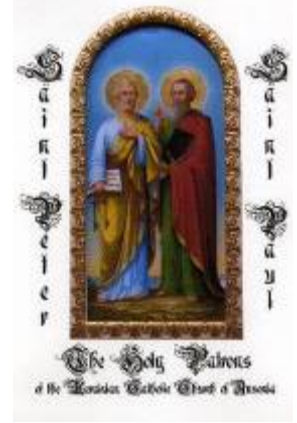




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Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

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**Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor
January 9, 2022**

Sunday after Theophany; the Holy Martyr Polyeuctus

Epistle: **EPHESIANS 4: 7-14**

Gospel: **MATTHEW 4: 12-17**

Tone: 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 3rd 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.

Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

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 Today's Vespers: Glory... Now... The One who clothes himself with light as with a robe* deigned, for our sakes, to become as we are.* Today He is clothed in the streams of the Jordan* even though He has no need to be purified.* He refashions us through the cleansing that He receives.* What a marvelous wonder!* He creates anew without fire* and refashions without tearing apart;* He grants salvation to those enlightened in Him,* Christ our God, the Savior of our souls
Christ Is Born! Let us Glorify Him! ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВИТЕ ЙОГО!



Bread and Wine Offering - Thanking God for Blessing the living & deceased family of Mary Homkowicz & Michael Smerznak

1/08	Saturday	10:00 AM	Saturday after Theophany '+EVELYN, +HELEN, +JOHN AND DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS of the KOCIABA family
1/09	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday after Theophany Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян + Michael Pawlyk req. by M/M Andrew Lypen
1/10	Monday	10:00 AM	Funeral of Bogdan Zalusky
1/11	Tuesday	6:00 PM	+Sr. Anne Katherine Binkowski M.S.M.G.
1/12	Wednesday	10:00 AM	+Stephen Brochinsky req. by Dioniza Brochinska
1/13	Thursday	10:00 AM	+THEODOSIA, NIKIFOR, PAULINE, CHARLES AND SAMUEL SMERZNAK
1/14	Friday	6:00 PM	+Maria Pecyluk req. by M/M Jan Gebyza
1/15	Saturday		No Liturgy
1/16	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Anna Petriw req. by Jean & Scott Walker & family

TERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory Members of the +Hoc Family by Beata Gebuza & Family</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory Members of the +Gebuza Family by Beata Gebuza & Family</i>	
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Ivan Zanowiak by Oksana & Wladyslaw Gebuza & Family</i>	
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2021 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.

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 - 2021 & 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 or Scott Walker sjjawalk@aol.com There has been the First meeting but more assistance is need. Thank you

The Third Organizing Meeting for the 125th Anniversary of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church: will be 12 January 2022 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.



2022 ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2022 are in the church hall.

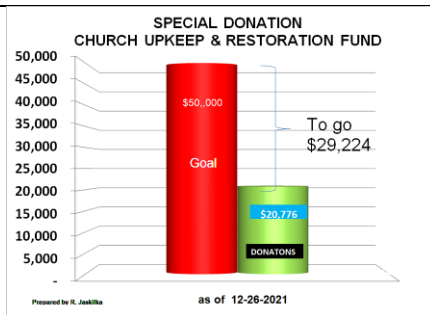
Please pick them up; **they will not be mailed.**

Any friends/relatives may also pick up their envelopes for delivery.

Also, **2022 calendars are here – one per family as long as they last.**

The calendars were generously donated by John Zaleski of Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home

Thank you and mnohaya lita!



Special Donation Church Upkeep & Restoration Fund

Goal \$50,000 –Donated to Date \$20,776 – 41.6% to go \$29,224

Donations this week None Offered

Our parishioners donated: 5 bags of groceries, 1 turkey and monetary donations totaling \$50.00 which was delivered to Spooner House on December 7, 2021 by Wasyl & Josephine Sembrat and Michael Wysowski Jr. on December 27, 2021

Monthly
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting
January 19,
2022



Monthly Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Board of Directors
Wednesday evening January 19, 2022 @ 7:15 pm
in the church hall

All Board members are requested to attend!!!!

Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced !!!



CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM! ~ ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЕТСЯ! СЛАВИМО ЙОГО



Sunday AFTER THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY /
EPIPHANY
EPISTLE - EPHESIANS 4: 7-14 ~ GOSPEL -
MATTHEW 4: 12-17 TONE 8

It is certainly possible to have a letdown after the holiday season. Though it has its own stresses, a time of year filled with parties, rich food, and visiting with loved ones appeals to most people, if only as a cultural observance. The same is surely true for those of us who celebrated the Savior's birth at Christmas and His baptism at Theophany. We enjoyed the beautiful services with their joyful hymns and familiar readings, as well as the blessing of the holy water. As the season of Theophany concludes today, we may have a sense of loss that this special time of year is coming to a close. That is understandable, but we will have missed the point entirely of this great feast if we think that we should now simply forget about it and get back to life as usual.

Today's gospel reading tells us what the Lord did after His baptism, at which it was revealed that He is the

Son of God and a member of the Holy Trinity. He went to "Galilee of the Gentiles," an area where Jews lived in a culture with such strong Gentile influence that it was called a place of darkness. The Lord went there in fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy that "**the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned.**" Christ went there to begin preaching openly as He said "**Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.**"

The miraculous events that occurred at the Lord's baptism were not ends in themselves, as though all had been completed when the voice of the Father declared "**This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased**" and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. The truth about Him had been revealed, and the Savior blessed the waters and restored the entire creation when He lowered Himself into the Jordan for baptism by John. Even with their cosmic significance, these extraordinary events were preparatory for the Lord's public ministry. They showed that He is the Light Who shines on those who live in darkness, who remain captive to the fear of death and blind to His divine glory. In order for people to benefit from the revelation that He is truly the Son of God, they had to respond to His call for repentance. Christ proclaimed the good news in order for them to be able to respond to Him with obedient faith.

St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians that the One Who ascended into heaven is the One Who first "descended into the lower parts of the earth." The same Lord Who lowered Himself to Hades after His death then rose up in glory and ascended into heaven. At His baptism, He also descended into the dark waters of the Jordan, into the physical creation itself which had been "subjected to futility" because of human sin. (Rom. 8:20) The wages of sin is death, and the Savior took upon Himself the full consequences of our estrangement from God in order to conquer them and bring us into the holy joy for which He created us in the first place.

As we conclude the season of Theophany today, our focus should not be on regretting that we are back at work or school or that the beautiful trappings of the holiday season have come down. It should also not be on how we have fulfilled a religious duty by focusing on the spiritual truth manifested at Christ's baptism: that He is truly the Son of God and member of the Holy Trinity. Instead, our focus must be on becoming ever more brilliant

epiphanies of the Light of Christ in our darkened world. We do not do that as isolated individuals or on the basis simply of our emotions, our opinions, or even our morality. No, we do that when we live our lives faithfully as members of Christ's Body, the Church. We must use our gifts "to **equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.**" There is no other genuinely Christian way of life.

So after celebrating Theophany, we simply cannot go back to life as usual. In order to respond faithfully to the revelation of the Holy Trinity, our common life must shine with the light of God's salvation in our darkened world. There is no other genuinely Christian form of witness, no other way to attain to "the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God" than to love and serve our Lord in one another. That is how the worship of the Trinity will be made manifest in the life of our parish. as we build up the Body of Christ. That is how we will obey the Lord's command: "**Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.**" (*Excerpts from <https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/easternchristianinsights/>*)

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR: O Lord! You stand between the years. The Light of Your Presence is splashed across the year to come—the radiance of the Son of Righteousness. Backward over the past year is Your Shadow thrown, hiding trouble, and sorrow and disappointment. Let us dwell not on the past, only look now to the present day. We use the past as trees use Your sunlight—to absorb it. So we must absorb all Your blessings, You Who are the Light of the World as we hear You say: "Bury every fear of the future, of poverty, especially spiritual poverty, of those dear to you, of suffering of loss. Bury all thoughts of unkindness and bitterness, all your dislikes, your resentments, your sense of failure, your disappointment in yourselves and others, your gloom, your despondency, and leave them all buried and go forward to a NEW and RISEN LIFE! Remember that you must not see as the world sees. I hold the New Year in My hands—in trust for you. And I shall guide you one day at a time. Leave the rest to Me. You must not anticipate the gift by fears or thoughts of the days ahead. For each day I will supply the wisdom and the strength. TRUST IN ME! You are to help save others. Never let a day pass when you have not reached out an arm of Love to someone....a note, a visit, an e-mail, a help in any way! Refuse to be downcast. Do not refuse your upward climb! I AM WITH YOU! I bear your burdens. Cast your burdens upon Me and I will sustain you. And then, you in turn can help another with the burden that is pressing so heavily on him or her. How many burdens can you lighten this year? How many hearts can you cheer? How many souls can you help? Love is the conquering power....BE NOT AFRAID! I WILL HELP YOU!

O Lord our God, Who have placed times and seasons under Your own authority; Who in your infinite compassion and goodness, have counted us worthy to enter a New Year of Your loving kindness, bless it and keep us in peace and lead us to everlasting life, through the prayers of the Most Holy Mother of God and of all the Saints. **CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :**
THEOPHANY - REVELATION OF GOD: [Page 72, Sections 197-202](#) **KINGDOM OF GOD:** [Page 74, Section 203](#) **PROPHECY:** [Page 27, Section 53-54](#)

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE: Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God." At this hour, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit may inspire an end to the violent confrontation and killing in Ukraine. May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles, and religious liberty to their troubled land. God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine. And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. *Amen.*

МОЛИТВА ЗА СПОКІЙ В УКРАЇНІ: Отче Небесний, Твій Син учив нас: "Блаженні миротворці, бо вони синами Божими назвуться". У цей час ми гаряче молимося, щоб Твій Дух Святий Надихав щоб припинилися гостра конфронтація та убивства, Щоб на многостраждальній землі України запанував мир в народі, відродилися людські права, принципи демократії та релігійної свободи. Боже, Отче наш, молимо Тебе: заспокой страждання, зціли поранених і прийми душі полеглих у Твоєму Царстві Небесному. Пресвята Мати Божа, накрий своїм благословенням та захисним покровом всю Україну. Нехай життя буде для створення Твого Миру в Україні і світі. *АМІНЬ.*

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS : As Church, we should strive that our prayers be raised in unity ~ unity in mind, heart and soul, praying that the will of God will send workers into His vineyard. A vocation to the Priesthood or Religious life is a gift from God to the Church, the person's family and to the person called. Continue to keep your prayers focused on the Vocation Crisis. *God our Father, you made each of us to use our gifts in the body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to the Priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN*

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