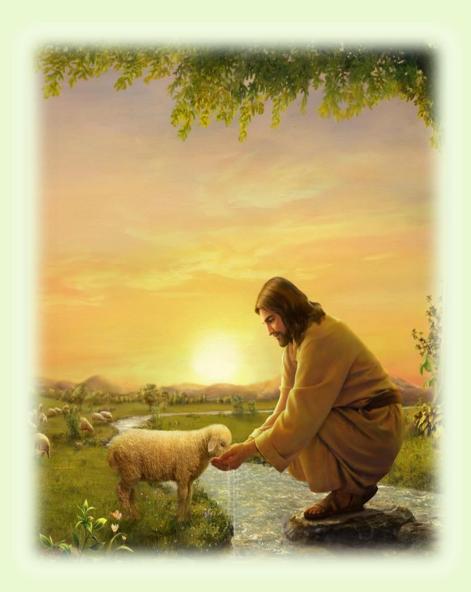
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We invite you to a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ each week.

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BE MERCIFUL, JUST AS YOUR FATHER ALSO IS MERCIFUL



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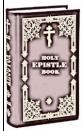
Troparion of the Sunday, Tone 3

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

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)
On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon – (Resurrection)
Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our
King, sing praises! (Ps. 46:6)
V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud
songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19



But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 3

V. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)
V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke 6:31-36
And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

"But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if

you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia!

MEMORY ETERNAL



PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Robert Meredith, Oleksander Dymtro, Mark Vuksanovich, Soldier Vladyslav Chudakorov, Anna Adamovich, Cheryl Hough, Marlene Steiskal, Soldier Serhiy, Roberta Lynn Canyo, Stephen, Joe Ewanish, Michael Woloschak, All Who died during the war in Ukraine.



PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Archbishop Daniel, Simeon, Joseph & Thelma Zemko, Arthur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Brooke Kennedy, Darlene Moon, Eileen Theresa Ramos, Stephany Hurley, Chase Miller, Mike Moon, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O`Leary, Dolly Mehalco, George, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens,

Dave Zylka, 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.



Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

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

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, October 22, 9:30AM **Divine Liturgy, 20**th **Sunday,** *Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.*
- Sunday, October 29, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 21st Sunday, Parable of the Sower
- Sunday, November 5, 9:30AM **Divine Liturgy, 22**nd **Sunday,** *The Rich Man & Lazarus*
- Sunday, November 12, 9:30AM **Divine Liturgy, 23**rd **Sunday** *Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man*

Upcoming dates & events

- Adult study & Fellowship 6pm at the church downstairs every 2nd & 4th Tuesday: Oct 24, Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 26
- Pyrohy Work Schedule: Nov 1-2, 15-16 / Dec 6-7
- **UOL Meetings**: Oct 29, Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21
- October 15 through November 12 Food Collection
- October 21 100th Anniversary Committee meeting at 10 AM at the center
- October 22 Sisterhood meeting
- November 4 Ukrainian Dinner. From 1pm to 4pm.
- November 3-5 120th Anniversary Celebration of Sts. Peter & Paul UOC, 220
 Mansfield Blvd, Carnegie, PA 15106:
 - Nov 3 Hospitality Night (6pm-10pm)
 - o Nov 4 9:30AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (at the Church)
 - 12 PM Anniversary Dinner at Cefalo's Banquet
 Hall. (\$20 ticket. RSVP 412-708-6835)
 - Nov 5 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour Brunch

• November 12 - Parish Annual Meeting. THERE WILL BE NO VOTE ON THE CHANGE OF CALENDAR ON THE AGENDA AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

If someone wishes to bring this to a discussion at the meeting, we can discuss it, and decide whether we will want to have a Parish-wide mail-in vote.

• Sep 13-15,2024-100th ANNIVERSARY of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish CELEBRATION
Church School Calendar

- Sunday, October 22, **Fall Fest Get-together** with the children from St. John the Forerunner Greek Orthodox Church
- Sunday, October 29, Church School SESSION 6
- Sunday, November 5, Church School SESSION 7

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On October 8	On October 15
General:	\$1720.00	\$2292.00
Renovation:	\$255.00	\$20.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$45.00	\$180.00

Pyrohy Sale Oct. 20 - \$500

October

BLESS THE CHURCH WITH A PORTION OF WHAT YOU WERE BLESSED

PYROHIES SALE SCHEDULE - (234) 247-1534 Anna

Order by: Monday, October 30

Pick-up on: Friday, **November 3**, from 9:00 am – noon

November Order by: Monday, November 13

Pick-up on: Friday, November 17, from 9:00 am – noon 2

December Order by: Monday, December

Pick-up on: Friday, **December 8**, from 9:00 am – noon

Potato & Cheese, Potato Onion, Kraut, or Potato & Kraut \$8.00 a dozen

Pyrohy Work Schedule: Nov 1-2, 15-16 / Dec 6-7



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

TO CONTINUE ON THE PYROHY SALE PROJECT WE NEED PEOPLE WILLING

TO OFFER THEIR TIME:

NEED HELP ON THE WORK DAYS

(NOV 1-2, 15-16 / DEC 6-7)

• NEED HELP **SELLING THEM ON FRIDAYS**

(NOV 3-17, DEC 8)

PLEASE CALL ANNA ANDERSON AT (234) 247-1534
TO OFFER YOUR HELP!

BINGO

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Come join us for the game

Every Monday

+ first Wednesday of the month

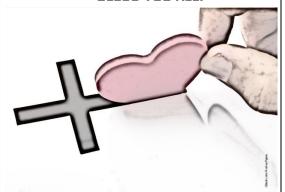
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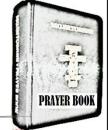
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Do you need a Prayer Book for your personal use? Please let us know if you would like to get one. \$25 each.



GOSPEL

Handmade Eastern Orthodox Crosses. Approximately 13"H x 7"W. \$50 each.

The children are encouraged to come stand by the Gospel during the reading of the Gospel at the service



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Arlene Hawryluk
- 7 Delia Walkowiec
- 8 Elizabeth Zets
- 11 Addison Ratliff
- 11 Mykola Pryhoczenko
- 13 Volodymyr Koval
- 14 Pat Mounce
- 14 Dominic Woloschak
- 15 Jessica Slagel
- 16 Fred Battisti Jr.
- 17 Charles G. Senediak
- 18 David Spanja
- 21 Joseph Owens
- 23 Waltraud Demetrius
- 27 David Zvlka
- 29 Margie Senediak
- 29 Mary K. Woloschak
- 31 Sharlene Senediak
- The Commemorative Bricks are for SALE. -See page 11 in the Bulletin.
- If you would like to become a steward (member) of our parish please ask for the stewardship form. Submit the completed form to the church office.
- Need a Stewardship Form? talk to Fr. Mykola or call 330-799-3830
- Do you need Church Offering Envelopes with your number? let us know (talk to Kenny Senediak or leave a note in the church office)



Thank you to Sts. Peter & Paul Brotherhood of our parish for the help installing the fence by the rectory. May God bless you with great health for many years!

> - Sts Peter & Paul Parish +Fr. Mykola



Sunday, Oct 22, Fall Fest Get

together

with the children from

St. John the Forerunner Greek Orthodox Church. At our Church after the Liturgy

KIDS AT THE GOSPEL READING

The children are encouraged to come stand by the Gospel and hold a (electric) candle during the reading of the Gospel at the service. After the reading children will receive the blessing, kiss the Gospel, and return to their seats.





ADULT STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

- •6pm at the church downstairs every 2nd & 4th Tuesday:
- •Oct 24, Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 26

FOOD COLLECTION

Attention! Starting Sunday **Oct 15th through Nov 12th we will be collecting Non-Perishable Foods** to help those in need. We will donate the food to the First Harvest Food Bank. (**Box is in the back of the Church**)





UKRAINIAN DINNER

Take out only! Dinner is \$17.

It includes: 2 Stuffed Cabbage, 3 Pyrohy,

Halushki, Kielbasa

Order by: Monday Oct. 30th

Pick up: Saturday Nov. 4th, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Contact Anna, call or text - 234-247-1534

Q&A: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE MERCIFUL JUST AS YOUR

FATHER IS MERCIFUL?

This means that when Jesus tells you to be merciful as your Father is merciful, he is telling you not only to love your neighbor, but to love your enemies and pray for those who hate you. Forgive in your heart those who have sinned against you and have not said sorry. Just like Christ forgave those who killed him.

Be merciful JUST AS YOUR Father IS MERCIFUL

WHAT IS MERCY IN BIBLE?

In the Bible, mercy is used in reference to giving forgiveness or withholding punishment. The scripture particularly speaks of God's forgiveness, as well as the forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions."

- Psalm 51:1

On Mercy

What is the definition of mercy?

Mercy is the compassionate treatment of those in distress, especially when it is within one's power to punish or harm them.

The word "mercy" derives from the medieval Latin *merced* or *merces*, which means "price paid." It has the connotation of



forgiveness, benevolence and kindness. Mercy is often used in a religious context of giving alms, caring for the sick or the poor.

In the legal sense, mercy often refers to compassionate behavior from a person in power, such as when a judge shows clemency, leniency or mercy during sentencing.

What is the biblical definition of mercy?

Mercy appears in the Bible as it relates to forgiveness or withholding punishment. For example, God the Father showed mercy on us when he sacrificed his son, Christ Jesus, on the Cross to pay the price for our sins.

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions." — Psalm 51:1, NIV

But the Bible also defines mercy forgiveness bevond and withholding punishment. God shows his mercy for those who suffering through healing, comfort, the alleviation of suffering and caring about those in distress. He acts from compassion and acts with mercy.

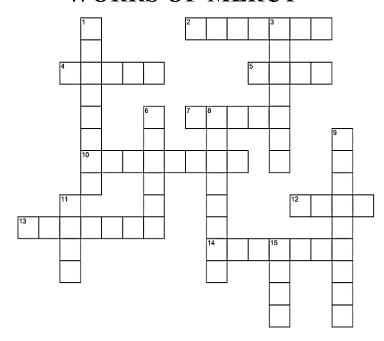
In Matthew 17:15, a man approaches Jesus and kneels before Him saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son. ... He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water."

Jesus'
response, to heal the
man's son, is one of
mercy. Jesus'
compassion prompts
him to act and he
mercifully loves, heals
and restores.

How is mercy different from compassion?

Mercy and compassion are intertwined. Mercy is the fruit of compassion. Mercy

WORKS OF MERCY



ACROSS

- 2 ____ the doubtful; this means to advise others on how they can love and serve God.
- 4 Give to the thirsty
- 5 ____ wrongs patiently; this means to be patient, even when others hurt us.
- 7 ____ the sick and imprisoned (these are two works of mercy)
- 10 ___ the sinner; this means to lovingly express warning or disapproval of a person's sin.
- 12 ___ the dead
- 13 ___ all injuries
- 14 the sorrowful

DOWN

- 1 Helping other people in their bodily needs is called a ____ work of mercy; there are seven of these works of mercy.
- 3 ___ the homeless
- 6 ___ the naked
- 8 ____ the ignorant; this means to teach others the truths of the Faith.
- 9 Helping other people in the needs of their soul is called a ____ work of mercy; there are seven of these works of mercy.
- 11 ___ for the living and the dead
- 15 ___ the hungry

is a gift given to someone who is suffering by someone acting with compassion.

According to the dictionary, mercy is a noun. It's *a mission* performed to relieve suffering. It's *an event* to be grateful for. It's *the compassion or forgiveness* shown to someone. But mercy is a noun in action.

The meaning of compassion is to recognize the suffering of others and then take action to help. Compassion is more than feeling concerned about someone in distress or caring about a person's misfortune. There is action associated with compassion, and that action is mercy.

When compassion acts to alleviate suffering, it becomes mercy.

What does it mean to have mercy?

The idea of having mercy emphasizes the aspect of mercy concerning disparity in power, as opposed to emphasizing the motivation for having mercy (e.g., compassion or lenity). It doesn't exclude kindness. It simply draws attention to the relationship between having the choice to show mercy and strictly executing justice.

Having mercy or being merciful speaks of leniency, forbearance and clemency more so than grace, forgiveness, tenderness or compassion.

What does mercy mean or look like?

Mercy doesn't always involve grand moments or gestures. But it always treats the position of influence, authority or power it acts from gently. Mercy makes room for others.

Sometimes mercy means choosing not to complain to the restaurant manager when the service you received was lacking. That is the mercy of kindness. Sometimes mercy means not making it difficult for the person who offended you to apologize. That is the mercy of forgiveness. Sometimes mercy means correcting someone gently and not acting smug or vindictive. That is the mercy of grace. Sometimes mercy means helping a child escape poverty. That is the mercy of compassion.

 $https://www.compassion.\ com/poverty/mercy-definition.htm$

The Importance of Having Meals Together as a Family

`The table is where the family gathers. Everyone's there, sharing the day's news, relaxing and exchanging views and experiences, all in connection with the consumption of a meal.

Apart from the obvious, the whole process reinforces family ties and gives parents the opportunity to find out what their children really like. At the same time, it's an educational process, since very young children often learn new words in the course of the meal.

Scientific studies have shown that the more frequently family members eat together the higher the chances are that they will remain united and that the children will enjoy good close relations and good communication with their parents. Parental involvement with their children, as well as activities performed in common by the family, play an important role in



shaping role-models, since these are formed at a young age, when children tend to identify with their parents.

It would appear, then, that the benefits of family meals are lasting, and extend far beyond simply eating food together.

According to a study named EAT (Eating among Teens), by the University of Minnesota, adolescents who don't eat regularly with their parents often exhibit 'border-line' behaviours, such as smoking, drug abuse or consumption of alcohol. It has also been observed that such teenagers are more prone to depression and eating disorders.

In studies at American universities, it's also been shown that adolescents who eat with their family on a regular have a greater sense of being accepted by them. By the same token, by talking things over at mealtimes, parents have a great opportunity to glean information about their children's lives without being pushy.

In general, then, we can say that family meals fill children with a sense of safety and family security. They feel that they belong to a loving and united team, with whom they can share various facets of their lives.

So it's recommended that families should enjoy meals together, and, if this is not possible on a daily basis, then an effort should be made to make it happen at least three to four times a week. The food doesn't need to be complicated or difficult. All that's necessary to satisfy a child is a plate of hot, home-made food, a good atmosphere and the appetite of the other members of the family.

Prayers before meal

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Prayer before meal for the kids

God is great and God is good; Let us thank Him for our food; By His blessings, we are fed, Give us Lord, our daily bread. Bless our families and friends Bless those less fortunate. From You we receive it Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prayer after the meal

We give thanks to You, O Christ our God, that You have satisfied us with Your earthly gifts; deprive us not of Your heavenly Kingdom, but as You came among Your disciples, O Savior, and gave them peace, come to us and save us.

THE WAILING FOREST a story about effort and sacrifice

(A metaphor about good posture for children, looking at possible future consequences of too much comfort)

There was once a forest made up of tiny trees that were all growing up together. They had been planted by a very old laborer who took care that they would all grow up to be straight and healthy. However, the area was



battered by strong winds, and the little trees preferred to avoid the bothersome gusts, so they bent their trunks and branches to shelter themselves.

The old man, knowing they could never grow well like this, **set about straightening them out**, and spent many hours tying their slim trunks to supporting posts, hoping his beloved trees would understand he was doing this for their own good.

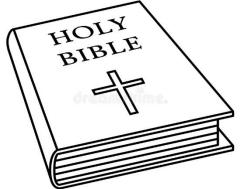
But those naughty trees had no desire to put up with all that wind. It mattered not to them that the old man would promise them that when they were tall and upright the air wouldn't bother them a jot. They always got by bending and twisting themselves, hiding from the wind. Only one of those trees, one located right in the middle of the forest, forced itself to grow up straight, patiently bearing the annoying gusts.

The years passed, and the old man died. And from then on the trees could grow however they liked, bending and crouching from the wind just as they pleased, with no one bothering them about it. All, that is, except the single straight tree in the center of the forest, who remained determined to grow up just as a tree should.

But as the forest grew, and the trees got thicker and stronger, they began to hear cracks from inside. Their branches and trunks needed to keep growing, but the trees were so twisted that the inexorable growth they were experiencing only brought them pain and suffering, even more than the suffering they had avoided by staying out of the wind. Each day and night, in the depths of the forest, one could hear the cracking and snapping of the trees, and it sounded like groans and sobbing. And around that area the place became known as the wailing forest.

And it was a place with a special charm since, right in its center, **surrounded by thousands of short**, knotty, twisted trees, rose one impressive tree that was long and straight like no other. And that tree, **the only one that never creaked or cracked**, continued growing and growing, without a worry for the capricious wind and its accomplice, the breeze.

https://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-tales/wailing-forest



DO YOU READ THE BIBLE?

We all know that reading books is good for you. If we know that, we should remember that reading the Bible on daily basis is greatly significant.

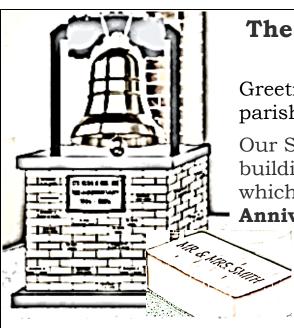
What is the Bible?

The Bible is not merely a single book, but a whole library of books containing many different kinds of writings: poetry, prayers, hymns, historical narratives, biographies, prophecies, letters, proverbs, love songs and much, much more. So the Bible contains a rich variety of books, authors and contents. Some of the sacred authors remain anonymous. Others, like Moses, David, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are household names. In certain instances, books were produced by a process of compilation, revision and the merging of several oral and written traditions. But what constitutes the unifying theme of all these different kinds of writings? The Bible – literally, the Book – is first and foremost the story of God's love for His creation, His love for the human race, His love for you and me, beginning with the creation of the universe in Genesis, continuing through the formation of the people of Israel and the sending of His prophets in the Old Testament; and, "in these last days" (Hebrews 1:1), the sending of His Son, "the Word made flesh" (John 1:14) in Jesus Christ, to redeem us; and ultimately, on the Day of Judgment, the re-creation of the universe as described in the Book of Revelation.

The Bible tells us:

- Who God is and what He has done for us;
- What it means to truly be a human being and what the purpose of our life is; and
- How each of us should respond with our whole life to what God has done for us in His love.

The Bible contains the answers to the most fundamental questions that we as human beings can ask.



The Commemorative Bricks ARE FOR SALE

Greetings in the Lord, dear parishioners and friends!

Our Sts. Peter and Paul parish is building Commemorative **Belfry** which will be the **100th Anniversary Dedication**.

The Commemorative Bricks that will go on the

platform **ARE FOR SALE**:



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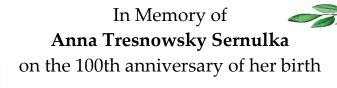
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