

SS. PETER & PAUL

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Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 6:22-33
Epistle Reading ~ Romans 5:1-10
All Saints of Britain and Ireland

This Week at a Glance

Wed, June 28th

4:00 pm - Great Vespers

Thur, June 29th

PARISH FEASTDAY

9:00 am - The Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Sat, July 1st

4:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sun, July 2nd

9:00 am - The Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Food Festival **Fundraiser**

Last week another \$25 was collected to purchase items for the food festival. That brings the total to \$1310.00! Only \$300 more until we meet our goal!

Collection

Last week's collection was \$1300.

Gospel Meditation

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Mt.6:33).

Everything necessary for our earthly existence will be added: food, drink, clothing. But not just added; there is one condition: “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.”

What does “seek” mean? It means that the Lord requires from us actions, an effort of our will. Remember the Gospel readings for the last two weeks (*The Week of All the Saints* and *The Week of All Saints Who Shone in America and Russia*) and also what was said in today's Gospel. These are like steps by which all the saints ascended to the heavenly dwellings, and by which we too must all ascend. Indeed, there is no other way. The way to the Lord is the same for everyone. And it is this: Confess Christ before people, love Him more than everyone and everything else, and take up our cross and follow Him, in the same way the Apostles followed Him, leaving everything behind: their families, nets and boats. And not care about what we eat or drink or about what to wear, because our Heavenly Father knows that we need all these things.

- Archbishop Andrei Rymarenko, 1893-1978

Parish Feastday

Thursday, June 29th is the feast day of Ss Peter & Paul, our parish patronal saints. As members of the parish, extra effort should be made to be present for either if not both services (*Wed evening vespers, or Thurs morning Liturgy*). Clergy and faithful from around the deanery have been invited. There will be a festal coffee hour after liturgy. Honoring a patronal feast of a parish or a monastery is a very pious thing to do. In Orthodox countries, pilgrims travel miles and miles to attend the services and receive the Lord's blessings.

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