

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



*Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

### [THE GREAT FAST/ВЕЛИКИЙ ПІСТЬ]

- Sat, March 16th: Akathistos Saturday**  
9:00 am: Akathist to the Mother of God.  
4:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Eng.); Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.  
*Kiffle Sale—Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, West Easton, PA.*
- Sun, March 17th: The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast; of St. Mary of Egypt**  
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Eng.). Intention for Health and God's Blessings on Adrian Stryskiy on the Occasion of His 90th Birthday, by Family.  
4:00 pm: Lenten Sunday Vespers. Intention for +Roman Kokolskiy (3rd/9th Days) by Father Paul Makar.
- Mon, March 18th: The Archbishop Cyril of Jerusalem**  
No Divine Services
- Tue, March 19th: The Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria**  
*6:30 pm: Moleben for Peace in Ukraine; Pokrova/St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Allentown, PA.*
- Wed, March 20th: The Venerable Fathers of St. Sabbas Monastery**  
6:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Lenten reflection of the Book of Proverbs to Follow in the Church Hall.
- Thu, March 21st: The Hierarch and Confessor James of Catania**  
8:00 am: Lenten Matins.  
*6:00 pm: Class—Ukrainian Language for English Speakers, St. Josaphat Rectory Classroom.*
- Fri, March 22nd: The Priest and Martyr Basil of Ancyra**  
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 23rd: Lazarus Saturday [The Great Fast Ends Today—Holy Week Begins]**  
12:30 pm—3:30 pm: Easter Confessions.  
4:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Eng.); Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.
- Sun, March 24th: Palm/Willow Sunday [Вербна Неділя]**  
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Eng./Ukr. Combined); Intention for Rev. +John Zeyack, Rev. Dn. +Theophil Staruch, and +Sviatoslav Makarenko, by Rev. Paul J. Makar  
3:30 pm—5:30 pm: Easter Confessions.  
6:00 pm: Great Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Easter Schedule of Services for 2024 are posted in this week's bulletin. A number of points to consider

- If anyone grows pussy willows, please consider donating them for blessing on Palm Sunday; to donate willows, please contact Father Paul.
  - Monday, March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos is a Holy Day of Obligation; you may discharge your obligation either by attending Great Vespers on Palm Sunday evening, March 24th at 6:00 pm, or attending Divine Liturgy on Monday morning, March 25th, at 9:00 am.
  - All faithful are reminded of their obligation per the 6 Precepts of the Catholic Church to make a good Confession at least once per year and receive Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. Confession times are posted in the schedule of services; in addition, Father Paul will be available for Confessions at least one hour before all scheduled services before Holy Thursday, March 28th. Please remember the state of your soul and your obligation to receive the healing Mystery of Confession!
  - In addition, all faithful are reminded of the fasting rules of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia apply for Holy Week. Those who wish to engage in a stricter form of asceticism (avoidance of all animal products for Holy Week, abstinence from all foods on Holy Friday, etc.) may do so as long as your health is sound and are physically able to do so. At a minimum, all faithful ought to refrain from eating animal products as much as they are able to do so on from sunset on Holy Thursday through all of Good Friday.
  - The Church will be open for veneration of the Holy Shroud after Burial Vespers on Good Friday and also all day on Holy Saturday. In the tradition of our Church, we encourage our families and friends to come and help keep watch at the grave of Our Lord. A sign up sheet is provided in the vestibule of the Church with a time schedule in 1 hour increments to keep vigil over the tomb.
  - There will be a simple blessing of Easter baskets on Holy Saturday (note that we do not sing “Christ is Risen” on Holy Saturday as Our Lord has not risen as of yet, and the fast is not to be broken until Sunday morning!) The full blessing of Easter Baskets will take place outside (weather permitting; if it is raining, in the Church hall) after Easter Sunday Divine Liturgy.
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. Be sure to get your orders in now as this weekend is the last weekend available to order foods. 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, March 19th, at Pokrova/St. Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Allentown, PA, at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to come and pray with us.
  5. Beginner’s level Ukrainian Language class for English speakers are offered here at St. Josaphat’s Church Thursday nights at 6:00 pm in the Rectory Classroom.
  6. Our Annual Lenten Food Drive and Mite Box Collection will conclude on Palm Sunday; be sure to bring your Lenten Mite boxes either on Palm Sunday or during Holy Week. The Lenten Mite box collection and food items will go to the Central Moravian Food Pantry for distribution to the needy. We thank you for your compassion for those less needy in our local community!

*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:  
5th Sunday of the Great Fast;  
of the Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt**

**Troparion (1):** Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your immaculate body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind!

**Troparion (8):** In you, O Mother Mary, the faithful image shone forth; you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away, and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Therefore, your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

**Kontakion (3):** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.* Once filled with all kinds of evil, now through repentance she appears as the bride of Christ. Leading an angelic life, she crushes the devils with the help of the Cross. Therefore, the venerable Mary has become a bride of the kingdom.

**Prokimenon (1):** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

**Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

**Epistle (Heb 9,11-14):** *Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews.* Brethren: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

**Alleluia Verses:** God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

**Verse (1):** Making great the salvation of the king,

**Тропарі і Кондаки:  
5 Неділя Великого Посту;  
Преподобної Марії Єгипетської**

**Тропар (1):** Хоч запечатали камінь юдеї і воїни стерегли пречисте тіло Твоє, воскрес Ти, Спасе, на третій день, даруючи життя світові. Тому сили небесні взивали до Тебе, Життєдавче: Слава воскресінню Твоєму, Христе, слава царству Твоєму, слава провидінню Твоєму, єдиний Чоловіколюбче!

**Тропар (8):** В тобі, мати, дбайливо зберігся образ, бо, прийнявши хрест, ти пішла слідом за Христом і ділом навчала ти погорджувати тілом, бо воно проминає, а дбати про душу - єство безсмертне. Тим-то з ангелами разом радується, преподобна Маріє, дух твій.

**Кондак (3):** *Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.* Перше блудами всякими сповнена, як Христова невіста через покаяння днесь явилася, ангельське життя наслідуючи, демонів оружжям хреста ти убиваєш. Ради цього як невіста царева ти явилася, Маріє преславна.

**Прокімен(1):** Милість Твоя, Господи, хай буде над нами, бо ми надіялись на Тебе.

**Стих:** Радуйтеся, праведні, в Господі, правим належить похвала.

**Апостол (Євр 9,11-14):** *До Євреїв послання св. апостола Павла читання.* Браття, Христос же, з'явившись як архиєрей майбутніх благ, через більший і досконаліший намет, що зроблений не людською рукою - тобто не земної будови, - і не з кров'ю козлів та телят, але з власною кров'ю, - увійшов назавжди у святиню і знайшов вічне відкуплення. Бо коли кров волів і козлів та попіл із телиці, як покропить нечистих, освячує, даючи їм чистоту тіла, то скільки більше кров Христа, - який духом вічним приніс себе самому Богові непорочним, - очистить наше сумління від мертвих діл, на служіння Богові живому!

**Апостольські Стихи:** Бог, що дає відплату мені, і покоров народи мені.

**Стих:** Ти, що звеличуєш спасіння царя, і даєш

and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his posterity for ever.

**Gospel: (Mk 10,32-45)** At that time, taking the Twelve aside Jesus again began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish [me] to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast):** In you, O Woman Full of Grace, the angelic choirs and the human race - all creation - rejoice. O Sanctified Temple, Mystical Paradise, and Glory of Virgins! He, Who is our God from before all ages took flesh from you and became a child. He made your womb a throne, and greater than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. All praise be to you!

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

милість помазаннику Своєму Давидові і родові його повіки. Аلیلуя, аلیلуя, аلیلуя.

**Євангелія: (Мк 10,32-45)** Вони були в дорозі, поступаючи в Єрусалим. Ісус ішов перед ними. І дивувались вони, й, ідучи за ним, страхалися. І взявши знову дванадцятьох, почав їм говорити, що має статися з ним: "Оце йдемо в Єрусалим, і Син Чоловічий буде виданий первосвященникам та книжникам, і засудять його на смерть, і видадуть його поганам; і насміхатимуться з нього, плюватимуть на нього, бичуватимуть його й уб'ють, він же по трьох днях воскресне." Яків же та Іван, сини Заведее, підходять до нього й кажуть йому: "Учителю, хочемо, щоб ти нам зробив те, чого попросим." Він же їм відповів: "Що хочете, щс об я зробив вам?" "Зволь нам, - ті йому кажуть, - щоб ми сиділи: один праворуч, другий ліворуч від тебе у твоїй славі." Ісус же сказав їм: "Не знаєте, чого просите. Чи можете пити чашу, яку я п'ю, і христитися хрищенням, яким я хрищусь?" Ті йому відповіли: "Можемо." Ісус сказав їм: "Чашу, яку я п'ю, питимете, і хрищення, яким я хрищуся, христитиметесь. Сидіти ж вам праворуч від мене чи ліворуч, - не моя річ вам дати, а кому приготовано." Почули про те десятеро, тож обурились на Якова та Івана. Тоді Ісус прикликав їх і сказав їм: "Ви знаєте, що ті, яких вважають князями народів, верховодять ними, а їхні вельможі утискають їх. Не так воно хай буде між вами, але хто з-між вас хоче стати великим, хай буде вам слугою, і хто з-між вас хоче бути першим, хай буде рабом усіх. Бо й Син Чоловічий прийшов не на те, щоб йому служити лише щоб служити й віддати своє життя як викуп за багатьох."

**Достойно:** Тобою, Благодатна, радіє все творіння; ангельський хор і людський рід. Святий храме і раю духовний, похвало днів! З Тебе Бог воплотився і став хлоп'ятком - предвічний Бог наш. Твоє бо лоно він учинив Своім престолом, просторішим від небес. Тобою, Благодатна, радіє все творіння. Слава Тобі!

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



## THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

### AKATHISTOS SATURDAY

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On the Fifth Saturday of Great Lent, the Saturday of the Akathist, we commemorate the “Protection of the Virgin” Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

In 625, when the emperor Heraclius was fighting the Persians, the Persian Khan sent forces to attack Constantinople by land and by sea. Patriarch Sergius urged the people not to lose heart, but to trust in God.

A procession was made around the city with the Cross of the Lord, the robe of the Virgin, the Icon of the Savior not made by hands, and an Icon of the Mother of God. The Patriarch dipped the Virgin’s robe in the sea, and the city’s defenders beat back the Khan’s forces. The sea became very rough, and many boats sank. The invaders retreated, and the people of Constantinople gave thanks to God and to His Most Pure Mother.

On two other occasions, in 655 and 705, the Theotokos protected the city from Saracen invaders. A feast day dedicated to the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary was established on October 1st to commemorate these victories. The Akathist to the Mother of God is believed to originate from this period, and its use has spread from Constantinople to other orthodox Christian lands.

The icon before which the Akathist was sung was given to the Dionysiou Monastery on Mt. Athos by Emperor Alexius Komnenos. There, it began to flow with myrrh. There are a number of icons made in this fashion that, over the years, have been known to stream scented myrrh. Many sick people who were anointed with this myrrh, or who have prayed before and venerated these special myrrh-streaming icons were healed of their diseases, proving the power of the intercession of the Theotokos with her Son, Jesus Christ. By tradition, an icon of the Theotokos streaming myrrh is often seen as the Blessed Mother crying to the people and calling them to repentance; to beg forgiveness and ask for her intercession before her Son, who always grants His mother her requests.

This icon shows the Mother of God seated on a throne, and surrounded by Prophets with scrolls, government officials and clergy..

**Statement of the Permanent Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of March 10th, 2024:  
In light of the interview of Pope Francis Conducted by Radio Télévision Suisse  
[Edited for the Bulletin]**

We do not yet have a full version of the interview given by Pope Francis to the RTS (Radio Télévision Suisse) that apparently will be published only on March 20. According to the Holy See Press Office, the reference to a "white flag" in the interview is a summons to negotiations not to a surrender by Ukraine. In the conversation, the Holy Father speaks not only about the Russian war against Ukraine but also the war between Israel and Hamas. As he has done repeatedly, Pope Francis calls for negotiated settlements of armed conflicts.

In this regard we would like to reflect not upon the Pope's statement but upon the point of view of the victims of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It is important to understand the position of most Ukrainians.

To anyone on the ground in Ukraine it is clear that the citizens of Ukraine are—as we stated during our meetings with the US church leaders, politicians, and diaspora communities in the Washington, DC, Philadelphia, and New York city—"wounded yet unbroken, tired yet resilient." Ukrainians cannot surrender because surrender means death. The intentions of Putin and Russia are clear and explicit. The aims are not those of one individual: 70% of the Russian population support the genocidal war against Ukraine, as does Patriarch Kirill and the Russian Orthodox Church. The expressed objectives are articulated in concrete actions.

In Putin's mind, there is no such thing as Ukraine, Ukrainian history, language, and independent Ukrainian church life. All matters Ukrainian are ideological constructs, fit to be eradicated. Ukraine is not a reality but a mere "ideology." The ideology of Ukrainian identity, according to Putin, is "Nazi."

By calling all Ukrainians (who refuse to be Russians and accept Russian rule) "Nazis," Putin dehumanizes them. Nazis (in this case Ukrainians) have no right to exist. They need to be annihilated, killed. The war crimes in Bucha, Irpin, Borodianka, Izium, and in other places occupied by Russian forces have illustrated for Ukrainians (and to all people of good will) the clear purpose of this war: to eliminate Ukraine and Ukrainians. It is worth mentioning that every Russian occupation of Ukrainian territory leads to the eradication of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, any independent Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and to the suppression of other religions and all institutions and cultural expressions that do not support Russian hegemony.

Ukrainians will continue to defend themselves. They feel they have no choice. Recent history has demonstrated that with Putin there will be no true negotiations. Ukraine negotiated away its nuclear arsenal in 1994, at the time the third largest in the world, larger than that of France, the UK, and China combined. In return Ukraine receiving security guarantees regarding its territorial integrity (including Crimea) and independence, which Putin was obliged to respect. The 1994 Budapest memorandum signed by Russia, the US, and the UK is not worth the paper on which it was written. So it will be with any agreement "negotiated" with Putin's Russia.

Notwithstanding the suggestions for need for negotiations coming from representatives of different countries, including the Holy Father himself, Ukrainians will continue to defend freedom and dignity to achieve a peace that is just. They believe in freedom and God-given human dignity. They believe in truth, God's truth. They are convinced that God's truth will prevail.

The bishops of the Permanent Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, meeting in the USA:

His Beatitude +Sviatoslav,  
Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych, Ukraine

Most Rev. +Borys,  
Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan of Philadelphia, USA

Most Rev. +Włodzimierz,  
Eparch of Wrocław–Koszalin, Poland

Most Rev. +Bohdan,  
Apostolic Exarch (Ukr.) in Germany and Scandinavia

Most Rev. +Josaphat,  
Eparch of Chernivtsi, Ukraine

**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:**

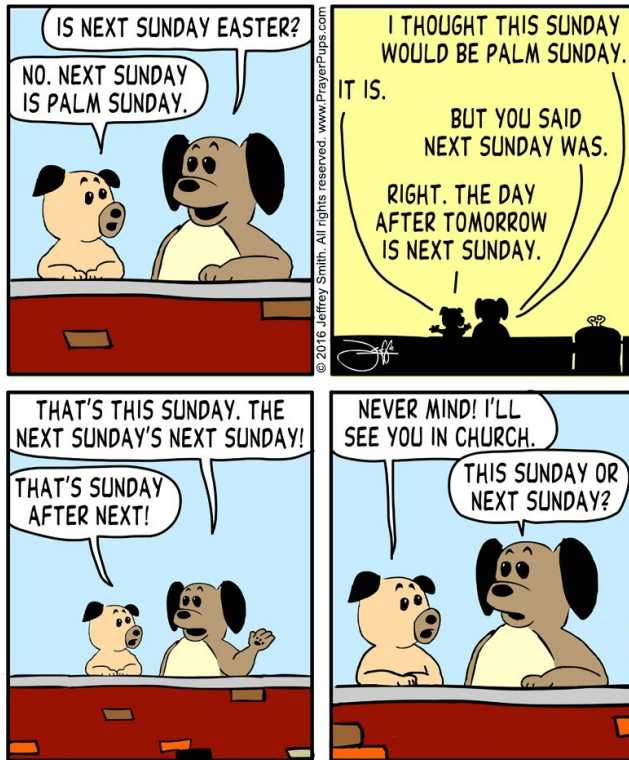
Anna Kapustiak  
Slava Harasymovych  
Maria Wetherill  
Rev. Paul Wolensky  
Very Rev. Roman Mirchuk

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

Ethel Bednarchek  
Mike Wetherill  
Nick Halibey  
Anna Smolij  
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.*

## PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

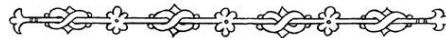


### The Sayings of the Desert Fathers:

Some people asked the holy father: "How ought are we to pray?" The elder said to them: "There is no need for 'vain repetitions,' but to frequently stretch out your hands and say, 'Lord, as you wish and know how to, have mercy on me,' and if a battle comes, say, 'Lord, help me.' He knows what is appropriate and deals mercifully with all of us."

The same father also said, "Once, when I was a child, I, and the other children, tended cattle and we went off to steal some figs. One fell as they were running away; I took it and ate it, and, when I recall that, I sit weeping for my sin."

Abba Makarius the Egyptian



Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

St. Andrew of Crete



## **SAINT JOSAPHAT'S BETHLEHEM EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES, 2024:**

- Sat, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>:**           **Lazarus Saturday**  
12:30 pm—3:30 pm: Easter Confessions.  
4:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom With Blessing and Distribution of Pussy Willows.
- Sun, Mar 24<sup>th</sup>:**           **Palm Sunday**  
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy (Eng/Ukr Combined) With Distribution of Blessed Palms/Willows.  
3:30 pm—5:30 pm: Easter Confessions.  
6:00 pm: Great Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation of the BVM.
- Mon, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>:**           **Holy Monday; the Feast of the Annunciation of the BVM [HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION]**  
9:00 am: Festal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.
- Wed, Mar 26<sup>th</sup>:**           **Holy Tuesday**  
6:30 pm: Moleben to the Mother of God for Peace in Ukraine, St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA.
- Wed, Mar 27<sup>th</sup>:**           **Holy Wednesday**  
6:00 pm: Div. Lit. of the Presanctified Gifts with Anointing of the Sick.
- Thu, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>:**           **Holy Thursday**  
10:00 am: Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Washing of the Feet), Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA.  
6:00 pm: Passion Matins with the 12 Gospels/Strastiy.
- Fri, Mar 29<sup>th</sup>:**           **Good Friday**  
6:00 pm: Burial Vespers with Procession of the Shroud.  
**NOTE:** The Church will be open for people to keep vigil at the tomb from 7:00 pm to midnight.
- Sat, Mar 30<sup>th</sup>:**           **Holy Saturday**  
9:00 am: Jerusalem Matins.  
**NOTE:** The Church will be open for people to keep vigil at the tomb from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.  
2:00 pm: Simple blessing of baskets.  
6:00 pm: Vesperal Div. Lit. of St. Basil the Great with the Changing of Vestments.
- Sun, Mar 31<sup>st</sup>:**           **EASTER/PASCHA SUNDAY [HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION]**  
9:00 am: Resurrection Matins/Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with the Blessing of Easter Baskets (Eng./Ukr.)
- Mon, Apr 1<sup>st</sup>:**           **Bright Monday**  
6:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.
- Tue, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>:**           **Bright Tuesday**  
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.
- Sat, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>:**           **Bright Saturday**  
4:00 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng).

[RETURN TO NORMAL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES, SEE BULLETIN FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.]

Oh look, electric car food.



**YOU WILL KNOW THAT  
YOU'VE GROWN AS A  
CHRISTIAN WHEN  
SEEKING THE APPROVAL  
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MAN.**

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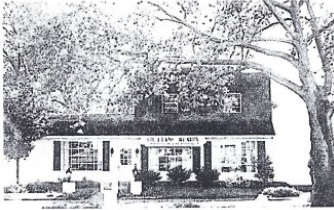
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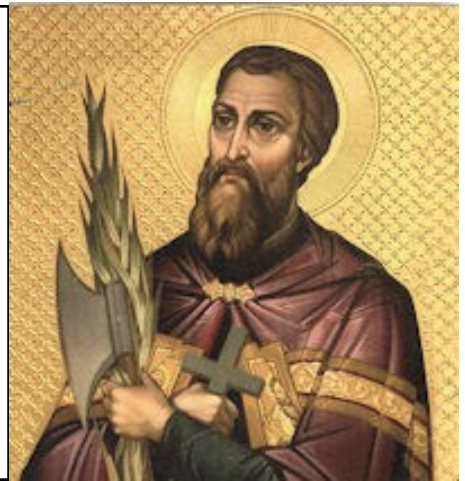
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### **Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!**

*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!*

### *Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's*

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there.  
You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Always remember the golden rule: those who have  
the gold, make the rules.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Take my advice, kid – Don't make waves. You've  
got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open  
and your mouth shut.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always,  
always, always buy low and sell high.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

The drug users and the city scum – they deserve  
what happens to them. We work hard for what  
we've got – nobody is doing us any favors. Let  
them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You  
got to take care of your own.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really  
understand Me and what I am about, if you really  
want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be  
worthy of My name, then you must see the world  
differently and respond to its challenges with a  
very different set of values. The world may try to  
justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify  
self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on pre-  
serving the system and convention for the sake of  
compassion and justice.

*But it cannot be like that with you.*

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