



# 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, February 18, 2024 1st Sunday of the Great Fast - Sunday of Orthodoxy

Tones: **5 & Festive**

Epistle: **Hebrews 11:24-26.32-12:2**

Gospel: **John 1:43-51**

### Liturgical Greetings

#### Greeting:

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

#### Response:

"Glory Forever!"  
"Slava Na Veeky!"



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### Next Sunday:

**February 25, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday of the Great Fast -**  
**St. Gregory Palamas**

Tones: **6 & Festive**  
Epistle: **Hebrews 1:10-2:3**  
Gospel: **Mark 2:1-12**

**1st Sunday of the Great Fast - Sunday of Orthodoxy (February 18th)**

Day:	Date:	Place:	Time:	Intention:	Offered/Requested By:	Cantor(s)/Reader(s):
<b>1st Sunday of the Great Fast - Sunday of Orthodoxy</b>						
Sun	Feb 18	SA	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in private intention(s)*		K. Scenna
		HT	10:30a	Praying of the Holy Rosary		J. Bodak
			11:00a	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Parishioners of Both Churches		J. Bodak
Mon	Feb 19	<b>No Service - Happy Presidents' Day!</b>				
Tue	Feb 20	HT	8:30a	Typica for the Deceased (Sorokousty)		J. Bodak
Wed	Feb 21	SA	5:00p	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts for God's Peace in Ukraine		J. Bodak/J. Billy
Thu	Feb 22	HT	8:30a	Typica for the Deceased (Sorokousty)		M. Woloszyn
Fri	Feb 23	HT	5:00p	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts for God's Peace in Ukraine		Choir
<b>First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist</b>						
Sat	Feb 24	HT	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for Peace in Ukraine followed by the Ecumenical Prayer for Peace in Ukraine		J. Bodak
			10:00a	Panakhya for the Deceased		J. Bodak
<b>2nd Sunday of the Great Fast - St. Gregory Palamas</b>						
Sun	Feb 25	SA	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for Peace in Ukraine followed by the Ecumenical Prayer for Peace in Ukraine		P. Nachim
		HT	10:30a	Praying of the Holy Rosary		J. Bodak
			11:00a	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Parishioners of Both Churches followed by the Ecumenical Prayer for Peace in Ukraine		M. Marczyzyn

\*Fr. Lubomir Zhybak's private intention(s)

### Prayer Requests

**Holy Trinity Church:** Ann Blazina, Andrea Curran, John Fecych, Dan Malarcik, Yvonne Mudryk, James Pirko, Marie Schuller, Greg Woak, and *the health of all of our parishioners.*

**St. Anne Church:** Joseph Belasco, Mary Ann Belasco, Joyce Budinsky, Carole Elias, Roger Elias, Susan Kurtiak, Fr. Ignatius, Louis Mancini, Katie Moran, Margaret Rodomsky, 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 Eatinger, 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 Vasyl.

### *Prayers Requested* **St. Anne Church**

You are kindly asked to remember and pray, in your charity, for the repose of the soul and the loved ones left behind of

**†James Allen "Al" Stevens**

May God grant **†Al** Eternal Memory!

**"Vichnaya Pamyat"**

### PAC Meetings

PAC meetings for both parishes are scheduled for **TODAY** following each parish's Divine Liturgy.

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

#### **Holy Trinity Church**

Feb 19: **Ethan Rhodes** Feb 21: **Emily Church**  
Feb 22: **Janet Pierko** Feb 23: **Micaela Kreuzwieser**  
Feb 24: **Patricia Hnatiw**

#### **St. Anne Church**

Feb 20: **Charles Hrynko** Feb 23: **Terence Fetchet**

*Na Mnohaya ee Blahaya Leeta!*

My dear Friends,

## Glory to Jesus Christ!

Blessed First Sunday of Lent – Sunday of Orthodoxy – to all of you and your loved ones! I trust that my message found everyone well and sound and that you have been having a spiritually fruitful Lent.

**On February 12<sup>th</sup> we began the Great Fast** (also known as the Great Lent or simply Lent) – the fast that will last this year till March 22<sup>nd</sup> inclusive followed by the Lazarus Saturday (March 23<sup>rd</sup>), Palm Sunday (March 24<sup>th</sup>), and the Holy Week (March 25<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>). As we commenced this holy time of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, I wholeheartedly wish everyone to have a very blessed and spiritually fruitful Lent. I hope that this fast is not for you a pure technicality, but a time to prepare yourselves worthily, particularly through the Holy Mystery of Confession, for the truly joyful celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For a Lenten reflection on “the Christian family [as] a “domestic church,”” please go to the following Internet link of our eparchy’s website: [https://stjosaphateparchy.com/christian-family-is-a-domestic-church/?mc\\_cid=ecf6dab577&mc\\_eid=d5728b89c0](https://stjosaphateparchy.com/christian-family-is-a-domestic-church/?mc_cid=ecf6dab577&mc_eid=d5728b89c0).

As you know, during Lent as well as the first three days of the Holy Week, we celebrate in our Ukrainian Catholic Church **the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**, which I encourage all of you to attend, since Lent and Holy Week are the only times that we celebrate this beautiful Liturgy in our Church. Since there is no consecration of the bread and wine during the Liturgy, ordinarily, the Body of Christ used during this Liturgy is consecrated during the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom or St. Basil the Great the Sunday before. Consequently, during the Holy Communion time at the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, the faithful receive only the Body of Christ that is mixed in the chalice with the wine, which is not the Blood of Christ. Hence, you still receive the Most Holy Eucharist during this Liturgy, namely the Body of Christ, Which in the teaching of the Catholic Church contains inseparably the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ just like the Blood of Christ does, which means that our Lord is fully present in each of the species of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Saturday, **February 24<sup>th</sup>** is two years since the beginning of the full-scale war that Russia waged against Ukraine – the war that actually began in 2014. **On this day, we’ll have a Divine Liturgy for Peace in Ukraine & the Ecumenical Prayer for Peace in Ukraine at 8:30 am at Holy Trinity Church (we’ll also have the Ecumenical Prayer for Ukraine following the Sunday Liturgies at both of our churches on February 25<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday Liturgy intention on that day at St. Anne’s will likewise be for Peace in Ukraine)).** Please join us during these special prayer days for Ukraine and spread the word among others. Thank you!

In connection with this sad, above-stated anniversary of the current war in Ukraine, there will be a **Moleben for Peace in Ukraine on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland’s Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland, OH (1007 Superior Ave. E.)**. Please join in also for this special prayer service for Ukraine and spread the word among others. Thank you!

Let us continue to **pray and act** for the end of Russia’s war against Ukraine as well as for the conversion of Ukraine’s aggressors and, as Ukraine’s son, 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!

**If you are a Ukrainian refugee or know of someone/some people who need(s) legal services in regard to your/his/her/their stay in America**, please contact a Cleveland office of a non-profit organization called **US Together**; its services are currently *free* until July of this year:

US Together, 2800 Euclid Ave., Suite 200, Cleveland, OH 44115

Phone: 216-456-9630 Fax: 216-417-5587 Website: <https://www.ustogether.us/>

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 wars and conflicts there. (con’t)

- If any of you, who are homebound, would like to partake in the **Holy Sacraments**, kindly call the parish office number (330-744-5820) or me (330-888-8881) to make arrangements.
- I would like to encourage you to pray (*daily if you can*) the prayers from the **Prayer Corner**.
- Please keep in your prayers the soul of St. Anne Church's parishioner, **James Allen Stevens**, who died this past Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the age of 85 and who was buried this past Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Please also keep in your prayers all the loved ones he left behind, especially his wife "Ann Panko Stevens; [and] his three children, James (Amy) Stevens, Jr., Nicole (Matt) Peters, and Mark Stevens" (Kinnick Funeral Home: <https://www.kinnickfuneralhome.com/obituary/James-Stevens>). Thank you! Eternal memory! Вічна пам'ять!
- If you would like to include your deceased loved ones in the liturgical services this year on **All Souls Saturday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>** as well as in the services and prayers for the deceased during Lent (**Sorokousty**), kindly provide their names to me (*please write/print clearly*). Please be advised that since the second All Souls Saturday coincides this year with the Poly-eleos feast of the First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist on February 24<sup>th</sup> and the fourth All Souls Saturday coincides with the Polyeleos feast of the Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste on March 9<sup>th</sup>, these feast days replace the two All Souls Saturdays respectively this year; however, I will still have on each of those two Saturdays a Panakhyda for the Deceased. Please likewise be advised that most likely there won't be any services on All Souls Saturday on May 18<sup>th</sup> of this year due to my schedule; apologies for any inconvenience.
- Heartfelt congratulations to **Father Bohdan Nasypanyi** whom our Eparch, Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on February 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year – the feast of the Meeting of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ – at the Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma OH. Father Bohdan had been assigned as the Assistant Pastor at the Pokrova Church. May our Triune Lord: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit always bless Father Bohdan for the work in His vineyard through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Holy Angels and Saints for many healthy and happy years! Axios! If you would like to congratulate Father Bohdan personally, you may do so by writing to him at the following address:

**Rev. Fr. Bohdan Nasypanyi**  
**Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
**6812 Broadview Rd.**  
**Parma, OH 44134**

- Please support the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** from which also the people in Ukraine benefit, and thank you for your generosity.
- We have **Super Cash Bonanza charity tickets** from the Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus for sale. They are \$5.00 each (over \$108,000.00 in cash prizes), and all proceeds will be used towards local charities. **For every ticket sold in our two parishes, \$3.00 will go to the Knights of Columbus and \$2.00 will be kept by a parish. Please purchase your tickets by March 31<sup>st</sup>; drawing date: May 18, 2024.** Please consider buying them as both of our parishes can benefit from it. Thank you! For more information online, please go to: <https://kofcoho.org/programs/super-cash-bonanza/>.
- We are continuing collecting certain needed items at both parishes for a local branch of **the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. 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.

- 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](http://www.holytrinityucc.com) and [www.stanneucc.com](http://www.stanneucc.com)). Thank you!

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- 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 of Russia against Ukraine as well as the wars and conflicts in the Middle East, especially the war in the Holy Land! 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 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, especially St. Anne!

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

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Слава Україні!

With prayers in the Triune Lord and the Theotokos,



**МОЛІТЬСЯ ЗА УКРАЇНУ!**

**PRAY FOR UKRAINE!**

**NOTE ON HOLY SACRAMENTS OF THE EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Generally, Catholics (and some non-Catholics under certain conditions) receive Holy Communion worthily if they do not have even one mortal sin on his/her soul (one sins mortally when all of the following three conditions are present: grave matter (10 Commandments), full knowledge, and deliberate consent), and, usually, these are people who go to confession more or less frequently; one is permitted to receive Holy Communion with the venial sins on his/her soul. Otherwise, if one receives Holy Communion unworthily, namely with mortal sin(s) on his/her soul and is aware of it, committing it with deliberate consent, one commits another mortal sin. Although, certainly, it is possible to live one's life without committing even one mortal sin for a long time and, hence, have no need for confession for a long time, such people could be considered exceptions. Also, in accordance with the Church Commandments (also known as the Church Precepts), a minimal requirement is for a person to go to confession at least once a year as well as to receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season: to go to confession provided one committed at least one mortal sin and to receive Holy Communion provided one did not commit even one mortal sin.

*Revised on April 4, 2023.*

**Holy Trinity Church Financials for the Week Ending February 11, 2024**

Candle/Offering: \$5.00	Initial Offering: \$10.00	Church/C/E/Euro: \$65.00	<b>Deposit: \$3,465.04</b>
Weekly Offering: \$1,190.00	Church in Need: \$10.00	St. Anne Reimb: \$1,913.04	Sunday Attendance: 39
Dues: \$12.00	Enc. of Our Lord: \$20.00	Repairs/Maint: \$120.00	February 50/50: \$20.00
Diocesan: \$5.00	Sorokousty: \$100.00	50/50: \$15.00	2/8 Pyrohy (Gr): \$2,924.00



**METROPOLIA OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States**

**GREAT FAST PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE U.S.A. TO OUR  
CLERGY, HIEROMONKS AND BROTHERS, RELIGIOUS SISTERS, SEMINARIANS AND BELOVED  
FAITHFUL**

“Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins  
and not judge my brothers and sisters  
for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.”  
*Lenten prayer of Saint Ephrem of Syria*

As we enter this Lenten season, we all experience darkness around us. We all have been living in the shadows of two years of war in Ukraine, conflicts in the Middle East and other places throughout the world. We all struggle with extended time of darkness that has impacted each of us, our families, our communities, our church, our nation and the world.

At the same time, we are invited to embark on the Lenten pilgrimage. The doors of repentance are opening! The Great Lent is beginning! Every year Great Lent is repeated, and each time it brings us great benefit if we as individual, our families and church community entrust ourselves to start this journey. It is a preparation for the life to come and, more immediately, a preparation for the Bright Resurrection. Repentance for us as individuals is the conscious transformation of our hearts, our minds, and the very essence of our lives. This is at the heart of the Great Lent. This experience gives us a deeper understanding of God’s love in living through the darkness of the death of Christ that reveals to us the saving death for our salvation - the life-giving death. But, Christ’s death is the not the final event!

Only when we acknowledge our need to repent, when we enter the “wilderness of the desert of our hearts” and focus inward that we take the first step on the road to repentance. Then we start to understand why we are terrified, afraid, and uncertain.

During the Lenten days, we are offered the opportunity to seek release from those things we have allowed, often unconsciously, to hold us captive, yet which in and of themselves have no real power over us. Now, during the forty days, we are challenged to do away with our passions, our preoccupations, our pride, our jealousy and anger. Now, we are assured that the doors of repentance are opened to those who knock. Repentance stands at the very heart of our spiritual lives. Repentance is our ongoing, continuing and daily pursuit.

We enter this Lenten journey as individuals, but we are not alone, at the same time we enter this pilgrimage with our families and our church community. Together, we stand at the doors of repentance. Together, we knock and implore the Giver of Life to lead us from the desert of our lives into the joy of being with God.

On this journey will be able to see in the new light people around us. We will be able to listen more attentively to those in need, those less fortunate than us in our community. We will be able to walk together through trials and tribulations, assist and help each other. We will be able to live our Christian vocation to preach the "Good News" of Christ in our lives. We and our communities will become welcoming and hospitable both for its faithful and for strangers. We will manifest this spirit of service toward those who are closest to us, to our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, to fellow parishioners, and even to total strangers, whom we meet for the first time. Let us also remember that in our midst there are many, who have left the Church for a variety of reasons, or they don't attend simply because no one has ever said to them: "Come and see!" (John 1:46). Let us invite them to start this Lenten journey together.

Great Lent is a perfect time to strive to live for our church community in unity. It is a time for our community to be resplendent with evangelical joy and godly life. Our spiritual life will be a sign of God's presence in the world, through our prayer and our service to others. This Lenten journey allows us to touch all aspects of our inner life, our church community and in a broader sense encompasses the fullness of Christian life. Let us be not afraid and with joy enter this Lenten pilgrimage which will lead us from darkness to the joy and brightness of Christ's Resurrection.

May God bless our Lenten pilgrimage toward the glorious Feast of the Resurrection!

+Borys Gudziak

Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians  
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM  
Eparch of Stamford

+Benedict Aleksiychuk  
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago

+Bohdan J. Danylo (author)  
Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma

Great Lent 2024

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### **Holy Trinity Kolachi and Easter Bread Baking**

Orders will be taken by: **Marlene Antonchak @ 330-539-4730**

**Kolachi Date: March 9, 2024;**

**Price: \$15/each**

**Easter Bread Date: March 16, 2024;**

**Price: \$7 for either plain or raisin**

**As always, some things to be aware of:**

1. Baking will be limited and once orders are full, no additional orders will be taken.
2. Please do not give your order to anyone other than Marlene. We cannot guarantee availability if you do.

**Volunteers Wanted (and Appreciated!)**

### **Join the Knights of Columbus!**

"Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to protect the families of the Catholic Church. He had a vision to establish our organization of local councils whose members sought to strengthen their faith, to serve the needs of others, and to protect their families through our insurance program. Want to be a part of that and become an insurance member? Go to [kofco.org](https://kofco.org) and click on Join Us. For more information contact: Michael Jordon, Membership Director of the KofC Council #3813: phone: 330-540-7317; e-mail: [mtjordon@yahoo.com](mailto:mtjordon@yahoo.com).

*Source: Knights of Columbus Ohio State Council (<https://kofco.org/membership/>).*



**METROPOLIA OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States**

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

On February 24, we commemorate the second tragic anniversary of the full-scale Russian war against Ukraine. We all know victims: those slaughtered, maimed, rendered homeless. The Russian inferno, ignited by the illegal annexation of Crimea that began on February 20, 2014, has now been scorching our brothers and sisters for ten years. The invaders have killed hundreds of thousands and at least 12 million have become international refugees or internally displaced persons. The aggressors have perpetrated at least one trillion dollars' worth of infrastructure damage and destruction. The criminal bombing of civilian infrastructure continues daily. In solidarity with numerous innocent victims and in deep pain, we cry to the Lord in the words of the psalmist: "They are evil; watch them, God!" (Ps 56:8).

And yet, a biblical David courageously stands against Goliath that has a territory 28 times as big and is voracious for more. The aggressors covet not merely land. The world has come to see the manifest evidence of genocide committed by the invaders. Their intentions are clear: the annihilation of the Ukrainian state, its language, and culture. The attack on our Churches is frontal. Every Russian occupation of Ukrainian territory in the last 250 years has led to a dismantling of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. This time it is no different.

In times of calamity and injustice, it is crucial for us to unite in prayer and solidarity with those who suffer: "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Co 12:26). Millions of individuals and families endure acute misery and trauma. As we reflect upon this catastrophic assault, let us come together as a community of hope and confidence in God's justice to offer our supplications for a just and sustainable peace and healing of the wounds of war.

In the last years, parishes of our Church formed a global network of prayer, advocacy, and aid to Ukraine. We are deeply grateful to you and your parishioners for imploring the Lord to intervene, for informing the world around us, and for your generous support offered to those in distress. Please continue. Ukrainian soldiers and civilians are not giving up; neither can we.

To mark this painful anniversary, we ask you to organize special prayer services at your parishes and actively participate in the commemorative events organized by the community at large. Our spiritual communion will be for our faithful the best way to observe the second anniversary of the full-scale Russian invasion, to do so with trust in the Lord, his justice and compassion. Jesus teaches about the importance of such common prayer: "I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:19-20). And God surely will "heed the plea of the lowly, not scorning their prayer" (Ps 102:18).

Please find attached the text of services in English and Ukrainian which you can use for organizing prayerful commemorations at your parishes. They embrace the fallen and injured soldiers, innocent civilians who were brutally killed in air attacks, internally displaced persons and refugees, those who lost their loved ones — everybody who suffers from the unjust invasion.

May the grace of the Lord be with you as we stand together in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Yours in Christ,

+Borys Gudziak

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+Bohdan J. Danylo  
Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma



# Bringing America Back to Life

Pro-Life Convention

15TH ANNUAL BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE CONVENTION

March 8th & 9th

With Bob Frantz, Emcee  
Host of Always Right with Bob Frantz



Pray Act Vote Educate...

PAVE-ing the way to life

March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Embassy Suites— Independence, OH

Cleveland Right to Life's annual *Bringing America Back to Life* Convention has become the premier educational platform of the pro-life community. The two-day event features local, national, and internationally recognized speakers addressing the challenges and opportunities currently facing the growing Right-to-Life movement. Acclaimed experts in politics, law, culture, science, media, and theology join together to educate and inspire those dedicated to protecting the most vulnerable members of our society.

The theme for this year's convention is **Genesis 1:27**.



Raymond Arroyo



David Bereit



Chloe Cole



Dr. William Lile



Mark Houck



Pastor Artur Pawlowski



Steven Mosher



David Prentice



Father Patrick Schultz



Mark Harrington



Joe Dallas



Father Jason Charron



Michael Kenney



### Opening Mass with Bishop Malesic

Thursday March 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

St. Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd., Independence, OH 44131

Joining us to Bless our Convention



Pastor Walter Moss



Pastor Daniel Wolvin



Father Tom Haren

## For Individual Ticket Purchases:

Select one or more of the following activities on the ticket order form. Choose Friday, Saturday, or both days!

### Speakers Only Pass - \$25

Includes entry to all speakers (Friday and Saturday sold separately), but no meals. Purchase the optional meals separately.

### Add Breakfast - \$25

Open seating in the dining area of the ballroom. Speakers pass required for meal purchase.

### Add Lunch - \$30

Open seating in the dining area of the ballroom. Speakers pass required for meal purchase.

### Add Dinner - \$60

Open seating in the dining area of the ballroom. Speakers pass required for meal purchase.

See below for Group Ticket Information

You can also register on-line at: [www.bringingamericabacktolife.org/registration/](http://www.bringingamericabacktolife.org/registration/)

## TICKET ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to "Cleveland Right to Life Education, Inc."

Please submit completed form by mail or email to:

BABL Registration, c/o Treasures for Life, 4427 State Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109

Ph: (440) 529-4836

Email: [laura@clevelandrighttolife.org](mailto:laura@clevelandrighttolife.org) \* Website: [www.bringingamericabacktolife.org](http://www.bringingamericabacktolife.org)

	Friday	Saturday
Speakers Only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Add Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Add Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Add Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60

## Group Ticket Purchases

We are delighted to accommodate larger groups. Any combination of 10 or more Speakers Only Passes & Meals bought at the same time earns a 10% discount and 20 or more earns a discount of 20% (certain restrictions apply). For details &/or to purchase, please call 440-529-4836 or e-mail [laura@clevelandrighttolife.org](mailto:laura@clevelandrighttolife.org).

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Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma

"I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him,  
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you."  
Luke 15:18 (NRSVCE)

# 2024 Lock-in Retreat The Way Home

Saturday, March 2 (9:00 am) to  
Sunday, March 3 (1:00 pm)

Children & Youth Age: 12-18

Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church  
6812 Broadview Rd.  
Parma, OH 44134  
Registration Fee: \$30/person  
Contact: Deacon Myron Spak  
412-303-9086 / mjspak@verizon.net  
RSVP by February 28th

# This Lent, Walk Closer with Christ

You are invited to attend the following events  
to be held at the Borrono Meeting Room at  
the St Paul Monastery.

Feb 21 7pm Wednesday Speaker Series  
"St Paul's Spiritual and Theological Vision"  
Speaker: Barbara Spencer

Feb 24 9am  
Lenten Day of Recollection  
Talks, Reconciliation and Mass at 3pm  
Lunch and refreshments provided. Free will offering

March 13 7pm Wednesday Speaker Series  
"Father, if possible, let this cup pass from me".  
Speaker: Dr Richard Mattiussi

St Paul Monastery: 9531 Akron-Canfield Rd Canfield OH 44406



Guest Speaker

Retired Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court  
The Honorable Maureen O'Connor

You must Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcde6przgsE9OpYjHczx-C2MXKqg8q6PZAN>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing  
information about joining the meeting.

Livestream on Jaladah Aslam Facebook pages

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Questions call 330-727-5758  
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# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

Adapted by Fr Vitalii Stashkevych (BCC) for the Gregorian Calendar

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
1 <sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 18 <sup>TH</sup>	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2 <sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	 <b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3 <sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Lent MARCH 3 <sup>RD</sup>	 <b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent MARCH 10 <sup>TH</sup>	 <b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent MARCH 17 <sup>TH</sup>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> MARCH 24 <sup>TH</sup> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> MARCH 29 <sup>TH</sup>	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
<b>FEAST OF FEASTS!</b> MARCH 31 <sup>ST</sup> NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Source: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma.



## Prayer Vigil

FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

МОЛЕБЕНЬ ЗА МИР В УКРАЇНІ

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6PM

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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## FASTING & ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS FOR THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In accordance with statute 403 of *The Statutes of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma*, "As each Christian is called to ongoing repentance and amendment of life, the ancient practice of fasting is to be maintained. All those from 14 to 59 years of age, inclusively, must abstain from meat on Holy Saturday and each and every Friday of Lent (the Great Fast), as well as Christmas Eve, December 24 and Theophany Eve, January 5. These faithful must also abstain from meat and all dairy food (including milk, eggs, cheese, etc.) on the first day of the Great Fast (the Monday which follows Cheesefare Sunday) and on Holy and Great Friday. Pregnant and nursing mothers, the ill and infirm, those who work at hard physical labor and the very poor are excused" (statute 403, *The Statutes of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma*, 19 August 1994). The statute continues: "The eparch can dispense all the faithful of the eparchy as well as any individuals for a good reason from any of these fasting prescriptions. A pastor may also dispense individual parishioners for a good reason. He cannot, however, dispense the entire parish" (ibid.). Moreover, according the article 472 of the 1999 *Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States of America* (the guide that "supplements [and does not contradict] the Statutes of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma" in our eparchy (see article 4 of the *Pastoral Guide*); the guide's revised version is forthcoming), "[t]he periods of penitence and their respective duration are:

- Great Lent, extending from the Monday after Cheesefare Sunday to the Saturday of Lazarus. And Great and Holy Week, extending from Great Monday to Great and Holy Saturday inclusively.
- The preparation for the Birth of Jesus Christ in the Flesh (*Pylypivka*) begins on the day..." after "... the feast of St. Philip (November 15), and lasts until the Eve of the Nativity of Christ (December 24) inclusively.
- The Apostles' Fast (*[P]etrivka*) extends from the Monday following the Sunday of All Saints, and continues through to the day preceding the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul (June 28), inclusively.
- The Dormition Fast (*Spasivka*) begins on August [1] and lasts until the eve of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 14), inclusively" (article 472, *Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States of America* (Philadelphia, PA, 1999)).

Furthermore, the "[g]eneral rules governing abstinence [are]:

- Meat is to be understood as including not only the flesh but also those parts of warm-blooded animals that cannot be melted down, e.g., the liver, lungs, blood, graves, etc. Although it is not the authentic practice of the Tradition[,] the meat of fish and crustaceans may be eaten, as well of those mammals, that live constantly in water, as, e.g., whales.
- Dairy Products are to be understood as comprising products derived from mammals and birds, but not regarded as meat, e.g., cheese, lard, butter, milk, and its by-products, eggs, etc.
- Fats of plant origin, e.g., those derived from olives, coconuts, seeds of the sunflower and of the pumpkin, may be used.
- Voluntary penance, prayers for the intentions of the hierarchs of the Church, Bishop of Rome, the Major Archbishop, the Metropolitan, and the Eparchial Bishop; voluntary offerings to the Church, the seminaries, the Church in Ukraine, self-denial of alcohol, smoking, attendance at entertainment, etc., may be supplementary only with permission of a confessor. Bread and water alone [are] a good fast.
- Priests who possess a pastoral assignment are empowered to grant dispensations or relaxation from the laws of abstinence to individual persons as well as to individual families.

The following are exempt from abstinence: (1) the poor who live on alms; (2) sick and frail persons; (3) convalescents who are returning to their strength; (4) pregnant women, and mothers who are nursing their children; (5) persons who perform hard labor; (6) children who have not completed their seventh [currently, fourteenth] year of age; (7) [p]ersons have completed their 59th year of age" with permission of their pastor or confessor" [the clause "with permission of their pastor or confessor" is no longer valid...] (article 474, *Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States of America* (Philadelphia, PA, 1999)).

Furthermore, in accordance with article 475 of the *Pastoral Guide*, "In virtue of rules enacted by the Synod of Bishops under the presidency of the Major Archbishop in 1969 the following rules of abstinence oblige in the United States:

- Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of the year except those which occur in privileged weeks and on holydays of Our Lord and of the Mother of God.
- Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the first day of the Great Fast (Lent) and on Good Friday.
- Abstinence from meat, in addition to eating only one full meal and a smaller snack, milk products being permitted in accordance with local custom: on Christmas Eve, Epiphany Eve, Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14) and Beheading of St. John the Baptist (August 29).
- During the Great Fast, the faithful may also maintain the tradition of abstaining from meat on Wednesdays" (ibid., article 475).

*Compiled by Fr. Lubomir Zhybak on March 3, 2022 and revised on Dec. 22, 2023.*

**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):

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**BENEFICIARY BIC: NBUA UA UX**

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

**INTERMEDIARY BANK NAME: JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, New York**

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**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](mailto: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! You became man, suffered, and died on the cross for our salvation and we thank You for this gift of redemption that we received from You! We humbly ask You during this holy time of Lent 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 all wars and conflicts in the world, especially for the end of the current wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, for all who died during them, for the loved ones they left behind as well as for the enlightenment and conversion of the hearts of the aggressors, so that a sincere and truthful dialogue may lead to an authentic and lasting peace and reconciliation between people, we pray to You, O Lord, hear us and have mercy! 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 sacred priesthood, diaconate, 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 Purgatory to Heaven, 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 Holy Angels and Saints, and may You be praised forever and ever! Amen.

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

Composed by Fr. Lubomir Zhybak in 2020 and revised on February 7, 2024.

Image: photo of the stained-glass window of Jesus Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH (2021).