



**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.*



**November 19, 2023**

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

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pasto*

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Prophet Obadiah (Abdias); the Holy Martyr Barlaam Nativity Fast

Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Tone 8

**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 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



**Countless Blessings:** Lord, on this special day of thankfulness, we thank you not only for the delicious food, lovingly prepared and presented, but also for special gifts you've given to this family —loved ones we cherish dearly, a comfortable place to live, the beauty that surrounds us, material pleasures, health, spiritual wealth, and so much more. How can we show our gratitude for the countless blessings you've provided? We thank you for giving us clear direction, through your holy word on how to show our appreciation, by obeying Your commands and by loving and serving our




neighbors. Thank you, Lord

*Bread and Wine Offering*

*In loving memory +Stephan & +Stephanía Církot by Carol Stumpf*

11/18	Saturday	10:00 AM	+MICHAEL, ANNA ANTONINA & OREST Kowal; Maria & Petro & Stefan Maria PYSARCHYK; MARTA & WASYL Gebuza; ANNA & HRYTS Bodak.
11/19	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян Deceased of the Kobassiar Family req. by Linsa Fusco
11/20	Monday		No Liturgy
11/21	Tuesday	10:00 AM	<b>Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple</b> +Theodore Gela Sr. req. by Dorothy Duda
11/22	Wednesday		No Liturgy
11/23	Thursday		<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>
11/24	Friday		No Liturgy
11/25	Saturday		No Liturgy
11/26	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян Deceased Member of the GCU # 235

<b>Offerings for Sunday November 12, 2023</b>	<b>Offering \$596.00 Candles \$84.00 Fuel \$51.00 Bld Fund \$2.00 Dues \$450.00 Beautification Fund \$155.00 Pyrohi \$384.00 (this week) Thank You for Your kind generosity and love for Your Parish Church</b>
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ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>God's Blessing and Good Health Luba Pisarczyk by Eva &amp; Bill Hendrick</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>God's Blessing and Good Health Luba Pisarczyk by Eva &amp; Bill Hendrick</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory +Ivan Zanowiać by Oksana &amp; Władysław Gebuza &amp; Family</i>

<b>BREAD &amp; WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 11/27/23-12/3/23	<b>ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 11/27/23-12/3/23 12/4/23-12/10/23 12/11/23-12/17/23 12/25/23-12/31/23 1/1/24-1/7/24 1/15/24-1/21/24 1/22/24-1/28/24 6/17/24-6/23/24	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 11/27/23-12/3/23 12/4/23-12/10/23 12/11/23-12/17/23 12/18/23-12/24/23 12/25/23-12/31/23 1/1/24-1/7/24 1/15/24-1/21/24 1/22/24-1/28/24 2/12/24-2/18/24 4/8/24-4/15/24 5/6/24-5/12/24	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 11/27/23-12/3/23 12/11/23-12/17/23 12/25/23-12/31/23 1/8/24-1/14/24 1/15/24-1/21/24 1/22/24-1/28/24
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Over 32 letters have been **resent** to delinquent dues members of St. Peter & St. Paul totaling over \$27,000 - **Past Church Dues** are due 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.



**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.



### 2023 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of **August continues** the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2023**

This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower.

Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification.

You have received by mail your request for support. Please help this fund as you have in the past.

The 2023 goal is **\$7,500.00** set by Stamford. **Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!!**

Donations \$4,115 or 54.9% to go **\$ 3,385 – 45.1%** This week \$20.00 **Donations needed**

There will be collectors to take your donation for 2023 in the **church hall**

**Anonymous \$20.00**



**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" !!





**ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WITH ST. NICHOLAS takes place on Sunday, December 10th, 2023 following 10AM Liturgy** Menu: Hot dogs, rolls, sauerkraut, baked beans, macaroni salad, potato chips, beverage, dessert and coffee. **Entertainment:** Youth program, music, activities table, photo with St. Nick **Tickets:** Youth (up to 18) FREE, Adults: \$15.00 Tickets will be on sale after Sunday masses from Nov. 5th to Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

For more information please call Jolanta Kowal @ 203-393-7370 or Josephine Sembrat @ 203-929-4813.

***Lunch with St. Nick is fast approaching.*** Parish children and youth are encouraged to participate in the artistic program. Practices will be on Sundays after 8:30 AM liturgy on the following dates: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and after 10:00 AM liturgy on the following dates: November 19<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, final practice being on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM in the church hall. For more information please call Jolanta Kowal @ 203-393-7370 or 203-278-1288.

### **PHILIP FAST FOOD PANTRY PROJECT BEGAN NOVEMBER 15**

*"Do you fast? Prove it by doing good works. "If you see someone in need, take pity on them... For a true fast, you cannot fast only with your mouth. You must fast with your eye, your ear, your feet, your hands, and all parts of your body." ~ St. John Chrysostom*

As we prepare for Christmas, we are encouraged during the Philip Fast/Pilypivka, to do good works through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As we approach the Philip Fast in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, let our focus be on the needy as we fast. All of this emphasis on fasting during this period is to prepare our hearts for the coming of Our Savior. Beginning on **November 19 through December 17**, the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Parish will sponsor a "**Philip Fast Food Pantry Project**", collecting non-perishable food staples to be donated to the Saint Francis Pantry at Assumption

Parish, Ansonia, CT **Daily giving list of food needed to donate.** Needed non-perishable items are ~ Cereal, oatmeal, rice, beans, canned meats, tuna, canned vegetables and fruits, hearty soups, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, tomato sauce, peanut butter, grape jelly.



**It is Announced that on the Sunday 26 November 2023 at 12:00 Noon. There will be a Tribute to the Memory of the victims of the Artificial Famine 1932-1933. Also, to be remembered are all who have given their Lives for Free and Independent Ukraine. For these have given to the Full measure of their lives for Ukraine. This service will be celebrated at the Memorial to Artificial Famine 1932-1933 in Ukraine which is at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT**

**Thanksgiving Day Prayer. Thanksgiving Day Liturgy:** "Father, all Powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman,



and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."



We will begin making Pyrohy – Vareniki which will be available for Christmas.

Thursday 30 November 6:00 PM Potatoes will be peeled, Friday 1 December 2023 at 9:00 AM we will cook Potato and Cabbage filling and Saturday 2 December beginning at 9:00 AM the Pyrohy – Vareniki will be

made. Please join this project for the good of the parish and for the fellowship that will be had. God Bless and thank you.

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE - EPHESIANS 4: 1 - 6 GOSPEL - LUKE 12: 16 – 21 TONE 8

The rich farmer is a fool not because he is wealthy or because he saves for the future, but because he appears to live only for himself, and because he believes that he can secure his life with his abundant possessions.

Jesus doesn't call the man evil or wicked or horrible. He calls him foolish because his life was built on the foolish idea that if he just had more stuff, it would all be good. That seemed to be working for a while but then the man made one big mistake: He died!

In the parable of the Rich Man/Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21) Jesus tells of the man who tears down his barns to build bigger ones. This sounds quite a bit like our days. Many cities and towns across our country are experiencing massive homes being built and older homes being torn down in favor of huge new ones. In addition to homes, witness the numerous Walmarts, Targets, Costcos, Home Depots, supermarkets, and fitness clubs (ironically) being raised to resemble airports.

But that's not all. Although there is some backlash lately, watch out for all those Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) on the road that seem to be getting bigger and bigger, and faster and faster. These vehicles are accommodating children and adults who are bigger than in previous generations. Mc Donald's may have done away with their "Super-Size" option, but Americans have not.

Even so, it may not be the desire for more crops and bigger barns that are the rich man's undoing. When it is all over and done with, God asks him one simple question - "Fool, this night your soul is required of you, and all these things you have prepared, whose shall they be?" It is not the abundant crops and big barns that condemn the rich man, it is that they are not being shared and passed on to others. Being rich is not a sin, being selfish is. It can be argued that we have an obligation to maximize the fruits of the earth so that we may feed and provide for our children and for others. Working hard to provide for others is a virtue sometimes lost on a generation wishing to accumulate more cars, houses, jewelry, and toys.

Everything we have built, earned, or amassed has come from God, and is a blessing. If we think everything we have has come from our own efforts, our possessions will be a curse. Sharing God's blessings is not only one of our obligations, but also one of the greatest joys in life. Not enough people today experience this joy.

There is nothing wrong with wealth, as long as God is thanked and glorified, and the wealth is shared. There is nothing wrong with big homes, as long as they are filled with children and family members, and God is at the center of the home. There is nothing wrong with amassing crops and goods, as long as they are used to feed and provide for God's children.

We are brothers and sisters in communion with each other. All that we have is from God and intended to be shared with each other. The difference between a Philanthropist and a Rich Fool is the desire to share, and the desire to do for others and not for oneself. (Excerpt from <https://www.goarch.org/> Fr. Angelo Artemas)

Our lives and possessions are not our own. They belong to God. We are merely stewards of them for the time God has given us on this earth. We rebel against this truth because we want to be in charge of our lives and our stuff.

Being rich is not the same as being rich towards God. Blessing received from God are by God's design meant to enable us to give – not just to be thankful but to be generous as well. In this period of the Philip Fast, let us remember our instructions for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let us remember those in need and share our wealth and goods with those less fortunate. **CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR**

**PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :**

**LOVE:** Page 269, Sections 843—849

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE** The Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple is a liturgical feast celebrated on November 21 by the Catholic, Eastern Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and some Anglo-Catholic Churches. The feast is associated with an event recounted not in the New Testament, but in the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James. According to that text, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a heavenly message that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her, when still a child, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God. Mary remained in the Temple until her twelfth year, at which point Joseph was assigned to be her guardian. What is the spiritual meaning of the feast? Before all it tells us about the readiness and cheerful disposition of Mary's parents, SS. Joachim and Anne, with which they offered their little daughter to the service of God. In one of the hymns we are told that Anne, after bringing little Mary into the temple, encouraged her with these words : "Go, my child, go to Him who gave you to me, and become an offering to Him, as a sweet smelling sacrifice." But not only did the pious parents offer their child to God with gladness, but the child also willingly obeyed them, being convinced that such was the will of God. This Feast is no longer a day of obligation. In the Eastern Rite Church the feast always falls during the Nativity Fast. The Church has lessened fasting rules for this feast. As we are in the Nativity Fast, let us observe the fasting regulations in honor of our Blessed Mother.

## **Week 2: Presentation of the Theotokos**

1. Read the story of this Week's Feast (see below) slowly and meditatively to yourself. **Reflect on the reading and on how you "entered the Temple. " i.e. on your encounter with God in the Church. Consider the following questions:**

- **How have you "encountered God in the Temple" in your participation in the worshipping Services of the Church?**
- **How have you "encountered God in the Temple" in your participation in the life of the Church?**

**Then, reflect on your experiences of love for/from God in Church.**

2. Pray/Sing the Tropar and Kondak of the Week with your family.

3. Read the story of this Week's Feast aloud slowly and meditatively with your family.

4. Discuss your encounter with Jesus with your family.

5. **Ask your family members(s) the following questions:**

- **What are some of the things they enjoy about praying in Church?**
- **Can they sing a song from Church?**
- **Other than the Divine Services, what do they like about Church?**
- **Would they invite their friends to Church? Why?**
- **What would they say to express to their friends that attending Church is a worthwhile experience?**

6. Discuss what kind of “Penance” you chose for St. Philip’s Fast and how this Penance will help bring you “back closer to God.” Remember, a Penance is not a self-punishment. It is an expression of Repentance, of coming back closer to God.

7. Conclude with a reading of the antiphon of St. Philip’s Fast

Antiphon of St. Philip’s Fast

O Bethlehem, be prepared; Eden is opened to all; O Ephratha, be made ready; for in the cave the tree of life has blossomed forth from the Virgin; for her womb has been shown to be a spiritual paradise, in which is the divine plant, from which having eaten, we will live and not die as Adam did. Christ is born to raise the image that had fallen.

Tropar - Tone 4

Today is the prelude of the good pleasure of  
God, and the proclamation of salvation for the  
human race. in the temple of God the Virgin is  
clearly revealed  
and beforehand announces Christ to all.  
To her, then, let us cry out with a mighty  
voice: Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator’s  
plan.

Kondak - Tone 4

The Savior’s pure Temple,  
the precious bridal chamber and  
Virgin, the sacred treasury of the  
glory of God,  
is brought today into the house of the Lord;  
and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit.  
God’s angels sing in praise of her:  
She is indeed the heavenly dwelling  
place.

Presentation of the Theotokos

According to tradition, the parents of the Virgin Mary, Righteous Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.




After their prayers were answered, and when the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the Holy parents gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the all-pure Mary in Her finest clothes. With the singing of sacred songs and lighted candles, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15).

There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, 15 high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood.


All those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence. The Most Blessed Mary remained in the quarters for virgins, near the Temple. Round about the Temple, through the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Lk. 2: 37), and




also the historian Josephus, there were many living quarters, in which dwelt those dedicated to the service of God. The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Blessed Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer, 'that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian.'" But there are accounts in Church tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God.

<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!</b> <b>Support Locally!</b> <b>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>Support those who advertise in our bulletin!</p>		

Church Donation - \$400.00 in memory +**Leonila Gebuza** by her Husband Roman

	<p><b>2024 ENVELOPES</b></p> <p>The <b>envelopes</b> for <b>2024</b> are in the church hall. Please pick them up; <b>they will not be mailed.</b> Any friends/relatives may also pick up their envelopes for delivery</p>
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	<p>Also, <b>2024 calendars</b> have not arrived Yet.</p>
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	<p>Pyrohy – Vareniki there are a few left to purchase ! See Donna Wright , Holly Marie or Mike W.</p>
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*His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory's*  
**NATIVITY FAST PRAYER CHALLENGE 2023**

*To Be Prayed Every Evening of the Nativity Fast*

Most-merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, at Your Holy Birth, the choirs of angels proclaimed peace on earth. At Your Glorious Resurrection, You came to Your disciples saying "Peace be with you!" As we prepare to celebrate Your coming in the flesh, send Your peace upon the whole world, especially upon the Holy Land and all other places of warfare and unrest. Cleanse us of all impurity, O Lord, so that our hearts may be filled with Your peace which surpasses all understanding. In this way, may we live peacefully according to Your commandments in our families, communities, and churches. For You are the King of Peace and the Savior of our Souls, and to You we give glory forever. Amen!