# **3rd Sunday of Lent**

April 8th-April 14th, 2024

### April 8, 2024 Monday

Solar Eclipse Event @ St. Andrew's Camp

### April 9, 2024 Tuesday

12pm. Synaxis 6:30pm. Men's Fellowship w/Dr. David Ford

### April 10, 2024 Wednesday

12pm. Synaxis 6pm. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:15pm. Lenten Potluck Meal 8pm. OCF @ SU

### April 11, 2024 Thursday

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

#### April 12, 2024 Friday

9am. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy follwed by Pascha Bread Making 11am. Schools Pick Up Dinners 11:15am. Outreach Street Food Ministry

### April 13, 2024 Saturday

9am. Soul Saturday Liturgy 3:30pm. Foundations 5pm. Great Vespers 5:45pm. Choir Rehearsal

### **April 14, 2024 Sunday**

8:15am Ridesharing

8:45am Holy Confessions

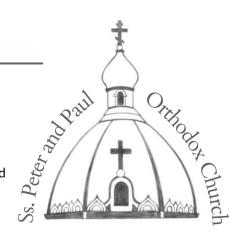
9am. Choir Rehearsal

9:10am. 3rd & 6th Hour

9:30am. Divine Liturgy

11:15am. Agape Meal

11:30am. Church School



# The Weekly

# The Joy of the Cross



# 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 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.

This evening at 6pm we will host the Pan-Orthodox Vespers. Please bring a lenten dish to share with our brothers and sisters in Christ. See Christine Sahm as she is leading the dinner effort.

Please consider donating for Paschal Flowers. In your donation, please include those whom you would like to commemorate in memory of.

# Important Upcoming Services and Events



Pan-Orthodox Vespers
Tonight
6pm here at Ss. Peter and Paul.



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 5 SU dining halls this Thursday and we could use some



extra help!

Solar Eclipse Watch Party at St. Andrew's Camp On Monday, April 8th, starting in the afternoon. Many from around the diocese will be there.



Men's Fellowship Night w/Dr. David Ford

This Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30pm we will welcome Dr. David Ford to speak with us about St. John Chrysostom. Everyone is invited!



Pascha Bread Making Trial run Bread Making, Friday, April 12 after Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.

All welcome. Donations of flour and sugar are appreciated.

## 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

### St. John Chrysostom on the Holy Cross

"The Cross of the Lord is unpleasant and sorrowful to the ear, but it consists of joy and gladness. It is the originator not so much of suffering as much as of passionlessness. For Jews the Cross is temptation, for pagans it is madness, but for us believers it reminds us of our salvation. When in church one reads about the Cross and one is reminded of the sufferings on the Cross, the faithful are indignant at the Cross and let out a plaintive wail and murmur not at the Cross but at the crucifiers and unbelievers. For the Cross is the salvation of the Church, the Cross is the praise of those who hope on it. The Cross has released us from the evil that possessed us and is the beginning of the blessings received by us. The Cross is the reconcilement of His enemies with God, the promise of sinners to Christ. For by the Cross we were freed from enmity and through the Cross we have become amiable to God. The Cross delivered us from the authority of the devil, the Cross saved us from death and destruction. The Cross changed human nature to the angelic, having released it from all that is corruptible, and have found lives worthy of immortality."

- "How great is the power of the Cross! How great is the change made by it in the human race! How from the deep darkness it has led us to the boundless light, from death it has restored us to eternal life, from corruption it has transferred us to incorruption. What good is not accomplished for us by means of the Cross? Through the Cross we learned piety and learned the properties of the Divine essence. Through the Cross we learn the truth about God, through the Cross we who were far from Him are united to Christ, and we become worthy of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Through the Cross we learn the power of love and we are taught to die for others. Through the Cross we are scorned and all what we do is not temporal, we search the blessings of the future and we accept the invisible as if seen. The Cross is preached, and the faith in God is confessed, His truth is spread throughout the universe. The Cross is preached, and the faith in the resurrection, the life and the kingdom of heaven is made without a doubt. What is more precious than the Cross and what is more saving for the soul? The Cross is the triumph over demons, the armor against sin and the sword with which the Lord has struck the snake. The Cross is the will of the Father, the glory of the Only-begotten, the joy of the Holy Spirit, the ornament of angels, the protection of the Church, the praise of St. Paul, the protection of the Saints, the lamp of all the world."

- "See, however desired and deservedly amiable the Cross is made today, it was the most terrible and shameful sign of the cruelest execution in antiquity! And the Cross makes the best ornament on the imperial crown, the most precious in all the world. The image of the Cross is now found on you, both masters and servants, both wives and husbands, both maidens and married, both slaves and free. All place the sign of the Cross on the noblest part of their body, daily carrying this sign on their forehead, as on a depicted pillar. It shines on a sacred meal, on the clothes of the priest and together with the Lord's body at the mystical supper. You see it lifted everywhere: on houses, in market-places, in the deserts, on the paths, on mountains and hills, on the sea, on ships, on islands, on boxes, on clothes, on armor, in the halls, on golden and silver vessels, in pictures, on the bodies of sick animals, on the bodies of the demonpossessed, in war, in the world, in the afternoon, at night, in festal assemblies and in the cells of the ascetics. Already no one is ashamed and does not blush at the thought that the Cross is a sign of a shameful death. To the contrary, all of us honor this as an adornment for ourselves, which has surpassed crowns and diadems and precious stones. Let us not run, let us not be frightened, but let us kiss and honor it as an invaluable treasure."



# 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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### SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

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

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### 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

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### SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: DR. DAVID FORD, PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY FROM ST. TIKHON'S SEMINARY.

LENTEN POTLUCK HERE AT THE CHURCH, DOWNSTAIRS.