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Welcome Home! We are glad to have you with us today.

If you are a first time or frequent visitor to our community, or you haven't been here with us in a while, please consider introducing yourself to the priest, staying for coffee hour and leaving your contact information.

**June 29, 2025: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost, The Holy, Glorious,
and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul**

Service Schedule

***Sunday June 29: The Holy, Glorious, and All-Praised Leaders of the
Apostles, Peter and Paul***

Sat June 28, 6:30pm – Great Vespers

Sun June 29, 9:30am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *

*Please welcome Andrew Petorak who will be received into the Church today.

****Wednesday July 2nd**, 11am-1pm- The Church will be open for silent prayer.

Fr. Bill will be available for visiting, conversation, and confessions.

Sat July 5, 5:30pm – Great Vespers & Confessions* (*note time change)

Sun July 6, 9:30am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship*

*Celebration of Pdn. Gabriel Petorak's 35th anniversary of his ordination.

Hymns of The Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

Troparion-Tone 4 (Apostles)

O foremost of the Apostles and teachers of the inhabited earth, /
intercede with the Master of all / to grant peace to the world and
great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion-Tone 2 (Apostles)

You received the steadfast and divinely-inspired Heralds, O Lord,
the Foremost Apostles, / for the enjoyment of Your blessings and
repose. / For You recognized their labors and death as greater than
any burnt offering, / for You alone know what is in the hearts of
men.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. “Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

Prayers

The ill and the afflicted: Archbishop Nathaniel (Popp), Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin), Fr Daniel Donlick, Fr Gregory White, Fr John Sorochka, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Dn Geoffrey LoBalbo, Mat. Myra Kovalek, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini, Alexis Meholic, Sandy Gillott, Debbie Jadick, Evan Kraky, Jerry Soroka, Tom Shaw, Karen Abercia, Daniel Kitchura, Mark Klapatch, Gregory Klapatch, Sarah Jubinsky, Deb Bernosky, William Bolinsky, Anna Kowalczyk.

Homebound: John Drutarosky, Theresa Krenitsky, Barbara Palubniak, Peggy Petrillak, Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Paul Kostiak, Dolores Brophy, Paul Mosley, Adam & Mary Ann Serafini, Florence Zielinsky.

The newly-departed: Christina Murianka (5/18), Zophia Kowalczyk (6/13), Dorothy Hanchak (6/15),

Those who grieve: (*for Christina*) Priscilla, Stephen. (*for Zophia*) Archpriest John, Mat. Kathy, and their family, (*for Dorothy*) Wendy, Daryl, Andrea, and Patricia.

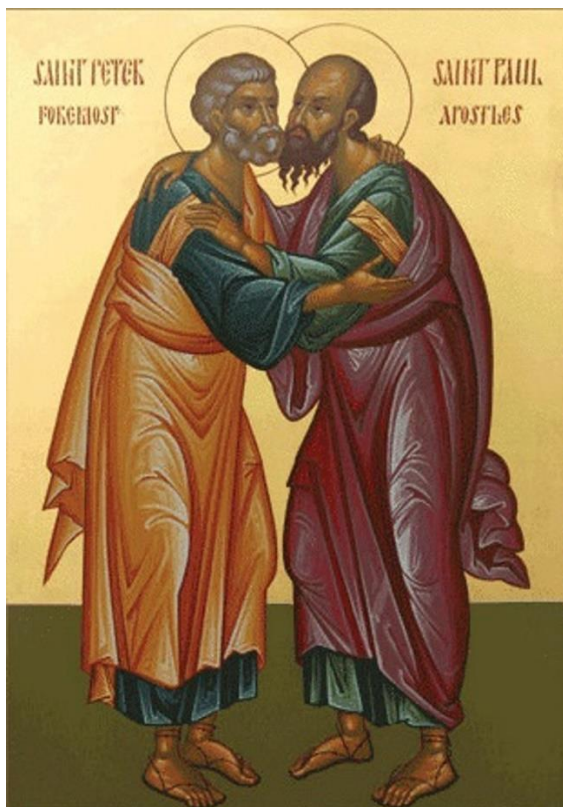
Announcements

Sunday, June 29th, Andy Petorak was received into the Orthodox Church during Divine Liturgy today on the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Please welcome Andy into our community and plan on staying for coffee hour to enjoy a slice of cake!

****Time change: Great Vespers will begin at 5:30pm starting Sat. July 5th. I will be available for confessions directly after G. Vespers until 6:30pm.**

****Beginning in July-** the Church will be open on Wednesdays (from 11am-1pm) for silent prayer. I will be present to meet with, and hear confessions. If you would like to schedule a time to meet, please let me know. Looking ahead, I would like to institute the reading of the 9th Hour, Prospora baking, and other fellowship opportunities on Wednesdays. Please see me if you are interested in reading services, helping make prospora, or have ideas for fellowship.

Sunday, July 6th, we will celebrate Fr. Dn. Gabriel Petorak's 35th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Diaconate. We will also celebrate Jacob Bekele's graduation from high school.



Hymn from the Aposticha:

A joyful feast dawns upon the earth today:
the memorial of Peter and Paul,
the wise leaders of the Apostles.
Let Rome rejoice and be glad with us!
Let us keep feast, O brethren, in songs and hymns!
Rejoice, Apostle Peter, true friend of Christ our God!
Rejoice, beloved Paul, herald of the faith and teacher of
the universe!
You have boldness before him, O chosen pair;//
pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!