

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

April 22, 2018

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Saturday – April 21, 2018

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - +Helen & +Russell Goretsky req. by Ellen Goretsky

Sunday – April 22, 2018

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

8:30 – Confessions

9:15 AM – For the Parishioners

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM – Deceased Members of the Liptock Family req. by Joseph Liptock & Family

Monday – April 23, 2018

St. George – Martyr (Simple Holy Day)

7:30 AM – For God’s Blessings

Tuesday –April 24, 2018

No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday – April 25, 2018

No Divine Liturgy

Thursday – April 26, 2018

7:30 AM – Thanksgiving to God

Friday – April 27, 2018

7:30 AM – For the Sick & Infirm of our Parishes

Saturday – April 28, 2018

8:00 AM – For the Souls in Purgatory

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - +Mildred Greco req. by Ellen Goretsky

Sunday – April 29, 2018

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

8:30 – Confessions

9:15 AM – For the Parishioners

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM – God’s Blessings upon Mary Lapotsky on her 100th Birthday req. by Joe & Kathy Lapotsky

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.

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.

Rosary Intention

For the week of April 22, 2018 – For the Sick and Infirm of our Parishes

In Your Prayers

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

Please Remember

Pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life.

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.

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 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM, and at Assumption BVM Church on Sunday before 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the confessionals.

Upcoming Events

April 25: Soup & Sandwich
April 28-29: Loose Change Collection
May 1: Services at Geisinger at Noon
May 3: Services at Mount Carmel Nursing Home
May 6: Altar Rosary Sunday
May 13: Mother's Day
May 13: Mother's Day Breakfast
May 13: Holy Name Sunday
May 8: Ukrainian Day Meeting, 7 PM Frackville
May 9: Soup & Sandwich
May 10: Pyrohy Orders due by Noon
May 15-17: Pyrohy Preparations
May 17: Pyrohy Sale
May 23: Soup & Sandwich

Ss. Peter & Paul Replenish Fund Donations as of

April 15, 2018

Total To Date: \$80,434.54

Replenish Fund: None

Rebuilding Fund: None

Weekly Parish Financial Report

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Sunday, April 15, 2018	\$1,644.85
Expenses:	\$4,276.07
Sunday, April 16, 2017	\$2,349.25
Easter Donation: \$100 by Anne Evans	

Assumption BVM Church

Sunday, April 15, 2018	\$ 484.00
Expenses:	\$2,112.01
Sunday, April 16, 2017	\$ 737.05
Easter Donation: \$25 by John Kelnock	

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Lector Schedule

Sat– April 21st	
Ellen Goretsky	4:00 PM
Sun – April 22nd	
Justina Eisenhart	9:15 AM
Sat– April 28th	
Ellen Goretsky	4:00 PM
Sun – April 29th	
Chris Bogner	9:15 AM

Assumption BVM Church Lector Schedule

Sun – April 22nd	
Zachary Gee	11:00 AM
Sun – April 29th	
Kianna Rizzo	11:00 AM

Tweets from His Holiness Pope Francis

“The word "happy" or "blessed" becomes a synonym for "holy", because those faithful to God, by their self-giving, gain true happiness.”

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!

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.

Soup and Sandwich Ministry

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 **April 25th**. 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 with the meals, please join us. Any and all help is appreciated.

Loose Change Collection

The special “loose change” collection will be taken next weekend, April 28th and 29th. This collection benefits the Soup and Sandwich Ministry. Please be generous. Thank you!

Deanery Delights Newsletter

The Deanery Delights Newsletter is back! The monthly newsletter will be available in the vestibule of both parishes. Pick up a copy to see what is going on in our deanery. If you would like to receive a copy of Deanery Delights electronically, please email Maria Spotts at mariaspotts@yahoo.com

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.

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.

Pyrohy Sale

Thank you to everyone who came out to help with our Pyrohy sale this past week! Our next sale is Thursday, May 17th. Work starts Tuesday, May 15th at 11 AM and Wednesday and Thursday, May 16th and 17th at 8 AM. **Orders for May are due by Thursday, May 10th at Noon so that we may place our orders for supplies.** 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!

Divine Liturgy at Geisinger

We have made arrangements to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the hospital chapel at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville to aide the spiritual needs of staff and patients. Liturgy will be celebrated by priests of our deanery twice monthly on Tuesdays at Noon in the hospital chapel located by the B elevators. The next liturgy will be **May 1st**. It is hoped we can begin to build a community of faithful whose prayers will support the health and emotional needs of the entire hospital community. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Roast Beef Dinner

The Knights of Columbus-Mt. Carmel and the Christopher Club Auxiliary, will hold their delicious Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, April 29, 2018, from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM (or until sold out). Donation is \$10:00. Tickets are available from members of the K of C or at the club after 7:00 PM. Dinners are both eat-in or take-out and delivery is available in the Mount Carmel/Kulpmont area.

Ukrainian Day Meeting

We will have our first organizational meeting for the 84th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Tuesday, May 8th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville, beginning at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to "get involved," share your ideas, offer helpful input as to how best make this year's event as successful as possible. Please plan to join us.

Ukrainian Day Sponsor/Ad Forms available

The advertising and sponsor forms for the Ukrainian Day Booklet are now available in the vestibule of both churches. The Seminary Day Committee invites and encourages all parishioners and businesses to consider supporting the Annual Ukrainian Day as a full, half or quarter page sponsor; or as a single-line patron. Ad forms and patron sponsors must be returned no later than June 15, 2018. Please share with anyone who may be interested in purchasing an ad.

A Reminder

All are reminded that it is our tradition to stand in prayer during the Easter season. There are two postures for prayer during the period from Easter to Pentecost - standing or sitting. We all kneel again in prayer fifty days from the Resurrection of Our Lord to the special Pentecost "Kneeling Prayers." This tradition gives a visible sign of our belief that God revealed something wonderful by the Resurrection of Christ, namely that the human life is eternal and immortal because it is sharing in the life of God Himself. We stand during this period to proclaim our awareness that we are not "slaves" but "children" of the heavenly Father—we are the sons and daughters of the Most High. Unlike most slaves, who in the lands of the East, had to kneel when they were in the presence of their master, we stand in the presence of our Father. We are, because of His gift of Life, His heirs. We stand in recognition of this great honor. You are also reminded that ...we "joyously" sing the Easter Tropar (Christ is Risen from the dead) for forty days until Ascension Thursday. This Tropar should be sung with enthusiasm (it is not a funeral dirge). It should be sung with a lively and spirited pace!

Holy Angels Chinese Auction

The Holy Angels Ladies Organization -HALO, will hold a Chinese Auction on Sunday, April 22, 2018. Doors open at 12:00 Noon and the auction begins at 2:00PM. Admission is \$5.00 which gives you 20 chances, a door prize ticket and a free cupcake. Extra tickets will be available to purchase. a 50/50 raffle and a delicious menu with numerous items will be available to purchase. Prizes are outstanding! A wonderful afternoon with family, neighbors and friends is assured.

Last Day of Classes

Monday, April 30th will be our final CCD Class. Special thanks are extended to our catechists, the Sisters, parents and students for their time and talents shared throughout the year. Have a good summer and God Bless!



Youth Survey

Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, the delegate of the Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops to the 2018 Papal Synod with the theme "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment", invites the youth of our Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide to contribute their thoughts, needs and aspirations in an on-line questionnaire. The deadline for youth participating in this survey is May 30th, 2018. Youth are encouraged to share your thoughts! Thank you for your anticipated participation. The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NNDBRYR>

Liturgy Schedule Changes

Weekday liturgy times have changed from 8:00 AM to 7:30 AM. Please make note of these changes and plan your schedule accordingly.

Catholic Home Missions Collection

The annual collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in all parishes of our Philadelphia Archeparchy the weekend of April 28-29. The resources from this collection provide grants for projects to strengthen the faith of the people in the United States. Over forty percent of all dioceses in the United States, over 80 dioceses, receive Catholic Home Missions financial support. Our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia will receive funding from this collection in the sum of \$125,000 for the year 2018, far in excess of the amount collected from our parishes. Your generous support of this collection will continue to provide to our archeparchy much needed resources for our Seminary, Religious Education, Evangelization, Communication (the museum, The Way and website), Mission Parishes, and Human Life Ministries, and other areas of faith development. Thank you for your financial support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Fashion Show

A Fashion Show of Ukrainian Traditional Folk Costumes will be held in honor of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Cathedral Hall (814 N. Franklin St, Philadelphia). Cocktails at 1 PM, luncheon and fashion show at 2 PM. Donation: \$30. Reservations must be made by May 1st. Contact Oksana Yakymiv at 267-254-2671 or Tonia Katruk Mayberry at 215-668-3656.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13, 2018, we celebrate Mother's Day in our parishes with the remembrance of the living and deceased Mothers. As we celebrate the gift of motherhood, may we give praise to our God for the very special woman who gave us life. Please, honor your Mother, whether living or deceased, with heartfelt prayers by attending the Divine Liturgy on this day. If you wish to remember your Mother living or deceased, please complete the form below and return it to the church office or drop it in the collection basket by Sunday, May 6th, 2018. You may also use the envelope provided in your envelope box.

Mother's Name: _____

Living: _____ Deceased: _____

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Living: _____ Deceased: _____

Requested by: _____

Mother's Day Breakfast:

Ladies, mark your calendars! The Holy Name men will be preparing and serving a very special breakfast for all of you on Mother's Day, May 13, 2018 immediately after the 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy. The breakfast will be free of charge. We hope all the ladies will enjoy this special treat. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend this breakfast by calling 570-339-0650 during regular office hours, or complete the form below and put it in the collection basket by May 6, 2018.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____

Statement by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka

On Monday, April 16th, 2018, the Vatican Information Service announced that the Holy Father has accepted the resignation for medical reasons of Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians and Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA. Pope Francis has declared the Archeparchy of Philadelphia as “sede vacante”. Most Rev. Andriy Rabiw has been appointed by Pope Francis as the Apostolic Administrator of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia until the appointment of the new Archeparch.

Most Rev. Stefan Soroka was appointed as Metropolitan-Archbishop by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II on November 29th, 2000 and installed on February 27th, 2001. Most Rev. Andriy Rabiw was appointed by Pope Francis as Auxiliary Bishop for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia on August 8th, 2017. Bishop Andriy, a priest of our Archeparchy, was ordained to the episcopacy by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk in St. George’s Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv, Ukraine on September 3rd, 2017.

Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to His Holiness, Pope Francis, and to His Eminence Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, and to His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk for their understanding and compassion. We are also grateful to the Holy Father for the confidence he has shown in the abilities of Most Rev. Andriy Rabiw in appointing him as Apostolic Administrator for the interim.

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the clergy, religious, seminarians and laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. These past seventeen years have been filled with many challenges and blessings, some unique in the experience of the Philadelphia Archeparchy. Success in responding to the varying needs of the Archeparchy and its parishes was achieved with the positive and hopeful participation of clergy, religious and laity enabled by the Grace of God. Most gratifying to me was the personal journey of prayer and fraternity experienced with the clergy, religious and faithful of the Archeparchy. The highlight of my ministry in leadership was experienced when amidst parishioners and their ministers in parish liturgical celebrations, visits, pilgrimages, festivals, and in personal sharing. I was inspired by the dedication of the clergy, religious and faithful and their love for their Church.

I am also especially grateful for the fraternity and cooperation shared with my brother bishops of USA, with whom common needs of clergy, religious and faithful were addressed in our regular meetings, and in gatherings of our Church. The Grace of God provided richly in our many shared endeavors.

The Risen Christ greeted his apostles with the words, “Peace be with you!” May the peace offered by the Risen Christ characterize our continued love and service of our Ukrainian Catholic Church. Let us remember one another in prayer as we seek the intercession of the Mother of God in this time of transition being experienced within the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and in our Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA.

Christ is Risen!



Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka



Most Rev. Andriy Rabiw, Apostolic Administrator

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Troparion

Let the heavens rejoice, * let the earth be glad. * With His arm the Lord has won victory. * By His death the Lord has conquered Death. * He has become the first-born of the dead; * He has delivered us from the depths of the Abyss * and has granted great mercy to the world.

Kontakion

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

With Your divine protection, O Lord, * as You once raised the paralytic, now lift up my soul * paralyzed with all kinds of sin and evil deeds of wickedness, * so that, as saved, I may cry out to You; * “Glory be to Your might, O Merciful Christ!”

Now and ever and forever. Amen

Although You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, * You destroyed the power of Death. * You arose again as a victor, O Christ God. * You announced to the women bearing ointment: “Rejoice!” * You gave peace to Your Apostles* and resurrection to the Fallen.

Prokimenon

May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in You.

V. Exult, you Just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V. I will sing forever of Your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim Your truth.

V. Of this I am sure, that Your love lasts forever, that Your truth is as firmly established as the heavens.

Instead of “It is truly proper.....”

The Angel exclaimed to her, full of grace: “Rejoice, O pure Virgin, * again, I say “Rejoice!” Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day * and has raised the dead. * Let all nations rejoice.”

Shine in splendor, * O New Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you, O Zion. Sing with joy and rejoice. * And you, pure Mother of God, * rejoice in the resurrection of your Son.

Anhel vopeyahse blahodatnee/chistaya Devo raduysha/ee paki reku Raduysha/tyov syn voskresne tridneven ot hroba/ee mertveeya vozdvihnuyvee loodlye veselitesha.

Sweetisha Sweetisha/novey Yerusalime/slava Boh Hospodnee na tebee voseeya/likoy nyni veselisha sione/ti zhe chistaya krasooysha Bohorodice/O vostaneeeye Rozhdestava tvoyeho.

Communion Hymn:

Receive the Body of Christ! Drink the Source of Immortality. Alleluia! (3x)

Epistle: Acts 9:32 – 42

Gospel: Jn 5:1 – 15



Icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic

The icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic depicts the biblical story of Christ healing the paralytic. Our Lord, accompanied by His disciples, is shown blessing the paralytic. The man has risen and taken up his bed as commanded by Christ. The paralytic is bowing toward the Lord in reverence and in gratitude for the great miracle that has been done. In the background of the icon is the pool where the infirmed came for healing.

Easter Greeting

The traditional greeting during Easter is: Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christos Voskres! Voyerestinu Voskres!