

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For the health, of:**

**Mark DaGrosa** on his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday, offered by his parents with love.

**Father Steven Shuga**, brother-in-law of Bill and MaryAnn Kuzemchak

**For eternal memory of:**

**Kathleen and Joseph Sheehan**, parents of Maribeth Romanofsky

(Our parish is also praying for: Archpriest **Vincent**, Matushka **Patricia** and the child of God, **Kira**. And also for the recovery of **Linda Jankowski**)

**Readings:**

- **Romans 5:1-10**
- **Matthew 6:22-33**
- 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 (Peter & Paul)
- Matthew 16:13-19 (Peter & Paul)

**BRETHREN**, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

**The Lord said**, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

**Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM****Sunday service:**

**Hours – 9:40 AM**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

**Private Confession – Half hour before any service.**

See Fr Matthew for other times.

**General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month**

**Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

**Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room**

**(Church School has ended for the school year.)**

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council** today, after coffee hour.
- **Reader Charles is now on a mission trip** at the “Children’s Home of Hope” on the grounds of the Shen Vlash Monastery in Durres, Albania. Please keep the Albanian Mission Team: Fr. Dennis, Adeline, Angelika, Zoe, Oliver, Bethany, Jessica, Sara, and Reader Charles in your prayers.

**Special Announcements:**

- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.

**St. Maximus says:** “Purify your mind of anger, resentment, and shameful thoughts, and then you will be able to know the indwelling of Christ.” This is very basic advice. If we try to look at the beauty of the Fall colors through dirty, clouded and obstructed windows, we will not see the beauty of God’s creation. The same is true of our minds: if we cloud our thoughts with these negative feelings and emotions, and are distracted by things NOT of God, then we cannot even recognize Christ within us.

**Apostles Peter and Paul:**

The hymns for their Feast speak of **Sts Peter and Paul** as the leaders (koryphaioi), and chiefs of the Apostles. They are, without a doubt, the foremost in the ranks of the Apostles.

The koryphaioi were leaders of the chorus in ancient Greek tragedy. They set the pattern for the singing, and also for the dance movements and gestures of the chorus. Before Sophocles, there were twelve members of the chorus, and Sts Peter and Paul were the leaders of the twelve Apostles.

Both St Peter and St Paul received new names, indicating a new relationship with God. Simon the fisherman became known as Cephas (John 1:42), or Peter after confessing Jesus as the Son of God (Mt.16:18).

**St Paul** was of the tribe of Benjamin, and lived in Tarsus in Cilicia. He once described himself as a Hebrew, an Israelite of the seed of Abraham (2 Cor. 11:22). He was also a Pharisee and a tent-maker (Acts 18:3) who had studied the Law with Gamaliel at Jerusalem.

At first, he was called Saul, and had persecuted the Church. He was present at the stoning of St Stephen (Acts 7: 58). Then, on the road to Damascus, he was converted when Christ appeared to him. Blinded by the vision, he was healed when Ananias laid his hands on him. After his cure, he was baptized (Acts 9:18).

St Paul preached the Gospel in Greece, Asia Minor, and in Rome, and wrote fourteen Epistles. Tradition says that he was martyred in Rome about the year 68.

**St Peter**, the brother of St Andrew, was a fisherman on the sea of Galilee. He was married, and Christ healed his mother-in-law of a fever (Mt.8:14). He, with James and John, witnessed the most important miracles of the Savior's earthly life.

Despite his earlier recognition of Christ as the Son of God, he denied Him three times on the night before the Crucifixion. Therefore, after His Resurrection, the Lord asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Then He told Peter to feed His sheep (John 21:15-17).

After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, St Peter addressed the crowd (Acts 2:14), and performed many miracles in Christ's name. He baptized Cornelius, the first Gentile convert (Acts 10:48). He was cast into prison, but escaped with the help of an angel (Acts 5:19). St Peter also traveled to many places in order to proclaim the Gospel message. He wrote two Epistles, which are part of the New Testament.

St Peter was put to death in Rome during the reign of Nero. According to Tradition, he asked to be crucified upside down, since he did not feel worthy to die in the same manner as his Lord.

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Apostles Peter and Paul

Glory to  
Jesus ChristGlory  
Forever

*Today Christ the Rock glorifies with highest honor  
The rock of Faith and leader of the Apostles,  
Together with Paul and the company of the twelve,  
Whose memory we celebrate with eagerness of faith,  
Giving glory to the one who gave glory to them!*

Kontakion — Tone 2

**Today the Church remembers:****THE HOLY GLORIOUS AND ALL-PRAISED LEADERS OF THE  
APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL (1st c.)**

- **All Saints of Britain and Ireland.**

**June 29, 2014****3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****Tone 2 of the Octoechos**