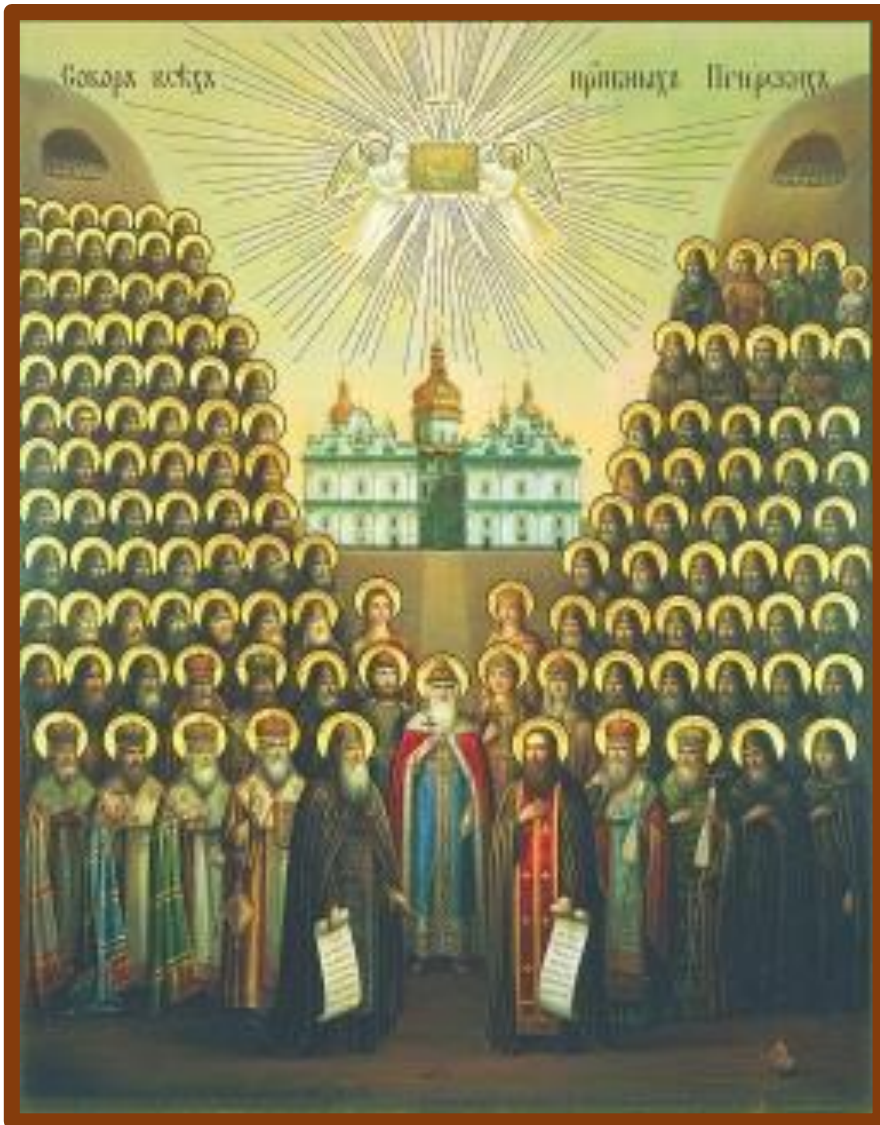


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July 4, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost;  
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# SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church



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

**2nd Sunday After Pentecost**

**All Saints of Ukraine.**

**All Saints of Mount Athos.**

Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cicilia. Hieromartyr Terence  
(Tertius), bishop of Iconium. St. Julius, presbyter of Novara,  
and his brother St Julian the Deacon.

**Epistle:** Rom 2:10-16; **Gospel:** Mt 4:18-23

**Epistle:** Heb 11:33-12:2; **Gospel:** Mt 4:25-5-12 *All Saints*

### **Troparion - Tone 1**

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!”



**Troparion (All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine) - Tone 4**

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of Rus'-Ukraine now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.

With them the Angels glorify Him,  
and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them;//  
and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

**Kontakion – Tone 1**

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!”

**Kontakion (All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine) - Tone 3**

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of Rus'-Ukraine now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.

With them the Angels glorify Him,  
and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them;//  
and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.



**Prokimen (Ressurrection) - Tone 1**

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

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

**The Reading is from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 2:10-16**

Brethren, but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

### **Prokimen (*All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine*) - Tone 3**

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (*Ps. 115:6*)

#### **The Reading is from the Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews 11:33-12:2**

Brethren, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

#### **Alleluia and Verses Tone 1**

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,

His anointed, and his seed forever. (*Ps. 17:51*)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous! (*Ps. 31:11a*)



#### **The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew 4:18-23**

*(All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine)*

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left

their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.



**The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew 4:25-5:12**

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Communion Verses**

Receive the body of Christ, taste the Fountain of Immortality.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps. 32:1*)



Sunday, July 4, 2021  
9:30AM – DIVINE LITURGY  
LIVE-STREAMED ON YOUTUBE  
<https://youtu.be/e4x2apJi1Ws>

## PRAYER LIST

### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Fr Gregory Becker, Nancy Racz, Kay Malys,  
Pauline Witkowsky, Marianne Carmack,  
Michael Woloschak, Alice Dobransky, Dorothy Mehalko,  
Eileen Maluk, Joe Ewanish, Peter Anderson,  
Mary Ann Senediak, Steve Sivulich, Albert Auden and all  
victims Suffering from the Corona Virus together with  
nurses, doctors and all who work for their recovery.



## Sts. Peter & Paul

# Liturgical Schedule, Feast Days, Information and Events

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Please contact Father Ivan to schedule Panikhidas,  
Confessions, request Bulletin Dedications, Announcements  
or Prosfhora Offerings

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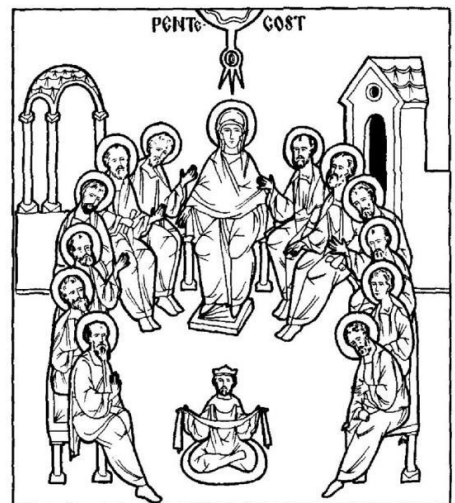


Gr. Martyr and Healer St.  
Panteleimon



## SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, July 4, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy**, All Saints of Ukraine, All Saints of Mount Athos.
- Sunday, July 11, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy**, Synaxis of Halych Saints. Synaxis of Odessa Saints. Patronal Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul.
- Sunday, July 18, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.
- Sunday, July 25, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.
- Sunday, August 1, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Councils. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.





## WAYS TO SEND YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS (Envelopes) and RENOVATION DONATIONS

1. BY USPS MAIL TO THE RECTORY (CHURCH)
2. *DONATE ONLINE ON STS. PETER & PAUL* WEBPAGE (SAFE AND SECURE)
3. IN-PERSON AT SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY: Click on the following URL or paste in your Browser <http://www.stspeterpauluoc.org/> and CLICK ON the DONATE button.

### OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF SUNDAY

	June 27
General:	1,153.00
Renovation Fund:	130.00
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Renovation Fund Donations to date:	12,944.03*



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### FOR YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY

- All Parish members and visitors are directed to follow CDC and church guidelines. **Visitation or Confessions need to be scheduled**
- please call the rectory at 330 799 3830, so that it can be made possible for you



## St Mary Sisterhood

*The Sisterhood will host our first **fellowship** after Covid on July 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of our Patron Saints Peter & Paul. We'll have a short meeting today, after Divine Liturgy to discuss the details.*

*Thank You.*

*Kathy Battisti*



## Statement of the Council of Bishops of the UOC of the USA on the 245th Anniversary of US Independence

### *Звернення Собору Єпископів УПЦ США з нагоди 245 річниці Дня Незалежності США*

*Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our United States of America:* **CHRIST IS AMONG US!**

245 years ago in 1776, when the founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, they were also living under incredibly tense and volatile circumstances. As in the present day, major challenges affected everyone in society, in particular the absolute necessity of separating from the oppression of foreign control of a society that had no real concept of what life in “the colonies” was really like. During that tension, however, the founding fathers of our United States of America declared, “*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*”

It was a profound and lofty goal and one not to be achieved overnight. From the beginning, imperfections existed, but the Declaration was a starting point creating a land of opportunity where, ideally, everyone would be given equal opportunity to achieve the best life possible based on their own talents and effort. The hope that this opportunity offered has ever since attracted wave after wave of immigration since. Ours is a country built by immigrants, and each of our Ukrainian Orthodox



families has a migration story - some recent and others in the distant past – each integrating into our nation’s social structure. The true national identity of our nation, however, develops from the beliefs outlined so eloquently in the Declaration of Independence itself.

All the generations of USA history have faced real challenges to those principles and basic beliefs and to our self-concept as a nation. “We the People” not only survived the Revolution brought on by the Declaration of Independence, but also Civil War, pandemics, Great Depressions and recessions, World Wars, regional wars, racism and its consequences, terrorist attacks, vast inequalities at all levels of society – and the list could go on and on. As a nation we have consistently overcome the darkness of such challenges – sometimes taking generations to do so. Our ability to do this arises from a common bond of civic and social responsibility to each other.

We are still far from being the ideal nation as called for in the Declaration of Independence, but we have always taken the steps necessary in moments of crises to push ourselves a bit closer to the ideal. Much depends upon the desire of individuals – not government, institutions or any other “structure”– to live up to their own responsibilities, thus influencing the whole of society. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has provided the two most fundamental commandments for living up to our individual responsibilities: First, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”* Second, *“Love your neighbor as yourself.”* *“There is no commandment greater than these.”* (Mark 12:30-31)

Our nation will survive and thrive even during today’s societal turmoil and a multitude of inequality if, and only if, we adhere to these two commandments. Unfortunately, the incredible misuse of social media with its proliferation of shaming, abusing and scapegoating serves as proof that even some of the most prominent “leaders” at all levels of society exhibit little self-control and responsibility. This is a lack of common civility which breeds contempt, hatred and unrest. These lead to protests, marches and demonstrations – all of which are the rights of any member of society. Such rights do not, however, justify violence, rioting, looting, abuse, slander or defamation. We must always seek to ensure that the definitive line between what is acceptable and what is not acceptable does not become blurred. We must utilize the tools of modern society to build that society, to build one another, which can be accomplished only through the Grace of God inspired into our lives by the Holy Spirit through each of the Holy Mysteries-Sacraments and shared by us in relationship with one another. Let us build upon the bold words of the Declaration

of Independence by each of our words, deeds and thoughts. This is how we reach our full potential!

Open your hearts to the needs of others today, rather than just your own, to see the opportunities in front of us, to accompany those in difficult situations and to stand in solidarity in order to live up to the sacred words: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that ALL men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

May the Grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! **GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!**

*In our Lord's All-Encompassing Love,*

**+ ANTONY,**

*By the Grace of God, Metropolitan*

**+ DANIEL,**

*By the Grace of God, Archbishop*



# All Saints of Ukraine

One day a Sunday school class was discussing the topics of sainthood and saints. The children were riveted to the teacher's presentation, as they listened to the wondrous miracles and acts of personal sacrifice which were associated with the saints. As the presentation ended, it was time for the children to ask questions. All but one child asked a question and received their answer from the teacher. Little Suzy was the only child who sat silently in her chair looking around with a puzzled look on her face. Suzy was normally quite vocal and had opinions about everything, but she sat there silently listening to what the other students had to say. For homework, the teacher asked the students to answer the following questions - who are the saints and what does it take for someone to attain sainthood? But before class was dismissed, the teacher took the children to their church next door to show them the icons of the saints they had just talked about.



It was a bright sunny day, when the class entered the church. The children began to walk around and look closely at the icons placed on stands, on the iconostasis and painted on the walls of the church. But Suzy wasn't paying any attention to that, instead she was standing in the middle of the church mesmerized and consumed by something else. Her eyes were fixated on the beautiful stain-glass windows. The bright sunshine was piercing through them creating a sparkle of different colors with an unbelievable brilliance of the images of the saints depicted there. Suddenly, little Suzy raised her hand and excitedly yelled out: "I know who saints are!" "They are the people who let the light of God shine through them!"

Indeed, on this second Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate those who let the Light of Christ shine through them brightly in the land of Ukraine.

We remember all those who have gone before us and who have fulfilled God's plan for humanity here on earth. Those who have answered the call from God to join

Him, and became His hands, legs, eyes, ears and voice in this world, bringing God's love, grace and salvation.

On this day we not only commemorate those saints who are well known, but we also remember those whose names we don't know; who are not officially recognized by the Church (Canonized), but nonetheless attained the Kingdom of Heaven, by the grace of God, and are essentially saints!

The Ukrainian nation from the beginning of its Christian era had a certain God giving role in raising saintly people. It's worth mentioning that nowhere in the world is there another place that has produced more saints than the Kyiv-Caves monastery. In addition to the 123 incorruptible remains of saints who lived their saintly lives inside the monastery walls, there are also 61 myrrh-bearing skulls of unknown Saints preserved there with the Fathers of the Caves.

However, the theme of this Sunday goes well beyond a celebration or commemoration. It is probably the only Sunday of the church year that hits us right in between our eyes with a sober reminder and maybe even a certain degree of condemnation on what we, as Ukrainian-Orthodox Christians, are missing in our life today. We are missing the zeal or desire of personal sainthood!!!

How do we know that? It's how quickly and easily we surrender to the ways of this society, rather than staying affirmed to the Divine teachings and sacred traditions of Holy Orthodoxy.

St. Apostle Paul very often in his letters addressed the first Christians as "saints". At that time they were still alive and there was not a standard process of canonization developed yet in the Church. But he called them "saints" anyway...Why? Because they were different and willfully "separated" from the sinful ways of the world around them. The original meaning of the word "saint" (Agios in Greek) – means different, separated and exempt from common use. Undeniably, the first Christians were different from the rest of their society in the way they treated each other, and those around them; in the way they put Christ and His Church above all other earthly matters and in the way they lived and how many of them died.

They were not sinless, however by the grace of God they strived to elevate themselves above the sinful ways of society. The light of Christ shined through them intensely in the darkness of sinful and perverted cultures of those days. This same light penetrated the darkness of sin throughout generations of our ancestors being produced by the saints of our motherland Ukraine beginning from Saint Equal-to-the-Apostles Prince Volodymyr and Saintly Princess Olga.

Now, let's ask ourselves:

How different are we in this sinful world around us? How much of God's light do we let shine through us?

Are we dedicated to the Truth of God and Holy Orthodoxy or to lies and empty promises of today's society?

These are the questions that we should try to answer on this Sunday of all Saints of Ukraine.

This world needs saints more than ever before. We live in time of raging Neopaganism in this country. There are many people who call themselves Christians, but look how Un-Christian and Un-Godly this world had become. Change is much needed before it's too late for us personally and our society in general. We have to stand up and lead the way as Ukrainian Orthodox Christians with over a thousand year long tradition of producing saints. Maybe, just maybe, that's why the Lord brought us here to the shores of North America, as He said: "You are the salt of the earth..." (Mt. 5, 13), "You are the light of the world..." (Mt. 5, 14), and "...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Mt. 5, 16)

Christ told us last Sunday what it takes to become a saint, so that the light of God may shine through us. There were three key points that our Lord made: confessing Him openly, loving Him supremely, and following Him self-sacrificially with determination and endurance.

The time to act is now... Yes, we are sinful and have evil inclinations in our souls. But if a person is striving for God and His Truth, if that striving is sincere, deep and real, then the Lord will see it, come to meet them to make a connection of the human soul and God's grace – this same grace of the Holy Spirit that descended on the Apostles on day of Pentecost. This connection is called holiness or eternal life. But it doesn't stop there. This grace begins to shine and spread around the saintly person, which continues even after their physical death.

So today, as we commemorate all the Saints of Ukraine, let's take a closer look at our Saints and become conscious of one simple fact that, if we desire to be saved, have life eternal and help others to achieve the same in what we call our homeland now, we have to become saints, for only then will the light of Christ shine through us and illumine the way of salvation to those around us, even all the way to the Heavenly Kingdom of God, of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in Essence and Undivided.

Fr. Andrii Pokotylo

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Saturday, July 24, 2021  
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE - WALLING WALL - TEMPLE MOUNT



# 2021 Upcoming dates & events

## Local

July 11	The Holy Glorious and all-praised Leaders of the Apostles Peter & Paul, <b>Parish Patron Feast Day light lunch after Divine Liturgy.</b>
July 28	Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Volodymyr, enlightener of the Kyiv Rus.
July 31	Holy Glorious Prophet Elias (Elijah), Blessing of cars.
August 14	The Beginning of the Dormition Fast
August 19	The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, Blessing of Honney, Fruits.
August 21	Parade in Celebration of the Ukrainian Independence Day in Cleveland, OH.
September 11	Anniversary of repose V. Rev. John W. Harvey
October 14	Protection of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, <b>Patron of Our Sisterhood</b>
December 4	St Modestus, Blessing of pets and animals.

## National

July 5 – 9	Diocesan Church School Camp
July 11 – 16	Teenage Conference
July 24	74 <sup>th</sup> UOL Convention (via Zoom)
August 8 -11	Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me
August 13 -16	St. Nicholas Program
September 3 -6	Family Fest