

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 29, 2025</b> <b>Peter and Paul, Prime Apostles</b> 9:00 AM - Lit. + Anna & Steve Mysak r/by Daughter, Susan 11:30 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners <b>Thursday, July 3, 2025</b> 9:00 AM - Lit + Kateryna, Mychailo, Sofia, Mykola r/by Hanna Kitchula <b>Friday, July 4, 2025</b> 8:00 AM - Lit. + Kash and Fedy r/y Helen and Jeff <b>Saturday, July 5, 2025</b> 8:00 AM - Lit. God’s Blessings and safe travel For parish group going to the United Kingdom r/by Colette Baginsky 5:00 PM - Lit. God’s Blessings and good health for Olga Hunchar on her 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 6, 2025</b> <i>Epistle - Rom 6:18-23; Gospel - Mt 8:5-13</i> 9:00 AM - Lit. + Volodymyr (1 yr.) r/by Korostil family 11:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
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Welcome.

This week, our pastor Fr. Ivan Turyk is away in Rome, participating at the pilgrimage that is part of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. During his absence, today’s Saturday Liturgy is celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Vlydyka from Carteret, NJ and Sunday Liturgy is celebrated by Rev. Volodymyr Baran, a retired priest from Newark, NJ.

Sunday Schedule Change

Our July and August Sunday 11:30 Liturgy time will be changed to 11:00 a.m. Also, weekday liturgy time will be at 8:00 a.m.

Donation to Church

\$300.00 - Stella & Milan Kudroch

Anniversary Congratulations.

Happy anniversary to our parishioners Milan and Stella Kudroch, who celebrate their 50th anniversary this weekend. Prayers and congratulations to you both on reaching this wonderful milestone!

**Facilities Update** — During the last week Sunday’s Liturgies, our heating and cooling system suffered significant breakdowns. The water was leaking through the ceiling in the altar server sacristy. I express thanks to our parishioners Yuriy Dzoba and Ivan Sytar who fixed and resolved issues with the AC.

Farewell wishes.

After 55 years of faithful ministry in the "Boyan" choir, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Dr. Lisa Romanetz, who will soon be relocating to North Carolina. Thank you, Lisa — for the memories, and the unwavering faith you have shared with us. May God go with you as you begin this new chapter, and may you carry our parish in your heart, as we will carry you in ours.

Children’s Bible School - Summer Camp

“ Vacation With God Camp” for the youth of our parish children Grades 1 to 8 has been scheduled for Monday- Thursday. June 30 - July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
26-28, 2024 from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

- Please register your child for this FREE camp.
- Lunch provided, activities, games, crafts.
- This year Assumption School Teachers and Sisters will run this camp.
- The camp will take place at the church hall and school, and children will be separated by age groups.
- Please fill out the YELLOW registration form in the church vestibule.
- Leave the complete form on the back table or give it to Fr. Ivan, no later than Sunday, June 29

TODAY: The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

We owe to the Holy Apostles the priceless treasure of the Christian faith. They handed Christ’s teachings down to us. From them, we received the Holy Gospels and the letters of the Apostles. They built on the firm foundation which is Christ.

Jesus Christ, having great plans for St. Peter at the beginning of his calling, changed the name Simon to the name of Peter (Cephas) which means rock, for he was to be the rock that will form part of the foundation of Jesus’s Church. St. Peter witnessed the glory of Christ on Mt. Tabor; he professed the divinity of Christ, he was sent with St. John to prepare the Paschal Supper; He witnessed Christ’s agony in the Garden of Olives; the temple tax was paid by Christ for Himself and for Peter. After the Ascension of Christ, St. Peter became the head of the Apostles and the leader of the first Christian community in Jerusalem.

The love of Christ was the chief motive of Peter’s apostolic activity, labors and sacrifices. That love finally led him to suffer and die for the sake of his beloved Teacher. A pious tradition relates that he considered himself unworthy to die on the cross as Christ did, and therefore asked to be crucified upside down. St. Peter was martyred in Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero between the years 64 and 67 A.D.

St. Paul did not belong to the original group of the twelve apostles, but through his apostolic labors, his dedication, his great sacrifices, and his sufferings in the service of Christ, he received the title ‘Apostle’, along with Peter, of the First Apostle. He is the only one of the Apostles who was highly educated and was by birth a Roman citizen. While Paul was on his way to Damascus, Christ Himself called him to repentance and Paul became a zealous follower of Jesus Christ.

OUR NATION IN HISTORY

Although July 4th is celebrated as America’s official split from Britain’s rule and the beginning of the American Revolution, the actual series of events show that the process took far longer than a single day. The original resolution was introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia on June 7, 1776, and called for the Continental Congress to declare the United States free from British rule. Three days later a committee headed by Thomas Jefferson was appointed to prepare an appropriate writing for the occasion.

Congress adopted the document that we know as the Declaration of Independence on July 4th although the resolution that led to the writing of the Declaration was actually approved two days earlier. All of this had occurred with some of the delegates to the Congress not even present; New York, for example, did not even vote on the resolution until July 9th. Even more interesting is the fact that not a single signature was appended to the Declaration on July 4th. While most of the fifty-six names were in place by early August, one signer, Thomas McKean, did not actually sign the Declaration until 1781.

Nevertheless, July 4th was the day singled out to mark the event of the United States establishing itself as a nation.

Only four American holidays are still celebrated on their proper calendar days: Halloween, Christmas, New Year’s and Independence Day. Of all the secular holidays, the Fourth of July is the only one whose celebration date resists change. Even in more provincial times, suggestions to alter the day of the festival to the preceding Saturday or the following Monday when July 4th fell on Sunday were protested. The feeling about the sanctity of America’s Independence Day was best expressed in a quotation from the Virginia Gazette on July 18th, 1777:

“Thus may the 4th of July, that glorious and ever memorable day, be celebrated through America, by the sons of freedom, from age to age till time shall be no more. Amen and Amen.