

St. Peter and St. Paul



THE HOLY APOSTLE PETER



THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL

PROOF THAT SINNERS CAN BECOME SAINTS

Our Church honors Saints Peter and Paul for their unmatched missionary zeal among the Apostles. Let us review how these sinners became saints.

The Gospels paint a picture of Peter as a man who is proud, boastful - and weak! He wants to "walk on water," but loses his courage as well as his faith along the way. He would vow to defend Christ to the death, but three times he would deny that he even knew Who Jesus was. Paul, on the other hand, grew up with a deep hatred for Christians. He was a willing bystander at the stoning of the Archdeacon Stephen. He openly persecuted the followers of Christ, hunting them down and having them arrested. One can only guess how many Christians were tortured and martyred because of Paul's misplaced exuberance.

Yet both Peter and Paul underwent dramatic changes in their lives. Peter

became a fearless and fiery preacher of the Good News, refusing to be silenced as he spoke convincingly to the Jews about Jesus being their long-awaited Messiah. After his conversion, Paul became the "Apostle to the Gentiles," taking the message of the Gospel throughout the known world. What caused such a transformation in these two men? They ultimately discovered Who Christ truly was, and they embraced Him with all of their heart, soul and mind.

There is a lesson here for all of us. We, too, are sinners. We, too, have had things occur in our past that we would just as soon forget. But Christ is waiting for us to embrace Him as well! He is waiting to work through us in some way to spread His Kingdom here on earth. May we all take the same steps that Peter and Paul took. Indeed, today's Church can use zealous missionaries as well!

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God Bless
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SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF RUSSIA AND AMERICA

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of our Church

Epistle: 2Cor. 11:21-12:9

Tone 1

Gospel: Matt. 16:13-19

FAIR SHARE GIVING

The following figures have been given by the Financial officers of the Church as the corrected 2008 Fair Share for each parishioner. For the General Fund monthly per person it is \$65.00 and for the Mortgage Fund it is \$45.00 per person. Please see either Stasia Plisko or Kristal Krugovoy if you have any questions

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Our parish will hold its annual Parish Picnic and Chicken Barbecue on Sunday July 27th, 2008. Please mark this date in your calendar.

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a short meeting of the Church Committee today following the Divine services. All members are asked to attend.

DUES IS DUE

The dues for the New Year 2008 are due. Please see the financial officers of the Church for payment. Thank you!

OUR STEWARDSHIP UNTO THE LORD

June 22, 2008

Candles: \$96.00

Collection: \$1445.00

Total: \$1541.00

Mortgage Fund: \$345.00.

Maintenance Fund: \$80.00

Father's Day Brunch: \$144.00

Thank you very much for your generous donations to the Church!

ST. INNOCENT OF AMERICA BROTHERHOOD

Just a short update on the progress of the St. Innocent of America Brotherhood of our parish which presently has fifteen members from the ranks of our parish. If you would like to join please let any member of the Brotherhood know and they will be glad to have you as a fellow brother.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for the year 2008 are in and are available in the Church Memorial Hall following the Divine services. Please make sure to pick them up along with your financial donation reports for the year 2007. Thank you!

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If anyone is interested in joining our parish or transferring to our parish from another parish please see Father John first and then he will direct you to Stasia Plisko and Christal Krugovoy, our financial officers. All questions concerning dues are to be directed to them on Sundays after the Divine services in the Church office located to the left of the Holy Altar. Thank you.