

JUNE / JULY, 2017						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Christ, Lover of Mankind	26	27	28 Brandon: 9 am + Louise Kostenchuk Offering: Lawrence & Elsie Makwaychuk	29 HDO Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Apostle Peter & Paul	30  Brandon: 9 am + Walter MacKalski Offering: Barbara MacKalski Brandon: 10:30 am + Ann Maria Slashinsky Funeral Brandon: 7 pm Molebyn to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Synaxis of 12 Apostles	01 Brandon: 5 pm + Wasyl Zalisky Offering: Petro Zalisky & Family
02 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn 4 th Sunday After Pentecost	03	04	05 Brandon: 9 am	06 Brandon: 9 am	07  Brandon: 9 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service	08 Brandon: 5 pm + Anna Dauk Offering: Barbara MacKalski

The Illustrious and Pre-Eminent Apostles Peter and Paul

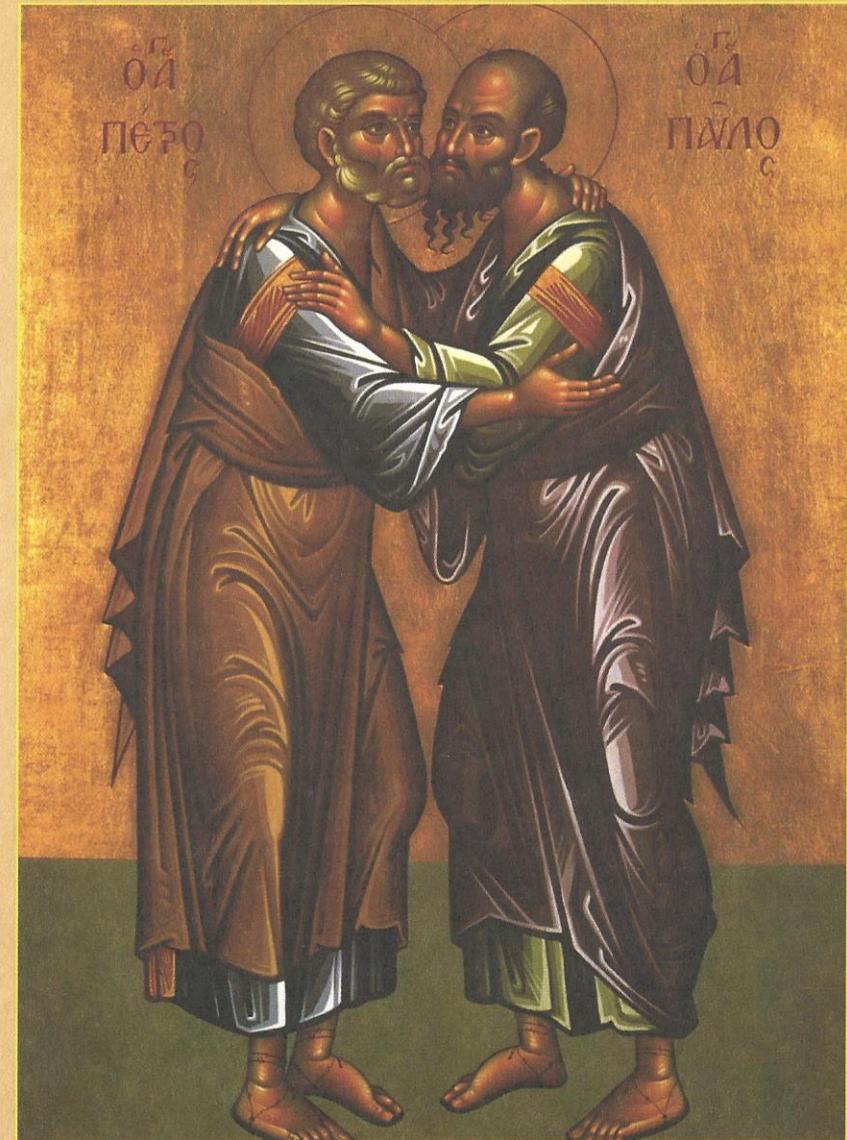
The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the Apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles. But the Gospels prove their own veracity by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus. After Jesus' Ascension, Peter presided in Jerusalem, was bishop of Antioch, and finally presided over the Church in Rome where on the Vatican Hill he was martyred, head downwards according to tradition, in the Circus of Nero.

Paul had been the most Pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Following his

conversion, he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate. Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort – even the most scrupulous observance of law – can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus. Paul never lost his love for his Jewish brothers and sisters, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise. According to tradition, Paul was beheaded in Rome near the Ostian Way where the church of Tre Fontane now stands.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Saints Peter and Paul -- June 29th

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM
Sunday (Bilingual) - 9:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Jun 25	P. Todoruk	A. Todosichuk / B. McKay	I. Dyakiv	F. Yuriy
Sun Jul 02	T. Yuriy	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	L. Makwaychuk	P. Shurb
Sun Jul 09	S. Sheeshka	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	N. Baranyk	B. Kuszak
Sun Jul 16	H. Lazaruk	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	N. Zemliak	S. Baranyk

ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Jun 17 \$ 175.00
Sunday, Jun 18 \$ 616.00
Total \$ 791.00
Candles \$ 35.30

QUOTE OF THE DAY

In St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is a life-size, marble statue of Christ writhing in anguish on the cross. The statue is subscribed: "This is how God loved the world!"

- Walter B. Knight

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

2017 PEACE GARDEN MASS

The 2017 International Peace Garden Mass will be held on July 9th, 2017. The purpose of the Field Mass and Family Day is to promote continued good relations between the US and Canada, and to pray for peace among all nations. This year, Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski will be the celebrant for this Mass. The Knights of Columbus have a bus chartered for this event and will provide free transportation to and from the Peace Gardens to the first 55 people that call. Please contact Bruce Ray (204-726-0013) or Jim Dyck (204-725-2795) for the bus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BLESSED VASYL MARTYR'S SHRINE JUNE 27TH EVENTS

All Faithful, Sisters and Clergy are invited to attend the annual Feast of the New Ukrainian Martyrs at the Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky Shrine on Tuesday, June 27th. Please see poster in the foyer for further information.

BRANDON DOORS OPEN HERITAGE TOURS - JULY 15TH AND 16TH, 2017

The Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) is pleased to be hosting the 16th Annual Doors Open Heritage Tours. Our church has been identified as a historically interesting location and believe the community would be excited to get a chance to see and learn more about it. Doors Open will take place July 15th and 16th, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This event is intended to facilitate people's understanding and enjoyment of their local architectural environment while encouraging awareness of heritage and the important role it plays in maintaining the character and quality of life in Brandon.

K OF C EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Canon Luhovy Assembly Educational Foundation provides financial assistance to Ukrainian Catholic students, seminarians and religious sisters who attend post-secondary institutions, seminaries and private Catholic secondary schools. If anyone wishes to apply for a bursary, please see Fr. Michael for an application form. The closing date for receipt of applications is September 30th, 2017.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are extended to the family of the late Michael Kowbel who entered into the presence of the Lord on Monday, June 19th, 2017 at his home near Forrest. Our prayers are extended to his family at this time of loss. Vichnaya Pam'yat.

CHRIST OUR PASCHA

There are still two books available of the adult catechism "Christ our Pascha". The cost is \$20.00 per copy. Please see Fr. Michael if you would like to purchase one.

CLEAR LAKE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

This event is being held from Wednesday, July 12th until Sunday, July 16th. There are some brochures in the foyer in the event further details are required.

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PROFIT AND LOSS

I counted dollars while God counted crosses,
I counted gains while He counted losses,
I counted my worth by the things gained in store
But He sized me up by the scars that I bore.
I coveted honors and sought for degrees,
He wept as He counted the hours on my knees;
I never knew until one day by the grave
How vain are the things that we spend life to save;
I did not yet know until my loved one went above
That richest is he who is rich in God's love.

- The Brethren Evangelist

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A woman was sipping on a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband. She says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you."
Her husband asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?"
She replies, "It's me ... talking to the wine."



"handmaid of the Lord." God progressively prepared her to become the womb, the ark, the temple, and the dwelling place for the uncontainable God. "By the good will of God the Father, the Most Holy Spirit prepared a dwelling-place in her for God the Word."¹³⁸ Mary became the tabernacle in which the Word of God came to dwell in the fullness of time: "the Word became flesh and lived among us" (Jn 1:14). In celebrating the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple in Jerusalem (November 21/December 4), Christians are called to follow her example, allowing the Lord to prepare them so that they may worthily receive God incarnate into the tabernacles of their hearts.

B. "God Became Human that Humans Might Become God"¹³⁹

*For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
(Symbol of Faith)*

*And when the fullness of time had come,
you spoke to us through your Son ...
He appeared on earth and lived among mortals.
Taking flesh of a holy Virgin, he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
being made in the likeness of our lowly body,
so that he might make us in the likeness of the image of his glory ...
so that all who had died in Adam might be given life in your Christ himself.
(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

178 From the creation of the world, God has been present within creation by his grace. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). God revealed himself to the human race progressively until the fullness of time: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son" (Gal 4:4). The Son of God—"the Word of the Father"—reveals the Father to the world: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9); "I am in the Father and the Father in me" (Jn 14:11). He is God: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (Jn 1:1

¹³⁸ DMYTRO TUPTALO, Життя Святих. Місяця листопада в 21 -ий день. Сказання про Введення Пречистої і Преблагословенної Владичиці ішої Богородиці і Приснодіви Марії у Господню Церкву і про життя її в ній [Lives of the Saints, The Month of November, the 21st Day: A Narrative Concerning the Entrance of Our Most Pure, Most Blessed Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, into the Temple of the Lord and Her Life] (translated from Ukrainian).

¹³⁹ See ATHANASIUS THE GREAT, On the Incarnation of the Word, 54: PG 25,192. [This famous and very recognizable phrase by Athanasius expresses the conviction that God assumed humanity that we might become by grace what God is by nature.]

- 179 The Incarnation of the Son of God took place in accordance with God plan "in the fullness of time" (see Gal 4:4). The nativity of the Son of God became the focal point of human history, revealing how much God loved the world (see Jn 3:16). In the Incarnation, the union of God with his creation is truly a self-emptying of God (in Greek, *kenosis*): "Though [Christ] was in the form of God ... [he] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness" (Phil 2:6-7). Christ took on the "form of a servant," without the stain of sin, "increasing the human and not diminishing the divine."¹⁴⁰ In the union of the divine and the human, "the incorporeal one takes on flesh, the Word becomes approachable, the invisible one is seen, the impalpable one is touched, the one beyond time enters into time, the Son of God becomes the Son of Man."¹⁴¹
- 180 Saint Gregory of Nyssa teaches that God's "descent to the humility of the human race [i.e., *kenosis*] is a kind of superabundant exercise of power, which thus finds no check even in directions which contravene nature."¹⁴² In the *kenosis* of God, "the Word became flesh and shared in flesh and blood just like us:"¹⁴³ in the Jordan, the sinless Son of God accepted baptism—as a sinner; under Pontius Pilate he was sentenced with criminals; by crucifixion he descended into the abyss of human suffering and death, to find the first Adam (human being) in Hades, the land of the dead.
- 181 God becomes of one form with us—he becomes a human being in order to make us of one form with him (see Phi 12:7). In *kenosis* (from the Greek meaning self-emptying), the Son of God descends into Hades, and finding Adam, he grants humankind the forgiveness of sins, participation in God's nature, and eternal life. "God became human that humans might become god."¹⁴⁴ Deceived by the instigation of the serpent, humankind in Adam strived in vain to become like God by the means of its own strength (see Gn 3:5). "At one time Adam was deceived, for he desired to become god, and did not. God became a human being, so that Adam might become god."¹⁴⁵ The human being in Christ, by growing in likeness to God, can truly become like God: "He has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you

¹⁴⁰ See Leo the Great, Letter 28: To Flavian, Bishop of Constantinople, 3: PL 54, 764-766.

¹⁴¹ GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, Oration 38: On the Theophany or Nativity of Christ, 2 and 13: PG 36, 313 and 325.

¹⁴² GREGORY OF NYSSA, Great Catechism, 24: PG 45, 61.

¹⁴³ CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, Third Letter Against Nestorius, Anathema 5: PG 76, 165.

¹⁴⁴ ATHANASIUS THE GREAT, On the Incarnation of the Word, 54: PG 25, 192.

¹⁴⁵ Lenten Triodion, Fifth Saturday of Lent, Vespers: Stichera at Psalm 140.