#### **39th Sunday After Pentecost** March 11th - March 17th, 2024

March 13, 2024 Wednesday 6pm. Vespers 6:30pm. Music Listening Gathering

March 14, 2024 Thursday 9am. Divine Liturgy 9pm. Panera Pick Up

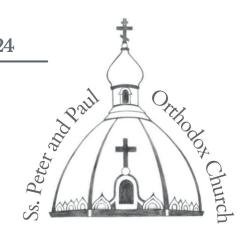
March 15, 2024 Friday 9:30am. Schools Pick Up Dinners 10am. Outreach Street Food Ministry

March 16, 2024 Saturday 1pm - 4pm. Pierogi Sale 5pm. Great Vespers 5:45pm. Choir Rehearsal

March 17, 2024 Sunday Forgiveness Sunday 8:15am. Ridesharing 8:45am. Holy Confessions 9am. Choir Rehearsal 9:10am. 3rd & 6th Hour 9:30am. Divine Liturgy 11:15am. Agape Meal 11:30am. Forgiveness Vespers

March 18, 2024 Monday of Clean Week 5pm. Holy Confessions 6pm. Great Canon of St. Andrew

March 19, 2024 Tuesday of Clean Week 12pm. Synaxis 5pm. Holy Confessions 6pm. Great Canon of St. Andrew



#### February 26th - March 3rd, 2024 38th Sunday After Pentecost. Tone 5

## The Weekly On the Last Judgement



## Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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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 vou 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.

Annual Meeting is Scheduled for today after coffeehour.

### Important Upcoming **Services and Events**



#### Pierogi Making Party

Pierogi production will begin again this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from IPM to 4 PM and 5 PM until 8 PM.



#### St. Patrick's Day Pierogi Sale

Saturday, March 16th from 1pm-4pm. Here at the church. We would love the help!



**Forgiveness Vespers** Sunday, March 17th after Divine Liturgy we will celebrate the great service of Forgiveness Vespers.



#### The Great Canon of St. Andrew

Starting Clean Week, March 18th -21st.

#### Family Dinner

Monday, March 25th from 4:30pm to 6pm.



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Feast Day of Holy Annunciation March 25th, Vesperal Liturgy.

#### 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 Tithe?

	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 the Last Judgement from Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

13th February 1972

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Today, on our preparation journey towards Lent, we have come to an ultimate stage: we are confronted with judgement. If we pay attention to it, next week our spiritual destiny will be in our own hands, because next week is the day of Forgiveness. The link between these two days is too obvious. If we only could become aware that all and each of us stand before the judgement of God and the judgement of men, if we could remember and realise with depth, wholeheartedly, in earnest that we are, all of us, indebted to each other, all responsible to each other for some of the pain and the heaviness of life, then we would find it easy, when we are asked to forgive, not only to forgive, but, in response to this request, to ask for forgiveness ourselves.

It is not only by what we do, not only in a way by what we leave undone, it is by this extraordinary lack of awareness, of our responsibility, of all we could be to others, and to do to others, that we do not fulfil our human vocation. We could, and we should, on all levels and for all men, and beyond men for the whole world which is ours, be a blessing and a revelation of things great, of things so great, so deep that people, we first of all, could realise that we are on the scale of God Himself, that our vocation is not only to be morally good, but to be as great as God. A mystic of Germany said in one of his poems 'I am as great as God, God is as small as I.' If we only could remember this, and this is why the judgement is not only a moment when we are confronted with a danger of condemnation; there is in the very notion of judgement something great and inspiring. We are not going to be judged according to human standards of behaviour of decency. We are going to be judged according to standards which are beyond human ordinary life. We are going to be judged on the scale of God, and the scale of God is love: not love felt, not an emotional love, but love lived and accomplished. The fact that we are going to be judged, that indeed we are being judged all the time, above our means, beyond all our smallness must, should reveal to us our potential greatness. And the parable which we have read today can be seen in those very terms: men are judged by Christ, in His parable, on humanity. Have these men been human or not? Have they known how to love in their hearts first, but also in action, in their very deeds because, as Saint John puts it, one who says that he loves God and does not love his neighbour actively, creatively is a liar. There is no love of God if it is not expressed in every detail of our relationship with men, with people and with each person. And so, let us this week prepare ourselves for the final stage of our journey by asking ourselves in the face of this divine judgement, 'Am I human? Am I human within myself, in my behaviour – not my general attitude, but my ways: are they human? Is my life an expression of a fine, a thoughtful, a perceptive, a creative, and at times a generous and a sacrificial love?' As the object of love is the test of this love, it must be my neighbour; to love God who asks for nothing is too easy.

And if in the course of this week we find where we belong, we find both our shortcomings and the greatness of our vocation; if we make our peace with those to whom we are indebted, then, when the time comes to forgive, when someone else will have made the same discovery, we will be able with joy to give peace and forgiveness out of a sense of responsibility and of the creative joy of repentance. Amen.



#### 2024 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers



SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY ST. SOPHIA'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 325 WARING ROAD, SYRACUSE | 6:00 PM

31 MAR SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS ST. ELIAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH 4988 ONONDAGA ROAD, SYRACUSE | 6:00 PM



SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS STS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH 401 HAMILTON STREET, SYRACUSE | 6:00 PM

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SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS ST. LUKE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH 3290 WARNERS, WARNERS | 6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT ST. GEORGE MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH 5083 ONONDAGA ROAD, SYRACUSE | 6:00 PM

# St. Patrick's Day Pieroc Sale

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH 1PM-4PM

SS. PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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