



## SS. PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### SERVICES: September 1, 2019 – September 8, 2019

Sunday, September 1, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am - Liturgy; Coffee Hr.; 12:00 - Bible Study

Saturday, September 7, 2019.....5:00 pm – Vespers; General Confession

Sunday, September 8, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am - Liturgy; Coffee Hr.; 12:00 - Bible Study

### September 1, 2019

#### 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle)

*If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.*

#### Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)

*Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."*

#### Prayer List

We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially: Vera Tatusko and William Tellep Jr. Also offer your prayers for those in need especially Helen Baburchak, Jessica Barton, Mat. Joanna Bohush, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Bill Dranchak, Marilee Driggs; Tony Fiaco; Thanos Fotiou, Jack Francisco, Justin Garcia, Kristine Garner; Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Stella Holowatch; Natalia Karlgut; Sue Kocenko, Olga Kulasza, Robert Kushner, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Joni Mitchell, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachelle Vitale, Elayna Volock, Jack Wanchisen, Olga Warski, Bob Wartonik, Frank Urban & all of our parishioners who are ill. To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know. Thank you!

MEMORY ETERNAL! - We express our condolences, love and prayers on falling asleep of our beloved parishioner Nadine Dranchak. May Nadine's Memory be Eternal, and may she rejoice in Eternal life forever. We will serve 40 Day Panikhida for her Repose today at the end of the Divine Liturgy.



**COFFEE HOUR:** Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Today:** Church Sponsored

**September 8:** Rita Kushner, Nadine Fedones, Anne Sawchak, Ellen Baxendale, Patty & Dave Deamond

**September 15:** Allan/Elaine Costello, Dick/Jeannie Sura, Mat Michele Holowatch,

### Sunday Adult Bible Study - The Epistles of James and Peter

Do we fully live out our faith? Members of the early Church (just like us) faced the temptation to live in worldly ways. They were also (just like us) under pressure from a powerful secular culture. The epistles of St. James and St. Peter are packed with guidance on how to swim against the secular tide and become an “overcomer” in Christ. Join us downstairs each Sunday at 12 noon (after coffee hour). Classes begin July 7, 2019 and continue into September.

Dear Parishioners and friends, Glory to Jesus Christ!

Our parish is known throughout the Diocese for its charitable outreach and character. We always respond most generously to the needs of others, especially when it comes to the needs of children and youth, within and outside our parish. This is one of those times that we are reaching out and asking for your generous charitable contribution for a most worthy and needed cause. Please see the attached to your July Monthly Mailing the Appeal Letter and architectural plans for our diocesan St. Andrew's Camp. Your generous donations for this Major construction campaign are truly appreciated! May God bless you for your charity and love for the youth of our parish, deanery, and diocese!

With love in Christ, Fr. Alexey

**STEWARDSHIP REMINDER!!-** Now that we are in the 2nd half of our fiscal year, we ask that all of our parishioners review their stewardship contributions to the church and if they have fallen behind, please take this opportunity to catch up. Your church depends on you! Our parish is assessed \$145 per adult member by the Diocese and the National Church (or 10% of our annual non-designated regular revenue) and this constitutes a minimal financial obligation per our by-laws to be considered a member of the parish. None of this \$145 assessment remains in the parish to support the work and ministries and outreach of our parish family. If you need a total of your contributions to date, please contact us at [sspeterandpauloffice@gmail.com](mailto:sspeterandpauloffice@gmail.com), or see Fr. Alexey. Thank you for your generosity!

### "MAKING GOOD MARRIAGES BETTER THROUGH RESOURCES OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH"

FRIDAY EVENING \* SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 5:00 pm – 10:00 PM ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, DINNER, SOCIAL RECEPTION SATURDAY \* SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 MORNING PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL BREAKFAST SESSION ONE LUNCH SESSION TWO EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL DINNER SOCIAL GATHERING SUNDAY \* SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 DIVINE LITURGY IN THE CHAPEL BREAKFAST DISMISSAL Saint Andrew's Camp and Religious Center is located on the shore of Lake Oneida in upstate New York, about 30 minutes north of Syracuse NY. Couples attending the retreat will receive lodging, meals, and all retreat materials as part of their registration. We are honored to feature Dr. Mary and Dr. David Ford of Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary as retreat leaders. Following on-line registration, participants will receive further details and travel information. Saint Andrew's Camp website: <http://saintandrewscamp.org/>

### "THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE! LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!"

I greet all of you with these words of praise as we begin another year within the Liturgical and Spiritual Life of Our Church. Every year on September 1, Orthodox Christians around the world celebrate this Great Feast to mark the beginning of their spiritual journey through the cycle of Feasts. Whereas many of the Feasts of the Church revolve around Great & Holy Pascha, it is September 1<sup>st</sup> that is the start of the Church Calendar. As such, this would be a great time for us, as Christians, to choose a goal that is appropriate for our own spirituality. Perhaps we need to attend the weekly services that are offered on a more regular basis, pray a little more each day, read the Bible all the way through, fast more often or more strictly, extend our time, talents, and efforts a little more. Whatever we need to do to grow spiritually, we need to start today! The commemoration of The Church New Year, itself, reminds us of the constant need to re-evaluate and recapture that which is central to our lives as Orthodox Christians, to restore balance in all we do, and in repentance to make an earnest attempt to set aside a portion—the “first portion”—of our time to acquire the peace of the Holy Spirit.



*to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross & receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join us for our Fellowship Hour & to visit our Bookstore.*

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