

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

The feast of St. Peter and Paul is a day of obligation for the Ukrainian Catholic Church. This Feast honors the two apostles who were responsible for laying the foundation for the Church of Christ. Their significance to us was understood by Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, who wrote, "All that we have, we owe to their apostolic labors and prayers . . . St. Paul, the Apostle, claims first place, for in his letters he has given to the Church a rich revelation of God, and a wealth of divine teachings . . . The Liturgical Year gives the Apostle Peter first place, assigning him two days in the year, January 16th and June 29th." Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome under the Emperor Nero in the year 67. Peter was crucified head down at his own request. Paul was a Roman citizen and, therefore, could not be crucified according to Roman law. He was beheaded. The Church unites them in a common celebration on June 29th and gives them identical honor. Peter was a simple fisherman who realized the holiness of Jesus the first time he saw Christ. There is no doubt that Simon enjoyed a special relationship as a leader of the Apostles. Christ called him the "Rock" (Peter) and said that upon this Rock He would build His Church. An important role of Peter and the Patriarchates founded by him was to speak on matters affecting the entire Church, including teachings and doctrine, both East and West, North and South. Saint Paul, on the other hand, had a different calling and role within the Church. His various letters to the Churches makes him the patron of the Local Church. Paul was raised in the strictest possible tradition of Pharisaic Judaism and was a Pharisee himself. He severely persecuted Christians until Christ met him in a powerful and intimate way. He went from being the most unlikely person to adapt Christianity to non-Jews, to being the Apostle of the Gentiles! For St. Paul, the Church existed at different levels. The most basic level was the "Home Church" run by parents and grandparents. This was where Christianity was taught and experienced. In times of persecution, the Home Church was often the only place where Christianity could be lived and passed on. The next level, the Local Church, is where the Gospel was proclaimed in a way the local community could understand and celebrate it according to its own culture and experience. The Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul represent the relationship between the Universal Church (Peter's work) and the Local Church (Paul's work). We are part of the Universal Church where we find life in the Holy Mysteries (sacraments) and the teachings of Christ. We belong to the Universal Church by being members of the Local Church. The Local Church gives meaning to the Holy Mysteries and teachings of the Universal Church in the light of the cultural understandings and world-view of the particular Local Church. Our Local Church follows the Kyivan (Ukrainian) Tradition which reflects our historic cultural identity and values. But the Ukrainian Tradition doesn't belong only to us. The Feast of Peter and Paul offers us a vision of what our Church should be: outward reaching with an inward focus. The Kyivan tradition is not just for Ukrainians. We have been entrusted with a treasure of spiritual culture which we are meant to share so that others may have a fuller experience of God. Ss. Peter and Paul are honored together since they bring together both understandings of the Church. The one brings light to the message of the Gospel and the other makes the light shine more brightly for us by adapting the message to our world-view.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of June 25 to July 2, 2023

Sunday, Jun 25	4th Sunday after Pentecost	Connie Butkus
Jun 26	No Liturgy	
Jun 27	No Liturgy	
Jun 28	Sts. Peter & Paul - Holy Day of Obligation	5:00PM
Jun 29	No Liturgy	
Jun 30	No Liturgy	
July 1	No Liturgy	
Sunday, July 2	5th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Frank Santichen

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

**4th Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine**

Romans 6:18-23 & Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 8:5-13 & Matthew 5:1-16

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Feast Day Troparion (Tone 4)

O you who glorified Christ: princes and bishops, monastics and martyrs, and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times, pray Christ God to look with favor on our people and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith that the souls of prayerful faithful who revere your sacred memory may be saved. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

You arose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

You shine as bright beacons, O God-inspired and righteous saints of our Church. By your encouraging example you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christians world. Therefore we humbly bow our heads to you thanking our great and all-gracious God Who has made you our intercessors in heaven where you pray for our souls.

Prokeimenion (Tone 3)

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - June 18, 2023 - \$5.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

Relief for Ukraine - Financial help to Ukraine can be done by writing a check to:

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine.

Vacation Bible School - VBS will be July 31 to Aug 4. Mark your calendars.

Potato Fest - The annual Ebensburg Potato Fest will be September 30th.

Parish Picnic - Our annual Summer Picnic will be on July 16.

Potato Fest Cooking - Anyone interested in helping to make the food for the Potato Fest please see Edna so that a schedule can be formulated.

Renovations - As one can see renovations are taking place in our parish.

There are several phases that will happen. The hall is currently being remodeled.

The nave will be painted. The bathrooms will be moved to have better access for people in need. All renovations will be complete by 2026

for the 100th Anniversary of our parish. Any donation time and/or money to help defray the cost will be greatly appreciated.

Painters Needed - The hall should be ready for painting by next week, anyone wishing to help paint please see Deacon Chris. Painters will be able to paint when your schedule permits.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

When I was a child—one of five—our parents left nothing to chance when preparing for our summer vacation. Lists were made and trunks packed weeks in advance. On the morning of the trip, a final check was made. When everything was deemed ready, we piled into the station wagon and began the six-hour drive. Then, sometime into the trip, our mother realized that something was missing: one of my sisters. We drove back home, where my father found her sitting on the toilet.

Happy 23rd Anniversary to Todd and Renee
May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!
Многая і благая літа!