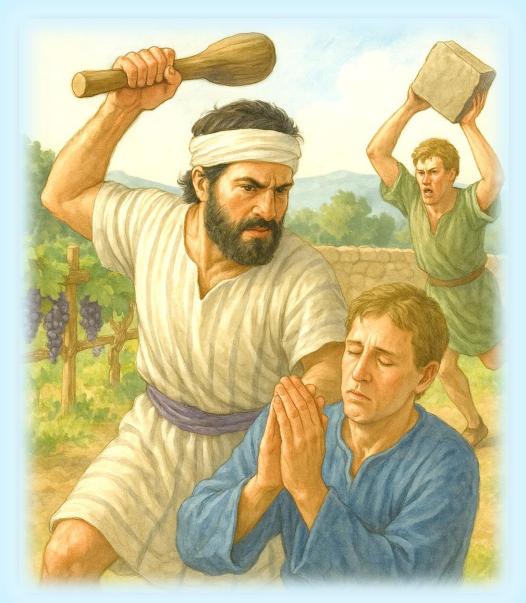
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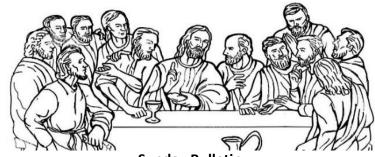
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Let us celebrate the Resurrection of Christ



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In giving <u>birth</u> you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theo<u>to</u>kos. You were trans<u>lat</u>ed to life O <u>Moth</u>er of Life,// and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 2 Kontakion of the Feast

Neither the <u>tomb</u>, nor death, could hold the Theo<u>to</u>kos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her inter<u>ces</u>sions. For <u>be</u>ing the <u>Moth</u>er of Life,// she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Lk. 1:46-47)
V. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden, for behold, all generations will call me blessed. (Lk. 1:48)

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Corinthians 16:13-24



Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren — you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part

they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand — Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 4

V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

V. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew 21: 33-42



Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one,

killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

William Zylka, Serhiy, Pat Mamajack, Arlene Hawryluk, Mary C. Moon, Lidiia Zabrodina, Metro Senedak, Eleanor K. Laise, Julian Naumenko, Patricia Huly, David Scharba, John Senediak, Ann & George Klein, Sophia Karpa, Iryna Farion, Charles Demetrios, Nun Antonina, Elaine Cartier, Betty Ewanish, Mary Gula, Mykola Prychodczenko, Oleksander Dmytro. Victims of the war in Ukraine.

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE



Metropolitan Anthony, Archbishop Daniel, Jamie Maluk, Judith Tipple, Alexandr, Missouri, Jane, Erica Shonn, Sam, Peter Borovitcky, Lorenzo, Rick Wilson, Walter Malys, Tom Drabick, Walter Duzzny, Lori, Christine Kline, Jerry Zets, Larry, Darlene Moon, Jeff Smith, Soldier Ivan, Bernard Gnat, Dolly Mehalco, Jeff Ulbrich, 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 suffering from war.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 6, 1981

- JoAnn & Bernard Gnat

September 21

September 15, 1979 - Tom & Diane Senedak - Wilhelm Rhonos

September 28, 2019 - Davin & Anna Blair

September 29, 2012 - David & Heather McCormick

September 30, 2017 - Marcell & Amanda Vitello

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kloey Nichole Woloschak

4 Joe Buzzelli

5 Heather McCormick

5 Shaun Rappach

6 John Ewanish 6 Sandra O Neill

7 George Demetrios

8 Yvonne Mark

12 Raymond Stermer 13 Rev Ivan Tchopko

13 Carol Rappach

14 Joanna Newton 14 Maria Zomchak Sr. 16 Peter Rudolph

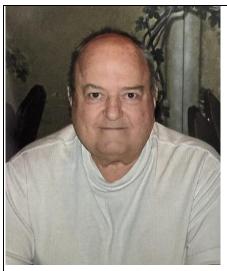
18 Zena Farka 19 Joseph Sanetrick

20 Bonnie Borovitcky

22 Dolly Mehalco 22 Zachary James

McCormick

25 David Wilhelm 27 Gary Andrews 28 Archbishop Daniel



William Zylka Obituary

Warren - William "Bill" Zylka, 84, of Warren passed away peacefully into the Lord on Sunday morning, August 31, 2025 at St. Joseph Hospital.

Bill was born on October 7, 1940 in Cleveland, OH, a son of Mitrofan "Mike" and Anastasia "Ester"

Zylka.

Bill retired from Thomas Steel after 40 years of

employment.

He graduated from Champion High School in 1959, where he played high school basketball and received a letter. Bill leaves many good friends from his graduating class.

Bill was an avid sports enthusiast. He loved watching Saturday and Sunday football games, especially the Cleveland Browns and Ohio State. He

loved the Cleveland Indians as well.

He was dedicated to his grandchildren, watching them play pee wee football and cheer leading to high school football all the way to college football, travelling anywhere they played. Bill never missed a dance recital either.

Bill was a man of faith, belonging to St. John Orthodox Church in Warren. Most of all, he loved his family. Whether it was talking sports or just spending quality time, Bill cherished being with his family and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bill will be deeply missed by his wife of 63 years, Patricia (Rosko) Zylka; his children, Maribeth Zylka, Gregory (Helen) Zylka, David Zylka and Natalie Zylka; grandchildren, Chistopher, Joshua (Tracie), Zoe, Thomas, Jacob, Nicole, Noah and Isabella; great grandchildren, Ella, Lily, Ava Kay and Jack; sisters, Anna "Ann" (Paul) Bakich, Olga (Martin) Zofko, Mary Ann Zylka and Sonia (Charles) Klingensmith; nephew and nieces, Jason Bakich, Chistina Hollobough, Molly Moore, Sara Zofko, Kate Leeds and Maggie Holtzman.

Besides his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his daughter, Elainea.

Family and friends may visit and pay tribute to Bill on Friday, September 5 from 5 to 7pm at St. John's Orthodox Church, 2220 Reeves Rd NE, Warren, OH 44483, with a Panikhida Service beginning at 7pm.

A Divine Liturgy will be on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 8am at the Church followed by a funeral Service and burial at Pineview Memorial Park.

Arrangements are in the care of Peter Rossi Funeral Home in Warren.



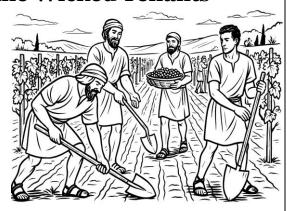
Vichnaya Pamyat! Memory Eternal!

The parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Parish express their sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

May his Memory be Eternal!

Reflection on the Parable of the Wicked Tenants

In this parable, Jesus describes a landowner who planted a vineyard and leased it to tenants. When harvest time came, he sent servants to collect his share of the fruit. But the tenants beat, stoned, and killed the servants. Finally, the landowner sent his son, thinking they would respect him. Instead, the tenants killed the son, hoping to seize the inheritance. Jesus ends by asking: What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants? The leaders listening knew He was speaking of them.



1. God's Patience and Repeated Calls

The servants sent by the landowner represent the prophets. Again and again, God sent prophets to call His people back to faithfulness, but they were rejected, mistreated, or killed. This shows us God's incredible patience—He keeps reaching out even when His messengers are despised.

2. The Rejection of the Son

Finally, the landowner sends his son—an unmistakable image of Jesus Christ. But instead of honoring him, the tenants kill him. This foreshadows the crucifixion, where Jesus Himself would be rejected and put to death by those who should have received Him as Messiah.

3. Accountability Before God

The tenants tried to take what belonged to the landowner, just as the religious leaders of Jesus' time tried to seize God's kingdom for themselves. But the vineyard still belongs to God. The parable warns us: when we reject God's Son, we face judgment.

4. The Cornerstone

Jesus ties this parable to Psalm 118: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Though He is rejected, He becomes the foundation of God's new people—the Church. What others cast aside, God exalts.

5. The Vineyard is Given to Others

The landowner takes the vineyard from the wicked tenants and gives it to others who will produce fruit. This represents the kingdom being opened to all who believe in Christ, not just a privileged few. God looks for fruit—lives of faith, love, and justice.

So let us remember:

- God is patient, but we cannot take His patience for granted.
- Rejecting Christ means missing the very cornerstone of life and salvation.
- As tenants in God's vineyard, we are entrusted with His gifts—not to hoard them, but to bear fruit for His glory.
- Every day is an invitation to live faithfully, remembering the vineyard belongs to God, and we are stewards, not owners.

Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- * (HEARING CONFESSIONS ON SUNDAYS BEFORE LITURGY 8:30AM 9:15AM)
- Sunday, September 7, 9:30AM **Divine Liturgy, 13**th Sunday after Pentecost (Mt 21:33-42)

 The Parable of the Vineyard
- Sunday, September 14, 9:30AM **Divine Liturgy, 14**th Sunday after Pentecost (Mt 22:1-14)

 The Parable of the Wedding Feast.
- Sunday, September 21, 9:30AM **Divine Liturgy, 15**th Sunday after Pentecost (Mt 22:35-46)

 Nativity of the Mother of God
- Sunday, September 28, 9:30AM **Divine Liturgy, 16**th Sunday after Pentecost (Mk 8:34-9:1) Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross
- Sunday, October 5, 9:30AM **Divine Liturgy, 17**th Sunday after Pentecost (*Lk 1:1-11*)

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

Upcoming dates & events

- September 7 Sisterhood meeting after Liturgy.
- September 9 Tea & Fellowship with Fr. Mykola at 6pm at Church Downstairs.
 Future Dates: September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9
- September 27 Quarter Auction to Benefit Fr. Olynyk Scholarship Fund
- October 11 Food Festival
- November 12 Chili Cook off

Church School Calendar

• September 7 - Start of the Church School - Blessing of the Church School Bags

Bulletin Dedication

(in memory of a loved one, or in honor for an anniversary)

1. Available	Sun Sep 14 1. Available 2. Available	1. Available	Sun Sep 28 1. Available 2. Available	
		Sun Oct 19	Sun Oct 26 1. Available	
	2. Available		2. Available	

For bulletin dedication please call – 330-799-3830 Fr Mykola

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD	On August 24	On August 31
General:	\$ 2111.00	\$ 1613.00
Renovation:	\$40.00	\$ 119.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$ o	\$ 25.00

"This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes"

Mt. 21:42

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS:

Portraits of our Church

12" x 16" Print on Canva of the Interior & Exterior (Set of 2 for \$50)

Sign-up sheet is available in the back of the church.



Join our PRAYER GROUP

Come together in faith lifting up those in need of prayer.

We will pray for the people as a group for 7 days.

HOW IT WORKS

 Each participant will receive a Prayer List Sheet to keep track of those they pray for.

 When someone requests prayer, their name and need will be shared with all Prayer Group participants.



- Together, we will pray for each request for 7 days.
- Participants will also receive Prayer Quilts to give to individuals they are praying for— offering them comfort and a reminder of God's love.

WHY JOIN?

- Support others in times of need Strengthen your personal prayer life
 - · Be part of a caring community of faith

To Join, please talk to Uvonne Mark or Fr Mykola

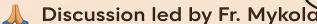
All are welcome-bring a faithfull heart

TEA & FELLOWSHIP

with Fr. Mykola



- 6:00 PM
- Church Downstairs
- Tea & treats provided





We'll talk about our faith in a relaxed setting.



If you have questions you'd like answered, please place them in the BOX at the back of the Church

All are welcome – bring a friend! (‡)



Ukrainian Festiva





Saturday, October 11, 2025 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Center 1025 N. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509





All your favorite Ukrainian Foods

(Stuffed Cabbage, Pyrohy, and much more)

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Basket and 50/50 Raffle = Queen of Hearts









Quarter Auction - September 27

Money to Benefit Fr. Olynyk Scholarship Fund

Doors: 10 am | Auction Begins: 11am

<u>Please Join us for the Auction,</u>

Bring your family & friends!

Bring plenty of **cash** (NO QUARTERS) to purchase tickets and bid!

We'd appreciate your donations of cash or gift cards by Sunday September 14th so we can complete our preparations for the Quarter Auction /

!!! More importantly we'd love for you to attend and have fun with us September 27!!!

For more info: Crystal – 330 766 6872 Yvonne – 330 402 8716 Let's ber

Quarter Auction Flyer – Bulletin page 16

Let`s benefit our Scholarship Fund

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DONATE

Would you like to donate to our Church?

WAYS TO SEND YOUR DONATIONS

1. **BY MAIL** TO THE CHURCH AT



STS PETER & PAUL UOC 1025 N BELLE VISTA AVE YOUNGSTOWN OH 44509

2. **DONTATE** ONLINE ON STS. PETER & PAUL WEBPAGE —



http://www.stspeterpauluoc.org/ and CLICK ON the DONATE button.

3. IN-PERSON AT SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY



EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30AM

Thank you and God Bless you for your support!

The ch_rch just isn't the same without **u**.

Make sure you come!

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WHAT IS MISSING FROM CH., CH?





Start of 2025-2026 Church School Year at Sts Peter & Paul Church

Today we begin a new year of Church School, and we do so with hearts full of gratitude and hope. This is more than the start of classes—it is the continuation of the sacred work of passing on the faith, nurturing young souls, and guiding hearts toward Christ.

For the Children

We ask God's blessing upon our children, that their minds may be opened to learning, their hearts filled with love for Christ, and their lives shaped by His truth. Each child is a gift from God, and each step they take in learning the faith is a step closer to Him.

For the Teachers

We ask God's grace upon the teachers, who share not only knowledge but also their love of Christ with the students. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit, so their words and example nurture faith, inspire curiosity, and encourage growth in holiness.

For the Parents

We pray for the parents, the first teachers of faith in the home. May God strengthen them with wisdom and patience as they lead their children by example, showing in daily life what it means to walk in Christ's love.

Why Send Kids to Church School?

1. To Grow in Faith

Church School gives children a strong foundation in Christ and helps them know God as a living presence in their lives.

2. To Learn the Story of Salvation

Through Bible stories, saints, and tradition, children discover their place in God's plan and see how He works throughout history.

3. To Belong to the Church Family

Church School builds friendships and teaches kids that the Church is their spiritual home.

4. To Shape Character and Virtue

Children learn prayer, kindness, forgiveness, and service—virtues that guide their daily lives.

5. To Partner with Parents

Parents are the first teachers of faith; Church School supports and strengthens what is taught at home.

Sending children to Church School is an investment not just in their education, but in their souls. It is planting seeds of faith, love, and truth that will bear fruit for the rest of their lives.

Prayer for Church School

Lord, bless our Church School, the children who learn and grow day by day in wisdom, the teachers who offer not only lessons but their hearts in service to You, and the parents who nurture faith in the home and set before their children an example of prayer and love. May this school year be a season of joy, discovery, and the deepening of spiritual roots. Grant that every lesson may open eyes to Your truth, every prayer strengthen hearts in Your love, and every gathering draw us closer to one another and to You. So together through this Church School Ministry we may we glorify Your Holy Name-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



Lord's Prayer Explained :

Lord's Prayer - Day 1

Our Father which art in Heaven hallowed be thy name...

Explanation: We call God "father" because we've been adopted into his family and we are his child, he is our creator. "Hallowed" means holy. As we pray, we confess that God is completely pure and faultless. This reminds us that we are human and not without sin. By calling him "hallowed", it shows we adore and worship Him, the living God.

Lord's Prayer – Day 2

... thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven...

Explanation: We are asking God for His will to be done in and through us. As we pray we are laying down our wants and desires, and asking God to have His way in our lives. This prayer requires us to empty ourselves and be filled with the fullness that God has to offer, just as it is in His kingdom of Heaven.

Lord's Prayer – Day 3

... give us this day, our daily bread...

Explanation: By asking God to bless our day and give us "bread", we are recognizing that God not only feeds us and supplies our daily physical needs (Mt. 6:26), but that he is our portion and food for our soul, meeting our spiritual needs (Ez. 4:9). This also reminds us that everyday is a gift to be treasured!

Lord's Prayer – Day 4

... forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us ...

Explanation: Asking for forgiveness from sin is important to include in every prayer. It's a way for us to recognize that we need to forgive others so that God will forgive us. (Matthew 6:15) We need God's grace and mercy in our lives everyday.

This prayer reminds us that we are all sinners and need daily forgiveness.

Lord's Prayer - Day 5

... lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Explanation: This final part of the prayer is asking God to help us not be in a place where temptation might overwhelm us. We ask for protection by our Father in heaven. Jesus recognizes the Lord as His source of deliverance. Likewise we are to depend on God when evil is a temptation in our own lives.

Lord's Prayer - Day 6

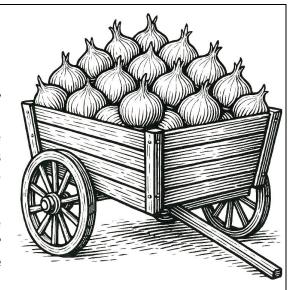
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

Explanation: The prayer finishes with a closing doxology. The last few words are a hymn of praise to God. Finishing a prayer with a word of praise is important because it gives us confidence in who our Heavenly Father is, and through praise, we are openly recognizing His power!

The Dreamer & the Kingdom

There was once a great kingdom, rich in many things but lacking in others. In that land lived a man known as a dreamer. He was not born into the kingdom's noble families, nor did he belong to its inner circles. Yet his heart burned with a desire to bring something good and lasting to the people.

One day, as he walked through the fields, he thought to himself: "What do they not have here? What might bring joy and blessing?" Then he realized that in all their markets, feasts, and



kitchens, he had never once seen an onion. The kingdom did not even know such a thing existed.

So he planted a field of onions and filled an entire wagon with them. With excitement, he brought the wagon before the king. The king was curious and asked his servant to taste this strange new food. The servant tasted and was delighted, and soon the king himself tried it. The flavor was unlike anything he had ever known—rich, sharp, and satisfying. Soon the whole court began to rejoice, for they discovered that onions could enrich every meal. Soups, meats, breads—all were lifted up with the wonderful flavor of onions. The king declared it a blessing to his kingdom, and in gratitude, he commanded that the dreamer's wagon be filled with gold, sending him away with honor.

Time passed, and the dreamer's restless spirit stirred again. He thought: "If onions brought such joy, what else could I bring? Garlic!!! What if I introduced them to garlic?" He worked with all his strength, filled another wagon—this time with garlic—and presented it once more to the king.

The king eagerly tasted the garlic, and again he absolutely loved it. Garlic was even greater than the onions! The dreamer was happy that the king loved garlic and was waiting for his reward like the last time. Indeed, the king commanded to reward the dreamer abundantly in return once again. When the dreamer came out and was ready to leave, he saw his wagon filled with onions...

This story reminds us that we often do not recognize true treasure until it is revealed to us. The kingdom had no idea what they were missing until the dreamer introduced them to onions.

Once they tasted them and discovered how they enriched every meal, their hearts were opened to a gift greater than wealth. **Onions had become their most valuable treasure—more valuable even than gold.**

So it is with Christ. Many live their lives chasing after gold, possessions, and fleeting pleasures, never knowing what true treasure is. But **once the Lord is revealed, everything changes**. He enriches every part of life, giving meaning, joy, and flavor to even the simplest things.

The dreamer expected greater rewards when he brought garlic, as we hear from this funny story, but he discovered that nothing could surpass the treasure of onions. Likewise, once we have Christ, nothing else compares. Gold may shine, but it fades. Pleasures may sparkle, but they do not last. Only Christ is the treasure that satisfies eternally.

Until we are introduced to the Lord, we do not know what true treasure is. And once we have Him, we realize He is worth more than all the gold in world.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

- Matthew 6:13:44

Orthodox Christianity 101 TRADITION

The ongoing life of God's People is called Holy Tradition. The Holy Tradition of the Old Testament is expressed in the Old Testamental part of the Bible and in the ongoing life of the People of Israel until the birth of Christ. This tradition is fulfilled, completed and transcended in the time of the Messiah and in the Christian Church.

The New Testamental or Christian Tradition is also called the apostolic tradition and the tradition of the Church. The central written part of this tradition is the New Testamental writings in the Bible. The gospels and the other writings of the apostolic church form the heart of the Christian tradition



and are the main written source and inspiration of all that developed in later ages.

This Christian tradition is given over from people to people, through space and time. Tradition as a word means exactly this: it is that which is "passed on" and "given over" from one to another. Holy Tradition is, therefore, that which is passed on and given over within the Church from the time of Christ's apostles right down to the present day.

Although containing many written documents, Holy Tradition is not at all limited to what is written; it is not merely a body of literature. It is, on the contrary, the total life and experience of the entire Church transferred from place to place and from generation to generation. Tradition is the very life of the Church itself as it is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Not everything in the Church belongs to its Holy Tradition for not everything in the Church is done by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and not everything in the Church pertains essentially and necessarily to the Kingdom Of God. Some things in the Church are just temporal and temporary things, merely human customs and traditions of no eternal and everlasting value. Such things in themselves are not sinful or wrong. On the contrary, they may be very positive and very helpful to the life of the Church as long as they are not taken to be what they are not. Thus, it is very important in the Church to make the distinction between traditions which are merely earthly and human and passing away and the genuine Holy Tradition which pertains to the heavenly and eternal Kingdom of God.

It is also important to recognize that there are also things in the Church which not only do not belong to Holy Tradition, but which are not even to be counted among its positive human traditions. These things which are just sinful and wrong are brought into the life of the Church from the evil world. The Church in its human form, as an earthly institution, is not immune to the sins of its unholy members. These deviations and errors which creep into the life of the Church stand under the judgment and condemnation of the authentic and genuine Holy Tradition which comes from God.

Among the elements which make up the Holy Tradition of the Church, the Bible holds the first place. Next comes the Church's liturgical life and its prayer, then its dogmatic decisions and the acts of its approved churchly councils, the writings of the church fathers, the lives of the saints, the canon laws, and finally the iconographic tradition together with the other inspired forms of creative artistic expression such as music and architecture. All of the elements of Holy Tradition are organically linked together in real life. None of them stands alone. None may be separated or isolated from the other or from the wholeness of the life of the Church. All come alive in the actual living of the life of the Church in every age and generation, in every time and place. As the Church continues to live by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Tradition of the Church will continue to grow and develop. This process will go on until the establishment of the Kingdom of God at the end of the ages.



THE AUCTION WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF ITEMS INCLUDING DESIGNER PURSES, EASTWOOD MALL GIFT CARDS, THEMED GIFT BASKETS, RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS, LOTTERY TICKETS ALONG WITH MANY OTHER ITEMS!