

# St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church

A parish of the Diocese of the Midwest  
Orthodox Church in America

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**Great Vespers followed by confessions: Saturdays 5:00 pm**

*Panikhidas served by request at 4:30 pm*

**Divine Liturgy: Sundays 9:30 am**

*Hours begin at 9:15*

## Additional Upcoming Services

*(Please be sure to pick up a calendar for the month of March!)*

Presanctified Liturgy will be served every Wednesday evening during Great Lent beginning at 7:00 pm. If you plan to receive Holy Communion, please fast after a light lunch. Confessions will be heard on those days from 6:00 pm until the service time.

Soul Saturday Divine Liturgies will be celebrated on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Please bring the names of your departed loved ones on those days. *Memory Eternal!*

**Tonight:** *Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers* at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 6:00pm.  
Address: 1400 N. O'Plaine Rd., Libertyville, IL.  
This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with all Orthodox Christians of the Chicagoland Area! Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

### **Chicago Deanery Mission Vespers (starting at 6:00 pm):**

March 15: Archangel Michael (Burbank)

March 22: Protection of the Virgin Mary (Merrillville, IN)

March 29: St. Peter and St. Paul (We are hosting!)

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*The Orthodox Church humbly, yet confidently professes to be the Church of Christ, founded on the apostolic witness to our Lord, born on the Day of Pentecost, and for 2,000 years making known to men, women, and children the path to salvation through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.*

Brothers and Sisters, Glory to Jesus Christ!

Let me begin by thanking this beautiful community for how warmly you have welcomed my family and me to your parish. We look forward to the good things our Lord has in store for this community as we all work together to the glory of His Name!

As I ease into my new position as Acting Rector, in agreement with the Parish Council, I will continue my full-time secular employment until June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. As a result, I will **not** keep regular office hours, but will be available for appointments, sick calls and other requests. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason. Once I assume the full-time position here July 1<sup>st</sup>, I will establish regular office hours at the church and will be more available to serve you.

You may have noticed a few significant changes in the bulletin this week, and I would like to explain a few of them.

First, I have decided to serve Panikhidas on Saturdays before Great Vespers, instead of after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. The reasons for this change are:

- Practical – allowing me more time to greet everyone during fellowship hour.
- Pastoral – giving greater care and consolation to those requesting the memorial.
- Theological – Saturdays are ordained by the Church for the commemoration of the departed, thus preserving the Resurrectional nature of Sundays.

Please note: all donations received for the celebration of a Panikhida service are completely **voluntary**. When donations are received, they will be deposited into a confidential Discretionary Fund. This fund will be used, at my discretion, to help fellow members and friends of our parish family who may have come upon hard financial times. The names of those assisted by this fund will remain **confidential**.

Second, you may have noticed that, as a general rule, I do not publish names of donors. This change better conforms to our Lord's command:

*"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will Himself reward you openly."* (Matthew 6:1-4)

Please be assured of my prayers and liturgical commemorations for every name offered through donations, both donors and loved ones alike.

Please note that any alterations to the practices of this community are made only after prayerful reflection and in a manner respectful to our rich history. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me! May you have a blessed week!

In Christ,  
Fr. Herman

## Announcements

*Want something announced? Please submit requests to Fr. Herman no later than Wednesday.*

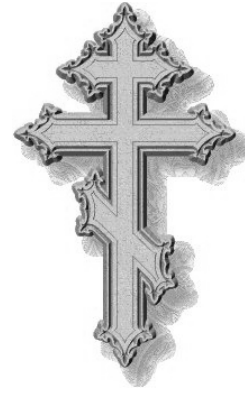
- The Youth Choir will rehearse on Saturday March 14 at 6:00pm and will sing responses during Liturgy on March 15.
- Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church invites you to attend a Lenten Retreat to be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. No reservation or fees required. Refreshments will be provided. Full details can be found on the bulletin board. The church is located at: 8410 W. 131 St, Palos Park.
- We will be hosting Mission Vespers on Sunday March 29. If you would like to sign up to bring food for the Lenten meal afterwards, please see Linda Ciolino. **Please make sure your dish conforms to the fasting guidelines of the Church and is prepared with NO meat, dairy, eggs, or fish (shrimp is allowed).**
- It is that time of year to start thinking about Pascha flowers. As we are in the process of reviewing two possible florists, prices are not available at this time. However, if you would like to place a reservation as a possible donor, please contract Fr. Herman. More information will be available in upcoming bulletins.

### Last Week's Stewardship

Starting next week, this box will display all income collected from the previous week, including pledges, candle donations, loose offerings and fellowship hour. The first bulletin of the month will also include an expense versus income report.  
Remember, God loves a cheerful giver!  
Thank you for your generosity!

### Fr. Herman's Wish List

As Fr. Herman familiarizes himself with various liturgical items and the church building, he will be listing items in this box that need to be replaced or purchased new, but are NOT absolute necessities. More information will follow. This is an opportunity for individuals or families to donate for specific items. Stay tuned!



## PRIEST CONTACT CARD

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am a visitor**

**I would like Fr. Herman to contact me**

**Other:**

*Please tear here and place in the offering plate or return to a greeter*

## Upcoming Events

- A Lenten Dinner will be served after Liturgy on Sunday March 15. Tickets are still available and cost \$10. See Duke or Carol Jovanovich for information or to purchase tickets. The proceeds from this event will be applied to pay down the church mortgage.



### Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Name's Days This Week

Dimitri Wanda  
Marie Collins  
Sevasti Bergstrom (name's day)

*\*\*As Fr. Herman collects parish directories, this listing will be more complete in the future. Thank you for your patience!\*\**

## March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Saint or Feast of the day:

#### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. Sunday of Orthodoxy.**

St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia  
(842-845).

Ven. Lazarus (1391) and Athanasius  
(15<sup>th</sup> c.), of Murom.

Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (1<sup>st</sup> c.).  
Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch (4<sup>th</sup> c.).

Ven. Dometius (363).

The “**KURSK-ROOT**” Icon of the Most-holy  
Theotokos.

### Troparion & Kontakion

#### **Tone 5**

*(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit...*

#### **Tone 5**

*(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover  
of Man//  
and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

*Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen...*

#### **Tone 2**

*(Sunday of Orthodoxy)*

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One;  
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ  
our God.  
Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the  
cross in the flesh  
and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the  
Enemy.  
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee:  
“Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,//  
for Thou didst come to save the world.”

### Please remember in your prayers...

*If you would like a prayer request submitted to the bulletin, please see Fr. Herman*

- The Taylors (our seminarian family)
- **Catechumens:** Anya, Donna
- **Shut-ins:** Metty Cramp, Mary Conrad, Mary Garstka, Mary  
Biernat, June Radini, Ed Lazo, Michael Mikula



*Altar candles and supplies donated...*

*For the health and salvation of:*

Matushka Gayle  
Dorothy Mihalko  
Dimitri Wanda  
Michael Collins  
Marie Fidyk  
Marie Collins  
Rex Denkmann  
Lavern Bergstrom

*In memory of:*

Fr. Stephen  
John Gurnic  
Genard Vinogradou  
Willy Taulien  
Harry Fidyk

*In honor of:*

40 Martyrs of Savastia

*If you would like to donate please see the sign up sheet in the entrance of the church.*

### Scripture Readings of the day:

#### **Hebrews**

**11:24-26,**

**32-12:2**

*(Epistle)*

#### **John 1:43-51**

*(Gospel)*

