



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

March 10, 2024

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor* Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: St. John Climacus. Octoechos Tone 8. Holy Martyr Codratus and Those with Him (249-51) Great Fast Day 28. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.
Epistle: Hebrew 6:13-20 GOSPEL: Mark 9: 17-31 Tone: Sheet paper

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy: Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and 9:30AM until 10:00AM

Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Sunday After 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Call Audrey Sokol 203-924-1184 for more information.

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young or Robert Jaskilka.

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number – Please update your records. See Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee per check.**

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 1:00 to 3:00 PM or by Appointment on other days

****Please Note ****

Mass Offerings , Sorokousty
Mother's Day, Father's Day
Checks must be made out to the Fr. Edward Young **not the Church** ! Thank You...

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**

In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine

offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00
Donors/intentions will be listed.

Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering!

Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each. Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates**

are reserved on a first come first served basis !!!!




A Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below** .Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name _____ Phone# _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

From Vespers : O holy father John,* through faith you have lifted up your mind on wings to God;* hating the restless confusion of this world,* you have taken up your Cross;* and, by following Him who sees all things* you have subjected your rebellious body to His guidance through ascetic discipline,* by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Holy* father,* hearing the voice of the Gospel of the Lord,* you have forsaken the world, counting as naught its riches and its glory;* and so you have cried out to all:* “Love God,* and you shall find eternal grace.* Set nothing higher than His love,* that, when He comes in glory,* you may find rest with all the saints.”* At their prayers, O Christ, guard and save our souls.

Bread and Wine Offering - No Offering

03/09	Saturday	10:00 AM	Feast of Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastea 4 th All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy offered for All the Faithfully departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved. Deceased
03/10	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	+ Teodora Garan req. by Stefan & Ola Dytko and Family <i>Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</i>
03/04	Monday		<i>No Liturgy</i>
03/05	Tuesday		<i>No Liturgy</i>
03/6	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross English
03/7	Thursday		<i>No Liturgy</i>
03/08	Friday	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Ukrainian
03/16	Saturday	10:00 AM	God's Blessing for Nancy Motel Beres req. by Audrey Sokol & Jean Walker
03/17	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</i> +Barbara Lypen req. by M/M William Platosz & Family

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory +Teodora Garan by Wasyl & Jaroslawa Sembrat & Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Theodore Garan given by the Dytko Family</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>

BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 8/5/24-8/11/24	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/18/24-3/24/24 3/25/24-3/31/24 4/8/24-4/14/24 5/6/24-5/12/24 5/20/24-5/26/24 6/17/24-6/23/24 8/5/24-8/11/24 9/9/24-9/15/24 11/11/24-11/17/24 11/18/24-11/25/24	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/25/24-3/31/24 4/8/24-4/15/24 5/6/24-5/12/24 5/20/24-5/26/24 7/1/24-7/7/24 8/5/24-8/11/24 11/11/24-11/17/24	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/18/24-3/24/24 4/29/24-5/5/24 10/28/24-11/3/24
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PRAYER FOR OUR NATION Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God. Give us your hope. Give us your peace. Amen he Light of God ~ surround us. The Love of God ~ enfold us.

The Power of God ~ protect us. The Presence of God ~ watch over us.

The Mind of God ~ Guide us. The Law of God ~ direct us.

Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPLORE YOUR PROTECTION OVER UKRAINE AND BEG THAT YOU INTERCEDE WITH OUR LORD TO GRANT PEACE.



PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION: O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. For, behold, enemies have once more gathered together, in order to cause division and enmity. But You who know all things, understand that they have risen up righteously, and that it will be impossible to oppose their multitudes unless You show us Your help. Therefore, we who are sinful and unworthy pray unto You in repentance and with tears: Help us, O God, our Savior, and deliver the land of Ukraine for the sake of the glory of Your Name, that the enemy may not to say:

"Their God has forsaken them, and there is none to deliver and save them." But let every nation understand that You are our God, and we Your people are always protected under Your dominion.

Pyrohy: There are approximately 14 dozen Pyrohy at \$12.00 a dz. in the freezer from the last production. Please come to the Church Hall and purchase them as soon as possible or you are going to have to wait until the next production. Thank you...

Church Envelopes: In order to receive proper credit for your Offerings through "The Envelope System" please use your Church Envelopes. Could you be so kind as not to contribute loose cash in the collection baskets; please use your Envelopes. The Envelope Accounting Team has no idea who puts the loose cash in the baskets. If you have any questions about envelope usage or what the envelope contributions represent or are used for (Building Fund, Fuel, Church in Need, Andrew's Pence, Rice Bowl, ...) please see The Team Thank you...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

EPISTLE - HEBREWS 6:13 - 20 GOSPEL - MARK 9: 17 - 31 TONE 8

In today's Gospel reading, we heard the story of a father, who pleaded with the Disciples to free his son from the demonic spirit that tortured him, but they could do nothing. Later when Jesus came close to them, Jesus performed the miracle, and saved the child from Satan. After that, the Disciples asked their Master: "Why could we not cast out this demonic spirit?" And Jesus replied: "This kind cannot come out by nothing but prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:28-29).

These words of the Lord emphasize how much power prayer has in connection with fasting, so that even the most powerful demons can be cast out. Fasting and prayer are two powerful weapons for the spiritual struggle of every Orthodox believer. First, the weapon of fasting was used by our Lord Himself. As we know, the Lord fasted for 40 days without eating anything, and at the end of this fasting, He fought with Satan and defeated him. He also gave us instructions on how to fast, so that our fasting could be effective (see Matthew 6: 16-18). That is why the Church has established days of Fasting for all believers, such as Wednesday and Friday of each week and the Great Lent, which we are presently going through.

Unceasing prayer and fasting were exercised by the Saints of our Church, such as St. John of the Ladder, Abbot of the Holy Monastery of Mount Sinai, whose memory we celebrate today.

The Church has wisely defined how fasting should be done, so that it would not harm anyone's health. (Our ecclesiastical Calendar mentions the days of fasting from meat or dairy products, etc.).

It is necessary to clarify here that fasting is not an end in itself, for example, such as love is, but it is a means of fulfilling certain goals. One may ask: "What are the goals of fasting?" Here is the reply:

- Obedience to God. Adam and Eve did not obey God and ate the forbidden fruit, and as a result, they lost Paradise. We obey the voice of God, we fast and gain Paradise.
- By depriving ourselves from some delicious food, we strengthen our will not to do what we are attracted to, yet they are not in accordance with the will of God.
- By limiting the amount of daily food and avoiding animal foodstuff, physical passions weaken and pure prayer is assisted. The Fathers of our Church say that fasting gives wings to prayer!
- By avoiding expensive food, drinks, sweets etc., and limiting ourselves to the simple food we need, we save money, which in turn we give as alms to others who cannot meet their necessities.
- Avoidance of food is also accompanied by avoidance of drinks, entertainment, and other events, so there is more time for spiritual meditation, prayer, study of the Holy Bible, reading Orthodox books that feed us spiritually.
- Finally, let us also add the advice of St. Basil the Great:

"Let us fast a kind of fasting which is pleasant to God. True fasting means alienation from evil, self-restrain of the tongue, abstinence from anger, separation of desires, gossip, lies and perjury. The lack of these is true fasting"

(Homily on Fasting).

My dear brothers and sisters, fasting and prayer are characterized as heavenly gifts in the hymnology of our Church. Through these gifts, the believer becomes sanctified, he is victorious against evil spirits and remains immune to Satan's arrows. Therefore, let us continue our fasting with more willingness and with the certainty of having a double benefit, spiritual as well as physical, according to Saint John Chrysostom. Thus, we will be worthy to worship the Holy Passion and Resurrection of our Lord with purified souls. Amen. (***Excerpt from Greekorthodoxchurchcoventry/posts/sermon***)

Our holy Father among the Saints St. John Climacus is the author of a powerful spiritual work that is divided into about thirty chapters, called "steps", as part of the overall book entitled, "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." As the Great Fast is about our ascending to the things of Heaven, it is entirely appropriate that the Church focus on the ascetical enterprise as presented by this work and on the person of its author who is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of the Fast. The Ladder reflects the ancient Orthodox perspective on spirituality as being our personal transformation in Christ our God. We do not "imitate" Christ as if He were little different from ourselves. As God Incarnate, we seek to have Communion with Him, to participate in His Life in adoration and worship. We seek to become Temples of the Holy Spirit through His Grace.

Spiritual life is a ladder, which leads to the Heavenly Kingdom. We climb it, we fall down, we hit the ground, we stand up and we fall again. The thing is, we need to stand up over and over again... The main thing is to humble yourself - to acknowledge your own weakness and to let God enter your life. You do not need to surprise people with your feats and talents. The Lord speaks simply in the Gospel: 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls' (Matthew, 11:29)."

TEACHINGS OF ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER

- ◆ A Christian is one who imitates Christ in thought, word, and deed, as far as is possible for human beings.
- ◆ Follow Christ without anxiety or hesitation, always looking heavenward and expecting help from there.
- ◆ I do not know whether we must all teach others: but teach yourselves at all costs.
- ◆ Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously.
- ◆ If anyone could see their own vices accurately without the veil of self-love, they would worry about nothing else in this life.
- ◆ If the Holy Spirit is peace of soul, then nothing so prevents the presence of the Spirit in us as anger.

-The Ladder of Divine Ascent From the book: A Year of the Lord

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :

PRAYER: Page 263, Section 819-821;

FASTING: Page 135, Section 394; Page 188, Section 567-571; Page 229, Section 702



The Mission will be both in Ukrainian & English

Schedule of PARISH MISSION 2024 Lenten Mission March 22-24, 2024

Friday March 22 The Last Day of Lent - Parish Mission Missionary

– V. Rev. Archpriest Bohdan Tymchyshym, Rector St Basil

5:00 PM Confessions English & Ukrainian

6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Mission Sermon

Saturday March 23, Lazarus Saturday

9:30 AM Children Confessions

10:00 AM Children Liturgy with Sermon by Fr. Bohdan

11:00 AM Egg Hunt for the Children

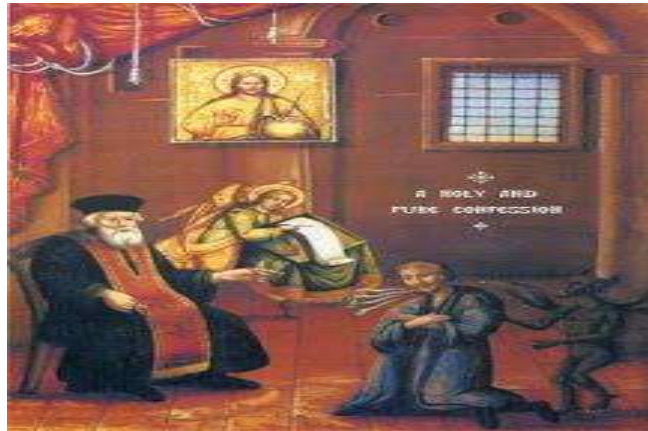
4:00 PM Confessions

Sunday, March 24, Our Lord Entrance in to Jerusalem Palm & Flowering Sunday

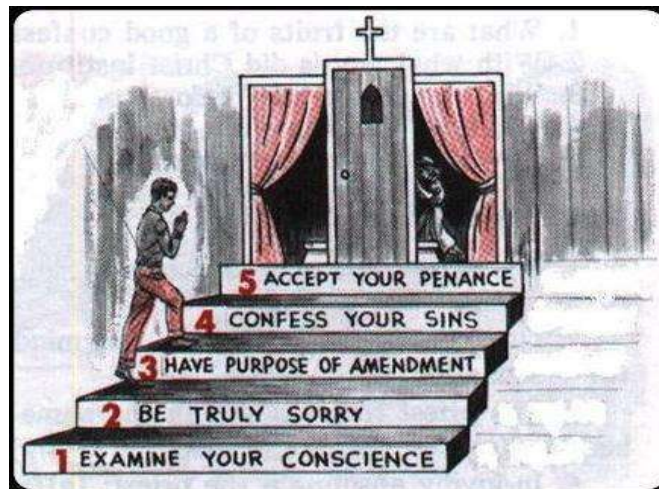
Father Bohdan will be hearing confessions before and after the Liturgies

8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy - Mission Sermon




10:00 A.M Divine Liturgy - Mission Sermon



5 STEPS TO A GOOD CONFESSION



- 5 ACCEPT YOUR PENANCE
- 4 CONFESS YOUR SINS
- 3 HAVE PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT
- 2 BE TRULY SORRY
- 1 EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE

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<p>Support those who advertise in our bulletin!</p>		

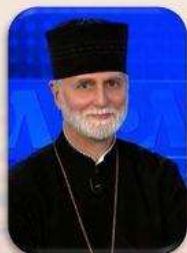
Paski will not be baked this year. Because of the remodeling in the Hall.

We are grateful for our dear Archbishop and Bishops who so lovingly guide us spiritually through our journey each year. Please save to date and plan to join us. Click here to register: <https://forms.gle/YtW4PAEkq7b6yjW79>

Topic: The View From The Cross - Great Lent Retreat 2024
Time: Mar 24, 2024 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

THE VIEW FROM THE CROSS

Program



Archbishop Borys Gudziak



Bishop Paul Chomnycky



Bishop Benedict Aleksiychuk



Bishop Bohdan Danylo

Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the United States of America

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director, League of Ukrainian Catholics of America
Sophia Shchur, National Board President League of Ukrainian Catholics of America

DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION: A Historical, Cultural & Spiritual Perspective

Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak,
Archeparchy of Philadelphia

THE CROSS PARADOX: Suffering, Sacrifice and Salvation

Bishop Paul Chomnycky,
Eparchy of Stamford

THEOLOGY OF THE HAND: From Gestures to Healing. A Closer Look at the Hands of Christ

Bishop Bohdan Danylo,
Eparchy of St. Josaphat, Parma

CHANGING OUR VIEW: What did Christ see from the Cross?

Bishop Benedict Aleksiychuk,
Eparchy of Chicago

REFLECTIONS, DISCUSSIONS, CLOSING PRAYERS

Philippians 3:10-11
"I want to know
Christ—yes, to know
the power of his
resurrection and
participation in his
sufferings, becoming
like him in his death,
and so, somehow,
attaining to the
resurrection from the
dead."

Kitchen and Hall Renovation 2024: The Board of Directors are continuing to update Our Church.

We Started with restrooms and now the kitchen will get a much needed renovation with more space and a serving counter. The Church Hall will get a new look with a new floor, ceiling tiles and fresh coat of paint. The committee has done a great job with the choices they have made. Walter Gebuza is doing a great job getting the work done.

Help Wanted **Our Treasurer** has retired, and we are looking for someone with bookkeeping or accounting experience. If you know anyone who can help Our Parish, please contact Scott Walker at sjjawalk@aol



TIME TO MAKE PYSANKY. Come and join us in making pysanky (coloring Ukrainian Easter eggs) on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 starting after the Easter Egg Hunt, around 11:15 AM in the parish rectory. For more information call Jolanta Kowal at 203 278-1288.



Children's Liturgy, Egg Hunt, and Luncheon It is now the Sacred Time of the Year. On Saturday March 23, 2024, Very Reverend Archpriest Bohdan Tymchyshyn will be at our church for children's Confessions at 9:30 AM and Liturgy for children at 10:00 AM. We are hoping that **ALL** children of our parish will be in attendance with their parents, those in our CCD classes, along with any other children of our parish. Following the Liturgy, we will have an EGG HUNT for the children. The Egg is symbol of the Body of Christ. The children are looking for Jesus Christ their Lord. **We are asking the children to please bring a basket to collect their eggs.** We will have bags available if you forget. After the egg hunt, **come and join us in making pysanky (coloring Ukrainian Easter eggs) around 11:15 AM.** There will be a pizza luncheon for children and parents. Our hope is that all our parents and their children will be present throughout these events on Lazarus Saturday March 23, 2024.

PARISH FUNDRAISER SALE! HANDMADE PALM CROSSES



Will be available for Sale at Church before and after Liturgies
A table will be set up with the Palm Crosses available for sale.

Donation \$10.00 each

While Supplies Last! We have a limited supply of Palm Crosses for available for sale. First Come, First Served! Don't miss out on these beautifully handmade Palm Crosses perfect for Palm Sunday, Easter, Grave Sites.

PUSSY WILLOWS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY: Parishioners who have pussy willows growing on their property are encouraged to pick them, place the branches in a container of water inside the house for a few days until the pussy willows have bloomed to the desired size, remove them from the water and trim them. Please bring the pussy willows to church on the before Thursday 21 March 2024 so that they will be available for blessing and distribution during Palm Sunday. Thank You!

St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

105 Clifton Avenue, Ansonia, CT



2024 Easter Fundraiser

Baczynsky's Easter Kielbasa (Kovbasa) Sale

From J. Baczynsky East Village Meat Market (New York)

East Village Meat Market

J. Baczynsky



- To order please complete the attached Order Form. Order forms and payment can be remitted at Church.
- All orders must be Placed and Pre-Paid by Palm Sunday March 24, 2024.
- Orders will be available for Pick-up in the downstairs Church Hall on Good Friday March 29, 2024 (after 3:00pm liturgy). *All orders must be picked up on Good Friday.*

For additional information, questions or to email order form please contact:

stspucc@gmail.com

Kielbasa / Kovbasa (Krayana)



Description: Smoked sausage made from lean pieces of pork. Freshly smoked in-house. Est. weight: 2 lbs.

Cost: \$25.00 each

Kabanosy



Description: Skinny smoked sausage made from pork. Est. weight: 1 lb.

Cost: \$15.00 each

Smoked City Ham



Description: Lightly smoked **small ham** (boneless). Est. weight: 2-3 lbs.

Cost: \$30.00 each

Famous Spicy Mustard



Description: Small size. Est. weight: 4 oz. (very spicy!)

Cost: \$7.00 each

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EASTER 2024 Kielbasa (Kovbasa) Fundraiser

ORDER FORM

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

ITEM	Cost (Each)	Quantity	Total Due
Kielbasa / Kovbasa (Krayana)	\$ 25.00		
Kabanosy	\$ 15.00		
Smoked City Ham	\$ 30.00		
Famous Spicy Mustard	\$ 7.00		
		Order Total	
		Total Paid	

All orders must be **Placed and Prepaid** by **Palm Sunday March 24, 2024**

Orders will be available for **Pick-up** at Church on **Good Friday March 29, 2024** after 3:00pm Liturgy

For additional information, questions or to email order form please contact: stsppucc@gmail.com

Thank You for Your Support!