

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Icon of All Saints

June 15, 2014

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THE HOLY PROPHET AMOS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 9 – JUNE 15

MONDAY, JUNE 16 - THE APOSTLES FAST BEGINS (ENDS WITH THE FEAST OF PETER AND PAUL ON JUNE 29)
SATURDAY, JUNE 21

PLEASE NOTE: NO VESPERS TODAY. Next Great Vespers will be on June 28.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 – *SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR EUSEBIUS, BISHOP OF SAMOSATA*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

All Parishioners

Looking Ahead:

- ❖ June 21 – Progressive Dinner
- ❖ June 22 – Babylon'13 Screening
- ❖ June 28 – Open House

Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the church hall, or on our website, stjohnthebaptizer.org.

SHARE 2014

EPARCHIAL APPEAL

ЄПАРХІАЛЬНИЙ ЗАКЛИК

LIVE IN LOVE — LIVE IN CHRIST

“Live in love, as Christ loved us and handed Himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God.” Ephesians 5:2

SHARE 2014 — Eparchial Appeal is the major fundraiser in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Nicholas to support the most critical areas of operation.

Our Most Important Projects:

- Parishes and Missions
- Communication and Christian Outreach
- Priests in Need
- Seminarian Formation
- Eastern Catholic Formation
- Eparchial Administration

YOUR GIFT MATTERS!
PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

ЖИВІТЬ У ЛЮБОВІ — ЖИВІТЬ У ХРИСТІ

“Живіть у любові, як Христос любив і Він віддав Себе за нас, як запашне приношення і пожертву Богу”.
Ефесян 5:2

SHARE 2014 — Єпархіальний Заклик є основною кампанією збору коштів в Українській Католицькій Єпархії Святого Миколая на підтримку найважливіших ділянок діяльності.

Наші Найважливіші Проекти:

- Парафії та Місії
- Комунікація та Християнське Звернення
- Священики у Потребі
- Формация Семінаристів
- Східня Католицька Формация
- Єпархіальне Адміністрування

ВАШ ДАРУНОК ВАЖЛИВИЙ!
БУДЬ ЛАСКА, ЗРОБІТЬ ВНЕСОК СЬОГОДНІ!

ON THE FAST AND FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES PETER & PAUL

From "These Truths We Hold"

From the 4th Century on, the Church of Rome has celebrated the Feast of the Holy Apostles on June 29. This became the usage of the Universal Church. Spiritually the Feast is linked with Holy Pentecost, as the witness of the Apostles is the immediate fruit of the descent of the Holy Spirit which came upon them. The Feast is preceded by the Fast of the Holy Apostles which begins on the Monday following All-Saints' Sunday (1st after Pentecost). The two most important Apostles of the early Church were Peter and Paul and, according to Church Tradition, they were both martyred in Rome, Paul by beheading and Peter by crucifixion. Thus this Feast became especially prominent in Rome.

Although St. Peter had a special zeal concerning Christ and is considered the

chief of the Apostles, he did not have any special authority over the other Apostles, but was only first in honor. When there were important questions in the Church, it was a Church council that decided them, and St. Peter himself was sent by a council to preach the Word of God.

According to St. John Chrysostom, St. Paul sought dishonor more than we seek honor, death more than we seek life, poverty more than we seek wealth, sorrows more than we seek joy, and that he prayed for his enemies more than others pray against their enemies. For him there was only one thing to be feared: that he might offend God! He desired nothing more in life than to please God and the whole meaning of his life was his love for Christ.



"How is a child ever going to learn to behave in Church if they aren't in Church? How can we expect our children to prioritize Church if we don't? What does it say to our children that we are on time for everything- school, work, movies, soccer practice,

baseball games, concerts, luncheons- but we are NEVER on time for Church (except for Pascha – gotta get a good seat!)"

(Presbytera Marilisse I. Mars, 21st Century American Orthodox mother)

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Over the last six months many of you have closely followed events in Ukraine—dramatic, sometimes tragic, but ultimately life-giving. After a century of genocidal experiences and decades of rampant corruption and crushing social injustice, the Ukrainian nation has been on an extended, inspired pilgrimage from fear and fraud to dignity and integrity.

Through frigid winter months millions of people filled the squares of our cities and also your cities to manifest their desire for a better life. All Ukrainian Churches and religious organizations stood together. For months with one voice they insisted that the president and government respect their citizens, that violence is not the answer, that dividing society and the country is immoral, and that dialogue is the only legitimate manner to resolve the political and social crisis. We are grateful for this prophetic unity to all our brothers and sisters in faith, to Roman Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims and especially the Orthodox Churches of Ukraine.

The Churches were united, as were people of different ethnic backgrounds, languages, and social classes. In the last weeks the unprecedented consolidation and overwhelming consensus in the

country was expressed in the presidential elections. Petro Poroshenko was elected in one round with 55% of the vote in a field of 21 candidates. 85% voted for candidates that support a democratic and European option for the country. Today the overwhelming majority of citizens—Ukrainians, Russians, Belarusians, Poles, Jews, Tatars, Armenians, Georgians, and other ethnic and religious groups—stand united against the terrorist violence and overt military aggression from abroad. They



are horrified by the annexation of Crimea and the conflict in the eastern part of the country inspired and supported by foreign Special Forces. This is the biggest challenge facing Ukraine and

Europe today.

During these months of pilgrimage from fear to dignity your moral and spiritual solidarity has been crucial for citizens of Ukraine and for our Churches. On behalf of our clergy and the faithful we would like to thank you for your abiding prayer and various works of charity that you conducted. We have addressed a singular expression of gratitude to His Holiness Pope Francis who has supported with prayer and exhortation the yearning for peace and justice in Ukraine.

What happened in Ukraine has been truly miraculous. Transforming grace poured down upon the people of our country. The pure sacrifice of new Ukrainian martyrs, the fervent supplication of millions of people on the Maidans, and the prayer of the global community of Catholics, Christians of different denominations, and people of good will of different faiths brought forth an abundance of transfiguring blessings. Today, Ukraine is a different country; it is a renewed society. Your contribution to this rebirth is vital.

We are profoundly grateful for your efforts to inform your communities about the true nature of developments in our country, countering the disinformation directed against Ukraine and its Churches, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in particular. In recent days we see how this campaign has been escalated by certain political and spiritual authorities at the highest level that share an aggressive tone and modality of dissimulation.

The dignity that Ukrainians yearn for is not first and foremost material. They seek a God-given dignity, a respect for their very being. Their right for self-determination, territorial integrity,

cultural and especially ecclesial tradition has been violated brutally in the past and is demeaned today.

In the face of systemic corruption, governmental repression, and intolerable social conditions millions of Ukrainians demonstrated peacefully, forging an ever-stronger inter-ethnic, inter-confessional, and inter-cultural solidarity. Ukraine is home to scores of peoples and religions that stand together. It is a revived civil society defending its country and the common good. Together Ukrainian citizens are saying no to tyranny, lawlessness, violence and irresponsibility—personal and social, internal and external, domestic and international.

We ask you to continue your prayer for peace in Ukraine, for peace and reconciliation built on justice. As Christians we believe that every person that demonstrates solidarity with the suffering will be blessed and will receive abundant graces from God.

The Lord bestows dignity by blessing; your benediction of Ukraine is transformative. Your blessings help transfigure a people on pilgrimage.

On behalf of the members of the
Permanent Synod of Bishops of the
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
Meeting in Kyiv, 4–6 June 2014

+SVIATOSLAV
Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych

Fathers Day

May God bless all of you Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-Fathers and God-Fathers on this day set aside to honor you! May you always show forth the love, compassion, wisdom and faithfulness that is found in our Heavenly Father. *Многая Лета! God grant you many blessed years!*



Let us Prepare Two Tables

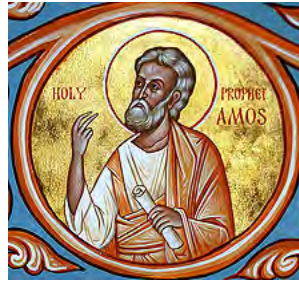
When we return home, let us prepare two tables, one for bodily food, the other for that spiritual food which is the Holy Scripture. Let the husband repeat what has been said in the holy assembly; let the wife learn it and the children listen to it. Let each of you make your home a church. Are you not responsible for the salvation of your children? Are you not likely to have to give an account of their upbringing? Just as we, the shepherds of the flock, will give an account of what we have done for your souls, so fathers of families will have to answer before God for all the people in their home.

— St. John Chrysostom “On Genesis”



THE SUDDEN CALL

June 15 is the feast day of the Old Testament prophet Amos, who lived during the 8th Century BC.



The New Testament describes the unexpected, sudden calls of several of the apostles. Two pairs of brothers—Peter and Andrew, then James and John—are going

about their daily work of fishing when Jesus Christ calls them with the famous words, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." All of them leave their nets and their daily work at once to go with Him (Matthew 4: 18-20).

This sudden call to leave an everyday occupation seems also to have been Amos' experience. He was a shepherd, in a time when many Old Testament prophets came from a professional "class." In 2 Kings 2:3, 4:38 and 6:1 Elisha encounters the "sons of the prophets" as a group. In I Kings 22:6, the King of Israel gathers "the prophets," about 400 men, and asks them what he should do. In I Samuel 10:5, Saul is told that he will meet "a band of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying."

When Amos describes his call, he makes it clear that he doesn't belong to this special group: "I am no prophet, nor a priest's son" (7:14). Like the fishermen in Jesus' time, his call seems sudden and unexpected. He is "a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel' " (7:15). This sudden call was also impossible to ignore: "The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord has spoken; who can but prophesy?" (3:5).

Please Note:

When you are away, please don't forget that the church still relies on your contributions. Our bills do not go on vacation. Your absence on any Sunday does not negate your obligation to support your home parish.

Sunday offering for June 1

Amount	Number
\$5.00	1 (loose)
\$10.00	1
\$20.00	3
\$25.00	2
\$30.00	1
\$40.00	2
\$50.00	1
\$55.00	1
\$75.00	1
\$80.00	2
\$100.00	1
\$300.00	1
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\$975.00	

Parishioner Total: \$975.00
 Average / parish household (42): \$23.78
 Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00
 Deficit: **(\$1150.00)**

Sunday offering for June 8

Amount	Number
\$9.00	1 (loose)
\$10.00	1
\$15.00	1
\$20.00	2
\$30.00	1
\$40.00	3
\$50.00	1
\$75.00	3
\$100.00	1
\$135.00	1
\$200.00	1
\$300.00	1
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\$1084.00	

Parishioner Total: \$1024.00
 Average / parish household (42): \$26.44
 Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00
 Deficit: **(\$1041.00)**

Share 2014

We do not doubt the Resurrection of Christ, His gift of salvation to us all. How are we prepared to reciprocate for this most wondrous of gifts? Let us help our eparchy bring Christ's salvation to others by making a contribution to **Share 2014 – Annual Eparchial Appeal.**

Ми не сумніваємося у Воскресінні Христа і Його дару для нашого спасіння. Як ми готові віддячити Йому за цей найчудовіший із всіх дарів? То ж допоможемо нашій єпархії принести Христове спасіння до інших внесок в **Share 2014 – Єпархіальний Заклик.**

Goal:

\$120000

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Stewardship Pledges

Pledges received: 18

Pledges:

\$39116

It is impossible to plan any sort of budget until all pledge forms are turned in. If you haven't returned your pledge, please do so.

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Examples for Us

Every year, on the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Sunday of All Saints. After we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, we remember those men and women who have shone forth over the history of the Christian Church as bearers of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is where the Incarnation is headed, the movement is always toward the descent of the Holy Spirit – after Christ redeems our fallen nature on the Cross, the Holy Spirit is sent to guide us into all truth.

God wants to live in us, to join us to Himself. This was the Divine Will from the moment of creation, finally realized on the day of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit descends on the Apostles to live in them. He fills them with power from on high, He grants them spiritual gifts,

and enables them to walk in the commandments of Christ.

For us today, the Saints are proof of Pentecost, testimony to the ongoing Pentecost in the Church. There continue to be people whose lives are transformed in Christ, who exude the love of God, who walk faultlessly in the commandments of Christ, filled with the divine gifts of the Holy Spirit. The resurrection of Christ is the proof of His ministry, St. Paul says.

And the existence of the Saints is the continuing proof of both the work of Christ, and the activity of the Holy Spirit in the world today. And since they attain to the life that we are called to, the Saints of the Church are wonderful examples for us today.