

## SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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Apostles Urban, Apelles, Stachys, Amplias, Narcissus, and Aristobulus

Sunday November 13, 2016

Gal. 2 16:20, Luke 8:26-39

Tropar and Kondak Tone 4

Today is our Chinese Auction. Please help where you can and remember to greet people and help them feel welcome.

“Now if the earth and the fruits and the beasts are His, entire nothing is unclean; but it becomes unclean otherwise, from our intention and our disobedience.”

*St. John Chrysostom*

### Orthodox Practice

It seems that we do not understand one thing: it is not good when we return the love of those who love us, yet hate those who hate us. We are not on the right path if we do this. We are the sons of light and love, the sons of God, his children. As such we must have His qualities and His attributes of love, peace, and kindness towards all.

+ Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica, [\*Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives\*](#)

Birthdays – Kathy Daskivich 11/19

Hours and Communion Prayers 9:30 AM. Confessions: ½ hour before services.

“Do you claim to be strong? You will be beaten by beasts. Do you claim speed? Flies are faster. Do you claim beauty? What great beauty there is in a peafowl’s feathers! How are you better, then, than these? By the image of God.”

*St Augustine of Hippo*

**November 20 All Church Meeting Everyone should plan to attend.**

As the parish council has been meeting and managing the affairs of the church we have come to a need to call a mid-meeting and review several issues:

- Altar area carpeting – pulling and replacing or pulling and restoring tile options
- The Diocesan/Parish Stewardship Committees and planning for our church
- Sobor Meeting Summary
- Church Financial Reports and Discussion

Church Council Notes:

We have come to a point in the life of the parish where our numbers are smaller. Our finances over the years have been stable, yet we are beginning to see a pattern where expenses are beginning to increase with less people. In response, we as a parish have undertaken increased fundraisers. This has been helpful and the efforts of everyone is greatly appreciated.

We have seen from the Sobor statistics, our own local Orthodox parishes, and other Christian communities that Christianity is on a present decline.

The diocese has introduced a plan of stewardship a number of years ago to assist parishes with their overall growth. The parishes who have undertaken these plans have shown promise in being successful in parish growth. We expect to learn more about this stewardship program, and everyone’s input, as we progress toward parish growth, is vital.

Our request is to ask everyone to increase their efforts in maintaining our church. We have already noticed an increase in participation, organization, and enthusiasm. Please remember to keep up your efforts at being a good steward of the many gifts and blessings God has bestowed upon you.

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