



**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.*



January 28, 2024

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor*
Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian

Epistle 1 CORINTHIANS 6: 12-20 GOSPEL: LUKE 15: 11-32 Tone: Sheet

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

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

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

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

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

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

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number

– Please update your records. See Michael
Wysowski, Jr. to update this info.
Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee
per check.**

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

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

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

****Please Note ****

Mass Offerings, Sorokousty

Mother's Day, Father's Day

Checks must be made out to the Fr. Edward Young
not the Church ! Thank You...

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

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

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

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

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

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine

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

Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

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

Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

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

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

All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates
are reserved on a first come first served basis !!!!**

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




Name _____ Phone# _____ Email _____
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. From. Today's Matins: Kontakion, Tone 3: Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.* Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal:* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.
Ikos: Every day our Savior teaches us with His own voice: let us therefore hearken to the Scriptures concerning the Prodigal who once again became wise, and with faith let us emulate the good example of his repentance. With humbleness of heart let us cry out to Him Who knows the hidden things of all: "We have sinned against You, O compassionate Father, and can never be worthy to be called Your children as we were before. But since You are by nature the Lover of mankind, accept me and make me as one of Your hired servants."

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

Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered

01/27	Saturday	10:00 AM	+ THEODOSIA, NIKIFOR, PAULINE, CHARLES AND SAMUEL SMERZNAK
01/28	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян Good Health of John Malinak req. by Anne Malinak
01/29	Monday		<i>No Liturgy</i>
01/30	Tuesday	6:00 PM	The F &east of the Three Holy Hierarchs +HNAT,& JULIA SMEIDER DEACEASED FAMILY
01/31	Wednesday	10:00 AM	+Michael & Anna Kowal & Stefan & Telka Zanowial req. By Maria Bereziouk
02/01	Thursday		
02/02	Friday	6:00 PM	The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord + LILLIAN B. SLEZAK
02/03	Saturday	10:00 AM	First All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy offered for All the Faithfully departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved Deceased
02/04	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Thomas Monks & Frank Fedir & Nicholas Stuban req. by Susan Monks & Family

ETERNAL LIGHT		NONE OFFERED
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		NONE OFFERED
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory of + Peter Lypen by Luba Lypen & Family</i>

BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 8/5/24-8/11/24	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/12/24-2/18/24 5/20/24-5/26/24 6/17/24-6/23/24 8/5/24-8/11/24 9/9/24-9/15/24 11/11/24-11/17/24	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/12/24-2/18/24 3/4/23-3/10/23 3/11/24-3/17/24 4/8/24-4/15/24 5/6/24-5/12/24 8/5/24-8/11/24 11/11/24-11/17/24	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/5/24-2/11/24 4/29/24-5/5/24 10/28/24-11/3/24
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PRAYER FOR OUR NATION Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God. Give us your hope. Give us your peace. Amen the Light of God ~ surround us. The Love of God ~ enfold us.

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

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

Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.

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



PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION: O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. For, behold, enemies have once more gathered together, in order to cause division and enmity. But You who know all things, understand that they have risen up righteously, and that it will be impossible to oppose their multitudes unless You show us Your help. Therefore, we who are sinful and unworthy pray unto You in repentance and with tears: Help us, O God, our Savior, and deliver the land of Ukraine for the sake of the glory of Your Name, that the enemy may not to say: *"Their God has forsaken them, and there is none to deliver and save them."* But let every nation understand that You are our God, and we Your people are always protected under Your dominion.



VOLUNTEER – By definition, it is a person who freely offers to do something or undertakes a task; To volunteer means to freely offer up your time and service to help, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it to serve another or the community. When was last time you Have ever asked yourselves "How do I serve a parish Community" ? As parishioners, we look to come together at a meal, at the parish festival, and other happenings.... Remember these events do not just 'happen'. These events are not the responsibility of the pastor! For these events to take place, it requires the talents of the member of the parish; it requires each of you to come forward and VOLUNTEER your time and talents. You don't need an invitation, you need to come forward and offer to help freely, inquire where you can serve. For a parish to be active, vibrant, it needs the help from those it serves! It is time to look around, to become aware of where you and your time and your talents can serve the needs of the parish. It is time to step forward and become involved in the life of the parish. Don't look for the other person to step up, this is your Church. If you want to see parish events happen, you need to be involved. Remember each of you are the CHURCH, each responsible for the full life of the parish. Let us come together to grow in hospitality, grow in community and service. Be a leader and come forward. Be that "Gift" !!

Venerable Ephraim the Syrian Commemorated on [January 28](#)

Troparion: Your abundant tears made the wilderness bloom, and your suffering made your labors fruitful a hundredfold; you became a shining torch over the world. O venerable father Ephrem, pray to Christ our God that He may save our souls.

Kontakion: Ever conscious of the hour of judgement, you shed tears of bitter lament, O Ephrem. Your activity embraced the life of silence which you loved so dearly. By your actions you have taught us. You have spurred the lazy to repentance.

Saint Ephraim the Syrian, a teacher of repentance, was born at the beginning of the fourth century in the city of Nisibis (Mesopotamia) into the family of impoverished toilers of the soil. His parents raised their son in piety, but from his childhood he was known for his quick temper and impetuous character. He often had fights, acted thoughtlessly, and even doubted God's Providence. He finally recovered his senses by the grace of God and embarked on the path of repentance and salvation. Once, he was unjustly accused of stealing a sheep and was thrown into prison. He heard a voice in a dream calling him to repent and correct his life. After this, he was acquitted of the charges and set free. The young man ran off to the mountains to join the hermits. This form of Christian asceticism had been introduced by a disciple of Saint Anthony the Great, the Egyptian desert dweller Eugenius. Saint James of Nisibis (January 13) was a noted ascetic, a preacher of Christianity and denouncer of the Arians. Saint Ephraim became one of his disciples. Under the direction of the holy hierarch, Saint Ephraim attained Christian meekness, humility, submission to God's will, and the strength to undergo various temptations without complaint. Saint James transformed the wayward youth into a humble and contrite monk. Realizing the great worth of his disciple, he made use of his talents. He trusted him to preach sermons, to instruct children in school, and he took Ephraim with him to the First Ecumenical

Council at Nicea (in the year 325). Saint Ephraim was in obedience to Saint James for fourteen years, until the bishop's death in 338. After the capture of Nisibis by the Persians in 363, Saint Ephraim went to a monastery near the city of Edessa. Here he saw many great ascetics, passing their lives in prayer and psalmody. Their caves were solitary shelters, and they fed themselves with a certain plant. He became especially close to the ascetic Julian (October 18), who was of one mind with him. Saint Ephraim combined asceticism with a ceaseless study of the Word of God, taking from it both solace and wisdom for his soul. The Lord gave him a gift of teaching, and people began to come to him, wanting to hear his counsel, which produced compunction in the soul, since he began with self-accusation. Both verbally and in writing, Saint Ephraim instructed everyone in repentance, faith and piety, and he denounced the Arian heresy, which at that time was causing great turmoil. Pagans who heard the preaching of the saint were converted to Christianity. He also wrote the first Syriac commentary on the Pentateuch (i.e. "Five Books") of Moses. He wrote many prayers and hymns, thereby enriching the Church's liturgical services. Famous prayers of Saint Ephraim are to the Most Holy Trinity, to the Son of God, and to the Most Holy Theotokos. He composed hymns for the Twelve Great Feasts of the Lord (the Nativity of Christ, the Baptism, the Resurrection), and funeral hymns. Saint Ephraim's Prayer of Repentance, "O Lord and Master of my life...", is recited during Great Lent, and it summons Christians to spiritual renewal. From ancient times the Church has valued the works of Saint Ephraim. His works were read publicly in certain churches after the Holy Scripture, as Saint Jerome tells us. At present, the Church Typikon prescribes certain of his instructions to be read on the days of Lent. Among the prophets, Saint David is the preeminent psalmist; among the Fathers of the Church, Saint Ephraim the Syrian is the preeminent man of prayer. His spiritual experience made him a guide for monastics and a help to the pastors of Edessa. Saint Ephraim wrote in Syriac, but his works were very early translated into Greek and Armenian. Translations into Latin and Slavonic were made from the Greek text.

In many of Saint Ephraim's works we catch glimpses of the life of the Syrian ascetics, which was centered on prayer and working in various and many obediences for the common good of the brethren. The outlook of all the Syrian ascetics was the same. The monks believed that the goal of their efforts was communion with God and the acquisition of divine grace. For them, the present life was a time of tears, fasting and toil. "If the Son of God is within you, then His Kingdom is also within you. Thus, the Kingdom of God is within you, a sinner. Enter into yourself, search diligently and without toil you shall find it. Outside of you is death, and the door to it is sin. Enter yourself, dwell within your heart, for God is there." Constant spiritual sobriety, the developing of good within man's soul gives him the possibility to take upon himself a task like blessedness, and a self-constraint like sanctity. The requital is presupposed in the earthly life of man, it is an undertaking of spiritual perfection by degrees. Whoever grows himself wings upon the earth, says Saint Ephraim, is one who soars up into the heights; whoever purifies his mind here below, there glimpses the Glory of God. In whatever measure each one loves God, he is, by God's love, satiated to fullness according to that measure. Man, cleansing himself and attaining the grace of the Holy Spirit while still here on earth, has a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven. To attain to life eternal, in the teachings of Saint Ephraim, does not mean to pass over from one realm of being into another, but rather to discover "the heavenly," spiritual condition of being. Eternal life is not bestowed on man through God's one-sided efforts, but rather, it constantly grows like a seed within him by his efforts, toils and struggles. The pledge within us of "theosis" (or "deification") is the Baptism of Christ, and the main force that drives the Christian life is repentance. Saint Ephraim was a great teacher of repentance. The forgiveness of sins in the Mystery of Repentance, according to his teaching, is not an external exoneration, not a forgetting of the sins, but rather their complete undoing, their annihilation. The tears of repentance wash away and burn away the sin. Moreover, they (i.e. the tears) enliven, they transfigure sinful nature, they give the strength "to walk in the way of the the Lord's commandments," encouraging hope in God. In the fiery font of repentance, the saint wrote, "you sail yourself across, O sinner, you resurrect yourself from the dead." Saint Ephraim, accounting himself as the least and worst of all, went to Egypt at the end of his life to see the efforts of the great ascetics. He was accepted there as a welcome guest and received great solace from conversing with them. On his return journey he visited at Caesarea in Cappadocia with Saint Basil the Great (January 1), who wanted to ordain him a priest, but he considered himself unworthy of the priesthood. At the insistence of Saint Basil, he consented only to be ordained as a deacon, in which rank he remained until his death. Later on, Saint Basil invited Saint Ephraim to accept a bishop's throne, but the saint feigned madness in order to avoid this honor, humbly regarding himself as unworthy of it. After his return to his own Edessa wilderness, Saint Ephraim hoped to spend the rest of his life in solitude, but divine Providence again summoned him to serve his neighbor. The inhabitants of Edessa were suffering from a devastating famine. By the influence of his word, the saint persuaded the wealthy to render aid to those in need. From the offerings of believers he built a poor-house for the poor and sick. Saint Ephraim then withdrew to a cave near Edessa, where he remained to the end of his days.

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

EPISTLE - 1 CORINTHIANS 6: 12 - 20 GOSPEL - LUKE 15: 11 – 32 TONE 2

CHRIST IS BORN ! GLORIFY HIM ! Христос Рождается

Христос Хрещється! В річці Йордані! Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!

PRE-LENTEN GOSPEL LESSONS - SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is the second Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. As with the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the theme of this Sunday is repentance, and the focus on the parable of the Prodigal Son leads Christians to contemplate the necessity of repentance in our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son our Lord, Jesus, tells us about the infinite mercy of God towards the sinner and how anxious is our heavenly Father to have sinners turn from evil way and return to God. God is so generous and merciful as to give us the ring, it is the beautiful robe of Sanctifying Grace. The sinner, who was dead, comes to life. The sanctifying grace is lost by every mortal sin and can only be restored by a complete return to God by true repentance and amendment. The loss of sanctifying grace is a far greater injury than the loss of earthly possessions.

The Prodigal Son is among the most famous parables. Perhaps it's because it illuminates such astonishing generosity. Surely the father's tender embrace of his disloyal son foreshadows the crucified Christ's forgiveness of his killers.

This story is positioned to inspire us with hope and comfort as we approach the Lenten focus on repentance. The meaning is familiar and applies to each one of us: no matter how much we've messed up, as it were, we will be welcome when we find our way back home. Yes!

But do we relate to the young man who squandered his inheritance? How many of us even have an inheritance nowadays? Ok, we know that the prodigal's extreme despair, hunger, self-loathing, emptiness, represents anyone of us—me, you—when we turn away from God. Coming to God means nothing other than love, peace, and joyfulness: home. Chances are, if you are reading this, you are part of the Church community, possibly not contemplating a getaway to a life of iniquity! Probably doing your best to live as a decent citizen.

Significantly, today's parable also portrays the older brother: loyal, hard-working, supporting the family business; no wine, women, and song for him! It's not too difficult to imagine why he was less than thrilled at the royal treatment his brother received. He was resentful, bitter, hurt. Not only is he feeling second-best, but he's expected to cheer on his little brother who had given the family so much grief.

This is a tall order—but one, we are told, we can fill. We CAN rejoice for another. We can practice a selflessness that connects us in love to share another person's good fortune. The older brother is invited to celebrate: to come home. Despite his physical presence working on the farm, living with the father, the older son too was close to squandering his share of the inheritance. Like the Pharisee, and the crowds surrounding Zacchaeus, this son did the right things, but without the love that takes us beyond our own self-interest into a connection with others where we can delight in each other's good fortune.

Each figure in today's parable can enrich our being. The repentance of the prodigal reveals the true nature of repentance. Repentance is not simply "feeling bad" over having broken God's rules; it is a return to yourself and a return to your home.

Repentance means wizing up and coming to our senses.

Repentance is also a return to our true home in our Father's house. We were created to be His children, with all the privileges that implies—being free from fear, free from death, free to walk through life trusting in Him to provide what we need and to lead us where we should go. Why wander far from home when the wide world cannot offer us anything comparable? Repentance means we return to the embrace of the Father, and to His humbling love, and to a house of feasting and music and joy.

Returning to the Father's embrace—sounds like a plan. Great Lent is coming, and it tells us we have been feeding the pigs long enough. **Let's all go home.**

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON : MERCY: Page 154, Section 450; Page 155, Section 453; Page 226, Section 694; Read Psalm 51 ~ Prayer of Repentance ~ "Have mercy on me God, in your goodness..."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 - FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS SIMPLE HOLY DAY


Each of the three Hierarchs already have separate commemorations (Saint Basil – January 1; Saint Gregory – January 25; Saint John (translation of relics) – January 27). The Eastern Churches teach that the three hierarchs appeared together in a vision to St. John Mauropous, bishop of Euchaita, in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God: "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another." As a result, a January 30 feast day commemorating all three in common was instituted around 1100 under the Byzantine Emperor Alexios I Komnenos. The three Hierarchs—an earthly trinity as they are called in some of the wonderful troparia of their service—have taught us in their writings and equally by their lives, to worship and to glorify the Holy Trinity, the One God in three Persons. These three luminaries of the Church have shed the light of the true Faith all over the world, scorning dangers and persecutions, and they have left us, their descendants, this sacred inheritance by which we too can attain to utmost blessedness and everlasting life in the presence of God and of all the Saints

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 ~ FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD SIMPLE HOLY DAY

"Let us celebrate the feast (of the Presentation) in a solemn way, illuminating the mystery of the day with lights." On this

Feast day, we see Jesus forty days old, carried into the temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph, to be recognized as God's Messiah by the aged Simeon and Anna. In obedience to the Law of Moses, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. Joseph and Mary brought the Child Jesus into the temple along with a humble sacrifice of young pigeons as a sign of thanksgiving. This Holy Day is also known as the Feast of the Encounter as well as Candlemas Day. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day.

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2024 ENVELOPES

The **envelopes** for **2024** 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, 2024 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!

GREAT LENT

THE JOURNEY TO PASCHA



LET US BEGIN THE FAST WITH JOY! LET US PREPARE OURSELVES FOR SPIRITUAL EFFORTS! LET US PURIFY OUR SOULS AND CLEANSE OUR FLESH! LET US ABSTAIN FROM EVERY PASSION AS WE ABSTAIN FROM FOOD! LET US REJOICE IN VIRTUES OF THE SPIRIT AND FULFIL THEM IN LOVE! THAT WE MAY ALL SEE THE HOLY PASSION OF CHRIST OUR GOD! AND REJOICE IN SPIRIT AT THE HOLY PASCHA!



The First All Souls Saturday will be 3 February 2024.

The names of our beloved deceased will be read after 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Перша Заупокійна субота Поминальна Субота, 3 лютого 2023 The First of
Saturday of the Dead, All Souls Saturday, before the Sunday of the Last Judgment
will be Saturday, 3 February 2024 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 February 24, March 2, and 9 and then May 18,
2024. 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, January 28, 2024

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

Adapted by Fr Vitalii Stashkevych (BCC) for the Gregorian Calendar

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week JANUARY 21 ST		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week JANUARY 28 TH		The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 4 TH FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 11 TH FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1 ST Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 18 TH		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2 ND Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 25 TH		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3 RD Sunday of Lent MARCH 3 RD		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4 TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 10 TH		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5 TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 17 TH		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24 TH GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MARCH 29 TH		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MARCH 31 ST NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Victoria | Roma | Uliana

"We express our sincere condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of the fallen defender Taras Kolodiy, who gave his life in the battle of Avdiivka on November 15, 2023. As a cousin of parishioner Roma Kardash, we wish to honor his memory. Taras was a good son of his parents, a beloved husband, a loving father, a reliable brother, and a courageous warrior. His death has left great grief and irreparable loss in the family.

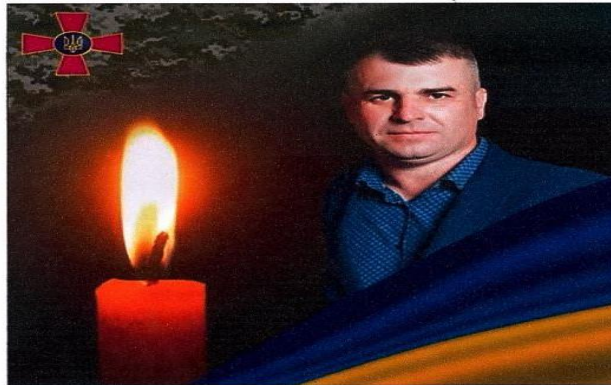
Taras was 44 years old. He is survived by his wife and two young sons.

After the full-scale invasion, he dropped everything and joined the Territorial Defense Force. Later went to the frontlines to defend his country Ukraine from the Russian aggressor. He was real, he was sincere, he was fearless. A True Hero!

Please help us support Taras's wife and his two young sons during these trying times. If you are interested in donating, please contact ____ (will place contact info in money collector book)

Pray for our Brave Hero who gave his life in the fight for Ukraine!

Eternal Memory! Glory to Ukraine! Heroes Never Die!"



12/21/2023 9:22 AM

With the death of Ukrainian Soldier Taras Kolodiy, the First Cousin of Roma Kardash. The Russian War against Ukraine as a Free Nation has come to our Parish Family. This coming Saturday 13 January 2024 Divine Liturgy will be offered 9:30 AM for the Eternal Memory for this Great Son of Ukraine. This must touch our lives in a very personal way. We as a Ukrainian Catholic Parish must now show Charity for our own. His beloved wife Iryna Kolodiy and their two sons. There is a need for our financial assistance. I as the priest ask you as Ukrainian Catholic Parish show this attitude of kindness and understanding. The way this will be done is still being worked out. God Bless you for Your Christian Charity

