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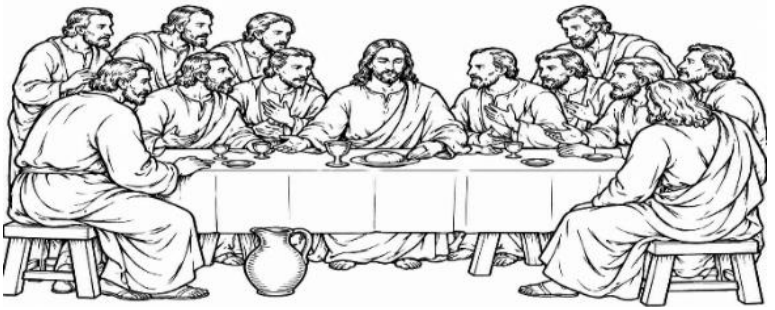

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"Lord, save me!"

Matthew 14:30

CHANGEABLE PARTS OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

Tone 8 Troparion ***(Resurrection)***

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

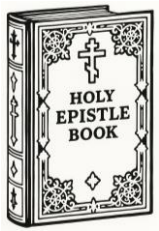
Tone 8 Kontakion ***(Resurrection)***

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,//
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon ***(Resurrection)***

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!
V. *In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 3:9-17



For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 8

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew 14:22-34

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the

fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.” When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*!**

EMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Barbara Melewski, Marilyn O`Leary, Zenon O. Forosty, Ruth Graves, Yaroslav Lyubuska, Paula German, Nicholas Yurchyk, George Demetrios, Carl Joe Swartz, Andrew Kurty, Mary Kurty, David , George Bundy, Jimmy Johnson, Mary Johnson, James O’Neill, Andrew Kurty, James Cuddy, Larry Brasko, Sandy Burlock, Robert Rudolph, Patricia Mogish, Helen Fusco, Maria Koval-Melnykovich, Peter Hucul, Mary Bobersky, Walter Duzzny, Dennis Currie, Julian, Vasyl Zomchak, Heather Rhodes, Joe Zemko, Arlene Hawryluk, Lidiia Zabrodina,.
Victims of the war in Ukraine.

PRAYER LIST

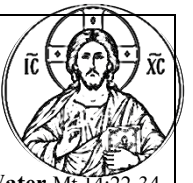
PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Judith Shonn, Peter & Cheryl Rudolph, Rick Wilson, Barb Novicky, Missy Bugzavich, Fr. Andrew Gall, Isaiah, Bill Starr, Gene, Rasa, Fr. Philip, Dominick Woloschak, Beth Zets, Shirley Duffy, Denny Lightner, Kevin Finnerty, Alice Dobransky, Jamie Maluk, Lori, Christine Kline, Larry, Soldier Ivan, Dolly Mehalco, Stephen Shonn, Thelma Zemko, Artur Bohuslav, Lori Hayda, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Marianne Carmack, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. Ukrainian people suffering from war.

LET US ALL PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR THE HOLY BAPTISM & (OR) CHRISMATION:

Rita, Missy, John, Michael & Melissa

Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days



SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, Aug 2, **12:00 (NOON) – Divine Liturgy, 9th** Sunday. **Jesus Walks on the Water**.Mt 14:22-34
- Sunday, Aug 9, 9:30AM **– Divine Liturgy, 10th** Sunday.**Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy** Mt.17:14-23
- Sunday, Aug 16, 9:30AM **–Divine Liturgy, 11th** Sunday.The **Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.** Mt 18:23-35

THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Sun Aug 16 - Sacrament of Baptism & Chrismation for Rita & Missy after the Liturgy.

- Sunday, Aug 23, 9:30AM **– Divine Liturgy, 12th** Sunday. **The Rich and the Kingdom of God.** Mt 19:16-26
- Sunday, Aug 30, 9:30AM **– Divine Liturgy, 13th** Sunday. **The Rich and the Kingdom of God.** Mt 21:33-42

THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Upcoming dates & events

- Thursday Bible Study at 6pm: Aug 6, Aug 20, Sep 3, Sep 17
- Thursday, August 6 – Parish Board Meeting at 7pm
- Sunday, August 9 – Sr UOL Meeting after Liturgy
- Saturday, August 22 – Ukrainian Picnic by the Rectory at 5 PM

St. Mary`s Sisterhood Updates:

1. September 12 Saturday – Meeting/Social Luncheon –11:30am – Location: TBD
2. October 4 – Breast cancer awareness and fellowship

Greeters Schedule

(be a greeter on the available dates (?) – call or text 234-247-1534, Anna

Aug 2 – Rita B. Aug 9 – Michael Sem. Aug 16 – Sue P. Aug 23 – Kathy B.

BINGO KITCHEN WORK SCHEDULE 2026 (*Updated Aug 1*)

Date	Register	Server	Server
Mon., July 27	Karen Semchee	Paula Savastano	Pani Maria Zomchak
Mon., Aug 3	Crystal Walkowiec	Nadiya Lyubuska	Barb Ross
Mon., Aug 10	Crystal Walkowiec	Erica Shonn	?
Mon., Aug 17	Crystal Walkowiec	Carla Rogenski	?

Please call or text Annie Woloschak if you would like to help – 330-766-0182

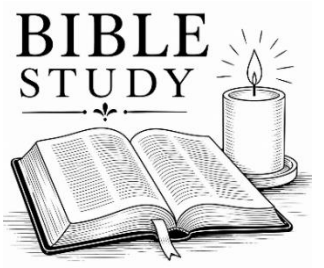
Bulletin Dedication

(in Memory of a loved one, or in honor for a Birthday or an Anniversary)

Sun **Aug 2** 1. Available 2. Available	Sun **Aug 9** 1. Available 2. Available	Sun **Aug 16** 1. Available 2. Available	Sun **Aug 23** Not Available	Sun **Aug 30** 1. **Dedicated** 2. Available
Sun **Sep 6** 1. Available 2. Available	Sun **Sep 13** 1. Available 2. Available	Sun **Sep 20** 1. Available 2. Available	Sun **Sep 27** Not Available	

Offerings to the Lord: Sun July 26: General Collection: $1407.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS:



- **Bible Study**

Join us for approximately 30 minutes of Bible Study every other Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Church. Come and deepen your faith through prayer, Holy Scripture, and meaningful discussion. Everyone is welcome! Future dates: Aug 6, Aug 20, Sep 3, Sep 17.

- **Reposed in the Lord**

+ Barbara "Bobbie" (Melewski) Alexander, 66, passed away in the Lord. (December 16, 1959 – July 14, 2026)
Funreal services were held on July 23, 2026.
The parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Parish express their sincere sympathy to the family and friends. May her Memory be Eternal!

- **Ukrainian Picnic: Sat. Aug 22 - Save the Date!**

Our Annual Ukrainian Picnic - celebrating the Ukrainian Independence Day – Sat, Aug 22 at 5pm by the Rectory

THIS MONTH OUR PARISH CELEBRATES

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 6, 1975 - George & Diane Demetrios
July 13, 1974 – Richard & Carol Rappach
July 13, 2024 – David & Alyssa Woloschak
July 23 – Joe & Jacci Buzzelli

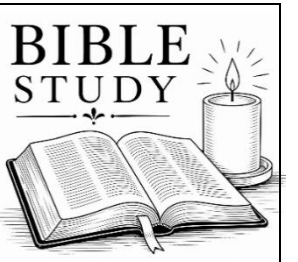
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Michael Senediak	12 Peter A. Borovitcky
1 Nicholas Woloschak	14 Joshua Auden
3 Lucas Spencer	17 Nicholas Yarosh
4 Crystal Walkowic	19 Fr Daniel Rohan
4 David Woloschak	20 Chuck Woloschak Sr.
6 Christine Bundy	20 Chas Serednesky
8 Pani Maria Zomchak	20 Jeremy Zets
8 Bailey Blair	20 Nicholas Kichton
10 Evelyn E Newton	21 Donald Septon
11 Devin Blair	27 Mary Ann Senediak
11 Zenia Goodge	31 Serena Spencer

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 3, 1975 - Richard & Nancy Yuschak
August 3, 2024 - Michael & Melissa Wilkes
August 8, 1993 - Boris & Kathy Vuksanovich
August 9, 2020 - Rev Mykola & p Maria Zomchak
August 11 - David & Anna Anderson
August 14, 2004 - Steven & Michele Telischak
August 15, 2020 - Nicholas & Lindsay Anderson
August 29, 1981 - Walter & Diane Malys

Bible Study – Session 1 *(From Thur, July 23)*



Introduction: "One Story, One Savior: Meeting God Through His Word"

Our goal is not simply to learn facts about the Bible but to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We speak to God through prayer, and He speaks to us through His Word. Over the next two years we will read the entire Bible together, discovering God's plan of salvation and growing closer to Christ.

Thank you all for coming to our first Bible Study on July 23. Those who missed it, please complete the assigment and join us next time – Aug 6.

Overview from our Previous Class:

- **Why do we read the Bible?** Because we learn: **Who God is, Who we are, Why humanity needs salvation, How God has worked throughout history, How Christ fulfills God's plan, How we are called to live today**
- The Bible is more than information—**it transforms our minds, hearts, and lives**.
- **One Story**: Old & New Testament, Old Testament → Promise, New Testament → Fulfillment.
- **The Old Testament** tells of creation, humanity's fall, God's covenant, Israel, and the prophets—all preparing for the coming Savior.
- **The New Testament** reveals Jesus Christ: His life, teachings, death, Resurrection, and the birth of the Church.

Our Journey

Every two weeks we will meet to discuss our readings. Bring:

- **Your Bible**: *We have **Orthodox Study Bibles** available for purchase, or you are welcome to borrow one for the duration of the Bible Study.*
- **Your questions**: As you read, think about these questions:
  - **What did I learn about God?**
  - **What did I not understand?**
  - **What surprised me?**
  - **How can I live this in my daily life?**

  Write those 4 things down before the next class so we can discuss them together.

Reading Assignment for August 6

Old Testament: Genesis 1–10	**New Testament: Matthew 1–4**
You will read about: • Creation • Adam and Eve • The Fall • Cain and Abel • Noah and the Flood • God's covenant with Noah • The descendants of Noah and the nations after the Flood	You will Read about: • The genealogy and birth of Jesus • The visit of the Magi • John the Baptist • The Baptism of Christ • The temptation in the wilderness • The calling of the first disciples • The beginning of Jesus' public ministry

See you all on August 6 at 6pm.

Barbara "Bobbie" (Melewski) Alexander

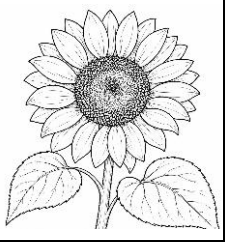
It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara "Bobbie" (Melewski) Alexander on July 14, 2026, at the age of 66, surrounded by her family, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on December 16, 1959, the beloved daughter of Raymond R. Melewski and Margaret Lehnerd Melewski Micco. Bobbie is survived by her loving husband, Fred R. Alexander, who she married on February 2, 1984. She also leaves a cherished son, Fred Alexander; siblings, Ray (Fran) Melewski, MaryAnne LoBosco, Sandy (Robert) Rodino, and many cherished family and friends.

Bobbie was a 1978 graduate of Ursuline High School and dedicated her professional life to children as a teacher's aide and librarian at St. Anthony's School in Youngstown, The Montessori School of Mahoning Valley, and Youngstown Developmental Center (YDC). She established a reading program at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Niles and was recognized for its educational value and acknowledged by the Niles Tribune. A cause close to Bobbie's heart was Sight for All United for which she proudly participated in fundraising efforts, believing that the gift of sight could change lives.

Even during the last few months of her life, Bobbie continued to care for others with the same love, kindness, and dedication she had shown throughout her life. Her greatest joy was being surrounded by her great-nieces and nephews. She loved them with all her heart and cherished every moment with them. She was a constant source of love, guidance, laughter, and comfort, creating memories that they will carry with them forever. The bond that they shared was a testament to her generous spirit and the unconditional love she gave so freely to her family. Bobbie enjoyed the sun, the beach, gardening, crafts, and reading.

Bobbie is preceded in death by her stepfather, Dominick Micco, and brother-in-law, Chris LoBosco. A Funeral Service was held on July 23, 2026.

Bobbie will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Joanie Abdu Breast Care Center in Bobbie's memory.



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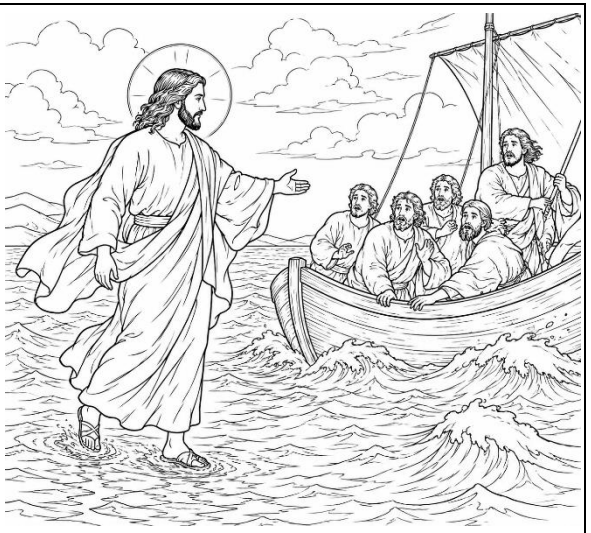


The disciples were in the middle of the sea, struggling against strong winds and rough waves. They had obeyed Jesus by getting into the boat, yet they still found themselves in the middle of a storm. This reminds us that following Christ does not mean life will be free of difficulties. Faith does not remove every storm, but it assures us that Christ is with us in the midst of them.

When Jesus came walking on the water, the disciples were terrified. They thought they were seeing a ghost. Fear often clouds our vision, making us forget that the Lord is near. But Jesus immediately spoke words that still bring comfort today:

"Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

Peter's response is remarkable. He asked to come to Jesus on the water. As long as his eyes remained fixed on Christ, he walked above the waves. But when he focused on the wind and the sea, fear took over, and he began to sink.

How often is that our story? When we focus on our problems, our failures, or the uncertainty of the future, we become overwhelmed. But when our eyes remain fixed on Christ, He gives us the strength to do what would otherwise seem impossible.

Even when Peter began to sink, Jesus did not abandon him. Peter cried out, **"Lord, save me!"** and immediately Jesus reached out His hand. God does not wait for perfect faith before helping us. He responds to the humble heart that calls upon Him.

This Gospel teaches us that:

- Storms are part of life, even for faithful Christians.
- Fear grows when we focus on the waves instead of Christ.
- Faith means trusting Jesus even when circumstances seem impossible.
- When we stumble, Christ is always ready to reach out His hand if we call upon Him.
- True peace comes not from calm seas, but from knowing that Christ is in the boat with us.

The story ends with the wind becoming calm, and the disciples worshipping Jesus, saying:

"Truly You are the Son of God."

Sometimes God allows storms not to destroy our faith, but to deepen it. It is often in the darkest night and the roughest seas that we come to recognize who Jesus truly is. When we keep our eyes on Him, no storm is greater than His power, no fear stronger than His love, and no distance too great for His saving hand to reach us.

Spiritual Reflections:

A The greatest hell does not begin somewhere beneath the earth. It begins in a heart that has stopped loving.

Evil rarely enters all at once. It starts with a harsh word, grows into indifference, then judgment, and eventually cruelty. Over time, what once troubled our conscience begins to feel normal.

God does not create hell for us. We move away from His light whenever we choose darkness. Yet He never stops calling us back—through His Word, our conscience, and the people He places in our lives. He invites us, but He never forces us, because love cannot exist without freedom.

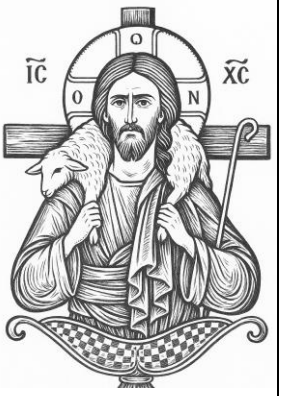
Not every illness, sorrow, or tragedy is God's punishment. Much of suffering remains a mystery. But one truth never changes: God does not abandon us. He enters our pain, carries the cross with us, and can bring light even from the darkest night.

The real question is not only, "Why is there so much evil in the world?" It is also, "How much good will enter the world through me today?"

Heaven begins in the heart—where there is mercy, forgiveness, and love. Every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, every prayer for another person becomes a light in the darkness.

May the Lord help us not only to wonder why the world is so dark, but to become the light that He has called us to be.

Orthodox Christianity 101



The Bible:

Old Testament: Law

The first part of the Bible is called the Torah, which means the Law. It is also called the Pentateuch which means the five books. These books are also called the Books of Moses. They include Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. The events described in these books, from the calling of Abraham to the death of Moses, probably took place sometime in the second millennium before Christ (2000–1200 BC).

The Book of Genesis contains the pre-history of the people of Israel. It begins with the story of the creation of the world, the fall of Adam and Eve and the subsequent, quite sinful, history of the children of Adam. It then tells of God's call and promise of salvation to Abraham, and the story of Isaac and Jacob, whom God named Israel, ending with the settlement of the twelve tribes of Israel-the families of the twelve sons of Jacob-in Egypt, during the time of Joseph's favor with the Egyptian Pharaoh. In traditional Church language, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are called the patriarchs.

The Book of Exodus relates the deliverance of the people of Israel by Moses from the slavery in Egypt to which they were subjected after the death of Joseph. It tells of the revelation of God to Moses of His divine

name of Yahweh-I AM WHO I AM (3.14). It gives the account of the passover and the exodus, and the journey of the Israelites, led by God, through the desert. Also, in this book is the narrative of God's gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai, and the other laws which God gave to Moses concerning the moral and ritual conduct of His People.

The Book of Leviticus is a further book of laws, primarily concerned with the priestly and ritual offices of the people which were conducted by men taken from the tribe of Levi.

The Book of Numbers concerns itself primarily with a census of the people. It also contains laws given by God to Moses, and further narratives about the movement of God's People through the wilderness to the land which God promised them.

The Book of Deuteronomy, which means the "second law," is again primarily a law code in which is told again the story of the Ten Commandments and the institution of the Mosaic laws of moral and ritual conduct. It ends with Moses' blessing of the people, and his vision of the promised land into which Joshua would lead God's People after his death, the account of which ends the Books of Moses.

Scholars tell us that the Law was not written by the personal hand of Moses and that the books show evidence of being the result of a number of oral and written traditions transmitted among the People of Israel, containing material of later periods. Nevertheless, in the Tradition of Israel and of the Christian Church, the Law remains essentially connected with Moses, the great man of God to whom "the Lord used to speak .?.?. face to face, as a man speaks to his friend" (Ex 33.11).

The Ten Commandments

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above. or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them: for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work: but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth. the sea. and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore, the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his man servant, or his maidservant, or his ox. or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

(Ex 20.1–17)