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The Circumcision of the Lord



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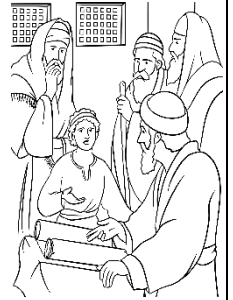
STS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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

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**“WHY DID YOU SEEK ME?
DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT
I MUST BE ABOUT MY
FATHER’S BUSINESS?”**



**Bulletin is dedicated in Memory of
Alex Dobransky
on the 7th anniversary
of his passing away**

Tone 1 Troparion (Circumcision)

Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your divine
Spirit, O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth of the
unwedded handmaid, ^Your Mother.

Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day-old Child.

Glory to Your most gracious counsel;

glory to Your ^dispensation;//

glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of man!

Tone 3 Kontakion (Feast)

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised,
thus, as He is good, He excises the sins of mortal men.

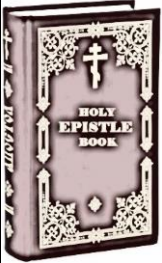
Today He grants the world salvation,
while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator,//
rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (*Circumcision*)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (*Ps. 27:9a*)

V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians 2:8-12



BRETHREN, Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 8

V. O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Your countenance upon us, and have mercy on us. (Ps. 66:1)

*V. That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all the nations.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke 2:20-21, 40-52



Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins,
from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages.

He made your body into a throne,
and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.
All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.// Glory to you!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil
tidings. *(Ps. 111:6)*

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



Archbishop Daniel, Judith Shonn, Ivanna Pavlusk, Destry Rush, Anthony N Yuschak, Jeff Ulrich, Simeon, Selma, Thelma Zemko, Elaine Cartier, Artur 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 Prychodzenko, 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, January 14, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 32nd Sunday, The Circumcision of the Lord.** *Lk. 2:20-21, 40-52. Panahyda.*
- Thursday, Jan 18, 5:30AM – **Great Compline before Theophany.**
- Friday, Jan 19, 9:30AM - **Divine Liturgy, THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. BAPTISM OF THE LORD.**

Blessing of Water.

- Sunday, January 21, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 33rd Sunday.** *Lk. 6:17-23. Panahyda*
- 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.*

Upcoming dates & events

- **Adult study & Fellowship** *6pm:* Jan 16, Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27.
- Jan 6 – **Holy Supper on Christmas Eve.** 5:30PM at the Center.
- **UOL Meetings:** Jan 21.
- Starting Jan 19 - **House Blessings** after the Theophany
- Jan 20 - **100th anniversary meeting**
- Jan 27 – **Malanka** at Sts Peter & Paul Parish. 6:00 PM at the Center. **Please sign up in the back of the Church. Or call 330-799-3830**
- Sep 13-15 - **100th ANNIVERSARY of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish CELEBRATION**

Church School Calendar

- Sunday, January 14, **Lesson with Fr Mykola**
- Sunday, January 21, **Church School SESSION 11**
- Sunday, January 21, **Church School SESSION 12**

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On December 31	On January 6-7 (Christmas)
General:	\$1324.00	\$8409.00
Renovation:	\$85.00	-
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$20.00	\$45.00

"Circumcised in Christ"

As Paul explains in [Romans 4](#); circumcision was the external sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham in [Genesis 12](#) to bless Abraham and his descendants. However, as Paul says, God chose Abraham on the basis of his faith before Abraham had actually been physically circumcised. That is, the act of circumcising itself had no significance with respect to God's calling of Abraham, but was a subsequent sign of that calling that marked Abraham (as well as any of Abraham's male descendants who were circumcised) as being a party to the covenant that God made with Abraham.



Just as Abraham was called by God before being circumcised, God has now called all humanity (not just Abraham's physical descendants) to receive the salvation that is not offered as a result of works, or marked by any external sign such as circumcision, but as a result of the same kind of faith in God that Abraham had before his circumcision -- in this case, faith in the covenant of grace established by the finished work of salvation that Jesus accomplished through his sinless life, atoning death, and subsequent resurrection.

Those who put their faith in Jesus to make them righteous in God's sight are now in the same favored position with God that Abraham was because of his faith when God called him, and are now Abraham's heirs, without having to undergo physical circumcision as a sign of that relationship. That is why Paul refers to Christians as being "circumcised in Christ".

<https://ebible.com/questions/14139-what-does-it-mean-to-be-circumcised-in-christ>

The Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord

Every male of you shall be circumcised. And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. A child who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised ... and my covenant shall be in your flesh as an everlasting covenant (Genesis, 17:10-13).

When our forefather in faith Abraham was ninety-nine years of age, the eternal Son and Word of God came to him and made covenant with him. He commanded that, as the defining "sign" of that covenant, Abraham and his seed be circumcised. Throughout succeeding centuries, Israel dutifully kept this Law and even took it as a cause for boasting.

It was to fulfill this divine commandment that our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ was circumcised on the eighth day after His birth according to the flesh from His pure and ever-virgin Mother Mary. This event receives but passing notice in the Gospel:

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb (Luke 2:21).

Yet, laden with great significance, Christ's circumcision proved to be both the fulfillment of God's commandment in the Law and a prophetic sign of future events.

The Savior's circumcision was the occasion of the first shedding of His precious blood. The Cross overshadowed the Lord Jesus even while He lay in a crib by swaddling bands bound. The knife which cut the Lord's flesh on that day foreshadowed the centurion's spear which would pierce His side, releasing the saving torrent, the blood and water (John 19:34). That torrent drowned the Law's type and shadow and gave birth to the font. Circumcision prefigured the saving stream of holy baptism through which we Christians enter the new and eternal covenant of salvation as St. Paul proclaimed:

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead (Colossians 2:11-12)

In circumcision a blade wielded by the hand of man cut away flesh; in baptism the blade of the Holy Spirit cuts away sin. The Spirit-blade cuts deep, rooting out the sin of our forefather. In the blood of Christ's Passion sin is drowned together with death's might and Hades (Hosea 13:14; I Corinthians 15:55). Through the water from His side a fertile seed of immortal life and incorruptibility is firmly planted in the soul and flesh of each one who issues from the font. The metal blade of circumcision marked the flesh of Jewish males; the Spirit-blade of baptism marks the soul and body of each and every Christian with the "Seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit." Before this new and mighty "sign," the cherubim with fiery sword who guard lost Paradise, which of old was in Eden (Genesis 3:25), give way that the children of the new Covenant may, like the Good Thief (Luke 23:43), pass within to rest until the final consummation of God's eternal plan.

Of old God in the Law commanded Israel: "circumcise your hardheartedness, and be stiff-necked no longer" (Deuteronomy 10:16).

Now we who have undergone the very real surgery of baptism, must circumcise our hearts as well. St. Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria (+444), says that we, the faithful, who have been established in grace through holy baptism, must cut away and mortify the tumultuous risings of carnal pleasures and passions by the sharp surgery of faith and by ascetic labors; not cutting the body, but purifying the heart, and being circumcised in the Spirit, and not in the letter [according to the letter of Mosaic Law]; whose praise, as the divine Paul testifies (Romans 2:29), needs not the sentence of any human tribunal, but depends upon the decree from above."²

Thus we learn the significance of Christ the Savior's eighth-day circumcision, that "Name which is above every name" (Philippians 2:9) was given:

1. His fulfillment of the Mosaic law;
2. the foreshadowing of His saving Passion and of our participation therein through holy baptism;

3. the taking up of the cross and (Luke 9:23), the daily circumcision of our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit through ascetic effort.

The all-good God was not ashamed to be circumcised with the circumcision of the flesh, but provided Himself as an example and pattern for all, for their salvation; for the Creator of the Law fulfilled the prescriptions of the Law and the predictions of the Prophets concerning Himself. O Lord, who holdest all things in the palm of Thy hand and was wrapped in swaddling-clothes, glory to Thee (from aposticha of the feast).

Daniel Griffith, Pastor

Let your children come to church

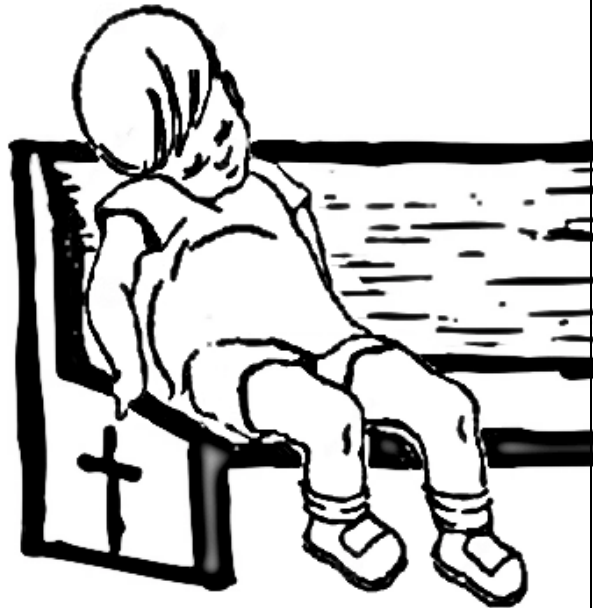
Let your children come to church, even if they are going to sleep there, even if they are going to play and eat in the church, even if they come late, even if they talk and make noise.

It's just enough that they came to the church instead of going elsewhere! They interrupted their sleep and came to the church! They left their games and came to the church! Today they are playing and joking, tomorrow they're going to pray and sing, and the day after that they will serve God!

Don't be upset with the child, no matter what they do. Don't interrupt that passion they have for the church. Please be kind to children and teach them patience, compassion and wisdom. Showered them with your smiles! Give them presents! Hug them with passion!

Encourage them, and let them know that we are so happy that they are in church with us. Today they are emotionally uniting with church, tomorrow they will do that spiritually.

In spite of everything that we have our children are priceless. Our Lord Jesus Christ blessed the children, hugged them and told them to stand in the middle of everybody, so we can give them our unconditional attention and devotion!!!



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" blessing 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 notify Fr Mykola if you may not be home and certain time is needed for the House Blessing. Also, please notify if you moved to a new home.

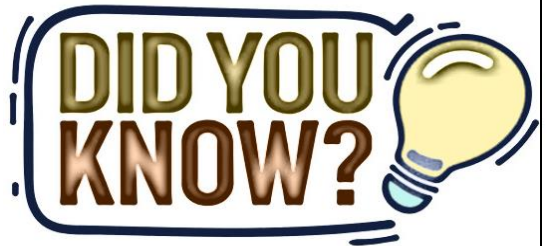


Please light a candle and prepare a small bowl for the blessing.

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

Fr. Mykola

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish HISTORY FACTS



During our 100 years of existence, we have had a total of 21 parish priests and 28 parish presidents. The longest serving parish priest was Very Rev. Mitred William Olynyk who served our parish for 30 years (1952-1982). Our longest serving parish president was Joseph Ewanish who served for 19 years (1998-2017).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Father, how many friends do I need to have?



What do you mean, Jimmy?



Well, I`m afraid I don` t have many friends. Is that okay?



See Jimmy, you don` t need many friends, you need true friends. Friends that you can rely on and trust. And you must be the same for them. You may have as little as only ONE, but TRUE friend. God is your friend too, remember that.



MALANKA

at Sts Peter & Paul Parish (in Youngstown OH)

FOR THE PARISHIONERS AND THEIR CLOSE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

on Jan 27 at 6:00 PM at the Center.

Free admission (*freewill donation is suggested*)

Happy New Year
2024

- **PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME IF YOU`RE PLANNING TO ATTEND
SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.
OR CALL 330-799-3830**
- **ALSO, WRITE DOWN NAME OF SONGS YOU WOULD LIKE
TO BE PLAYED AT THE MALANKA.**

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 **200 bricks left available.**

Do not postpone it. Order the Bricks early.

Starting **Jan 7** the sale will be **open to the public**

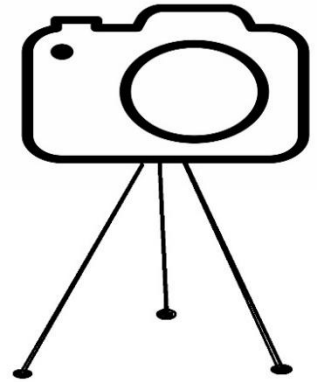
The Deadline for orders is **Feb 11.**

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



IN MEMORY OF

ALEX DOBRANSKY

(+ JANUARY 11, 2017)

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

**“IN BLESSED REPOSE GRANT,
O LORD, ETERNAL REST”**



*A long-standing member of
Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox
Church where he was a member of the
choir and served in various capacities
on the church board.*



**LOVINGLY REMEMBERED
BY HIS WIFE ALICE,
& FAMILY**

