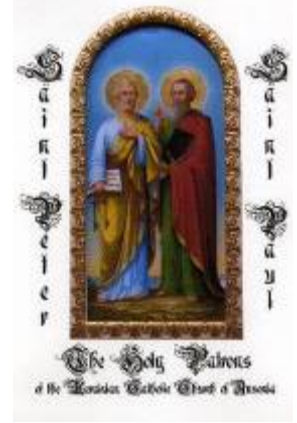




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**Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross.. Our Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Saracens at the Monastery of St. Sabbas (580-97)**

**EPISTLE - HEBREWS 4: 14-5:6 ~ GOSPEL - MARK 8: 34-9:1 Sheet**

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

**WEEKDAYS:** MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

**SATURDAY:** Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

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

**Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:**

**Saturday** 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

**Sunday** 8:00AM to 8:30AM and  
9:30AM until 10:00AM

**Religious Education** – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM  
Call Alice O’Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.

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

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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon**  
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. 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.

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

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**Virgin Mary’s Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp\*** also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.

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**All start on Monday to Sunday!**

**\*Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**




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# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ (Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

*From Vespers of the Third Sunday of Lent: Hail, life-giving Cross, the fair Paradise of the Church, Tree of incorruption that brings us the enjoyment of eternal glory: through you the hosts of demons have been driven back; and the hierarchies of angels rejoice with one accord, as the congregations of the faithful keep the feast. You are an invincible weapon, an unbroken stronghold; you are the victory of kings and the glory of priests. Grant us now to draw near to the Passion of Christ and to His Resurrection.*

*Hail, life-giving Cross, unconquerable trophy of the true faith, door to Paradise, succor of the faithful, rampart set about the Church. Through you the curse is utterly destroyed, the power of death is swallowed up, and we are raised from earth to heaven: invincible weapon, adversary of demons, glory of martyrs, true ornament of holy monks, haven of salvation bestowing on the world great mercy.*

*Bread and Wine Offering- Bread and Wine Offering- In loving memory of +Stephanie Strumello by Son Stephen*

3/19	Saturday	8:30 AM	Third All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy offered for All the Faithfully departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved Deceased
3/20	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +John & Anna Malinak req. by Son and Daughter
3/21	Monday	10:00 AM	Health Maria Zalusky req. by Family
3/22	Tuesday	6:00 PM	+Anna Kofla 40 <sup>th</sup> day req. by Wasyl & Jaroslawa Sembrat, Stefan Gebuza & Family
3/23	Wednesday	6:00 PM	English Stations
3/24	Thursday		No Liturgy
3/25	Friday Vigil day of Day of Ukraine <b>9:00 AM to 8:00 PM</b>	10:00 AM 7:00PM	<b>FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b> Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян For Peace in Ukraine <b>As Good Catholic Please Obey Our Holy Father, Pope Francis</b>
3/26	Saturday	10:00 AM	Feast of the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel Liturgy in Honor of All the Choir of Angles followed by the Fourth reading of the names of our beloved Deceased
3/27	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	+Katerina Baran req. by M/M Voloymyr Kit Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян
ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory of +Stephen Cirkot by your daughter Carol Stumpf</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Anna Kofla by Wasyl &amp; Jaroslawa Sembrat &amp; Family &amp; Stefan</i>	
SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Jan Sembrat by Wasyl &amp; Jaroslawa Sembrat &amp; Family</i>	
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During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.

**2022 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)**

Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase. **Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering!**

**Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!**

*Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!*

**Friendly Reminder - 2022 & Past Church Dues** are due during lent to support your church to pay our obligations to keep the church running such as salaries; electricity; oil ; gas; water ; and continual maintiance; repair of the church, rectory and cemetery; insurance ; chancery fees; and telephone just to name a few.

**At Divine Liturgy and All other Divine Services:** In the month of October Father Edward took part in the Catholic Deanery meeting for our area. The Catholic Parishes are following the Mask mandate of their cities. The City of Ansonia has no Mask mandate, Father Edward spoke personally with the mayor. Therefore, Masks are not required though those who feel safer wearing a Mask should continue to do so. Social distancing must continue to be followed. The priest must use a mask while giving out Holy Communion.

**(But at this time it may be wise to think about wearing a Mask Fr. Ed)**

**Volunteers needed for Our 125th Anniversary**

The parish will be celebrating Our 125th Anniversary in June 2022.

A committee needs to be formed to discuss ideas for this event.

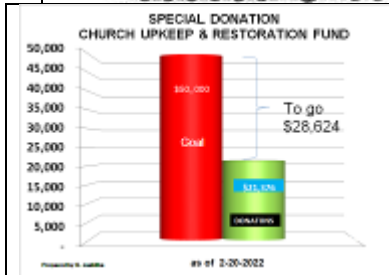
If your interested please contact Bill Platosz [platosz@hotmail.com](mailto:platosz@hotmail.com) or Scott Walker [sjjawalk@aol.com](mailto:sjjawalk@aol.com) There has been the First meeting but more assistance is need. Thank you

**The next Organizing Meeting for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church:** will be **March 29** at 6:30 PM in the church hall. This is a very important moment for our parish. We must recall those pioneers who sacrificed such much to establish this parish and build this magnificent church. We call all who will honor memory of our forefathers and foremothers in faith. We ask you to please come out and join in this important work. God Bless and Protect.

**Today**



**Sunday, at 9:30 AM** there will be the Recitation of the Holy Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. One of the intentions for our prayers will be for our parish, as we prepare to celebrate our 125th Anniversary as a Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church here in Ansonia, Connecticut.



**Special Donation Church Upkeep & Restoration Fund**

**Goal \$50,000 –Donated to Date \$21,376 – 42.8% to go \$28,624**

**Donations this week - \$0.00**

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**Important Notice**

Please take notice, that **PAYPAL will be discontinued** by March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 any money sent after via **PAYPAL WILL BE LOST!!!**

**“Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine”**

We thank all area people that attended the Catholic Community of Ansonia Prayer serves for Ukraine in this time of War on March 10<sup>th</sup> , \$890.00 was donated to Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia for

**“Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine”**. Early in the month \$1,300 was donated by St. Peter & St. Paul Church \$500.00; St. Peter & St. Paul Holy Name Society \$500.00; \$300.00 was donated by parishioners anonymously. We thank them all! Any donations for **Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine** will be sent to Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia per letter February 26<sup>th</sup> , 2022.

**Support Ukraine**





### +In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers parishioner +**Teodora Garan**, age 90 of Derby, died Saturday, March 12, 2022 She is survived by her devoted son, Steve (Ola) Dytko of Derby, a brother, Wasyl (Jaroslawa) Sembrat of Shelton; cherished grandchildren, Stephanie and John Dytko of Derby, as well as several nieces and nephews in Poland and the U.S. Funeral services took place on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM from the Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home, 167 Wakelee Avenue, Ansonia. A Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 105 Clifton Avenue, Ansonia, at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow in Sts.



**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 7 April 2021 so that they will be available for blessing and distribution during Palm Sunday weekend. Thank You!**

### THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST LENT VENERATION OF THE CROSS

**EPISTLE - HEBREWS 4: 14-5:6 ~ GOSPEL - MARK 8: 34-9:1**

**Today, the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross**, marks the midpoint in our journey together to Pascha. Today, the Church brings forth the Cross and offers it to us as a Staff upon which we may always lean and find comfort, as the Psalmist sings: “Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

Today, we chanted praises to the Cross in the Canon of the Day, but the melody was the same as the Resurrection Canon on Pascha. And why is this, you may ask? It is because we know that we can only attain the Resurrection of the Lord, if we pass through the Cross and His Death with Him.

Therefore, today we bow deeply before the Cross, because the Lord was hung upon it between Heaven and earth – suspended, so that He could undo the “prince of the power of the air.” And so that He might take an instrument of torture and death and transform it into a sign of everlasting life – thereby making it our bridge, from the depths of the earth to the heights of Heaven.

This Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross is our way station, where we are refreshed. And this refreshment is embodied in the blossoms and flowers that we share at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

Stop and think of the difference that the Resurrection of our Lord makes to this universally recognized symbol. If you were alive two thousand years ago, and you saw a cross on the road, you would have shuddered with fear and horror. Because, for the Romans, crucifixion was more than a way of administering the death penalty.

It was a way of punishing everyone who would see the poor person nailed to a cross. It was designed to humiliate, degrade, expose and, ultimately, torture to death a particular kind of criminal – one who opposed the might of Rome.

Seventy years before our Lord was born, the Romans crucified over five thousand slaves who revolted against their condition, and who were led by the famous Spartacus.

Rome had to wait until Saint Constantine – the first Christian Emperor to become its sole ruler in the early Fourth Century – for this barbaric practice to be outlawed.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified to make an example of Him. This is why Pontius Pilate nailed an accusation above His Sacred Head in three languages – Hebrew, Latin and Greek: “Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.” We know that the Lord Jesus is the King of Glory Who

destroyed death by His Death on the Cross. He is the King of Glory, the Lord of Hosts, who despoiled and burst apart the gates of Hell, because they could never prevail against the Church. And by destroying death by His own death upon the Cross, the Lord has transformed this instrument of torture and death into a sign of

Love, a sign of Liberty, and a sign of Eternal Life. This is why we no longer fear the Cross; this is why we make the sign of the Cross; this is why we wear the Cross; and this give us life is why we bow down before the Holy Cross. Because, for all the pain and suffering, the Lord transfigured an instrument to take one’s soul to Hadēs,

and He made of it the bridge by which we are transported to Heaven. He suffered with us. He died for us. And he arose from the dead to everlasting. Therefore, let the Cross be the Pillar that establishes your every action, thought, intention and motivation. Let the Cross be your Signpost that guides and directs your orientation

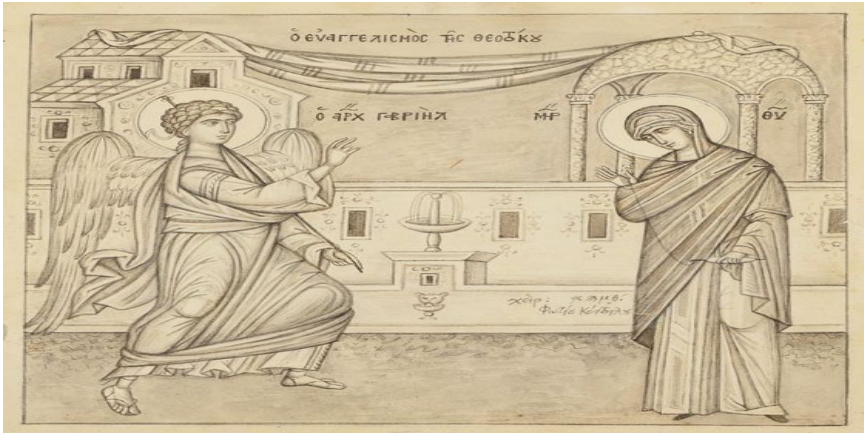
throughout your lives. Let the Cross be the Stake upon which you nurture and increase the fruits of your labors in the Vineyard of the Lord – His Holy Church. Let the Cross be the Mast, upon which you unveil the sails of

your existence, to bear you safely into port. And let the Cross be the Bridge, by which one day you will pass over from earth to Heaven, and from life to death. Thus shall we find ourselves arriving at the Holy Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and at His bright and glorious Pascha. Amen. (Excerpt from <https://www.goarch.org/-/homily-veneration-holy-cross>)

**The Third Sunday of the Great Fast / Lent** is dedicated to the Adoration of the Holy and Life Giving Cross. During the Liturgy the cross is carried from the altar on a tray of flowers and placed in the midst of the congregation that we may pay homage to the symbol of our salvation. When the priest bows down before the cross today, he bows not to the wood or metal but to Christ and His great love, of which the cross is by a symbol. The beautiful flowers surrounding the cross signify the fragrance, sweetness and beauty that it has added to life. **"WE BOW IN WORSHIP TO THY HOLY CROSS O MASTER AND WE GLORIFY YOUR HOLY RESURRECTION"** **CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON : CROSS: Page 79, Section 221; Page 98, Section 279; Page 184, Sections 554**

**Prayer of the Ninth Hour ~ "O Lord, who for our sake endured bodily death at the ninth hours, mortify the desires of our flesh, O Christ our God, and save us."**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25 - FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**



### **The Feast of the Annunciation**

commemorates the visit of the archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he informed her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is celebrated on 25 March each year. In the tradition of the Eastern churches, (Eastern Orthodox, Oriental, and Eastern Catholic) the feast of the Annunciation is never moved under any circumstance. They have special combined liturgies for those

years when the Annunciation coincides with another feast. In these churches, even on Good Friday a Divine Liturgy is celebrated when it coincides with the Annunciation.

**TIME TO FOCUS ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!** During the Great Fast/ Lent we focus on our relationship with God. This is key. We do this by getting into the atmosphere of Great Fast / Lent – that brilliance of the Light of Christ which comes to us more brightly when we take ourselves away from that which destroys or diminishes our focus. Some of our Church Fathers have characterized this as placing our selves into that **"dark closet or room in order to have the Light of Christ that Enlightens the World"** shine more brilliantly to us. In other words, we place ourselves in a place where it is possible to meditate on Christ and His teachings, **without distraction**, and bring Him into our hearts. Set aside quality time in which one can focus on the Father and His Son to let them talk to us. This is why we fast, refrain from music, abandon parties and avoid other celebrations and things we like to do in our every-day lives. **GOD BLESS EVERYONE ON YOUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA !**

### **SPIRITUAL REGULATIONS FOR THE GREAT FAST**

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today:

- Abstention from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday.
- Abstention from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast.
- Reception of the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.
- The Fasting and Abstention regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinence regulations.
- All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services such as the Presanctified Liturgy and the Commemoration of the Deceased (Sorokousty).
- Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful.

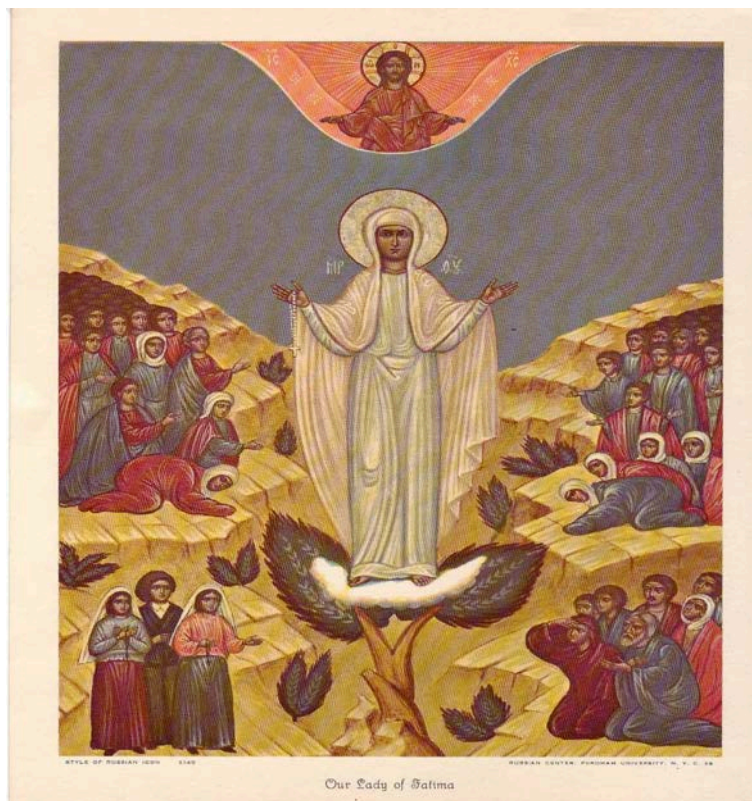
### **Great Fast Liturgical Guidelines**

The weekdays of the Great Fast are aliturgical meaning no Divine Liturgy, even for funerals, should be celebrated except for the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25). On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated. Typika may be used the other days. For funerals, the liturgical text used by the New Jersey Protopresbyterate or St. Michael Church in Frackville may be utilized. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time. During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday evening, Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great should be celebrated. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated. (<https://ukrarcheparchy.us/church-news/spiritual-regulations-for-the-great-fast>)

**What is the Church's teaching on fasting & abstinence?** Following the Lord's teaching, the Church asks the faithful to fast on certain days and to abstain from meat and also from dairy products on certain days. **What is the difference between fasting and abstinence?** Fasting means to go without food or drink for a determined period of time or to limit the amount of food one consumes. Abstinence is to refrain from eating certain foods for



a period of time.



OUR CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRAYER FROM 9:00 AM TO AFTER THE 7:00 PM DIVINE LITURGY ON THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2022 TO UKRAINE FOR UKRAINE. PLEASE MAKE TIME TO COME & PRAY. The consecrations of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the Title of Our of Fatima **We are grateful': Ukrainian Catholic leader welcomes consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart** Ukrainians are grateful that Pope Francis will consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the leader of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church said on Wednesday. "This is a spiritual act long awaited by the Ukrainian people. Ukrainian Catholics since the beginning of Russian aggression in 2014 have been asking for this act as an urgent need to prevent the worsening of the war and the dangers coming from Russia," Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk said on March 16. On Tuesday, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis will **consecrate the two countries** to the Blessed Virgin Mary during a penance service on March 25

in St. Peter's Basilica. At the same time, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the pope's almoner, will be in Fatima, Portugal, to carry out the same act, it said. "In the midst of the tragedy of the bloody war in Ukraine, we looked forward with hope to the news" of the consecration, Shevchuk said. He noted that during his meetings with Pope Francis over the past years, he had conveyed the Ukrainian people's wish for the Marian consecration to take place. "With the invasion of Russia on a large scale, prayers for this act were received from our faithful from all parts of the world," he said. "We are grateful to the Holy Father for first of all accepting Our Lady's request manifested during the apparition of July 13, 1917. in Fatima, and her children, to protect Ukraine and to stop 'the errors of Russia that promote wars and persecution of the Church,'" the major archbishop said. "So,

today we see the fulfillment of the words of Our Lady who said, ‘The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be destroyed.’” “Let us entrust to the Immaculate Heart of Mary all our sufferings and hopes for peace in our martyred country,” he concluded. March 25, when the consecration is due to take place, was the day in 1984 that Pope John Paul II **consecrated** Russia and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is also the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**. Ukraine and Russia, the two largest countries in Europe by area, are both predominantly Eastern Orthodox countries with deep traditions of Marian devotion. **Yaroslav the Wise**, the grand prince of Kyiv, dedicated his lands to Mary in 1037 and she has been known since then as “Queen of Ukraine.” Pope Francis used the title in his **Angelus address** on March 6, saying: “Let us pray together, as brothers and sisters, to Our Lady, Queen of Ukraine.” Before the revolutions of 1917 that overthrew the Russian Empire and led to the creation of the Soviet Union, Russia was colloquially known as the **“house of Mary”** because there were more shrines and churches dedicated to Our Lady than in any other country at the time. During the **Fatima apparitions** in 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary revealed **three secrets**, the second of which was that World War I would end, and a prediction of another war that would start during the reign of Pius XI if people continued to offend God and Russia was not consecrated to Mary’s Immaculate Heart. In a letter written in 1989, Sister Lucia **confirmed** that Pope John Paul II satisfied Our Lady’s request for Russia’s consecration in 1984. Other authorities, including the **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith**, also have affirmed the consecration was completed to Sister Lucia’s satisfaction.

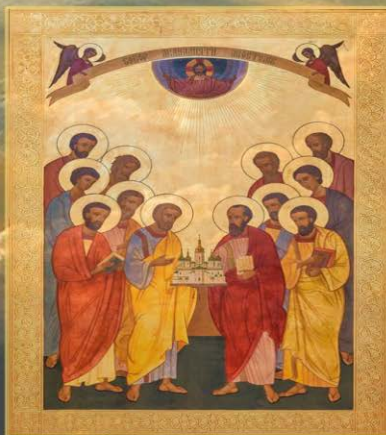
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Join us on  
Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm EST



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## THE HOPE TO WHICH THE LORD CALLS US

### Program



Bishop Andrij Rabiy



Bishop Bohdan Danylo



Archbishop Borys Gudziak



Bishop Benedict Aleksyichuk



Bishop Paul Chomnycky

Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the United States of America

#### Welcome, Introduction and Opening Prayer

V. Rev. Archpriest Father Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director, League of Ukrainian Catholics of America  
Sophia Shchur, National Board President League of Ukrainian Catholics of America

#### Coming Closer to Christ: Pastoral Conversion in the Real World

Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak,  
Archeparchy of Philadelphia

#### Vertical & Horizontal: Developing Networks of Communication

Bishop Paul Chomnycky,  
Eparchy of Stamford

#### Living on the Edge: Practical Attention to the Poor and Marginalized

Bishop Bohdan Danylo,  
Eparchy of St. Josaphat, Parma

#### The Broken Soul: The Path to Curing Wounds and Healing Trauma

Bishop Benedict Aleksyichuk,  
Eparchy of Chicago

#### Challenges at Home: The Christian Family as a Domestic Church

Bishop Andrij Rabiy,  
Archeparchy of Philadelphia

#### Reflections, Questions, Answers.

*I do not cease to  
give thanks for you,  
remembering you in  
my prayers, that the  
God of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, the Father of  
glory, may give you  
a spirit of wisdom  
and of revelation in  
the knowledge of him,  
having the eyes of  
your heart  
enlightened, that you  
may know what is  
the hope to which  
he has called you  
(Eph 1:16-18).*