

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



*Icon of the Sunday of the Holy Cross*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

### [THE GREAT FAST/ВЕЛИКИЙ ПІСТЬ]

- Sat, March 2nd:** **3rd All-Souls Saturday/Sorokousty; of the Priest-Martyr Theodotus**  
9:00 am: Matins for the Deceased/Sorokousty with Panachyda for Father +Dan at St. Josaphat Cemetery.  
4:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Eng.); Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.
- Sun, March 3rd:** **The Third Sunday of the Great Fast—The Veneration of the Holy Cross**  
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Eng.).
- Mon, March 4th:** **The Venerable Father Gerasimus**  
No Divine Services
- Tue, March 5th:** **The Martyr Conon**  
*6:30 pm: Moleben for Peace in Ukraine; Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, PA.*
- Wed, March 6th:** **The Commemoration of the 42 Martyrs of Ammonium**  
6:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Lenten reflection of the Book of Proverbs to Follow in the Church Hall.
- Thu, March 7th:** **The Commemoration of the Hieromartyrs of Kherson**  
8:00 am: Lenten Matins.  
*6:00 pm: Class—Ukrainian Language for English Speakers, St. Josaphat Rectory Classroom.*
- Fri, March 8th:** **The Commemoration of the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste**  
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, March 9th:** **4th All-Souls Saturday/Sorokousty; of the Commemoration of the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste**  
9:00 am: Matins for the Deceased/Sorokousty.  
4:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Eng.); Intention for +Christine Hanas (3rd/9th Days).  
*11:59 pm: Move Clocks Forward 1 Hour for Daylight Savings Time.*
- Sun, March 10th:** **The Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast; of St. John Climacus**  
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Ukr.).  
4:00 pm: Lenten Sunday Vespers. Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. IMPORTANT: Next Sunday, March 10th, Daylight Savings Time will start at 12:00 am. Please move your clocks forward by 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night, March 9th. Thank you!
2. 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.
3. UAV Post 42 will be having their annual Easter Kobasa/Meat sale along with UNWLA Branch 91

having their annual bake sale on Palm Sunday, March 31st, 2024. More information is in the bulletin; sign up sheets to order are in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your patronage!

4. The Ukrainian Catholic/Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of the Lehigh Valley will have their next weekly Moleben for Peace in Ukraine on Tuesday, February 27th, at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, West Easton, PA, at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to come and pray with us.
5. Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church is also hosting a talk on the Russian Invasion of Ukraine and the effects on Ukraine and Ukrainians in the Diaspora. This talk will be given by a Ukrainian history Ph.D. candidate Andrii Zhyvachivskiy at 4:00 pm at Holy Ghost Chapel in West Easton on Saturday, March 2nd. All are invited, there is no cost; donations appreciated.
6. Holy Ghost Parish will be having a spring Kiffle sale on March 15th and 16th, 2024. We will be selling apricot, raspberry, and walnut kiffles at \$12.00 per 1/2 pound. To place orders, either use the sign up sheets in the back of the church, or call JoAnn at 610-509-3155, or by emailing food-sales@holyghostucc.com no later than Sunday, March 10th, 2024. WE ALSO NEED HELP WITH KIFFLE MAKING!! We will start making Kiffles on Tuesday, March 12th, through Friday, March 16th. Every little bit of help you can provide, even just for coming for an hour or two to roll kiffles and help bake them goes a very long way; for more information, contact St. Josaphat Rectory.
7. As we get closer to Easter, if you or your family or friends grow pussy willows, please consider donating pussy willows for blessing on Palm Sunday. Thank you!
8. On Thursday, March 7th, there will be a Moleben for Peace in Ukraine and a town hall meeting with Patriarch +Sviatoslav and the bishops of the Permanent Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church at 6:30 pm. All are invited to attend. We will be considering a bus to attend this event alongside our brethren at St. John's, Northampton, and Holy Ghost, West Easton—if you are interested, please contact St. Josaphat Rectory.
9. For those who would like to learn spoken Ukrainian, beginner's level Ukrainian Language class for English speakers are offered here at St. Josaphat's Church. No previous experience required. Classes are held every Thursday night at 6:00 pm in the rectory classroom. For more information, contact St. Josaphat Rectory.
10. Our Annual Lenten Food Drive is underway to help our poorer brethren in the greater Bethlehem area; collection boxes are placed in the vestibule and in the church hall. All food items will go to the Central Moravian Food Pantry for distribution to the needy. We thank you for your kindness and generosity for those less fortunate.

### Birthdays for March 2024

May God Grant You Many Happy Years!! МНОГАЯ ЖИТА!!

Leo Del Corso

Aija Tighe

Mary Sieling

Jennifer Montero

Lubomira Derewecki

John Biletz

Adrienne Strycky

Tina Miles

Ann Rothdeutsch

Mary Belzecky

Adrian Strycky

Martha Gilly

Slava Harasymovych

If we have missed anyone, please contact St. Josaphat Rectory so we may update our records - may God bless you always!

*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:  
3rd Sunday of the Great Fast;  
The Veneration of the Holy Cross**

**Troparion (7):** By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

**Troparion (1):** Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.\* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,\* and protect Your community by Your cross.

**Kontakion (7):** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.* No longer does the flaming sword guard the gate of Eden;\* the tree of the Cross has quenched its flames gloriously.\* The sting of death and the victory of Hades are banished,\* and You O my Saviour came and called to those in Hades: "Return again to Paradise!"

**Instead of Holy God, we sing:** To Your Cross, O Master,\* we bow in veneration,\* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!

**Prokeimenon (6):** Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

**Verse:** Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

**Epistle (Hebrews 4:14-5:6):** Brothers and Sisters, since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but

**Тропарі і Кондаки:  
3 Неділя Великого Посту;  
Хрестопоклінна**

**Тропар (7):** Знищив Ти хрестом Твоїм смерть, відчинив розбійникові рай, мироносицям плач на радість переминив і апостолам звелів проповідувати, що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже, даючи світові велику милість.

**Тропар (1):** Спаси, Господи, людей твоїх\* і благослови насліддя Твоє!\* Перемоги благовірному народові на супротивників даруй\* і хрестом твоїм\* охорони люд твій

**Кондак (7):** +*Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.* Вже більше влада смерти не зможе людей держати, зійшов бо Христос, знищивши і знівечивши сили її, зв'язується ад, пророки ж однодушно радіють. З'явився Спас тим, що вірують, промовляючи: Виходьте, вірні, до воскресіння.

**Замість Трисвятого:** Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і святеє воскресіння Твоє славимо.

**Прокімен (6):** Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх\* і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.

**Стих:** До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене.

**Апостол (Євр 4,14-5,6):** *Браття і Сестри,* мавши великого архиерея, що вже пройшов небо, Ісуса, Божого Сина, тримаймося твердо віровизнання. Бо ми не маємо такого архиерея, який не міг би співчувати нашим недугам: він же ж зазнав усього, подібно як ми, крім гріха. Приступім, отже, з довір'ям до престолу благодаті, щоб отримати милість і знайти благодать на своєчасну поміч. Кожен бо архиерей, узятий з-поміж людей, настановляється для людей у справах Божих, щоб приносив дари та жертви за гріхи; що може співчувати нетямущим та введеним в оману, бо й сам він неміччю охоплений, і тому повинен так за людей, як і за себе самого приносити жертви за гріхи. Чести ж цієї ніхто не бере сам собі, лише той, хто покликаний Богом, як Арон. Так і Христос не сам собі присвоїв славу стати архиереєм, вона бо від того, який до нього мовив: «Син мій еси, я сьогодні породив тебе.» Як і на іншому місці каже: «Ти –

was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

**Alleluia Verses:** Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning.

**Verse:** But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

**Gospel (Mark 8:34-9:1):** The Lord said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

**Hymn to the Mother of God:** In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins’ pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3x)

священик навіки за чином Мелхиседека.»

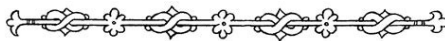
**Апостольські стихи:** Пом’яни соньм твій, що його придбав ти із давна.

**Стих:** Бог же – цар наш перше віку. вчинив спасення посеред землі.

**Євангеліє (Мр 8,34-9,1):** Сказав Господь: “Коли хтось хоче йти за мною, хай зречеться себе самого, візьме на себе хрест свій і йде слідом за мною. Бо хто хоче спасти свою душу, той її погубить; а хто погубить свою душу мене ради та Євангелії, той її спасе. Бо яка користь людині здобути світ увесь, а занепастити свою душу? Що бо людина може дати взамін за власну душу? Хто, отже, буде соромитися мене й моїх слів перед цим родом перелюбним та грішним, того посоромиться і Син Чоловічий, коли прийде у славі Отця свого з святими ангелами.” І сказав їм: “Істинно кажу вам: Є деякі з отут присутніх, що не зазнають смерті, аж поки не вздріють Царства Божого, що прийде у могутності.”

**Замість Достойно:** Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освящений храм і раю словесний, дівственна похвало, що із неї Бог воплотився і младенцем став – перед віками суцый Бог наш. Лоно бо твоє престолом сотворив і утробу твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, слава тобі.

**Причасний Стих:** Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Алілуя (3x)



## 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*



## THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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### The Veneration of the Holy Cross (The 3rd Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, March 3rd)

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).

***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

Amelia Balandovich

Ethel Bednarchek

Slava Harasymovych

Oleh Balaziuk

Mike Wetherill

Maria Wetherill

Helen Karol

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Rev. Paul Wolensky

Rev. John Hunwicke

Anna Smolij

Very Rev. Roman Mirchuk

All of Our Archeparchial Seminarians

Nicholas Hanych

*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.*

## EXCERPTS ON THE HOLY CROSS FROM SPIRITUAL WRITERS

*From Various Authors; Edited for the Bulletin, for Local Use Only.*

### ***Recurring crises in CHURCH – Nothing new?***

The dogmas of the fathers are despised; apostolic traditions are set at nought; the discoveries of innovators hold sway in the churches. Men have learned to be speculatists instead of theologians. The wisdom of the world has the place of honor, having dispossessed the glory of the Cross. The pastors are driven away, grievous wolves are brought in instead, and plunder the flock of Christ. Houses of prayer are destitute of preachers; the deserts are full of mourners; the aged sorrow, comparing what is with what was; more pitiable the young, as not knowing what they are deprived of. - *St. Athanasius (296-373).*

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God does not create a cross for man. No matter how heavy a cross a man may carry in life, it is still just wood, from which man himself made, and it always grows from the soil of his heart. *Ambrose of Optina (+1891)*

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**Question:** What does this mean: "Thy rod and Thy staff, they have comforted me" (Psalm 23:4)? **Answer:** The rod is the Cross, afflictions and the staff is the Jesus Prayer. The rod is the active part of virtue, and the staff is the noetic part. *Ambrose of Optina (+1891)*

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## **Excerpts from "The Son of the Church"**

### *An Explanation of the Cross Which we Wear about the Shoulders on a Cord.*

Take heed also concerning the Cross which thou wearest about thy shoulders. Remember the covenant which exists between thee and Christ Himself. When thou camest forth from the baptismal font, thou didst promise to be a servant of Christ and didst venerate His Crucifixion, the Cross of Christ, and wast signed with the Cross of Christ and didst receive from the priest's hand the Cross of Christ, which thou didst place upon thy shoulders. thou didst accept Christ's covenant, whereby thou didst promise to follow Christ according to the Gospel; as it is written: "He that taketh not His Cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of Me." Thou hast taken up the Cross and promised to follow after Christ. Be mindful then, that thou wearest upon thy body the image of the Cross of Christ, upon which He voluntarily suffered for our salvation. This is God's covenant; this is the ensign of Christ the King: this is the standard of the heavenly hosts; thereby wilt thou be known as a servant of Christ. If anyone ask thee, "What is that?", answer him thus, as it is written: "I bear on my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." If he say, "Where is it written, and who hath commanded thus?", tell him that the Lord carried the cross when the Lord went to His voluntary Passion. It was He Who charged us who believe in Him to carry the Cross. As the divine Luke saith, "They laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the Cross that he might bear it after Jesus." At that time, also, the wise thief by the cross entered into Paradise. But if the man reproach thee and make further inquiries, flee from him quickly, for he is not a believer. For when a man is overly inquisitive about things divine, he hath a deep heart, and God is exalted over him, but he descendeth down to hell, because he seeketh to know what is above him, and keepeth not that which hat been handed down to him. *From an Old Prayer Book.*

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Far be it for me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14).

Truly this symbol is thought despicable; but it is so in the world's reckoning, and among men; in Heaven and among the faithful it is the highest glory. Poverty too is despicable, but it is our boast; and to be cheaply thought of by the public is a matter of laughter to them, but we are elated by it. So too is the Cross our boast. He does not say, 'I boast not,' nor, 'I will not boast,' but, 'Far be it from me that I should,' as if he abominated it as absurd, and invoked the aid of God in order to his success therein. And what is the boast of the Cross? That Christ for my sake took on Him the form of a slave, and bore His sufferings for me the slave, the enemy, the unfeeling one; yea, He so loved me as to give Himself up to a curse for me. What can be comparable to this? *St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on Galatians*



### **3rd Sunday of the Great Fast**

*Author Unknown. Edited for the Bulletin.*

Sacrifice is not outmoded as long as Christianity means obedience to the mind and will of Christ. Jesus said to his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Jesus shattered all their illusions, for he went on to say, in effect, "I am not the kind of Messiah you have been expecting, not an earthly King of power and glory, but a meek, despised, suffering Servant who must walk the way of a Cross ... I am going to be crucified. Do you understand? I am going to die. That's how my work must be done and that's how it will have to be carried on. If you want to share in that work, if you want to have any fellowship with me and live within the circle of my friends and followers, then you must take my Cross, this principle of sacrificial love, and make it the central, controlling principle of your life."

Jesus often spoke to his disciples in those terms. He promised that they would be absurdly happy, but he promised them also a life of sacrifice. He never hid his scars to win or keep a disciple. The Apostle Paul saw the Cross in the same way. Writing to his friends at Philippi, he declared that his supreme ambition was to reproduce in his life the events of Christ's life-"that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death." Paul sees the Cross as an event that goes on generation after generation in the life of the church and in the lives of those who obey Christ and continue his ministry.

Shall we say that the principle is now outmoded as a way of life for Christians? If so, we have to rewrite much of the New Testament and change many of the sayings of Jesus. As long as the Cross remains central in our faith, it calls us to a life of sacrifice.

#### **Challenge**

Sacrifice is not outmoded as long as the human heart responds to a challenge, as it does where ultimate issues are at stake. Do you think that the disciples would have responded if Jesus on his way to the Cross had promised them a life of safety and comfort? Christ offered his disciples the most dangerous and difficult task in the world.

Therein lies the appeal of the Cross. Someone said, "The most fascinating thing about Christianity has always been the Cross. Why? Because in the long run people do not respect a cheap and easy religion. They respect a commanding and challenging religion that will take all we can give and then call for more."

It challenges us at the point of our vocations - not only to full-time ministry in the church but to the choice of a career that will advance the gospel, regardless of what it costs us. The Cross challenges us at the point of our lifestyle - to live loving, caring, giving lives in this age of affluence and self-indulgence. The Cross challenges us at the point of our total commitment to Christ-the commitment of our time, energies, money, and reputation, all that we have and all that we are, for the work of his kingdom.

#### **Fulfillment**

We can say that sacrifice is not outmoded as long as it is a way to personal fulfillment. That's what Jesus taught his disciples. After calling them to take up their cross and follow him he said, "For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will find it."

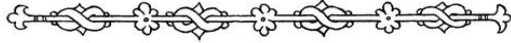
Jesus never pretended that we can find life in any other way than by losing it. He left no doubt that only a life with the Cross at its heart and center can be radiantly and vitally Christian. Only a life controlled by his principle of sacrificial love can be a part of that larger life that he carried unbroken through death into eternity.

#### **Redemption**

Sacrifice is not outmoded as long as it is still a way of redemption. We know that once it was a way of redemption. We know that the world's salvation and our salvation were accomplished when Christ on the



Cross cried out with his dying breath, "It is finished." We agree with the German philosopher Hegel, by no means a convinced Christian, who said in his *Philosophy of History*, "We may affirm absolutely that nothing great in this world has ever been accomplished without passion." A church that would be a saving force for Christ in society must live precisely under the sign of the Cross. The kingdom of God must still enter the world by way of crucifixion.



## EASTER BAKE SALE

**St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall**

**March 24, 2024**

**Sponsored By**

**The Ukrainian National Women' League of America**

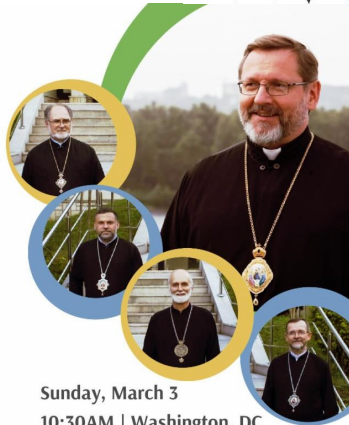
**Branch 91 - Bethlehem**

*Paskas (See Sign-up Order Sheet)*

*Pastries Will be Available for Sale*



Come pray with  
**Patriarch  
Sviatoslav**  
and the bishops of the  
**Permanent  
Synod**



**Holy Ghost  
Ukrainian Catholic Church**

315 4th St, West Easton, PA

*(In the chapel opposite the church)*

**Russian invasion:  
UKRAINIAN DIASPORA  
and Ukraine.**



**ANDRII ZHYVACHIVSKIY**

is a historian of Ottoman Empire and Crimean Khanate, PhD Candidate in the Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History of Polish Academy of Sciences, volunteer, thinks that each Ukrainian who is not in the battlefield has to help and support Ukrainian army and Ukrainian soldiers.

FREE ENTRANCE

**Sunday, March 3**  
**10:30AM | Washington, DC**  
National Shrine of the Holy Family  
Divine Liturgy and Reception

**Thursday, March 7**  
**6:30PM | Philadelphia**  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
Moleben for Peace in Ukraine and Town Hall

**Saturday, March 9**  
**3:00PM | New York**  
St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
Moleben for Peace in Ukraine and Town Hall

**Sunday, March 10**  
**10:15AM | New York**  
St. Patrick's Cathedral  
Aid to the Church in Need Gratitude Mass  
Sermon by His Beatitude Sviatoslav

**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 2ND at 4 PM**





## **ANNUAL KOBASA SALE**

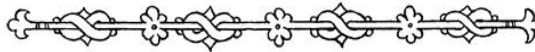
**Lehigh Valley UAV Post 42 is taking orders for Kobasa, Kobanos, Krakowska, and Beets for Pascha.**



March 17th, 2024 is the last date to place your order.  
Sign-up order sheets are available at the back of the Church, or  
For Holy Ghost Church: call Oleh at 610-570-0708  
For St Josaphat's call Matt at 610-867-4052 or Jerry at 610-730-2365

Your order will be ready for pick up after services on Palm Sunday at the church hall on March 24th, 2024.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***



### **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 approximately 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.

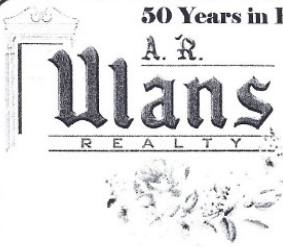
**THE MYSTERY OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** can be administered anytime there is a case of serious illness, injury, or disease. Please do not wait until your loved one is in danger of death!

**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 an ecclesiastical funeral within the Church is desired; 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.

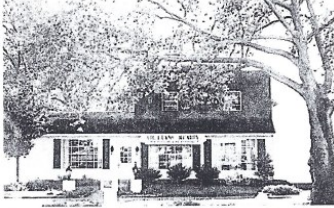
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### ***Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!***

*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!*

### ***The Cross, Our Victory***

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tumults; and yet we obtained the victory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory.

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

*St. John Chrysostom*

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