

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



*Icon of Saints Peter and Paul -- June 29th*

<b>June 25, 2017: Third Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
	Epistle: Roms. 5: 1-10	Gospel: Mt. 6: 22-347
<b>Mon., June 26</b>	8:00	+ Helen & Joseph Beckage (Daughters)
<b>Tues., June 27</b>	8:00	+ Gene Turko (John & Mary Ann Turko)
<b>Wed., June 28</b>	8:00	+ Debra Altier (Mary Guman)
		<b><i>For the Holy Day</i></b>
	7:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
<b>Thurs. June 29</b>		<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
	9:00	+ John, Anastasia, Paul & Marie Maslar (Family)
<b>Fri. June 30</b>	8:00	God's Blessings on Howard Smith (Anna Krug Smtih)
	6:30 pm	Moleben to Jesus Christ
<b>Sat., July 1</b>		<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Ann Coccetti (Nephews)
<b>Sun., July 2</b>	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	+ John Yeck Family & Nicole (Son Bob & Family)

## **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul**

*Commemorated on June 29<sup>th</sup>*

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church. It is for the same reason that they are called the "Leaders of the Apostles" in the Liturgy.

St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be a Disciple. "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4: 19). After Jesus' Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness of Christ's divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the church. From

Jerusalem He went to preach the gospel in Asia at Antioch (Ga. 2:11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome. He was crucified, head downward, most probably in 67 A.D.

St. Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of

Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). At the time of Jesus' ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving baptism Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the gospel of Christ to the world. He established



many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings.

The Icon of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to represent the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted

to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majestically, as pillars of the Church and teachers of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the “rock of faith” and Paul “pride of the universe.” Together they are celebrated as “luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun and pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ.”

*(adapted from God With Us Icon Series)*

## **St. Cyril's at the Ball Park**

The Railriders vs. the Iron Pigs Baseball game at PNC Field is scheduled for Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 pm. We have reserved 20 tickets @ \$12.00 per ticket and available on a “first come first served basis. (There are only 7

tickets left). Plan on wearing your St. Cyrils logo t-shirt/polo shirt. We can “car pool” for parishioners to get to the game, otherwise everyone will drive there on their own. Contact Fr. Nestor ASAP 570-489-2271.

## **Peter's Pence Collection**

During June, our Archeparchy will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disas-

ters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Please use the special “Peter's Pence” envelope in your donation envelope packet box to make your offering. It is not too early to already submit your offering.

## **Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day**

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. All funds raised will go

to support St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 83 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

## **Request for League of Ukrainian Catholics Archives**

The L.U.C. is gathering items of old for its national archives housed at St. Basil Seminary in Stamford Connecticut and is asking current members and former members to search their homes for newspaper articles, publica-

tions, photos, Convention memorabilia, prayer cards, etc.

Initially the L.U.C. was known as the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League in which a significant number of Olyphant's SS. Cyril and Methodius pa-

rishioners held membership. Often when someone is downsizing and moving from their home to smaller living quarters - apartment, assisted living, nursing home, etc. - old mementoes are trashed yet could very well

be extremely valuable to one's history and heritage. If you know of someone in that situation or you yourself have such items and are willing to donate them to the LUC, please approach Sandra Berta. Thank you very much.

## Vacationing at the Jersey Shore?

For all who are vacationing during the Summer months in Wildwood Crest, NJ, the Ukrainian Catholic Summer Mission in Wildwood Crest invites you to come and worship with us! We celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom every Sunday evening at 6:30 pm from Sunday, July 2nd, through Sunday, September 3rd, 2017, located at:

Crest Community Church  
5901 Pacific Avenue  
Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Crest Community Church is located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and Crocus Road. For more information, please contact Father Paul Makar at 856-482-0938 (after August 1st, please contact Father Roman Sverdan at the same number listed above) or Marusha Cyhan at 609-522-2811. We look forward to having you and your family spiritually refresh yourselves with us during your vacation at the Jersey Shore in Wildwood Crest!

## Calendar Update For The Rummage Sale 2017

This is our largest Fund Raiser. We really need all of our Parishioners to step up and help out any way possible: Donations, Raffle Donations, purchasing Raffle tickets and supporting your fellow volunteer parishioner for this event. School children who need to do volunteer time for their community can do so, at the pre-rummage sale or the sale itself, Contact Father Nestor.

**June- September 15, 2017:** Donations accepted for the Rummage Sale. Check previous bulletins or contact Lauren Telep or Father Nestor for information. Call to drop items off at the school gym.



\* Parishioners can help in getting certificates/items for Raffle Donations. (Flyers in the back of the Church) All you have to do is “JUST ASK” your favorite restaurant, retail store, pizza place, hardware store, employer, chiropractor etc. Info has been given to Sam’s Club, Best Buys, Loew’s , Staples, Giant, Price Chopper, Alexander’s Restaurant, Amenti’s Pizza. You might be surprised who will donate gift certificates or merchandise. Hand them a “Pre-Rummage Sale” flyer and the Raffle information is listed on the bottom and follow up 2-3 weeks later for the donation. Now is the time to ask, because they have limited donation money and if is first come first ones to get the certificate etc.

\* Parishioners are needed who have a Truck/SUV to help with donations that need to be picked up. Call Father Nestor with your name and phone number.

\*Donations for the Basket of Cheer. Non-opened bottles)

\* Give a “Pre-Rummage Sale” flyer to your neighbors, friends and family before they throw items to the curb or if they have a yard sale etc.

\*We could use hangers (no wire hangers) used to hang drapes, tablecloths etc.

\* Ladies Costume jewelry was a big seller last year... now is the time to donate the jewelry you have not worn in years.

\* We need to borrow 8 ft-10 ft tables. Many of our tables are over 35-40 years old and literally on their last leg.

**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>:** We will begin the pre-rummage pricing! Volunteers, both men and women, are needed for setting up, marking and putting the items on the tables for the Rummage Sale. You can sit at a table, items will be assorted by price, and you just have to mark the sticker with the price.

We need your help and are always thankful to our parishioners and non-parishioners. It is a pleasant atmosphere to re-connect with parishioners who you may have worked with as a PTA Member, Holy Name Society member, altar boys, or graduates of our grade school. The schedule of times will be in future bulletins. Get to know your fellow parishioners.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> 2017:** Volunteers needed for the actual Rummage Sale: Staff for the kitchen, monitoring the doors, helping the customer with their purchases, on the floor and helping customers, the check-out desk, raffle desk, jewelry table, the Hold table, etc. All Ages are welcome and no experience is

needed. Just show up and help your Church Community. Purchase some Rummage Sale Raffle Basket Tickets, which are in lieu of the Summer Raffle which was cancelled along with the Bingo tent this year.

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>:** Volunteers are needed to help with condensing the items, take down tables, etc.

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>:** Volunteers are needed to help with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Rummage Sale, if needed. Volunteers are also needed on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** for the final clean up of the school gym.

This is the financial life-line of our Church. If you need any additional information please contact Lauren Telep 570-383-0319 (home) or 646-241-9443 (cell) or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271.

We are very fortunate to have the school gym to work in so early, at an easy pace. Volunteers (Michalene, Dorothy, Marlene, Helen, Paul, Bob, Marcella, Glenda, Mary Ann, Ken, Marie, Vince, John, Andy, Julie) have all ready worked, lending a helping hand at various times: picking up merchandise, organizing the furniture, books, drapes, records, the kitchen etc. Call Lauren to volunteer during the summer months. When the doors are open, stop by! Or call when you have the time to help because it all depends how much merchandise we receive each week when we are at the school gym in July and August.

### **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for June Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard the month of June 2017 is Team #2: Eugene Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

### **Sunday Collection for June 24 & 25, 2017: \$**

#### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for July 8 & 9, 2017**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm		
9:00 am		Pat Marcinko
11:30 am		Frank Lesnefsky

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### *The Illustrious and Pre-Eminent Apostles Peter and Paul*

The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the Apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles. But the Gospels prove their own veracity by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus. After Jesus' Ascension, Peter presided in Jerusalem, was bishop of Antioch, and finally presided over the Church in Rome where on the Vatican Hill he was martyred, head downwards according to tradition, in the Circus of Nero.

Paul had been the most Pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Following his

conversion, he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate. Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort – even the most scrupulous observance of law – can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus. Paul never lost his love for his Jewish brothers and sisters, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise. According to tradition, Paul was beheaded in Rome near the Ostian Way where the church of Tre Fontane now stands.

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