

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School News

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Parishioners,

The Parent Teacher Association of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the church and school. As you recall, prior to the Covid-19 lockdown, we were selling 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, our sales were halted. However, abiding with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Committee, we would like to inform you that the 50/50 Cash Raffle drawing scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2020 has been postponed to Saturday, June 5, 2021. Those of you who have purchased tickets are already placed in the June 5, 2021 drawing and there have been no changes to your chances to win. You don't need to do anything other than hold on to your little pink ticket and wait for the new drawing date. In addition, **we will resume selling** our 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets in the upcoming weeks. Please look out for information which suggests how to purchase our tickets. In the event that another lockdown is mandated, we will be in communication via our church and school social media and weekly bulletin. If you have questions or concerns, please email us at the email address listed at the head of our letter. Once again, thank you for your support and may God bless you and your families.

Thank you,
PTA Board 2019-2020

GRAND

50/50

RAFFLE

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School PTA

1st Prize \$5,000 or 50% of the proceeds
2nd Prize \$2,500 or 25% of the proceeds
3rd Prize \$1,300 or 13% of the proceeds
4th - 9th Prizes \$200 or 2% of the proceeds

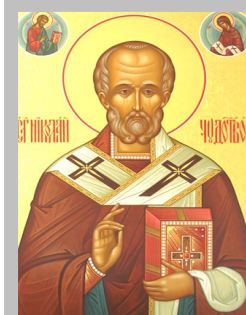
Donation: \$50
Drawing Saturday, June 5, 2021
NEW DATE!

9 Cash Prize Winners
(based on the sale of 400 tickets)

Tickets will be sold after select Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God Our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life - a period of good government, great happiness, prosperity and PEACE... We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN



Українська Католицька Церква Св. Миколая слава Ісусу Христу!



Pastor: Rev. Andriy Dudkevych



Pastoral Care:

In emergencies, please call Fr. Andriy directly - mobile **267-269-4990** if you, a family member, or someone you know who cannot attend church, is homebound, hospitalized, or gravely ill and will need the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick.
DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE.

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СВЯТІ ЛІТУРГІЇ:

Неділя: 8:30 p., [АНГЛ].

10:30 p., [УКР]

На будні: 7:00 p.,

Субота:

8:00 p., i 5:00 пп.

Свята: 9:00 p., i 6:00 пп.

DIVINE LITURGIES:

Sunday: 8:30 am, [ENG]

10:30 am, [UKR]

Weekday: 7:00 am,

Saturday:

8:00 am, & 5:00 pm.

Holy Days:

9:00 am, & 6:00 pm.

СПОВІДЬ:

Перед Св. Літургіями - в Суботу вечером.

Неділі - Святочні дні.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Liturgies - Saturday evening.

Sundays & Holy Days.



ЗАПРОШУЄМО НА КАВУ

Special thank you for the **\$2,500.00** gifted to our parish by a faithful parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous.

Monetary gifts such as this help us to continue paying our monthly expenses during these difficult times.

We remember the generosity of all those who continue to support our parish and school during our daily Divine Liturgy and pray for their good health and happiness.



A gentle reminder that our Parish expenses will continue during this difficult time. Kindly mail your weekly contribution to the St. Nicholas parish office at 60 Holdsworth Court, Passaic, NJ 07055.

Attention:

1. Face Masks must be worn at all times when in the church building.

2. Please maintain social distancing. Keep at least 6 feet apart.

3. Please use hand-sanitizer when entering Church building.

4. If you feel sick, are coughing or sneezing, or have a fever, please stay home.

Do not come to church.

5. Veneration of icons, crosses, etc. should be done without touching or kissing them.

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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8:30 am	+Maria Turchyn (with Panakhyda)	Family
	+Theodor Stec (with Panakhyda)	Family
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioner	
+ПАНАХИДА+		
Monday - June 29th -		
9:00 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioner	
6:00 pm	+Rev. Leo Yacykewych (with Panakhyda)	Marta Swaryczewsky
Tuesday - June 30th		
7:30 am	+Slawka Sdkala (with Panakhyda)	Roman & Anna Diduch
Wednesday - July 1st		
7:30 am	+Charles Madsen (with Panakhyda)	Anna Znak
Thursday - July 2nd		
7:30 am	+John Chomko	Daughter
Friday - July 3rd		
7:30 am	+Maria Marich (with Panakhyda) - 40 day	Family & Daughter
Saturday - July 4th		
8:00 am	+Myron Domaradz (with Panakhyda)	Wife & Family
5:00 pm	+Maria Yacykewych (with Panakhyda)	Marta Swaryczewsky
Sunday - July 5th - 5th Sunday after Pentecost - 5-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа		
8:30 am	+Olga Kuruc (with Panakhyda)	Sharkey Family
	+Anna & Ivan Smolak (with Panakhyda)	Son & Family
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ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Invites everyone to join us in the recitation of the rosary every Sunday, immediately after the 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy. Let us ask the Mother of God to intercede for us before Her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Parish family that prays together, stays together.

МОЛИТОВНА ГРУПА
запрошує всіх молитися на вервиці кожної неділі після першої Служби Божої. Просімо у молитві Матір Божу, щоб заступалася за нас перед Ісусом Христом. Парафіальна родина, коли молиться разом стоїть завжди разом.



Today, the Ukrainian Catholic Church celebrates all the Saints and Martyrs of Ukraine. Icon of All Saints of Ukraine
From Great Vespers celebrating All Saints of Ukraine:
O St. Olga, morning star of Christ's gospel proclaimed in the city of Kyiv, and St. Volodymyr, equal-to-the-Apostles, Baptizer of Rus'-Ukraine, and all holy princes, God-pleasing leaders of our nation!
By your holy lives you opened the doors of truth and grace. You strengthened the Church of Christ in our Ukrainian lands. You are our constant protectors and intercessors, our honor and glory.
Therefore, may your names shine forth forever, and may they be for us an inspiration to faithfulness and perseverance in the holy faith, for the salvation of our souls.
Praise the Lord, all the nations;* proclaim His glory, all you people. All the choirs of the hierarchs, mighty luminaries of the Ukrainian Church! As faithful followers of the apostles and as good shepherds, you faithfully preserved the flock entrusted to you; you led it along paths of truth and carefully fed it with spiritual food, not hesitating to give up your lives for your sheep. Therefore, together with St. Josaphat, the priest-martyr, implore the Chief Shepherd, Christ God, for Ukrainian nation's faithfulness to His commandments and great mercy for our souls.
Strong is the love of the Lord for us;* eternally will His truth endure. Venerable fathers of the Monastery of the Caves, Anthony and Theodosius, the first flowers of the Ukrainian Church, and all the countless righteous ones who followed after their steps, dedicating their lives to God! You shine forth as an example of Christian perfection, and you teach us by prayer and self-denial to configure ourselves to Christ God for the salvation of our souls. Therefore, implore the good God, that we may be made worthy of your intercession, and that together with you, through prayer and sacrifice, we may obtain for Christ's Church and our Ukrainian nation mercy and God's bountiful blessings.



CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON:
LOVE OF NEIGHBOR: Page 75, Section 207; Page 112, Section 321
FAITH: Page 112, Section 319; Page 113, Section 322, 323

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If you recall as we began the Great Fast, we set out to meet our concern and service to those less fortunate through almsgiving and began our "Food Drive".... Then life as we knew it stopped at that point.

As our Church has opened for public services, as we come to worship together, let us remember those less fortunate. Let us again resume our "Food Drive" of non-perishable food goods for distribution to the local Food Pantry at St. Michael's parish. We ask that you bring at least one food item each time you attend Liturgy.



"The Vibrant Parish - A Place to Encounter the Living Christ"
"Жива Парафія - Місце зустрічі Живого Христа"

FOURTH SUNDAY PENTECOST * CELEBRATING THE SAINTS AND MARTYRS OF UKRAINE
Epistle - Romans 6: 18-23 ~ Gospel - Matthew 8: 15-13

In the time and place of Jesus Christ's earthly ministry, most people wanted to limit God's salvation to their own kind, to those who were part of their group. They wanted a savior, a messiah, who would be a regular earthly ruler who would free their land from the control of the pagan Romans. And the Romans believed that their gods protected their empire. By the end of the first century, they persecuted Christians who would not worship the gods of the Rome because they were considered traitors who would not do their part to serve the empire. And they crucified the Lord as though he were a rebel, one who challenged the authority of Caesar. That's why the sign at the top of the cross identified Him as the King of the Jews. The Romans used His death to remind the Jews what would happen to anyone who dared question their authority.

So imagine how strange it must have seemed to everyone when a Roman centurion asked Jesus Christ to heal his sick servant. A centurion was a Roman soldier with a hundred men under his authority, but this centurion had so much humility that he knew immediately that he was not worthy that Christ should enter his home. And he had so much faith that he knew that the Lord didn't need to enter into order to heal his servant. "Only speak a word, and my servant will be healed," the man said. Our Savior marveled at his faith, which surpassed that of anyone in Israel, of any of the Jews. This humble, faithful Gentile, this hated foreigner, was a sign that "many will come from the east and the west, (from all over the world), and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."

In other words, this gospel passage shows that God's promises to Abraham and his family from the Old Testament apply to everyone with faith in Jesus Christ. He is the Messiah of the Jews in Whom God's promises are extended also to the Gentiles, to the entire world, to all people regardless of nationality or culture. That is how a Roman centurion became the model of faith, the great example of a hated foreigner who will join in the heavenly banquet with the saints of the Hebrew people.

His story reminds us that, in Christ Jesus, the petty distinctions we make between ourselves and others do not matter very much; indeed, they are irrelevant in the Kingdom of God. For as we see in the Lord's encounter with the Roman centurion, true humility and faith are not the exclusive possessions of any nation or race. People from all over the world will enter God's Kingdom not because of the passport they hold, but because they have become participants by grace in the eternal life of the Holy Trinity.

Today we remember that our Savior challenges all the earthly distinctions that we have created in order to build ourselves up and put others down. The division between Jew and Greek, between Hebrew and Roman, between rich and poor, between strong and weak, are broken down in Jesus Christ. The same is true for the national, ethnic, and political distinctions that divide people today. Did you notice that Christ did not call upon the centurion to take on a new political affiliation, resign from the Roman army, or become a Jew? Instead, He simply praised the faith of that humble man, healed his servant, and used the occasion as an opportunity to prophesy that many foreigners will join the great patriarchs of the Old Testament in the Kingdom of heaven, while many Jews will be excluded.

And if we are truly faithful to the Lord, we may not claim Him only for ourselves and those like us. Instead, we will manifest His love, mercy, and blessing to all by how we welcome and serve them, and how we speak and think of them, regardless of their nationality, race, wealth, poverty, or anything else. We encounter Christ in every person we meet, for all human beings are created in His image. How we treat "the least of these" is how we treat Him. He does not limit His mercy to those who deserve it and neither should we.

It is so easy to judge and divide others according to the corrupt standards of our world, which usually boil down to money and power in one form or another; but that is certainly not what the Lord did in how he responded to the Centurion. In ways that surely shocked everyone, He saw faith and humility in a hated foreigner that surpassed those of His own people. The challenge to us is to follow His example and that of the holy mercenaries, fighting the temptation to make God in our image and to limit His mercy to those whom we think deserve it for some reason. The challenge is to reflect, to convey, to make present the same grace and love that we have freely received to those whom we encounter each day without exception, no matter who they are.

So with mindfulness and repentance, let us learn to view everyone—even those whom we find it hard to love or even tolerate-- as someone called to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us live as those who know the undeserved mercy of God and share His grace with others in how we treat them. We have freely received Christ's mercy; let us then freely give. *(Taken from a homily by Father Philip LeMasters)*

FEAST OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL - JUNE 29, 2020

St. Peter and St. Paul are two of the most well-known saints and are often spoken of as the two men most responsible for spreading the Christian message in the days of the early church.

This Feast is an important day on our Church calendar; in fact it has been re-instated as a feast day of obligation for the Ukrainian Catholic Church. This Feast honors the two apostles who were responsible for laying the foundation for the Church of Christ.

Their significance to us was understood by +Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, who wrote, "All that we have, we owe to their apostolic labors and prayers ... St. Paul, the Apostle, claims first place, for in his letters he has given to the Church a rich revelation of God, and a wealth of divine teachings ... The Liturgical Year gives the Apostle Peter first place, assigning him two days in the year, namely January 16th, the Feast of St. Peter in Chains and June 29th."

The Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul represents the relationship between the Universal Church (Peter's work) and the Local Church (Paul's work). We are part of the Universal Church where we find life in the Holy Mysteries (sacraments) and the teachings of Christ. We belong to the Universal Church by being members of the Local Church. The Local Church gives meaning to the Holy Mysteries and teachings of the Universal Church in the light of the cultural understandings and world-view of the particular Local Church. Our Local Church follows the Kyivan (Ukrainian) Tradition which reflects our historic cultural identity and values. But the Ukrainian Tradition doesn't belong only to us. The Feast of Peter and Paul offers us a vision of what our Church should be: outward reaching with an inward focus. The Kyivan tradition is not just for Ukrainians. We have been entrusted with a treasure of spiritual culture which we are meant to share so that others may have a fuller experience of God.

The two figures of Peter and Paul are amongst the most important in the history of the Christian faith. Paul's influence is primarily through scripture, as his epistles form the bulk of the later parts of the New Testament. Peter's influence is of a more ecclesiastical nature. In the New Testament, Jesus is recorded as telling Peter, "you are Peter, and, on this Rock, I will build my Church" (Matthew 16:18), which is interpreted as a sign that Peter is the leader of the Christian Church, with primacy over the other apostles. *(Information taken from website of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon)*