

Parish Bulletin
100th Anniversary of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church
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Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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

100th Anniversary of Sts. Peter & Paul UOC
September 14-15 2024 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost



**Bulletin is dedicated to the 100th
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**Welcome our Hierarchs Metropolitan
Antony & Archbishop Daniel
Visiting Clergy and All the Guests**

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SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 14

Tone 2 Troparion (Indiction)

O Creator of the Universe, You appointed times by Your own power; bless the crown of this year with Your goodness, O

Lord! Preserve in safety Your rulers and Your cities: and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us

Tone 1 Troparion (St. Simeon)

You were a pillar of patient endurance, having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One: Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations. You lived like the bodiless ones while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father.// Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 4 Troparion (Sts. Peter and Paul)

O foremost of the Apostles and teachers of the inhabited earth, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Tone 2 Kontakion (St. Simeon)

Seeking the things of the Highest, and having made a fiery chariot, you were joined to the heights. Therefore, you have become a companion to the angels, O venerable Simeon,// and with them you are praying incessantly to Christ God for us all.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Indiction)

O Creator and Master of time and the ages, Triune and Merciful God of all: grant blessings for the course of this year, and in Your boundless mercy save those who worship You and cry out in fear:// “O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!”

Tone 3 Prokeimenon

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure.
V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!



The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 4

V. Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed. (Ps. 64:1)

V. Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord! (Ps. 64:12a)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



The Reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke 4:16-22

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight

for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Communion Hymn

You shall bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.


Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Extol the Lord our God: / worship at His footstool for He is holy! (Ps. 98:5)
V. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Corinthians 15:1-11



Moreover, Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 1

V. Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old!
V. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



The Reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew 19:16-26

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

Charles Demetrios, Nun Antonina, Elaine Cartier, Betty Ewanish, William Zemko, Mary Gula, Mykola Prychodzenko, 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, Jeff Smith, Soldier Ivan, Bernard Gnat, Dolly Mehalco, Jeff Ulbrich, Ann & George Klein, David &



Richard Scharba, Brittany, Matt, Stephen Shonn, Selma, 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kloey Woloschak	14 Maria Zomchak Sr.
4 Joe Buzzelli	16 Peter Rudolph
5 Heather McCormick	18 Zena Farka
6 John Ewanish	19 Joseph Sanetrick
7 George Demetrios	20 Bonnie Borovitcky
8 Yvonne Mark	22 Dolly Mehalco
12 Raymond Stermer	22 Zachary James McCormick
13 Rev Ivan Tchopko	27 Gary Andrews
13 Carol Rappach	28 Archbishop Daniel
14 Joanna Newton	



IN MEMORY OF

**ALL THE
PARISHIONERS OF
OUR CHURCH WHO
HAVE PASSED IN
THE LORD**

+ 1924 - 2024



MEMORY ETERNAL
ВИЧНА́Я ПАМ'ЯТ

**"THEIR MEMORY BE FROM
GENERATION TO GENERATION"**

LOVINGLY REMEMBERED
BY OUR PARISH FAMILY



Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE



100 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

- Friday, September 13, 6 PM – **Vespers Service, Panahida at the Cemetery**
Followed by refreshments
 - Saturday, September 14, 9:30AM – **HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY |**
Consecration of the Bell & Belfry | Banquet: 1pm
 - Sunday, September 15, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 12th Sunday,**
Parish Fellowship
-
- Sunday, September 22, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 13th Sunday.** *Start of the Church School*
 - Sunday, September 29, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 14th Sunday, CROSS ELEVATION –**
Blessing of the Church School Bags on the 29th (Postponed)

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On September 1	On September 8
General:	\$ 1816.50	\$ 2110.00
Renovation:	\$ 77.00	\$ 166.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

“ The one who gives generously also reaps generously ”

- 2 Corinthians 9:6

Bulletin Dedication *(in memory or in honor)*

<u>Sun Sept 1</u> 1. Dedicated	<u>Sun Sept 8</u> 1. Dedicated 2. Dedicated	<u>Sun Sept 15</u> 1. Dedicated	<u>Sun Sept 22</u> Unavailable	<u>Sun Sept 29</u> 1. Dedicated 2. Available
<u>Sun Oct 6</u> 1. Available 2. Available	<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	

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

The church is not a gathering of saints,
but a crowd of repentant sinners.

- St. Ephraim the Syrian

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Happy & Blessed Anniversary

Greeting to JoAnn and Bernie Gnat on their Anniversary!
God bless you both with great health for many years!

- *With love, son Joe.*



• Achievements of our parishioners



○ Congratulations to Nicholas Yurchyk for taking **1st** place with his exceptional garlic at the Canfield Fair!

○ A huge shoutout to Anna Blair for her impressive achievements, securing **1st** place with her homemade buckeyes and hand-made card, and earning **2nd** and **3rd** places in additional entries.

○ Also, congratulations to Natalia Novicky on receiving 8 blue **1st** place ribbons and four red **2nd** place ribbons in horse showmanship, English and western riding competitions.

Your hard work and talent truly shine, and your success is an inspiration to us all! We are proud of you!
- *Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Family*

• Sponsor one family with Children

As the war in Ukraine continues so does the suffering of people, especially children. One day Addison was watching the news report about the reality of Life of Ukrainian children. She got so emotional, she wants to help. She asked adults in Sunday School how this could be done. We thought it would be nice to sponsor one family with children, who were displaced because of war or children whose fathers are fighting on the front line. We are asking parishioners if they know anybody and can provide the names of such people. At the beginning of Sunday school year we will pick one family. Children can start communicating with them through writings. We will try to support them however we can to bring some hope for their future and somehow help them through their pain. Please submit your names to Father. - *Church School Administration*

• St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, OH, Celebrates 100 Years

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 - **Divine Liturgy:** 9:00 am

Banquet: Immediately following the Liturgy

Location: St. Vladimir Ukr Orth Cathedral, Grand Hall

Tickets are on sale now. Purchase by October 1, 2024

\$100 per adult ticket * Children under **18** are **free**

Ticket price includes:

Banquet dinner * Centennial Commemorative Book *

Commemorative wine glass

Please contact: Lucy Komichak - 440-897-1234 (cell) * LucKom@aol.com (email)



Brief History of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Youngstown, Ohio



The remarkable history of the founding and growth of our parish is a source of pride for all of us. It all began in the winter of 1922 when a small but determined group of Ukrainian families met to organize a Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Youngstown. The late Fr. Leo Wesolowsky of New York City celebrated a Divine Liturgy for this group in a private home. In the summer of 1924, a property with a house on it on the corner of Russell and North Belle Vista Avenue was purchased. The house became the first Parish Home, and a small wooden church was erected next to it. The first Ukrainian Orthodox Archbishop to the USA, the Most Rev. John Theodorovlch, came from Philadelphia to dedicate the church to the glory of God and placed it under the Patronage of the Holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul. The newly organized parish, which started with 25 families, soon had a membership of 100.

In 1926, six acres of land at Donald and Osborne Avenues were purchased for burial purposes. Years later, more land was purchased, and today, our beautiful cemetery totals 15 acres.

The church and cemetery were finalized on May 10, 1927, in the name of nine trustees: the late Alex Bobersky, Alex Bunowsky, George Prystash, Nicholas Lapushansky, John Bagan, John Lapushansky, Stephen Tadla, Stephen Rohan, and Stephen Cycyk, who relinquished his place to Frank Senediak.

A Social Hall was erected in 1932 and used for many years for religious instruction, Ukrainian language classes, choir rehearsals, and plays and concerts.

On October 3, 1939, the construction of our present church building was started by the DeBartolo Company.

This new edifice was completed the following year and was dedicated by our esteemed Archbishop John on July 14, 1940. His leadership and guidance have been instrumental in shaping our church's history, and we are grateful for his contributions.

In 1946, additional land across the street from the church was purchased, and on it, the parish members built a pavilion which has been enlarged and beautifully remodeled over the years.

Archbishop Mstyslav blessed our church's newly painted and beautifully decorated interior on Sunday, August 23, 1953. The work was done by the Walter E. Boettcher Studio of New York City.

The erection of the Parish Rectory started in 1953 and was completed the following spring. In June 1954, Archbishop Mstyslav blessed and dedicated it.

Our church's new iconostas was blessed on May 15, 1958. St. Mary's Sisterhood contributed thousands of dollars to its construction and purchased new electronic bells for the church.

Metropolitan John dedicated our Ukrainian Orthodox Center on July 24, 1960.

With the approval of the Parish Officers, the Youngstown Chapter of the Ukrainian Orthodox League raised money to construct a chapel at our cemetery. The efforts of League members were highly successful. On October 1, 1967, the Cemetery Chapel with its memorial cornerstone was blessed and dedicated by Archbishop Msytyslav.

Over the past 100 years 21 Priests and 28 Presidents served our Parish.

Parish Priests:		Parish Presidents:	
1924- 1926	Rev. Basil Koshel	1924	John Senedak
1926-1927	Rev. Paul Korunowsky	1925	Alex Bobersky
1927-1928	Rev. Isidore Kostiak	1926-1927	Michael Hospodar
1928-1929	Rev. John Novosad	1928	Michael Kichtan
1929-1931	Rev. Marian Kucher	1928	Michael Pavelko
1931-1933	Rev. John Kocan	1929	Charles Hankavich, Sr.
1933-1935	Rev. Leo Wesolowsky	1930	Michael Lenenski
1935-1937	Rev. William Diakiw, Sr.	1931	Charles Hankavich, sr.
1937-1941	Rev. Stephan Musiychuk	1932	Charles Pusch
1941-1948	Rev. Anthony Stangry	1933-1936	Charles Hankavich, Sr.
1948-1950	Rev. Stephan Holutiak	1937	Michael Lenenski
1950-1952	Rev. Michael Mostensky	1938	Nicholas Lopushansky
1952-1982	Rev. William Olynyk	1939-1940	William Konyshak
1982-1986	Rev. Omelan Mycyk	1941	Dan Soroka
1986-1989	Rev. Myron Pacholok	1942-1949	John Zabotsky
1989-1992	Rev. Maxim Hancher	1950	John Yurchyk
1993-1994	Rev. James Hvizdos	1951-1952	Michael Nestor
1994-2008	Rev. Charles Baxter	1953-1955	John Bury
2009-2018	Rev. John Harvey	1956-1959	Michael Fedyna
2018-2022	Rev. Ivan Tchopko	1960-1966	Nicholas Pavelko
2022 - Present	Rev. Mykola Zomchak	1967-1974	John Bury
		1975-1989	Theodore Senediak

Parish Presidents continue:

1990-1994	Walter Duzzy
1995-1997	Harry Temnick
1997	Charles Hankavich, Sr.
1998-2017	Joseph Ewanish
2018 -2019	Ronald Kichton
2019- Present	Charles Woloschak

Currently our parish is blessed to be under the spiritual leadership of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony – the Prime Hierarchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel – the ruling Hierarchy of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Through the past 100 years, hundreds of pious parishioners have dedicated their lives to our beloved church with their talents and treasures. Their names may be unknown or forgotten over the years, but today, we honor them all as we embark on a century of proclaiming the True Faith.

The Hierarchs of our Church:

Metropolitan Antony

Metropolitan Antony (John Scharba before he was tonsured a monk) was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, on January 30, 1947, was the eldest of five children in a family. He was baptized at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, where he grew up immersed in church life.

Though he felt a calling to the priesthood early on, he first pursued a career in journalism, studying at Edinboro State University. However, his sense of vocation led him to transfer to St. Andrew College-Seminary in Winnipeg, where he earned degrees in Sociology and Divinity. Ordained in 1972, Fr. John served parishes in Pennsylvania and Indiana, where he focused heavily on youth ministry, guiding young people and serving in leadership roles within the Ukrainian Orthodox League.

His further graduate studies in theology and counseling deepened his pastoral work. In 1981, he was elected bishop, in 1982 he was tonsured as a monastic taking the name Antony – after St. Anthony the Great. On October 6 1985 he was consecrated as Bishop at St. Andrew Memorial Church at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church's Metropolia



Center in South Bound Brook, NJ. As a Bishop he assumed leadership roles at St. Sophia Seminary and the Ukrainian Orthodox Word publication.

In 1989, he became the ruling bishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of Australia and New Zealand, where he unified two dioceses. Following Ukraine's independence, Archbishop Antony led humanitarian missions to deliver aid and rebuild churches. His efforts in uniting Ukrainian Orthodox jurisdictions in the U.S. and establishing programs like the Orphanage Adoption Program in Ukraine remain key legacies of his leadership. In 2013, he was enthroned as Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and serves as the Prime-Hierarch till this day!

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony continually reminds the faithful of his Church that their Christian responsibility means so much more than simply attending Church on a Sunday morning and making a small donation. He invites them to reach out with their physical beings to help heal those who need healing with a willingness to deny themselves for the sake of others.

*"Be careful how you live your life,
because you may be the only Bible that people read"*

- Metropolitan Antony

Archbishop Daniel

Archbishop Daniel (Volodymyr Zelinsky before he was tonsured a monk) was born on January 30, 1970, in Buchach, Ternopil Region, Ukraine. He graduated from local high school before starting theological studies at the Ivano-Frankivsk Seminary in September 1993.

After emigrating to the USA in 1996, he continued his education at the Catholic University of America and Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC, and was ordained to the Holy Deaconate. In 2000, Deacon Volodymyr joined the UOC of the USA and enrolled in St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, completing his studies in two years. He also earned a Master's Degree in Applied Orthodox Theology from the University of Balamand in 2002.

Ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Archbishop Antony on May 12, 2001, he was tonsured as a monk with the name Daniel on May 22, 2002. He then became assistant editor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Word and later its Editor-in-Chief, while also serving as director of the Consistory Office of Public Relations.



Fr. Daniel earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2007 and was appointed Spiritual Advisor to various church programs. In January 2006, he was commissioned as a US Army Chaplain. He was named Dean of Students at St. Sophia Seminary in 2006 and appointed Spiritual Advisor to the Senior Ukrainian Orthodox League and Chairman of the Vocations and Clergy Support Commission in 2007.

Elevated to Archimandrite and elected Bishop-Elect in 2007, he was consecrated Bishop at St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox cathedral in Parma, OH on May 10, 2008. Following Metropolitan Constantine's repose in 2012, Bishop Daniel became Vice-Chair of the Council of Bishops and was elected President of the Consistory. In October 2016, he was elevated to Archbishop by the Sobor and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. He is the Ruling Hierarchy of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of USA and currently serves as beloved Archbishop to thousands of faithful.

Appointed Exarch to Ukraine in September 2018, he participated in the historic granting of autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. Archbishop Daniel was involved in key ceremonies, including the Unification Council and the official signing of the Tomos of Autocephaly in January 2019.

His Eminence constantly reminds the faithful not just to go to Church but be the Church, reflecting the Light of Christ in our lives!

*"Be thankful in good time and bad, in riches and in poverty,
in ease and in hardship... always be grateful!"*

- Archbishop Daniel

Letter from the Hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA on the 100th Anniversary of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Dear Fr. Mykola and Beloved Brothers and Sisters,
Christ is amongst us! Always Has been through a century of
parish existence! Always will be for at least another century to come!

By the Grace of God, we have come to the prayerful celebration
of the CENTENNIAL of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Family's existence! "THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD
HAS MADE, LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT?" (Ps. 118:24) The JOY you experience this day is



shared not only by our Church here in the USA, but by the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church throughout the entire world, including Ukraine, and the prayers of all Ukrainian and other Orthodox Christians are with you.

Our Almighty Father in Heaven has instilled within each of you the DEDICATION, DEVOTION and LOVE for God in the Holy Trinity and for our Holy Church, whose teachings and traditions you have kept intact as passed on to you by the former priests, founders, benefactors and all members of the parish over the past 100 YEARS! Six years ago we celebrated the Centennial of our UOC of the USA and five years ago our 1036 year old Orthodox Church of Ukraine was granted the Tomos of Autocephaly (Independence) by His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy Synod of Constantinople. In the light of all this, we call upon you to resolve within yourselves this day that each of you will pass your rich legacy on to your children, to your grandchildren and their descendants, not only intact, but also enriched by you as “co-creators” with God of the conditions of parish life, which are necessary for making those descendants and ALL who visit to pray with you, feel welcome and at home amongst you.

May those who look back on history from the viewpoint of the Third Millennium of Christian history – a mere 976 years from now – see in Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, an “ideal” family that shared with all mankind the Good News of Christ’s Resurrection and precious Gift of Salvation. If we are not ashamed of that Good News and of all our Lord’s teachings, He has assured us that He will not be ashamed of us when we come into His Kingdom. You and your ancestors have been faithful in the use of your God-Given talents over these 100 years! May He give you even larger and more important responsibilities to fulfill in the years ahead as the threats, especially to our youth and to all followers of Jesus Christ, become more tense in a very secularized and polarized society.

May each of you know in the depth of your hearts and souls – every day of your life – how much our Lord LOVES you, CARES for you and provides BLESSINGS for you – both manifest and unseen. To possess this knowledge and to live with true belief about it, will make you a blessing to all the world and people around you! In John 13:35, our Lord says, “By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you

love one another.” May you utilize all the blessings bestowed upon you to, in turn, bestow pure Love upon all around you. Be Christ to all the world around you. Be careful how you live your lives, because you may just be the only “Bible” that some around you will ever read.

May the Grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. We assure you of our prayers for you each and every day.

In our Lord’s All-Encompassing Love,

+ ANTONY – By the Grace of God, Metropolitan

+ DANIEL – By the Grace of God, Archbishop



Pastor`s Greeting on the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Beloved Parishioners & Friends,

It is with great joy and gratitude that we gather to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our beloved Parish. Over the past century, our Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Parish has been a beacon of faith, hope, and love, shining brightly in our hearts and in the world around us.

As we reflect on the journey that has brought us to this milestone, we are reminded of the dedication and commitment of those who came before us. Their faith and vision laid the foundation for the vibrant Parish family we are today. In the early part of the 20th century, when our forefathers arrived in the United State from our ancestral homeland Ukraine, they brought with them their spiritual grapevine which they transplanted here, in Youngstown, OH. That tiny shoot of Holy Orthodoxy, planted by God's right hand and indeed looked down upon from Heaven, took root here, and was cultivated by many good people, pastors and faithful, and has yielded good fruit.

Our ancestors could only hope that this occasion of Centennial Anniversary would come because they knew they would not live to see it. Today, on the occasion of our 100th Anniversary it is most fitting that we honor them, with prayerful thanksgiving to Almighty God. They looked and worked toward the future in this land being rooted in the Faith. We also, being the inheritors of their legacy, continue to pray and work for the benefit and future of our Parish, being rooted in the same Faith, trusting in the Lord with all our hearts!

On this 100th Anniversary we celebrate all that we have accomplished together. From our worship and sacramental life to our ministries and outreach efforts, we have truly been the hands and feet of Christ in our community. As we look to the future, let us continue to build on this foundation of faith, guided by the Holy Spirit and united in our mission to spread the Gospel message. May we always be a parish that welcomes all, loves all, and serves all.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your prayers and contributions, your love and dedication! May the Lord reward each of us for the Time, Talent, and Treasure we have offered, for the Stewardship to Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church. However, we are most grateful to the Lord for the abundant blessings that He has poured on all the generations who have been part of this Parish, continues to pour on each and every one of us today and will continue to pour His blessings on the generations to come.

I am overjoyed to greet you, beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, to be with you, and to be part of this celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Parish family. May the Ever-merciful Lord, who has brought us together at the time of establishing of the Parish 100 years ago, may He continue to unite us through His Holy Church, so together, we can continue to shine the light of Christ for generations to come. May our God continue to bless our Parish, and all of you, her faithful, with long life, health, and strength, for His glory, for many years to come!

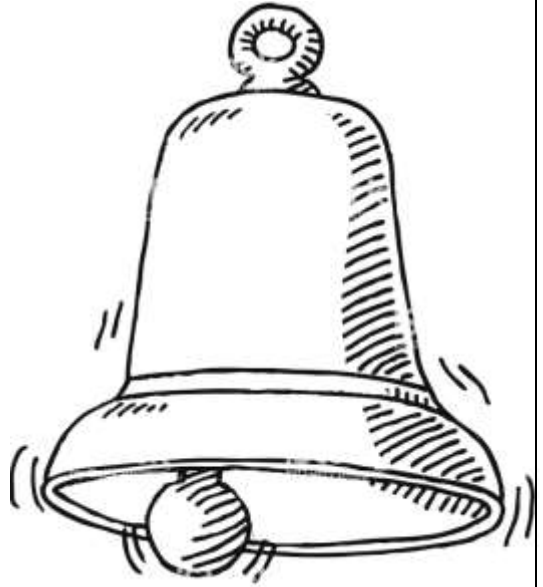
With heartfelt gratitude and prayers for God's continued blessings,
Rev Mykola Zomchak, *pastor*.



CHURCH BELL, BELFRY AND RINGING OF THE BELL

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! - Psalm 100

Church bell ringing is an integral part of the life of the Orthodox Church, and of the national heritage of people's spirituality and culture. By the grace of God, we are blessed to have our newly constructed and consecrated bell and belfry. This sacred addition will not only enhance our church's beauty but also serve as a profound symbol of our faith and unity. As the bell rings, it will call us to worship, echoing the divine presence and the enduring strength of our community. Through this gift, we are reminded of God's enduring grace and the collective effort of our parish in building and consecrating this holy instrument of faith.



What Is the Origin?

Since the fifth century, some Christian churches have been ringing bells for spiritual and practical purposes such as to call the faithful to worship, to highlight a particular stage during a church service, to remind the faithful of God's presence in their daily lives, and to announce important occurrences to the local community. The Bible neither requires nor forbids the ringing of church bells, but does encourage the faithful to "make a joyful noise" (Psalm 100). Since the fifth century, some Christian churches have been ringing bells for spiritual and practical purposes such as to call the faithful to worship, to highlight a particular stage during a church service, to remind the faithful of God's presence in their daily lives, and to announce important occurrences to the local community.

The use of bells in churches dates back to 400 AD when an Italian bishop named Paulinus of Nola introduced bells as part of Catholic church services. In 604 AD, Pope Sabinian officially sanctioned the ringing of church bells during worship. By the early Middle Ages, church bells were common in Europe among all the Churches.

As church bells became more common elsewhere in the world, their importance grew as church bells became used as a form of mass communication to convey religious and secular information or to summon people across large areas. For example, in 18th century America, church bells rang not only as a part of worship, but also to alert communities of important events such as the end of a war, of emergencies such as a fire, or of an important community gathering. In small villages, church bells also rang to announce deaths to solicit prayers for the deceased's soul, and rang in a kind of Morse code that the hearers knew how to decipher. When a death was announced by church bells, the age of the deceased was

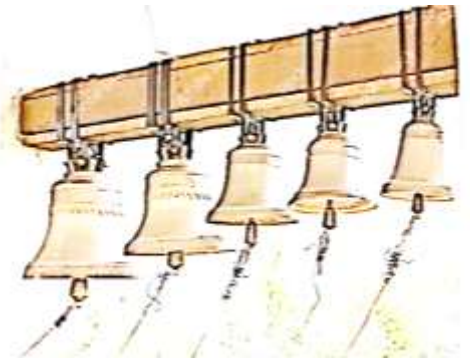
sometimes rung as well. In sparsely populated villages, such death knell rings could effectively identify who had just died.

What is the Purpose of Church Bells?

Church bell ringing is an integral part of Orthodoxy's divine services, and its absence can be justified only by lack of the necessary instruments.

Orthodox church bell ringing is dedicated to:

- Connection to the divine
- Invitation to prayer (divine services)
- Symbolic representation of the voice of God
- Remembrance of the faithful departed
- Announcing to the faithful, both those attending the services and those absent, the most important moments of the divine services;
- Strengthening Christians in piety and faith by its sound, which is alloyed with divine grace to disperse and destroy the forces of cruelty and of demonic suggestion, and to becalm dumb beasts and all of nature, and to turn them to the good of humanity.



In our traditional church bell ringing has been formed over many centuries, and has developed out of the use of semantrons and their rhythmic pealing. That is why the foundation of Orthodox bell ringing lies not in melody but in rhythm, with its intrinsic dynamic, and in the interaction of the timbres of [various] bells.

The typical features of the Orthodox bell ringing are spirituality, sonority, temper, precise timing, and synchronicity with the divine services.

Electronic imitation of any kind, amplification, non-traditional ways of producing sound, substitution of automatic systems for the bell-ringer, or the use of recordings are not allowed for Orthodox bell ringing, as they do not correspond with the liturgical tradition of the Church.

The Meaning of Church Bell Ringing

In the Orthodox church tradition, it has always been believed that bell ringing was the voice of God addressed to the people. It is heard in heaven and on earth. As a messenger of God, a bell ringer has no right to do his job poorly.

The sounding of church bells acts on people in some special way. Its impact is elusive, and at the same time very real. The music of the bells is also believed to have healing power.

Bells are special symbols. They can help us talk to God, cleanse our souls, protect us from bad things, and make us happy. They also remind us of the seasons and warn us of danger. Spiritually, bells symbolize faith and spiritual awakening, a reminder to be thankful and prayerful, and a way to honor our deceased loved ones.

People need to have faith. Material attributes and symbols are essential to the faith, as no-one can exist in a void. People find comfort in coming to church, lighting a candle and

listening to the choir. Everything at church serves to create a prayerful atmosphere. Bell ringing is a part of it.

Like architecture, icons and chanting, bells too were martyred and destroyed by anti-Christian regimes and philosophies. These holy melodies resounded across many lands for many years, renewing the spiritual hearts of people. Church bellringing can be a symbol that we need the consecrated sounds of our world to wake us up, to give us strength to endure, and to pray fully with our heart.

Divine Communication

Church bells are often seen as a form of divine communication. They remind us that God is in our lives and watching over us.

The sound of ringing church bells can be comforting, reminding us that we are not alone and that someone is always looking out for us.

In addition to serving as a form of divine communication, church bells also remind us of God's presence in our lives. When we hear the sound of church bells ringing, it can help us to feel more connected to our faith and to remember that God is with us always. It is

believed that the sound waves produced by the church bell ringing can ward off evil spirits and protect against harm.

In Conclusion

Hearing the sound of church bells carries great spiritual significance. From serving as a form of divine communication to reminding us of God's presence in our lives, they play an important role in Christian worship.

The loud, resonant sound of the bell is believed to sanctify the air and surroundings, driving away negative forces, much like incense purifies the physical space of the church. The Bell, serving as a reminder of the voice of God, calling people to prayer, repentance, and a spiritual life, symbolizing divine presence and guidance, urging believers to leave behind worldly concerns and focus on higher, spiritual matters, it brings people closer to God. Moreover, the belfry, as the physical structure housing the bells, is often seen as a watchtower. Its height symbolizes the church's vigilance over the spiritual well-being of its people. From the belfry, the sound of the bells can be heard far and wide, reminding even those far from the church of God's presence and the call to spiritual attentiveness.

So next time you hear the bell ringing, take a moment to reflect on the deeper meaning.



St. Sophia Cathedral Bell Tower (249 ft), Kyiv Ukraine

Join our parish!

*Thank you for your interest
in our parish.*



Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to your home parish after a while of being away to continue to practice your faith, or are interested in finding out more about the Orthodox Church, **we are happy to have you here.**

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish with its 100 years history is a community of believers and a spiritual family that is supportive and loving. We are called together by God to share in the mission of Jesus Christ by meeting the spiritual needs of our people within Christ established true Church. According to the Orthodox Tradition we pray together at Sunday & Festal Liturgies, perform Sacraments, and other services for the spiritual needs. **Our parish is a place to grow spiritually, to put your faith in action, and to use our unique, God-given gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ.** We look forward to being a place you feel comfortable at and assist you in growing your relationship with God.

We encourage everyone to become a parishioner - a steward - of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Please leave us your name & phone number on **the form in the back of the church** (or mail it to us) or give us a call at 330 799 3830. Will be happy to help you and answer any questions you may have.



In the meantime, please feel welcome to our Church, we are glad you`re praying with us and we will be happy to have you join our Parish.

In Christ,
Fr. Mykola Zomchak, *pastor.*

100th Anniversary Icon of Sts. Peter and Paul holding our Church

The newly developed Icon of Sts. Peter and Paul holding our church carries profound significance and spiritual meaning for our faith community.

Spiritual Significance:

Unity and Foundation: Sts. Peter and Paul, as the foremost apostles, symbolize the foundational pillars of the Christian Church. St. Peter represents the rock upon which Christ built His Church, and St. Paul embodies the transformative power of the Gospel to the Gentiles. Their depiction holding our church signifies the unity and strength of the Church's foundation, grounded in the teachings and sacrifices of these apostles.



Divine Protection: The Icon of the apostles holding the church reflects their role as protectors and intercessors for the Christian community, representing their spiritual support and guidance, invoking their patronage to safeguard our parish and its faithful from spiritual adversity.

Continuity of Faith: This icon underscores the continuity of the Church's mission from the early Christian period to the present day. It highlights the enduring relevance of apostolic teachings and the Church's commitment to preserving and disseminating these teachings through generations.

Guidance and Inspiration: St. Peter's steadfastness and leadership, alongside St. Paul's missionary zeal and theological insight, serve as enduring examples of faith and dedication. Their portrayal in this Icon inspires the faithful to emulate their virtues in personal spiritual journeys.

It also carries a great Theological Meaning.

Apostolic Authority: By depicting Sts. Peter and Paul holding our church, the icon reaffirms the apostolic authority that continues to guide the Church. It symbolizes the transmission of Christ's authority through the apostles to the present Church, ensuring that its teachings remain authentic and true to the Gospel.

Christ's Presence: The icon also serves as a visual testament to Christ's presence within the Church. St. Peter and St. Paul, as integral parts of the Church's foundation, are depicted as holding the structure, signifying that Christ remains at the heart of the Church, guiding and sustaining it through His apostles.

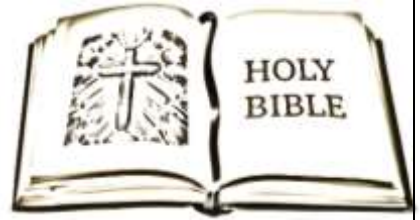
Communal Identity: The Icon visually represents the Church as a living entity held together by the common faith and dedication of its members, with the apostles as eternal witnesses to this shared spiritual journey. In essence, this new icon is not just a work of art but a living symbol of the Church's foundation, protection, and continuity. It invites the faithful to deepen their connection with the apostles' legacy and reinforces the sacred bond between the Church's past, present, and future.



Sharing our Summer Experience:

- **Nicholas Yarosh:** My favorite parts of summer were church camp, visiting Oglebay and playing with my dog Freddie.
- **Zach McCormick:** My favorite part about summer vacation was camping. I like camping because I get to play with my friend Coby. I like to swim and fish.
- * **Avery Mccornick:** My favorite part of summer was playing outside and Swimming. I Went on my first waterslide all by myself! I got to hold a baby Kangaroo.
- **Addison Ratliff:** My summer highlights included spending time with my family, watching all of Harry Potter movies, and swimming. For swim team I made it to Championships for back and breast stroke and I placed in both.
- **Bailey Blair Bailey:** started her summer competing at the Ohio Sunburst finals beauty pageant, where she placed in all categories that she entered and received her crown for Ohio 2nd runner up Princess. She has also been to the OBX, North Carolina, and is getting ready to go back in a few weeks. She also did many activities including visits to the zoo, science center, the Spillway, Living Treasures, a water park, and even attended the Canfield fair all 6 days.
- **Sophia & Katherine Zomchak:** This summer was so much fun! We got to go to visit at camp and meet new friends. We also attended the UOL convention, which was very nice. This summer Sophia was improving her skills at gymnastics and Katherine was learning how to swim. The weather was nice, so we spent a lot of time outside playing with our parents, with our friends on weekends, but especially with our grandma (babusia) Maria. We even went to the pool to have fun in the water. We also love warm weather because we get to wear our beautiful dresses to Church! It was an awesome summer, and we`re already excited for next year! Now, looking forward to a wonderful Fall and all that it will bring.

Leave Your Bible Open



Which doors in your home do you leave open?

It may sound like a silly question, because doors are usually meant to be closed. They prevent access. Refrigerator doors aren't intended to hang wide open all day and cool your kitchen. Exterior doors opening to the outside prevent unwanted pests from living in your home with you, as long as you keep those doors closed. But doors open all the time? That sends a different message. A doorway with the door open all the time is really no longer a doorway. It is more of an entryway. **"For the word of God is alive and active" (Heb 4:12).**

The Bible isn't a door. It isn't meant to keep some people out, or keep everyone out some times. The Bible is God's Word that is accessible 24/7, but more than that.

God's Word is doing something. It is an agent. It doesn't just talk about being alive. It brings you to life. It doesn't just promote active faith and love. It activates your faith and love. Jesus once said, **"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt 4:4).**

The Bible is life, because it is God's life-giving, life-changing truth. So why shut it down? Why log out of it? Why close it for the day or the night?



Here's a suggestion. **Leave your Bible open.** Like the magazine on your coffee table or the pile of bills on your kitchen counter. Those sit out because you are going to get right back to them.

If you close your Bible, put it back on the shelf, tuck it into a drawer, you'll tend to overlook it. So leave your Bible out on the kitchen counter, on your night stand or coffee table. And leave it open.

I'm only a visitor here

A tourist visits a Monk and was astonished to see that the room of the Monk was very simple having a mat and wooden pots.

Tourist : " Where is your furniture and household things? "

Monk : " Where is yours? "

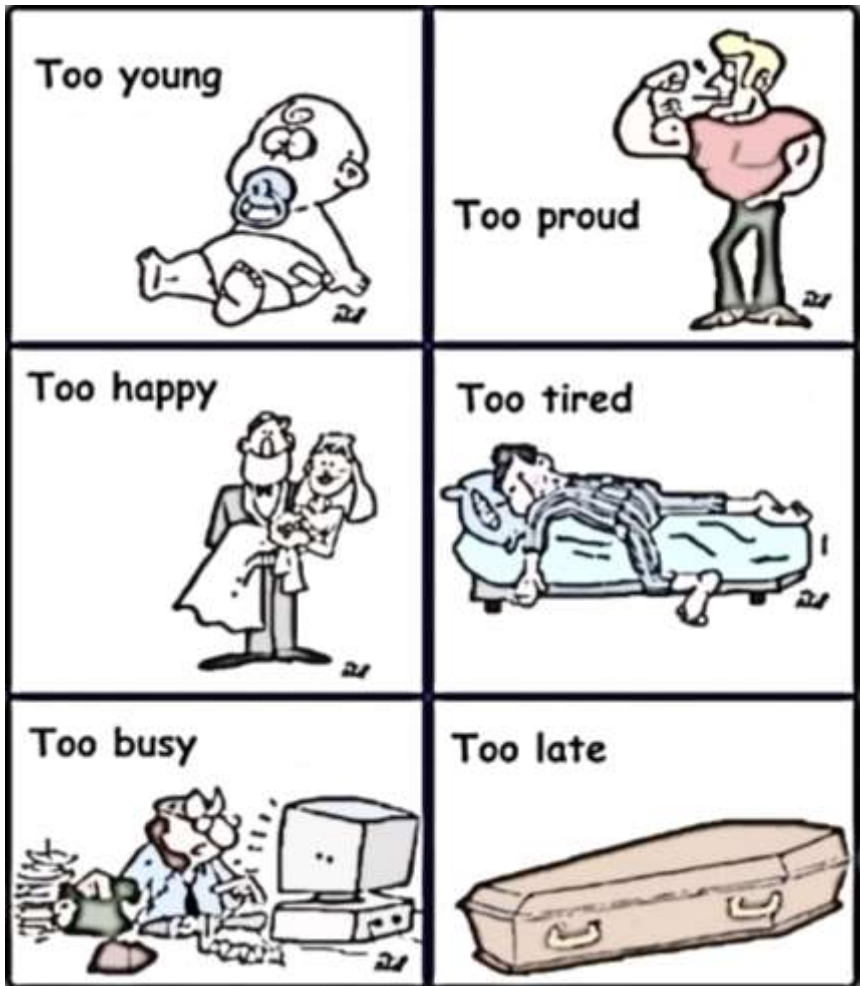
Tourist : " Mine? But I'm only a visitor here. "

Monk : " Me too! "



Moral: "We are all just visitors here on earth, passing through for a short time. What matters most is how we live, the love we share, and the relationship we develop with God."

Do
YOU
have
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Time
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NOT SURE WHAT TO DO IN YOUR LIFE?

- Feed the hungry
 - Help the stranger
 - Clothe the naked
 - Visit the sick



AND GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!



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