

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



Icon of the the Ladder of Divine Ascent

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

- Sat, Feb 10th:** **The Commemoration of All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers**
4:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.); Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.
- Sun, Feb 11th:** **The Sunday of Forgiveness/Cheesefare**
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Ukr.); Special Intention, by Zirka Halibey.
12:00 pm: *Borscht Fight—Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, West Easton, PA.*
4:00 pm: Forgiveness Vespers.
- Mon, Feb 12th:** **THE FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
8:00 am: Lenten Matins
- Tue, Feb 13th:** **The Venerable Father Martinian**
6:30 pm: *Moleben for Peace in Ukraine; St. Mary's/Pokrova Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Allentown, PA.*
- Wed, Feb 14th:** **The Venerable Father Auxentius**
8:00 am: Lenten Matins
6:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; Lenten Bible Study on Proverbs to Follow in the Church Hall.
- Thu, Feb 15th:** **The Apostle Onesimus**
8:00 am: Lenten Matins
6:00 pm: *Class—Ukrainian Language for English Speakers, St. Josaphat Rectory Classroom.*
- Fri, Feb 16th:** **The Martyrs Pamphilius and His Companions**
6:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; Lenten reflection on the Prayer of St. Ephraim the Great to Follow in the Church Hall.
- Sat, Feb 17th:** **The Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit**
4:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.); Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.
- Sun, Feb 18th:** **The First Sunday of the Great Fast; the Sunday of Orthodoxy**
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.).
4:00 pm: Lenten Sunday Vespers.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Tickets for the upcoming Easter Dinner/Sviechene, scheduled for Sunday, April 14th, 2024, are now on sale. To purchase tickets, please see David Kadingo, or ask any Tryzub member.
2. The Great Fast begins at sundown today, February 11th, 2024. The fasting rule of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia are binding on all faithful between the ages of 7 and 59 1/2 (abstain from meat products each Friday of the Fast); young children, nursing mothers, those who are sick or engaged in hard labor/travel, and those who are above the age of 60 are officially exempt (although if you are healthy, you are encouraged to at least fast to the best of your ability). Those who wish to hold to a more strict rule of fasting (i.e., avoid all animal products on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of

each week of Lent) may do so; stricter forms of asceticism should only be attempted with prior consultation with your pastor/confessor. In addition, we encourage you to increase your prayer with fasting (fasting without any prayer is known as the “devil’s fast,” for Satan and his minions were cast from Heaven for their sin and as heavenly spirits, have no need or desire to eat food. Adopting a simple pattern of prayer 5-10 minutes each day in front of an icon at home is an excellent start; you may also wish to consider adding 5-10 minutes of Bible Study or readings from the Church Fathers. A chart of Lenten Bible readings is provided in this bulletin and also in the back of the church for those who require a larger font. In addition, spiritual talks after each Presanctified Liturgy will be held—this is also a good way to increase your spiritual strength and knowledge of the faith. Finally, don’t be afraid to increase your good works; besides the Lenten Mite Boxes and food collection, you can help those in need, visit the sick of the parish, etc. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact Father Paul.

3. Today, February 11th, we will celebrate the start of the Great Fast/Holy Lent by having Forgiveness Vespers at 4:00 pm, here at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in conjunction with Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, West Easton. This is the perfect time to come and heal old wounds that may be impacting your spiritual lives through forgiveness and letting go of the passions that take hold of us.
4. Father Paul will be planning on having a series of spiritual talks along after each of the Wednesday and Friday Divine Liturgies of the Presanctified Gifts. Wednesdays after Presanctified Liturgy will be a basic Bible study looking at passages from the Book of Proverbs and also examining why this particular book is read during the 6 weeks of Holy Lent. Fridays after Presanctified Liturgy will look at a particular aspect of the Prayer of St. Ephraim the Great. No prior Bible study or theological training is necessary. Flyers for these spiritual talks are posted in the vestibule of the church. For more information, please contact St. Josaphat Rectory.
5. We are hosting a beginner’s level Ukrainian Language class for English speakers here at St. Josaphat’s Church. No previous experience required. Classes are held every Thursday night at 6:00 pm in the rectory classroom (use the entrance to the rectory basement in the alley between the rectory and the Church). For more information, contact St. Josaphat Rectory.
6. Lenten Mite Boxes for the Great Fast/Lent of 2024 are located in the Church vestibule. As we increase our acts of charity during the time of the Fast, this is a good way to show our compassion to others. As with last year, we will donate all proceeds from the Lenten Mite Box collection to Central Moravian Food Bank, who collects and distributes food for the less fortunate in the greater Bethlehem metropolitan area. A Lenten Food Collection will be held as well for the Central Moravian Food Bank; collection boxes will be placed in the vestibule and hall starting on Sunday, February 11th.
7. Many thanks to all who came to lend a hand with Pyrohy Preparation at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church. The next pyrohy sale will be on April 10th, 2024—mark your calendars.
8. Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church will be hosting a Pysanky Class on February 25th at 12:00 pm at Holy Ghost Chapel in West Easton. For more information, please contact Father Paul.
9. The Ukrainian Catholic/Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of the Lehigh Valley will have their next weekly Moleben for Peace in Ukraine on Tuesday, February 13th, at St. Mary’s/Pokrova Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Allentown, PA, at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to come and pray with us.
10. Holubtsi are still on sale in the Church Hall after each Divine Liturgy; they are \$10.00 per container. To purchase, please see any Tryzub member after our scheduled Divine Liturgies.

Please don't leave this bulletin in the pew or in the trash when you are finished. We kindly ask you share this bulletin with your loved ones. Let your family & friends know of the spiritual treasure that God has for all people here at St. Josaphat's Church in Bethlehem!

Sunday Propers:

The Sunday of Cheesefare, of Forgiveness

Troparion (4): When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.

Kontakion (6): *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.* O Guide to Wisdom, O Giver of Understanding, O Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart, O Master. Give the word to me, O Word of the Father, that I may not refrain from crying out to You: O Merciful Lord, have mercy on me, a fallen one. Prokimenon:

Prokimenon (8): Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them.

Verse: God is known in Judea; in Israel His name is great.

Epistle (Rom 13:11-14;14:1-4): Brethren: Do this because you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh. Welcome anyone who is weak in faith, but not for disputes over opinions. One person believes that one may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. The one who eats must not despise the one who abstains, and the one who abstains must not pass judgment on the one who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on someone else's servant? Before his own master he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Alleluia Verses: It is good to give thanks to the Lord; and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

Verse: To proclaim Your mercy in the morning, and Your faithfulness throughout the night.

Тропарі і Кондаки:

Неділя М'ясопусна, про Страшний суд

Тропар (4): Світлу про воскресіння розповідь від ангела почувши і від прадідного засуду звільнившись, Господні учениці, радіючи, казали апостолам: Здолана смерть, воскрес Христос Бог, що дає світові велику милість.

Кондак (6): *Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.* Премудрости наставниче, розуму подателю, немудрих порадику і вбогих захиснику! Укріпи і врозуми серце наше, Владико. Ти дай нам слово, вітцівськє Слово, щоб невпинно взивати до Тебе. Помилуй нас, грішних!

Прокімен (8): Помоліться і хвалу віддайте Господові, Богу нашому.

Стих: Відомий Бог у Юдеї, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я Його.

Апостоль (Рим 13,11-14;14,1-4): Браття, тим більше, що ви знаєте час, що вже пора вам прокинутись із сну: тепер бо ближче нас спасіння, ніж тоді, як ми увірували. Ніч проминула, день наблизився. Відкиньмо, отже, вчинки темряви й одягнімось у зброю світла. Як день, - поведьмося чесно: не в ненажерстві та пияцтві, не в перелюбі та розпусті, не у сварні та заздрощах; але вдягніться у Господа Ісуса Христа і не дбайте про тіло задля похотей. Слабкого в вірі приймайте, не вступаючи з ним у суперечки. Один вірить, що можна все їсти, а слабкий (у вірі) їсть городину. Хто їсть, хай тим, що не їсть, не гордує; а хто не їсть, хай того, що їсть, не судить, бо Бог його прийняв. Ти хто такий, що чужого слугу судиш? Своему господареві стоїть він або падає; а стоятиме, бо Господь має силу втримати його.

Апостольські Стих: Добре воно - прославляти Господа, і співати імени Твоєму, Всевишній.

Стих: Звіщати вранці Твою милість, ночами - Твою вірність.

Gospel (Mt 6:14-21): The Lord said, "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions. When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia (3X).

Свангелія (Мт 6,14-21): Сказав Господь: Коли ви прощатимете людям їхні провини, то й Отець ваш небесний простить вам. А коли ви не будете прощати людям, то й Отець ваш небесний не простить вам провин ваших. Коли ж ви постите, не будьте сумні, як лицеміри: бо вони виснажують своє обличчя, щоб було видно людям, мовляв, вони постять. Істинно кажу вам: вони вже мають свою нагороду. Ти ж, коли постиш, намасти свою голову й умий своє обличчя, щоб не показати людям, що ти постиш, але Отцеві твому, що перебуває в тайні; і Отець твій, що бачить таємне, віддасть тобі. Не збирайте собі скарбів на землі, де міль і хробацтво нівечить, і де підкопують злодії і викрадають. Збирайте собі скарби на небі, де ні міль, ані хробацтво не нівечить і де злодії не пробивають стін і не викидають. Бо де твій скарб, там і буде твоє серце.

Причасний Стих: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте його в вишніх. Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала. Аلیلуя (3р).

Sayings of the Desert Fathers:

The same Abba Makarius said: "If you are moved to anger in reproving somebody, you satisfy your own passions. Do not lose your own self in order to save others."

Abba Makarius



Confession \ Сповідь

Every Saturday : from 2:45 PM - 3:30 PM

Щосуботи : з 14:45 до 15:30

Every Sunday : from 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM

Щонеділі: з 8:45 до 9:30

Please remember to pray for the sick, for those who are shut-in, and for all those who have requested, or are in need of, our prayers:

Anna Kapustiak
Slava Harasymovych
Maria Wetherill
Rev. Paul Wolensky
Very Rev. Roman Mirchuk

Amelia Balandovich
Oleh Balaziuk
Helen Karol
Rev. John Hunwicke
All of Our Archeparchial Seminarians

Ethel Bednarchek
Mike Wetherill
Nick Halibey
Anna Smolij
Rev. Paul J. Makar

If anyone knows of someone in need of our prayers, or who is sick or shut in and cannot make it to church, please contact Father Paul via email or telephone as listed on the cover of this bulletin.

**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!

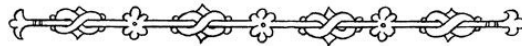
+Borys (Gudziak)
Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the USA

+Paul (Chomnycky)
Eparch of Stamford, Connecticut

+Bohdan (Danylo)
Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio

+Benedict (Aleksiychuk)
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago, Illinois

Given for Great Lent of 2024 A.D.



A LIST OF LENTEN BIBLE READINGS FOR YOUR REFLECTION AND STUDY

Some people have asked, how can I read the Bible to help me put Lent into perspective? The Byzantine Eparchy of Parma, OH, has put out a chart of weekday Old Testament readings that are normally recited during daily matins/hours/vespers and Presanctified Divine Liturgies, and New Testament readings for each Saturday and Sunday. This will give you a “snapshot” of what each day in Lent can give, and by reading the Bible in small chunks each day of the Great Fast, you increase your prayer, your good works and improve your spiritual, mental, and physical well being overall. We apologize for the small font as this chart does not fit properly into the bulletin; copies of this chart are put out in the back of the church if you are not able to read this. If you need more information, please contact Father Paul at St. Josaphat Rectory. God bless!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cheese Fare Sunday of Forgiveness Rm 13:11-14 to 14:4 Mt. 6:14-21	Is. 1:1-20 Gen. 1:1-13 Prov. 1:1-20 <i>First day of Great Lent</i>	Is. 1:19-2:3 Gen. 1:14-23 Prov. 1:20-33	Is. 2:3-11 Gen. 1:24-2:3 Prov. 2:1-22	Is. 2:11-21 Gen. 2:4-19 Prov. 3:1-18	Is. 3:1-14 Gen. 2:20-3:20 Prov. 3:19-34	Hb 1:1-12 Mk 2:23-3:5
Holy Images Sunday of Orthodoxy Hb. 11:24-12:1-2 St. John 1:43-51	Is. 4:2-5:7 Gen.3:21-4:7 Prov.3:34-4:22	Is. 5:7-16 Gen. 4:8-15 Prov. 5:1-15	Is. 5:16-25 Gen. 4:16-26 Prov. 5:15-6:3	Is. 6:1-12 Gen. 5:1-24 Prov.6:3-20	Is. 7:1-14 Gen. 5:32-6:8 Prov. 6:20-7:1	2nd All Souls Memorial Saturday Hb. 3:12-16 Mk. 1:35-45
Paralytic HB 1:10-2:3 Mk 2:1-12	Is. 8:13-9:7 Gen. 6:9-22 Prov. 8:1-21	Is. 9:9-10-4 Gen. 7:1-5 Prov. 8:23-9:11	Is. 10:12-20 Gen. 7:6-9 Prov. 9:12-18	Is. 11:10-12:2 Gen. 7:11-8:3 Prov. 10:1-22	Is. 13:2-13 Gen. 8:4-21 Prov. 10:31-11:12	3rd All Souls Memorial Saturday Hb. 10:32-28 Mk. 2:14-17
Veneration of Cross Hb 4:14-5:6 Mk 8:34-9:1	Is. 14:24-32 Gen. 8:21-9:7 Prov. 11:19-12:6	Is. 25:1-9 Gen. 9:8-17 Prov. 12:8-22	Is. 26:21-27:9 Gen. 9:18-10:1 Prov. 12:23-13-9	Is. 28:14-22 Gen. 10:32-11:9 Prov. 13:20-14:6	Is. 29:13-23 Gen. 12:1-7 Prov. 14:15-26	4th All Souls Memorial Saturday Hb. 6:9-12 Mk. 7:31-37
St. John Climacus Hb 6:13-20 Mk 9:17-31	Is. 37:33-38:6 Gen. 13:12-18 Prov. 14:27-15:4	Is. 40:18-31 Gen. 15:1-15 Prov. 15:7-19	Is 41:4-14 Gen. 17:1-9 Prov. 15:20-16-9	Is. 42:5-16 Gen. 18:20-33 Prov. 16:17-17:17	Is. 45:11-17 Gen. 22:1-18 Prov. 17:17-18:5	Akafist {or Akathist} AkathistosHb. 9:24-28 Mk 8:27-31
St. Mary of Egypt Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10-32-45	Is. 48:17-49:4 Gen. 27:1-41 Prov. 19:16-25	Is. 49:6-10 Gen. 31:3-16 Prov. 21:3-21	Is. 58:1-11 Gen. 43:26-31 Prov. 21:23-22:4	Is. 65:8-16 Gen. 46:1-7 Prov. 23:15-24:5	Is. 66:20-24 Gen. 49:33-50:26 Prov. 31:8-31	Lazarus Saturday Hb. 12:28-29, 13: 1-8 Jn. 11:1-45
Palm Sunday Philippians 4:4-9 St. John 12:1-18	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK					
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THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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1. Saturday of Cheesefare—The Commemoration of All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers

On this day, we commemorate all the righteous and God-bearing Fathers and Mothers, both known and unknown, who shone forth in asceticism. With these two weeks of Meatfare and Cheesefare, the Church gradually eases us into the full fasting which begins on Monday.

The holy ascetics are virtuous men and women who contended against the devil and their own passions. By examining their lives and their struggles against the Enemy, we take courage from the victory they have achieved, and are inspired to imitate their God-pleasing conduct. They also teach us that fasting is not merely abstinence from food, but involves refraining from inappropriate speech and unseemly actions.

Since these holy ascetics share the same human nature that we have, their example is an encouragement to us as we embark on our own spiritual struggles. Their lives are a model for us to follow as we seek to acquire and practice the various virtues and to turn away from everything evil. If we undertake these same struggles of prayer, fasting, and good works, we shall receive from God the same reward they did.



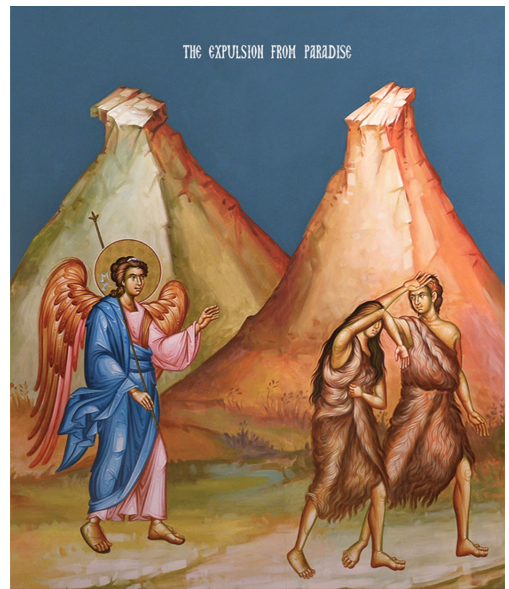
Most of the holy ascetics commemorated today have their own separate Feast Day during the year, while some are remembered only on this day.

2. The Sunday of Cheesefare—The Sunday of Forgiveness and The Remembrance of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption.

Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

At Forgiveness Vespers we sing: "Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit...."



They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

**Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled.
Proceeds will be used to cripple children.**

**The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'**

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

**Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir.
They need all the help they can get.**

**Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church.
So ends a friendship that began in their school days.**

**At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'
Come early and listen to our choir practice.**

**Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person
you want remembered.**

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

**The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind.
They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.**

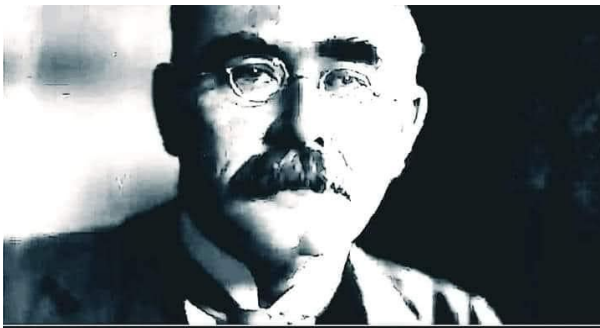
**The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM.
Please use the back door.**

**The eighth-grade will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church hall Friday at 7 pm.
The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.**

**Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church.
Please use large double door at the side entrance.**

And this one just about sums them all up.

**The Assistant Pastor unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:
'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'**



"Beware of overconcern for money, or position, or glory. Someday you will meet a man who cares for none of these things. Then you will know how poor you are."

-Rudyard Kipling



GUIDELINES FOR OUR FAITHFUL, GUESTS, AND FRIENDS

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Membership at Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church benefits **YOU** as it enables you to participate in stewardship of your church and enjoy a fuller spiritual life. To join as a registered member, email or telephone the Rectory Office.

THE MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, HOLY EUCHARIST): Those who wish their children to receive the Mysteries of Christian Initiation must contact Saint Josaphat Rectory Office at least 6 weeks in advance of the desired Baptismal date; at least one parent must be an active registered parishioner of Saint Josaphat Church when requesting this Sacrament. Sponsors (Godparents) must provide a letter of suitability from the pastor of the Catholic Church they attend if they are not registered members this parish. Non-baptized adults who wish to be received into the faith should contact Saint Josaphat Rectory Office.

THE MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: Confessions are offered to all the faithful 1 hour before each scheduled Divine Service, or you may make an appointment with Father Paul (or Father Andrii at Holy Ghost, West Easton) at any time.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST: The reception of the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved only for Baptized Catholic Christians whose consciences are free from mortal sin.

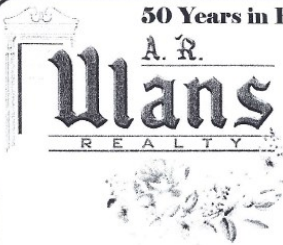
THE MYSTERY OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK can be administered anytime there is a case of serious illness, injury, or disease. Please do not wait until your loved one is in danger of death!

THE MYSTERY OF MATRIMONY: Couples who wish to marry at should contact the Rectory Office at least 6 months in advance of the desired wedding date (or as soon as they are engaged).

FUNERALS: Active parish membership and participation is mandatory if one desires an ecclesiastical funeral within the Church; otherwise, the funeral service will be conducted at the funeral home or the home of the deceased (**IMPORTANT—this rule does not apply to those who are sick, shut-in, or are actively supporting the parish and are registered but have moved out of the area**). In-church viewings and cremations are strongly discouraged. For inquires regarding Saint Josaphat Cemetery, contact Walter Zagwoski.

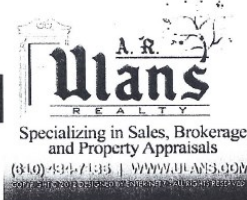
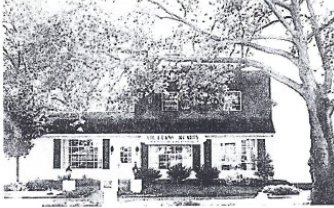
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Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

We welcome you to our parish family and invite you to worship with us in a most ancient Church of the Christian East. We are happy to have you with us, and we are honored to share our Ukrainian Catholic tradition of prayer and spirituality with you, your family, and your friends. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to bring them to Father Paul or one of our parishioners. Our doors and our hearts are open to you. May God's blessings be with you always!

Readiness to Forgive

Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and wrongdoer. For it is God who has made “the sun to shine on the evil and on the good.”

For this same reason again in every one of the clauses Jesus commands us to make our prayers together in one voice, saying, “Our Father,” and “thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven,” and “give us the bread, and forgive us our debts,” and “lead us not into temptation,” and “deliver us.” So everywhere he is teaching us to use this plural word that we may not retain so much as a vestige of resentment against our neighbor.

How great a reproof then must they de-

serve, who, after all this, still do not forgive and even ask God's vengeance on their enemies. In doing so, they diametrically transgress this command. Meanwhile Christ is seeking in every way possible to hinder our conflicts with one another. For since love is the root of all that is good, by removing from all quarters whatever mars it he brings us together and cements us to each other. For there is not one, not a single one, whether father or mother or friend, who loves us as much as the God who created us.

St. John Chrysostom

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