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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 23, 2022

31st Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 2; The Holy Priest-Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; the Holy Martyr Agathangel (both 286-305); Passing into Eternal Life (1952) of Blessed Olimpia Bida, Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and Martyr

Epistle: 1 TIMOTHY 5: 15-17

Gospel: LUKE 18: 35-43

Tone: 2

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 _____ Email _____ 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 Christ Is Born! Let us Glorify Him! ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВИТЕ ЙОГО!



*Bread and Wine Offering - In loving memory of +Emila Fedorko
by Irene Henry & Donna Wright*

1/22	Saturday	10:00 AM	Religious Education
1/23	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Frank Fedir Stuban req. by Helen Stuban & Family
1/24	Monday	10:00 AM	+Stefania & Szymon Gebuza req by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk
1/25	Tuesday	10:00 AM	+Myroslaw Danylo 40 th day
1/26	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Good Health & God's Blessing Lee Gebuza
1/27	Thursday	6:00 P.M.	In Thanksgiving to Almighty God & Asking Blessing & Good Health for Jean Walker
1/28	Friday	10:00 AM	Good Health & God's Blessing for John Malinak req. by Anne Malinak
1/29	Saturday		No Liturgy
1/30	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Alan Wilson req. by Karen Wilson

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory +Alan Wilson by Karen Wilson</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Michael Symochko by John & Helen Zanowiak & Family</i>	
SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP		<i>God's Blessings and Good Health John Malinak by Mary Lou, Maryann, Joan, Terry, Rebecca & Therisa & Anne Malinak</i>	
BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/7/22-2/13/22 2/14-22-2/20/22 3/7/22-3/13/22 4/4/22-4/10/22 5/2/22-5/8/22 6/6/22-6/12/22 7/4/22-7/10/22 8/1/22-8/7/22 9/5/22-9/11/22 10/3/22-10/9/22 10/10/22-10/16/22 11/7/22-11/13/22 12/5/22-12/11/22	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 1/31/22-2/6/22 2/7/22-2/13/22 4/11/22-4/14/22 5/2/22-5/8/22 5/9/22-5/15/22 7/18/22-7/24/22 8/8/22-8/14/22 9/5/22-9/11/22	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 1/31/22-2/6/22 2/7/22-2/13/22 3/7/22-3/13/22 5/2/22-5/8/22 5/9/22-5/15/22 7/18/22-7/24/22 8/8/22-8/14/22 9/5/22-9/11/22 10/3/22-10/9/22	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 1/31/22-2/6/22 2/7/22-2/13/22 9/12/22-9/18/22

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 - 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.

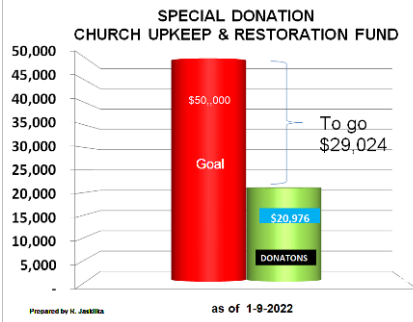
If your interested please contact Bill Platosz platosz@hotmail.com or Scott Walker sjjawalk@aol.com There has been the First meeting but more assistance is need. Thank you

The next Organizing Meeting for the 125th Anniversary of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church: will be **January 26** 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

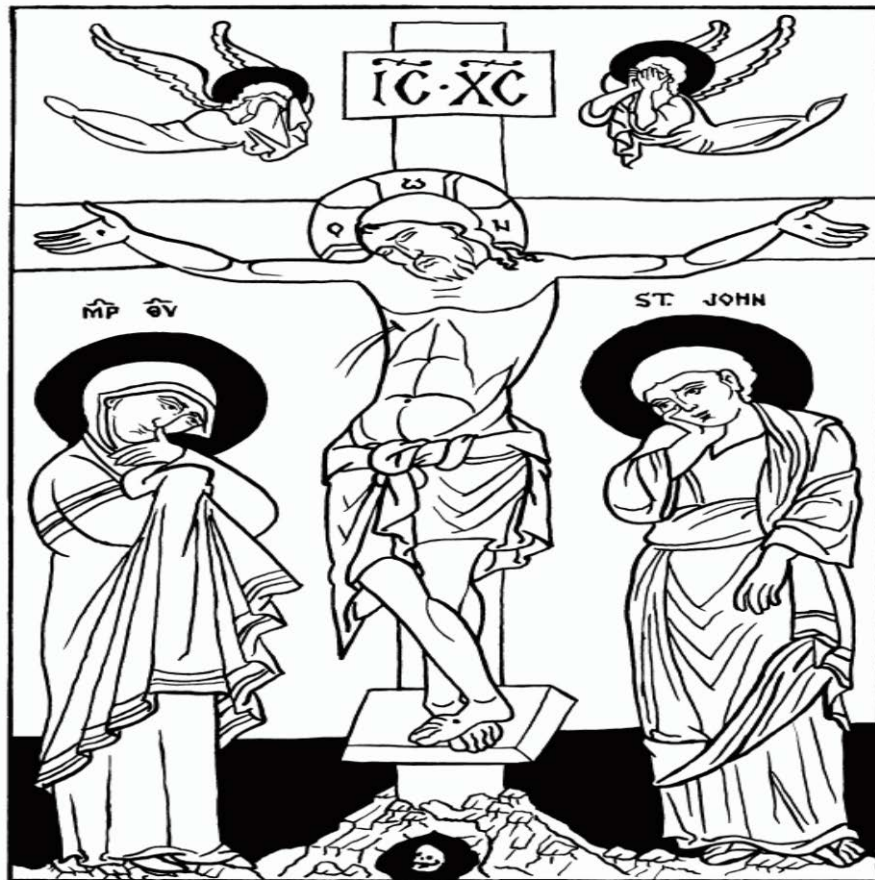


Sunday, at 9:30 AM there will be the Recitation of the Holy Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. One of the intentions for our prayers will be for our parish, as we prepare to celebrate our 125th Anniversary as a Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church here in Ansonia, Connecticut.



Special Donation Church Upkeep & Restoration Fund

Goal \$50,000 –Donated to Date \$20,976 – 42.0% to go \$29,024
Donations this week None



The First All Souls Saturday will be 19 February 2022 The names of our beloved deceased will be read after 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy Перша Заупокійна субота Поминальна Субота, 19 лютого 2022 The First of Saturday of the Dead, All Souls Saturday, before the Sunday of the Last Judgment will be Saturday, 19 February 2022 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 12, 19 and 26, and then June 4, 2022. 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 6, 2022.



Blessed Olimpia Bida, Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and Martyr

(taken from the booklet "Church of the Martyrs – The New Saints of Ukraine".

General Editor Oleh Turij – Lviv, Ukraine, St. John's Monastery, Publishing Division Svichado, 2006]

Nun and Martyr Sister Olympia (Bida) was born in 1903 in the village of Tsebliv, Lviv Region. At a young age she entered the congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. In 1938, she was assigned to the town of Khyriv where she became superior of the house. After the establishment of the Soviet regime, she and the other sisters suffered a number of attacks on the convent. She, nevertheless, continued

to care for the children, to catechize, to organize underground religious services (often without a priest). In 1950, she was arrested by soldiers of the NKVD (KGB) and taken to a hard labor camp in Boryslav. Eventually she was sentenced to lifelong exile in the Tomsk region of Siberia for "anti-Soviet activities". Even in exile, Sr. Olympia tried to preform her duties as superior. She was a support for

her fellow sisters. She patiently endured inhuman living conditions. She died a martyr's death on January 23, 1952.

{from Sister Olympia's letter to her provincial superior, Sister Neonylia}: "God Almighty, God's Providence will not allow His little children to perish in a foreign land. For He is with us here, in the midst of these forests and waters. He doesn't forget about us . . . Because of our faith, because of a divine matter, we suffer, and what could be better than this? ... Let's follow Him bravely. Not only when all is well, but even when times are bitter, let us say: Glory to God in all matters."

Nun and martyr Sister Lavrentia (Herasymiv) was born on September 30, 1911 in the village of Rudnyky, Lviv Region. In 1931, she entered the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Tsebliv.

In 1933, she made her first vows. In 1938 she went to the house in Khyriv with Sister Olympia and the lives of both were to remain intertwined until their deaths. In 1950, she was arrested by the agents of the NKVD and sent to Boryslav. Eventually, together with her fellow sister, she was sentenced to lifelong exile in the Tomsk region. She was sick with tuberculosis when she arrived at her designated place of exile and so only one family would agree to give her a roof over her head. This was in a room where a paralysed man lay behind a partition. She prayed a great deal and performed various forms of manual labour. She patiently endured inhuman living conditions and the lack of medical attention. She died on August 28, 1952 as a martyr for the faith in the village of Kharsk in Siberia's Tomsk Region.

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE - 1 TIMOTHY 5: 15-17 ~ GOSPEL - LUKE 18: 35-43 TONE 2

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM! ~ ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВІМО ЙОГО!

St. John the Evangelist writes that Jesus is the true Light who enlightens every man who comes into the world. In Him was Life; this Life is the Holy Spirit, and it is the light of men. Note the unity of the Light and Life of Christ. One is not enlightened by Christ without being enlivened by Christ. In other words, believe in Christ and receive the Light of Christ; receive the Light of Christ and receive the Life of his Holy Spirit.

One sees in this morning's Gospel a picture of what we read in last Sunday's Gospel: "The people (laos, laity) sitting in darkness have seen a great light; for, a great light has dawned on those sitting in the region and shadow of death." As well, this morning's Gospel is a picture of the Lenten journey to Pascha we are about to set out on as we take up our cross and follow the Lord Jesus Christ to His Resurrection and into the Heavens that were opened on Theophany by way of Golgotha through the ascetic disciplines of the Church.

Jesus, in this morning's Gospel, draws near to Jericho as the great light rising above the horizon on those sitting in darkness and in the region and shadow of death. The blind man is an image of the faithful soul who responds to that Good News of the prophet. Through the *hearing* of faith, he hears that "Christ draws near on the road to Jericho; and he calls upon the Savior with his whole heart, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." So also we draw near to Christ in the fear of God, with faith and love, and we call out to Him, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner! "I believe, O Lord, and I confess, that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first."

In this morning's Gospel, the blind man is illumined, he receives his sight because he called on the Name of Jesus and asked for his sight. But that is not the end of the story. It says in the Gospel: "And as soon as he had received his sight, he followed him, glorifying God." At your baptism, as soon as you were illumined and clothed in the Robe of Light, you were directed to follow the priest, first around the baptismal font and then Eastward, towards the ambon and the rising sun as toward the Holy Resurrection of Christ. You were given the precious body and blood of Christ from the Holy Chalice and you were united to Christ in body and soul. Having participated in the likeness of his death on the Cross in your baptism and having been clothed with Light so that you could see the mysteries of God, you were led on the way of the Church that brought you to the Chalice and you become a partaker of the divine nature, a communicant of life eternal, a participant in the likeness of Christ's holy Resurrection.

In all of this, the Church is setting before us the way that we must walk if we are to discover the Way, the Truth and the Life that is Christ, who unites us to Himself in whom we are made to receive the Life of his Holy Spirit. The way that we walk from the baptismal font to the chalice is the way that Jesus was walking as he neared Jericho: it is the way that led to his Cross on Calvary; it is the way we are to be walking in our everyday life; it is the very same way that the soul walks in death, the way that the Church describes as *blessed*: “Blessed is the way in which thou shalt walk today, O soul! For, you have loved Christ!” Brothers and sisters in Christ, the holy season of the Great Fast is but weeks away. We can receive this Gospel of the Blind Man on Christ’s road to Jericho as the counsel our holy Mother is offering to us, her children from the baptismal font, on how to discover the sacred path that descends into our heart and see with the eyes of faith the Savior drawing near to us in His goodness and mercy. Let us begin now to turn our mind toward the spiritual work ahead of us and start becoming mindful of our egotism and spiritual pride. We can begin now to turn away from the sensual distractions by which the world seeks to keep us noisy and mindless inside. And, we can begin to prepare our home and our soul in the sacred stillness of the Church, the cave of Bethlehem, the tomb of Pascha, that we may begin to make our descent into the waters of the Jordan, the waters of our baptism in the light of Christ and begin to “see” our blindness, the sins that we cannot see when we are caught up in the noise of the world, and begin even now to call on the Savior in our heart: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.” In the light that dawns on us through that prayer, we can begin even now to draw near to the path of our heart in the fear of God, with faith and love, in preparation for the fast of Great Lent in accordance with the words of John the Baptist: “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight his paths.” Let us prepare the way of our heart. Let us make straight the paths of our mind, our eyes, our ears, our feet, our hands, our tongue. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Christ draws near. Christ is in our midst. Christ is in you! The Church wants to open our eyes so that we can see the beauty of Pascha. (*Excerpt from <https://www.sthermanmpls.org/>*)

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY’S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :
SALVATION: [Page 14, Sections 17-18](#); [Page 32, Section 70](#); [Page 59, Sections 158, 159](#)

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, накрій своїм благословенним та захисним покровом всю Україну. Нехай життя буде для створення Твого Миру в Україні і світі. *АМІНЬ.*

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Together
IN CHRIST
Responding to COVID-19

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus: You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon.
Ps 91:5-6 Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.