



**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.*

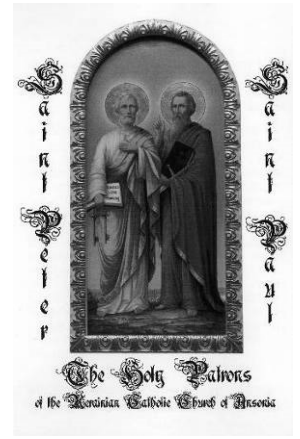
Web Site: www.stspucc.org.

Very Rev. Archbishop Edward Canon Young, Pastor

January 19 2020

31st Sunday after Pentecost, Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43 Tone: 7



DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 9:00AM

SATURDAY: 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)

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality. Amen



Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered

1/18	Saturday	4:00PM	Theodore Gela Jr. req. by Dorothy Duda
1/19	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Frank Fedir Stuban req. by Helen Stuban, Thomas & Susan Monks & family
1/20	Monday		No Liturgy
1/21	Tuesday	9:00AM	+Lillian B. Slezak
1/22	Wednesday	9:00AM	+Hnat & Julia Smeider & Deceased of family
1/23	Thursday	9:00AM	+John Kohut
1/24	Friday	9:00AM	Intentions of Volodymyr & Valentyna Nykichiuk
1/25	Saturday	4:00PM	+Andrew Mikita req. by Mildred Driznus
1/26	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Anna Binkowski Petriw req. by Scott & Jean Walker

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>None Offered</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>


Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates 2/3-2/9/2020 2/17-2/23/2020 3/2-3/8/2020 4/6-4/12/2020 5/4-5/10/2020 6/1-6/7/2020 7/6-7/12/2020 8/3-8/9/2020 9/7-9/13/2020 10/5-10/11/2020 11/2-11/8/2020 12/7-12/13/2020	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 05/11-05/17/2020 08/3-8/9/2020 9/21-9/27/2020 11/23-11/29/2020 12/21-12/27/2020	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 1/27-2/02/202 03/2/20-3/07/20 03/16/20/03/21/20	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES None Offered
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2019 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 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 windows, 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!!

<p><i>HOLY NAME ANNUAL MEETING</i></p>		<p>Annual Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Holy Name Society – Sunday January 19, 2020 right after the 10AM liturgy in the church hall... Election of Officers - all members are urged to attend !</p>
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ION BANK DONATIONS: Parishioners and friends who have a savings account at Ion Bank are encouraged to vote during the month of February or March, 2020 for Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church, so that our church would be able to receive a donation from the Ion Bank Foundation Community Awards Program. Ion Bank is a Connecticut Bank with a main office in Naugatuck and branches in Ansonia and Oxford. For information, please contact Michael Smerznak @ 203 734 6201



2020 ENVELOPES and CALENDARS

The envelopes for 2020 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, **2020 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!**



ANNUAL PARISH CORPORATION MEETING of Saint Peter & Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

is scheduled for **Sunday, February 16th, 2020**

in the church hall immediately following the 10 AM Divine Liturgy.

Snow date February 23rd, 2020.

All parishioners in good standing are urged to attend



Valentines for Veterans: All youth are invited to participate in a service project on February 9th 2020. Come decorate a Valentine for a Veteran currently hospitalized in the West Haven, Veterans Hospital.

**Where: Church hall after
10am Sunday Divine Liturgy**

The Venerable Saint Macarius of Egypt



January 19th, the Church commemorates the great desert-dweller, the venerable Saint Macarius of Egypt.

St. Macarius was born in 301 A.D. in Egypt, on the western shore of the Nile, in a pious family. Having dedicated himself to a truly Christian life from childhood, upon the death of his parents he departed into the desert of Nitrea, and from thence, in obedience to an angel's revelation, into the Scythian desert, where he excelled in prayer and monastic life.

One time he came across the devil, who carried a scythe, with which he wished to strike the holy man, but could not. The devil then said to St. Macarius: "Macarius! You are causing me great grief, because I am unable to vanquish you. Here I am, doing everything that you are doing. You are keeping fast - and I am not eating at all; you are keeping awake - and I never sleep. There is one thing, however, in which you surpass me." "And what is that?" - asked the saint. "Your humility, - replied the devil. - It is for this reason that I cannot cope with you."

The venerable Saint Macarius of Egypt.

When St. Macarius reached the age of 40, he received from God the gifts of miracle-working, prophecy and power over the evil spirits. At the same time he became a priest and the abbot of his monastery. The power of the saint's grace was so great, that he could even resurrect the dead. A multitude of people came

from everywhere to visit St. Macarius - for spiritual benefit, for instruction, for the healing of illnesses. Once the brothers asked the saint: "Tell us, father, how should we pray?" St. Macarius gave them the following instruction: "A prayer does not require many words, but one should simply lift one's arms and say: 'Lord! In whatever way You wish and see fit - have mercy upon me.' If the enemy should raise a storm of sin in your soul, you should simply say: 'Lord, have mercy!' The Lord knows what is beneficial for us and will have mercy upon us."

St. Macarius died peacefully at the age of 90.

From the spiritual writings of St. Macarius the Great

The visible world, from kings to beggars, is in a state of agitation, dissension, struggle, and not one of them understands the cause of it, i.e. the evil that occurred as a result of Adam's sin, the sting of death; for the sin that came into the world, as some sentient force and the very essence of Satan, sowed all manner of evil: it secretly acts upon man's soul and mind, and battles with him by means of thoughts. People do not realize that they commit evil, being motivated by a certain alien force; on the contrary, they believe that evil is a natural occurrence and that they commit it through their own reasoning, but those who keep Christ's peace and enlightenment in their minds, know from whence this evil and these battles arise.



The First Banns of Marriage that Marianna Pysachyk of St. Peter and St. Paul Church Ansonia , CT will Marry John Michael Smertiuk of St. George Church New York, New York.

HAVE MERCY ON ME!: At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the



roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

The Healing of the Blind Beggar Bartimaeus

Thank you!
Everyone!

We are most grateful to all those who donated, worked and participated in our ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNITY PROSPHORA- HOLY SUPPER last Sunday, 12th January 2020. Coming together to share this meal is very special tradition for our people. Thank you very much. God Bless



The First All Souls Saturday will be 15 February 2020

The names of our beloved deceased will be read after 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Перша Заупокійна субота Поминальна Субота, 23 лютого 2018 The First of Saturday of the Dead, All Souls Saturday, before the Sunday of the Last Judgment will be Saturday, 16 February 2020 The day before the Sunday of the Last Judgment marks a commemoration of all those who have departed this life and Gone to their rest. The other All Souls Saturdays will be March 7, 14, and 21st and then May 30, 2020. On these Saturdays will be Celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Faithfully Departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved deceased. Please, if you have names to add to your deceased list, please see that Father Edward has these names no later than Sunday, February 9, 2020. All Souls Saturdays

ALL SOULS SATURDAY

The Holy Fathers were convinced that the commemoration of the departed by alms and sacrifices [Divine Liturgies] brings great comfort and benefit to them. (Synaxarion for Meat-fare Saturday) One of the most venerable traditions in the Church, equally observed in the West as in the East, is the commemoration of the departed in our liturgical prayers. It is the constant teaching of the Church since Apostolic times (cf. Synaxarion) that the departed can be helped by our prayers, offerings and good deeds. St. John Chrysostom (+407) in speaking of the faithful departed reminded his people; Let us assist them according to our power. Let us think of some advantage for them, small though it be, but let us assist them. How and in what way? By praying for them, by asking others to pray for them, and by constantly giving [alms] to the poor in their behalf! (Homily on Philipians 3, 4) It is of great consolation for us, the surviving friends and relatives of our faithful departed, to be able to help them and thus remain united to them by a bond of everlasting love. St. Ambrose (+397), preaching at the commemoration of Emperor Theodosius on the fortieth day after his death in 395, consoled his survivors with the words:

I love the man [Emperor] and I will not abandon him until, by my tears and prayers, I shall lead him into the Holy Mountain of God ([Ps. 2:6](#)), where there is life eternal! (Funeral Oration on Theodosius, 37)

The custom of offering prayers and sacrifices for the departed comes to us from the Old Testament. Holy Scripture praises the custom as holy and wholesome or pious, as is written in the II Book of Maccabees, ch. 12, v. 45: "It is therefore, a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sins." In the Catholic Church, the commemoration of the dead is considered as one of the main works of mercy. St. Paul prayed for his devoted friend Onesiphorus that the Lord "grant him mercy" as he stands before God's judgment seat. ([II Tim. 1:18](#))

All the early Liturgies of the Church, including the most ancient one, the Liturgy of St. James, contain a prayer for the departed. In the Liturgies of St. Basil the Great (+379) and St. John Chrysostom prayers for the deceased are also included. St. John Chrysostom interprets this in these words:

Not in vain did the Apostles order that remembrance should be made of the dead in the awesome Mysteries [i.e. the Liturgy]. They knew that great gain resulted to them (the deceased), and great benefit. For when the whole assembly [of the people] stands with uplifted hands and that awesome Sacrifice lies displayed, how shall we not prevail with God by our entreaty for them? And this we do for those who have departed in faith! (Homily on Philipians 3, 4)

The Apostolic Constitutions (4th century) prescribed that during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, the deacon should remind the faithful to pray for the deceased, saying:

Let us pray for our brethren that are fallen asleep in Christ, that God, the Lover of mankind, Who has received their souls, may forgive them every voluntary and involuntary sin, and may be merciful and gracious to them, placing them in the land of righteousness ... where there is no pain, sorrow or lamentation. (Apostolic Constitutions, VIII, 41)

Therefore, the Fathers of Vatican II rightly decreed that the Church “from the very first centuries of Christianity has cultivated the memory of the dead with great piety” and “offered prayers for them.” (Constitution on the Church, n. 50.)

In the Byzantine Rite, we commemorate the deceased every day at the Divine Liturgy immediately after the Consecration with the petition: “Remember, O Lord, all those who have departed in the hope of resurrection unto eternal life, N.N., and grant them rest where the light of Your face shines.” (Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom)

In our liturgical calendar, Saturdays are dedicated, in a special way, to prayer for the deceased.

Following St. John Damascene, the Synaxarion supplies us with this reason: “The Sabbath (Saturday) in Hebrew means rest, since on that day God rested from His work. ([Gen. 2:2-3](#)) We make a remembrance of the deceased on that ‘day of rest’ for they are ‘resting’ from all their earthly cares.”

When commemorating our departed, we constantly implore God to give them eternal rest since, according to the Scriptures, to enter into God’s rest means to join Him in an eternal life of happiness. ([Heb. 4:3-11](#); [Rev. 14:13](#)) St. Ambrose explains this by saying: “It is a great rest which fulfills the prayer of the living, a most glorious promise.” (Oration on Theodosius, 37)

In accord with this, the Byzantine Church has, since the ninth century, established a special day of prayer for the departed known as psychosabbato (Greek) which literally translated means Souls Saturday. Since the Synaxarion calls for the “universal commemoration” and prayer for “all the souls departed in the faith,” fittingly then, in English, we call these Saturdays – All Souls Saturdays.

In the Byzantine Liturgical Year there are five All Souls Saturdays namely, Meat Fare Saturday, the Second, Third and Fourth Saturdays of the Great Lent, and the Saturday before Pentecost.

Meat-Fare Saturday as a special day of prayer for the deceased can be traced down to the sixth and seventh century, the time when the Typikon of St. Saba, known as the Jerusalem Typikon, had developed. The Synaxarion, which is the liturgical description of the feast or commemoration, of this day is based on the oratory treatise, On Those Who Died in Faith, which is ascribed to St. John Damascene. On Meat-Fare Sunday we liturgically commemorate the Last Judgment ([Mt. 25:31-46](#)).

Therefore, on the previous day, we, in our charity, intercede with the merciful Judge for the deceased that they be placed at His right hand when He will come to judge the living and the dead.

When the Triodion, the liturgical book for the Lenten cycle, was basically compiled during the ninth century, the Second, Third and Fourth Saturdays of Lent were also dedicated to the commemoration of the dead. The reasons for designating these days were: (1) to make up for the a-liturgical days of the Great Lent since in the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, which is prescribed for Lent, there is no commemoration of the dead; (2) to remind us of our own death and make our penitential exercises during Lent more meaningful; and (3) to give us an opportunity to practice good deeds in behalf of our faithful departed and renew our love for them.

On the Saturday before Pentecost we commemorate “all the departed souls since Adam.” By the Descent of the Holy Spirit, commemorated on Pentecost Sunday, the economy of our salvation was completed. Since the will of God is that “all men be saved” ([1 Tim. 2:4](#)), therefore the day preceding this Feast is set aside as a day of prayer for all the deceased so that they be included in the salutary work of Christ.

From the beginning of Christianity, local churches kept registers of their living members as well as those who departed. These registers were folding tablets made of wood, ivory, or precious metals artistically decorated with carvings and bound together by rings. They are known as diptychs, taken

from the Greek word diptychon, which means anything folded in two. These were used in Church to commemorate the living and the dead at the Divine Liturgy since the fourth century.

In the Byzantine Church, these diptychs played an important role since the names of the heretics and the excommunicated were removed from them and, by the same token, these were excluded from the liturgical prayers. They came into disuse sometime during the fourteenth century and, eventually, they were replaced by official lists of the deceased members of individual families issued by the pastor.

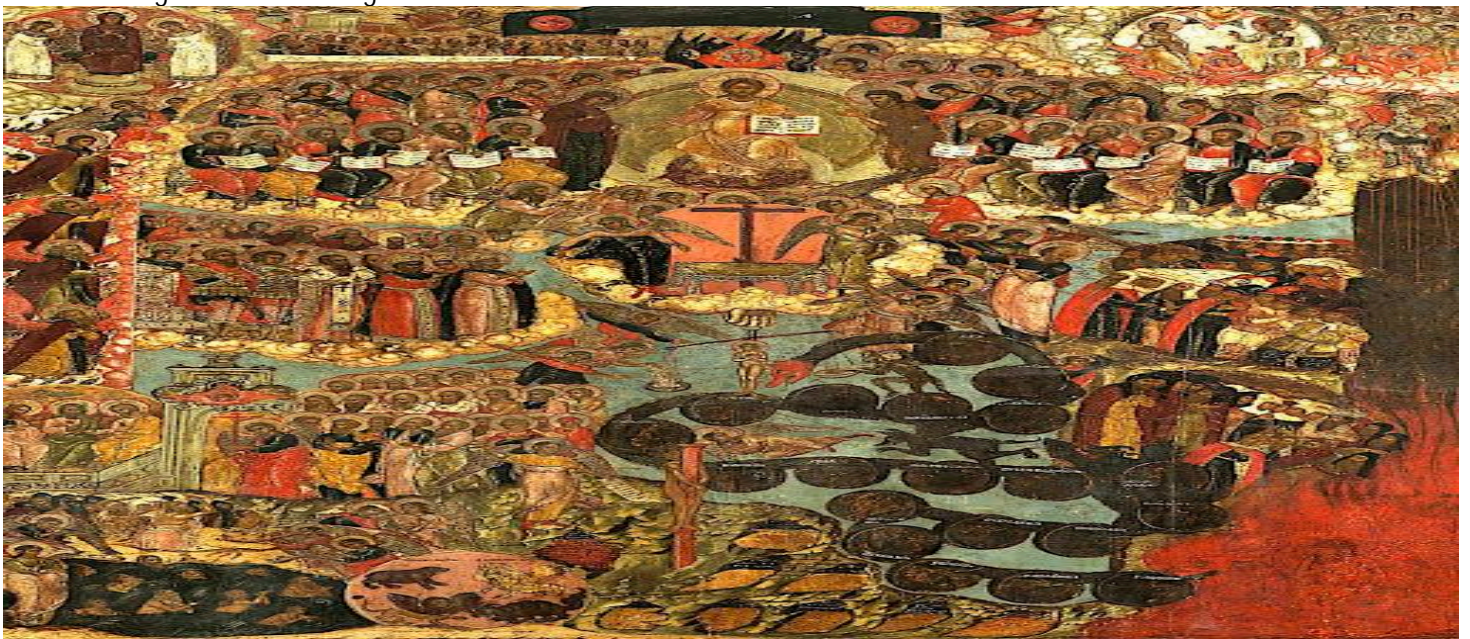
These were called Hramoty, from the Greek: grammata, meaning a written letter or document. The list of the deceased members of a family made in booklet form was called a Pomjanik, taken from the Old Slavonic: pomjanuti, meaning to remember, and was used at the services for the deceased.

The custom of announcing the names of the deceased during the liturgical services, as stated above, can be traced back to the first centuries of Christianity. Already in the fourth century, the practice was strongly defended by St. Epiphanius (+403) as a “firmly established tradition” in the Church. In his Panarios, he writes: Concerning the ritual of reading the names of the deceased, what can be more useful or suitable; what can be more worthy of admiration? (Panarios 75, 8)

This venerable custom was transmitted to us by our ancestors as a part of our beautiful spiritual heritage. Every year, just before Meat-Fare Saturday, the families give the lists of their departed loved ones to the pastor with the request that they be mentioned at the services held for the deceased on the All Souls Saturday. And St. John Chrysostom assures us that: “It is a great honour to be worthy of mention, while the celebration of the Holy Mysteries is going on.” (Homily on the Acts 21, 4) Members of the family are encouraged to attend these services on the All Souls Saturdays for by their presence and by their personal prayers and receiving Holy Communion they strengthen the bond of love with their departed loved ones and indeed keep their memory everlasting!

St. Gregory of Nazianzus (d. 390), after celebrating the funeral services for his brother Caesarius, concluded his eulogy with the following words: “Part of my funeral gift is now completed. The remainder we will pay by offering every year, as long as we live, our honours and memorials for him!” (Oration VII, 17) We also should emulate St. Gregory by remembering our departed loved ones, especially during the All Souls Saturdays, as long as we live, and point out to those coming after us the wholesomeness of this beautiful and praiseworthy custom of praying for and remembering our departed loved ones.


In the burial service according to the Byzantine Rite, the Church places the following words on the lips of the deceased, as we sing the hymns prescribed in bidding our departed loved one our final farewell: Come all you that love me and bid me farewell, for I shall no longer walk with you nor talk with you, since I am going to my Judge, Who shows no favors and rewards or punishes everyone according to his deeds. Therefore, I beg and implore all of you, pray for me continually to Christ our God that, on account of my sins, I may not be doomed into the place of affliction, but rather be granted a place where the light of life is shining!



Icon for All Soul Saturday

Yevshan Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble presents a concert of Ukrainian Christmas and New Year Carols and an explanation of holiday traditions on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Museum 1 State Street, New Haven, CT 06511 free admission and onsite parking snow date—January 26, 2020*
“Across Europe, the annual celebration of Christ’s birth has formed traditions that have become part of the cultural fabric of its nations and regions. “Christmas in Europe” is the theme of the Knights of Columbus Museum’s 15th annual Christmas exhibition, showcasing the art and customs of the continent. From 11/16/19 to 2/2/20, the museum will exhibit more than 80 Nativity scenes or creches, icons, and religious artworks representing 30 countries across Europe....The museum is open daily (except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.” For more information regarding Ukrainian programming, please call Christina Kowinko at 203-394-1996

You are cordially invited to a free concert at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven at 2 p.m. NEXT SATURDAY, January 25th at 2 p.m. Admission is FREE. Our Yevshan Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble will present an 45-minute concert of Ukrainian Christmas and Epiphany music by Leontovych, Stetsenko, Liudkevych, Stupnytsky, and new Ukrainian composers. We will also be including some “vinshuvannia” translated for an American audience. Please spread the word among your friends, and please arrive early to allow time for Parking. This concert is part of the annual exhibit of beautiful Christmas creches from around the world.

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