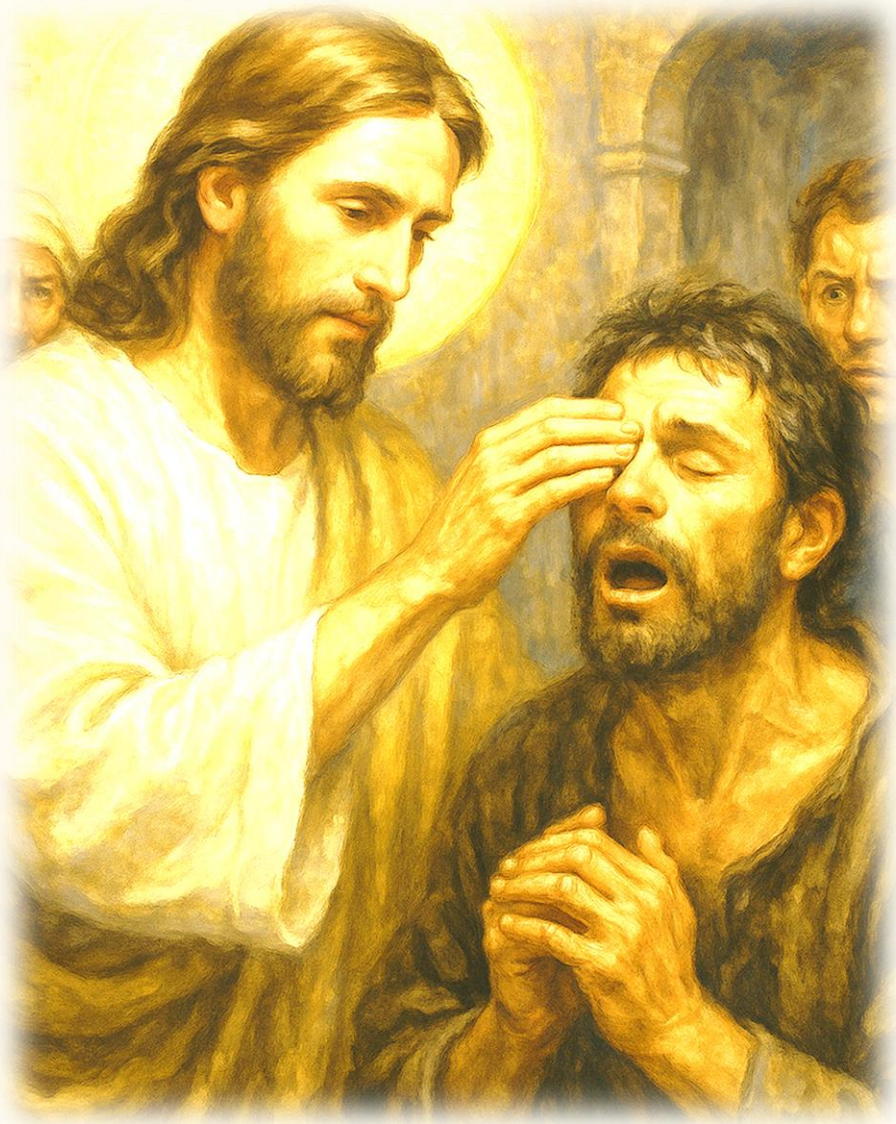


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“*Let us love one another so with
one heart we may confess!*”

Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being
tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead,// glory to You.

Kontakion — Tone 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with
His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race.// He is the Savior of all,
the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (*Ressurrection*)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance!
V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me



The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 15:1-7

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 6

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God
He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*



The Reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew 9:27-35

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never

seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

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

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, Sam, Peter Borovitchy, 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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Lisa Hawryluk	16 Marianne Carmack
6 Jonathan Buzzelli	17 Annie Woloschak
6 Matthew Woloschak	17 Sue Perankovich
7 Rebeca Renee	17 Joseph Sanetrick
7 Sophia Zomchak	19 Kristofer Sirak
8 Charles Woloschak Jr	22 Bohdan Lyubuska
10 Paul Knoop	24 Joshua Zets
11 Michael Perankovich	24 Charlotte Anderson
12 Gina DeLuca	27 Lori Hayda
14 Thomas DeLuca Jr	28 Paul R. Bobersky
14 Joe Kramer	29 Monica Inchak
14 Oksana Koval	29 Anastasia Kichton
16 Dob. Ginny	30 Joey Rimedio
Yavorsky	31 Bruno Serrano

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 3, 1975	- Richard & Nancy Yuschak
August 8, 1993	- Boris & Kathy Vuksanovich
August 9, 2020	- Rev Mykola & p Maria Zomchak
August 14, 2004	- Steven & Michele Telischak
August 29, 1981	- Walter & Diane Malys

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Michael Senediak	12 Peter A. Borovitchy
1 Nicholas Woloschak	14 Joshua Auden
3 Lucas Spencer	17 Nicholas Yarosh
4 Crystal Walkowic	19 Fr Daniel Rohan
4 David Woloschak	20 Chuck Woloschak Sr.
8 Pani Maria Zomchak	20 Chas Sarednesky
8 Bailey Blair	20 Jeremy Zets
10 Evelyn E Newton	20 Nicholas Kichton
11 Devin Blair	27 Mary Ann Senediak
11 Zenia Goodge	31 Serena Spencer

Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE



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

- Sunday, July 27, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy**, 7th Sunday after Pentecost (*Mt 9:27-35*)
- Sunday, August 3, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy**, 8th Sunday after Pentecost (*Mt 14:14-22*)
- Sunday, August 10, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy**, 9th Sunday after Pentecost (*Mt 14:22-34*)
- Sunday, August 17, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy**, 10th Sunday after Pentecost (*Mt 17:14-23*)
- Sunday, August 24, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy**, 11th Sunday after Pentecost (*Mt 18:23-35*)
- Sunday, August 31, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy**, 12th Sunday after Pentecost (*Mt 19:16-26*)

Blessing of cars after Liturgy (Aug 31)

Upcoming dates & events

- July 27 – **Serbian Day Picnick**. From noon to 8 PM at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church at 39 Laird Ave. Live Music, Traditional Foods, Free Admission.
- August 2 – **Outing for the Parish Kids at Austintown Township Park's Pogany Pavilion** on Saturday, 2 August 2025 at noon. At 6000 Kirk Rd, Austintown, OH 44406
- August 3 – **Nancy Tipple's Baptism. Everyone is Invited! – Sunday at noon.**
- August 23 – **Ukrainian Picnic - celebrating the Ukrainian Independence Day - Aug 23 at 5pm**
- September 27 – **Quarter Auction to Benefit Fr. Olynyk Scholarship Fund**

Church School Calendar

- September 6 - **Start of the Church School - Blessing of the Church School Bags**

Bulletin Dedication

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

<u>Sun Aug 3</u>	<u>Sun Aug 10</u>	<u>Sun Aug 17</u>	<u>Sun Aug 24</u>	<u>Sun Aug 31</u>
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<u>Sun Sep 7</u>	<u>Sun Sep 14</u>	<u>Sun Sep 21</u>	<u>Sun Sep 28</u>	
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For bulletin dedication please call – 330-799-3830 Fr Mykola

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD	On July 13	On July 20
General:	\$ 2598.00	\$ 927.00
Renovation:	\$ 157.00	\$ 28.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$ 25.00	\$ 65.00

“ Do you believe that I am able to do this? ”

Matthew 9:28

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS:

- **August 3 – Nancy Tipple`s Baptism & Chrismation.**

Sunday at noon. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**



- **Quarter Auction September 27**

Money to Benefit Fr. Olynyk Scholarship Fund

Seeking Donations: **cash , lottery tickets, gift cards and gas cards. NO GIFTS.**

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Let`s benefit our Scholarship Fund

- **The Story of My Life**

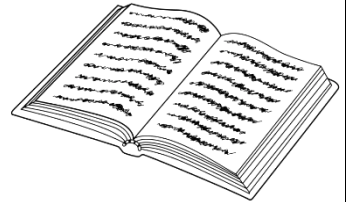
The Sts. Peter & Paul "**The Story of My Life**" recognition continues its quest to recognize and highlight our beloved Sts Peter & Paul members who are a viral part of our parish.

If you know anyone from our parish who is 80 years old and older, please contact Fr Mykola or Diane Senedak. They will give you information and ideas of how you can complete a story about your family member. The story can be a paragraph, a page long or several pages along with some photos. It's up to you on how much you'd like to submit.

We all look forward to hearing about your family member's past and present....

Thank you for sharing your their story with our parish!

- In Christ, Fr. Mykola and Diane Senedak



- **Outing for the Parish Kids**

August 2 – **Outing for the Parish Kids at Austintown**

Township Park's Pogany Pavilion on Saturday, 2 August 2025 at noon. At 6000 Kirk Rd, Austintown, OH 44406

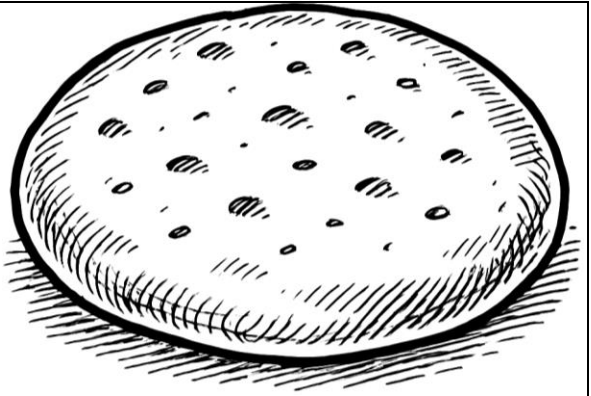
- **Is Your Big Anniversary Coming Up?**

If you or a loved one are celebrating a wedding anniversary and would like it to be recognized with a special dedication in the bulletin, please let Fr. Mykola know.

We'd love to celebrate this joyful milestone with you!



Be the one who is worthy of the empty flatbread.



This ancient tradition still speaks volumes in our Christian life today.

In the Arab world, wedding feasts were a symbol of joy and honor. Guests were welcomed with flatbreads filled with meat — a sign of respect and celebration. But sometimes they would run out of meat. And when that happened, the hosts made a deliberate choice.

They gave the remaining **empty** flatbreads not to strangers, not to the demanding, not to those concerned with appearances — but to their **most trusted friends**.

These weren't acts of disrespect or oversight. On the contrary — the empty flatbread was a quiet signal of closeness. The host didn't need to explain. The true friend didn't question.

They would take the flatbread, eat it silently, and stay — because the bond ran deeper than what was served on the plate.

But once, a man took the empty flatbread and protested:

— **“There’s no meat in mine!”**

The host looked at him sadly and said:

— **“I’m sorry. I thought you were one of my own.”**

And that one sentence said everything. That man had failed the test of loyalty. He revealed that he was only there for the benefit — not for the relationship.

Now ask yourself: when your brother or sister in Christ has nothing left — no strength, no joy, no words, no reward — are you still the one who stays? Are you the kind of friend who doesn't need explanations? Who doesn't flinch when there's no benefit?

Be that person. Be the one who can be trusted with the empty flatbread. Be the kind of friend, brother, sister — who doesn't disappear in times of scarcity. Be someone who can be counted on not to question, not to betray, not to turn away. Be the one others don't have to perform for, impress, or explain themselves to.

Jesus surrounded Himself with many, but trusted only a few. He knew the crowds would leave when the miracles stopped. He knew some would shout “Hosanna!” one day and “Crucify Him!” the next. But He also knew what it meant to walk with those who would stay through Gethsemane.

This is the kind of loyalty our faith calls us to.

So the real challenge is: **“Can you be trusted?”** Can someone hand you their silence and know you won't twist it? Can someone fall apart in front of you and know you won't walk away? Can someone give you their "empty" and know you're still all in? Can someone call you their true friend?



Katie Rogenski

"THE STORY OF MY LIFE"

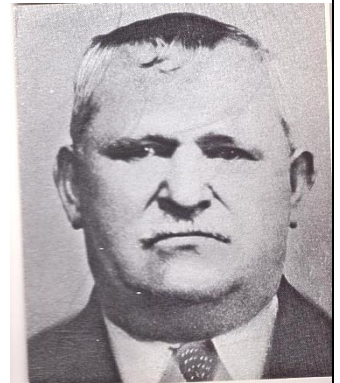


I was born February 2, 1932 on Russell Ave in Youngstown, OH to Samuel and Justina Szlachtianzyn. I had three siblings: Ann, Rose, and my brother, John.



My father worked as a steel worker and my mother was a homemaker. She planted a garden every year so we always had plenty of fresh vegetables as well as plenty of fruit trees in our backyard. We also had a cow named Bessie, so we always had fresh milk to drink.

Growing up, my father would always read the Bible to us. He also took us to church every Sunday. If we didn't go, we were not allowed to play outside for the day.





Growing up, I was blessed to have many friends. We loved to play baseball, glasees, and hide-n-seek. Whatever we did, I loved to play outdoors.

I attended Stambaugh in grade school and then went to Chaney High School and graduated in 1950. After graduation, I worked at the information desk at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

In 1965, I met my husband, Bernard. We dated three years. On May

4th, 1968, we were married at Saints Peter and Paul Church by Father William Olynky.

We had two children, Carla and Russell. When my children became teenagers, I began working at Omni Manor Nursing Home in the dietary department. I worked there for 20 years and retired in 2002 to spend time with my new grandson, Nick. Three years later, in 2005, my other grandson, Sammy was born. They are the children of my son, Russell and his wife, Stephanie.

After retiring, my husband and I traveled to Toledo to spend time with our grandchildren every chance we got as well as my son and his wife bringing our grandchildren to visit us. We are very close and every weekend we continue to receive

phone calls from our grandchildren from college. They also come to visit us every chance they get!

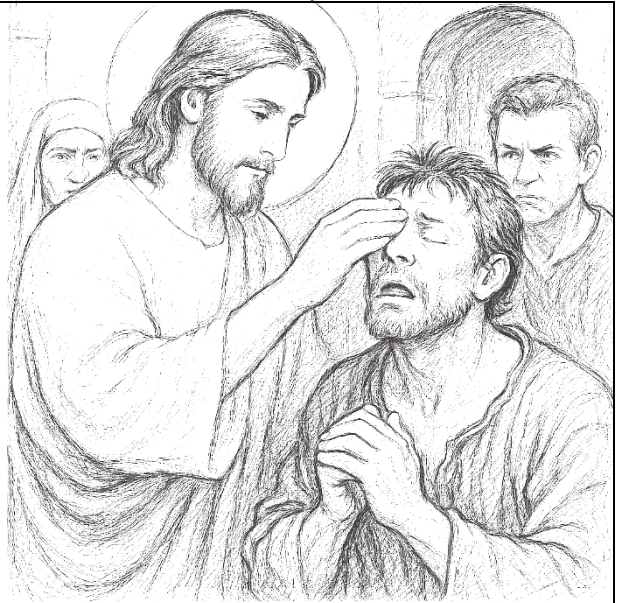
In closing, I want to thank everyone for allowing me to tell The Story Of My Life!



- **Katie Rogenski**, July 2025

Reflection on the Blind and Mute Healed by Jesus

Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus encountering individuals who are blind, mute, or deaf—people living in silence, darkness, and isolation. These conditions often rendered individuals socially invisible and spiritually excluded in their communities. But Jesus, in His compassion, never turned away from them. Instead, He touched them, spoke to them, and restored them—giving them back not just their physical abilities but their place in society and their dignity as children of God.



When Jesus healed the blind, He restored more than eyesight; He opened their lives to new vision, clarity, and purpose. Sight, in the biblical sense, often represents the ability to recognize God’s presence and truth. Many people in Jesus’ time could physically see yet remained spiritually blind—unable to recognize the Messiah in front of them. On the other hand, those who were physically blind often saw Jesus with their hearts. Their healing began with faith. “Do you believe I can do this?” Jesus asked two blind men in Matthew 9. Their response, “Yes, Lord,” opened the way for their miracle. Faith was the doorway through which healing came.

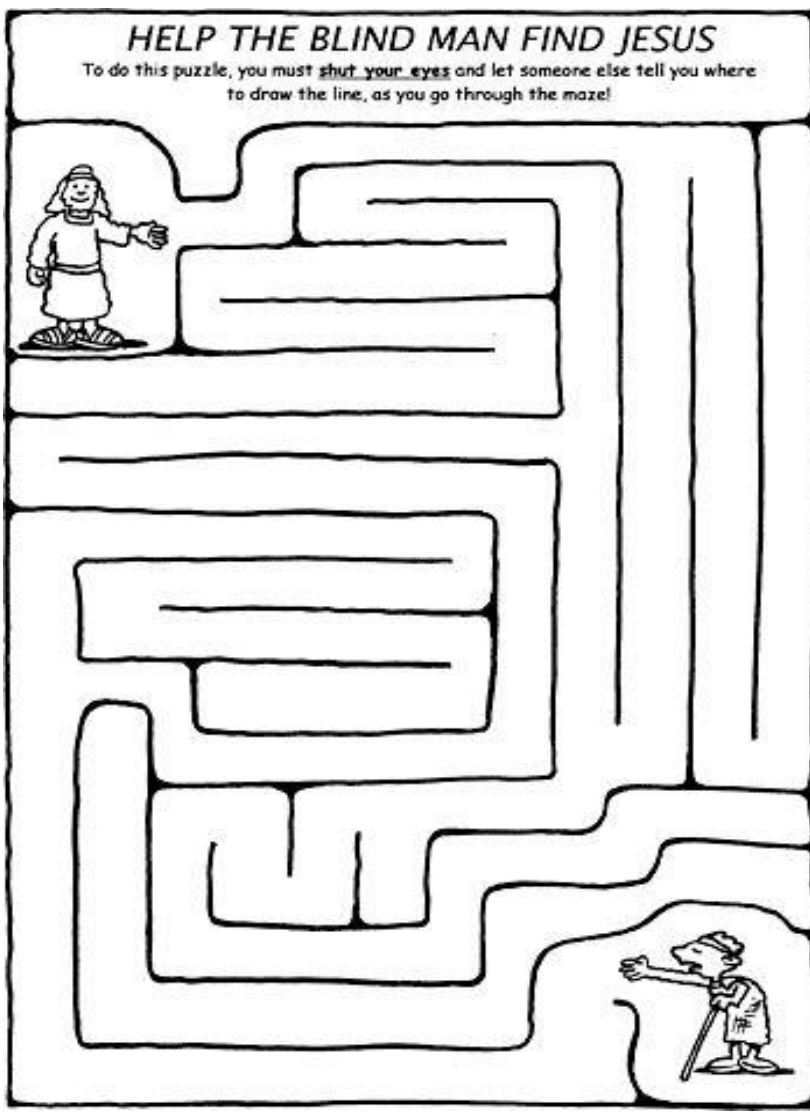
Likewise, when Jesus healed the mute and deaf, He restored their ability to hear and speak—not only to those around them but also to God. These miracles reveal a deeper message: many people today are spiritually mute—unable to express their faith, cry out for help, or speak life-giving words. Others are spiritually deaf—closed off to the voice of God, distracted by the noise of the world. Jesus’s healing touch reminds us that He wants to open our ears to His word and loosen our tongues to praise, to encourage, and to bear witness.

There is also a communal lesson. The people around those who were blind or mute often brought them to Jesus. Healing often happened in the context of community. This teaches us the importance of intercession—bringing others to Christ through prayer,

compassion, and presence. We are called not only to seek healing for ourselves but to help others encounter the One who heals.

Finally, the response to these miracles is important. Some glorified God, saying, “He has done everything well!” Others—like the Pharisees—accused Jesus of using demonic power. This reveals the reality that even clear signs of grace and divine intervention can be misunderstood or rejected by hardened hearts. It is a reminder that we must remain open, humble, and discerning, allowing God to work in ways we might not expect.

In healing the blind and mute, Jesus reveals His desire to make us whole—not just physically, but spiritually and emotionally. He calls us out of silence into testimony, out of darkness into light. His miracles are not just historical events; they are invitations. Wherever we are blind—unable to see the goodness in life, the value in ourselves or others—or wherever we are mute—afraid or unable to speak truth, love, or praise—Jesus comes to restore. Let us, like those in the Gospel, draw near to Him in faith and allow His healing presence to open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts.



Orthodox Christianity 101

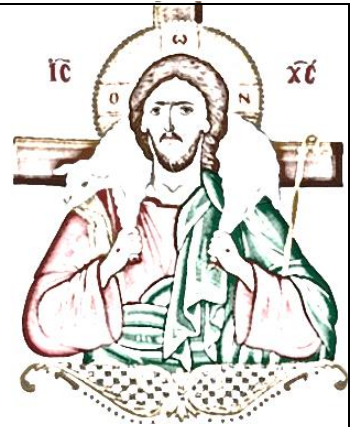
DEATH AND RESURRECTION

'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.



“Let Us Love One Another”: A Joyful Feast and New Life in Christ at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in Youngstown, Ohio

Amidst the bright light of midsummer and the spiritual radiance of divine grace, the faithful of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Youngstown, Ohio gathered in joy and prayer to celebrate their Parish Patronal Feast Day - honoring the holy and glorious leaders of the Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul. This sacred occasion was made even more memorable this year with the baptism and chrismation of a newly born child of God, Anthony Zomchak, son of parish priest Rev. Fr. Mykola Zomchak and Dobrodiyka Maria.

On Sunday, July 20, the parish welcomed with spiritual joy and filial love His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, spiritual father of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and President of the Consistory. Making a long journey from the



Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook, NJ, Archbishop Daniel arrived to share in the feast day celebration and to personally welcome young Anthony into the loving embrace of Christ's Holy Church.

The annual feast day of the parish serves as a powerful reminder of the missionary zeal, unwavering faith, and sacrificial love of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, chosen by Christ Himself to guide the infant Church. These pillars of faith continue to inspire generations of Orthodox Christians to walk in the footsteps of the Gospel, proclaiming the Good News through word and deed.

This year's feast was graced with the presence of visiting clergy, including: Rev. Fr. Volodymyr Yavorskyi of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Portland, Oregon, who traveled with his wife Ginny and their sons Michael and Peter, to participate in the baptism and the feast before joining the upcoming Mommy & Me, Daddy & Me Camp at All Saints Camp; Rev. Fr. Suiatoslav Hot, together with wife Dobrodiyka Victoria and their sons Arseniy and Elijah, also traveled to Youngstown to join the sacred celebrations from Maplewood, NJ; Very Rev. Fr. Milorad Orlic of the Serbian Orthodox Church and Rev. Fr. Yurii Bobko with his wife dodrodiyka Olha and their sons Ethan and Samuel, who traveled to the state of Ohio from Lyndora, PA.

On the eve of the parish's feast day, the church was filled with awe and sacred anticipation as Archbishop Daniel presided over the Holy Mystery of Baptism and Chrismation, bestowing new life upon the newly born servant of God, Anthony. Carried by his godparents, Rev. Fr. Yuriy Bobko and Victoria Hot, the infant was immersed in the waters of regeneration. As the holy prayers echoed through the temple, Archbishop Daniel called upon the grace of the Holy Spirit: "O Master and Lord, look down from heaven and bless this child. Enrobe him in the light of Your countenance. Strengthen him against every evil influence. Let him grow to be a vessel of joy, a beacon of hope, a child of light, and a servant of truth."

Pausing throughout the baptism, Archbishop Daniel turned to the nearly 100 parishioners and guests in attendance, offering spiritual insights into the sacred mysteries being celebrated. He reminded the faithful of the foundational role that baptism plays in the life of every Orthodox Christian – a personal Pentecost, an entry into the Kingdom of God, and the moment we are called by name to become children of the Light.

The following morning, the Divine Liturgy of the Feast was celebrated with deep solemnity and spiritual joy. At the doors of the church, Mr. Charles Woloschak, Parish Board President, together with Fr. Mykola, welcomed Archbishop Daniel with traditional bread and salt. Fr. Mykola expressed heartfelt gratitude for His Eminence's pastoral care and implored his prayers for both the founders and benefactors of the parish, as well as its present and future generations.

During the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Daniel blessed the faithful with the Trikir and Dikiri, explaining the meaning of the triple candle (symbolizing

the Holy Trinity) and the double candle (symbolizing the dual nature of Christ—fully divine and fully human).

In his sermon, Archbishop Daniel reflected on the legacy of the Holy Apostles and their willingness to be transformed by Christ: “Saint Peter denied Christ, but repented and was restored. Saint Paul persecuted the Church, but was converted and became its greatest preacher. What does this teach us? That no past is greater than God’s mercy, and no weakness is beyond His grace. We too are called to rise, to follow, to proclaim – not only with our voices but with our lives.”

He added: “With great grace comes great responsibility. If we confess Christ with our lips, let us love Him with our hearts and serve Him with our lives. Let the children of this parish not only hear the Gospel but see it lived out in the faithfulness of their parents, their clergy, and their community.”

At the culmination of the Divine Liturgy, a moment of deep emotion unfolded. Archbishop Daniel handed the sacred chalice to Fr. Mykola, entrusting him with the Eucharist so that he might commune his son Anthony for the very first time. The child who had just been baptized the day prior now received the fullness of the Church’s mysteries, entering into communion not only with Christ but with all the faithful present.

As the faithful approached the chalice, the choir chanted with conviction: “Let us love one another so that with one mind we may confess: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” The unity of the Church was felt in every heart – a unity in Christ, a unity in love.

Following the Liturgy, Archbishop Daniel offered special prayers and words of gratitude to Fr. Mykola, commemorating the fourth anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood. A true spiritual son of the Church, Fr. Mykola continues to serve with humility, compassion, and zeal.

The celebration continued with a joyful parish luncheon, prepared with love by the faithful of the community. Two days of fellowship – first for the baptism, then for the feast day – wove together the lives of parishioners and guests in a bond of Christian love and gratitude.

The events of this weekend were more than a celebration – they were a living icon of the Church in action: a parish alive with faith, welcoming a new member into Christ’s Body, honoring its spiritual heritage, and joyfully serving the Lord.

In a world often starved of sacred meaning, the Ukrainian Orthodox community in Youngstown, Ohio, stands as a witness to the beauty of tradition, the power of sacrament, and the enduring presence of Christ among His people.

May Saints Peter and Paul intercede for this parish family!

May young Anthony grow in wisdom, stature, and grace!

And may the Church of Christ continue to be the refuge of joy, truth, and eternal hope!

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