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Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

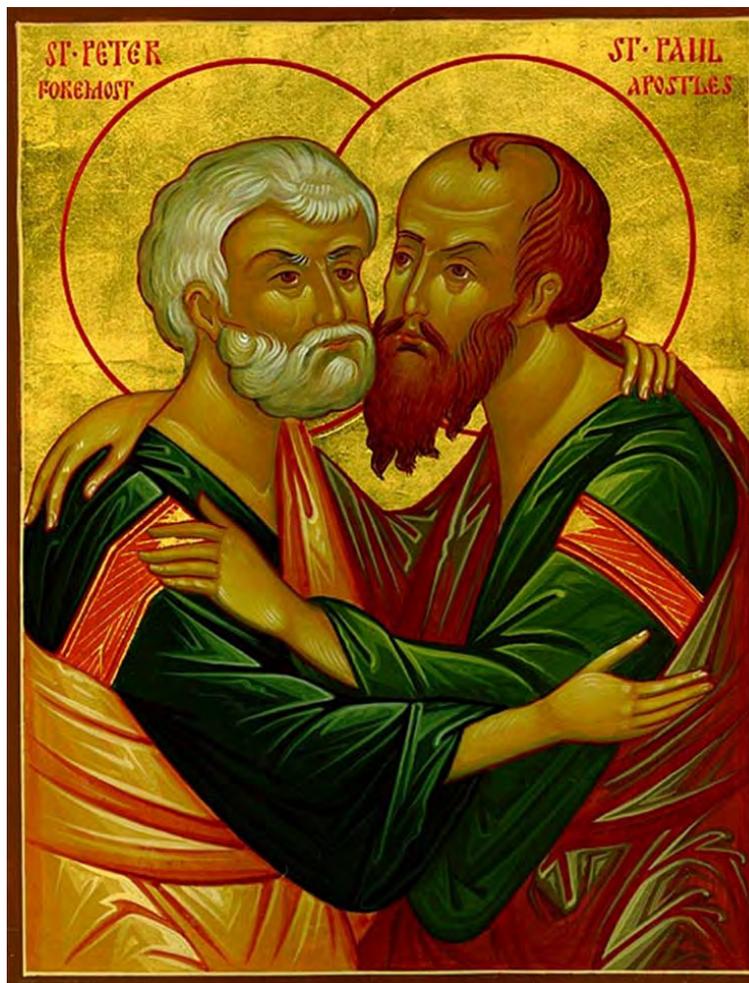
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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Sermon of Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo:

Today the Holy Church piously remembers the sufferings of the Holy Glorious and All-Praised Apostles Peter and Paul.

Saint Peter, the fervent follower of Jesus Christ, for the profound confession of His Divinity: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God," was deemed worthy by the Savior to hear in answer, "Blessed art thou, Simon ... I tell thee, that thou art Pe-

ter [Petrus], and on this stone [petra] I build My Church" (Mt.16:16-18). On "this stone" [petra], is on that which thou sayest: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" it is on this thy confession I build My Church. Wherefore the "thou art Peter": it is from the "stone" [petra] that Peter [Petrus] is, and not from Peter [Petrus] that the "stone" [petra] is, just as the Christian is from Christ, and not Christ from the Christian. Do you want to know, from what sort of "rock" [petra] the Apostle Peter [Petrus]

was named? Hear the Apostle Paul: "Brethren, I do not want ye to be ignorant," says the Apostle of Christ, "how all our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ" (1 Cor.10: 1-4)....

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the final days of His earthly life, in the days of His mission to the race of man, chose from among the disciples His twelve Apostles to preach the Word of God. Among them, the Apostle Peter for his fiery ardor was vouchsafed to occupy the first place (Mt.10:2) and to be as it were the representative person for all the Church. Therefore it is said to him, preferentially, after the confession: "I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in the heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth: shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt.16: 19). Therefore it was not one man, but rather the One Universal Church, that received these "keys" and the right "to bind and loosen." And that it was actually the Church that received this right, and not exclusively a single person, turn your attention to another place of the Scriptures, where the same Lord says to all His Apostles, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit" and further after this, "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them: and whose soever sins ye retain, are retained" (John 20: 22-23); or: "whatsoever ye bind upon the earth, shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosened in heaven" (Mt.18:18). Thus, it is the Church that binds, the Church that loosens; the Church, built upon the foundational cornerstone, Jesus Christ Himself (Eph 2:20), doth bind and loosen. Let both the binding and the loosening be feared: the loosening, in order not to fall under this again; the binding, in order not to remain forever in this condition. Therefore "Iniquities ensnare a man, and everyone is bound in the chains of his own sins," says Wisdom (Prov 5:22); and except for Holy Church nowhere is it

possible to receive the loosening.

After His Resurrection the Lord entrusted the Apostle Peter to shepherd His spiritual flock not because, that among the disciples only Peter alone was pre-deserved to shepherd the flock of Christ, but Christ addresses Himself chiefly to Peter because, that Peter was first among the Apostles and as such the representative of the Church; besides which, having turned in this instance to Peter alone, as to the top Apostle, Christ by this confirms the unity of the Church. "Simon of John" -- says the Lord to Peter -- "lovest thou Me?" -- and the Apostle answered: "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee"; and a second time it was thus asked, and a second time he thus answered; being asked a third time, seeing that as it were not believed, he was saddened. But how is it possible for him not to believe That One, Who knew his heart? And wherefore then Peter answered: "Lord, Thou knowest all; Thou knowest that I love Thee." "And sayeth Jesus to him" all three times "Feed My sheep" (John 20:15-17).

Besides this, the triple appealing of the Savior to Peter and the triple confession of Peter before the Lord had a particular beneficial purpose for the Apostle. That one, to whom was given "the keys of the kingdom" and the right "to bind and to loose," bound himself thrice by fear and cowardice (Mt.26:69-75), and the Lord thrice loosens him by His appeal and in turn by his confession of strong love. And to shepherd literally the flock of Christ was acquired by all the Apostles and their successors. "Take heed, therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock," the Apostle Paul urges church presbyters, "over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28); and the Apostle Peter to the elders: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint, but willingly: not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when is appeared the Prince of pas-

tors, ye will receive unfading crowns of glory” (1 Pet. 5:2-4).

It is remarkable that Christ, having said to Peter: “Feed My sheep,” did not say: “Feed thy sheep,” but rather to feed, good servant, the sheep of the Lord. “Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?” (1 Cor.1:13). “Feed My sheep”. Wherefore “wolfish robbers, wolfish oppressors, deceitful teachers and mercenaries, not being concerned about the flock” (Mt.7:15; Acts 20:29; 2 Pet 2:1; John 10:12), having plundered a strange flock and making of the spoils as though it be of their own particular gain, they think that they feed their flock. Such are not good pastors, as pastors of the Lord. “The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep” (John 10:11), entrusted to Him by the chief Shepherd Himself (1 Pet 5:4). And the Apostle

Peter, true to his calling, gave his soul for the very flock of Christ, having sealed his apostleship by a martyr’s death, is now glorified throughout all the world.

The Apostle Paul, formerly Saul, was changed from a robbing wolf into a meek lamb. Formerly he was an enemy of the Church, then is manifest as an Apostle. Formerly he stalked it, then preached it. Having received from the high priests the authority at large to throw all Christians in chains for execution, he was already on the way, he breathed out

“threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord” (Acts 9:1), he thirsted for blood, but “He that dwells in the Heavens shall laugh him to scorn” (Ps 2:4). When he, “having persecuted and vexed” in such manner “the Church of God” (1Cor.15:9; Acts 8:5), he came near Damas-

cus, and the Lord from Heaven called to him: “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?” and I am here, and I am there, I am everywhere: here is My head; there is My body. There becomes nothing of a surprise in this; we ourselves are members of the Body of Christ. “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me; it is hard for thee to kick against the goad” (Acts 9:4-5). Saul, however, “trembling and frightened”, cried out: “Who art Thou, Lord?” The Lord answered him, “I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest.”

And Saul suddenly undergoes a change: “What wantest Thou me to do?”

-- he cries out. And suddenly for him there is the Voice: “Arise, and go to the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do” (Acts 9:6). Here the Lord sends Ananias: “Arise and go into the street” to a man, “by the name of Saul,” and baptize him, “for this one is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel” (Acts 9: 11, 15, 18). This vessel must be filled with My Grace. “Ananias, however, answered: Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he hath done to Thy saints in Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the



chief priests to bind all who call on Thy Name” (Acts 9:13-14). But the Lord urgently commands Ananias: “Search for and fetch him, for this vessel is chosen by Me: for I shall show him what great things he must suffer for My name’s sake” (Acts 9:11, 15-16).

And actually the Lord did show the Apostle Paul what things he had to suffer for His Name. He instructed him the deeds; He did not stop at the chains, the fetters, the prisons and shipwrecks; He Himself felt for him in his sufferings, He Himself guided him towards this day. On a single day the memory of the sufferings of both these Apostles is celebrated, though they suffered on separate days, but by the spirit and the closeness of their suffering they constitute one. Peter went first, and Paul followed soon after him. Formerly called Saul, and then Paul, having transformed his pride into humility. His very name (Paulus), meaning “small, little, less,” demonstrates this. What is the Apostle Paul after this? Ask him, and he himself gives answer to this: “I am,” says he, “the least of the Apostles... but I have labored more abundantly than all

of them: yet not I, but the grace of God, which was with me” (1 Cor.15:9-10).

And so, brethren, celebrating now the memory of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, remembering their venerable sufferings, we esteem their true faith and holy life, we esteem the innocence of their sufferings and pure confession. Loving in them the sublime quality and imitating them by great exploits, “in which to be likened to them” (2 Thess 3: 5-9), and we shall attain to that eternal bliss which is prepared for all the saints. The path of our life before was more grievous, thornier, harder, but “we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12: 1), having passed by along it, made now for us easier, and lighter, and more readily passable. First there passed along it “the author and finisher of our faith,” our Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Heb 12: 2); His daring Apostles followed after Him; then the martyrs, children, women, virgins and a great multitude of witnesses. Who acted in them and helped them on this path? He Who said, “Without Me ye can do nothing” (John 15: 5).

A Friendly Reminder:

We will be celebrating **Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 29th**, in observance of the **Holy Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul**. Also, the previous evening we will observe **Great Vespers at 6:00 PM on June 28th**.

PARISH SPECIAL MEETING ON JULY 17TH

The Parish Council is calling a Special Meeting on Sunday, July 17th. The two topics are the cemetery road repair plan and the window replacement in the Parish Hall (the one adjacent to the cathedral). As required by the Parish Bylaws, full details will be provided no fewer than eight days before the meeting.

Please make whatever arrangements can be made so that you can attend this meeting to guarantee a quorum. Thank you!

INCOMPLETE RECORDS ISSUE

Fr. Jan has found that there are probably some missing records for Baptisms, Christmations, Marriages, or Funerals from January 2020 until April 2021. Please if you know about any performed sacrament during that time, contact him to record it in the Parish Metric Book. Thankyou.

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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Two Generous Donations!

We would like to express our gratitude towards two anonymous donors.

One donor donated money for red altar covers, which Fr. Jan ordered from a Ukrainian orthodox tailor.

Another donor, a couple, donated new blue vestments which came from St. Elizabeth Orthodox convent from Belarus. May our Lord reward your generosity and kindness!

An Announcement from the Parish Council:

We are considering selling the BBQ trailer. It is a 10 spit trailer, if interested please contact Wayne Vidovich for details.

ZOE for Life® needs your help! If you have a background in Accounting and have a few hours a month to help with some basic Financial Statements, please contact Karen Contoveros, cell ph. 440-759-6215. Please consider sharing your time and talent with this essential ministry. Thank you

St. Herman House Online Auction

For the past few years St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland has hosted an online auction that leads up to our annual Golf Classic. This year we have been able to gather some really fantastic items to include in the auction.

<https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/65716/auctions/123243>



 CLEVELAND

ST. HERMAN HOUSE

9th Annual Golf Classic
June 27, 2022

The Tanglewood Club

11:30 AM Shotgun Start

<https://sainthermans.org/golf/>

Golf For A Good Cause

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Join St. Herman House – FOCUS Cleveland at the historic Tanglewood Club on June 27, 2022 for our 9th Annual Golf Classic. All proceeds help us carry out our mission to shelter and support homeless men on the path to well-being and independence and meet the basic needs of people in our community.

If you can't make it to our in person event, you can still bid on the amazing prizes at our Virtual Auction. We'll post a link to the auction items on Sunday, June 19.



SAINTS PETER & PAUL ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Friday, August 19
4:30 PM - 9:00 PM



Saturday, August 20
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM



**DINNERS &
BAKED GOOD**



**ASSORTED
BAKED GOODS**



**INTERNATIONAL
BEER & WINE**



**LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT**

Czar Dinner

2 Stuffed Cabbage, Cabbage & Noodles, Sausage, Russian Slaw, and 2 Piroghis

Piroghi Dinner

6 Piroghis with Cabbage & Noodles

Russian Hoagies

Sausage Sandwich with Piroghis & Russian Slaw

Beef Stroganoff Dinner

Sausage Hoagies with Slaw

Gyros

Stuffed Cabbage by the Dozen or Half Dozen

Assorted Baked Goods

baklava, cookies and more!

FREE ADMISSION

Outdoor tents and tables

Cash, checks & credit cards accepted



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2238 East 32nd Street | Lorain OH

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Summer Camp

2795 Wakefield Creek Road
Farmdale, OH 44417



St. Vladimir's Summer Camp offers three different sessions.

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
When	July 3-9, 2022	July 10-16, 2022	July 17-23, 2022
Ages	8-12	10-17	13-17
Also Know	Ohio Younger	Junior Olympics	Ohio Older

Sessions 1& 3 are focused around crafts and service projects. Each camp week has a theme for the week and crafts and fun with father focus the learning times around that theme.

Session 2 is a sports based camp in which we also tie orthodox learning lessons with the resident priest into the week. We encourage Orthodox fellowship and encourage the campers to cheer on everyone. Trying to teach the campers that winning is more than medals, trophies and scores!



Visit www.stvladimirscampohio.com to register and check out more camp information. Or visit our Facebook Page or Instagram both St. Vladimir's Summer Camp

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 6/26/2022

Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Ron Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

Dan Boerio

Jennifer Boerio

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsy (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Matthew Ponomarenko

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Child Benjamin Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Maggie Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Child Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Michael Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Peter

Andrew Mytrohovich

Robbie Prock

Gayle Vidovich

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Jeremy & Yvonne & unborn child

Alex Medvec (*nephew of Virginia Medvec*)

Lisa Theodore

Arlene Czajkowski

Athina

Betty Balasz (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Constantinos

David Dunn

Bryony Stroud-Watson

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to

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Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 26

Isaiah 43:9-14
 Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
 Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3

Mark 16:1-8
 Hebrews 11:33-12:2
 Matthew 4:25-5:12
 Romans 2:10-16
 Matthew 4:18-23

Monday, June 27

Romans 7:1-13
 Matthew 9:36-10:8

Tuesday, June 28

Romans 7:14-8:2
 Matthew 10:9-15

Wednesday, June 29

1 Peter 1:3-9
 1 Peter 1:13-19
 1 Peter 2:11-24
 John 21:15-25
 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9

Matthew 16:13-19
 Romans 8:2-13
 Matthew 10:16-22

Thursday, June 30

Isaiah 43:9-14
 Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
 Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3

1 Corinthians 4:9-16
 Mark 3:13-19
 Romans 8:22-27
 Matthew 10:23-31

Friday, July 1

Romans 9:6-19
 Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1

Saturday, July 2

Romans 3:28-4:3
 Matthew 7:24-8:4

Sunday, July 3

Genesis 14:14-20
 Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17
 Deuteronomy 10:14-21
 Mark 16:9-20
 Hebrews 13:7-16
 John 17:1-13
 Romans 5:1-10
 Matthew 6:22-33

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Sunday, June 26

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Synaxis of the Saints of North America
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 27

St. Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople (ca. 530)

Tuesday, June 28

Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (412)
 6:00 PM Great Vespers

Wednesday, June 29

The Holy Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



Thursday, June 30
 Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-praised Twelve Apostles

Friday, July 1
 Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs at Rome (284)

Saturday, July 2
 The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-holy Mother of God at Blachernæ (5th c.)
 6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, July 3
 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Martyr Hyacinth of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (108)
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour