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Sunday, October 4, 2026

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 2

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

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Holy Apostle Thomas (October 6th)

Liturgical Greeting

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

Response:
"Glory Forever!"
"Slava Na Veeky!"

Next Sunday:
October 11, 2026

20th Sunday After Pentecost – Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Tones: 3 & Festive

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16
Gospel: John 17:1-13

Day:	Date:	Place:	Time:	Intention:	Offered/Requested By:	Cantor(s)/ Reader(s):
				19th Sunday After Pentecost		
Sun	Oct 4	HT	10:30a	Praying of the Holy Rosary		J. Bodak
			11:00a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Parishioners of Both Parishes		M. Kopczyk
Mon	Oct 5			**NO SERVICE.**		
Tue	Oct 6	HT	8:15a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for †Luke Durst		J. Bodak
Wed	Oct 7	HT	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for †Luke Durst's Family, Relatives, Friends, and the Entire Cardinal Mooney High School Community		M. Woloszyn
Thu	Oct 8	HT	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for †Maxim Hancher	An Anonymous Donor	M. Woloszyn
Fri	Oct 9	HT	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for †Michael Bilon, †Patrick Bilon, †Esther Bilon, and †Pat Bilon	Joan Marie Bodak, OFS	J. Bodak
Sat	Oct 10			**NO SERVICE.**		
				20th Sunday After Pentecost – Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council		
Sun	Oct 11	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 Parishes		J. Kicz

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

Remember the Church When Planning Your Estate

The Church was a mother to you in your earthly life, providing for your spiritual needs. Please remember Holy Trinity Church and/or Saint Anne Church and/or Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma in your last will and testament. You can use the following wording if you would like:

"I give and bequeath to [Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, Ohio and/or Saint Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, Ohio and/or Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio] _____% of the residue of my estate [or the following sum: $_____]."

If more convenient, please choose another suitable way to give to the Church: for example, establishing a Catholic Gift Annuity. Thank you very much! May the Good Lord reward you abundantly for your generosity in this life and in the life to come!

Upcoming PAC Meetings

PAC meetings for both parishes are scheduled for October 11th following each parish's Divine Liturgy.

Prayer Requests

Holy Trinity Church: Marlene Antonchak, Ann Blazina, Joan Bodak, Steve Bury, Emily Church, Andrea Curran, John Fecych, Patricia Hnatiw, Bill Humeniuk, Stella Kaszowski, Dan Malarcik, James Pirko, Marie Schuller, Martha, Marika, John, and *the physical and spiritual health of all of our parishioners.*

St. Anne Church: Protodeacon Don Billy, Joyce Budinsky, Carole Elias, Roger Elias, Susan Kurtiak, Joseph Kury, Louis Mancini, David and Katie Moran, Margaret Rodomsky, Ann Stevens, and *the physical and spiritual health of all of our parishioners.*

Clergy: Bishop Josyf Milyan, Fr. Louis, Fr. Jeff, Msgr. Martin Canavan, and Msgr. Anthony.

Non-Parishioners: Kennedy Eatinger, Mark F., Dawn Howard, Yaroslava, 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, Jim, Ivan M., Nadiya M., Anna F., Alexei Y., Nadiya Y., Volodymyr Y., Joe Beeson, Oleh and Oksana, Olha, Ivan, Vasyl, Isaiah, Priscilla, Lana, Susan Boyd, Valera, Marina, Fr. Jerzy, Denny Lightner, Patrick, Mary Ann Sayre, Opal Mort, Brant Mort, Kirk Kreuzwieser, Mia, Ronda, Jeff, Oleh, Khrystyna, Andrew, Kathy Tamoney, Solomiya, Vitaliy, Nazar, Ivan, Anhelina, Yuriy, Kenneth, Nova, Missy, Kim, Trey, Nancy, **Liz & Family**, **Durst Family**, and the workers of Accessible Home Services and the people for whom they care.

Weekly Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

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

We still do not have power at St. Anne Church; hence, all the Liturgies are still being held at Holy Trinity Church, including today, Sunday, October 4th: just one Liturgy for both parishes at 11 am; the intentions for the daily Liturgies this week on Tuesday and Wednesday (October 6-7) will again be from St. Anne Church. We are hoping to be back to normal, starting next Sunday, October 11th. Please spread the word and follow the bulletin for updates. Thank you!

This past Thursday, **October 1st** – the feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos – our **Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo celebrated the 30th Anniversary of Priesthood**. Hence, on behalf of both of our parishes, I would like to wish Bishop Bohdan a very happy 30th Anniversary! May our Triune Lord: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit continue to bless him with the abundance of His riches in his work in our Lord's vineyard through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Holy Angels and Saints! If you would like to send a card to Bishop Bohdan, please mail it to the following address.

Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma
P.O. Box 347180
Parma, OH 44134

Thank you! Axios and многая літа (mnohaya leeta) to Bishop Bohdan!!!

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Today, **October 4th**, besides commemorating the Holy Bishop-Martyr Hierotheus, we also commemorate in our Ukrainian Catholic Church **Saint Francis of Assisi**. As I informed you before already, on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi († October 3, 1226), our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV proclaimed the special **Jubilee Year of Saint Francis**, celebrated in the Catholic Church **between January 10, 2026 and January 10, 2027**. According to the Vatican Media interview with Bishop Krzysztof Nykiel, Regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary in Rome, "The Apostolic Penitentiary, in accordance with the will of Pope Leo XIV, has issued a Decree granting the faithful the plenary indulgence during the Year of Saint Francis, celebrated on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of the Saint of Assisi. The life of the Poor Man of Assisi shows that God's mercy works in history also through people who have opened their hearts to His action. Looking at his example, we see that God's grace can transform even the greatest weaknesses. Precisely indulgence makes it possible to free the heart from the burden of sin, since it is the remission by God of the temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, so that one may carry out the due reparation in full freedom. Therefore, the Jubilee is an opportunity for the faithful to rekindle their faith, strengthen their relationship with God and with the community of the Church." (Fr. Marek Weresa, *Year of Saint Francis: 'Indulgence is an encounter with God, not a spiritual shortcut,'* Vatican News, accessed on February 18, 2026: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-01/year-saint-francis-indulgence-assisi.html). According to the Apostolic Penitentiary's Decree, signed by the Major Penitentiary, Angelo Cardinal De Donatis and co-signed by the above-mentioned Bishop Krzysztof Nykiel, Regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on January 10, 2026 in Rome, the plenary indulgence is open to all members of the Catholic Church "under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father [please keep in mind that this is not a prayer(s) for the Pope but for the intentions that he has]), also applicable in the form of suffrage for the souls in Purgatory [please be advised that you can offer a plenary indulgence either for yourself or for the soul(s) in the Purgatory, but not for another, still living person(s)]" – the faithful "who, with a heart detached from sin, participate

The Byzantine-style Crucifix, through which our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ spoke to Saint Francis to restore His house, i.e., the Church, in ca. 1205-1206 in San Damiano Church near Assisi, currently housed at the Basilica of Saint Clare in Assisi (photo by Fr. Lubomir Zhybak, 31 December 2024, Assisi, Italy).

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in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis or connected to him for any reason [**this is applicable, for instance, to the Shrine of Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted at 517 South Belle Vista Avenue in Youngstown that is run by the Franciscans**], and there devoutly follow the Jubilee rites or spend at least a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God so that, following the example of Saint Francis, feelings of Christian charity towards their neighbours and authentic vows of harmony and peace among peoples may spring forth in their hearts, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare and all the Saints of the Franciscan Family." (*Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the occasion of the Eighth Centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, by which a special Jubilee Year is proclaimed, with associated Plenary Indulgences*, Holy See Press Office, Bulletin of January 16, 2026, accessed on February 18, 2026: https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/01/16/260116c.html). Furthermore, the Decree also states that the "elderly, the sick and those who take care of them, and all those who are unable to leave their homes for serious reasons may also obtain a Plenary Indulgence, provided they detach themselves from any sin and intend to fulfil the three usual conditions as soon as possible, if they unite themselves spiritually to the jubilee celebrations of the Year of Saint Francis, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, the pains or sufferings of their lives." (ibid.). **I hope that everyone at both of our parishes will be able to gain many spiritual graces of our Lord for themselves and the souls in the Purgatory as well as grow in holiness during this special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis to whose special intercession I entrust both of our parish communities.**

Sadly, the situation in 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 as well as for the conversion of Ukraine's aggressors** and, as a born and raised Ukrainian, I would 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, you can do it through either of our two parishes or mail your checks directly to our eparchy's Chancery in Parma, making your checks payable to *Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy* and putting in the memo section *Humanitarian Help*:

Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy
P.O. Box 347180
Parma, OH 44134

For more information, please go to: https://stjosaphateparchy.com/support-ukraine/ or you can call the Chancery at 440-888-1522. No amount is too small, yet please be generous, and I thank you in advance for your munificence (*if anyone needs a copy of our eparchy's Humanitarian Aid Fund report, please let me know; you can also find it through our eparchy's website: https://stjosaphateparchy.com/)*. 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, keeping also in our prayers those who were killed and died during the past and current wars and conflicts there.

1. 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.
2. I would like to encourage you to pray (*daily if you can*) the prayers from the **Prayer Corner**.
3. If anyone is interested in attending **a special event of the League of Ukrainian Catholics titled "Promise to Pray: A Celebration of Love, Sacrifice & Prayer" on October 23-25 of this year at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Yonkers, NY**, please let me know as I have the registration forms (you can also register online at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/promise-to-pray-a-celebration-of-love-sacrifice-and-prayer); **deadline for registration: October 10, 2026**. Also, if you would like to purchase the **2026 Mad Money Raffle tickets** from LUC, please let me know by October 11th. They are $5.00 per ticket or $25.00 for six. The raffle has 13 cash prizes totaling $1,500.00; drawing: October 25, 2026.

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Cash or check written to *League of Ukrainian Catholics*. Also, if anyone is interested in joining the League, please get in touch with LUC at contact@leagueofukrainiancatholics.org. For more information about the league, please log onto: https://leagueofukrainiancatholics.org. You can also contact LUC at: League of Ukrainian Catholics, c/o Elaine P. Nowadly, 140 Royal Coach Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224. Thank you in advance for your support of LUC!

4. We **restarted the pyrohy project at Holy Trinity Church this past Tuesday, September 29th, and we hope to do the same on Wednesday, October 7th, at St. Anne Church, pending the return of electricity in the church complex**. Nonetheless, I would like to thank those of you who already committed to be involved in the projects as well as to encourage those of you who can help us but did not make the commitment yet. I am sure you realize how vitally important the pyrohy projects are for both of our parish communities and so, again, if you did not make the commitment yet, please do not think twice and help your parishes out. We have a good camaraderie with the pyrohy making at both of our churches, so I am certain that you enjoy the working atmosphere. Thank you all blessed new pyrohy season!
5. We are continuing collecting at both parishes for a local branch of **the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. You'll find a special box for the donations at each church. Please be generous and thank you for your benevolence! **Thank you also to those who already donated to the collection!** 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.

6. 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!
7. Our weekly bulletins are available online at both churches' websites (www.holytrinityucc.com and www.stanneucc.com).

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 wars in Ukraine and Middle East! 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 heal all sick people in the world from all spiritual and physical illnesses! May He rest in peace the souls of all people in the world, who died from any disease, 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! May He always protect all of us here in America as well as all people in the rest of the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East, helping us to end all the wars and conflicts on earth! Let us present all of these petitions to our immensely good and merciful 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, the Middle East, South America, Asia, and the rest of the world through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Holy Angels and Saints, especially Saint Joachim, Saint Anne, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare, and Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky!

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Слава Україні!

With prayers in the Triune Lord & the Theotokos,

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

Holy Trinity Church

Oct 6: **Mary Ann Popovich**
Oct 6: **Ron and Diane Yourstowsky (36)**
Oct 8: **Marie Woloszyn** Oct 9: **John Kicz**

St. Anne Church

Oct 11: **Elena Beeson**

Na Mnohaya ee Blahaya Leeta!

"Called to be Holy: Living God's Purpose Through His Grace" – The Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma Held the Fall Youth Retreat

The youth, young adult leaders, laity, and clergy of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh gathered together from Friday till Sunday, September 18-20, 2026, at Camp Guyasuta – a Scouting America camp – in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania for the annual Fall Youth Retreat.

The theme of this year's event was "Called to be Holy: Living God's Purpose Through His Grace" with the supporting Scripture verse taken from the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy: "[He] saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace" (*2 Timothy 1:9a* (NRSVCE)). The Fall Youth Retreat was organized by the Eparchial Youth Committee (EYC) under the leadership of Fr. Lubomir Zhybak, the committee's director and pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH and St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, OH, and the director of the eparchy's office of child, youth & vulnerable adults protection as well as the following EYC members who attended the retreat: Michael Spak who coordinated the event and who was aided therein by his wife, Belinda – both parishioners of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, Michael Levy and Joseph Levy from St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, Vicky Freed from Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge, PA, and Victoria Fedora from St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Some laypeople from St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, OH, Mr. Volodymyr and Mrs. Natalia Protsyuk attended the retreat with their children. Some other EYC members who did not attend the retreat due to personal reasons: Deacon Myron Spak from Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, PA, Subdeacon Joseph Zappernick from St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, OH, and Olena Korendii from the Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, OH helped with the event as well. Special thanks go to Kim Deniher from Camp Guyasuta and her wonderful staff for the warm hospitality provided to the retreat's participants.

The main speaker at this year's Fall Youth Retreat was Father Nathaniel Tapsak from the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, who is the pastor of Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church in Sykesville, PA, and the Nativity of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church in DuBois, PA.

The event began on Friday evening with the Ninth Hour prayer service, led by Fr. Nathaniel, which was followed by a dinner. Afterward, Fr. Lubomir Zhybak heartily welcomed everyone to the retreat, which was followed by Fr. Nathaniel's first presentation. The main speaker began his talk, entitled "True Happiness," with a question with which mankind wrestles: how can I obtain happiness? Fr. Nathaniel accentuated that happiness is something we all desire, yet it quickly passes away. Rather, what we truly desire is a lasting peace, which never goes away. For Christians, the answer is obvious: Jesus Christ, Whose words to the Apostles after His resurrection were "Peace be with you!" (see John 20:19) is the source of such lasting peace. Christ teaches us, especially in the Sermon on the Mount, to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness before all else (see Matthew 6:33) and thereby find rest from the anxieties of life. For the Christian, to seek the Kingdom means spending regular time throughout the day in prayer, prioritizing the worship of the Church and the sacraments. Prayer takes preparation: *first*, by creating a quiet, physical space (an icon corner); *second*, by shedding distractions –

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in this day and age, the most common distraction is electronic devices – which fill our mind with thoughts and anxiety; and *third*, to have a plan for how we will spend our time in prayer. For an experienced Christian, regular prayer truly becomes the source of lasting peace for which we all long. The first day of the retreat was concluded with a campfire outside.

On Saturday morning, after the First Hour prayer service and the breakfast, the group went on the pontoon boat ride, guided by a Camp Guyasuta staff member, on Allegheny, Ohio, and Monongahela Rivers, which flow through and converge in the city of Pittsburgh, PA, along the picturesque vistas and Pittsburgh's skyline – the event that was met with a lot of joy, laughter, and excitement. After the ride, the participants had lunch, which was followed by Fr. Nathaniel's second presentation that had a self-explanatory title, "What is prayer and how do I do it?" The main speaker stated that, at first glance, we may not realize that Christ teaches us the essentials of prayer in the Gospels, both by His teaching and by His own example. He tells us to "enter our inner selves" and pray in secret (see Matthew 6:6); in other places, Christ either ends a day or begins a day of ministry by going into the wilderness to pray. Yet, prayer often does not seem self-explanatory. For that reason, Fr. Nathaniel turned to the advice of a desert father, Evagrius Ponticus [who lived in the IV century AD]. The retreat master said that, in various short writings of his, we learn that prayer is not merely paying lip service to God while our minds are elsewhere, but that it requires our full attention; we learn to see prayer as food for our souls, much like bread is food for the body; we come to expect that prayer will not be easy, and will take perseverance; we are warned that the passions, especially anger towards another, will make prayer difficult and ought to be addressed first; finally, that prayer of supplication (i.e., asking for something) ought to always be approached with the intention of the Lord's Prayer: that His will be done, not necessarily ours. Next, utilizing the teachings of a XIX century Orthodox theologian, Fr. Nathaniel turned to some practical wisdom, looking at some simple instructions for prayer: to *prepare* your heart and mind before praying, to *pay attention* to your words, and to *pause* after you pray, before continuing your day. Last, the main speaker considered the specifics of prayer, namely, that all Christians, whether lay people, clergy, or monastics, need a rule of prayer, that prayer is a habit that should be worked into our days at least twice, and that some types of prayer work better for different people. Fr. Nathaniel ended his talk with a challenge: if you don't already pray in the morning and evening, make a plan, and start today, and it will change your life.

The retreat master also prepared an Examination of Conscience for the participants before the Holy Mystery of Confession, made available by him, Fr. Lubomir Zhybak, and Fr. Yaroslav Koval, pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Arnold, PA, and the Nativity of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Alexandria, PA. Afterwards, the retreatants tried their skills at Camp Guyasuta's Archery Range, which was followed by Vespers and the dinner. After the meal, the retreatants participated in the Ask-the-Clergy Question & Answer session. Fr. Lubomir and Fr. Nathaniel tackled some questions asked by the participants that was met with humor, candor, and catechetical lessons. The session provided an educational, fun, and engaging opportunity for everyone, especially the youth, to ask the clergy questions to deepen the understating and knowledge of their faith as well as to share with others their life experiences. Afterwards, all present sang a traditional Ukrainian 'Mnohaya Leeta' ('Many Years') to Mrs. Natalia Protsyuk, who was celebrating her birthday on that day, which was followed by a fellowship with a cake and other treats, provided by the Protsyuk family. The day was concluded with some free time.

On Sunday, the group was warmly welcomed by Bishop Bohdan Danylo of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, Fr. Yaroslav Koval, the church's pastor, and the parishioners at the Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Bishop Bohdan and concelebrated by Fr. Yaroslav and Fr. Nathaniel that was followed by a luncheon, which concluded the retreat.

This year's Fall Youth Retreat was a wonderful and prayerful event whereby everyone present was able to experience our Lord's love and share this love with one another. The next Fall Youth Retreat is planned for the fall of 2027.

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma
2026 Fall Youth Retreat
Scouting America — Camp Guyasuta
Sharpsburg, PA
September 18-20, 2026

Photos: Courtesy of Fr. Lubomir Zhybak.

Catherine Moran to Appear on EWTN

Catherine Moran, speaker, local author, and President of Our Lady's Blue Army, Byzantine Division, will appear on EWTN's "At Home with Jim and Joy" on October 7th and 8th at 1:30pm EST.

The topic of her appearance is "The Spirituality of St. Jacinta and Ven. Sr. Lucia". The author's two books will be discussed on how by meditating daily on their writings and recorded words, readers can grow in their prayer life and in the knowledge of the message of Fatima.

Author's two books used in the show: "Mary's Gentle Path" and "Holy in a Hurry"

St. Anne Church Pyrohy Project

The pyrohy project at St. Anne Church began September 23rd. The weekly volunteer schedule is as follows:

Wednesdays - 8:00am – Onion cooking
Thursdays - 8:00am - Packaging of onions and making potato balls.
Fridays - 7:00am - Kitchen stall opens.
8:00am - Pinching.

A sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule to see who is returning this year. Be sure to sign up! The area of urgent need this year is with the kitchen staff. **Please donate your time** for this worthwhile (*and essential*) project.

Holy Trinity Church Financials for the Week of September 27, 2026			
Candles/Offering:	$3.00	50/50:	$10.00
Weekly Offering:	$345.00	**Deposit:**	**$428.00**
Protect./Theotokos:	$15.00	Attendance:	27
Repairs/Maint.:	$55.00	Sept. 50/50:	$40.00

Holy Trinity Church Pyrohy Project

The pyrohy project at Holy Trinity Church began on September 29th. The weekly volunteer schedule is as follows:

Tuesdays - Potato peeling at **2:30pm**, lasting approximately 1-2 hours.
Wednesdays - Potato balls will be made at **8:00am** for approximately 2-4 hours.
Thursdays - Pinching and cooking takes place at **8:00am** with sales to follow.

The project needs help in several areas, primarily in the potato peeling as well as cooking departments.

As always, all tasks are *easy* and *fun* to do, the conversation is incredibly stimulating, and the regulars are always willing to teach the new folks.

Please Pray With Us
At the 11th Annual
Greater Youngstown Area

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Public Square Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

517 S. Belle Vista Ave Youngstown, OH 44509

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION and CONFESSION from 11:00 -11:50

MASS offered at Noon.

12:30 PM Public Recitation of the Rosary

In English and Spanish

Pray the Rosary in solidarity with 20,000 other Rallies held across America on the same day!

Praying the Rosary for America…

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

For more information
Call or Text

Connie (330) 507-3880
or
Katie (330) 647-3833

Dear LUC Members, Friends & Family,

We are excited to invite you to a very special event: "Promise to Pray: A Celebration of Love, Sacrifice & Prayer" on October 23rd – October 25th, 2026 at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Yonkers, NY.

'Promise to Pray', is a unique weekend of spiritual deep dives, honoring Love, Sacrifice & Prayer. After exploring our hearts and souls, we'll each connect with a Ukrainian soldier by creating an awesome **'Promise to Pray' Rugged Military Rosary (made of steel & stone).** No experience necessary. These special rosaries, made with Love, will carry your personal message to a Ukrainian soldier together with a 'Promise to Pray' for them. These beautiful rosaries will be blessed and hand delivered to our brave Heros in Ukraine by Bishop Stepan Sus.

SATURDAY PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS:

- **'Care for the Soul'** with Hieromonk, Father Curt McKenzie
- ***'The Geometry of Prayer'*** with Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
- ***'Promise to Pray'*** **Creative Workshop** make a rugged, combat rosary for a Ukrainian soldier.

CELEBRATIONS:

- Welcome Champagne Reception – Friday evening
- Delicious Celebratory Dinner – Saturday evening
- Divine Liturgy – Saturday & Sunday with blessing of the rosaries

RAFFLES & PRIZES:

- Win cash & prizes with our Mad Money Raffle – winning tickets will be drawn Saturday evening

St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church and the League of Ukrainian Catholics look forward to welcoming you. So come...plan to join us. Bring your family and friends. It's a wonderful opportunity to refresh our hearts, mind, soul and bring meaningful spiritual support to our brave Ukrainian soldiers.

Enclosed is the registration form, program and raffle tickets. If you prefer to register online scan this QR code or visit our website: LeagueOfUkrainianCatholics.org

Let Us Care

You are cordially invited to our

ANNUAL FALL SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2027
AUSTINTOWN FITCH HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
4:00PM

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MENU

Chicken Parmesan with Pasta & Sauce,
Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad,
Pumpkin Roll, Lemonade & Coffee

With Dumka for Ukraine

Event Date
Sat, Oct 10th 7:00 PM -- 9:00 PM

Event Location
Milton and Tamar Maltz Performing Arts Center
1855 Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44106

Event Details/Summary
Ukrainian Chorus Dumka presents an inspiring evening of Ukrainian choral music celebrating the richness, resilience, and beauty of Ukraine's cultural heritage. The program will feature traditional Ukrainian folk melodies, sacred and classical choral works, and contemporary arrangements performed by one of the Ukrainian-American community's most established choral ensembles.

Through music, the concert will honor Ukraine's history and traditions while sharing a message of unity, hope, peace, and the enduring strength of the Ukrainian spirit with audiences in Cleveland.

Tickets $30/$60/$90/$120 + fees
Parking is $10

Source: Case Western Reserve University, Maltz Performing Arts Center: https://case.edu/maltzcenter/calendar-events/concerts-events-silver-hall/dumka-ukraine.

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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 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 violence, gender ideology, prostitution, drug addiction, 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, the homeless, the missing, and the abducted throughout the world, especially 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 pornography, drugs, alcohol, smoking, and any other destructive addiction, 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 and handicapped people in the world, for the repose of the souls of all who died from any disease or handicap as well as for the loved ones they left behind, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all the workers in the world, 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 the Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky to be counted among the saints, 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.

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