



**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**

**April 16, 2023**

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

*Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor*

Second Sunday after Pascha. Thomas Sunday; The Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agapia, Irene and Chionia

**Epistle: Acts 5:12-20**

**Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31**

**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# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

**From the Matins of Thomas Sunday KONTAKION, TONE 8:** With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God! **IKOS:** Who stopped the hand of the disciple from being melted when he approached the fiery side of the Savior? Who gave him such boldness, to be able to touch this blazing door? Surely it was the One who was touched, for if He had not given this power to a handmade of clay, how could it have touched the wounds which shook both heaven and earth? And Thomas received the grace to touch Christ and shout out to Him: You are my Lord and my God.

*Bread and Wine Offering-  
None Offered*

04/15	Saturday		No Liturgy
04/16	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</b> +Dorothy Brenia req. by Marian Sadlowski & Patty Wolniak
04/17	Monday		No Liturgy
04/18	Tuesday		No Liturgy
04/19	Wednesday	10:00 AM	KOBARIAR-MELESKI FAMILY DECEASED
04/20	Thursday	6:00 PM	God's Blessing & Good Health on the Occasion of the 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Jan & Stefania Gebuza from Family with Love.
04/21	Friday	10:00 AM	+Joseph SNIECHOWSKY
04/22	Saturday	10:00 AM	+Joseph & Eva Brenia
04/23	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</b> +Bogdan Zalusky req. by Dr.&Mrs. Sean & Nadia Hellenga

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>Good Health Lee Gebuza John &amp; Helen Zanowiak &amp; Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +David William Gambardela by John &amp; Helen Zanowiak</i>
SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>

<b>BREAD &amp; WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 9/4/23-9/10/23	<b>ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 4/24/23-4/30/23 5/1/23-5/7/23 5/8/23-5/14/23 6/5/23-6/11/23 6/26/23-7/2/23 8/14/23-8/20/23 9/4/23-9/10/23 10/9/23-10/15/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 12/25/23-12/31/23	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 4/24/23-4/30/23 5/1/23-5/7/23 5/8/23-5/14/23 5/15/23-5/21/23 5/22/23-5/28/23 6/5/23-6/11/23 6/26/23-7/2/23 11/20/23-11/26/23	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 4/24/23-4/30/23 6/19/23-6/25/23
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**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!!**

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

Over 50 letters have been **mailed to delinquent dues members** of St. Peter & St. Paul totaling over \$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 IMPLORE 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.



**Church Donations – Linda M. Binkowski \$100.00 & Mark Tilki \$100.00**

**PARISH COUNCIL Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**



**Monthly Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Board of Directors Wednesday evening April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7:15 pm in the church hall All Board members are requested to attend!!!!**



# Rushnyky

Sacred Ukrainian Textiles  
March 25 – September 10



On Sunday, May 21st, at 2 p.m. the Yevshan Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble will be presenting a concert of Ukrainian sacred and secular music at the Knights of Columbus Museum, Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center at 1 State Street in New Haven, CT, just north of the Union Railroad Station. This concert will coincide with a beautiful exhibit of authentic Ukrainian Rushnyky - woven tapestries and textiles. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. A house without a rushnyk is not a home." — Ukrainian proverb The word rushnyk derives from ruka, "hand," and while it can refer to an ordinary towel, the ceremonial rushnyk is distinct in its ornamentation and its importance. In almost any Ukrainian home, the family icons—and, more recently, family photographs—would be draped with rushnyky. They are believed to offer protection to family, home and village. The cloths appear in all family rituals, infants are wrapped in them at birth and they play a significant role in betrothal and wedding ceremonies. Remarkably, even after the turmoil of the twentieth and twenty first centuries the use of rushnyky is still an integral part of Ukrainian culture.

Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center at  
1 State Street in New Haven, CT



WE WISH TO THANK MR & MRS SEMBRAT AND PAUL MUDRY FOR PROVIDING PUSSY WILLOWS AND TO THE PLATOSZ FAMILY CHILDREN ALAYNA, TALIA, AND WILLIAM FOR DISPERSING THE BLESSED PALMS/ PUSSY WILLOWS TO OUR PARISHIONERS ON PALM SUNDAY.

**NO KNEELING** – We should not kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost (this year, May 28). Kneeling and prostrating are postures of repentance and sorrow for our sins. The brilliant solemnity of the events that we are celebrating takes precedence over such external manifestations of penitence. For our Lord's death and resurrection "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us ... nailing it to His cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col. 2:14,15) Accordingly, "here is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus ..." (Rom. 8:1) We resume kneeling at appropriate times during the "Kneeling Vespers" celebrated after the Divine Liturgy for Holy Pentecost

**ANTIPASCHA - St. Thomas Sunday** The Sunday after Easter, called the Second Sunday, is thus the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of Bright Week. It is therefore called the Antipascha, and it was only on this day in the early church that the newly-baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world. The services stress the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ.

### THOMAS SUNDAY

**EPISTLE - ACTS 5: 12 - 20    GOSPEL - JOHN 20: 19 - 31    TONE OF THE FEAST**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

### DO NOT BE FAITHLESS BUT BELIEVING!

St. Cyril of Alexandria says:



“When Christ greeted his holy disciples with the words “peace be with you,” by peace he meant himself, for Christ’s presence always brings tranquility of soul. ... The peace of Christ which passes all understanding is in fact the Spirit of Christ, who fills those who share in him with every blessing.”  
At the beginning of this Gospel reading, we learn that the disciples were gathered together, hidden away, because they were afraid of the Jews. It seemed that something had happened to their Lord Jesus, there had been angels and an empty tomb, but nothing yet made sense and they were still afraid. Everything changed for them when he suddenly appeared among them. The door was shut fast. They didn’t want anyone finding them. But their Lord Jesus was suddenly there all the same. What were the first words that he spoke to them after his resurrection? They were words of comfort and encouragement. Peace be with you, he said. And it was his presence which filled them with joy and gave them that peace they had been lacking. It wasn’t enough to know that Jesus might be risen from the dead, they needed him to be with them, so that their fears disappeared in his presence.

This message of peace was so important that the Lord Jesus repeated it again. Peace be with you. In the presence of our Lord Jesus there is peace. And after we have prayed the prayers of consecration and the divine action of the Holy Spirit transforms bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, there are several times when the Priest intones, Peace be with you.

But he does not only give us his peace. He sends us out in service. Indeed, the purpose of the Christian life, of growing into union with God by the indwelling Holy Spirit, is so that we can serve the will and the purpose of God in the world and make Christ present among those who need his healing presence themselves. We are not gathered here today simply for ourselves, but so that having received the grace of God, the gift of the life and love in the Holy Spirit, we might go out and share it.

He says to the Apostles, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” He sends us out in the same saving mission to the world which brought about the incarnation. Just as he became man for the sake of the world, so he now sends us out with his peace to bring peace and comfort and strength to those who need healing. But it was not only in his peace that he sent out his disciples, it was with the power of the Holy Spirit. And just as God had breathed the Holy Spirit into Adam as his true life, so this divine life, which was lost when Adam sinned, is renewed in those who are united to Christ.

In the peace of Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, all that we receive from God in the Liturgy and in the spiritual life of communion with God in prayer, is to be given away as we are sent out into the world. We gather together here, and are filled with heavenly bread, and we are sent out again, to share what we have received. Thomas is the mystic of the Eighth Day – for the day on which he encountered the Risen Lord was eight days after the Resurrection. St. Thomas waited 8 days. Perhaps the other disciples also started to wonder if they had imagined things? Or perhaps they encouraged Thomas to be patient and the Lord would come to them again. The 8th day always has a symbolic meaning of being the age of eternity, and on this 8th day after the Resurrection of the Lord we are invited to gather together also and receive the visitation of our Savior. Once again Christ offers peace to those who wait to meet Him, and He is most careful to overcome all of St. Thomas’ doubts and fears.

Do you come here today with such fears and anxieties? Do you have such a burden that you cannot even believe that it could ever be taken away? Here in this place Christ will make himself present with us and will give himself to us. In receiving him in Holy Communion he renews in us the divine life of the Holy Spirit and he gives us his peace. Have confidence in the risen Lord Jesus. Turn to him in all your fears. And though the door of your heart may be closed, and you feel that you bear the burden alone, he waits to appear within you, saying, Peace be with you. Call out to the Lord, in this place, and you will find him already here.



Let us attend to this holy celebration of the Liturgy and ask that God will indeed become present among us and take away



our fears, that in His peace and renewed in His life, we might share the divine gift of love with all those He sends us out among. ( Excerpts from <http://www.stgeorgeministry.com/> )

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

**SALVATION:** Page 20, Section 32-33; Page 59, Section 158

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