



Holy Trinity and St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Churches



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Confessions: Every Sunday
15 minutes prior to Divine Liturgy
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Sunday, February 19, 2023

Cheesefare Sunday

Tone: 4

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Liturgical Greetings

Greeting:

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

Response:

"Glory Forever!"
"Slava Na Veeky!"



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Next Sunday:

February 26, 2023

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

Tone: 5

Epistle: Hebrews 11:34-26.32-12:2

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Cheesefare Sunday (February 19th)

Day:	Date:	Place:	Time:	Intention:	Offered/Requested By:	Cantor(s)/Reader(s):
Cheesefare Sunday						
Sun	Feb 19	SA	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in private intention(s)* followed by Rite of Forgiveness		P. Nachim
		HT	10:30a 11:00a	Praying of the Holy Rosary Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Parishioners of Both Churches followed by Rite of Forgiveness		J. Bodak M. Marczyzyn
Mon	Feb 20	Beginning of the Great Fast - No Service				
Tue	Feb 21	HT	9:00a	Typica for the Deceased		J. Bodak
Wed	Feb 22	SA	5:00p	Liturgy for the Presanctified Gifts for Peace and Justice in Ukraine		J. Bodak/J. Billy
Thu	Feb 23	HT	9:00a	Typica for the Deceased		M. Woloszyn
Fri	Feb 24	HT	11:00a	Moleben to the Mother of God for Victory and Peace in Ukraine		J. Bodak/J. Billy
			5:00p	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts for Peace and Justice in Ukraine		Choir
Sat	Feb 25	No Service				
1st Sunday of the Great Fast						
Sun	Feb 26	SA	8:30a	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in private intention(s)*		P. Machingo
		HT	10:30a 11:00a	Praying of the Holy Rosary Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Parishioners of Both Churches		J. Bodak 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, 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, 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 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, Andriy Y., Michael Sweder, William J. Smith, and Paul Antonchak

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

Holy Trinity Church

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!

*****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!

PAC Meetings

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

Holy Trinity Celebrates a Parishioner Milestone
Pete and Liz Zelinka would like to wish continued good health and immense happiness to Liz's mother, **Emily Church**, on Emily's **90th** birthday this coming week.

To mark the occasion, the Zelinkas have sponsored today's Sunday Social at Holy Trinity Church.

Na Mnohaya ee Blahaya Leeta!

Holy Trinity Church Financials for the Week Ending February 12, 2023

Candle/Misc. Off:	\$37.00	Repairs/Maint:	\$20.00
Weekly Offering:	\$853.00	Meeting/Our Lord:	\$20.00
Dues:	\$5.00	Church/CE Euro:	\$10.00
Diocesan:	\$5.00	Church in Need:	\$ 10.00
Sorokousty:	\$5.00	Deposit:	\$2,790.00
St. Anne Reimb:	\$1,825.00	Attendance:	36

МОЛІТЬСЯ ЗА УКРАЇНУ!

PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

My dear Friends,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Blessed Cheesefare Sunday to all of you and your loved ones! I trust that my message found everyone well and sound.

Tomorrow, we begin the Great Fast (also known as the Great Lent or simply Lent) – the fast that will last this year till April 8th inclusive followed by the Lazarus Saturday (April 1st), Palm Sunday (April 2nd), and the Holy Week (April 3rd through 8th). As we commence 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 will not be for you a pure technicality, but a time to prepare yourselves worthily, particularly through the Holy Mystery of Confession, for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If I may suggest, a good practice during this Lent could be making some sacrifice(s) for the sake of peace in Ukraine and I thank you for your consideration.

As there is a tradition in our Church to ask for forgiveness before the beginning of Lent that is publicly expressed in churches through a Rite of Forgiveness, **I would like to ask for your forgiveness if I ever sinned against you in any way through my thoughts, intentions, words, actions, and/or omissions.**

Sadly, the situation in Ukraine still remains grave. My native land 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! Our risen Lord continues to embrace 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. 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!

This coming **February 24th** – one year since the beginning of the full-scale war that Russia waged against Ukraine – the war that actually began in 2014 – **the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church is to observe a special day of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving** that was initiated by the Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk on behalf of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. As His Beatitude stated, "At this time, let us sacrifice our spiritual efforts and our prayers for the victory of the Ukrainian people in this unequal battle, as well as for our Army" (translated from the official website of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (Ukrainian version): <https://ugcc.ua/data/v-ugkts-progolosheno-vsetserkovnyy-den-postu-molytvy-i-mylostyni-1949/>). **On this day, we'll have a Moleben to the Mother of God for Victory and Peace in Ukraine at 11 am at Holy Trinity Church** (I changed the time from 9 am to 11 am; apologies for any confusion). Please join us for this special prayer 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 to the Mother of God for Victory and Peace in Ukraine held on Sunday, February 26th at 5 pm at St. Josaphat Cathedral in Parma, OH (5720 State Road)**. Please join us also for this special prayer service for Ukraine and spread the word among others. Thank you!

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 manifold for it in this life and in the life to come!

You probably remember that in a couple of Sunday bulletins published towards the end of last year I put some information as per an acquaintance of mine from Berlin Center, OH, Adam Buehler, wherein he was asking for help for a **Ukrainian refugee family** that was coming to the United States. On February 14th I received an update from Adam via e-mail, namely that the **Onyshchuk family** is now in the United States and is settling down in Alliance, OH. Here is what Adam

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wrote in the e-mail (I was not the only recipient); if you are able to help this family, I'd be very grateful to you for any aid that you could provide them with, especially if you could help Oleksandr to find work (I could provide you with Oleksandr's work history that was attached to the e-mail if you think that you could help him):

"Good morning All;

I need to begin this with a gracious thank you! You, and many others, have been very generous to this family and very gracious and supportive of Tammy and I as we welcomed them. Know that through your generosity of time, effort, energy, donations, money you have provided a help that was, and remains, essential and real. Thank you!

Here's the executive version, in no particular order:

The family is located in Alliance, Ohio.

The family celebrates their 1 month anniversary in the US in 9 days on FEB 23. They've been here 3 weeks.

Platon -boy, 2 years old, came to us with a fever, terrible cough and at least a double ear infection. He is strong and after an urgent care visit and antibiotics is fully recovered. Giving trouble to his parents as is standard in the 2 year old boy job description.

Zlata (girl, 8yrs) and Yunona (girl, 6 yrs) will complete their second full week of school this week. They are registered and attending Washington elementary in the Marlinton school district. They return each day with the exact same big smiles that they leave each morning with.

Oleksandr (a.k.a. Sasha) Svitlana (a.k.a. sveta) are enrolled in English classes that begin on FEB 27th. They have settled into the house and are beginning to personalize it to make it their own. They have temporary work permits and we are scheduling with an immigration attorney to assist with applications for residency, long term work privileges etc.

Their European drivers licenses are valid here, temporarily, and they have already scheduled exams for Ohio drivers licenses.

They are skilled at the use of the translation apps, e mail and language conversion through WhatsApp and text messaging. They are eager for interactions.

We are focused now on stable, full time employment for Sasha and a vehicle, not necessarily in that order. Secondly, on school clothes and warm weather clothes for the kids and, learning conversational English.

Attached is a listing of Oleksandr's work history. If you have anyone in your network that works in, or sub contracts, to the trucking, mining, excavating, manufacturing etc trades he is skilled in all manner of heavy machinery operation and maintenance. We would appreciate the opportunity to have a conversation.

May God bless you and keep you,

Adam"

If you think you could help this family, please contact Mr. Buehler by phone at **330-926-6563** or by e-mail at abuehler@inspirebrands.com and thank you for your kind consideration.

- If any of you, who are homebound, would like to participate in the **Holy Sacraments**, kindly call the parish office at 330-744-5820 to make arrangements.
- I would like to encourage you to pray (*daily if you can*) the prayers from the **Prayer Corner**.
- If you would like to include your deceased loved ones in the liturgical services on **All Souls Saturdays** this year (**March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, and May 27th**) as well as in the services and prayers for the deceased during Lent (**Sorokousty**), kindly provide their names to me (please print/type clearly).
- I would like to **thank Paul Nachim** from St. Anne Church for his help in preparing both Holy Trinity and St. Anne Churches for Lent this year. Thank you, Paul!
- 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 May 9th; drawing date: May 20th**. 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/>. (con't)

- 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's 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 in Ukraine! 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, blessed week, and a spiritually fruitful Lent! May our Lord always bless America, Ukraine, and the rest of the world! Happy Presidents Day tomorrow!

Слава Ісусу Христу!

With prayers in the Triune Lord and the Theotokos,



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.

St. Anne Church Financials for the Weeks Ending February 12, 2023

Loose Offering:	\$20.00	In Memory of...:	\$500.00
Weekly Offerings:	\$500.00	Seminary Coll I:	\$ 50.00
Pyrohy:	\$2,414.00	Deposit:	\$4,323.00
Ukr. Donations (Fri. Pyrohy):	\$39.00	Attendance:	33
Rental - Houses:	\$800.00		

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 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"

(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).



"No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends"
John 15:13 (NRSVCE)

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma

2023 Lock-In Retreat

Our Lord's Gift to Us: His Very Self

For Teenagers

Saturday, March 11 (9:00 am) to

Sunday, March 12 (1:00 pm)

Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church

6812 Broadview Rd.

Parma, OH 44134

Registration Fee: \$30/person

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RSVP by Sunday, March 5th



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"Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean" (Mt. 8:2)

For the people of the ancient world, the most dreaded disease was undoubtedly leprosy. It was an incurable and pervasive disease that slowly spread over the body, covering it with painful, unsightly ulcers and condemning all who contracted it to horrible suffering and death. It was a merciless illness that honored no boundaries, ravaging the lives of everyone it touched: male and female, young and old, educated and illiterate, saints, and criminals, rich and poor alike. It was literally impossible to move beyond its reach.

But perhaps the most feared aspect of leprosy was that it condemned those afflicted to live out their lives in isolation, separated from normal society, from their families and friends. Because the disease was so contagious, lepers were driven out of their homes and forced to live in colonies, far from populated areas so that they could not infect anyone else. Those with leprosy truly suffered what could be termed a living death.

Because of this people were mortally afraid of lepers and strove to keep them as far away as possible. In fact, if a leper happened to encounter a healthy person at any time, he was obliged to cry out: "Unclean, keep away", in order to warn them not to approach.

Jesus must have encountered lepers many times during the course of his public life as an itinerant preacher. Fortunately for us, one of these encounters is recorded in the Gospels, and this chance meeting of Jesus with the leper holds deep meaning for us today and opens new horizons of hope and opportunities of healing.

We see that Jesus did not react like everyone else when he encountered this leper on the road. He did not turn away in fear and revulsion, he did not avoid him or ignore him as others did. Rather, he approached him, looking at him with love, treating him with the dignity of a child of God.

And the poor leper, overcome with disbelief and joy that anyone would address him in such a manner, dropped to his knees in front of Jesus and said: "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." And we read in the Gospel that Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man and said, "I am willing. Be clean!" (Mt. 8:3)

Is it not true, that we are very similar to this leper we see in the Gospel? Is it not true that our bodies, like his, are covered with sores, not necessarily physical sores, but wounds of the soul: sin, pride, jealousy, lust, hatred? And is it not also true that this spiritual disease has isolated us from each other and most importantly from God? Is it not true that many times, like the leper, we cry out to Jesus: "I'm unclean! Stay away! You cannot help me!?"

Thankfully, we, as a Church, are entering a special time of the liturgical year that is designed especially to help us break down the barrier that our spiritual leprosy has erected between ourselves and God: the time of Great Lent.

How? By means of the spiritual tools and treasures the Church offers us during Great Lent: the unique liturgical services that we celebrate together in our churches, a more intense personal prayer regime, fasting from that which separates us from God, good works and acts of service to our neighbor, and, above all, the Holy Mysteries of Penance and the Holy Eucharist.

During Great Lent, Jesus approaches all of us who are sickened with the leprosy of sin and pride, much as he approached the leper on the road. And even though we may protest that we are unclean, that we are unworthy, or unable to change, Jesus knows differently. He knows that with but a touch of his hand, we will be healed.

Therefore, in the blessed weeks of Great Lent that lie ahead, let us cry out as did the leper: "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean!" Let Jesus approach us and allow His hand to touch the spiritual wounds which cause us so much pain and misery: the wounds of pride, lust, envy, and every other vice, and especially the spiritual and emotional wounds caused by the bloody war in Ukraine. Let us return from the isolation of our sinfulness to the loving embrace of the Father.

As we embark upon these blessed days, we your hierarchs in the United States, impart upon you the blessings of the Holy Spirit for a fruitful and blessed Lent as we journey together towards Pascha.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Venedict Aleksiychuk
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago

+Borys Gudziak
Archbishop of Philadelphia
Metropolitan of Ukrainian
Catholics in the United States

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (author)
Eparch of Stamford

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

The Origins Of The Jesus Prayer



Presented by Deacon
Michael Stabilla



Sun, 19 Feb 2023



3:00-4:30PM

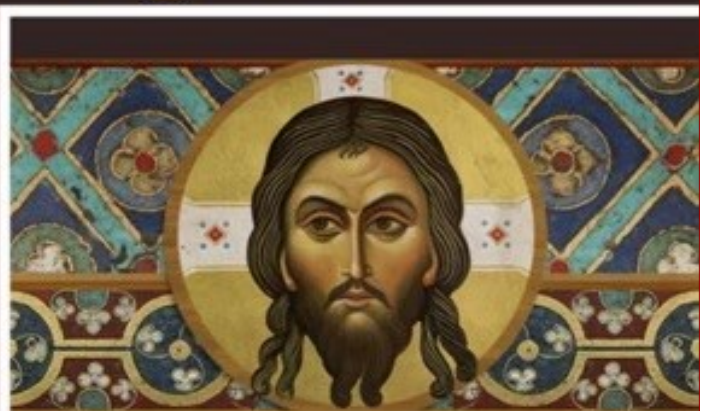


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LORD JESUS CHRIST
SON OF GOD,
HAVE MERCY
ON ME A SINNER.

In-Person
& Facebook Live

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

INTERMEDIARY BANK BIC: CHASUS33

ABA: 0210 0002 1

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

UNITING FOR UKRAINE

WELCOME CIRCLES

In response to the war in Ukraine, the US Government has created the Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) program. This pathway allows individual US residents to support displaced Ukrainians to come to the US and receive two years of humanitarian parole, which means they can live and work in the US for up to two years.

UKRAINIANS NEED YOUR HELP!

USCCB's Department of Migration and Refugee Services is launching a new initiative to support Ukrainians -- **Welcome Circles**.

Across the country, we hope to see Catholic parishes, other houses of worship, and local organizations meet the needs of displaced Ukrainians through collective action.

Welcome Circles are groups of 5 or more adults who agree to financially support Ukrainians through the U4U program and to help them navigate their new community in the US.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

<https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>
<https://ukraine.welcome.us>
<https://www.sponsorcircles.org/program>

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

Skmurphy@ccdoacle.org



HOUSING

Arrange housing for Ukrainian newcomers, provide furniture and essential items.



PUBLIC BENEFITS

Assist newcomers in applying for public benefits like SNAP, TANF and Medicaid.



HEALTHCARE

Make connections to necessary healthcare.



EMPLOYMENT


Help adults find employment in their new community.



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Enroll children in school, enroll interested adults in English classes





**CHANGE A
LIFE.**

BECOME A SPONSOR.

North America for Ukraine needs families to sponsor a Ukrainian family or individual to provide an opportunity for independence in the USA.

On April 25th the DHS announced the pathway for Ukrainians to seek refuge in the USA through the "Uniting for Ukraine" (U4U) program.

U4U requires Ukrainians to be sponsored by an eligible citizen in the USA.



Scan to learn more!

Change a Life.

BECOME A SPONSOR



SPONSORS PROVIDE

- signatures on an I-134
- housing and transportation
- access to food, basic needs, and benefits
- supports the transition to independence
- assist with school enrollment, healthcare, etc.
- help to identify employment opportunities
- community and hospitality

REASONS TO SPONSOR

- save lives
- one-on-one personal matching with the aid of an experienced NA4U Sponsor Coordinator
- no legal liability for signing the I-134
- expedited access to work authorizations and state benefits like healthcare and food assistance
- NA4U's partnership with SP4U (Safe Passage for Ukraine) to provide free flights for women and children

"Last week, my daughter and I flew to America. We found our sponsor thanks to your group, and we are sincerely grateful to everyone that supported us on this difficult path."

-Elena T.

MISSION STATEMENT

North America for Ukraine (NA4U) is bridging the gap for resettlement support in the United States and Canada. NA4U is working to provide assistance with the immigration process, sponsor and host matching, and resources. Our goal is to support Ukrainians and sponsors through the entire process of resettlement.



Facebook: North America for Ukraine
Instagram: @northamericaforukraine

Email: info@NA4Ukraine.org
Website: na4ukraine.org

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

24 FEBRUARY 2023



ON FEBRUARY 24, A YEAR, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE FULL-SCALE WAR THAT RUSSIA UNLEASHED AGAINST UKRAINE, WE WILL OBSERVE A 12-HOUR PRAYER MARATHON AND WILL UNITE IN PRAYER WITH ALL THE FAITHFUL OF OUR CHURCH ON ALL CONTINENTS.

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MOLEBEN

to the Mother of God

*For Victory
and Peace
in Ukraine*



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 AT 5PM

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral
5720 State Rd. Parma, OH 44134

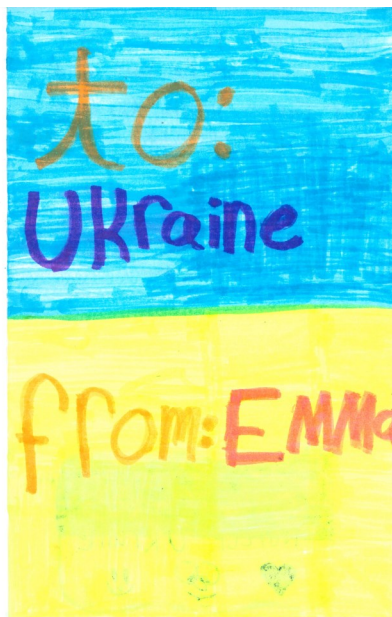
Iconography by Daria Hubak Kulchitsky

Prayer Group Welcomes the Public to Pray for Ukraine

A prayer group praying for Ukraine, which involves several individuals from our parishes, continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted from 9:15-10:15a. You are both welcome and strongly encouraged to attend this group's weekly event. As a reminder, the Shrine is located at 517 S. Belle Vista Ave. in Youngstown.

Notes of Support from the Seventh and Eighth Grade Students of Saint John School in Ashtabula, OH

We
Love
You!!



Hello, I hope you are well,
I am praying for you and
your family's health, you are
strong, keep fighting, and may
God protect you.

God Peace,

Sincerely, Emma



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 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, 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 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 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 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 13, 2023.

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).