



Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, July 14, 2024

Schedule of Services and Events

Date	Time	Service/Event
Sunday, July 14	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, July 14	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, July 14	Following Liturgy	Church council meeting
Wednesday, July 17	6:00 p.m.	Service of Supplication
Saturday, July 20	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, July 21	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, July 21	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, July 24	6:00 p.m.	Service of Supplication
Saturday, July 27	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, July 28	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, July 28	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, July 28	12:00 p.m.	Young adult gathering (See below for details)

What Peter Should Have Said When He Denied Christ and Wept Bitterly

As mentioned last Friday at Divine Liturgy, please find the following reflection by St. Maximos the Greek, where he considers a humble response St. Peter could have had after denying Christ. This is helpful for us to consider in our own attempts to repent. - Fr Daniel

Discourse 44: An Account as to What Peter Should Have Said When He Denied Christ and "Wept Bitterly"

Woe is me! Woe is me! Woe, woe! With what rivers of tears will I purify my dishonor, wretch that I am? With what heavy sighs will I cleanse my injustice? Indeed, woe is me, for I denied Christ three times, woe is me! I was afraid of the insignificant servant girl and forgot all the gifts that I received from Him, He who is the light and life of all, my Creator, the Creator of Life and Lord, who came to save us and gave His life over to death for me. Woe is me! What unexpected thing happened to me? How great was the disbelief and ingratitude I showed towards You, O Savior, and I proved to be much worse than Your traitor! I was made worthy by You of much greater honor than all the rest of Your disciples, that You entrusted me even with the keys of the heavenly kingdom, and I was recognized by You, my Savior, as their leader and chief, and how will I now weep and what shall I say? Woe is me, the wretch! With what excuses will I beseech You to receive mercy from the strict Judge?

Yet I know Your great generosity, Lord, and that You immediately forgive all the sins of

those who show fervent repentance. I know also that You were a generous benefactor towards the defiled woman and the prodigal son; to her because she wet with her tears Your all-immaculate feet and wiped them with her hair, and to him because he cried out: "I have sinned, I have sinned, and I am not worthy to be called Your son." I also know that the unjust publican was immediately acquitted, when he shouted: "O God, be propitious towards me, the sinner!" I also, Lord, shout out like him, I have sinned, be propitious towards me, the sinner. Accept me, my God, and grant unto me Your generosity and forgive the impiety of my heart. I beg of You! To You I offer my prayer with contrition, not with streams of water, but with a river of tears and bitter sighs. And I entreat: Do not disdain, Lord, the river of my tears and the most-bitter pain of my heart, which devours like fire my soul, my bones and my mind, because for the sake of sinners and the wicked You came down from heaven and accepted a torturous death.

Atlantic States Deanery Meeting

On Saturday, June 29, 2024, the clergy of the Atlantic States Deanery celebrated Divine Liturgy at St. Andrew Cathedral in Philadelphia. Afterwards, a deanery meeting was held. Fr. Daniel attended and represented our parish. An [article](#) was posted on the Patriarchal Parishes website.

Psalter Prayer Group

The Psalter prayer group is currently in need of one more person. If you have not participated in the past, this is how it works. Each person is assigned a different kathisma to start. Each person reads one kathisma each day in sequential order, along with opening and closing prayers and prayers for the living and departed. Between the group, the entire Psalter is read each day. The Psalter prayer group usually takes breaks after Great Lent and the Nativity Fast.

If you are interested in joining the Psalter prayer group, please see [Svitlana Breniser](#). You will need to provide her with your baptismal name and 10 names for the prayer list (living or departed).

Young Adult Monthly Activities

Our young adults have been talking about getting together regularly. We started off with a trip last week to the Lancaster Ice Rink. We had a great time, and some of us were able to follow it up with some pool time at the Brenisers.

Our goal is to start having monthly events that we will include in parish announcements, and we will coordinate by texting. We are discussing dates/ideas for August. Stay tuned!



Young Adult Monthly Gatherings with Fr. Daniel

As young people, we have a lot of questions, and want learn more about our Holy Orthodox Faith. Fr. Daniel has agreed to start meeting with our young adults on one Sunday a month for topical discussions, studies, and Q&A. We also want to do a nice treat for each gathering.

For our first Sunday gathering, we plan to meet on Sunday, July 28 from 12pm-1pm. Afterwards, we will enjoy some time together downstairs with a variety of ice cream and cones.

Church Cleaning

Cleaning Schedule

The church cleaning schedule for the second half of 2024 is available [here](#). A [cleaning list](#) and other helpful information is also available for those volunteering.

Volunteers are needed to clean the church for the following weeks:

- August 4 - August 10
- August 18 - August 24

If you are interested in cleaning the church during any of these weeks, please reply to this email or see Alexandra Salaneck.

Cleaning Groups

In order to schedule the church cleaning weekly, we are looking for *2-3 additional cleaning groups* to join the cleaning rotation and clean on a regular basis (about once every 7-8 weeks). Volunteers are assigned a specific week and can choose which day to clean the church during the week. Volunteers can form a standalone cleaning group or team up with another family. If you are interested in helping, please see Alexandra Salaneck or reply to this email.

Prayer List

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Catechumens

Cipolle, Kate
Rogozin, Daniel
Rogozin, Ryelle
Rogozin, Danielle

To add a name to our prayer list (health, newly departed), please reply to this email or see Fr. Daniel.

July Celebrations

Name Days

- July 17 - Maria Kelly, Anastasia Kelly

Birthdays

- July 3 - Lydmila Lenski
- July 6 - Irina Kaulback

Many Years! Многая Лета!

If you would like to be included in the parish directory of commemoration dates (birthdays, name days, and marriage anniversaries), please submit the information in this [form](#). If you have questions, please see [Anastasia Lutcza](#).

Reminders

Online candle stand: Candles and vigil lights can now be ordered [online](#) to be lit at the next service.

Online donations: One-time or recurring donations to the church can be made [online](#). The

recurring option is a convenient way to donate and also helps to better plan our budget.

Benevolent fund: The benevolent fund was established to help those in need. To donate specifically to the benevolent fund, please use the special pink envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Building fund: The building fund was established to save for future building projects. Our next major [maintenance project](#) will be the tree removal and sidewalk and curb replacement on the Spruce Street side of the church. Preliminary estimates for this project range from \$26,000 to \$35,000. Please consider donating to the building fund to help us reach this goal. The building fund currently has a total of about \$19,000. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special blue envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Rectory fund: The rectory fund was established to save for a future rectory close to the vicinity of the church. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special yellow envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

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Church calendar: You can subscribe to the church calendar (add the church calendar to your mobile device or calendar application) by using these links: [Services](#) and [Events](#).

* **Save the date - Picnic:** A church picnic will be held following Liturgy on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at [Breneman Park](#) pavilion, 2914 Reedy Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. More details to come.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser: Our parish is participating again in the annual Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. The shopping passes are \$5 and are good for 25% off almost all purchases made on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at all Boscov's locations. Our church keeps 100% of the shopping pass proceeds. If you would like to purchase a discount shopping pass or help sell them, please see Jean Salaneck.

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