

The Enlightener

SS. PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH



O Heavenly King! *Who Fillest All Things*

There is no place where the Holy Spirit is not, as He is everywhere present and fillest all things. May we always remember that it is natural for the human soul to desire the beauty of the Orthodox Faith. Our Faith is both natural and beyond the natural soul at the same time. With this, may we continue to live and love our Faith, while also inviting others (friends, family, neighbors, the community) to experience the joy and light of the Holy Spirit within the Church. May the light of the consubstantial Spirit illumine each one of us, within our families, those within our neighborhood, within our city, and throughout the whole world!

With love, Fr. Ambrose



Upcoming Events & News

Pentecost - Green Sunday. Praying @ St. Michael's and Ss Peter and Paul Cemeteries.

On Sunday, June 4th we will visit our two cemeteries and offer prayers for the reposed. Come and join us: St. Michael's Cemetery at 1pm and Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery at 2:30pm.



Community Family Dinner

Monday, June 26th from 4:30pm to 6pm will be our next Community Family Dinner. All are welcome to join us! Please come and help volunteer. We have both drive-thru and dine-in options, so there is plenty to help with. Come and help interact and get to know our guests!



St. Andrew's Camp

July 2nd-Aug. 11th. 6 weeks this year. Sign up your children and let others know. Fr. Ambrose and family will be there during Horse Week 2, which is July 16th-22nd. To sign up use this link: https://portal.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=397695 or the QR code below. Scholarships available.





SYRACUSE
Fourth of July
SKYLINE
WATCH DINNER

7:30pm onward
on the lawn

POTLUCK BBQ
BRING FIREWORKS



PARISH FEAST DAY

ARCHBISHOP
MICHAEL
SERVING WITH
US!

ORDINATION OF
READER JOHN TO
THE SUB-
DIACONATE.

JUNE 28-29

WEDNESDAY EVENING VIGIL @ 5:30PM

THURSDAY MORNING DIVINE LITURGY @ 9:30AM
FOLLOWED BY FESTAL POTLUCK LUNCH ON THE
LAWN.

TAKE THE MORNING OFF OF WORK AND JOIN US!

BAPTISM OF LAUREN HILE

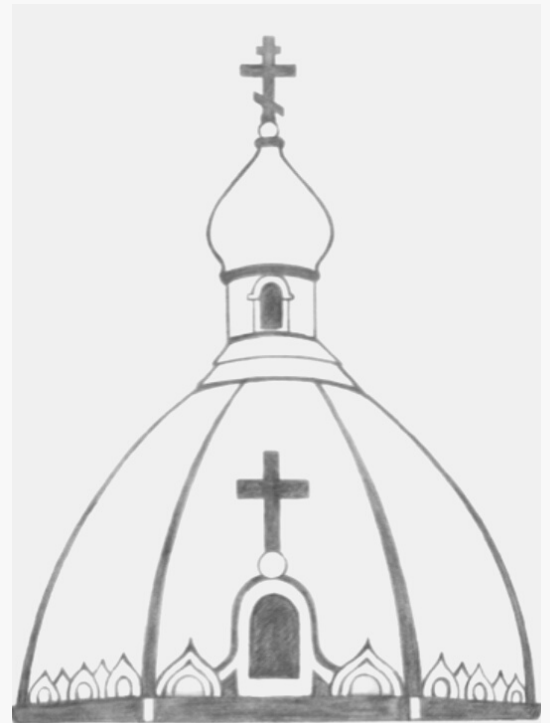
On June 25th, Lord willing, we plan to bring Lauren Hile into the family of the Orthodox Church. Let us welcome her with our hearts and thank God that He has led her to the beauty of His countenance that we all love and know. May God grant her many many blessed years!



STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE INITIATIVE

Over the previous several months, the budget and finance committee has been going through almost every line item of the parish expenses and finding ways to maximize our resources. As a result, we've found ways to implement utility cost savings initiatives, and are trying to streamline expenses in other ways. The aim is to get a further wholistic perspective on the expenses of the parish and then line up our expenses with the vision of the parish. We've spent countless hours on this endeavor, and we hope that with this information we can continue to mold the foundation of the parish toward an even more healthier, vibrant, and growth-oriented culture.

As a result, we've also decided to continue to implement the Cookie Walk fundraiser in late November, and try and to expand the Chicken BBQ fundraiser as a Fall Fest in early October. Please look to help us in these endeavors! Look for more information as we get closer to the dates.



PARISH HALL UPDATE

On Thursday, May 18th, Doug Selby presented a power point presentation as an open meeting to anyone who wanted to come. Both the parish and the parish council were represented. The presentation was well received and the aim is to continue to do research and discovery into the possibility of doing this project. The next step is to work with the City of Syracuse and confirm with each of the departments if such a project can be done on our property. Once that initial research is confirmed, then our hope is to do a formal presentation to the parish as a simple educational presentation. We will need to look into many factors, but the aim of the work so far is simply to continue to do homework and to form a feasible and realistic plan that we could potentially do all together as a parish community.





SUPPORT SEMINARIAN ZACHARY PRICE

Dear Faithful of Ss. Peter & Paul,

Attending St. Tikhon's is a wonderful and challenging experience. In addition to academic life at the seminary, the rigors of spiritual life demanded on one through participation in Monastery life continue to be a welcome challenge. However, life at St. Tikhon's is often extremely busy, and the limited opportunities for work makes financial hardship a reality. Currently, I am in need of \$720 dollars total, monthly, in order to keep up with bills associated with life as well as seminary expenses. I humbly ask you to consider a weekly or monthly donation in order to help me stay current with my expenses. Below is a breakdown of what this may look like. In asking for your continued prayers and support during my journey through seminary, I assure you of my own prayers on behalf of the faithful at Ss. Peter & Paul.

With love, Reader Zachary Price

No. of Donors	Monthly Pledge	Weekly Pledge
20	\$36.00	\$9.00
30	\$24.00	\$6.00
35	\$21.00	\$5.25
40	\$18.00	\$4.50
45	\$16.00	\$4.00
50	\$14.50	\$3.65

IF YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT READER ZACHARY ONE TIME, OR ON A MONTHLY BASIS, I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO SO! SIMPLY PUT "SEMINARIAN ZACHARY" ON THE CHECK MEMO OR DONATE ONLINE. ALL DONATIONS WILL THEN BE MAILED TO HIM AT ST. TIKHON'S SEMINARY. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

- FR. AMBROSE



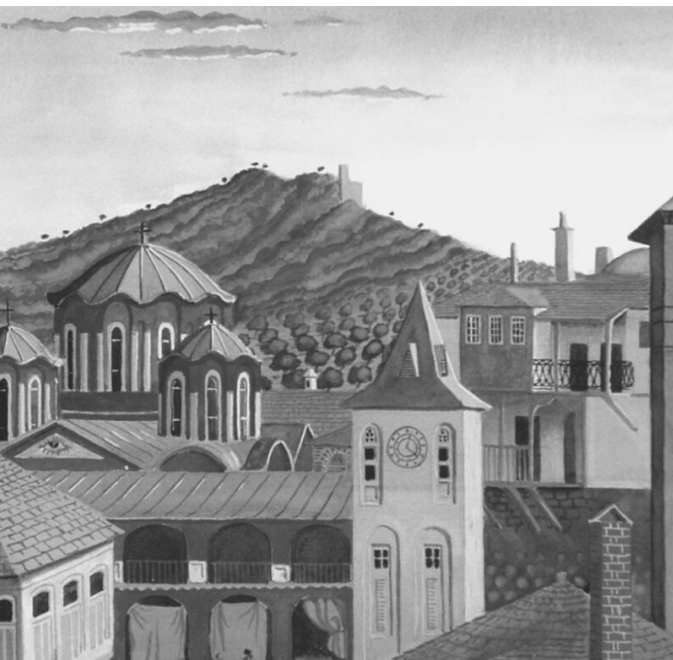
PRAYING FOR ALL: ELDER ZACHARIAS OFFERS ADVICE ON THE UKRAINIAN CONFLICT

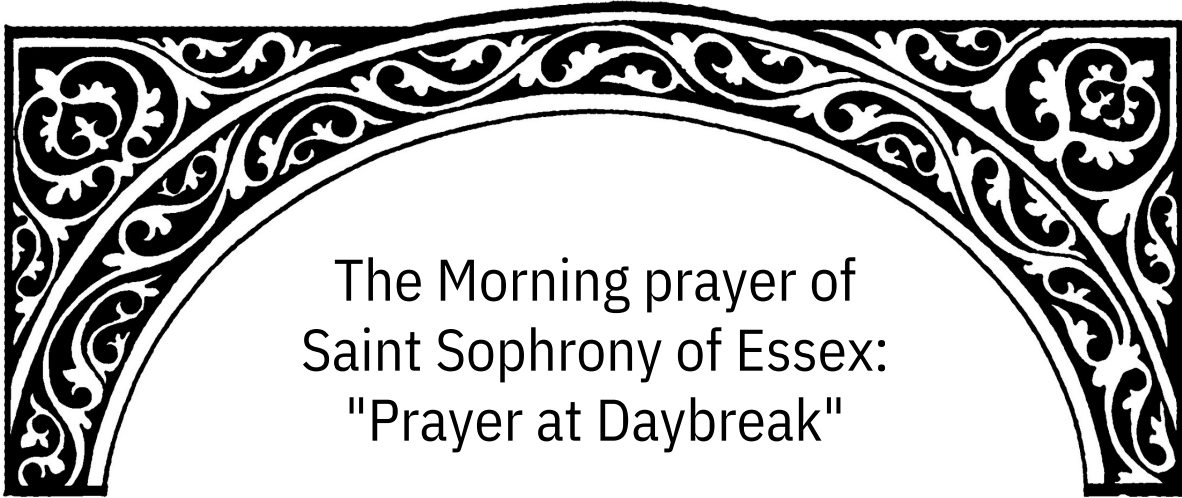
War is tragic but when it is between two countries that share the Orthodox Faith it is even worse. Contradictory news coming from the West and Russia compound the issue even more and create division among Orthodox believers. Elder Zacharias offers this advice:

We do not know everything about the conflicts of this world, nor is it necessary to know. We just pray with a compassionate heart for the peace of the world and for all. We do not take sides, because each side will be responsible for crimes, and we do not want to share in these crimes and be condemned. If we pray for those who are more wrong than right, well, we perform the commandment to love even enemies. And if we pray for those who are more right than wrong, we do well. Therefore, we cannot go wrong if we pray that God save all and grant peace to the world.

Especially for us, priests and monks, it is very important not to be political at all, because we offer our sacrifice to God, the Holy Liturgy, for the whole world; and if we are for some and against others, our sacrifice is annulled. I think that when there is a war, the best is not to be judgmental, but to have compassion and pray that the Lord may spare all from suffering. If my Liturgy is to have any value, no one should be missing from my heart when I stand before the altar of God and say to Him, 'Thine own of Thine own, we offer unto Thee, in all and for all.

- from Pemptousia





The Morning prayer of
Saint Sophrony of Essex:
"Prayer at Daybreak"

O Lord Eternal and Creator of all things,
Who of Thine inscrutable goodness called me to this life;
Who bestowed on me the grace of Baptism and the Seal of the Holy Spirit;
Who imbued me with the desire to seek Thee, the one true God:
Hear my prayer.
I have no life, no light, no joy or wisdom, no strength except in Thee, O God.
Because of my unrighteousness, I dare not raise my eyes to Thee.
But Thou said to Thy disciples,
'Whatsoever you shall ask in prayer believing, you shall receive.'
and 'Whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do.'
Wherefore I dare to invoke Thee.
Purify me from all taint of flesh and spirit.
Teach me to pray aright.
Bless this day which Thou givest unto me, Thine unworthy servant.
By the power of Thy blessing enable me at all times to speak and act to Thy glory
with a pure spirit, with humility, patience, love, gentleness, peace, courage and wisdom, aware always
of Thy presence.
Of Thine immense goodness, O Lord God, show me the path of Thy will,
and grant me to walk in Thy sight without sin.
O Lord, unto Whom all hearts be open,
Thou knowest what things I have need of.
Thou art acquainted with my blindness and my ignorance,
Thou knowest mine infirmity and my soul's corruption;
But neither are my pain and anguish hid from Thee.
Wherefore I beseech Thee, hear my prayer
and by Thy Holy Spirit, teach me the way wherein I should walk;

and when my perverted will would lead me down other paths,
spare me not, O Lord, but force me back to Thee.
By the power of Thy love, grant me to hold fast to that which is good. Preserve me from
every word or deed that corrupts the soul;
from every impulse displeasing in Thy sight and hurtful to my brother-man. Teach me what
I should say and how I should speak.
If it be Thy will that I make no answer,
inspire me to keep silent in a spirit of peace
that causes neither sorrow nor hurt to my fellow man.
Establish me in the path of Thy commandments
and to my last breath let me not stray from the light of Thine ordinances, that Thy
commandments may become the sole law
of my being on this earth and all eternity.
Yea, Lord, I pray to Thee, have pity on me.
Spare me in my affliction and my misery
and hide not the way of salvation from me.
In my foolishness, O God, I plead with Thee for many and great things.
Yet am I ever mindful of my wickedness, my baseness, my vileness.
Have mercy upon me.
Cast me not away from your presence because of my presumption.
Do Thou, rather, increase in me this presumption,
and grant unto me, the worst of men,
to love Thee as Thou hast commanded, with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all
my mind, and with all my strength: With my whole being. Yea, O Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit,
teach me good judgment and knowledge. Grant me to know Thy truth before I go down into
the grave.
Maintain my life in this world until I may offer unto Thee worthy repentance. Take me not
away in the midst of my days, nor while my mind is still blind. When Thou shalt be pleased
to bring my life to an end,
forewarn me that I may prepare my soul to come before Thee.
Be with me, O Lord, at that dread hour and grant me the joy of salvation. Cleanse me from
secret faults, from all iniquity that is hidden in me;
and give me a right answer before Thy judgment-seat—
Yea, Lord, of Thy great mercy and immeasurable love for mankind.

JUNE 2023

Note: If this calendar and The Weekly are different, assume The Weekly is the most accurate.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 No Church School ● 8:15am Ridesharing ● 8:45am Holy Confessions ● 9am Choir Rehearsal ● 9:10am 3rd & 6th Hour ● 9:30am Divine Liturgy ● 11:15am Parish BBQ	29 ● Memorial Day Pilgrimage	30 ● 6pm Vespers	31 ● 9am Divine Liturgy	1 ● 9pm Panera Pick Up	2 ● 5pm Parish Family Dinner / O	3 ● 9am Memorial Div Liturgy ● 5pm Great Vespers ● 5:45pm Choir Rehearsal
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18 ● FATHERS DAY ● 8:15am Ridesharing ● 8:45am Holy Confessions ● 9am Choir Rehearsal ● 9:10am 3rd & 6th Hour ● 9:30am Divine Liturgy ● 11:15am Agape Meal	19 ● 9am Food Pantry Delivery	20 ● 6pm Vespers	21 ● 9am Divine Liturgy	22 ● 9pm Panera Pick Up	23 ● 6:30pm Ladies' Night	24 ● 5pm Great Vespers ● 5:45pm Choir Rehearsal
25 ● 8:15am Ridesharing ● 8:30am Baptism of Lauren ● 8:45am Holy Confessions ● 9am Choir Rehearsal ● 9:10am 3rd & 6th Hour ● 9:30am Divine Liturgy ● 11:15am Agape Meal ● 11:55am Annual Meeting	26 ● 9am Food Pantry Delivery ● 4:30pm Family Dinner	27	28 ● 5:30pm VIGIL Parish Feast	29 ● 9:30am Parish Feast Div Lit ● 11:30am Festal Potluck ● 9pm Panera Pick Up	30 ● 9am Feast Day in Lansing ● 12pm Parish Life Conf.	1 ● 5pm Great Vespers ● 5:45pm Choir Rehearsal