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



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Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

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!”

Tone 8 Troparion (Saints of Ukraine)

As a beautiful fruit of salvation you have sown, O Lord / the land of Ukraine offers You the Saints who have shone in her land. / By their intercession and through the Birth-Giver of God, / preserve the Church and our land // in profound peace, Greatly Merciful One.

Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

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!”

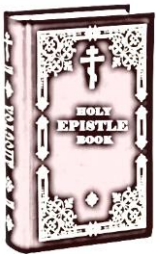
Tone 3 Kontakion (Saints of Ukraine)

Today the choir of God pleasing saints from the land of Ukraine / stands with us in church praying to God on our behalf; / with them the angels render glory / and all the Saints of Christ’s Church celebrate: // for together they pray to the Eternal God for us.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You! (Ps. 32:22)
V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 2:10-16



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.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 1

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

V. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



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

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.

Communion Hymn

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

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

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 Prychodezenko, Oleksander Dmytro. Victims of the war in Ukraine.



PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE



Metropolitan Anthony, Archbishop Daniel, 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 Witkowski, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. Ukrainian people suffering from war.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 Kathleen Vuksanovich	9 Jordan Duzzny
4 David McCormick	11 Joe Novicky
4 Gayle Woloschak	12 Nichole Spencer
5 Mila Woloschak	16 Diane Senedak
5 Frank Senediak	21 Sarah Moon
6 Kaden Crown	21 Sydney Moon
6 Lisa Davis	22 Maria Battisti
7 Catie Rose Duzzny	23 Bobbi Yarosh
7 Michael Duzzny	23 Mike Moon
7 Katherine Battisti	24 Anna Ratliff
8 Nicholas Duzzny	26 Darlene Moon
9 Joe Rimedio	28 Mark C. Demetrius

Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE



* (HEARING **CONFESSIONS** ON SUNDAYS BEFORE LITURGY 8:30AM - 9:15AM)

- Sunday, June 22, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 2nd** Sunday after Pentecost
- Sunday, June 29, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 3rd** Sunday after Pentecost
- Sunday, July 6, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 4th** Sunday after Pentecost
- Sunday, July 13, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 5th** Sunday after Pentecost
- Sunday, July 20, 9:30AM – **ARCHPASTORAL Divine Liturgy, 6th** Sunday after Pentecost

STS PETER & PAUL PARISH FEAST DAY – Archbishop Daniel will be Visiting our Parish

Upcoming dates & events

- June 19 – **Parish Board Meeting**
- June 22 – **Fellowship and Fundraiser Bake Sale** sponsored by the UOL on **Sunday, June 22**, following Divine Liturgy. All proceeds will go to support **All Saints Camp**, which is in urgent need of our help.
- June 22 – **Sr. UOL meeting** following liturgy.
- July 12 – **Christmas in July Sisterhood party** at noon at Rachel's.
- July 19 – **Baptism of Anthony Zomchak** – **Saturday July 19 at 1:00PM**. Everyone is invited.
- July 20 - **STS PETER & PAUL PARISH FEAST DAY** – Archbishop Daniel will be Visiting **our Parish**. Archpastoral Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. Fellowship after the Liturgy.
- August 2 – **Outing for the Patish Kids** at Austintown Township Park's Pogany Pavilion on Saturday, 2 August 2025 at noon. At 6000 Kirk Rd, Austintown, OH 44406-8613
- August 23 - **Ukrainian Picnic** – celebrating the **Ukrainian Independence Day** - Aug 23 at 5pm

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD	On June 8	On June 15
General:	\$ 2502.00	\$ 1786.50
Renovation:	\$ 446.00	\$ 206.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00

Bulletin Dedication

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

<u>Sun June 1</u>	<u>Sun June 8</u>	<u>Sun June 15</u>	<u>Sun June 22</u>	<u>Sun June 29</u>
1. Available	1. Dedicated	1. Dedicated	1. Available	1. Available
2. Available	2. Available	2. Available	2. Available	2. Available
<u>Sun July 6</u>	<u>Sun July 13</u>	<u>Sun July 20</u>	<u>Sun July 27</u>	
1. Available	1. Available	1. Available	1. Available	
2. Available	2. Available	2. Available	2. Available	

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

TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE GRADUATES OF OUR PARISH!



Nolan McCabe

Nolan McCabe is one of the triplet graduate grandsons of Peter and Bonnie Borovitcky. He attended Jackson-Milton High School his senior year and graduated with Honors. Nolan is a 3 year letterman in soccer and was a team captain senior year. He is also a letterman in lacrosse and bowling. He received a trade scholarship for carpentry work at graduation. He has volunteered many hours over the years helping at St. Peter and Paul, working with the grounds crew and special events whenever needed. Along with his brothers, are doing the grave leveling and grass seeding at the cemetery. Nolan plans to explore the building trades, while currently working full time at Home Depot.

Preston McCabe

Preston McCabe is one of the triplet graduate grandsons of Peter and Bonnie Borovitcky. He attended Jackson-Milton High School his senior year and graduated with Honors. Preston is a 3 year letterman in soccer and was a team captain senior year. He received a scholarship for Youngstown State University where he plans to attend in the fall. He has volunteered many hours over the years helping at St. Peter and Paul, working with the grounds crew and special events whenever needed. Preston also does the grave leveling and grass seeding at the cemetery.



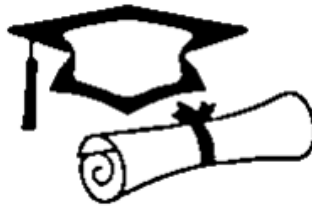
Brycen McCabe

Brycen McCabe is one of the triplet graduate grandsons of Peter and Bonnie Borovitcky. He attended Jackson-Milton High School his senior year and graduated with Honors. Brycen is a year letterman in soccer and was a team captain senior year. He received the Presidential Scholarship at Youngstown State University where he plans to attend in the fall with a pre-physical therapy major. He has volunteered many hours over the years helping at St. Peter and Paul, working with the grounds crew and special events whenever needed. Brycen also does the grave leveling and seeding at the cemetery.



Prayer for the Graduates

O Lord, grateful of Thy great benefits which Thou hast so richly bestowed upon us in Thy loving-kindness, we bless and give thanks to Thee and we beseech Thee to look graciously upon us and these graduates, who have completed their courses of study. Pour into their hearts, minds, and upon their lips, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, piety, and godly fear; enlighten them with the light of Thy knowledge, and bestow upon them strength and steadfastness, that they may quickly apprehend and willingly embrace all that they have received which is good and profitable, and in accordance with Thy divine law.



Grant that they grow in wisdom and understanding. May they prosper in good works for the glorification of Thy holy Name. Give them health and long life that they may labor for the building up and glory of Thy holy Church, this nation, and of all Thy people.

For Thou art a God, Who is mighty in mercy and gracious in strength, and to Thee we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS:



- Let it be known to you of the Impending Marriage of **Peter Majetich**, son of Steven & Elaine Majetich with **Katherine Anderson**, daughter of David & Anna Anderson
The wedding is June 28, 2025.
The Wedding Ceremony is open to all the parish congregation.

• Fellowship and Fundraiser Bake Sale

sponsored by the UOL on Sunday, June 22, following Divine Liturgy. All proceeds will go to support All Saints Camp, which is in urgent need of our help.



• Calling for Photos!

We are gathering group photos from First Confession and Graduate Honoring celebrations at our Sts. Peter and Paul Parish from 2010 to 2022.

We realized we are missing some of them.

If you have the group pictures from the events on those years, please bring them to Fr. Mykola or email them to stpeterpauluoc@gmail.com.

We plan to display them downstairs along with the other parish photos displayed from the past years. to celebrate and remember these joyful moments in our church family's life. Thank you for your help in preserving our parish history!

• Camp Registration Fee Reimbursement.

Dear Parents, if you have registered your kids for our All Saints Church Camp please send us the receipt/statement. The parish will gladly reimburse you the camp registration fee. Please email the receipt to stpeterpauluoc@gmail.com.

• Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church 125th Anniversary Celebration

Dear Parishioners, Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church located at 356 S Belle Vista Ave. Youngstown, OH is celebrating their **125th Anniversary on July 13, 2025**

Divine Liturgy – **3:00pm**
Reception – **5:00pm**
Tickets – **\$50.00**



If any of you would like to attend, please let Fr. Mykola know (along with payment) no later than Sunday June 22nd. Checks for the tickets to – **St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church.**

• YOU'RE INVITED TO A BAPTISM!

Please join us for the **Holy Baptism & Chrismation**
of **Anthony Zomchak**

 **Saturday, July 19**

 **1:00 PM**

 *Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church*



His Eminence Archbishop Daniel will be celebrating the Sacrament.

This is a joyful and blessed occasion for our family, and **everyone is warmly invited** to attend and share in this sacred moment.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

A **festive lunch** will follow the sacrament at the hall.

Please RSVP by July 13 to Fr. & Pani Zomchak at 330-799-3830 to help us prepare.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you!

On the Saints of Ukraine

The Saints of Ukraine are shining stars in the spiritual sky of our nation—witnesses to faith, courage, humility, and unwavering devotion to Christ in every century. From the monastic silence of the Kyiv Caves to the fiery witness of modern martyrs under totalitarian regimes, the saints of our land remind us: holiness is not distant—it is near, and it is possible.

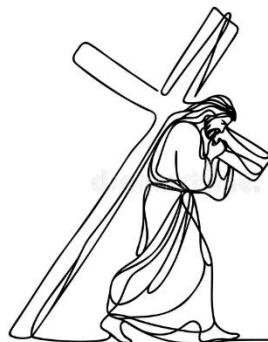
We remember Saint Volodymyr the Great, who baptized a nation and turned swords into crosses. We honor Princess Olha, the first seed of faith sown before her grandson's baptismal call. We are inspired by the ascetic struggles of the Fathers of the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, whose prayers continue to uphold the Church. And we cannot forget the New Martyrs of the 20th century, clergy and laity alike, who endured prisons, exile, and death with Christ in their hearts and hope in the Resurrection.

The Saints of Ukraine do not belong only to history—they are alive in the Church today. They walk beside us as intercessors and companions, urging us to be faithful in our time as they were in theirs.

In their lives we see a beautiful truth: that holiness blooms even in times of war, sorrow, oppression, and trial. The soil of Ukraine has been soaked with both tears and prayers—and from it, the fragrance of sainthood continues to rise.

May we, inspired by their example, live not just as children of our country, but as citizens of the Kingdom of God. May our faith, like theirs, be living, fearless, and full of love.

All the Saints of Ukraine, pray for us!



Parable: Raising our eyes

The Truth About Our Lives

At a construction site, a foreman working on the sixth floor urgently needed to get the attention of a laborer working below. But with all the noise, the worker couldn't hear him and didn't respond.

To catch his attention, the foreman threw down a small coin. It landed right by the worker's feet. The man picked it up, put it in his pocket, and continued working without looking up.

The foreman tried again - first with a larger coin, then another, and eventually a whole dollar. But every time, the man simply pocketed the money and went back to work, never thinking to look up and see where it came from.

Finally, frustrated, the foreman picked up a small pebble and tossed it down. It hit the worker on the forehead. Surprised, the man looked up—and at last, saw the foreman who had been trying to reach him all along.

God is like that foreman.

He tries to get our attention—gently, patiently—every single day. He sends us blessings: health, family, opportunities, moments of peace, small joys. And so often, we receive them without a second thought, assuming we're just lucky or that we earned them ourselves. We rarely pause to look up and recognize the Giver.

The sad truth is, we almost never lift our eyes to say, "Thank You," for the blessings—but we never fail to raise them when it's time to complain. We forget God in abundance, but call on Him quickly in trouble.

And so, when hardship comes—when we're hit with a "pebble" in the form of sickness, loss, or crisis—only then do we remember God. Only then do we lift our eyes in prayer and seek Him.

But the truth is, we shouldn't wait for the pebble.

We should thank God for every gift—big or small—and keep our hearts turned toward Him always. Let our gratitude not begin only in suffering, but flow from every moment of blessing. Let us not wait for pain to turn our eyes upward. Let praise rise from our joy.



“*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.* James 1:17”

Orthodox Christianity 101

DEATH AND RESURRECTION

'Death is a great mystery', says St Ignaty Brianchaninov. 'It is the birth of the human person from transient life into eternity'. Christianity does not consider death as an end: on the contrary, death is the beginning of a new life, to which earthly life is but a preparation. The human person was created for eternity; in Paradise he was fed from the 'tree of life' and was immortal. After the fall, however, the way to the 'tree of life' was blocked, and he became mortal and temporal. According to some church writers, humanity was sentenced to death because God's commandment was broken. Other authors hold the opinion that death was imposed in order to liberate humans from sin and through death open the way to immortality.

What happens to souls after death? According to the traditional teaching of the Orthodox Church, souls do not leave the earth immediately after their departure from the body. For three days they remain close to the earth and visit the places with which they were associated. Meanwhile, the living show particular consideration to the souls of the deceased by offering memorial prayers and funeral services. During these three days, the personal task of the living is to be reconciled with the departed, to forgive them and to ask their forgiveness.

With the passing of three days the souls of the departed ascend to the Judge in order to undergo their personal trial. Righteous souls are then taken by the angels and brought to the threshold of Paradise, which is called 'Abraham's bosom': there they remain waiting for the Last Judgment. Sinners, on the other hand, find themselves 'in Hell', 'in torments' (cf. Luke 16:22-23). But the final division into the saved and the condemned will actually take place at the universal Last Judgment, when 'many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt' (Dan.12:2). Before the Last Judgment, the righteous souls anticipate the joy of Paradise, while the souls of sinners anticipate the torments of Gehenna.

According to many church Fathers, the new body will be immaterial and incorruptible, like the body of Christ after His resurrection. However, as St Gregory of Nyssa points out, there will still be an affinity between a person's new immaterial body and the one he had possessed in his earthly life. Gregory sees the proof of this in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus: the former would not have recognized the latter in Hell if no physical characteristics remained that allowed people to identify each other. There is what Gregory calls the 'seal' of the former body imprinted on every soul. The appearance of one's new incorruptible body will in a fashion resemble the old material body. It is also maintained by St Gregory that the incorruptible body after the resurrection will bear none of the marks of corruption that characterized the material body, such as mutilation, aging, and so on. Immediately after the common resurrection, will be the Last Judgment at which the final decision is taken as to who is worthy of the Kingdom of heaven and who should be sentenced to the torments of Hell. Before this event, however, there exists the possibility for the person in Hell to gain release; after the Last Judgment this possibility no longer remains.



What Is Incense?

For us, Orthodox Christians, incense holds deep and living meaning. It is not just an aromatic resin burned in church—it is a visible image of the invisible, a symbol of prayer rising to heaven. It represents our presence before God, our purification, repentance, sacrifice, and love.

"Let my prayer be set before You as incense"
(Psalm 140:2)

When we see the smoke of incense rising upward, we are reminded that our prayers, too, should rise—sincere, deep, and full of trust. Its aroma enters the soul and reminds us of the presence of the Holy Spirit, who fills all living things.

In Orthodox worship, incense holds a special and reverent place. Its use is not just a tradition or a symbol, but a living act of the Church. When the priest censes the altar, icons, and the people, he is not merely offering fragrance—he is blessing, sanctifying, and honoring the image of God in each person. It is a testimony that we are all temples of the Holy Spirit.

When incense fills the church, it embraces everyone: the righteous and the sinner, the one who prays aloud and the one who prays in silence, the hurting and the grateful. It is a reminder that God is near—a call to prayer, inner cleansing, and communion with the Lord.

In the Old Testament, God Himself commanded the offering of incense in the Tabernacle. But in the New Testament, incense takes on a deeper meaning: it becomes a symbol of spiritual life in Christ, the offering of a loving heart. It also reminds us of the gifts brought by the Magi to the Infant Christ—**gold, frankincense, and myrrh**—as King, God, and Man who would suffer and rise again.

Incense is the blessed smoke of prayer that carries our petitions to heaven. It penetrates the air, enters the heart, and whispers to each of us: *You are near to God. Pray, and He will hear. Seek, and you will find. Breathe in this fragrance and remember: God's grace surrounds you as gently and invisibly as incense fills the temple. In the quiet of the censing, the Lord speaks to your soul.*

