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Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church



**Our Church has a vision and mission
Join our journey with Jesus Christ
There's a place for you!**

Help us live the mission – We welcome you

24th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 7

Martyr Platon of Ancyra (302). Martyr Romanus the Deacon of Caesarea and child-martyr Barulas of Antioch (303). Martyrs Zacchaeus the Deacon and Alphaeus, of Caesarea in Palestine (303).

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22, **Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21

Tropar – Tone 7

By your Cross, you destroyed Death. To the Thief, You opened Paradise, For the Myrrh-bearers, You changed weeping into joy, Christ God, You commanded Your disciples to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

Kondak – Tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold humanity captive, for Christ descended shattering and destroying its power. Hades is bound while the prophets rejoice with one voice. The savior has come to those in faith, saying: "Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection."

Prokimen – Tone 7 (Psalm 28:11,1)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, you sons of God, bring young rams to the Lord

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:14-22

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia Verses (Psalms 90:1,31)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia)

Verse: To declare Your mercy in the morning and Your truth by night.
(Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia)

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' "So, he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' "But God said to him, 'You fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' "So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."



More Wisdom

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” (Luke 14:13-14).

A letter from our Hierarchs

December – People with Disabilities Awareness Month

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year's International Day of People with Disability will be celebrated on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 – thus we prayerfully declare the month of December as a special time of care for the persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities are members of our families, our communities, and our churches. We are enriched by the gift of their lives and their contributions. Every one of us is brought into life as a very precious gift, formed by our gracious Creator and loved into life by our parents. We come “wrapped” with a variety of qualities, skills, desires, and needs.

Our Holy Orthodox Church understands every human life to be equal, inherently sacred and worthy of dignity and respect as the bedrock of a just society. This year will mark the 27th anniversary of this special day (proclaimed by the United Nations in 1992), which promotes an understanding of the issues experienced by people with disabilities and celebrates their achievements.

As a Ukrainian Orthodox community in the United States of America, truly walking in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, International Day of People with Disability is an opportunity for each one of us to make positive contributions to the lives of 40 million Americans, many of whom are members of our parish communities, with a disability with the hope of breaking down physical, technological, and attitudinal barriers and realizing an inclusive society for everyone.

Within our Church, we are committed to pastoral care of all people, regardless of their life circumstances, thus achieving an inclusive ministerial community that has been blessed to organize and host the St. Nicholas Program for Children with Disabilities, established by the Consistory Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (under the leadership of Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon) at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA dedicated to high quality support for children with disability and their families living in the communities of our Church and beyond.

We are committed to making our Church a ‘welcoming home’ for all, and it is our hope that in our parishes, the doors are always open to people with disability, and as an Ukrainian Orthodox community, we must ensure that our liturgical life is accessible and inclusive so that everyone is invited to be active in the service of the Church.

We take this opportunity to remind everyone that as people walking in the footsteps of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we have a duty to pray for people with a disability, their families and people who provide them support. We encourage the clergy and faithful of the Church to hold conversations about disability in our parishes, at our workplace, school or community and to show your support for anyone with disability throughout the month of December and always. The following material is presented for your personal reflection and implementation as we journey through life:

Ten Commandments for Welcoming Persons with Disabilities to Church

1. Treat a person with a disability as you would anyone else. Relax when communicating. Rely on natural courtesy, consideration and common sense. Avoid getting flustered or irritated if misunderstandings arise. Repeat yourself if you sense misunderstanding or ask the person to repeat himself or herself if you do not understand.
2. Address the individual, not an assistant, interpreter or family member.
3. Treat adults with disabilities as adults rather than as children, regardless of the disability.
4. Speak at a normal rate, without exaggeration or overemphasis.
5. Do not be afraid to ask questions about the person's disability.
6. To facilitate communication, have pads of paper and pencils available in all meeting rooms and other gathering places on parish property. Use them when helpful.
7. Allow people to do things for themselves when they want to, even if it takes longer or results in mistakes. Do not always "do for" the person.
8. Offer assistance, but do not impose if help is not desired.
9. During all gatherings or meetings, allow time to attend to personal needs and rest. Be patient.
10. Respect the individual's personal space and auxiliary aids. Do not lean against or push a wheelchair, pet a service animal in a harness, move wheelchairs, crutches, white canes or other assistive devices out of reach of a person who uses them.

Above all, pray and care for the world around you!

*With prayers, wishing you most spiritually rewarding St. Philip's (Nativity) Fast,
+Antony, Metropolitan +Jeremiah, Archbishop +Daniel, Archbishop*

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Please pray for the good health of the following members of our parish
and our loved ones and friends:

Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John Nakonachny, Pani-matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, Nora (a beautiful girl born prematurely) Dominick, Pani Shirley Neal, David Spanja, Mary Goncy, Nancy Racz, Walter Duzzny, Kathy Duzzny, Nancy Tiedeman, Kay Malys, Marie Pupa, Deborah Harvey, Mary Lapushansky, Stella Woytek, Mary Ann Owens, Pauline Witkowsky, Dr. Dinah Fedyna, Marianne Carmack, Tom Drabick, Marty Woloschak, Pat, Ben Mischev, Ilene and Nick.

Perohi Workers Schedule – All are welcome to come and help us!

Task	Time			DEC
Prep	9:30 AM			10 th (Wed)
Pinching	9:30 AM			11 th (Thurs)
Pick-up	9:00-Noon			12 th (Fri.)

- **Sunday, December 1, 2019 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy:** Martyr Platon of Ancyra.
 - Fellowship Sunday
 - LAST DAY TO PLACE ORDERS FOR JR. UOL COOKIE SALE
- **Tuesday, December 3, 2019:** 6:30 PM Meeting of the Church Council.
- **Wednesday, December 4, 2019 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy:** The Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. We hear the first announcement of the Nativity:

"Christ is born! Glorify Him! Christ descends from the heavens, welcome Him!
Christ is now on earth, O be jubilant! Sing to the Lord, the whole earth, And sing praises
to Him with joy, O you people, For He has been exalted!"
- **Thursday, December 5, 2019 : 6:30 PM:** Adult Religious Classes with Fr. Becker and Fr. Ivan at the Rectory
- **Sunday, December 8, 2019 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy:** Hieromartyr Clement, pope of Rome (101). H
 - PICK-UP JR UOL COOKIE SALE 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at The Orthodox Center, 1025 N. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509.
- **Thursday, December 12, 2019 - : 6:30 PM:** Adult Religious Classes with Fr. Becker and Fr. Ivan at the Rectory

- **Sunday, December 15, 2019 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy:** Prophet Habakkuk -- St. Nicholas Day Celebration
- **Thursday, December 19, 2019 : 6:30 PM:** The Feast of St. Nicholas, Adult Religious Classes with Fr. Ivan and Fr. Becker Ivan at the Rectory

Events in Other Churches

St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 5913 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134-2864.
 - December 8, 2019 - Senior U.O.L. **Christmas Craft Fair**, - December 15, 2019 – Senior UOL **Christmas Cookie Walk**



Halushki \$6.00/Quart
 Stuffed Cabbage \$20/Dz.

NEXT Stuffed Cabbage & Halushki Sale

Saturday, December 14, 2019

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Want to help?

Leaf preparation 12.12.19 after Pyrohy;

Rolling 12.13.2019 at 9:30 AM

STOCK UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS



**PRAYING, FASTING
 AND DOING NEEDS
 OF CHRISTMAS LOVE
 FROM NOW THROUGH
 CHRISTMAS**

**EACH DAY PURCHASE AND SET ASIDE A GIFT TO GIVE SOMEONE IN NEED
 DONATE YOUR COLLECTED ITEMS TO YOUR LOCAL SHELTER/SOUP KITCHEN.**

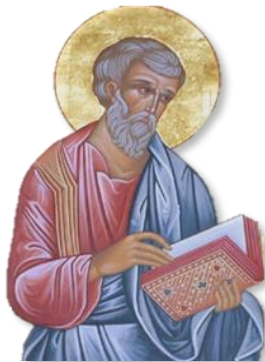
Saints and Feasts on the Pre-Nativity Calendar

November 27 – December 14

As is true of all of the four Orthodox fasts, a Great Feast falls during the course of the fast; in this case, the Entry of the Theotokos (December 4). On this day the first announcement of His Coming is made by singing the Irmos of the Christmas Canon "*Christ is born! Glorify Him! Christ descends from the heavens, welcome Him! Christ is now on earth, O be jubilant! Sing to the Lord, the whole earth, And sing praises to Him with joy, O you people, For He has been exalted!*" After the apodosis (leave-taking) of that feast, hymns of the Nativity are chanted on Sundays and higher-ranking feast days. There are many high-ranking feasts during this time, including those of the Apostles, Great Martyrs, and those who are a significant part of the Nativity.



*Holy and all Praised
Apostle Philip
November 27*



*Holy Apostle and
Evangelist Matthew
November 29*



*Prophet Obadiah
December 2*



*The Entry of the Most Holy
Theotokos into the Temple
December 4*



*Great Martyr Catherine
of Alexandria
December 7*



*Holy and All Praised Apostle
Andrew the First Called
December 13*

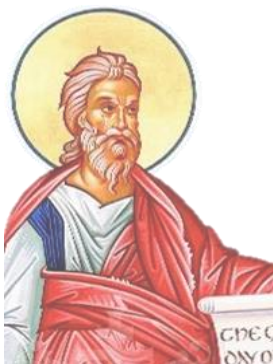


*Prophet Nahum
December 14*

Saints and Feasts Pre-Nativity Season (Advent) Calendar

December 15 – December 31

During the course of the fast, a number of feast days celebrate those Old Testament prophets who prophesied the Incarnation, for instance: Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Daniel and the Three Holy Youths. These last are significant not only because of their perseverance in fasting, but also because their preservation unharmed in the midst of the fiery furnace is interpreted as being symbolic of the Incarnation—the Virgin Mary conceived God the Word in her womb without being consumed by the fire of the Godhead. During Great Lent and Holy Week, we here from these prophets again in the Hymnography of the services.



*Prophet Habakkuk
December 15*



*Prophet Zephaniah
December 16*



*Great Martyr Barbara
December 17*



*St. Nicholas the
Wonderworker
December 19*



*Conception by St. Anna of
the Most Holy Theotokos
December 22*



*The Sunday of the Holy
Forefathers
December 30*



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Forefathers
December 30*

A few more worlds about today's Gospel: The Parable of the Rich Fool.

The Prophet King David wrote in the Psalms: "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Ps.14:1 & 53:1). This saying provides an interesting segway into the Gospel reading for today, the (12:16-21). Jesus relates the well-known Parable of the Rich Man and his Crops. He had lots of crops (v.16) and what did he do with them? He built bigger barns to store them (v.18) so he could take it easy, eat, drink and be merry (v.19). He came to this conclusion by "thinking within himself" (v.17). In other words, he didn't talk to anyone. He didn't see advice or guidance. What does God think about the rich man's approach to life? As Jesus tells it, God calls the rich man a 'fool'

Now King David noted the same thing, that a "fool says in his heart." In other words, a fool talks to him/herself giving lots of self-advice. Reminds of the saying that "a doctor who treats himself has a fool for a patient." Thus, a very knowledgeable person, perhaps even a wise sage or a respected medical doctor or an eminent college professor, can still be a fool if they do not believe in God and if they only take their own advice.

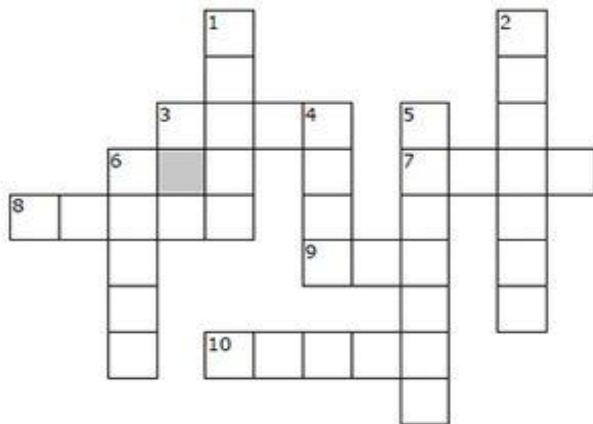
Everyone criticizes the rich man because he didn't give away his extra crops to help others, especially the poor, hungry and needy. Jesus did as well when He summed up the parable by saying, "He who lays up treasure for himself is not rich towards God" (v.21). However, we often overlook the primary cause of the rich man's fall—his atheism. His self-talk is a natural consequence of his lack of belief in God or the denial of God's existence.

Now, let's take this lesson/parable and apply it to ourselves. Many of us have more than enough to live, eat, drink and be merry on this earth. What do we do with our extras? Do we build or buy bigger houses, nicer cars, fancy exotic vacations? Do we store our extra crops in bigger barns of investments and securities? And how did we arrive at these decisions? We may have sought out the advice of other wealthy friends and financial experts and advisors, but did we consult our spiritual advisors? Did we consult God in fervent prayer seeking to know His will for our life or did we just talk with ourselves? Let me say that the devil is cunning enough that he can get us to believe that our self-talk is prayer to God. In other words, the devil can fool us so that our prayer becomes just self-talk or self-advice. Think about it. (*Greek Archdiocese*)

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. One who acts unwisely
7. Having great material wealth
8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
9. To take food into the body through the mouth
10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

DOWN

1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
2. A person who educates or gives instruction
4. The period of time between birth and death
5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

rich
life

judge
eat

crops
fool

brother
teacher

barns
drink