

**The icon screen (iconostasis)**

A large icon screen or iconostasis is a particular feature of the Byzantine tradition; with doors at the center to allow the clergy to solemnly enter the sanctuary, and smaller doors at the side for access to the sanctuary at other times, it symbolically joins the nave and sanctuary, serving as the "gate of heaven." The icons here are arranged in a particular pattern, always including our Lord Jesus Christ and his Mother, the patronal saint of this particular community, and the other principal saint of the Byzantine tradition. Larger iconostasis may also include icons of the twelve apostles and the twelve Great

Feasts of the Byzantine Rite. The central doors, called the holy doors, are only used for solemn processions; in fact, for some services such as daily vespers, they are never opened. During the Bright Week following Pascha, the feast of the Resurrection, on the other hand, they are left open for the entire week, to symbolize the fact that because of the Resurrection, "heaven is open to all."



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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

<b>Sunday, June 30</b>	6th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Harry & Anna Sinchock
<b>July 1</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>July 2</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>July 3</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>July 4</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>July 5</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>July 6</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, July 7</b>	7th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Michael Lutak from Jeremy Yahner

*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.*

**6th Sunday after Pentecost  
Feast of Saints Peter and Paul**

**Romans 12:6-14  
2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9**

**Matthew 9:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-19**

*Troparion - Tone 5*

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

*Troparion of Feast - Tone 4*

As the leaders of the apostles and teachers of the whole world, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

*Kondakion - Tone 5*

You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind. now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion of Feast - Tone 2*

You received Your inspired and steadfast preachers, Your chief disciples, into the enjoyment of Your good things and into repose. You, who alone know the heart, accepted their labors and death more gladly than any holocaust.

*Prokeimen - Tone 8*

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

*Verse:* The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

*Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse:* The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse:* God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Hymn to the Mother of God page 853*

O my soul magnify Peter, the solid rock of Christ's Church and Paul her chosen vessel. You, most glorious Bride and all holy Mother of God, in song do we magnify; for the master of all things seen and unseen was born of you.

*Communion Verse*

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

**Weekly Collection** - June 23, 2024 - \$87.00. Thank you for your generosity.  
Sunday - \$60.00 Misc. - \$22.00 Candles - \$5.00

## PARISH NEWS

**Parish Picnic** - Our annual picnic will be on July 21. Chicken will be provided.

Please bring a side and a dessert to add to the meal.

**Blessing of Vehicles** - On July 21, Fr. Andriy will be blessing vehicles after the Liturgy before we eat for the picnic.

**Vacation Bible School** - July 29 through August 2 for all school age children.

Please turn in your registration forms by July 7th.

### Up Coming Events:

Gob Day - Wednesday, July 10 at 4:30PM

Pyrohi Day - Tues. & Wed., July 16 & 17 8:00AM to ?

Parish Picnic - July 21 (Covered Dish)

Sight and Sound - DANIEL - July 25

Bible School - July 29 through August 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Ebensburg Potato Fest - Saturday, September 28 for 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Parish Feast Day Dinner - Sunday, October 6 (Covered Dish)

St. Nicholas Visit - Sunday, December 1 (Covered Dish)

### Prayer List

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

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Pat Bodenski,



### Annual Parish Summer Picnic

July 21st

Bring your favorite covered dish to the picnic in 3 Sundays.  
Good Food, Fellowship and Games

### Joke of the Day

Three people were visiting and viewing the Grand Canyon - an artist, a pastor and a cowboy. As they stood on the edge of that massive abyss, each one responded with a cry of exclamation. The artist said, "Ah, what a beautiful scene to paint!" The minister cried, "What a wonderful example of the handiwork of God!" The cowboy mused, "What a terrible place to lose a cow!"