

**31st Sunday
After Pentecost**
January 8th -14th, 2024

January 9, 2024 Tuesday
6pm Vespers

January 10, 2024 Wednesday
9am Divine Liturgy

January 11, 2024 Thursday
9pm Panera Pick Up

January 12, 2024 Friday
10am Outreach Street Food Ministry

January 13, 2024 Saturday
5pm Great Vespers
5:45pm Choir Rehearsal

January 14, 2024 Sunday
8:15am Ridesharing
8:45am Holy Confessions
9am Choir Rehearsal
9:10am 3rd & 6th Hour
9:30am Divine Liturgy
11:15am Agape Meal
11:45pm Church School
1pm Sledding Party



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The Weekly

On Holy Water



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Announcements



Welcome all visitors!

Please join us after the service for Coffee Hour. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Ambrose and others as we would love to meet you! We are delighted to have you here with us.

Please fill out your information at <https://www.sspeterandpaulsyracuse.com/new> as we would love to keep you connected with our events.

If you are not Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the chalice during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please, however, come up and kiss the cross at the end of the service and introduce yourself to Fr. Ambrose.

An agape meal rotation schedule is being put together. If you would like to join the rotation please see Jessica Gressel. Any help with the Coffee Hour / Agape Meals is welcomed!

At Coffee Hour please donate what you can in the donations box. \$2 per meal is suggested. We are in need of plates, cups, coffee, utensils, etc... Please donate!

To make a confession simply come early to any Divine Liturgy, stay after at any vespers service, or make an appointment.

Communion is for Orthodox Christians who have prepared by prayer, fasting from midnight on, reconciliation, and a recent confession. For the reception of communion it's also good to arrive on time to Divine Liturgy and not later than the reading of the Holy Gospel.

If you or someone is admitted into the hospital or needs emergency pastoral assistance, then please call Fr. Ambrose at 315-418-5738. Make sure to put Fr. Ambrose as one of your hospital contacts to ensure that he is easily able to come and visit.

Fr. Ambrose Wish List: sitting chairs for the library downstairs. Please see Georgia or Clare Flaherty for details.

Church school exams will be on Sunday, January 14th after the new year, followed by an ice skating party.

Important Upcoming Services and Events



House Blessings have now begun!

Pick up a house blessing schedule to see when your house will be blessed. It's wonderful to have your house blessed every year!

Ice Skating Party

On January 14th after Church School we will most likely go to Clinton Square for an ice skating party. Come and join us!

Starting of Church School January 14th

The second term of this year's church school will begin on Sunday, January, 14th, Followed by ice skating, or sledding if it snows.

Senior Moment Lunch

The next Senior Moment Lunch will be on January 17th after Divine Liturgy. Potluck lunch.

The Blessing of the Lake

On January 28th, at 3pm we will bless Lake Oneida, Have a Theophany Plunge, and Dinner

2024 Stewardship

Ss. Peter and Paul parish is supported entirely through the generosity of its members, friends, and benefactors.

If you are active in your support of Ss. Peter and Paul, thank you! If you are new to Ss. Peter and Paul and/or regularly attend, please consider making a regular offering (weekly or monthly) in support of our parish and its projects.

By contributing to the General Fund in 2024 you are supporting the mission and activities in the parish, which include divine services, outreach, evangelism, church school, parish social activities, community efforts, and many more. There are so many things that are happening at Ss. Peter and Paul and contributing to the General Fund helps to advance this mission.

The best way to give is by check (or cash) placed in an envelope in the offering baskets.. We also have an online giving system (Breeze) as a way to offer your tithes and offerings.

The Impactful Ministries of Ss. Peter and Paul

- Free Family Dinner for the entire community. 4th Monday of every month.
- Food Recovery Ministry: during the school semester a team of us recover up to 500 lbs of cooked food every week.
- Elementary School Outreach - we then take the recovered food and give it to families at local elementary schools.
- Church School Ministry - every Sunday, after Liturgy, during the school year, we have Church School lessons for grades pre-k through 12th.
- Hospitality Team Ministry
- Choral Ministry
- Senior Moment Lunches
- Altar Server Ministry
- Synaxis Meetings during Fasting Periods..
- Foundation Classes
- Ladies Nights
- Men's Fellowship Dinners and Outings
- Family Potluck Events
- Educational Field Trips for Children
- plus much more....

Please support the present and future ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church!

What's My Weekly Tith?

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$37	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40

On Holy Water

by Fr. Matthew Swehla of Beaverton, OR

Each Theophany we receive a bottle of holy water. It is both an aid in our journey of theosis and a powerful weapon against the evil one, as we can see in the litanies from the Service of the Great Sanctification of the Waters:

-That we may be illumined with the Light of Knowledge and Piety through the descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

-That this water may become the gift of sanctification, redemption from sins, for the healing of soul and body, and for every suitable purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

-That it may become water welling up to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

-That this water may prove effectual for the averting of every plot of visible and invisible enemies, let us pray to the Lord.

-That it may be for the purification of soul and body to all who with faith take and drink of it, let us pray to the Lord.

-That we may be granted to be filled with sanctification through drinking this water, by the invisible manifestation of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Furthermore, the prayer during this service asks God to impart into the holy water these powers:

And give to it the grace of redemption and the blessing of Jordan. Make it a source of incorruption, a gift of sanctification, a deliverance from sins, an averting of diseases, unapproachable by hostile powers, filled with angelic strength. That all who draw from it and partake of it may have it for cleansing of souls and bodies, for healing of passions, for sanctification of homes, for every suitable purpose.

As we can see, the gifts that are imparted to holy water are numerous. Yet for some of us, after the service on Theophany we take this bottle home and place it by our prayer corner, where it is rarely or never consumed.

Instead, I encourage you to have a sip of holy water every morning, before you have anything to eat or drink. (Say a brief prayer at the time as well.) God, in His love for us, has given us this powerful medicine for soul and body, and for protection against evil. And every day we need this medicine...

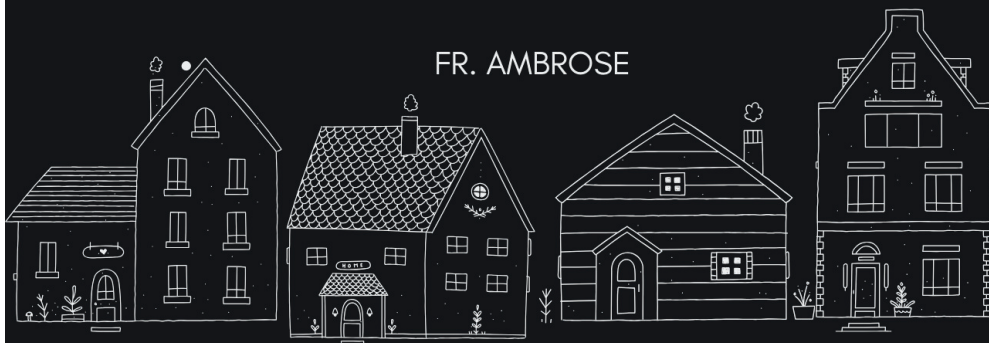


HOUSE *Blessings* 2024

I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SCHEDULE ALMOST EVERYONE FOR A HOUSE BLESSING THIS YEAR. THE SCHEDULES ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE. IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR NAME, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING TO YOUR HOMES THIS YEAR!

FR. AMBROSE



BLESSING OF LAKE ONEIDA

& THEOPHANY CROSS PLUNGE

& DINNER

- SUNDAY
 - JANUARY 28TH
 - @ ST. ANDREW'S CAMP
 - STARTS @ 3PM
DINNER TO FOLLOW
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