

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Peter and Paul — June 29th

HOLY GHOST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 26-July 3, 2016

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +Tony & Justyna Stojkiewicz –The Stoken Family

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: June 26, 2016

10:00AM (Ukrainian) FOR THE PARISHIONERS

Daily Divine Liturgies are celebrated at 9:00AM. Please support our daily Liturgies through your attendance.

MONDAY Liturgy of Thanksgiving for picnic workers and parishioners

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL

5:30PM +Health of Marion Sroka- Theodozia Sroka & family

THURSDAY +Josephine Iieczko- Aurelia Corea

FRIDAY +John Vedomsky- Dashe Family

SATURDAY 6:00PM +John Hutnik- Frank & Mary O'Such

7th Sunday After Pentecost: July 3, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM(English) +Harry Paskewicz- Jane Atherholt & family

COLLECTION – \$1334.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.

Tower Repair /Memorial Account \$100 Greg and Dorothy Neff

\$100 Eugenia Praschyk Ursone

**Eternal Light & Altar Candles In memory of +Joseph & Stella Bodnar
Dan & Loretta Bodnar**

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Troparion (5):

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (5):

You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind. And so we cry out: Save us, O Lord.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Theotokion (5):

Rejoice, O Impassable Door of the Lord! Rejoice, O Rampart and Protection of those who have recourse to you! Rejoice, O Tranquil Haven and Virgin, who gave birth in the flesh to your Maker and God! Fail not to intercede for those who sing and worship the Child you bore.

Prokimenon (5):

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and for ever.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (Rom 12,6-14)

Brethren: Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be sincere; hate what is evil; hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them.

Alleluia Verses:

Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Gospel: (Mt 9,1-8)

At that time, Jesus entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town. And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven." At that, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -he then said to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home." He rose and went home. When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe and glorified God who had given such authority to human beings.

Remembrances of my mission to Ukraine with the Sisters of St Basil

Our trip to Ukraine was truly an experience we will never forget and hope to do again. We arrived in Lviv to be greeted with flowers by Sr. Lucia. The minute we met her, we knew our trip would be wonderful. She has a passion for life, full of energy and a love for Jesus. We stayed in Lviv for a few days and met with the other teachers, as well as the nuns who would accompany us to our camp. There are 2 different camps being held each week and we were coincidentally heading to the Holy Ghost seminary in Rudno. The children arrived at camp on Monday and were tested and placed in groups according to their grasp of the English language. The children at our camp ranged from 11 to 16 years of age and most were able to communicate in English in some capacity. Our camp only housed 50 children due to lack of space, teachers, and funds. Some of the children were orphans and others were children of displaced families from Donetsk who left their livelihood behind to flee the war. Since we had 8 teachers, we divided the children into 4 groups and team taught each group. The children received one lesson each day in reading, writing, grammar, and phonics. Our subject was Phonics and we had so much fun teaching the different levels and watching their faces light up when they understood how to properly pronounce words. Each group picked a name and created a chant and a logo...we were the Unicorns and "we love God and popcorn". Their creativity and excitement was inspiring.

It was amazing watching these children learn. They all had a passion for learning English and each understood the need to learn English. They all had a mission...some just wanted to travel, some wanted to visit family in Canada or England, and all knew English was the universal language that would help them succeed. The most amazing part was watching these children socialize amongst each other. The sisters had them singing and dancing until late into the evening. They eagerly learned hand motions and dance steps to silly songs. The pastor and seminarians joined in the festivities and everyone laughed and sang until we were all exhausted.

Thanks to the many donations received, we were also able to take the children to a theater to see a play one evening and on a separate occasion, took them to dinner at a restaurant. The children were in awe and always so grateful and polite. Needless to say, the last day of camp was filled with tears. Teachers and students were sad to say goodbye and all hoped we would see each other again next summer! We are currently working on a new camp for next summer which will be south of Kiev and will accommodate 600 orphans. *Olga Dunigan*

Olga and Emily Dunigan were part of the 17 volunteers that went to Ukraine for Catechetical Missions with the Sisters of St Basil. Your donation of \$1000 from our pyrohy project greatly helped those who have been orphaned due to the ongoing war in Eastern Ukraine. God bless all of you for your generosity

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / INFORMATION

12:00 PM Opening Ceremony: Singing of the National Anthems
Presenting of the colors: Ukrainian American Veterans

Pastor's Welcome

FOOD:

Ukrainian Foods and Baked Goods are served in the basement hall of the church

Tickets are required for all food, drinks, children's games and ride.

TRICKY TRAY

The Tricky Tray Tables are cash only. The winners will be drawn at 6:00PM.

Winners need not be present. Gifts may be collected at the parish rectory during the week. (610-252-4266)

UKRAINIAN VENDORS

Our Ukrainian vendors are available in the church yard. There are also religious items for sale in the basement of the church.

CHURCH TOURS

The Church is open for visitation. There will be tours of the church at
1:00PM English
3:30PM(Ukrainian)
5:00PM English

CONCERT AND DANCERS

St Mary's Traditional Ukrainian Dancers, Allentown PA will perform at 2:00PM on the dance floor under the direction of Walter Milinichik .

2:30PM Ukrainian Folk Songs: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Singers

MUSIC & DANCING

12:00-2:00PM Jeff Bellfy & Company

3:00PM-7:00PM The Golden Tones Polka Band, McAdoo PA

SPECIAL THANKS

After much preparation and planning our Holy Ghost Picnic is finally here. I am so proud of you as a parish community. You have given of your time, your talent, your cooperation, and your dedication to make this day possible. Special thanks to all those who attended the planning meetings, to all those who committed to volunteer as chairpeople for the various food preps, those who helping set up the church grounds and helped advertise and manage our webpage, who donated their musical talent. Special thanks to all those who prepared the Ukrainian program during the festival and the dancers from St Mary's Orthodox Church in Allentown who will perform. Special thanks to all those who made the holupky, pyrohy, halusky, donated baked goods, to those who made all the signs and helped with parking and cleanup during the festival. A complete list of donations and volunteers will be published in the Picnic Financial Report. God bless all of you! I'm looking forward to sharing this day with you!

FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL

The feast of Sts Peter and Paul will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 5:30PM. The feast celebrates the lives of Peter, the head of the Apostles and the first Pope, and Paul who was the Apostle to the Gentiles who's letters inspire us with the encouragement, discipline and words of faith each and every day. Please join us. This feast is generally preceded with a time of fasting and prayer called "Petrivka". " You are Peter (Rock) and upon this rock I shall build my church." Matthew 16. "And I will give to you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven."

WELCOME

We welcome the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate with us today. They will also have a table set up with information about their upcoming Pilgrimage, vocations and their ministries. Please stop by and say hello to them. Your prayers and support mean a lot.

We also welcome all of our guests today who visit us during our festival. May our Lord bless you and grant this to be a time of grace and mercy during this Holy Year of Mercy. As you enter our doors of Holy Ghost Church, may you receive the blessing and mercy of God.

HOLY GHOST T-SHIRTS

There are new Holy Ghost T-Shirts available downstairs at the religious article table. All sizes are \$10.00. The front of the shirt has the church emblem and name, the back of the shirt has the Ukrainian Tryzub, in support of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Helen Terleski	Teodozia Sroka	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczycki	Sophie Troyan	Jean Lakomski	Michael Trusz
Michael Horon	Peg Hutnik	Richard Suter	Joann Pail
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Walter Kiniuk
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitiski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory Neff	Karen Bakros	Stephen Terleski
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Robin Mease	Olga Bryksa

UKRAINIAN FOLK DANCE CAMP

The Ukrainian Homestead is sponsoring a Ukrainian Folk Dance Workshop from June 27 – July 2, 2016 Beginners through advanced: Ages 5 & up. \$75.00 per child
Camp runs from 10:00AM – 4:00PM. Principal Instructor: Andriy Dobriansky
Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church. For more information contact
Paula Holoviak 570-708-1992
Daily schedule: Dance instruction, crafts, sports, swimming, Ukrainian music, lunch
and snacks.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

We will be having Summer Church Camp for the children and grandchildren of our
community from July 18-22 from 9:30AM – 1:30PM daily. We will be exploring the
roots of our faith and our Ukrainian culture. We will be visiting the Coal Region
where many of our first immigrants settled and our first Ukrainian Greek Catholic
Church was built; have a tour of a Coal Mine and visit Knoebels Grove in nearby
Elysburg. Please register your children using the forms in the vestibule of the
church. Thank you.

TOWER REPAIR FUND

We are happy to have our tower repaired and new louvers installed. We are still
asking for donations to complete payment for the project. Please consider
supporting our project through your donation. Thank you.

***PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS, SISTERS AND
SEMINARIANS AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND
RELIGIOUS LIFE.***

HOLY GHOST PICNIC THIS SUNDAY:

**12:00-7:00PM MUSIC – HOMEMADE UKRAINIAN FOOD AND BAKED GOODS
DANCING – CHILDREN'S GAMES AND TRICKY TRAY
UKRAINIAN VENDORS AND ARTS**

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Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

Marriages: Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick: Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

Confession: Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

The Gifts of the Holy Apostles

Let us beg also of God that He would put on us, who have shed the old man, the heavenly Christ, even now, so that established in great joy and thus led by Him, we may be granted the greatest tranquility. For the Lord, who wishes to fill us with a taste of the Kingdom, says: "Without me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). And still, by using the Apostles, He knew how to enlighten many others. Even though they were creatures, they fed their fellow servants. They taught them how to become a brother and a son of Christ, to live in a more outstanding way than the rest of people, namely, they sanctified the very heart and mind, likewise the thoughts, so that men directed those to

God. And thus God secretly bestows life and all their heartfelt needs, and dedicates Himself to them. For when a person surrenders to God his secret possessions, that is, his mind and thoughts, not occupying himself with any other matter or thought or distraction, but subjecting himself to a certain constraint, then the Lord makes him a sharer in His mysteries, in holiness and great purity. He also gives Himself as heavenly food and spiritual drink.

Pseudo-Macarius

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