

Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church /Assumption B.V.M. Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Please notify the rectory office if you or a loved one is hospitalized or admitted to a nursing home

Office Hours: Mon. Tues.- 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

1ST Collection : Candles

2nd Collection: Regular Offering

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017

Saturday – November 18, 2017

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – For the Parishioners

Sunday – November 19, 2017

8:15 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – +Anastasia Hopey req. by Anna Smith Family

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM - +John & Edna Antonelli req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ken Wagner

Monday – November 20, 2017

Vigil of the Entrance of the Theotokos

6:00 PM - +Dan & Michelle Whyne req. by Mom, Helen, Donna & Richard

Tuesday –November 21, 2017

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

9:00 AM – Assumption BVM - +Boris Maksymuk & +Mary Tracey req. by Family

Wednesday – November 22, 2017

8:00 AM - +John Kuzo, Sr. req. by Children

Thursday – November 23, 2017

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM – In Thanksgiving for God’s Blessings

Friday – November 24, 2017

No Divine Liturgy

Saturday – November 24, 2017

No Morning Divine Liturgy

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – For the Parishioners

Sunday – November 26, 2017

8:15 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – In Honor of the 100th Birthday of Irene Novak req. by George Ann & Paul Katchick

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM - +Francis Jurgill req. by Wife, Barbara and Children

Mystery (Sacrament) of Penance

Is available before each Divine Liturgy on Saturday, 3:15 PM to 4:00 PM and on Sunday in Ss. Peter & Paul Church 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM, and at Assumption BVM Church on Sunday before 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the confessionals.

Welcome: We the people of Ss. Peter & Paul and Assumption Churches, are a catholic community that worships God, spreads the Good News of Christ, and serves those in need. Come into the house. Bring all you are, no need to check your failures at the door. There are no perfect people here. You are invited: come. Come in seeking, come in wondering, come in hurting. Come into this house of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Ss. Peter & Paul/Assumption Churches open their doors to you.

Bulletin Requests

Any requests for any information to be placed in the bulletin must be in writing and submitted to the church office by 12:00 Noon on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Vibrant Parish

A place to encounter the living Christ through the Word of God, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One’s Neighbor, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity & Missionary Spirit.

Please Remember

To pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life.

Rosary Intention

For the week of November 19, 2017 – For the Sick and Infirm of our Parishes

In Your Prayers

Please remember to pray for the sick & infirm of our Parishes.

Your Stewardship

We thank you for your financial support of our parish communities. Your weekly offerings are a visible sign of your love for our parish and your commitment to its mission.

Upcoming Events

Nov 21: Entrance of the Theotokos (Solemn Holy Day)
Nov 22: Soup and Sandwich
Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day
Nov 29-Dec 1: Halupki Preparations
Dec 2: Halupki Pickups 9 AM to Noon
Dec 6: St. Nicholas of Myra (Solemn Holy Day)
Dec 6: Soup and Sandwich
Dec 7: Decorating Ss. Peter & Paul (6 PM)
Dec 8: Maternity of the Holy Anna (Solemn Holy Day)
Dec 9: Brunch with the Grinch

Ss. Peter & Paul Replenish Fund Donations as of November 12, 2017

Total To Date: \$75,059.54

Replenish Fund: None

Rebuilding Fund: None

Weekly Parish Financial Report

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Sunday, November 12, 2017	\$1,815.00
Expenses:	\$4,659.12
Sunday, November 13, 2016	\$2,186.00

Assumption BVM Church

Sunday, November 12, 2017	\$ 570.50
Expenses:	\$1,114.14
Sunday, November 13, 2016	\$ 725.75

Memorial: \$200 In Memory of +Robert & Helen Konopka by Karen Abdiroglu, Suzanne Rinker, & Family

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Lector Schedule

Sat– November 18th	
Ellen Goretsky	4:00 PM
Sun – November 19th	
Chris Bogner	9:15 AM
Sat– November 25th	
Ed Cuff	4:00 PM
Sun – November 26th	
Justina Eisenhart	9:15 AM

Assumption BVM Church Lector Schedule

Sun – November 19th	
Zachary Gee	11:00 AM
Sun – November 26th	
Kianna Rizzo	11:00 AM

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers can be sponsored weekly for \$35.00 per arrangement. Parishioners can sponsor these flowers in Memory of a loved one, or for any occasion. Anyone interested in sponsoring flowers may call 570-339-0650.

Advent Season

During the time of “Christmas Fast” the Psalm of Typica/Beatitudes found on page 6 and page 10 respectively of the white Divine Liturgy booklet will be responded instead of the regular Sunday or Weekday Antiphons. This will last until the Sunday before Christmas.

Replenishment Fund Gifts

We are still accepting donations/gifts to our Parish Replenishment Fund established almost three years ago to restore monies that were used for the church renovations and repairs. Please consider making a special donation to this Fund. All donations remain here in our parish and are meant to secure the future financial health of our church. Your gift/donation will be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Holy Name Raffle – Lottery Tickets Needed!

The men of our Holy Name will be conducting a raffle for a Lottery Ticket Tree. Tickets will be sold through the date of the drawing which will be December 17th. The Holy Name will purchase the majority of the lottery tickets. However, if you would like to contribute to this project, we ask that you purchase a scratch off lottery ticket in any amount, put it in an envelope marked “Holy Name” and place it in the collection basket. Your tickets will be added to the tree until the date of the drawing! Please consider helping us with this worthwhile cause to make it a fun project and a grand success! Thanks so much!

Daily Divine Liturgy

A word of encouragement to all of you about participation in daily Divine Liturgy. What a beautiful way to start the day! Your desire to meet and receive the Lord on a daily basis allows Jesus to refresh and renew your life as only He can. Please consider making a commitment to attend one or more liturgies on weekday mornings.

Brunch With The Grinch

The Grinch had such a great time last year at our brunch, he’s decided to come back again this year! Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Ss. Peter & Paul Church. Advance Tickets Only. Tickets: Adults: \$8, Children under 12 years \$6, Children under 2 years Free. Ticket price includes: Grinch Brunch Buffet, Beverage, 3 game tickets, Make & Take Craft, Photo Op with the Grinch, Story Time and 1 chance for the Door Prize. For tickets or more info, contact the church office during regular business hours at 570-339-0650.

Pyrohy Sale

Thank you to everyone who came out to help with the Ss. Peter & Paul/Assumption BVM Pyrohy Sale this past week. Your help was greatly appreciated. Our next sale is Wednesday, December 13th and Thursday, December 14th. Work starts each day at 8 AM. **Orders for December must be received in the office by Noon on Thursday, December 7th.** Orders received after that time will be placed on a waiting list if we have extras. We are always in need of helping hands in all aspects of this project. Anyone interested in helping, please come to the church hall on the above dates and give us as much time of your time as you can. Many hands make the job easier for everyone!

Spiritual Reading Lending Library

We have assembled a library based upon spiritual reading, reflection and meditation for the benefit of our parishioners and friends. It is located in the vestibule of the church. Everyone is invited to browse through and take a book home to read. Once you have finished the book, please return it so others can make use of it. As we strive to live good Christian lives, it is important we fill our minds and hearts with things that are "of the Lord". Please take advantage of this opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge.

Religious Education

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is held Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM in the church social hall. Again this year, we will have classes for all youth of our parishes, both Ss. Peter and Paul and Assumption BVM, from Pre-K through 8th grade. Parents, I wish to remind you of your serious obligation before the Lord to bring up your children in the faith. Please be sure they are registered for classes and attend faithfully each Monday evening throughout the school year. In order to complete the registration forms, we will need a copy of the student's baptismal certificate if they were not baptized in our parish. Registration forms are located in the vestibule of each parish. **Please note the following requirements for First Penance (First Communion):** *Child and parents must be registered and active members of Ss. Peter & Paul/Assumption BVM and * the child must have diligently completed 2 years of instruction. No exceptions will be made.

Tweets from His Holiness Pope Francis

"Let us remember in our prayers all those who, with dedication and spirit of sacrifice, care for those who are ill."

Altar Rosary Society Collection for Babies

Ss. Peter & Paul Altar Rosary Society will be collecting baby supplies to be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center in Shamokin. Items needed include: clothing sizes newborn to 2T, blankets, diapers, baby wipes, bottles, formula, baby food, toys, etc. New items only, please. You may place your donations in the bassinette in the Church. Donations will be accepted until December 11, 2017. Collected items will be taken to the Pregnancy Care Center in time for Christmas.

Soup and Sandwich Ministry

Our parishes have embarked upon a new and exciting outreach to the community. We serve a humble lunch of a soup and sandwich every second and fourth Wednesday of the month between the hours of 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. This lunch is open to everyone in our community: the needy, the elderly, and the lonely and is totally free of charge. Our next lunch will be served on **November 22nd**. Special thanks to everyone who has made a donation in support of this project. We are grateful for your generosity. **Keep in mind a special third collection for "loose change" will be taken the last weekend of every month.** If you would like to help serve meals please notify the rectory office, Chris Bogner, Abbie Timmins or Toni Shedleski. Any and all help is appreciated.

2018 Offering Envelopes

We are in the process of preparing the 2018 Church envelopes. Every married couple or single person 18 years or over is to be registered and receive envelopes. To be considered a member of our parishes, Ss. Peter & Paul or Assumption BVM Churches, regular attendance and use of Church envelopes is required. If you are ill and/or aged let Fr. Michael know. The neglect of regular church attendance and regular use of church envelopes can lead to difficulties at the time of baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. If you have used your 2017 envelopes faithfully, no action is needed. If you did not receive Church envelopes in 2017 and would like to receive 2018 offering envelopes, please call the Church office at 339-0650 during regular office hours.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Members of the Altar Rosary Society of Ss. Peter & Paul Church are preparing "A Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner" for our parishioners who are home bound on Sunday, November 19, 2017. Turkey Dinners will be delivered by the Holy Name Society in the early afternoon hours. Thank you to both the Altar Rosary Society and the Holy Name Society for a great job that is done every year.

Murphy Jewelers Bingo

Sunday, December 3rd at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Doors open 11:00 AM; bingo starts 1:00 PM. Admission \$25, includes 16 regular games & 4 specials. Santa...shopping...homemade foods and much more! Advance ticket holders eligible for a special drawing! Info: 570-544-2800, 570-544-4581. Tickets also available at the door. Proceeds benefit St. Nicholas School in Minersville.

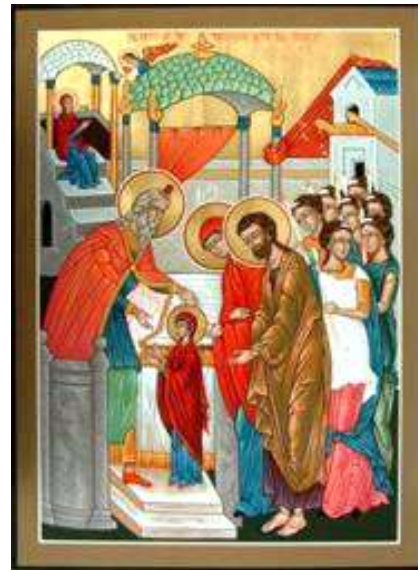
Knights of Columbus Christmas Open House

The members of the Knights of Columbus, The Christopher Club, Mt. Carmel, invite everyone to begin the Advent Season with the blessing of the manger/crèche and view the beautiful decorations at our club facilities on Saturday evening, December 2, 2017. Doors open at 7:00PM with the blessing at approximately 7:30PM. Christmas caroling, music and entertainment will be offered by "Lift Your Spirits". Enjoy delicious, complimentary food, cookies and desserts and the company of your family and friends. Merry Christmas!

Entrance of the Theotokos

According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God. When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple. There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence. After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly,

and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells God's blessing for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.



Christmas Flower Requests

Once again we are asking our parishioners to sponsor poinsettias to decorate our churches for the holidays. The cost is \$25 per poinsettia plant. This is a nice way to remember your beloved family members during the Christmas season. Forms are available in the bulletin, or in the vestibules of the churches. Place the order form in an envelope with your payment and place it in the collection basket. All requests are due by Monday morning, December 4, 2017. All intentions will be framed and placed in the vestibules of our parishes.

Given in Memory of:

Given in Honor of:

Given In Thanksgiving To God For:

Donated By: _____

Phone: _____

No. of Poinsettia _____ **x\$25.00 Total** _____

Brunch With The Grinch

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall

131 N Beech St., Mt. Carmel

Advanced Tickets Only

Adults \$8.00

Children Under 12 years \$6.00

Under 2 years Free

Price includes:

Grinch Brunch Buffet,
Beverage, 3 Game Tickets,
Make & Take Craft, Photo Op
with Grinch, Story Time & 1

Chance for the Door Prize

For Tickets & more Info

570-339-0650



24th Sunday After Pentecost

Troparion

By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that you are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion

No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Theotokion

O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you, bring us up from the pit and depth of sins, for you have saved those subject to sin by giving birth to our Salvation, O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth, and still a Virgin after the childbirth.

Prokimenon

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
V. Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God bring to the Lord young rams.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High.
V. To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night. (Alleluia 3x)

Epistle: Eph 2:14-22

Gospel: Lk 8:26-39

Christmas Decorating

We will gather to decorate Ss. Peter & Paul on Thursday evening, December 7th, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. This is a very big task and much help is needed. All men, women and children are invited to come out and lend a hand. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Sunday Social

Sunday Social is held at Ss. Peter & Paul immediately after 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy. All are welcome. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

Solemn Holy Day

The Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos is a Solemn Holy Day. Please try to attend one of the scheduled Divine Liturgies.

Halupki Work Schedule

Wed., Nov. 29th - 9:00 AM Cook & Prep Cabbage
Thurs. Nov. 30th - 9:00 AM Make Halupki
Fri., Dec. 1st - 9:00 AM Make Halupki
Sat., Dec 2nd - 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon –Pick-up
We are in need of people to help with all aspects of this project especially clean-up on Saturday. Please give some of your time to make this fundraiser a huge success. Thank you in advance for your support!

Pigeon/Halupki Sale

We are now taking orders for our delicious, mouth-watering, home-made pigeons/halupki. **Pick-up date is Saturday, December 2nd between 9:00 AM and Noon.** Once again, the price is \$1.50 per pigeon, \$9.00 per half-dozen and \$18.00 per dozen. You may order them baked or unbaked and with or without sauce. As always, extra sauce is available at no extra charge. Please use the form in the bulletin or call the rectory office during office hours to place your order. **Take-out pre-orders only.**

Please complete order form below and return it to the Church office or deposit in collection basket by Sunday, November 26th.

Halupki/Pigeon Sale Order Form:
Please specify baked or unbaked.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Nbr _____

Dozen Halupki \$18.00 _____

Baked _____ Unbaked _____

½ Dozen Halupki \$9.00 _____

Baked _____ Unbaked _____

Single Halupki \$1.50 each _____

Baked _____ Unbaked _____

Additional Juice: _____