

Sunday Bulletin  
October 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful  
THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD



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## STS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

*We invite you to a celebration  
of the Resurrection of Christ*



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**THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**In Memory of  
Robert Mark on the  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of him passing away**

- bull 8

**In Memory of  
Mati Antonina (Spanja) on the  
40<sup>th</sup> Day of her passing away**

- bull 12

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**Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)**

By Your Cross You destroyed death.

To the thief You opened Paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.

And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that You are risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 4 Troparion** (*Protection of the Mother of God*)

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,  
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.

Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you:

“Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection;  
deliver us from every form of evil

by entreating Christ, your Son and our God, // that He may save our souls.”

**Tone 7 Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.

Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:

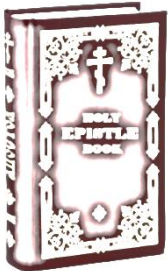
“The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

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

*V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)*

**The Reading is from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 6:1-10**



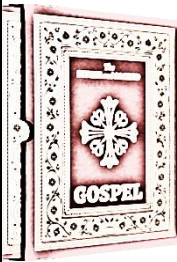
As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**Alleluia and Verses Tone 7**

*V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.*

*V. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*



**The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke 6:31-36**

Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

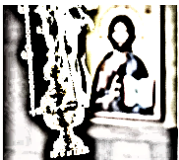
**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**MEMORY ETERNAL**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS**

George Klein, Iryna Farion, Charles Demetrios, Nun Antonina, Elaine Cartier, Betty Ewanish, William Zemko, Mary Gula, Mykola Prychodczenko, Oleksander Dymtro, Mark Vuksanovich, Vladyslav Chudakorov, Anna Adamovich, Soldier Serhiy. All Who died during the war in Ukraine.



**PRAYER LIST**

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

Metropolitan Anthony, Archbishop Daniel, Lori, Christine Kline, Sophia Karpa, Arlene Hawryluk, Jerry Zets, Larry, Darlene Moon, Jeff Smith, Soldier Ivan, Bernard Gnat, Dolly Mehalco, Jeff Ulbrich, Ann Klein, David & Richard Scharba, Brittany, Matt, Stephen Shonn, Thelma Zemko, Artur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori



Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O'Leary, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. Ukrainian people who are suffering from war.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

3 Arlene Hawryluk	17 Charles G. Senediak
7 Delia Walkowicz	18 David Spanja
8 Elizabeth Zets	21 Joseph Owens
15 Jessica Slagel	23 Waltraud Demetrius
11 Addison Ratliff	27 David Zylka
12 Linda Serrano	29 Margie Senediak
13 Volodymyr Koval	29 Mary K. Woloschak
14 Pat Mounce	31 Sharlene Senediak
14 Dominic Woloschak	31 Rick Wilson
16 Fred Battisti Jr.	

# Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

## SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE



- Sunday, October 13, 9:00AM – Divine Liturgy, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday, THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. Fellowship

Oct 14 - Oct 17 – Fr. Mykola will be at the Clergy Conference in South Bound Brook NJ.

- Sunday, October 20, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday
- Sunday, October 27, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday
- Sunday, November 3, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday

### Upcoming dates & events

- Oct 13 - **Breast Cancer Awareness Fellowship** – after the Liturgy at the center.
- Oct 19 - **Jr. UOL Event** - Carnegie Science Center!
- Oct 20 - **Sisterhood Meeting – Election of officers.** After Liturgy at the Center.
- Oct 26 - **Sr. UOL Event** - Carnegie Museum of Natural History
- Nov 10 - **Honoring Sts. Peter & Paul Veterans & Chili Cook-off**
- Nov 24 - **Parish Annual Meeting.**

### Church School Calendar

- Sunday, Oct 6 - Church School
- \* Sunday, Oct 13 - Church School

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Happy & Blessed Anniversary**

Greeting to Erynka and Joe Sanetrick on their Anniversary – Oct 15!  
God bless you both with great health for many years!

- *With love, George Honchar, father.*



- **Thank you !**

We`re grateful to Maria Barca for donating **breast cancer favors** to our parish.

God bless Maria with many years in good health!

- *Sts. Peter & Paul Parish*

- **Reposed in the Lord**

+ Sophia Karpa – pani Maria`s grandma (*in Ukraine*) reposed in the Lord on October 10, 2024.

Memory Eternal! Вічна Пам`ять!

40 Days Panahyda will be served in our Church on November 17.



- **UOL EVENTS:**

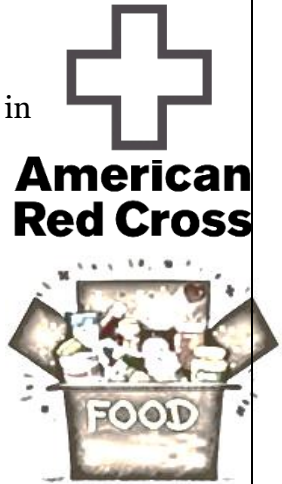
- Jr. UOL Event: Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024 10 AM to 1 PM Carnegie Science Center! (Register by Oct. 13!)
- Sr. UOL/Family Event: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 10 AM to 1PM Carnegie Museum of Natural History (Register by Oct 9!)

• **Volunteers Needed**

**MEN NEEDED !! Pyrohy making fundraiser won't be able to continue without men-volunteers.** Please talk to Anna Anderson if you're willing to help  
- Respectfully, Pyrohy Crew

• **BINGO for the Victims of the Hurricane**

Bingo for the Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton on Wed, Oct 23. All profit will be donated to the Red Cross to help in their efforts assisting those who were impacted. The Special Bingo will be Wednesday, October 23 at 6:45pm Sts Peter & Paul "Best Bingo in Town" 1025 N Belle Vista Ave Yo, OH. Please share the word and if you can please come to help. Contact Chuck for more information.



• **Food Collection**

**Attention!** Starting Sunday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> through Nov 10<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting **Non-Perishable Foods** to help those in need. We will donate the food to the First Harvest Food Bank.



• **Ukrainian Dinner**

**Ukrainian Dinners** will be served on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Contact Anna to place orders and to offer help.

• **Honoring the Parish Veterans & Chili Cook-off – Nov 10**

**COME JOIN US FOR TRICKS AND TREATS IN BLACK CAT STYLE**

**"MERRY MEOWLOWEEN" PARTY  
FUNDRAISER AND PET FOOD DRIVE  
BENEFITTING THE LITTLE BLACK CAT COLLECTIVE  
PET FOOD PANTRY!**

ENJOY SOME BOO-LICIOUS BREWS AND RELAX IN FRONT OF THE FIRE.  
BE SURE TO GRAB SOME LIMITED EDITION HALLOWEEN MERCHANDISE AND CHECK OUT OUR MEOWVELOUS RAFFLE ITEMS.

THERE WILL BE TRICKS & TREATS FOR GUESTS OF ALL AGES, INCLUDING A PET COSTUME CONTEST! PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL PETS ARE SAFELY SECURED.

**\*COSTUMES FOR ALL ARE ENCOURAGED \***

PLEASE BRING A PURINA OR PEDIGREE PET FOOD ITEM FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED AND RECEIVE A SPECIAL TREAT!

**ILL WILL BREWING COMPANY**  
45417 State Route 14, Columbiana,  
Thursday, October 17, 5:30-8:30pm

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On Sep 29	On Oct 6
General:	<b>\$5434.00</b>	<b>\$ 2687.00</b>
Renovation:	<b>\$ 62.00</b>	<b>\$ 170.00</b>
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	<b>\$ 20.00</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>

## Bulletin Dedication *(in memory or in honor)*

<u>Sun Oct 6</u> 1. Dedicated 2. Dedicated	<u>Sun Oct 13</u> 1. Dedicated 2. Dedicated	<u>Sun Oct 20</u> 1. Dedicated 2. Available	<u>Sun Oct 27</u> 1. Available 2. Available	
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For bulletin dedication please call – 330-799-3830, Fr Mykola

## Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God

The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, celebrated on October 14 (1<sup>st</sup>) in the Orthodox Church, commemorates the Theotokos' protection over the faithful. This feast originates from a 10th-century event in Constantinople, where the Virgin Mary appeared in a vision to St. Andrew the Fool-for-Christ and his disciple, St. Epiphanius, in the Blachernae Church.

The Theotokos was seen spreading her veil (omophorion) over the people, symbolizing her protection and intercession for all in need. This feast reminds the faithful of Mary's continuous intercession and her love and care for those who turn to her. It encourages believers to seek her help in times of trouble, trusting in her maternal compassion and her prayers to God on their behalf.

The Mother of God was protecting the people of Constantinople from an impending attack by foreign invaders. At the time, the city was under threat, and the people gathered in the Blachernae Church to pray for deliverance. During a vigil, the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius, spreading her veil over the worshippers as a sign of her protective care. Following her appearance, the threat miraculously receded, and the city was saved. This feast not only celebrates this miraculous deliverance but also symbolizes the Theotokos' ongoing protection over Christians facing dangers, fears, and spiritual battles, reinforcing her role as a compassionate mother and powerful intercessor.





IN MEMORY OF  
**ROBERT  
MARK**

+ **OCTOBER 6, 2018**

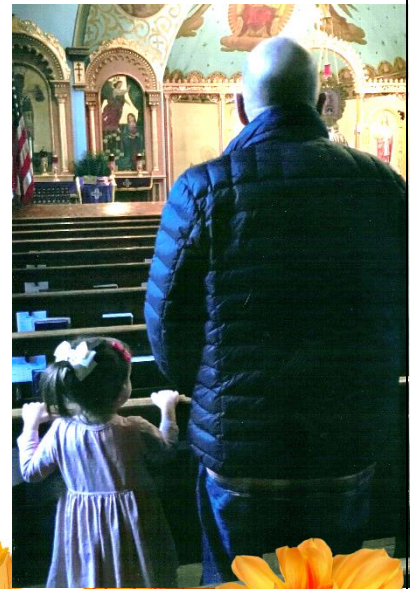
**ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
HIM PASSING AWAY**



**“HIS MEMORY BE FROM  
GENERATION TO GENERATION”**

*“I need Vegas!”*  
Thank you for an  
endless amount of fun  
memories and love.

MEMORY ETERNAL  
YVONNE, ERICA, ANNA,  
DAVID & ADDISON





## Prayer for those suffering from cancer

O Lord Almighty, Healer of our souls and bodies, we humbly pray for all those suffering from cancer. Grant them strength in body, patience in spirit, and peace of mind. Send Your healing grace upon them, relieving their pain, removing their affliction, and renewing their bodies and souls. Bless the hands of those who care for them, and



guide their hearts with compassion. Surround them with Your love and mercy, and if it be Your will, grant them complete healing. May they find hope in Your infinite love and comfort in Your ever-present care. Through the intercessions of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Healer of all ills, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, O Lord. Amen.

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## Prayer for those affected by the hurricane

O Lord our God, who calms the raging seas and stills the winds, we humbly beseech You to look with compassion upon those affected by the hurricane. Bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones, shelter to those without a home, and strength to those whose lives have been turned upside down. Protect all who work to rescue, heal, and restore. Grant them courage and perseverance in their service. Bless the hands that rebuild and restore, and grant healing to the hearts that mourn.



May Your peace descend upon all in turmoil, that they may find rest and hope in Your unfailing love. Through the intercessions of the Most Holy Mother of God and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, O Good Lord. Amen.

## Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.  
Glory to Jesus Christ!

Jesus left us no writings and no dogmas. He left us a simple message displayed in both His words and His deeds. "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself." That's it. Jesus left us with a way of life.

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisee you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Jesus sets the bar very high. As high as it can possibly go. It is not enough to have good intentions. Jesus asks us to have better-than-good intentions and to live them out in concrete ways. The Lord always cuts to the quick, not satisfied in a change of behavior alone, but calling for a change of mind. The Ten Commandments say we should not kill, but Jesus goes further saying that we should not even allow anger to gain a foothold in our hearts. We may get angry with someone and not murder them and that is good, but the spiritual life is meant for the total eradication of evil thoughts so that sin may have no place in us to grow at all. So when an angry thought rises from the storehouse of our souls, we meet it and deal with it before it takes root and grows. If we do that, then there is no sin, no suffering and no crime. The Liturgy calls us to both "think and do what is pleasing to God." This transformation of mind and heart is not an instantaneous thing; it is a process over which we have some real control. Once the mind and heart are transformed the results are amazing.

St. Paul writes in his letter to Titus, "To the pure all things are pure but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is **pure**. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted." That is, the pure in heart project from inside themselves purity. They are so filled with God they bless those who curse them and do good to those who seek to spitefully use them just as Jesus did. They notice the suffering of people, but do not judge them, knowing that if they act out in unfortunate ways it is because of their suffering, or fear, or ignorance. The saints pray for the healing of sinners and their enlightenment so that the suffering that causes unhealthy thoughts and actions may cease.

Listen to these quotes from St. Nikitas Stethatos and St. Maximus the Confessor.

*The nature of things is measured by the interior disposition of the soul; that is, the kind of person one is will determine what he thinks of others. He who has attained to genuine prayer and love no longer puts things into categories. He does not separate the righteous from sinners, but loves all equally, and does not judge them, just as God gives the sun to shine and the rain to fall both on the just and the unjust.*

*The one who is perfect in love and has reached the summit of detachment knows no distinction between one's own and another's, between faithful and unfaithful, between slave and freeman, or indeed between male and female. But...having risen above the tyranny of*

*the passions and looking to the one nature of men he regards all equally and is equally disposed toward all. For in him there is neither Greek nor Jew, neither male nor female, neither slave nor freeman, but Christ is everything and in everything.*

Amazing isn't it?

We must struggle to purify our hearts and mind and strive to put pure intentions into action. One real test of faith is how much we love our enemies. Another is how many strings there are attached to our charity. If we follow Christ, we will have no enemies and there should be no strings attached to our giving. We should not expect nor desire to be paid back for any kindness we perform. Jesus goes even further by saying that we should give secretly, so that no one even knows what we are doing. "Let the right not know what the left hand is doing." To be loving as God is loving, forgiving as God is forgiving, merciful as God is merciful, to be blind to class, ethnicity and any other distinction that might cause to be repulsed by another.

So what are we doing? Are our lives governed by the plain meaning of these words or by something else?

We are called to rise above what is "typical" human behavior. We are not called to be just good human beings, but perfect human beings. "The glory of God is a human being fully realized." To be a perfect human being is to be like God. Anything in our thoughts and behavior that doesn't reflect the love of God is to be discarded and repented.

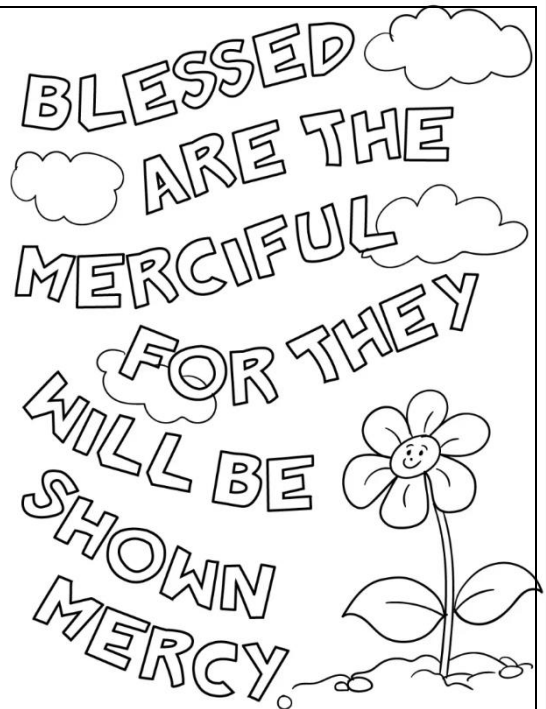
And now my favorite quote of the year. Many of you have heard it before, but please hear it again.

*Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depth of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in the eyes of the Divine. If only they could all see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time. There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed...I suppose the big problem would be that we would fall down and worship each other.*

- Thomas Merton

**"Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High."**

- Luke 6:35





IN MEMORY OF

**MATI  
ANTONINA  
(ANTONIA SPANJA)**

+ **SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

**ON THE 40<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF HER  
PASSING AWAY**



**“BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHOM YOU HAVE CHOSEN  
AND RECEIVED, O LORD”**

Mati (nun) Antonina was a monastic servant of God for 42+ years and loved by all who knew her. May she find peace in God`s Heavenly Kingdom.

**SADLY MISSED BY  
BROTHER DAVID SPANJA  
& FAMILY**

