



SAINTS PETER & PAUL

*United in their love for our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we honor these two men for their Apostolic zeal.*

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JULY 15th –7th Sunday After PENTECOST – Tone 6

(Commemorating the Placing of the Precious Robe Of The Theotokos
in the Church of Blachemae))

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Romans 15: 1-7

Today's Gospel Readings:

LITURGY: Matthew 9: 27-35

Troparion: "The angelic powers were at Thy Tomb, the guards became as dead men; Mary stood by Thy Grave, seeking Thy Most-Pure Body; Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life: O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, Glory to Thee!"

Kontakion: "When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all."

Spiritual Food:

————— What Will It Cost Me? —————

There would be no sin in the world if people had to taste the bitterness of it first, and the sweetness of it last. Unfortunately, however, the devil places a thick coat of sugar over the bitterness of sin so that we taste its sweetness first and its bitterness last. Someone said once, "Everything has to be paid for in life. Good things are paid for before you get them; bad things are paid for afterwards." How true this is of life.

Love, for example, is paid for in advance in the discipline it costs in being a person capable of loving and worthy of being loved. Lust, on the other hand, is paid for afterwards in remorse, frustration, disappointment, sorrow and guilt. So before you sin, ask yourself: "What will it cost me in loss of self-respect? How will I feel about it tomorrow? How will I be able to live with myself? How will I feel toward the person with whom or against whom I sinned? How will I feel toward my parents? toward my children? toward my wife? How will I feel toward God? How will He feel toward me?"

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

- (1) **DIOCESAN PLEA:** To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW I, the Diocese is asking IF anyone has souvenirs (medals, trinkets, symbols, uniform parts, etc.) from that time (1914-1918) to please let Fr. Stevo know, as the Diocese wants to hold a Traveling Exhibit that will go around the Diocesan parishes beginning in September of this year!
- (2) Our Church Health Team is meeting today after Church, as we begin our ONCD Journey – Pray for them and their Ministry for us!
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Nick Trbovic Donna/Nick Moss-NH Katie Repasky Lucy Pcholinski
Stella Stipanovich -NH Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Keith Bedell
Margaret Ivkovich Melva Buzzelli-NH V. Rev. Adam Yonitch
V. Rev. Paul Lazor Wayne Eremic John Walker
- (4) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+ Martha Zivkovich- +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach
+Sophie Vranesevic +Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Ann Vranesevic
+Nick Pilipovich +Jovan Vujatovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Stoyanka Vranesevich
+Mel Trkula +Mika Rocknage +Sharon Young +Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff
+AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rastko Trbuhovich,+Vasilije Sokolovic +George Medich
+Arlene Crnkovich +Amy Pacura
- (5) **GROUPS Ministry:** Our Support Group dates for **NEXT MONTH** : MEN – Tuesday the 31st of JULY – and the Women – Tuesday the 21st of AUGUST – 7 PM!
- (6) **Don't forget: you can help out at the St. Cyril Food Pantry** – any Thursday at 4:30pm!
- (7) **Baptism** of Marko Andres Villa is this coming Month – **NEXT SUNDAY -July 22nd** – after Holy Liturgy!
- (8) **Shadeland Diocesan Day** is Saturday, August 4th – Make your plans to celebrate with us!
(See the Flyer both downstairs and upstairs!)
- (9) **THIS WEEK** – you will be receiving your MID-YEAR Pledge Statements, along with the International Village Donation Lists – things we need donated to help us maximize our profit!
(PLEASE – do what you can to help us achieve our goal of a successful, PROFITABLE IV for us this year!)

TWO PILLARS OF THE CHURCH

What a remarkable contribution these two men, Saints Peter and Paul, made to the early history of Christianity! No wonder the Church has always honored them together as the two leading figures of apostolic times.

These two giants of the Church were quite dissimilar. Peter was a fisherman, Paul a scholar. Peter was married, Paul was single. Peter was a simple, impulsive man. Paul was a thinker and philosopher. But they had one thing in common: they were one in their devotion to Christ and in their labors for the Christian faith. And both sealed with their blood the testimony of their faith.

Peter was one of the Twelve Apostles, considered a leader of the apostolic group along with James and John. Christ Himself vested a sacred trust in Peter. His name means "rock", from the Greek word "petra". His missionary activities began on Pentecost Day when he preached to thousands and brought them into the kingdom of God. He established the Church in Antioch, Syria, and that apostolic and patriarchal Church remains to this day as a fruit of his labors.

Paul, while not one of the original Twelve, considered himself a true Apostle of Christ. Indeed, he became the greatest of the apostles in zeal and sacrifice for the Gospel. Paul called himself "The Apostle of the Gentiles." (Romans 11:13), converting many to the newborn Faith. He wrote Epistles, he travelled extensively, he preached everywhere, he established churches, and suffered wounds for the faith. Finally, he was arrested and brought to trial in Rome and martyred about the year 67.