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WELCOME All! Welcome to the God-Loving and God-Protected Parish of Saints Peter and Paul! A Parish of the UOC of the USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Our warmest greetings are extended to all visitors and guests, and to all of our beloved parishioners who are participating in today's Divine Liturgy. We are blessed to have you with us today! If you are with us for the first time, PLEASE introduce yourself to Father Yurii – he is looking forward to meeting you! Also, please feel free to email or call Father Yurii with any questions and let him know what is going on in your life, especially if you need spiritual guidance. We hope that you will find peace and comfort in Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church. You are very welcome to come every Sunday and on feast days, make yourself at home, and to become a part of our parish family. Through your prayers and dedication of time, talents, and donations, this can become a reality in all faith and love.

OCTOBER 6TH
2024

Sunday, October 6

St Innocent the Aleut
Epistle Reading: 2 Cor: 4:6-15,
Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16
Divine Liturgy – 9:30

Sunday, October 13

Martyr Carpus
Epistle Reading: 2 Cor 6:1-10
Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15
Divine Liturgy – 9:30

Saturday, October 19
Demetrius Soul Saturday
Epistle Reading: 1 Cor 14:20-25
Gospel Reading: Luke 7:2-10
Divine Liturgy – 9:30

Sunday, October 20
Great Martyr Artemius
Epistle Reading: 2 Cor 6:16-7:1
Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31
Divine Liturgy – 9:30

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH

GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

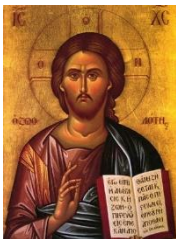


Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The Gospel According to Luke 7:11-16



At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the citizens and residents of Ukraine, Stanley, Julia Walek, pani Lilia, Jean Markiw, Debbie, Wesly, Cindy, Christine, Denny Zymboly, Ruth Dally, Philip, Eric, Carl, Kayden, Rose, Dorothy Cygan, Helen, Fr. Vasyl, Mary-Ann, Payton, Anthony, Tina, Mykola, Stella, Maksymko, Fr. Yuri, Maria, Fr. Jakiw, Fr. George, Volodymyr, Alexandr, Vincent, John, Frank, Rowena, Carol.

PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

October 6th – Potluck, bring a dish to share with everyone.

October 8th – Ss. Peter and Paul Fellowship meeting.

October 13th – Coffee Hour organized by Pani Olha with family. (Samuel’s Birthday)

October 20th – Coffee hour, organized by Antoinette Kenedy.

Last week on **September 28th** our Hierarch Archbishop Daniel was celebrating his Birthday! We greet His Eminence Archbishop Daniel on his birthday! We pray that our Lord will grant him peace, safety, honor, good health and length of days “rightly teaching” the word of God’s truth! Axios! God grant you many blessed years Vladyko!

On Saturday, October 7th, at 5 pm the Ss. Peter and Paul Fellowship will be organizing and baking cookies to distribute to those in need within our community. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in service, share our time and talents, and bring a little warmth to others. Everyone is invited to help bake, package, or distribute. Let's come together to spread kindness and make a positive impact!

Thank You Notes:

We would like to express out gratitude to all who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on September 15th, thank you for your commitment to the life of our parish. Your input, ideas, and fellowship made this gathering a meaningful time for reflecting on our past and planning for the future. We also extend our gratitude to those who contributed to the Potluck luncheon – the wonderful dishes and warm company truly made this event special.

We also wish to thank the Lesney family and the Ss. Peter and Paul Fellowship for hosting the Hayride yesterday. It was a delightful evening, and we are grateful to everyone who attended,

brought food, and made the event a time of joy and fellowship. The warmth of our community was truly felt amidst the fall festivities.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation in these parish events.

Pirohi Sale Announcement

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped with our last Pirohi Sale! Your hard work and dedication made it a great success, and we couldn't have done it without the effort from our volunteers.

We are excited to announce that our next Pirohi sale will be on Friday, October 11th. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the kitchen as we continue this beloved tradition!

Since the establishment of our new Ss Peter and Paul Christian fellowship, we have achieved much together. From organizing events to aiding those in need, and simply coming together as one family, our efforts have been a testament to our commitment to serving others and glorifying God. We extend a warm invitation to all to become involved in our organization and contribute to our shared mission of serving our neighbors for the greater glory of God.

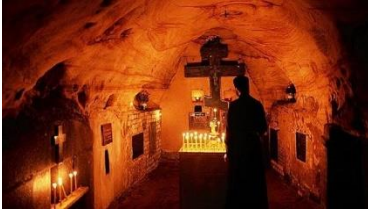
Dear brothers and sisters, we are still gathering the contribution for help in Ukraine. If you would like to send your contribution, you could send the check to our parish of Ss. Peter and Paul and made it Payable to the Ss. Peter and Paul UOCOFUSA. Please, write on the check "Help Ukraine". Thank you all so much for your support and help! We encourage everyone to continue to give generously to our Capital Improvement Fund as we continue to work on different projects of maintaining and updating our Parish buildings.

PARISH CELEBRATION

From the bottom of Ss. Peter and Paul parish family heart we wish **Karen Sheptak (October 2nd), Samuel Bobko (October 3rd), Kat Rudolf (October 13th), Barb King (October 19th), Zach Prokopchak (October 27th)** Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary to **Adriane and Chad Hassler (October 1st)**! May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

St. Demetrius' Commemorative Saturday (October 19th)



In the Orthodox Church, St. Demetrius' Commemorative Saturday, also known as "Demetrius Saturday," is observed on the Saturday before the feast of St. Demetrius the Myrrh-Gusher (October 26th). This day is dedicated to the remembrance of the departed, particularly those who have fallen asleep in the faith. It is an opportunity for us to pray for the souls of our loved ones and all those who have gone before us. The commemoration emphasizes the importance of the Church's continual intercession for the departed and reminds us of the hope we have in the resurrection. As we gather for this special memorial, let us offer our prayers in faith and love for all who rest in the Lord.

Shining Christ's Love Amidst War: Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine via Germany



In times of profound suffering and unimaginable cruelty, such as the ongoing war in Ukraine, the human heart often finds itself torn between anguish and hope. Yet, through the grace of God, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA remains steadfast in its mission to be a vessel of love and healing for those most affected. As bombs continue to fall and innocent lives are taken, the Church's humanitarian efforts stand as a testament to the power of Christ's love, which transcends borders and brings hope to the hopeless.

Recently, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel traveled to Germany to personally oversee the distribution of vital aid to Ukraine. His visit was not merely a logistical mission, but a deeply spiritual one, rooted in the Gospel commandment to love and care for one another. Through its humanitarian hubs in Poland and Germany, the Church continues to provide critical relief to those suffering in Ukraine. Archbishop Daniel's journey to Germany served as a reminder of the Church's unwavering commitment to serving the afflicted, guided by the hands of Christ Himself.

One of the most moving moments of the Archbishop's visit was his time spent with the Ukrainian Orthodox community in Munich. Their dedication to the ministry of love and service has been nothing short of inspiring. In close partnership with the German Roman Catholic community, the Ukrainian Orthodox faithful in Munich have become living icons of Christian unity, working tirelessly to ensure that the Church's humanitarian aid reaches those in need. Their efforts remind us that, even in times of great darkness, the light of Christ continues to shine through His people.

During his visit, Archbishop Daniel had the blessing of witnessing a powerful and symbolic expression of this shared mission: the dedication of a pictorial display of the Church's ministry at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Munich. This display is more than just a collection of images; it is a visual testament to the mercy and love that flows from the hearts of those who have chosen to serve their suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. It stands as a reminder that even in the darkest times, the love of God is alive and active in the world.

Archbishop Daniel's visit also provided an opportunity to extend deep gratitude to all those who have supported the Church's mission - donors, volunteers, and supporters who have answered the call to be Christ's hands and feet in a broken world. Their selfless contributions are not just acts of charity but expressions of the divine commandment to love one another as Christ has loved us. Together, they have brought light into places where only darkness seemed to reign.



violence, and despair.

May the Lord bless and strengthen all those who labor in this holy mission, and may we continue to live out the commandment of Christ's love, bringing healing to the wounded, hope to the despairing, and light to those walking in darkness. Through His grace, we will stand with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters until the day when peace is restored and the light of God's love shines brightly over all His people.

UOC of the USA Continues to Send Life-Giving Aid to the People of Ukraine



Amidst the continued conflict and destruction in Ukraine, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA has been unwavering in its commitment to providing humanitarian aid to those affected by the ongoing war. Under the guidance of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel oversees these efforts, working closely with the Very Rev. Fr. Kostyantyn Kuznetsov, his wife Natalia, and their son, seminarian Dmytro, to bring comfort and relief to those in need. Together, they work with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Serhiy of Mariupol and Donetsk, reaching some of the most devastated regions of eastern Ukraine.

Fr. Kostyantyn, dean of the Donetsk Deanery of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, has been instrumental in coordinating the delivery of aid to bombed towns and villages such as Kostyantynivka, Pokrovsk, Myrnohrad, Petropavlivka, Sviatohirsk, and Rodynsk. With each package of food, medicine, and supplies, he and his team also bring the love of Christ, offering not only material relief but spiritual comfort to those who have lost so much. In a recent update, Fr. Kostyantyn shared these heartfelt words:

"Today, after the service, our team worked all day. We have everything as usual: packaging, distribution. During the whole day working with people, you will hear many life stories, and all of them are difficult, full of pain and tears. Our mission is to help and comfort a person, to sow a flame of hope."



The physical needs of the Ukrainian people remain great, but the spiritual mission - to offer hope and healing in the name of Christ—stands at the heart of this humanitarian ministry. Even in the face of danger, as drones fly overhead and alarms sound, the Church presses on, laboring tirelessly for those displaced, wounded, and suffering.

Archbishop Daniel has reflected on these efforts with deep gratitude, offering this response:

"With a heart filled with love and appreciation, I thank Very Rev. Fr. Kostyantyn Kuznetsov, his family, and all those working in the Donetsk region for their incredible dedication and ministry to the people of Ukraine. The work you are doing is more than delivering food or supplies—it is bringing the presence of God into the lives of those who feel abandoned and lost. Your hands are Christ's hands, your love is His love, and through you, God is at work in the world."

"I also want to extend my profound thanks to the clergy, faithful, and friends of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, especially St. Joseph Roman Catholic Parish of Hillsborough, NJ, and its pastor, Rev. Fr. Hank Hilton. Your cooperation and financial assistance have been a source of strength and sustenance for our humanitarian efforts. Together, we are accomplishing great things for the people of Ukraine, offering them not only help but hope."

"But let us not stop here, my dear brothers and sisters. The need is still great, and our efforts must continue. As Fr. Kostyantyn has so poignantly shared, the people we serve are filled with pain and tears, and it is our sacred responsibility to bring them comfort. Do not grow weary in well-doing. Each donation, each act of kindness, each prayer offered is a lifeline to someone in need. Remember, 'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' (Matthew 25:40). Let us persevere, knowing that God blesses our every effort and that through our collective work, we will one day see peace and healing in Ukraine."

The tireless work of the UOC of the USA has not gone unnoticed by those on the ground in Ukraine. In a recent message, Fr. Kostyantyn expressed his gratitude for the continued support from Archbishop Daniel and the entire congregation:

"Yesterday we had a very busy and difficult day. We work 24/7. Thanks to the entire congregation of the UOC of the USA, we met the truck again, unloaded, packaged, and quickly distributed between the alarms to the needy, displaced persons, and the wounded."



"During the day, drones fly over the city, there have been repeated shellings, there are buried and wounded. And so it continues every day, every night... Even now, as I write this post, I can hear the alarm sounding. Yet, we work and pray."

Together we are stronger and can do even more acts of charity—this makes our work more fruitful. Our goal is to work for the people and for Victory!"

These powerful words serve as a reminder of the immense challenges faced by the Ukrainian people and the tireless efforts of the Church to provide for their needs. Yet, the message is clear: together, we can accomplish much. Together, we can bring hope where there is despair.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA calls upon all its faithful, friends, and benefactors to continue supporting these efforts. Now is not the time to grow weary, but to press on with even greater determination, knowing that through our collective prayers and financial contributions, we are helping to carry the burden of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

May the Lord bless every act of kindness, every donation, and every prayer offered. In these difficult times, we stand united in Christ, working for the people of Ukraine and the ultimate victory of peace and justice.