

# SS. PETER & PAUL

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**Gospel Reading ~ Luke 12:16-21**  
**Epistle Reading ~ Galatians 6:11-18**  
*St. Gregory, Wonderworker of Neo-Caesarea*

## This Week at a Glance

**Wed, Nov 20th**

6:00 pm - Vesperal  
Liturgy for Presentation  
of the Theotokos

**Sat, Nov 23rd**

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sun, Nov 24th**

9:00 am - 3rd & 6th

Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
Sunday School

## Upcoming Events

12/8 - Christmas Craft  
Sale

12/15 - Christmas  
"Cheerraiser" for  
soldiers recovering at  
Walter Reed

12/29 - Annual  
Christmas Choir  
Concert

## Gospel Meditation

Our secular society has become enamored with having more and becoming more. Our kids want more toys and nicer clothes. As adults we may desire the new car, the new/bigger house, that nice boat for the lake, or to be able to take that vacation to the Caribbean. But, to what end? Seemingly for nothing other than some sort of shallow and short term satisfaction. Now, granted, there are some innocent reasons for needing some of these things (i.e. a larger house for a growing family, a new car to replace an old one to get to work), and the point is not that material things by themselves are bad. The issue is that we get obsessed and become a slave to these things.

Rather than using our time, talent, and treasure to glorify God and become rich spiritually, we become slaves to material things. Before we know it, we are making excuses and thinking how we really need that new pair of shoes when in reality we don't and the \$50 could buy several cases of food for the local soup kitchen or bedding for the homeless shelter. We have to work those long hours in order to keep the high paying job that pays for the nice house at the expense of spending time with our families or at Church. We skip Church on Sunday so we can take out the new boat on the lake that we just bought. We focus so much on the house we need, the cars we need, and how much money we need for retirement 20 years from now that we don't stop to think, "what if I'm not here?" "What if I am called to God before then?" "Will I be able to say I fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, or clothed the naked?" Or, will I have an excuse that is rooted in my own desire to have more?

We have all heard the saying, "Live like there is no tomorrow," but it's time to think about this in context of our eternal life. Even if our earthly time comes to an end, are we ready for eternity? There is going to be a tomorrow, but are we prepared for it? How about, "Live like your eternal life starts tomorrow!"

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# Annual Cookie Walk & Russian Food Sale



## **Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church**

2238 E 32nd St, Lorain, OH 44055

Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:30 am - Noon

**Homemade cookies by the pound, assorted bakery items, Nut Rolls, Poppyseed Rolls, Stuffed Cabbage, Cabbage & Noodles & MORE!**

**- Cash, Checks & Credit Cards Accepted -**

