

DECEMBER 8, 2024  
BULLETIN – 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**Ss Peter & Paul Mission:** preserve, practice, and proclaim the Gospel of our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ in order to glorify God in the parish and wider community.

*This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul –December 9-15, 2024*

- 12/10 Tu 7:00 am – Readers Orthros  
5:00 pm – Akathist to the Theotokos  
for healing
- 12/11 Wd 6:00 pm – Vespers
- 12/12 Th 7:00 am – Men's Reading Group  
6:00 pm – Vespers w/procession for St.  
Lucia
- 12/13 Fr 6:00 am – Divine Liturgy – Ss. Lucia &  
Herman
- 12/14 Sa 8:30 am – Women's Book Study  
5:30 pm – Learn Byzantine Tones  
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 12/15 Su 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Forefathers  
of Christ  
10:20 am – Church School  
Adult Choir rehearsal

*Looking Ahead—*

December 17 *Morning Divine Liturgy*

December 18 *Parish Council*

December 19 *Koffee w/Khouria*

December 21 *Adult Choir Rehearsal*

December 22 *Adult Choir rehearsal*

**NATIVITY SERVICES**

*December 24 – Prefeast of the Nativity*

\*\*9:00 am Royal Hours, followed by Typika  
and Vesperal Divine Liturgy

*December 25 – Feast of the Nativity of Christ*

\*\*8:00 am Nativity services, followed by  
Christmas Breakfast

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\*\*Bring a prepared sweet bread, egg dish, or  
meat to share

\*\*Enjoy church provided cider

*Many Years – Anniversary*

*Fr. George & Kh. Suzanne Washburn December 10*

**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION —  
TONIGHT**

\*\*5:00-6:30 pm in the barn

\*\*Bring non-perishable food items for VCUM  
barrel

\*\*Bring a plate of cookies to share

\*\*Caroling, St. Nicholas story, & a visit from  
St. Nicholas

\*\*Help needed moving chairs to/from  
barn/hall on December 8.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

All are welcome at the Parish Council  
meeting, Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00pm  
in the parish hall.

***Akathist to the Theotokos for healing  
Tuesday, December 10 @ 5:00 pm***

**TRAVELING MERCIES & ANNOINTING  
WITH OIL**

If you plan to travel or are ill, please request a  
blessing or anointing with oil before travel  
and at the beginning of your illness.

***Thursday, December 12 @ 6:00 pm  
Vespers w/procession for St. Lucia***

**TIMES FOR CONFESSION**

Confessions are heard after Vespers on  
Wednesday evenings (by appointment), on  
Saturday evenings following Great Vespers  
and by appointment during the week. If you  
desire to go to confession during Orthros,  
come prior to 9:15 am and send a message to  
one of the priests through one of the deacons.

*Friday, December 13 @ 6:00 am  
Divine Liturgy – St. Lucia & St. Herman*

### GOOD WORKS FOR ADVENT

*Valley Churches United Canned Food Drive:* Bring cans of food and leave in the VCM barrel on the north side of the parish hall.

*Alms:* Almsgiving is above and beyond our tithe and is an important part of Orthodox piety.

*Food For Hungry People:* This is especially good for children because they see how to practice almsgiving, in this case for hungry people at home and around the world. This is our archdiocese sponsored charity. FFHP boxes are in the narthex, so take one home today. **When the fast is over, return the loaded box to the Narthex for collection.**

*Adult choir rehearsal today*

### NATIVITY FAST

*November 15-December 12*

- Wednesday/Friday is maintained: abstain from meat, dairy, fish, oil, and wine.
- All other days we abstain only from meat and dairy products. Fish, oil, and wine are allowed.

*December 13-24*

- As the Feast of our Lord's Nativity approaches, we increase our preparation by increasing our fasting.
- We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, oil, and wine during this period.
- On Saturday, Sunday, and certain feast days, wine and oil are allowed.
- As always, we prepare to receive Holy Communion with a complete fast from food and drink, unless medically necessary, and with the blessing of your father confessor.

**Parish Life Conference  
June 25-29, 2025**

### DONATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE & BUILDING

Please designate cash or check donations for regular church maintenance as "Maintenance Fund. Designate cash or check donations for long term building projects as "Building Fund." This helps keep church bookkeeping straight.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please contact the church office with the names of the sick and hospitalized of the parish so they may receive pastoral care.

*Tuesday, December 17 @ 6:00 am  
Divine Liturgy – Prophet Daniel &  
Three Holy Youths*

*57<sup>th</sup> Biennial Archdiocese Convention  
July 19-27 – Chicago  
Hyatt Regency O'Hare  
Hosted by St. George Antiochian Orthodox  
Church of Cicero, Illinois  
Home of the Miraculous Weeping Icon of  
the Theotokos  
Visit Convention website for more details  
<https://www.ac2025chicago.org>*

### WOMEN'S BOOKS STUDY RESUMES

The next Women's Books Study will be on Saturday, December 14 at 8:30 am in the parish hall. Contact Lucia Resnick at (831) 252-1684 for more details.

*Memory Eternal  
December 13 Fr. Richard Ballew*

**"Prayer is food for the soul. Do not starve the soul; it is better to let the body go hungry. Do not judge anyone, forgive everyone. Consider yourself worse than everyone in the world and you will be saved. As much as possible, be more quiet." ~St. Joseph of Optina**