



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
105 CLIFTON AVE  
ANSONIA, CT 06401  
Rectory Phone 203-734-3895  
Church Hall 203-732-2414**



*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.*

**Fr. Ed Cell 413-218-6404**

**February 26, 2023**

**Web Site: [www.stspucc.org](http://www.stspucc.org)**

**Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor***

**FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**

**Commemoration of Holy Images)**

**Epistle : Hebrews 11: 24-36, 32-40; 12: 1-2 ~Gospel – John 1:43-51 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.**

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

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

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 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. Robert Jaskilka,

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

**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# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Vespers from the Sunday 1st Sunday of Lent:** The prophets, inspired by Your Spirit, O Lord,\* foretold that You, whom nothing can contain or grasp,\* and who has shone forth in eternity before the morning star\* from the immaterial and bodiless womb of the Father,\* was to become a child,\* taking flesh from the Virgin,\* being joined to men and seen by those on earth.\* At the prayers of these Your prophets,\* in Your compassion count us worthy of Your light,\* for we sing the praises\*\* of Your ineffable and holy Resurrection The divinely-inspired prophets preached You in word and honored You in works,\* and they received as their reward a life without end.\* For they steadfastly refused, O Master,\* to worship the creation instead of You, the Creator,\* They renounced the whole world for the Gospel's sake,\* and in their suffering they were conformed to Your Passion which they had foretold.\* At their intercessions, count us worthy to pass through the period of the Fast without offence,\*\* for You alone are rich in mercy

*Bread and Wine Offering- None Offered*

02/25	SATURDAY	10:00AM	+Bishop John Bura req. by M/M Theodore Bura
02/26	SUNDAY	8:30AM 10:00 AM	<b>Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</b> +Joseph Binkowski req. by M/M Peter Binkowski
02/27	MONDAY		No Liturgy
02/28	TUESDAY	10:00 AM	+Thomas Francis Lillis req. by Robert Jaskilka
03/01	WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	+John & Anna Malinak req. by Anne Malinak English Station of the Cross
03/02	THURSDAY	10:00 AM	+John Kostick req. by M/M Richard Kovalchic and Family
03/03	FRIDAY	6:00 PM	Ukrainian Stations of the Cross
03/04	SATURDAY	10:00AM	First All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy offered for All the Faithfully departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved Deceased
03/05	SUNDAY	8:30AM 10:00 AM	+Maria Pisarczyk req. By Julia Gyba <b>Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</b>

ETERNAL  
LIGHT



*None Offered*

BLESSED  
VIRGIN  
MARY  
LAMP



*None Offered*

SACRED  
HEART of  
JESUS  
LAMP



*None Offered*

**BREAD & WINE  
OFFERING RESERVED DATES**  
3/6/23-3/12/23

**ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP  
OFFERING RESERVED DATES**  
3/6/23-3/12/23  
3/20/23-3/26/23  
4/3/23-4/9/23  
4/10/23-4/16/23  
5/1/23-5/7/23  
5/8/23-5/14/23  
8/14/23-8/20/23  
9/4/23-9/10/23  
12/25/23-12/31/23

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP  
OFFERING RESERVED DATES**  
3/6/23-3/12/23  
3/13/23-3/19/23  
3/20/23-3/26/23  
4/3/23-4/9/23  
5/8/23-5/14/23  
5/22/23-5/28/23  
6/26/23-7/2/23

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP  
OFFERING RESERVED DATES**  
3/13/23-3/19/23

**2023 & Past  
Church  
Dues  
(Blue Book)  
(Kollekt)**

**During Lent & every 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. ,  
**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!!**

Over 50 letters have been **mailed to delinquent dues members** of St. Peter & St. Paul totaling almost \$27,000 - **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 maintenance; repair of the church, rectory and cemetery; insurance ; chancery fees; and telephone just to name a few. As spoken of during the 2022 annual meeting, February 19, 2023.



## 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, and the needs for Ukraine. In this time of Foreign Invasion prayers are needed for we are hearing of the deaths of some many Soldiers and Civilians each day. Please Pray for USA and Ukraine in this time of Great NEED!

**God Save and Protect! Боже спаси і О Хорони!**



**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.



**The names of our beloved deceased will be read after 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
**Перша Заупокійна субота Поминальна Субота,** 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 4, 11 and 18 and then May 27, 2023. On these Saturdays will be Celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Faithfully Departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved deceased.



**ION BANK DONATIONS:** Parishioners and friends who have a savings account at Ion Bank are encouraged to vote during the month of February thru March 17th, 2023 for **Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic 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.

If you have any questions call Ion Bank at 203-729-4442.

Copy into your browser: [cap.ionbank.com/CAP/CAP.aspx](http://cap.ionbank.com/CAP/CAP.aspx)

Page down to religion; page down to find St. Peter & St Paul Icon and enter your info to vote for our church.

## 2023 ENVELOPES ARE FINALLY HERE IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT

The envelopes for 2023 are in the church hall.

Please pick them up and support your church; **they will not be mailed.**

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

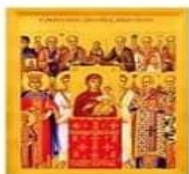


## SUNDAYS OF GREAT LENT

Great Lent ends on Palm Sunday, the Entrance of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Following Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins. It is a week of strict fasting and deep thinking about the events that precede Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord.

### First Sunday

#### Triumph of Orthodoxy



On this Sunday in 842, the heresy of iconoclasm that contradicted the Orthodox Faith was defeated.

### Second Sunday

#### Saint Gregory Palamas



Through his writings, this Saint gives every Christian the opportunity to be enlightened with the light of Mount Tabor.

### Third Sunday

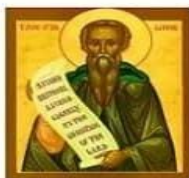
#### Adoration of the Cross



On this Sunday, the Cross is carried out of the Sanctuary as a reminder to us of Christ's suffering at the Cross and of our call to be brave in the trials of our lives.

### Fourth Sunday

#### Venerable John the Ladder



This Sunday honors the 7th century saint, the author of The Ladder, where he describes the levels of spirituality.



### Fifth Sunday

#### Venerable Mary of Egypt



The life of St. Mary of Egypt is an example to us of God's mercy to sinners, seen through her sins and conversion.

On the preceding Wednesday, the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete is served during Vespers.



### Sixth Sunday

#### The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday



The day before this feast is called Lazarus Saturday, in honor of the time Christ rose Lazarus from the dead after Lazarus was in his tomb for three days. This event reminds Christians about our inevitable resurrection from the dead by Christ.

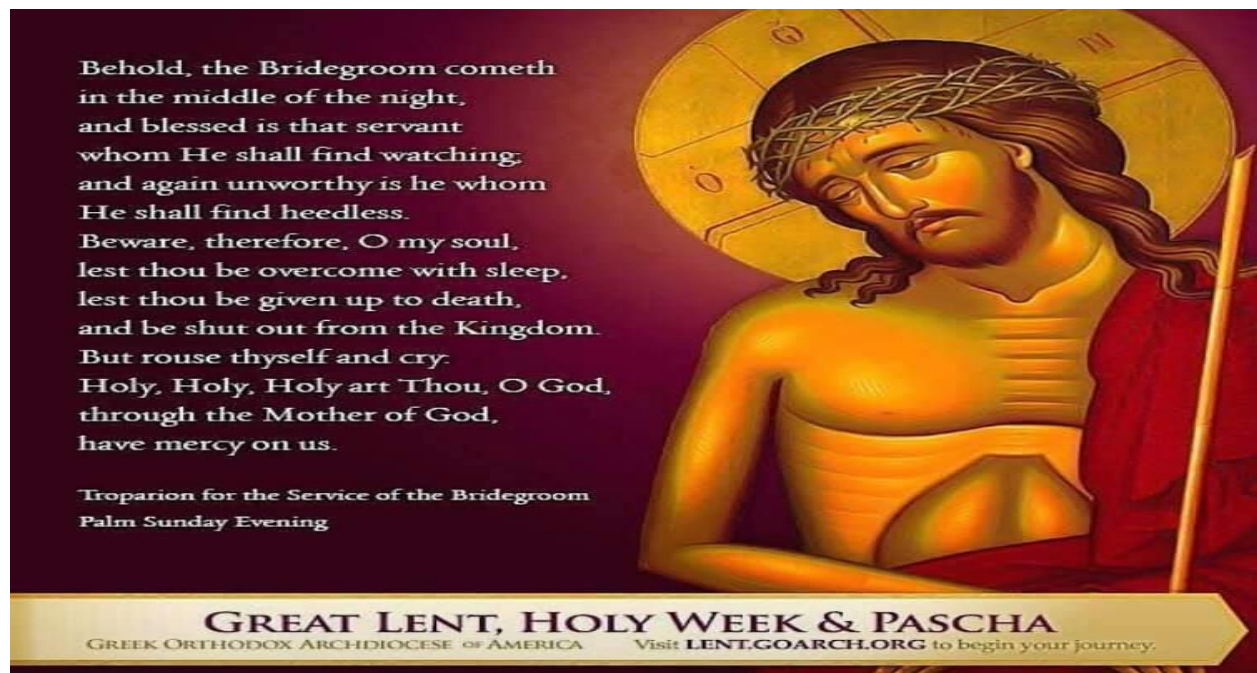
On this Sunday, Christ's glorious Entrance into Jerusalem is remembered. The citizens of Jerusalem came to meet Him and welcomed Him with palm branches saying, "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

After this Sunday, Holy Week begins, and after Holy Week is Pascha, the Resurrection of Christ.



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

**GOD BLESS EVERYONE ON YOUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA !**



REQUEST FOR HELP: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HARVEST THE PUSSY WILLOWS GROWING ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS. A GOOD TIME TO CUT THE PUSSY WILLOWS MIGHT BE DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 - 17, PRIOR TO PALM SUNDAY. I, MICHAEL SMERZNAK, EXPECT TO BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH THE PUSSY WILLOWS. THANK YOU. @ 203 734 6201

“**Ukrainian Spring**” March 26, 2023 at 3:00 PM At the Church of the Assumption Ansonia, CT All proceeds donated to **World Central Kitchen Ukraine: More information to follow.**

The Holy Name Society extends a sincere thank you to Luba Lypen and Maria Telep for their assistance with the Annual Meeting Coffee Social on Sunday, February 19, 2023. The event was enjoyed by all who attended.

We are most grateful to those parishioners who took time to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. Your participation is greatly appreciated because it shows your individual commitment to God’s Holy Church.

Arts of Tolland to Host Post-Soviet Ukrainian Art





On March 4, 2023, Arts of Tolland will hold the opening reception for Post-Soviet Ukrainian Art



at the Arts Center of Tolland, 22 Tolland Green, Tolland CT. The reception is from 1 to 3 pm. and features an exhibit and sale of paintings from the collection of the late George B. Yurchyshyn. Beginning on March 1 the gallery will be open on Saturdays from 10-2 and Wednesdays from 3-5 through March 18

## REFLECTIONS FOR GREAT LENT

Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the United States of America



Archbishop Borys Gudziak    Bishop Paul Chomnycky    Bishop Benedict Aleksyichuk    Bishop Bohdan Danylo

### PROGRAM

**4:00 pm WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND OPENING PRAYER**  
Father Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director, League of Ukrainian Catholics

**4:15 pm HOPE: Understanding To What God Has Called Us**  
Bishop Bohdan Danylo  
Eparchy of St. Josaphat, Parma

**4:30 pm FORGIVENESS AS THE FIRST STEP: Healing Wounds & Trauma**  
Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak,  
Archeparchy of Philadelphia

**4:45 pm LOVE INSTEAD OF FEAR: Attention To The Poor and Marginalized**  
Bishop Paul Chomnycky  
Eparchy of Stamford

**5:00 pm JOY & THE GIFT OF FAMILY: Nurturing the Domestic Church**  
Bishop Benedict Aleksyichuk,  
Eparchy of Chicago

**5:15 pm Reflections, Discussions, Questions, Answers**

*May the God of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Father of  
glory, give you  
a spirit of wisdom and  
perception of what is  
revealed, to bring you to  
full knowledge of him.  
May he enlighten the eyes  
of your mind so that you  
can see what hope his call  
holds for you, how rich is  
the glory of the heritage  
he offers among his holy  
people (Eph 1:17-18).*

The link to register:

[Blog – League of Ukrainian Catholics of America](#)

or directly to Google forms:

<https://forms.gle/h24a6bsVpS2vWbVG8>

or the QR code:

### Saint Gregory the Great (c.540-604)

Pope, Doctor of the Church Book XII, SC 212 Morals on the Book of Job (Oxford John Henry Parker London)

## The hope of a tree The Most Holy Cross

"For there is a hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will be green again; and that the tender branches thereof will sprout forth." Job (14:7-10) Thus in Holy Scripture by the name of 'tree' we have represented sometimes the Cross, sometimes the righteous man, or even the unrighteous man, and sometimes the Wisdom of God Incarnate.

Thus the Cross is denoted by 'the tree,' when it is said, Let us put the tree into his bread [Jer. 11, 19, V.]; for to 'put the tree into the bread' is to apply the Cross to the Body of our Lord. Again by the title of 'the tree' we have the just man, or even the unjust man, set forth, as the Lord saith by the Prophet, I the Lord have brought down the high

tree, and exalted the low tree. [Ez. 17, 24] Forasmuch as according to the word of the self-same Truth, Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted [Luke 14, 11]...The Wisdom of God Incarnate is represented by 'the Tree,' as where it is written thereon, She is a tree of life to them that lay hold on Her. [Prov. 3, 18] And as She Herself says, If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry? [Luke 23, 31]

For there is a hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will be green again. For when in a death of painful endurance the just man is hard bested for the truth, in the greenness of everlasting life he is recovered again; and he who here proved green by faith, there becomes green in actual sight [speciem]. 'And his branches shoot,' in that it is most often the case that by the sufferings of the just man, all faithful persons are redoubled in the love of the heavenly country, and they receive the greenness of the spiritual life, while they are glad that he did courageously here in God's behalf.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST / LENT ~ SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

**EPISTLE** - HEBREWS 11: 24 - 26, 32—40, 12: 1 -2 **GOSPEL** - JOHN 1: 43 - 51 **TONE** 5



"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation (II Cor. 6)." We are now in a time of preparation for Pascha, when the love of God destroyed the ultimate power of sin and death. The Church calls us to increased prayer and fasting, to increased almsgiving, to self-examination and confession. We are called to prepare our hearts and souls and return to God. On this first Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates the Triumph of Orthodoxy, (Orthodoxy literally means right praise, right glory, right worship) the triumph of the Orthodox faith over heresy. It was on this day in the year 842 that the Empress Theodora and St. Methodius of Constantinople restored the icons to the churches, overcoming the heresy of iconoclasm. Refuting those who said that it was wrong to make a material image of God or of the saints, and even more wrong to venerate that object, the Church teaches us that God has made an icon of Himself in Jesus Christ. St. Paul tells us that Christ is the perfect image — the icon — of the Father. When we make and venerate an icon, we are not worshiping a board with a picture painted upon it, our worship is reserved for God alone – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When we venerate an icon, we are showing our love, our respect, our desire to follow what the icon shows us. When we kiss an icon of Christ, in our hearts, we are kissing Christ Himself. Our Lord Jesus Christ established His Church, called it into being, gave it direction and order, for the purpose of bringing the world back to God. We are made in the image and likeness of God, but this

gift was tarnished and wounded by the disobedience of man, by man turning away from God. Instead of living as icons of God, we sought to serve ourselves, and so death entered the world. It is in the Church, which is the mystical body of Christ on earth, that we find purification and healing, that we find the road which leads us back to God. We also know the Church as the Bride of Christ, as in the relationship between Christ and His Church we find the true meaning of love, as Christ gives His life, We must seek to worship God as He is, and not as we would like Him to be. We are to come together, with open and loving hearts, to praise and adore our God, to give thanks for all we have received, to confess how we have missed the mark of living as an icon of God, to ask for those things that are needed for life, and to be fed with Word and Sacrament. Our worship is to be corporate, for we are members of the body. We are to be both reverent and joyful, and our worship is to be as the Church guides us, thus avoiding emotionalism or "trendiness"— two problems which usually focus the attention on the worshiper instead of focusing the worshipers heart and mind on God. As we enter this holy season of the Great Fast/Lent, let us heed the words



of St. Paul in our Epistle today, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." With all the help God offers to us through the Church, may we strive to restore the image of God within us. As God is loving, we are to be loving. As God is forgiving, so we are to be forgiving. As God is merciful and generous, so we are to be merciful and generous. As God is pure and holy, so we are to be pure and holy. These and all other good things are truly offered to us — and we may receive them to the degree we give ourselves to God. May we pray for the grace to give ourselves completely to God. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect icon, the perfect image of the Father. Even as the saints have been icons of God, although imperfect, in their time and place — so we too are called to be icons of God, here and now, at home, at work, at school. Now, as we prepare for Pascha, let us prepare by right faith, right worship, and right living, giving thanks for God's many blessings, that we may share in His holy and resurrected life. (Excerpt from <https://www.stgregoryoc.org/>)

#### **CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :**

**ICONS:** Page 52, Section 132; Page 119, Sections 331-334; Page 196, Sections 589—599; Page 214, Sections 65-658

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




- ◆ Abstinenence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday.
- ◆ Abstinenence from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday.
- ◆ It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast.
- ◆ All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services such as the Presanctified Liturgy and the Commemoration of the Deceased (Sorokousty).

Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful Departed

## Great Lent or The Great Fast

- In the Byzantine Catholic Tradition or Greek Catholic tradition, Great Lent or the Great Fast begins seven weeks prior to Pascha (Easter) on **Clean Monday** also known as **Pure Monday**. Lent is preceded by the services of the **Triodion**. Byzantines Catholics or Greek Catholics unlike Roman Catholics do not observe Ash Wednesday. The Great Fast or Great Lent lasts 40 days, unlike the Roman Catholic season of Lent, the Byzantine Great fast includes Sundays.
- The Great Fast comes to an end on Friday of the sixth week, before **Lazarus Saturday**, which is the Saturday before **Palm Sunday**. On Palm Sunday the Great entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem is celebrated, this is one of the major feasts of the Byzantine liturgical year. Palm Sunday is followed by the first three days of Holy week known in the Greek Catholic tradition as **"the end"**.
- These days are Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday, during these days the **Bridegroom services** are celebrated. Holy Monday begins with the Orthros (matins) on Palm Sunday evening (the beginning of the liturgical day) and the celebration of bride groom services. These services portray Jesus as the bridegroom who give his life for his bride, the last bridegroom service culminate on Holy Wednesday evening. During holy week the services are reversed, the orthros (matins) is celebrated in the evening and Vespers are celebrated in the morning.
- Each day during Holy Week has a theme. The theme for Monday is Joseph's virtue, and the **withering of the fig tree**; Tuesday is the **Ten Virgins**; Wednesday is the anointing of Jesus at Bethany, Thursday is the **Mystical Supper**, Great Friday is the **Passion**, and Holy Saturday also known as the **Great Sabbath** is the burial of our Lord. On Holy Wednesday the sacrament of anointing (Holy Unction) takes place, healing is intimately connected with repentance in Byzantine spirituality.



<p><b>For your AD info, message Call 203-734-3895 or YoungE8073@aol.com</b></p>	<p><b>WAKELEE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME</b> John S. Zaleski Director Virginia K. Hylwa Administrator</p> <p><b>203.734.1490</b> <i>Parishioners Serving Parishioners Over 90 Yrs.</i></p> 	<p><b>For your AD info, message Call 203-734-3895 or YoungE8073@aol.com</b></p>  <p>JOIN SUMA F.C.U. &amp; <b>Save Big! Support Locally! Bank Near &amp; Far!</b></p> <p>For all your financial needs - we are just a call, click or a text away 914.220.4900 memberservice@sumafcu.org or visit our New Haven or Stamford branches. <b>We are open!</b></p>  <p>www.sumafcu.org</p>
<p><b>Support those who advertise in our bulletin!</b></p>		

# **LENT THE GREAT AND HOLY FORTY DAYS**

## **SUNDAYS OF PREPARATION**

--Zaccheus (Luke 19:1-10)  
--Publican and Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14)  
--Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)  
--Last Judgement (Matthew 25:31-46)

## **LATIN COMPUTATION**

6 weeks  
x 6 days/weeks  
36 days  
+4 days  
40 days  
Including Holy Week

## **BYZANTINE COMPUTATION**

6 weeks  
x 7 days/week  
42 days  
-2 days  
40 days  
Not Including Holy Week

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cheese Fare Rm.13:11-14 to 14:4 Mt. 6:14-21	Is. 1:1-20 Gen. 1:1-13 Prov. 1:1-20	Is. 1:19-2:3 Gen. 1:14-23 Prov. 1:20-33	Is. 2:3-11 Gen. 1:24-2:3 Prov. 2:1-22	Is. 2:11-21 Gen. 2:4-19 Prov. 3:1-18	Is. 3:1-14 Gen. 2:20-3:20 Prov. 3:19-34	Hb. 1:1-12 Mk. 2:23-3:5
Holy Images Hb. 11:24-12:12 Jn. 1:43-51	Is. 4:2-5:7 Gen. 3:21-4:7 Prov. 3:34-4:22	Is. 5:7-16 Gen. 4:8-15 Prov. 5:1-15	Is. 5:16-25 Gen. 4:16-26 Prov. 5:15-6:3	Is. 6:1-12 Gen. 5:1-24 Prov. 6:3-20	Is. 7:1-14 Gen. 5:32-6:8 Prov. 6:20-7:1	2nd All Souls Hb. 3:12-16 Mk. 1:35-45
Paralytic Hb. 1:10-2:3 Mk. 2:1-12	Is. 8:13-9:7 Gen. 6:9-22 Prov. 8:1-21	Is. 9:9-10:4 Gen. 7:1-5 Prov. 8:23-9:11	Is. 10:12-20 Gen. 7:6-9 Prov. 9:12-18	Is. 11:10-12:2 Gen. 7:11-8:3 Prov. 10:1-22	Is. 13:2-13 Gen. 8:4-21 Prov. 10:31-11:12	3rd All Souls Hb. 10:32-38 Mk. 2:14-17
Veneration of Cross Hb. 4:14-5:6 Mk. 8:34-9:1	Is. 14:24-32 Gen. 8:21-9:7 Prov. 11:19-12:6	Is. 25:1-9 Gen. 9:8-17 Prov. 12:8-22	Is. 26:21-27:9 Gen. 9:18-10:1 Prov. 12:23-13:9	Is. 28:14-22 Gen. 10:32-11:9 Prov. 13:20-14:6	Is. 29:13-23 Gen. 12:1-7 Prov. 14:15-26	4th All Souls Hb. 6:9-12 Mk. 7:31-37
St. John Climacus Hb. 6:13-20 Mk. 9:17-31	Is. 37:33-38:6 Gen. 13:12-18 Prov. 14:27-15:4	Is. 40:18-31 Gen. 15:1-15 Prov. 15:7-19	Is. 41:4-14 Gen. 17:1-9 Prov. 15:20-16:9	Is. 42:5-16 Gen. 18:20-33 Prov. 16:17-17:17	Is. 45:11-17 Gen. 22:1-18 Prov. 17:17-18:5	Akathistos Hb. 9:24-28 Mk. 8:27-31
St. Mary of Egypt Hb. 9:11-14 Mk. 10:32-45	Is. 48:17-49:4 Gen. 27:1-41 Prov. 19:16-25	Is. 49:6-10 Gen. 31:3-16 Prov. 21:3-21	Is. 58:1-11 Gen. 43:26-31 Prov. 21:23-22:4	Is. 65:8-16 Gen. 46:1-7 Prov. 23:15-24:5	Is. 66:20-24 Gen. 49:33-50:26 Prov. 31:8-31	Lazarus Hb. 12:28-13:8 Jn. 11:1-45
Palm Sunday Phil 4:4-9 Jn 12:1-18	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK
EASTER	BRIGHT WEEK	BRIGHT WEEK	BRIGHT WEEK	BRIGHT WEEK	BRIGHT WEEK	BRIGHT WEEK

"We do not kneel on Sunday as a sign that our fall has been corrected through the resurrection of Christ. We do not kneel until Pentecost because we observe the seven days after Easter seven-fold; seven times seven is forty-nine, and Sunday makes fifty."

S. Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople (715-730) *On the Divine Liturgy*

## PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION


Adapted from the Great Book of Needs

*After the Augmented Litany the Holy Doors are opened and the deacon (or priest) exclaims:*

**Deacon:** Let us attend, and with compunctionate hearts having inclined the knees of our souls and bodies, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord have mercy. (*thrice*)

*And the priest (on bended knees) says this prayer in a loud voice with compunction:*

 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 unrighteously, 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 Saviour, 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.

Reveal Your mercy, O Lord, and let the words spoken by Moses unto the people of Israel be applied to us: "Fear not. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord shall fight for us." [Gen. 14:13,14] Work for us a sign for good, that they who are filled with hatred may see our orthodox faith and be humbled and shaken. Yes, O Lord God, our Saviour, our Strength and Hope and Help, remember not the transgressions and unrighteousness of Your faithful people, and turn not away from us in Your anger. But visit Your mercies and compassions upon Your humble servants, those who fight in defence of Ukraine and her much-suffering people, outnumbered though they be, and hear us who fall down before Your deep compassion. With Your mercy enlighten and make glad the hearts of the civil authorities, and strengthened them by Your might.

Rise up to their help and lay low the evil councils purposed against them by the enemy. Judge them that provoke and make war, and turn their impious boldness into fear and flight. But grant unto the just and God-fearing armies of the children of Ukraine, great boldness and courage to advance and overtake them, and to defeat them in Your Name. And unto them that You have judged to lay down their lives for faith and country, forgive them their trespasses, and in the day of the righteous reckoning grant unto them incorruptible crowns.

For You are the health and victory and salvation of them that put their hope in You, and unto You do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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