



Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Sunday of the Forefathers. Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Martyr Evanthia (2nd c.). Ven. Paul of Latros (955). St. Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Sourozh, Crimea (8th c.). Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Pechenga (Kol'sk), and his martyred disciple, Jonah (1583). Martyr Eleutherius at Constantinople (3rd c.). Ven. Pardus, Hermit, of Palestine (6th c.).

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

God became man so that we might become god. –St. Athanasius the Great

Pray with out ceasing...

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those in need - Fr. Isaac, Fr. Samuel, Fr. Andrew, Fr. David, Fr. Anthony, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Melissa, Judy, the newly born Cashal Jack, Debbie, TK, Eliza, Paul, Pearl, William, Joseph, Karen, John, Stavros, Nickolas, Timothy, Autumn, (Sergius), Judy (child), James, Amanda, Damian, Delani, Jeremiah, Mary, Christine, Rick, Samuel, Timothy, Andrew, Kati, Simeon, Debbie, Christopher, Megan, Andrew, Margret-Ann, Lorely, Thomas, Evan The Homebound Ann, Tanya, Richard, Ruth, William, Claudia Catechumen- Christian ... Travelers ... Military servers...Greg ...Newly Departed : Theona Sekel, Helen Miller, Anna Anderson, Rodney Senyo, Josephine Olvnik, Marilyn Filipos, Irene Hoovler...Departed Orthodox - Mat. Anastasia, Jeff, Catherine, John B., John S., Nickoli, Ann, Katherine, Vernon, Paul, James, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy... Special requests... Gilbert, Phyllis, Anthony, Ian, Paul, Daleen, James, Sean, Liam, Bill, Wesley, Kim, Jim, Margaret, Loren, Russell, Julia, Shelby, Janet, Mareen, Lynn, Maragret. Helen, Dan, Jonathan, Donna.

Holy Hymns:

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure ^body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your ^Kingdom!// Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Tone 2 Troparion (Forefathers)

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,
betrotting through them the Church of the gentiles.
These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed.//
So, by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Forefathers)

You did not worship the graven image,
O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire.
From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: "Hasten, O compassionate One!
Speedily come to our aid,// for You are merciful and able to do as You will!"

Troparion – Tone 4

First-enthroned of the apostles, teachers of the universe: Entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

Kontakion – Tone 2

O Lord, you have taken up to eternal rest and to the enjoyment of your blessings the two divinely-inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles, for you have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, for you alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever! (*Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3*)

v: *For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)*

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: *Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps 99/100:6)*

v: *They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps 99/100:6)*

Holy Scripture:

Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Luke 14:16-24 (Gospel)

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'"

But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'

And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

Holy Services and Activities

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, *not giving up meeting together*, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (St. Paul to the Hebrews 10:23-25)

WINTER SCHEDULE: Please mark your calendars as family time.

Saturdays – Great Vespers or Vigil – 6:00pm

Sundays - CGS and Matins 9:00am Divine Liturgy following

-Children's Choir and Adult Choir practice before Coffee Hour

-Coffee Hour

Holy Nativity Services:

Sun. Dec. 22nd - Fore feast of Nativity – Fore Fathers

9:00am - Matins (Morning Service), Divine Liturgy

Children's Choir Practice, (Adult Choir Practice as

announced)

Tue. Dec 24th - Royal Hours - 9am

- Holy Supper - 5pm

- Compline/Vigil - 6:30pm

Wed. Dec. 25th - **NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST** - Divine Liturgy - 9:30am CHRIST IS BORN!

Thurs. Dec. 26th – Akathist to Mary, the Birth-giver of God- 12 noon

Sat. Dec. 28th – Great Vespers – 6pm

Wed. Jan. 1st Molieben of Thanksgiving for the New Year- 12 noon- Lunch to follow in the Hall

Sat. Jan. 4th – Youth and families trip to Ray's MTB indoor Bike Park Cleveland 8am departure return 9pm 50\$

HOLY THEOPHANY SERVICES

Sun. Jan. 5th – Vigil for Holy Theophany – with the Blessing of Holy Water – 4pm

Mon. Jan. 6th –Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with the blessing of Cussawego Creek – 9:30 am

Tues. Jan. 7th – Choir Party – Terri Jouviers 7pm

Sat. Jan. 11th – Blessing of French Creek – Meadville - 12 noon V Brewery following (These are both outreach events

Sat. Jan. 25th – Blessing of Lake Erie – 12 noon – V Brewery following bring an friend or two!)

Sat. Jan. 31st - Vigil 6pm

Sun. Feb. 2nd - **Entrance of the Lord into the Temple** HOLY DAY – No Matins

Sun. Mar. 1st – Beginning of Great and Holy Lent-

Spring Marriage Retreat- Saturday MARCH 28th, 2020 10am-5pm -- Sts. Peter and Paul OCA Crossingville

Team Activities:

Missions Team is continuing its call for donations for local mission work and some far away including h The Hopr Project, Bethesda House, and Edinboro Food pantry.

Used clothing is available for our parish members in the back rooms of the hall. *Need an inexpensive Christmas gift? Check it out.* The Team will be donating what is left to the local Thrifty Threads. See Anna for more details.

--The Missions team is preparing for a trip to Alaska from JUNE 25th - JULY 4th 2020 (Its official!)-please donate toward their trip as you are able, just mark your donation in the offering as "Alaska Trip" as you give on Sunday. See Anna R. or Fr. Daniel if you would like to attend.

Education Team is continuing the present schedule of Atrium 1 meeting at 9am on Sunday Mornings.

**It has been proposed that we have a Once a month Family Day on the First Saturday with Atrium 1, Atrium 2, youth quest, Mom's Group, Men's fellowship...*

Please let Fr. Daniel know if this is a good idea. It will not be scheduled until Fr. Daniel hears some feed back from parents and families involved. Atrium 1 would still continue to be offered on Sunday mornings as well.

Activities- There will be a number of events for youth and families through out the year, including: Learning Prospora Making which took place yesterday with 7 attending. It was a blessing for all; Next month some of the Older Youth and families will travel to Ray's Bike Park and serve at the St. Herman's soup Kitchen in Cleveland (Sat. Jan. 4th 2020 -12 and over 50\$pp); Ski Trip (TBA), Lenten event,(TBA), Summer Camp out, etc.

Hospitality Team had a meeting this past Tuesday with 8 in attendance. The team reflected on the years events and is making recommendations for next year regarding our fundraisers. The team is asking everyone to be active in cleaning up following coffee hour. Also, don't forget to sign up for holy supper this week and next.

Outreach Team The goal of the OT is to make people in our community familiar with the Orthodox Faith.

Events: the blessing of French Creek (**Tues. Jan 7th**), and the Blessing of Lake Erie with other churches in Erie (**Jan. 25th 12 noon** - Lunch at VB -Erie).

Orthodox Bible Study - **Feb.6th, 2020** VBrewery in Meadville

Parish Council welcomes new elected members. There will be a prayer of blessing and commissioning on **Sun. Jan.5th 2020** for all council members. Council is also seeking members of the parish to be on a planning team for the upcoming 100th year anniversary to be held in 2021. Council is also looking for 2 auditors. If you are interested in being on any team of the parish please let parish council Pres. Nathan or Fr. Daniel know.

Choir - The Choir is encouraging youth and families to participate in the Matins service, the Wed. Evening prayer services and Sat. Great Vespers, with their voices and serving in the altar. Having more understandable language and more opportunities to serve and pray will encourage our young people to participate more fully. Choir party Jan 7th

Ladies Altar Society will be meeting this month on Dec. 22nd following Coffee Hour. They continue to make pirogues and are meeting for prayer and social events monthly. Please see Tanya for more information.

Holy Supper - if you have not attended in years past... this is a wonderful family event that reminds us of our history and orthodox heritage from the old country of holy Rus, and all the Nativity scriptures are read, the different foods served teach us about the incarnation of God.

Calendars - Yearly Calendars are available. They were paid for by a local funeral home. Could you please make a donation for one of these beautiful calendars, all the donations will go toward the Missions