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March 18, 2024 Monday

5pm. Holy Confessions
6pm. Great Canon

March 19, 2024 Tuesday

12pm. Synaxis
5pm. Holy Confessions
6pm. Great Canon

March 20, 2024 Wednesday

9am. Great Canon
12pm. Synaxis
5pm. Holy Confessions
6pm. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, followed by Lenten Potluck Meal
8pm. OCF @ SU

March 21, 2024 Thursday

12pm. Synaxis
6pm. Great Canon
8:45pm. Panera Bread Recovery
9pm. Food Recovery

March 22, 2024 Friday

9am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy,
followed by Canon to St. Theodore
11am. Schools Pick Up Dinners
11:15am. Outreach Street Food Ministry

March 23, 2024 Saturday

3:30pm. Foundations
5pm. Great Vespers
5:45pm. Choir Rehearsal



The Weekly

On Forgiveness



March 24, 2024 Sunday of Orthodoxy

8:15am. Ridesharing
8:45am. Holy Confessions
9am. Choir Rehearsal
9:10am. 3rd & 6th Hour
9:30am. Divine Liturgy followed by
Icon Procession.
11:15am. Agape Meal
11:30am. Church School
11:55am. CFD PREP
6pm. Pan-Ortho Vespers @ St.
Sophias.

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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.

Thank you to everyone who has been working so hard to make the Pierogi sale a success. I would like to thank especially Anna Conroy, Daria York, Georgia Coppola, Barbara Johnson, Larissa Sovyrda, Patty DePalma, Nathan Wassom, Brenda Geloff, Jim McGuinness, Yvonne Martin, Norm and Yvonne Weber, Blaise Inlow, Bruce and Cheri Swift, plus many more...

Important Upcoming Services and Events



Forgiveness Vespers

Today after Divine Liturgy we will celebrate the great service of Forgiveness Vespers. We will have a small coffee hour, then head back to the church.



The Great Canon of St. Andrew

Starting Monday at 6pm. Then Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.



Pre-Sanctified Liturgies

Beginning this Wednesday evening at 6pm, followed by a lenten meal, and this Friday at 9am.



Feast Day of Holy Annunciation

March 25th, Vesperal Liturgy at 9am.



Family Dinner

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



Visit from His Eminence

On Saturday, April 6th we will welcome Archbishop Michael. Hierarchical Liturgy will be on Sunday, April 7th.

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 Forgiveness Vespers

By Fr. Stephen Freeman

The first service of Great Lent in the Orthodox Church is “Forgiveness Vespers.” There is nothing unusual about the service itself – other than the “rite of forgiveness” appended to it. In this, the priest and the faithful ask forgiveness of one another. Often this is done with mutual prostrations. Each asks the forgiveness of the other. The rite can take time, depending on the number in attendance. When it is complete, the long labors of Lent can begin. Fasting without forgiveness would be a hollow activity...

Perhaps the most generous words spoken by Christ are those we hear from the Cross: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Taken at face value, the words make little sense. Surely, those who crucified Christ knew that they were killing a man. Surely they were even aware that his execution was largely political and unjust. The centurion in charge of the crucifixion is said to have stated, “Surely this man was the Son of God.” So how could Christ say, “They do not know what they are doing?”

I believe this goes to the very heart of our lives and actions. We almost never know what we are doing. The greater context, the meaning of anything, is hidden from us. We have children, work at a job, and live our lives, hoping that these have been worthwhile actions. We know that much, even most of what we have done has been tainted with bad intentions and other less-than-worthy motivations. But we never actually grasp the full scope of our actions. Even those good things that we do have a hidden aspect. Did that kind word spoken earlier make a difference? Did that act of charity actually change anything?

This hidden aspect of our lives is an inherent part of the human condition. We simply don't know what we're doing. This makes it very hard for us to judge our actions or to weigh them for their value.

Christ's words are addressed to the Father on behalf of all of humanity. For it is not just the small number of people in Jerusalem who were consenting to His death. His death is “on behalf of all and for all.”

And this brings us to Forgiveness Sunday. “Why do I need to ask forgiveness of others if I have done them no wrong?”

The simple answer is: You don't know what you have or have not done. But it is commonly understood in Orthodoxy that “each person is responsible for the sins of the whole world.” Our lives are deeply connected—we are never uninvolved in the lives of others. What I have done and what I have not done both effect the lives of the whole world. A child dies on the other side of the world. I may have had no direct hand in the death, and yet I cannot excuse myself as if I have no share in what happens everywhere. The world is as we make it.

I once heard a monk say, “The person of prayer does not need to go any further than his own heart to find the source of all violence in the world.”

But none of this is to call us to a morbid guilt. It calls us to Christ and calls us to hear His words. On Forgiveness Sunday each of us asks forgiveness of the others around us. It is both a personal matter and collective. I have failed and need forgiveness. We have failed and need forgiveness. And perhaps the even greater call comes to us to join ourselves with Christ who says: “Father, forgive them!”

“Forgive me,” we say. “God forgives us all,” comes the response. It sometimes feels awkward, even embarrassing. Some people begin to weep. Others begin to giggle. Both are part of the human condition within our shame.

But the actions of Forgiveness Sunday unite us necessarily to the actions of Christ...



2024 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers

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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

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

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MAR

SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

ST. ELIAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
4988 ONONDAGA ROAD, SYRACUSE | 6:00 PM

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APR

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

STS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH
401 HAMILTON STREET, SYRACUSE | 6:00 PM

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APR

SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

ST. LUKE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
3290 WARNERS, WARNERS | 6:00 PM

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APR

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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



SYNAXIS

@ NOON

TUES, WED, & THURSDAYS @ 12PM
EASTERN DURING GREAT LENT WE WILL
MEET ON ZOOM/PHONE FOR 30 MINS
FOR PRAYER, A SHORT READING, AND
DISCUSSION.

JOIN US DURING YOUR LUNCH BREAK!

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