
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINTS PETER and PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

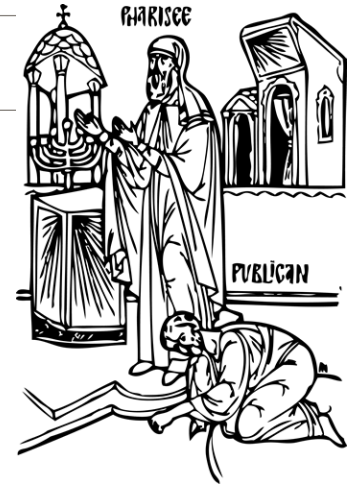
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SERVICE SCHEDULE *(but always check our calendar of events)*

- VESPERS — Saturday, 6:00pm
- DIVINE LITURGY — every Sunday, 10:00am
- GENERAL CONFESSION SERVICE — **1st Sunday** of every month, 9:25am

WELCOME VISITORS

We hope you find your time with us at Saints Peter and Paul to be a true blessing from God—who knows you by name; who knows your heart; who knows your mind; and who wants to be in a spiritual relationship with you. We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Christ our Savior, as we pray joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually. If you are seriously considering a new place of worship or a relocation to our area, we would love to have you as a part of our church family. Get in touch with Father John with any questions you may have. Welcome to Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church—we look forward to seeing you again.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — Sunday, February 23rd in the parish hall

COFFEE HOUR HELP: We thank everyone who brings in food and drinks for our Sunday coffee hour after Divine Liturgy. Remember there is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for when you would like to donate items. Some have told us that they really don't cook, but ask if there is anything else they could bring. We ALWAYS need bottled water (preferably the 8 oz. smaller ones) — you could always donate that. Also we go through a lot of cups, plates and napkins so we would gladly accept \$5, \$10, etc. towards the purchase of those products. We appreciate your generosity!

NEW ALTAR SERVERS' DELMATICS (ROBES): We are in great need of a new set of delmatics (robes) THAT ALL MATCH for all our altar servers. Sadly ours are very, very old or are "hand me downs" from other churches. It is exciting to have a large group of young men and boys who are willing to serve in the altar area assisting the priest throughout Liturgy. It would be so nice to have ONE GOOD SET of robes so all servers will match. We already have one donation from Gavin Faulkner for \$1000. and we thank him for his generous gift! We are obtaining prices for a new set of delmatics, but estimate that we will need about \$1500. to \$1800. for a new set. If you would like to donate to this project in any amount, please see Father John.

QUIET PLEASE! When you arrive early for Liturgy on Sundays, and the Reading of the Hours or the General Confession Service are taking place, please NO TALKING in church. It is disrespectful to talk in church at any time actually, but if you must—a soft whisper please.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY begins at 10:00am. Please do not arrive late. It is considered very distracting to those who are immersed in prayer and worship. Let us not keep the Lord waiting!

FOR SALE in our Parish Hall:

Bracelets, necklaces, bookmarkers — made by our parishioner, Aubriella Rodriguez

Scarves, dish towels, scrub pads — made by Heidi Bender's mother, Mrs. Irene Veronin

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH: It is always nice to bring someone along with you to Liturgy to see what our beautiful Orthodox Faith is about. Sadly, there are so many people in today's world that stopped going to church for one reason or another—extend the invite!

BURIAL PLOTS AVAILABLE TO BUY—Saints Peter and Paul Church owns burial plots in Riverdale Cemetery, Lewiston, New York. Cost is \$400 per plot. If interested in buying any, please contact Father John.

A DONATION BUTTON is on our church website peterandpauloca.org. Your donation can be made electronically via our website using either PayPal or a credit card/bank card.

2025 CHURCH WALL CALENDARS are on sale in our church vestibule. The cost is \$10 each. The calendars give you the saints of the day to commemorate and also the epistles and Gospels to read for each particular day.

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR HOME BLESSED, please contact Father John for a day and time to be scheduled. It is a beautiful custom of the Orthodox Church to have our homes/businesses blessed each year for our family's good health and blessings from God.

DON'T WAIT FOR 6 STRONG MEN TO BRING YOU TO CHURCH! Come and sing unto the Lord EVERY Sunday and receive Him in Holy Communion! Let us feed our spiritual souls as we also feed our physical bodies.

THE WEEK FOLLOWING the Commemoration of the Publican and Pharisee is entitled in the Orthodox Church a "fast free week." The Church encourages us to eat meat products to remind us NOT to be like the Pharisee (boastful/proud), BUT LIKE THAT of the Publican (humble). This will be on Wednesday (February 12) and Friday (February 14).

GREAT LENT BEGINS ON MONDAY, MARCH 3RD. What are you planning to do this Great Lent in order to get spiritually closer to our Lord?

PLEASE KEEP OUR LOVED ONES and PARISHIONERS who are sick in your prayers. We pray that they may get better and come worship with us at the Divine Liturgy.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DDB FUND (Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor) of the NY/NJ Deanery. All the great ministries of our Deanery are funded by these monies. Any amount may be donated. Please see Fr. John if interested.

2025 ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Martin Napierski (President)

Alexander Yurotskiy (Vice President)

Victor Gadzik (Treasurer)

Nadia Ryan (Secretary)

Karen Gadzik

Doreen Letty

Mariya Rubleva

David DeVantier

Gavin Faulkner

Antonio Jean

Kimberly Rodriguez

The council members were sworn in on Sunday, January 19th. We thank them for their willingness to help the church and it's priest throughout the year according to the Bylaws of the Archdiocese.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS AT SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

Saturday, February 1 6:00pm: VESPERS

Sunday, February 2 *Zacchaeus Sunday*

9:25am: GENERAL CONFESSION SERVICE/Reading of 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00am: DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom

Presentation of our Lord into the Temple—Blessing of Candles

Memorial—departed husband, **Daniel Metz** and mother, **Helen Brown**

requested by Christine Metz and Beth Brown

Saturday, February 8 6:00pm: Vespers

Sunday, February 9 *Sunday of Publican and Pharisee (beginning of Lenten Triodion)*

9:30am: Reading of 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00am: DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom

Memorial—departed mother, **Mary Bugel** (3rd year) requested by

Maryann and Nicholas Bugel

Wednesday, February 12 FAST FREE DAY

Friday, February 14 FAST FREE DAY

Saturday, February 15 6:00pm: COMBINED ORTHODOX VESPERS @ OUR CHURCH

Social fellowship in our parish hall afterwards

Sunday, February 16 *Sunday of the Prodigal Son*

9:30am: Reading of 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00am: DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, February 22 6:00pm: Vespers

Sunday, February 23 *Sunday of Meatfast*

9:30am: Reading of 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00am: DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom

Memorial—departed parents, **Hans & Svetlana Graef** and **Joseph & Irene**

Janikowski requested by Tim & Christine Janikowski

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in parish hall

Saturday, March 1 6:00pm: Vespers

Sunday, March 2 *Sunday of Cheesefast / Forgiveness Sunday*

9:25am: General Confession Service / Reading of 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00am: DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom

BRIEF VESPERS at end of Divine Liturgy for GREAT LENT BEGINS MARCH 3