



Holy Trinity and St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Churches



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Confessions: Every Sunday
15 minutes prior to Divine Liturgy
(Other times available by appointment)

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Sunday, October 29, 2023

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 5

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

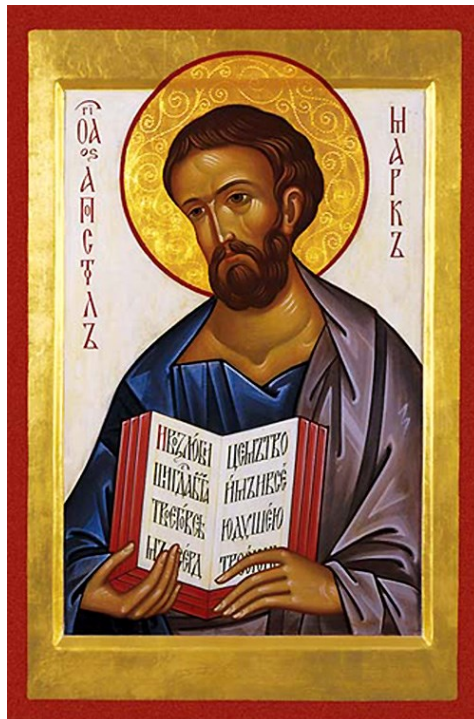
Liturgical Greetings

Greeting:

"Glory to Jesus Christ!"
"Slava Isusu Khrystu!"

Response:

"Glory Forever!"
"Slava Na Vecky!"



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Next Sunday:

November 5, 2023
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 6

Epistles: Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Holy Apostle Mark of the Seventy (October 30th)

Day:	Date:	Place:	Time:	Intention:	Offered/Requested By:	Cantor(s)/Reader(s):
22nd Sunday After Pentecost						
Sun	Oct 29	SA	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in private intention(s)*		P. Nachim
		HT	10:30a	Praying of the Holy Rosary		J. Bodak
			11:00a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Parishioners of Both Churches		M. Marcyszyn
Mon-Sat	Oct 30-Nov 4	No Services				
23rd Sunday After Pentecost						
Sun	Nov 5	SA	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in private intention(s)*		P. Machingo
		HT	10:30a	Praying of the Holy Rosary		J. Bodak
			11:00a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Parishioners of Both Churches		J. Kicz
*Fr. Lubomir Zhybak's private intention(s)						

Prayer Requests

Holy Trinity Church: Ann Blazina, Andrea Curran, John Fecych, Ann Karnofel, Dan Malarcik, Yvonne Mudryk, James Pirko, Marie Schuller, Greg Woak, and *the health of all of our parishioners*
St. Anne Church: Joseph Belasco, Joyce Budinsky, Carole Elias, Roger Elias, Susan Kurtiak, Fr. Ignatius, Louis Mancini, Katie Moran, Margaret Rodomsky, Al Stevens, Ann Stevens, Josie Timlin, Helen Yurchison, and *the health of all of our parishioners*
Clergy: Bishop Josyf Milyan, Fr. Louis, Fr. Jeff, and Msgr. Martin Canavan
Non-Parishioners: Kennedy Eater, Mark F., Dawn Howard, Yaroslava, Myroslava, Halyna, Petro, Nadiya, Mylan, Yaremiya, Zoryana, Mariya, Connor, Claire, Mark, Christine, Dave Kishton, Fr. Andrzej, Judy Lepore, Jimi Stevens, Carol Martyn Dow, Tonja Delaine, Joann Panko, Kateryna Bolshahova, William J. Smith, Jim, Ivan M., Nadiya M., Anna F., Alexei Y., Nadiya Y., Volodymyr Y., Joe Beeson, Oleh and Oksana, Olha, Ivan, and Vasyli.

Our very Best Wishes and Blessings to our dear Parishioners celebrating their life milestones this week.

Holy Trinity Church

Oct 31: William Kish

St. Anne Church

Oct 30: Harry and JoAnn Yankowski (47)

Oct 31: Russell Kihm Oct 31: Suzanne O'Mellan

Oct 31: Noah Patoray Nov 1: Roman Rudnytsky

Nov 1: Paul Welch Nov 4: Alice Seka

На Мнoхaя ee Блаhaya Leeta!

Important

In cases of an imminent death of a family member, please do not wait until the last minute for the pastor to administer last rites to the dying. Please call immediately.
Thank you!

Holy Trinity Church *Blue Vigil Light*

Luba Baker is sponsoring the week of Oct 29th-Nov 4
In loving memory of her grandson

†Brian Baker

Holy Trinity Church Liturgical Intentions

After a lengthy pause, the offering of liturgical intentions may resume on December 1, 2023, and will continue until the 2024 calendar year is filled in its entirety. Updates will be provided periodically as to when all dates are filled.

Thank you.

ST. ANNE HOLIDAY KOLACHI BAKE

BAKING WILL TAKE PLACE ON November 18th 2023

PICK UP TIME: BETWEEN 4:00 PM & 5:00PM

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PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

My dear Friends,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Blessed Sunday to all of you and your loved ones! I trust that my message found everyone well and sound and that you have been enjoying the autumn.

I'll be on **Clergy Retreat** this week from **October 30th** till **November 2nd** at **Bethany Center in Lutz, FL**. Our retreat master this year is Very Rev. Fr. Andrew Onuferko, Vicar General of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada. Hence, please pray for all of us during the retreat and please be assured of my prayers for you. Thank you very much! In case of emergency while I am away, please call Dean at the parish office number: 330-744-5820.

For the **resolutions of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church that took place on September 3-13 of this year in Rome**, please go to: https://stjosaphateparchy.com/synod-resolutions/?mc_cid=0a75069e91&mc_eid=d5728b89c0 (English version) and <https://synod.ugcc.ua/data/postanovy-synodu-pyskopiv-ugkts-2023-roku-13027/> (Ukrainian version).

Please keep in your prayers all the participants of the **Synod on Synodality** – the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops – who are convening in the Eternal City between October 4th and 29th of this year under the leadership of Pope Francis. The theme of the Synod, which will continue into and conclude next year, is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.” For more information on the Synod, you may go to the Vatican News website: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/events/synod2023.html>.

We, Ohioans, need to take unwavering action against the proposed pro-abortion amendment to Ohio Constitution (Issue 1) and, hence, **VOTE NO on Issue 1** on the **General Election Day, November 7th of this year** or whenever you'll be voting this year (**please also VOTE NO on Issue 2** (the proposed legalization of the recreational marijuana)! **Let us unite in prayer and action, reaffirming our firm YES TO LIFE and NO TO DEATH so that there will be no abortions not only here in Ohio but in every other part of the world! IF OUR LORD IS WITH US, WHO COULD BE AGAINST US** (cf. Romans 8:31)! Thank you very much! **For the periodic updates regarding this and other important issues, please go to the Catholic Conference of Ohio at <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/>.**

Speaking of the respect for life, I urge you to contact your Ohio Senator and Representative and ask them to act in favor of the abolishment of the death penalty in our State. Most importantly, **I urge you to pray daily that the death penalty is abolished not only here in Ohio but in every other part of the world.** Thank you very much! **For the periodic updates regarding this and other important issues, please go to the Catholic Conference of Ohio at <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/>.**

Sadly, the situation in our beloved Ukraine continues to remain grave. The country is still under a heavy attack from the side of Russia and whoever else sides with it in this horrible war... So many victims, including innocent children... How much longer will this bloodshed last? Right now, the People of Ukraine are being crucified... in fact, it is Christ Himself Who is being crucified again... Yet, life does not end with death! After the crucifixion and death comes resurrection! The resurrection will come for Ukraine as well! Today our risen Lord is embracing all people, who grieve due to having lost their loved ones because of the war in Ukraine, asking them to have faith in Him and not be afraid, for one day they will see their loved ones again, as this is a temporary absence. Today Jesus is telling the whole world just as He addressed His beloved friend Lazarus' sister Martha before Christ brought Lazarus back to life: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26 (NRSVCE)). Lord Jesus, we believe in You, give us life eternal!

In the meantime, let us continue to **pray and act for the end of the war in Ukraine as well as for the conversion of Ukraine's aggressors** and, as a Ukrainian citizen, I'd like to tell all of you: **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR SUFFERING BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN UKRAINE!** Ukraine direly needs our help right now! If you would like to **help financially** your brothers and sisters in Ukraine, please **see a separate notice in the bulletin of how you can help.** No amount is too small, yet please be generous, and I thank you in advance for your munificence! May our Good Lord reward you abundantly for it in this life and in the life to come!

Let us likewise pray and act for peace in the Middle East, particularly in the Holy Land, keeping also in our prayers those who were killed and died during the past and current conflicts and wars there.

- If any of you, who are homebound, would like to partake in the **Holy Sacraments**, kindly call the parish office at 330-744-5820 to make arrangements.

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- I would like to encourage you to pray (*daily if you can*) the prayers from the **Prayer Corner**.
- We are continuing collecting certain needed items at both parishes for a local branch of **the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. **Besides food items, they are currently looking for socks and school supplies.** You'll find a special box for the items at each church. Please be generous and thank you for your benevolence! **Thank you also to those who already donated the needed items!** If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may do so either online at <https://www.mahoningsvdp.com/product-category/donation-levels/> or by mailing your check to:

Mahoning County St. Vincent de Paul Society, P.O. Box 224, Youngstown, OH 44501

The organization likewise offers volunteering opportunities. For more information, please go to <https://www.mahoningsvdp.com/> or call (330) 333-3601.

- Speaking of donations, I received a letter, dated October 2023, from **NAMI Mahoning Valley**, which is "**501(c) 3 organization that provides support, advocacy and education to Valley residents dealing with mental illness.**" This organization offers "free support groups, educational programs, awareness activities and holiday celebrations." Each year NAMI MV sponsors some Christmas parties for these special-needs people who "often have little family or community support due to serious, on-going symptoms of mental illness." Similarly to the years past, NAMI MV is again asking us to "make donations of new hygiene items" that will "then go into the gift bags to be distributed at the Christmas functions." First of all, I would like to ask you to **please pray for the NAMI MV personnel and the people they humbly serve.** Secondly, I would like to ask you to **consider to donate new hygiene items** such as "deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and lotion (excluding razor blades or items with alcohol such as mouthwash)." **We'll be collecting these items between Sunday, October 22nd and Sunday, November 26th at both of our churches.** *At Holy Trinity Church*, please, leave your donations on the floor in the corridor off the side entrance by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul box; *at St. Anne Church* – in the container next to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul box in the church vestibule. Thank you for your kind consideration! May the Lord reward and bless all of you abundantly for your benevolence!
- Let us continue to **keep in our prayers all people who are on the prayer lists, especially the sick.** May our Triune God: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit bless all of them through the intercession of His and our Most Holy Mother and all the Holy Angels and Saints!
- Our weekly bulletins are available online at both churches' websites (www.holytrinityucc.com and www.stanneucc.com). Thank you!
- Furthermore, I would like to thank those of you, who have been sending us your donations. If you still cannot come to your parish church at this time, please continue to support it by sending us your weekly donations to each respectful church (see the church addresses in the bulletin) and I thank you very much for your support of our parishes!
- Should there be anything else that needs my or Dean's attention, please let us know at once.

May our Triune Lord: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit continue to bless all of us in the world! May He help us stop all wars and conflicts on earth, especially the current war against Ukraine as well as the war between the Israelis and the Palestinians! May He protect everyone who is on the front lines defending his or her country's freedom! May He convert the hearts of all aggressors in the world! May He rest in peace the souls of all people on earth, who already died from these wars and conflicts, giving consolation to the families, relatives, and friends they left behind! Likewise, may our Lord protect each of us from all illnesses, especially the coronavirus disease! May He heal all the people in the world, who are infected with it! May He protect all people on earth who are on the front lines in the fight against it as well as everyone who works in public places! May He rest in peace the souls of all people in the world, who died from this and other diseases, giving consolation to the families, relatives, and friends they left behind! May our Lord our fill your hearts and the hearts of your loved ones with the authentic joy and peace that only He can give and may He always protect all of us here in America as well as our beloved people of Ukraine, helping us to end the war there! Let us present all of these petitions to our Lord through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Holy Angels and Saints!

Have a blessed Sunday and a blessed week! May our Triune Lord: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit always bless America, Ukraine, and the rest of the world through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Holy Angels and Saints! Enjoy the autumn!

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Слава Україні!

With prayers in the Triune Lord and the Theotokos,

Fr. Lubomir

"I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU!" (Heb. 13, 5)

**Pastoral Letter of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of 2023
to the clergy, religious and laity of the UGCC and all people of good will**

*It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you;
he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed (Deut. 31:8).*

Beloved in Christ!

This year's synodal sessions were held on September 3 to 13 in the premises of the Pontifical College of St. Josaphat in Rome. We, the bishops of the UGCC, came from all corners of the world against the background of a full-scale war that has been going on for 18 months due to Russia's criminal and deadly aggression against the independent state of Ukraine and against the Ukrainian people—a people who have their own history, culture, spiritual identity, and their natural and spiritual gifts. We called our gathering a "Synod of Hope" because, despite all trials, suffering, and losses, we sense and continue to feel God's unceasing presence and closeness as we bear witness to the fulfilment of His infallible promise to us: "I will never leave you nor forsake you," and also "The Lord is my help; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (cf. Heb. 13:5-6).

During these synodal days, together with intense prayers for a just and lasting peace, we also thanked God for the fact that our country survived the most difficult, decisive weeks and months of the present Russian aggression. Indeed, it is only because God did not abandon us in times of trial that we persevered and repelled the enemy's attacks against our very existence and against the foundations of human civilization. With the words of the Psalmist, we can rightfully say: "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!" (Ps. 123:2-6).

Indeed, the fact that our state and our people withstood the superior forces of the enemy, especially in the first weeks of the full-scale Russian invasion on our land, can only be defined by the word "miracle." The Polish nation describes their salvation from Russian invaders in 1920 as the "Miracle on the Vistula." Analogously, our nation became a witness and co-creator of what can be called the "Miracle on the Dnipro." This happened when the enemy was driven from the Ukrainian capital and from the banks of the Dnipro and put in motion an unstoppable march towards the complete and definitive liberation of our entire country from the occupiers.

It is not by chance that we call our nation a co-creator of this miracle because Ukrainians became a sign of God's strength and presence in these difficult days and months of trials. Our people drew and continue to draw strength from on high from their faith in the God of truth, love, and life, to fight for their dignity and freedom. And today we thank those who did not abandon their own country in the hour of need, who stood in defenses of their land, the life and dignity of their native people, and the future of their children and grandchildren. It was in these brave and self-sacrificing people of our region—men and women, adults, the elderly and those still very young—that the Lord manifested His presence among us. He strengthened them for the deed and for sacrifice, before which not only every conscientious Ukrainian, but also people of good will worldwide bow in reverence. Before the courage and loving strength of the defenders of the people, "foreigners lost heart and came trembling out of their fortresses," because in them God showed His greatness and power, "exalted us above those who rose against us" granting us his mercy and his salvation." (cf. Psalm 17:45-48).

We express our profound gratitude to those pastors who did not abandon their flocks but shared in the sufferings, pains, anxieties, and fears of their people, and, in circumstances of mortal danger, served as a sign of God's loving and invincible presence. The very presence of a priest in the midst of his people represented the most convincing preaching of the Gospel and a promise of the inevitable victory of light and truth over the darkness of hatred and malice. We thank our pastors who, out of love for their sheep, did not abandon them to the ferocious invading wolves, but following the example of Christ the Good Shepherd, were ready to give their lives for them (cf. Jn. 10: 1-15).

In time of trial, our hope is also strengthened by the loyalty and solidarity of millions of brothers and sisters in faith, and people of goodwill throughout the world. When Russian bombs and shells exploded in various corners of our Motherland, an unheard of and, certainly for many, unexpected wave of sympathy and solidarity arose simultaneously throughout the free world. Streams of humanitarian aid poured into Ukraine. And from the hearts of millions, prayers rose up to heaven

from our people for their unshakeable choice of the good, and for victory. Being in Rome, in the heart of the Catholic Church, we had an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude, on behalf of the people, to all who were and are still with us. We began by thanking the Holy Father, Pope Francis, whose help for our people cannot be overestimated, and concluded by thanking the millions of caring people throughout the world, who extended a helping hand to Ukrainians and, with open arms and sincere hearts, welcomed into their countries and often to their own homes our fellow citizens who sought a roof over their heads and security from the threat of war. In this merciful human love, the faithful presence of the Lord was clearly manifested among us. It is precisely how He often acts in the history of mankind—through other people, through their solidarity. He himself speaks of this through the mouth of the prophet Hosea: “I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. They shall not return to the land of Egypt...” (Hos. 11: 4-5).

Those Ukrainians who did not leave their closest relatives, friends, and acquaintances, who were wounded and traumatized by the war, deserve special respect and support. The loyalty of wives to their husbands, the loyalty of the betrothed to their beloved, the loyalty of families to their sons and daughters, brothers and sisters who returned from the front, often bearing visible and invisible wounds on their bodies and souls like the stigmata of the Lord Himself, wounded by human sins and lawlessness... this loyalty moves us to tears!

However, to the loyalty towards those the nearest and dearest we must add the loyalty and gratitude from each of us towards our defenders, lest we not forget them, and not leave them alone in their suffering and challenges. Let us not abandon them, as they did not abandon us or the Motherland! Let us also remember the most vulnerable and defenseless victims of war—the families of the deceased, the widows and orphans, who will need to feel God’s caring presence throughout their lives through bonds of effective merciful human love.

Dear Brothers and Sisters! Prayerfully reflecting on the mystery of God’s and man’s active presence in our current trials, we the bishops of the UGCC also reflected on the pastoral accompaniment of war victims, which we designated as the main theme of our synodal sessions. At the same time, we paid special attention to the treatment of wounds and the healing of traumas as a priority for the ministry of the Church to its people, in the current circumstances. Each day, the full-scale war brings to millions of our fellow citizens immeasurable pain and suffering, manifested in different ways, such as: the loss of close family members and mourning the deceased; the pain of separation from relatives and loss of family, hearth, and home; uncertainty for the future and a constant state of anxiety and sense of threat; and for those abroad—difficulties with integration, longing for the Motherland and, frequently, a nagging sense of guilt. In short, each of us carries the imprint of this terrifying war on our soul, and many have its marks engraved on their bodies due to severe wounds and injuries. Upon all these wounds of our souls and bodies, the Lord seeks to pour the healing ointment of His merciful love through the service of the Church.

Reflecting on the period that has passed since the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion on our lands, we affirm with gratitude that our faithful, together with the monastic-religious orders and clergy in Ukraine and abroad, have done a great deal to counter and overcome the consequences of Russian aggression. Obviously, we were not able to satisfy all necessities and needs, but we did not ignore the grief and suffering of our fellow citizens. Through prayer, humanitarian support, psychological accompaniment, and often simply through being present, we sought to bear witness to the motherly nature of the Church, which strives to accept everyone and embrace those in need with care, concern, and love, so that all might everyone can be see that “Your Church is always with you!”

Today, Ukraine, like the biblical Rachel, cries for her children who are not there (cf. Jer. 31:15; Mt. 2:18): for the deceased, the captive, the missing in action, as well as for the millions who were forced to leave their native land, seeking refuge abroad. However, no matter where Ukrainians are scattered, the Church as Mother will always try to be close: praying to the Lord for liberation and salvation, serving through the Word and works of mercy, providing mutual support in the Lord. He is a source of hope and strength for His people, and a pledge of rebirth and victory, as God’s Word reassures us: “The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped” (Ps. 28: 7). In our synodal resolutions, we established directives for this ecclesial ministry and for this caring closeness of the Mother Church to those in need. We call on all members of the Church in a spirit of Christian *diakonia* to actively participate in the implementation of these resolutions for the common good of the Ukrainian people.

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Let God's love, which is stronger than evil, death, and hell itself, be the driving force in this battle for final victory and freedom. And let the first sign of the approach of this victory be the overcoming of our internal enemy—sin, and an ever-greater fidelity to God's life-giving law. Yes, the Lord has not abandoned us and will not abandon us, as He Himself assures us: "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:20).

However, there will always be the threat of apostasy, the danger of abandoning God and His law, thus depriving ourselves and our descendants of His active and blessed presence. The Holy Scriptures warn against this: "Thus says the Lord, Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord? So shall you not prosper; for you have forsaken the Lord, and he will forsake you" (II Ch. 24:20). Let this not happen to us! On the contrary, having worthily overcome such great trials, let us adhere even more faithfully to God and His law, in order to revive the "assemblies of human souls," heal the wounded heart of our people, and renew the face of our land disfigured by the shells and mines of this terrible war. Only in unity with God, our loving Heavenly Father, will we be able to build a future that does honour to the sacrifice of our defenders and is worthy of the best aspirations of our dear people.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters! We call on everyone to persevere in doing good, to perform deeds of merciful love, and, above all, to persist in prayer. May the Lord, who is a "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (cf. Ex.34:6), always be with our protectors. May He bestow wisdom on our leaders, may He heal the wounds of our people, may He wipe away the tears from the faces of the suffering and grieving, may He gather the scattered ones and return them to our native land, so that we, united in faith, peace, and security, may look to the future with hope, and build this future under the maternal care of the Most Holy Theotokos and through the intercession of all the saints and the righteous of the Ukrainian land!

The blessing of the Lord be upon you! On behalf of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

† SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv, at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, on the day of the St. Philip the Apostle, one of the seven deacons, and The Venerable Theophanes the Branded, Bishop of Nicaea, creator of the canons,
On the 11th day of October in the 2023rd Year of our Lord

Source: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma (https://stjosaphateparchy.com/pastoral-letter-of-the-synod-of-bishops-i-will-never-leave-you-heb-135/?mc_cid=22d4e315b8&mc_eid=d5728b89c0). Edited for space.



Celebrating Jonie Bodak's 40th Anniversary as Secular Franciscan (10-25-1983) with her pastor, Fr. Lubomir Zhybak, some family members, and fellow parishioners on October 22, 2023, at Holy Trinity Church in Youngstown.



The Mahoning Valley Association of Churches

Mayors' Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

November 21, 7:30-9 AM

Byzantine Center
at the Grove
Youngstown, OH
\$30 per person
\$200 table of 8

Reservations 330-788-5914
exedirectormvac@gmail.com



Guest Speaker, the Honorable Carla J. Baldwin,
Presiding Judge, Youngstown Municipal Court

www.mvaconline.org



Mahoning Valley Cultural Alliance
presents
Greece: Culture & Cuisine Night



Dear Friends:

The Mahoning Valley Cultural Alliance will hold its next meeting at 5:00 pm on Monday, November 13, 2023, when our topic will be "Greece: Culture and Cuisine." We will meet at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Hall, located at 401 12th Street, Campbell, Ohio. Plenty of parking is available on site.

Our speaker will be Socrates Kolitsos, well-known in the area as a political figure and active member of the Greek community in Mahoning County, who will discuss Greek culture and cuisine. Our sumptuous menu will be provided by Ethel Katsourakis, while our cultural enrichment for the evening will be a young adult dance group, the Nisiotika Pedia Dancers, led by Katina Hazimiholi.

The cost for the entire evening is \$30.00 for MVHS members and \$35.00 for non-members. Advanced reservations only must be made by Tuesday, November 7, 2023, and sent along with your check to MVHS, using the form below. Come to enjoy our fifth and final meeting of the 2023 year! You are certain to have a wonderful evening.

Best regards, *George D. Seeler*

Please share your milestones and/or accomplishments with us (personal or for other MVCA members)

RESERVATION FORM — Greek Culture & Cuisine Night — **MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

YES, I / WE WILL BE ATTENDING

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please list all other names on your reservation below.

\$ _____ for _____ Reservation(s) - MVHS Members @ \$30 ea. and/or non-members @ \$35 ea.

\$ _____ for _____ 2023-2024 MVHS Membership(s) (See reverse)

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Make check payable to MVHS.

Mail this form and your check to MVHS at 648 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502

PH: 330-743-2589

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Both Holy Trinity and St. Anne Churches are continuing to take collections for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's soup kitchen. Bins with appropriate signage are located near the atriums of each church. While all items are acceptable and appreciated, high-use items sought by the kitchen are *canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, peanut butter, grape jelly, and crackers of any type.*

This collection will continue indefinitely.

For those with questions or seeking more information, collection representatives at Holy Trinity Church are **Tyler McBride** and **Jonie Bodak** while **Brian Chadwick** and **Michael Jordon** are leading the drive at St. Anne Church.

Ukrainian Technological Society Award Event

The Ukrainian Technological Society (UTS) is proud to announce their 2023 "Ukrainian of the Year" to be Michael Kapeluck, for his awe-inspiring iconography and lifelong contributions to his Church. The UTS is also proud to announce DTCares as our 2023 "Friend of Ukraine". At their own expense, Pittsburgh-based DTCares has shipped hundreds of thousands of dollars of humanitarian relief to Ukraine since the Russian invasion. This year's presentation and Dinner Dance will be held at Chartiers Country Club on Saturday evening, November 18th. For an invitation to be sent to you, which includes the entrée/reception card, or for more information, please call George Honchar at 412-215-3303.



The Society of St. John Chrysostom
(Youngstown-Warren Chapter) Presents:

What's the Bottom Line for Church Unity: Steps in the Right Direction

In-Person
Event

Special Guest:

Very Rev. Bryan Eyman

Fri, Nov. 10th

5pm: Join us for Holy Trinity's
Weekly Fish Dinner
7pm: Interview and Q & A in
Conference Room



Holy Trinity Serbian Hall
54 Laird Ave,
Youngstown, OH 44509





October 11, 2023

Dear Senator/Representative,

As the Catholic bishops of Ohio, we urge your support for legislation to abolish the death penalty. The Catholic opposition to the death penalty is rooted in mercy and eminently pro-life. Every human life from its very beginning has inherent worth and dignity that is bestowed by God, the Author and Lord of life. Following this truth, Catholics in Ohio and nationwide have sought, for decades, the full protection of the law for human life from conception to natural death, no matter the circumstances or one's stage of development.

The bishops who preceded us in Ohio first wrote in opposition to the death penalty 45 years ago in 1977. Since then, Catholic bishops worldwide and three popes have stated emphatically that a society should not carry out state-sanctioned executions in the name of just punishment. We continue to inform Catholics in our respective dioceses of the Church's position on the death penalty and encourage them to share this teaching with their neighbors.


The Church recognizes the immense harm a crime causes to victims, their family members, and society, especially the taking of human life. We stand in solidarity with victims' families experiencing tremendous suffering and often questioning what sort of justice could atone for actions that took the life of their loved ones. Such actions necessitate correction and conversion from the perpetrator and restoration of the damage caused to the public order. However, the irrevocable termination of God's gift of human life through the death penalty distorts justice. No execution can bring back a life taken by violence and thus can never satisfy the desire of the victim's family for justice.

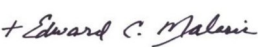
While societal self-defense is an appropriate aim, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "...more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption." We can look to St. Paul's famous conversion and countless examples of prison inmates finding redemption and living a new life dedicated to God and fellow inmates. A state-sanctioned execution represents a judgment from fallible human beings that an individual no longer deserves to live, no longer deserves an opportunity to encounter the living God on earth.


Our desire to help foster a culture of life throughout Ohio requires a commitment to recognizing the sanctity of human life in all stages and circumstances, including the child in the womb, the infirm, those suffering from addiction, and those with whom we have the fiercest disagreements. It must also include those who, at one time, blatantly disregarded the humanity of others and need to face justice. As witnesses to the power of God's redeeming love to convert hearts and transform lives, we grieve that the State of Ohio can still decide to definitively cut off that opportunity by taking the life of someone already incarcerated. Such action further erodes respect for human life and will not help stem the devastating violence all too common in Ohio and throughout our country.

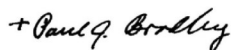
Please join us in upholding the inherent dignity and sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death by supporting legislation that abolishes the death penalty. It is time for Ohio to end this practice and ensure our laws respect life without exception.


We thank you for your service to Ohio and keep you in our prayers.

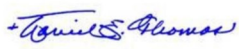

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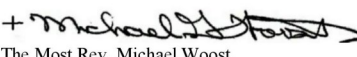
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSUE 1



What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would endanger the health and safety of women, threaten parental rights, and allow for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Ohioans will vote on November 7, 2023, whether to make this change to the Ohio Constitution.

What would Issue 1 do?

Put women at risk:

- **Health and safety standards in Ohio could be eliminated.** Doctors could no longer need to examine a woman or explain the risks of the abortion procedure ahead of time.

Threaten parental rights:

- **A fifteen-year-old could have an abortion without her parents knowing.** Current Ohio law requires parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion. These parental right protections could be removed as they directly conflict with the amendment which would allow all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions.

Allow for abortions of fully formed babies:

- **Abortion would be legal through all 9 months of pregnancy.** Physicians at an abortion clinic could use a woman's age or emotional well-being as a reason to perform an abortion in the 3rd trimester.

See "[Where Does It Say That?](#)" for specific information.

Would abortion be illegal in Ohio if Issue 1 does not pass?

If Issue 1 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Ohio until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. This standard was challenged in court and placed on hold, allowing for abortions up to 22 weeks as of September 15, 2023. Current laws that protect the safety of women and parental rights would stay in effect.

Doesn't Issue 1 simply restore Ohio back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

Issue 1 goes dangerously beyond what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling. It opens the door to remove important health and safety measures that protect women, threatens parental consent and notification of any minor seeking an abortion, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Issue 1 fails?

The passing or failure of Issue 1 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives when her life is in danger, even if the treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage or for ectopic pregnancies. Women can always receive life-saving treatment, including in Catholic hospitals. No law restricts this care in Ohio or any other state in the country.

How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born. Project Rachel helps those struggling post-abortion. Every woman should be able to depend upon a community for support and the Catholic Church remains committed to woman in need.

Learn more: ohiocathconf.org

What is the Church doing to protect life and defeat Issue 1?

Each diocese in Ohio is working together, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Issue 1 to women, parents, and life. We are also part of the Protect Women Ohio coalition to let all voters know Issue 1 is harmful for Ohioans.

What can I do to help defeat Issue 1?

1. PRAY & Fast
2. EDUCATE Yourself and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Issue 1
3. Register & VOTE NO on Issue 1

Where can I learn more?

Read the full text of the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution and learn about the concerning language that puts women at risk, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortions through all nine months of pregnancy.



Click to View
"[Where Does It Say That?](#)"
Or visit
www.ohiocathconf.org/protect



Early Voting Against Issues 1 & 2

Catholics are called to faithful citizenship, which means we must act when a moral question confronts our society by praying and fasting, educating ourselves and our neighbors, and making our voice heard when it's time to vote.

As followers of Christ, Catholics cannot be silent when the health and safety of women and preborn children are endangered by the vague language of Issue 1. We must also protect the health of children and safety of our communities, which are both threatened by the legalization of recreational marijuana proposed by Issue 2. Recreational marijuana puts children at risk by increasing exposure to harmful drugs when their development is most vulnerable. It also increases the likelihood of traffic fatalities and workplace accidents.

Early voting begins October 11th – find your early voting location or request an absentee ballot at www.voteohio.gov to protect women, children, and communities in Ohio and **Vote NO** on **Issue 1 and Issue 2.**



The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. www.ohiocathconf.org

Prayer for Ohio

Every-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomes Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in needs. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Source: Catholic Conference of Ohio (www.ohiocathconf.org/protect)

Holy Trinity Church Financials for the Week Ending Oct 22, 2023

Candle/Offering:	\$39.00	Repairs/Maint:	\$110.00
Weekly Offering:	\$563.50	50/50:	\$10.00
Dues:	\$60.00	Deposit:	\$842.50
Energy:	\$40.00	Attendance:	38
Blue Vigil Light:	\$20.00	October 50/50:	\$45.00

Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio

A Catholic perspective on the proposed constitutional amendment to expand and enshrine abortion in our state.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2023 ballot. More informational resources are coming, but in the meantime:

- Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot
- Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect



OUR CONCERNS

1 PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

2 ENDANGERS PREBORN CHILDREN

3 ENABLES THOSE WHO PRESSURE WOMEN

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PLEASE HELP UKRAINE!

БУДЬ-ЛАСКА, ДОПОМОЖІТЬ УКРАЇНІ!

*****PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD*****

*****PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH OTHER PEOPLE*****

*****THANK YOU VERY MUCH*****

Here are a couple of ways of how you could help the People of Ukraine. First of all, through daily PRAYER. Secondly, you can HELP FINANCIALLY THROUGH DONATIONS by USING ONE OR BOTH OF THE OPTIONS below.

OPTION 1

You can make your **donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund** for Ukraine **online** via the website of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma at <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/support-ukraine/> (once on the webpage, please scroll down and click the Donate button (PayPal)).

If you would like to donate **by check**, please send your donations to the following address (please write out your checks to St. Josaphat Eparchy indicating clearly on the check that the donation is for the Humanitarian Aid Fund):

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma
Humanitarian Aid Fund
5720 State Rd.
P.O. Box 347180
Parma, Ohio 44134

OPTION 2

You can also send your **donations to help Ukraine's Armed Forces** through the National Bank of Ukraine, which would be greatly appreciated. This can be done **online** or through an international wire transfer via a local U.S. bank. All the info at the following official link:

<https://bank.gov.ua/en/news/all/natsionalniy-bank-vidkriv-spetsrahunok-dlya-zboru-koshtiv-na-potrebi-armiyi>

Here are the bank requisites base on the aforementioned link of the National Bank of Ukraine for making an **international wire transfer** via a local U.S. bank (in this case, a person would need to got o his/her bank and do it personally there on location):

BENEFICIARY: National Bank of Ukraine

BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4330992708

BENEFICIARY BIC: NBUA UA UX

BENEFICIARY ADDRESS: 9 Instytutska St., Kyiv, 01601, Ukraine

INTERMEDIARY BANK NAME: JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, New York

INTERMEDIARY BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER: 80490258

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INTERMEDIARY BANK ADDRESS: 383 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10017, USA

PURPOSE OF PAYMENT: for crediting account 47330992708

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF UKRAINE! MAY OUR GOOD LORD REWARD YOU AND MAY HE BLESS UKRAINE, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE REST OF THE WORLD!

For more information, please feel free to contact the parish office of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church (Youngstown, Ohio) and St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church (Austintown, Ohio) at 330-744-5820/yngholytrinity@att.net

Prayer Corner

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we adore You, we praise You, we worship You, and we love You! We thank You for Your gift of life to us! We thank You for the overabundance of blessings that You bestow on us every day! We thank You for the gift of salvation that we received from You! We humbly ask You to help us to love You wholeheartedly and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We ask You to continue to bless us and to help us to be Your authentic adopted children. We ask You to have mercy on us, to cleanse us of our sins, and to fill our hearts with Your life-giving grace. In Your immense kindness, please heed these petitions that we present to You:

- for the end of the war in Ukraine, for all died during it, for the loved ones they left behind as well as for the enlightenment and conversion of the hearts and minds of Ukraine's aggressors, so that a sincere and truthful dialogue may lead to an authentic and lasting peace and reconciliation, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the end of all abortions in the world, for all the aborted and miscarried babies, for the healing of those who committed or assisted with abortions, for the conversion of all who are planning to commit abortions as well as for all the unborn babies in the world and their parents, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the end of the child slavery, child abuse, domestic abuse, gender ideology, prostitution, and human trafficking in the world, for all the victims both living and deceased as well as for the conversion of all who perpetrate these grave and heinous sins, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the vocations to the diaconate, sacred priesthood, and religious life, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the conversion to the true faith of all people in the world, who did not embrace the light of the Triune God yet, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the conversion of all sinners in the world, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the consolation of all persecuted Christians in the world, especially the ones in Asia, Middle East, and Africa and for the conversion of hearts and minds of those, who persecute them, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the end of all wars, conflicts, and violence in the world, especially for the establishment of the authentic and lasting peace, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all the refugees, the migrants, the poor, the hungry, the orphans, the half-orphans, and the homeless throughout the world – especially those who are children – we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all prisoners in the world, especially the ones on death row, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the liberation of all people in the world who are addicted to drugs, alcohol, smoking, and pornography, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the conversion of all people in the world, who have difficulty telling the truth and acting truthfully, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all people in the world, who are hopeless as well as those, who contemplate suicide, that their hearts may be filled with hope, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all widows and widowers in the world, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the healing of all sick people in the world, especially for the ones infected with the coronavirus, for the protection against it, for all people who are on the front lines in the fight against it, for all people who are working in public places, for the repose of the souls of all, who died from the virus as well as for the loved ones they left behind, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all unemployed people in the world and their families that they may find work soon, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all faithful of the Catholic Church, especially all members of St. Josaphat Eparchy, as well as for all our families, relatives, friends, and acquaintances, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the deliverance of all souls from the Purgatory, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!

Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we humbly ask You to grant all of these petitions in accordance with Your most holy will through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Angels and Saints and may You be praised forever and ever! Amen.

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Originally composed by Fr. Lubomir Zhybak in 2020 and revised on June 1, 2023.

Image: icon of the Most Holy Trinity, written by Mr. Dennis Bell in 2010, at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH (2014) [photo of the icon taken and edited by Luba Horsky].