

1st Sunday of Lent

March 25th-March 31st 2024

March 25, 2024 Monday - Holy Annunciation
9am. Vespertal Liturgy for Annunciation
followed by Potluck Fish Lunch

11:15am. Outreach Street Food Ministry
2pm. CFD set up and prep.
4:30pm. Family Dinner (CFD)

March 26, 2024 Tuesday
12pm. Synaxis

March 27, 2024 Wednesday
12pm. Synaxis

6pm. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck Meal
8pm. OCF @ SU

March 28, 2024 Thursday
12pm. Synaxis
8:45pm. Panera Bread Recovery
9pm. Food Recovery

March 29, 2024 Friday
9am. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
11am. Schools Pick Up Dinners and Outreach Street Food Ministry

March 30, 2024 Saturday
9am. Soul Saturday Liturgy
3:30pm. Foundations
5pm. Great Vespers followed by Confessions and Choir Rehearsal

March 31, 2024 Sunday - St. Gregory Palamas
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. Church School
6pm. Pan Orthodox Vespers - St. Elias



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The Weekly

On the Triumph of Orthodoxy



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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, Katherine Inlow, Emiliana Inlow, Bruce and Cheri Swift, Chris Sahn, plus many more...

On Sunday, April 7th at 6pm we will host the Pan-Orthodox Vespers. Please bring a lenten dish to share with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Important Upcoming Services and Events



Pan-Orthodox Vespers Tonight

6pm at St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church.



Feast Day of Holy Annunciation

March 25th, Vespers Liturgy at 9am, followed by a fish potluck lunch.



Family Dinner

Monday, March 25th from 4:30pm to 6pm. Come and join us!



Pre-Sanctified Liturgies

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



Food Recovery on Thursday Night

We are looking to recover food from 4 SU dining halls this Thursday and we could use some extra help!



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 the Triumph of Orthodoxy

By Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

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

We are keeping today, as every year at the end of the first week of Lent, the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. And every year we must give thought to what is meant, not only as a historical event, but also in our personal lives. First of all we must remember that the Triumph of Orthodoxy is not the Triumph of the Orthodox over other people. It is the Triumph of the Truth Divine in the hearts of those who belong to the Orthodox Church and who proclaim the Truth revealed by God in its integrity and directness.

Today we must thank God with all our hearts that He has revealed Himself to us, that He has dispelled darkness in the minds and hearts of thousands and thousands of people, that He who is the Truth has shared the knowledge of the perfect Truth Divine with us.

The occasion of this feast was the recognition of the legitimacy of venerating icons. By doing this we proclaim that God – invisible, ineffable, the God whom we cannot comprehend, has truly become man, that God has taken flesh, that He has lived in our midst full of humility, of simplicity, but of glory also. And proclaiming this we venerate the icons not as idols, but as a declaration of the Truth of the Incarnation. By doing this we must not forget that it is not the icons of wood and of paint, but God who reveals Himself in the world. Each of us, all men, were created in the image of God. We are all living icons, and this lays upon us a great responsibility because an icon may be defaced, an icon may be turned into a caricature and into a blasphemy. And we must think of ourselves and ask ourselves: are we worthy, are we capable of being called “icons”, images of God? A western writer has said that meeting a Christian, those who surround him should see him as a vision, a revelation of something they have never perceived before, that the difference between a non-Christian and a Christian is as great, as radical, as striking, as the difference there is between a statue and a living person. A statue may be beautiful, but it is made of stone or of wood, and it is dead. A human being may not at first appear as possessed of such a beauty, but those who meet him should be able, as those who venerate an icon – blessed, consecrated by the Church – should see in him the shining of the presence of the Holy Spirit, see God revealing Himself in the humble form of a human being.

As long as we are not capable of being such a vision to those who surround us, we fail in our duty, we do not proclaim the Triumph of Orthodoxy through our life, we give a lie to what we proclaim. And therefore each of us, and all of us collectively, bear every responsibility for the fact that the world meeting Christians by the million is not converted by the vision of God's presence in their midst, carried indeed in earthen vessels, but glorious, saintly, transfiguring the world.

What is true about us, simply, personally, is as true about our churches. Our churches were called by Christ as a family, a community of Christians to be a body of people who are united with one another by total love, by sacrificial love, a love that is God's love to us. The Church was called, and is still called, to be a body of people whose characteristic is to be the incarnate love of God. Alas, in all our churches what we see is not the miracle of love divine.

... Tertullian writing in defence of the Christians said to the Emperor of Rome: “When people meet us they are arrested and say: ‘How these people love one another!’” We are not collectively a body of people about whom one could say this. And we must learn to recreate what God has willed for us, what has once existed: to recreate communities, churches, parishes, dioceses, patriarchates, the whole church, in such a way that the whole of life, the reality of life should be that of love. Alas, we have not learned this yet.



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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