



**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

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor

November 20, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Forefeast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple; Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (+1919); Our Venerable Father Gregory of Decapolis (842); Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446) **Second Week of the Christmas Fast**

Epistle: Ephesians 2: 14-22 GOSPEL: Luke 12: 16-21 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 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. 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# _____
Address _____ Email _____ 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-

Good Health Luba Pisarczyk from Eva & Bill Hedrick & Family

11/19	SATURDAY		No Liturgy
11/20	SUNDAY	8:30 AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +WASIL, STELLA & Antoinette "Toni" Jaskilka
11/21	MONDAY	10:00 AM	Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple Stephen & Stephania Cirkot
11/22	TUESDAY		No Liturgy
11/23	WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	+Helen Zelinsky
11/24	THURSDAY		HAPPY THANKSGIVING
11/25	FRIDAY		No Liturgy
11/26	SATURDAY		No Liturgy
11/27	SUNDAY	8:30 AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян Deceased Member of the GCU # 235

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory of +Alan Wilson by Karen Wilson</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>+Jack & +Barbara Lypen by Patricia Holtz & Family</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory +Stephen & +Stephania Cirkot and +Jack & Mary Nyscot - Love Carol Stumpf</i>

BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 12/5/22-12/11/22	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 11/28/22-12/4/22 12/5/22-12/11/22 12/19/22-12/25/22 1/2/22-1/8/23 1/9/23-1/15/23 1/16/23-1/22/23	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 11/28/22-12/4/22 12/5/22-12/11/22 12/22/22-12/18/22 12/19/22-12/25/22 12/26/22-1/1/23 1/2/23-1/8/23 1/9/23-1/15/23 1/16/23-1/22/23 1/23/23-3/12/23 2/8/23-5/14/22	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 11/28/22-12/4/22 12/5/22-12/11/22 12/19/22-12/25/22 12/26/22-1/1/23 1/2/23-1/8/23 1/9/23-1/15/23 1/16/23-1/22/23 1/23/23-1/29/23 1/30/23-2/5/23 2/6/23-2/12/23 2/1/23-2/19/23
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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.

2022 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekt)

Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase. Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !

Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!

Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

- Friendly Reminder - **2022 & Past Church Dues** are due during lent to support your church to pay our obligations to keep the church running such as salaries; electricity; oil ; gas; water ; and continual maintenance; repair of the church, rectory and cemetery; insurance ; chancery fees; and telephone just to name a few.



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 prayer are needed for hear 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!



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2022 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of November continues the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2022**.

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.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!!

Donations \$5,020.00 or 70.3% to go \$1,980.00 This week \$0.00

There will be collectors to take your donation for 2022 in the **church hall**



Envelopes for this special collection for the Stamford Ukrainian Museum can be found by the church bulletins.

Please write your checks to St Peter and St. Paul Church and the Parsh will sent the money to Stamford, Thank you very much for your generosity. God Bless and Protect.

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 IMPLORER YOUR PROTECTION OVER UKRAINE AND BEG THAT YOU INTERCEDE WITH OUR LORD TO GRANT PEACE.



Catholic Prayer For Ukraine: O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection. O Mother of God, Through your Holy Protection, places your protective Holy Veil over the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need. O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit Amen.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WITH ST. NICHOLAS takes place on Sunday, December 4th, 2022 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: \$10.00 Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses from Nov. 6th to Nov. 27th, 2022. **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 10:00 AM liturgy on the following dates: November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and December 3rd (Saturday @ 11:00 AM) in the church hall. For more information, please call Jolanta Kowal @ 203-393-7370 or 203-278-1288.

One of the lesser known fasting cycles occurs in Eastern Catholic Churches and begins on November 15 and ends Christmas Eve. Advent is the title given to the four weeks prior to Christmas in the Latin rite of the Catholic church. But there is a another tradition called the Nativity Fast. Nativity Fast is a spiritual practice followed in Eastern Christian churches. • It is a time set aside to spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. • The emphasis is reflecting on the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. • The Nativity Fast starts earlier than Advent. It begins the day after the feast of St. Philip (Nov. 14) on the Eastern Catholic liturgical calendar on November 15. This is how the fast became known by another title: Philip's fast. Either title is used.

The fast period is a full 40 days corresponding to the full 40 days of the Great Lent fast. The Nativity Fast anticipates a joyful event. It may be described as an expectant fast in the wonder and mystery of the coming of Our Savior. Yet, it is a time of reserved joy in which practices of fasting and almsgiving are still encouraged. Abstinence or fasting is suggested as a spiritual discipline, as an invitation and a response. It is our "yes" to being open to welcoming Christ.

Could we hear a more appropriate Scripture lesson for this first Sunday of the Nativity Fast than these readings from Ephesians and St Luke?

In the parable of this morning's Gospel, I am drawn to the word of the Lord to the rich man as he leans back in self-satisfaction after having accumulated so much wealth that he feels he can spend the rest of his life in ease, eating and drinking and making merry: "Fool!" – which, in the Greek, is even "richer": "You stupid, unthinking one with no understanding or sense! This very night" – and now I translate directly from the Greek – "**they will demand back your soul that was entrusted to you by God!**" In other words, there is something even more precious than silver and gold that we possess; something that we have had from the beginning of our existence long before we began to acquire any silver or gold, something that we have whether we are rich or poor. It is our soul, our life; but the meaning of the verb in the Greek means that our soul doesn't belong to us, it isn't ours to do with as we please. That's why it will be demanded *back* from us, as though it has been entrusted to us by someone else. The very way in which the rich man addresses his soul – "I will say to my soul," is how it would be translated directly from the Greek – indicates that somehow the rich man in his "ego" identity is distinguished from his soul that makes him to live, as though his soul, his life isn't *his* but belongs to another. And so it does. It belongs to God, and it was entrusted to us by God to do something with it. You may also have noticed that when I went directly to the Greek, I translated the verb as, "*they will demand to have back your soul that was entrusted to you by God*" instead of: "*your soul will be required of you.*" The text in the Greek is much more ominous than the English translations. "*They*" could be either the angels who will come to collect your soul that belongs rightfully to God; or *they* could be the dark spirits who will gather round your body and demand to have your soul because you gave it to them by chasing after the riches of the world, "walking according to the *aeon* or the *life* of this world, according to the one who rules the powers of the air that even now is working in the sons of disobedience."

The life given to us by God in the beginning was his own breath: "*And God breathed into Adam's face the breath of life, and Adam became a living soul.*" The biblical understanding of man is that he lives by what he eats – and so God, having brought man into being and given him life, gave him to eat from every tree in the Garden, including the Tree of Life. Identifying the Tree of Life with the Cross tells us that the way we approach the Tree of Life to partake of its fruit is by turning away so as not to eat from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Its fruit is death. The life that grows from the Tree of Life is the very Word of God himself.

Perhaps now you begin to feel the force of what the Lord says next to the rich fool. We might paraphrase it like this to bring out its meaning: "And when you stand before the judgment, with the dark spirits and the angels of God clamoring to the just Judge for the rights to your soul, tell me – all of these earthly riches you have acquired for yourself – how will they save you? One thinks immediately of the Lord's words: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." We show by the kind of riches we chase after and live for where our heart is, where we want to be. "So, when you stand before the just Judge, what will the riches you have acquired in this life tell the just Judge about where you want to spend eternity: with his holy angels or with the spirits of darkness?"

Precisely because God is love, he is Judge. Love does not force itself on anyone; if it did, it would not be love. As love, God gives us exactly what we want, according to his righteous judgment. If we have devoted the energy of our

life to acquiring the riches of this world, gold and silver, fame and glory, then we have shown that we do not want the riches of God; and as love, God won't force them on us. (Excerpt from

<https://www.sthermanmpls.org/>)

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON : EXPECTATION OF THE SAVIOR: Page 64, Sections 175 - 177

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN THE TEMPLE

Our last major feast was the Elevation of the Cross on Sept 14. With Christ's Cross elevated before us and guiding us over the last 10 weeks, we are now drawing near to **the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple** as to the borders of the Promised Land. Mary, who will bear Christ like "a holy Tree who brings forth fruit to God," is brought at the age of three to the



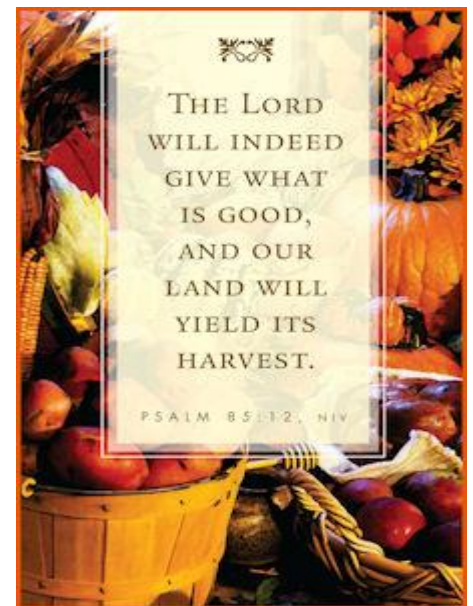
temple by her parents, Joachim and Anna. It is a profoundly biblical feast, and the so-called 'legend' of Mary's Entry into the Temple as told in the *Protevangelium of James* is not a legend as such, but rather the unveiling of a hidden story in the bible. That this feast comes from under the veil of the Old Testament is made abundantly clear simply by looking at all the references to the Old Testament in the hymns of the feast, revealing to the eyes of faith that the Virgin's Entry into the Temple is the final chapter of the Old Testament and the dawning of the New Testament. In the feast of the Theotokos' Entry into the Temple, we are coming to the end of the wilderness and into the light of Christmas and the birth of the Savior, God the Word made flesh. For, he receives her into his Temple, to prepare her to become his dwelling place, that he in his turn might enter into our humanity that she offers to him and dwell among us. Even as the sun weakens in the heavens and the days grow shorter, the first light of Christ's incarnation is dawning on the horizon with the advent of this feast of the Theotokos. He who is the Light of the world is beginning to shine in the darkness.




Faithful, in our baptismal union with Christ Jesus, we have received the Theotokos as our Holy Mother. Let's look to her as our model for how to build ourselves into a living temple of God. Let's become children of prayer. In the love of Christ, let's encourage each other to deny ourselves, by all of us taking up the ascetic discipline of the Nativity Fast as our Cross, each one of us according to our strength and our circumstances. Let's center our life not on any barns but on the living temple of God, the Church which is the Body of Christ taken from the pure substance of the Virgin, our most Blessed Mother in Christ. And with the raw material of Christ's own new humanity that has been given to us, let us take up the work of faith to build ourselves into a living temple of God so that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us.

May Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, through the prayers of Our Most Blessed Lady and Ever-Virgin Panagia Mary Theotokos grant to each of us to see and hear the joy of the uncreated Light that is coming into the world through the Blessed Virgin on Christmas Day. *One of the lesser known* the Nativity Fast. Nativity Fast is a spiritual practice followed in Eastern Christian churches. The Nativity Fast anticipates a joyful event. • It is a time set aside to spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. • The emphasis is reflecting on the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. • The Nativity Fast starts earlier than Advent. It begins the day after the feast of St. Philip (Nov. 14) on the Eastern Catholic liturgical calendar on November 15. This is how the fast became known by another title: Philip's fast. Either title is used. The fast period is a full 40 days corresponding to the full 40 days of the Great Lent fast. Yet, it is a time of reserved joy in which practices of fasting and almsgiving are still encouraged. Abstinence or fasting is suggested as a spiritual discipline, as an invitation and a response. It is our "yes" to being open to welcoming Christ. *fasting cycles occurs in Eastern Catholic Churches and begins on November 15 and ends Christmas Eve.*

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."



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Pray for Ukraine

**CELEBRATING
125 YEARS**
May God Bless
**Saint Peter & Saint Paul
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church**
Ansonia, CT 1897-2022

**125th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION & BANQUET
Sunday, June 5th**



Nativity Fast Prayer Challenge

Praying For Deliverance



ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

27 листопада 2022 року о 12 годині
Вшанування пам'яті жертв голодоморів
та всіх, хто віддав своє життя за волю і
Незалежність України
відбудеться коло
меморіального знаку в пам'ять ГОЛОДОМОРОУ
Українського народу 1932-33 років
на території Sacred Heart University.

Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue Fairfield, CT, 06825

**From Merritt Parkway (Route 15) North or South
(Passenger Vehicles Only).**

Exit 47. At end of ramp turn left onto Park Avenue
Proceed 1 1/2 blocks to Sacred Heart University. Entrance on Park
Avenue.

**From Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) North or South
(Passenger Vehicles Only)**

Exit 27A. Continue straight ahead on combined Routes 8 and 25
to fork. Bear left onto Route 25.

Take Exit 7, Merritt Parkway South to Exit 47. At end of ramp turn
left onto Park Avenue and proceed 1 1/2 blocks
to Sacred Heart University.

Організаційний Комітет

It is Announced that on the Sunday 27 November 2022 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

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Saint Philip's Fast the Christmas Fast the Penitential Season Before for Christmas

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 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. We should plan on giving what we save from eating a humble diet according to the prescriptions of the Church; discipline our flesh and bring it under the submission of our spirit to purify our hearts to welcome the Messiah when he comes, making it possible to be able to support the local Food Pantry at Assumption Parish, Ansonia, CT through our good work ~ donating . Daily giving list of food needed to donate: Cereal, oatmeal, rice, beans, canned meats, tuna, canned vegetables and fruits, hearty soups, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, tomato sauce, peanut butter, grape jelly. The pre-Christmas time is a period of merriment and parties. Yet the Church points to a deeper spiritual meaning of Christmas, that on this day God the Son and Word emptied Himself to take flesh as a man. As St. Paul said, *"he made himself poor though he was rich, so that you might become rich by his poverty."* (1 Corinthians 8,9). This penitential season, then, is an invitation by the Church to humble ourselves in some small way, in imitation of Christ so that we might receive on Christmas day God's greatest gift - His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Parish will this year hold a "FOOD DRIVE" for the period of the Philip Fast—November 15—December 18, the Sunday before Christmas.

THE ST PETER AND ST PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARISH WILL HOLD A "FOOD DRIVE" FOR THE PHILIP FAST BEGINNING **NOVEMBER 15 ENDING DECEMBER 18**, THE SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, TO BENEFIT SAINT FRANCIS PANTRY AT ASSUMPTION PARISH ANSONIA, CT THE FOLLOWING PHILIP FAST CALENDAR PROVIDES DAILY 'GIFT' SUGGESTIONS OF **NON-PERISHABLE** FOOD STAPLES

TO BEGIN—NOVEMBER 14—PREPARE YOUR CONTAINER FOR COLLECTION:

NOVEMBER 15 - BOX OF CEREAL NOVEMBER 16 - OATMEAL
NOVEMBER 17 - JAR OF GRAPE JELLY NOVEMBER 18 - 1 LB. BAG OF RICE
NOVEMBER 19 - CAN OF CHICKEN SOUP NOVEMBER 20 - BOX OF MACARONI & CHEESE
NOVEMBER 21 - CAN OF FRUIT—PEACHES NOVEMBER 22 - CAN OF SPAM
NOVEMBER 23 - BOX OF SPAGHETTI NOVEMBER 24 - CAN OF TOMATO SAUCE
NOVEMBER 25 - 1 LB. BAG OF RED BEANS NOVEMBER 26 - JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER
NOVEMBER 27 - CAN OF CORN NOVEMBER 28 - QUICK COOK OATMEAL
NOVEMBER 29 - CAN OF HEARTY SOUP NOVEMBER 30 - 1 LB. BAG OF BLACK BEANS
DECEMBER 1 - BOX OF MACARONI & CHEESE DECEMBER 2 - CAN OF FRUIT
DECEMBER 3 - JAR OF GRAPE JELLY DECEMBER 4 - CAN OF MEAT (CHICKEN)
DECEMBER 5 - BOX OF CEREAL DECEMBER 6 - CAN OF GARONZO BEANS
DECEMBER 7 - BOX OF SPAGHETTI DECEMBER 8 - CAN OF VIENNA SAUSAGES
DECEMBER 9 - 1 LB. BAG OF RICE DECEMBER 10 - CAN OF CHICKEN SOUP/BROTH
DECEMBER 11 - CAN OF SPAM / HAM DECEMBER 12 - JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER
DECEMBER 13 - CAN OF TUNA DECEMBER 14 - CAN OF CORN
DECEMBER 15 - QUICK COOK OATMEAL DECEMBER 16 - CAN MEAT—HAM
DECEMBER 17 - CAN OF TOMATO SAUCE DECEMBER 18 - DEADLINE - FINAL DAY OF COLLECTION !
NO ADDITIONAL ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 18TH WEEK OF DECEMBER 19TH
COLLECTED FOODS WILL BE DELIVERED TO: SAINT FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY AT ASSUMPTION PARISH

WEEK OF DECEMBER 19TH COLLECTED FOODS WILL BE DELIVERED TO: Assumption Church Food Pantry

MIRACULOUS "MARY, HELPER OF MOTHERS" ICON AT ST JOHNS



A miraculous Marian icon will be placed at St John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church 100 St Johns Dr, Trumbull, CT 06611 November 13–27. It is especially beloved by women who struggle with infertility or difficult pregnancies. Several miraculous births have been attributed to this icon in the Byzantine Catholic community of Albuquerque, NM, where a copy has been venerated for years. It depicts a calm and prayerful Virgin Mother looking directly at the faithful. She displays for us an image of her Son, newly born or perhaps yet unborn, resting over her torso. It celebrates the mysteries of conception and birth by which God has shared His creative power with married couples. It reminds us that every human life has its origin directly from God, and it offers hope to the despondent and the oppressed.

St John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic parish welcomes our Or Greek Catholics, Roman Rite Catholic and Orthodox, as well as all Christians who honor the Lord's Mother, to join in the worship service of Psalms and Scriptural readings that will be offered in the parish. Following are the opportunities for the faithful to venerate the icon: November 22 at 6pm. Please visit the parish website for more details on the services www.stjohntrumbull.org or call the parish office at 203 377 5967.

Family Activity for the Christmas Fast Week 2: Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple



Read: 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 him or her to the service of God. Their prayers were answered, and when their daughter reached the age of three, they 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. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies inside the Temple.

Pray/Sing the Troparion of the Week: Troparion – 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.

Reflection for Parents: How have you “encountered God in the Temple” in your participation in them worshipping and in the life of the Church?

Have you dedicated your life to God or is this something you need to work on? What might that look like?

Discuss: What are some of the things you each enjoy about praying in Church? What are some ways your family serves God through the Church? Are there new ways that you would like to serve him through the Church?

Because Mary lived a life of service to God and she is a model for us, brainstorm about St. Philip’s Fast projects and activities (e.g. charitable acts) that you can accomplish individually and as a family. These could be ways that you serve God through others.

Pray: Pray the prayer to the Most Holy Mother of God that she may guide you to serve God with your whole life as she did:

Rejoice, Mother of God, Virgin Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb; for you have borne Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of our souls.