

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SPRING SEMESTER 2017

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Here we are at the beginning of a brand new year... 2017! Have you made a New Year's resolution yet? We hope one is to keep bringing your children to church each Sunday and encouraging regular attendance at Sunday school. Help your children understand that God is important to you and that the Holy Spirit guides your life. What is more important for young children to learn?

Upcoming Special Events...

PYSANKY WORKSHOPS

Like their Ukrainian forbears, our school children have been blessed with some pretty crafty pysanky genes that will be put to good use while learning about the art and magic of pysanky. Although there will be plenty of welcomed adult help, the Pysanky Workshop will be organized by Lois Paul. Lois and Antoinette Paul have been creating and teaching about beautiful pysanky for years. You will be proud of your experienced "egggers" as they continue a tradition that is too important to be lost or forgotten! The workshops run each Sunday from March 12 through March 26.

PALM SUNDAY PLAY

A Palm Sunday play can be entertaining as well as informative because it has an important story to tell- the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem a week before His death and resurrection. The children will be acting out the story of how Jesus rode into Jerusalem that day and how the crowds greeted Him as their long-awaited Messiah and King. The production will be presented as part of the Palm Sunday Play/Breakfast in the parish hall on April 9 at 10:30.

SPRING CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Spring Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7. The Children's Liturgy is an opportunity for our school children to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary as the "Queen of May". The children will process into church and recite the opening prayers; after liturgy, Sunday school girls (in traditional Ukrainian dress) will lead all the children to the grotto where they will sing and place flowers at the feet of Mary. One of the girls (often the oldest) will place a crown of flowers on Mary's head.

SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION

Solemn Holy Communion- the sum of catechism lessons learned, trips to rehearse the procession, dress and suit fittings, party plans, and last-minute reminders to get the camera batteries charged up- will be celebrated on Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day) during 9:00 Holy Liturgy.

CELEBRATING FATHER RON'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Congratulations to Father Ron on the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood! Obvious to all, Father Ron's selfless ministry in Christ has been inspiring, fruitful, and worthy of the Lord. Among his many powerful virtues, we at SS Peter and Paul know that when you look into Father Ron's eyes, you find the purest and most powerful affection for our children. So, with deep joy and anticipation, your children will have an important place in Father Ron's celebration.

Additional details will be sent throughout the semester, but for now, please set aside May 21 on your calendar as a day you and your child(ren) will help celebrate Father Ron's Golden Jubilee.