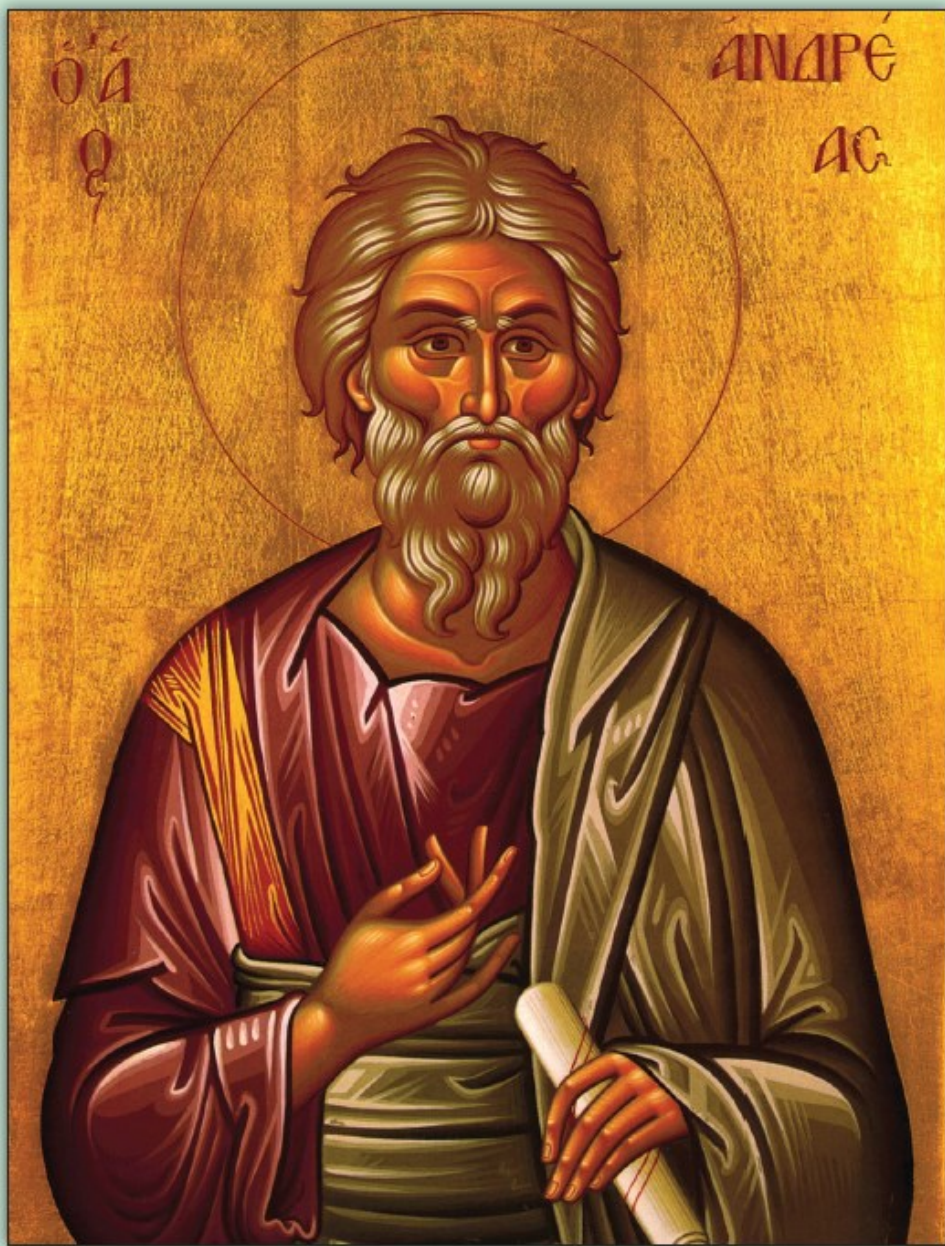


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Andrew -- November 30th

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

PHILIP'S FAST/ПИЛИПІВКА

- Sat, Nov 25th:** **The Hierarchs Clement, Pope of Rome, and Peter**
9:00 am: *Panachyda for the Deceased of the Holodomor/Famine-Genocide of Ukraine.*
6:30 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for +John Kasenych, by Sara and Bob Moser, and Family.
- Sun, Nov 26th:** **The 26th Sunday After Pentecost; of the Venerable Alypius the Stylite**
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.) Intention for +Louise Dvozdiak Pierok Tkachyk, by Rita and Joseph Tkachyk.
- Mon, Nov 27th:** **The Martyr James the Persian**
8:00 am: Matins/3rd Hour.
9:00 am: *Kiffle Preparation (Holy Ghost Church Hall).*
- Tue, Nov 28th:** **The Venerable Martyr Stephen**
8:00 am: Matins/3rd Hour.
9:00 am: *Kiffle Preparation (Holy Ghost Church Hall).*
6:30 pm: *Moleben for Peace in Ukraine; Pokrova/St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Allentown, PA.*
- Wed, Nov 29th:** **The Martyrs Paramon and Philemon**
8:00 am: Matins/3rd Hour
9:00 am: *Kiffle Preparation (Holy Ghost Church Hall).*
7:00 pm: *Ukrainian American Veterans Post 41 Meeting; Holy Ghost Chapel, West Easton, PA.*
- Thu, Nov 30th:** **The Apostle Andrew**
No Divine Services
- Fri, Dec 1st:** **The Prophet Nahum**
1:00-4:00 pm: *Kiffle Order Pick Up (Holy Ghost Church Hall).*
No Divine Services
- Sat, Dec 2nd:** **The Prophet Habbakuk**
3:00-6:00 pm: *Kiffle Order Pick Up (Holy Ghost Church Hall).*
6:30 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for +John Kasenych, by Sara and Bob Moser, and Family.
- Sun, Dec 3rd:** **The 27th Sunday After Pentecost**
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.) Intention for +Louise Dvozdiak Pierok Tkachyk, by Rita and Joseph Tkachyk.
11:00 am: *St. Nicholas Visitation For Our Parish Children (St. Josaphat Church Hall).*
12:00—2:00 pm: *Kiffle Order Pick Up (Holy Ghost Church Hall)*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. As we increase our good works for Philip's Fast, we will be having a collection of dry/canned food goods for the poor during the Fast from Saturday, November 18th, 2023, through Christmas Day, December 25th, 2023. As we did during the Great Fast of this year, we will continue our support of

Central Moravian Food bank in Bethlehem, PA. Boxes for collection of food items will be placed in the Church Vestibule and Basement starting Saturday, November 18th. Please remember the poor and less fortunate in your generosity!

2. We are opening the books for Liturgy intentions for Calendar Year 2024. Intentions are scheduled on a first-in/first-out basis. You may submit your 2024 Liturgy intentions with Father Paul by emailing St. Josaphat Rectory or submitting them with your Sunday donations. Thank you and God bless!
3. Holubtsi are on sale in the Church Hall after each Divine Liturgy; they are \$10.00 per container. To purchase, please see David Kadingo, or any Tryzub member after our scheduled Divine Liturgies.
4. Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church will be holding their next Pyrohy/Noodle Fundraiser on December 6th, 2023; order sheets are in the back of the Church Vestibule; you may also order at food-sales@holyghostucc.com
5. Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church is planning to have their next Kiffle sale on Tuesday, November 28th, 2023; preparation and baking will start on Monday, November 27th. Dates and times for Kiffle Prep and Order Pick Up are posted in today's bulletin. HELP IS NEEDED! If you can come on by to help with Kiffle preparation and baking, all help is welcome; bring a friend or two! For more information, please call Holy Ghost Rectory. Order sheets are in the back of the Church Vestibule; you may also order at foodsales@holyghostucc.com
6. The Ukrainian Catholic/Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of the Lehigh Valley will have their next weekly Moleben for Peace in Ukraine on Tuesday, November 28th, 2023, at Pokrova/St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Allentown, PA. All are encouraged to come and pray with us.
7. St. Nicholas will be making a visitation of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 for our parish children. There will be a short program and gathering with food in the Church hall after the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy on that day. If you would like your children to participate, please contact St. Josaphat Rectory.
8. A master class in making Ukrainian Christmas decorations will be held at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church at the Chapel on Tuesday, December 12th, at 7:00 pm after the Moleben for Ukraine on that day. Participants will learn how to make a traditional Ukrainian Christmas ornament at this class; the cost to participate is \$50.00. . For more information, please contact Holy Ghost Rectory.

**Man: "I would've gone to church more,
I was just always busy."**

Jesus: "Hmmm... Fair enough"

Man: "So you'll let me into heaven?"

Jesus: "I don't know, I'm pretty busy."



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, PA!

Sunday Propers:
26th Sunday After Pentecost;
of the Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite
[Postfeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos]

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 (4): Today is the prelude of the benevolence of God and the herald of the salvation of mankind; for the Virgin appears in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her: "Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's plan!"

Kontakion (4): *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.* The most pure Temple of the Savior, the richest Palace, and the Treasury of the glory of God today enters into the house of the Lord, bringing grace which is in the Spirit of God. The Angels of God sing to her: "This is the Tabernacle of Heaven.

Prokimenon (3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Verse: Because He has looked upon His handmaiden, from this day forward, all generations shall call me blessed.

Epistle (Eph 5,9-19): Brethren: Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another [in] psalms and hymns and

Тропарі і Кондаки:
26-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа;
Преподобний Отець Аліпій Стовпник
[Попразденство Вхід Пресвятої Богородиці]

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!

Кондак (1): Днесь благовоління Божого предзображення і спасення людей проповідання, у Божому храмі Діва ясно з'являється і Христа всім предзвіщає. Їй і ми голосно закличмо: Радуйся, промислу Створителя сповнення.

Богородичний (1): *Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.* Пречистий храм Спасів, дорогоцінна світлиця і Діва, священна скарбниця Божої слави днесь уводиться в дім Господній, благодать з собою вводячи, що в Дусі божественнім, яку оспівують ангели Божі: Вона є оселя небесна.

Прокімен (1): Величає душа моя Господа і возрадувався дух мій у Бозі, Спасі моїм .

Стих: Бо зглянувся на смирення раби своєї, ось бо віднині ублажать мене всі роди.

Апостоль (Еф 5,9-19): Браття, плід світла є в усьому, що добре, що справедливе та правдиве. Шукайте пильно того, що Господові подобається. Не беріть участі в безплідних ділах темряви, а радше їх картайте, бо що ті люди потай виробляють, соромно й казати. Все, що ганиться, стає у світлі явним, а все, що виявляється, стає світлом. Тому говорить: "Прокинсь, о сплячий, і встань із мертвих, а Христос освітить тебе!" Тож, уважайте пильно, як маєте поводитися, - не як немудрі, а як мудрі, використовуючи час, бо дні лихі. Тому не будьте необачні, а збагніть, що є Господня воля. І не впивайтеся вином, яке доводить до розпусти, а сповнюйтеся Духом. Проказуйте між собою вголос псалми й гимни та духовні пісні, співайте та прославляйте у серцях ваших Господа.

spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts.

Alleluia Verse (1): Listen, O Daughter, give ear to My words.

Verse (1): The richest of people shall seek your favor

Gospel (Lk 13,10-17): At that time, Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity." He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the sabbath, said to the crowd in reply, "There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath day." The Lord said to him in reply, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering? This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day from this bondage?" When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by him.

Instead of *It Is Truly . . .*, the *Irmos*: Seeing the entry of her, Most Pure, the Angels marvelled at how a virgin could enter the Holy of Holies. Since no hand of the wicked may touch the Living Tabernacle of God, may the lips of the faithful endlessly sing out with joy to the Mother of God the greeting of the Angel: "O pure virgin, you are truly above all creatures!"

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

Апостольські Стих (1): Слухай, дочко, і споглянь, і прихили вухо твоє .

Стих (1): Лицю твоєму помоляться багаті народи .

Євангелія (Лк 13,10-17): Того часу, Ісус навчав в одній з синагог у суботу. Була ж там одна жінка, що її тримав дух у недужі вісімнадцять років: вона була скорчена й не могла ніяк випростатись. Побачивши її, Ісус покликав, промовивши до неї: "Жінко, ти звільнена від твоєї недуги." І поклав на неї руки й вона зараз же випросталась, і почала прославляти Бога. Тоді начальник синагоги, обурений, що Ісус оздоровив у суботу, озвався і мовив до народу: "Шість день, коли маєте працювати; тоді, отже, приходьте й оздоровляйтесь, а не в день суботній." Господь у відповідь сказав до нього: "Лицеміри! Чи кожний з вас не відв'язує свого вола або осла від ясел і не веде його поїти? Цю ж жінку, дочку Авраама, що її сатана зв'язав ось вісімнадцять років, не треба було від цих узів звільнити в день суботній?" І як він говорив це, усі противники його засоромились, а увесь народ радів усім славним вчинкам, які він зробив.

Замість *Достойно . . .*, *Ірмос*: Ангели, бачачи вхід Пречистої, здивувалися, як Діва ввійшла у святая святих. Як одушевленого божого кивоту нехай ніяк не дотикається рука осквернених. А уста вірних, голос ангела виспівуючи, Богородиці, невмовкаючи, з радістю нехай кличуть: Справді вище всіх ти еси, Діво чиста.

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

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	Pearl Kiniuk
Helen Karol	Nick Halibey	Rev. Paul J. Makar	Rev. Paul Wolensky
Very Rev. Roman Mirchuk	Rev. John Hunwicke	All of Our Archeparchial Seminarians	

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.

SAINT PHILIP'S FAST PASTORAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY IN THE US

Dear Brethren in Christ,

We are commencing the Fast of St. Philip, embarking on a journey that culminates in the contemplation of an indescribable mystery – God's condescension to humanity. It is at the Nativity of Our Lord that God draws near to us, for "In the union of the divine and human, 'the incorporeal one takes on flesh, the Word becomes approachable, the invisible one is seen, the impalpable one is touched, the one beyond time enters time, the Son of God becomes the Son of Man.'" (Christ Our Pascha, §179). In this divine event, God not only reveals His name but also makes Himself visible, inviting us to recognize Him.

For the second consecutive year, we, Ukrainians in the US, find ourselves preparing for Christmas amidst a full-scale war with the Russian aggressor. Our Ukrainian soil is soaked in the blood of heroes, and our cities and villages under occupation are shrouded under the black pall of the "Russian world." We continually pose questions to each other and to God: "How much longer will this endure? Why, O God, does this war persist?"

Let us consider the circumstances in which our Lord came to the world. Humanity, perpetually anxious and born in fear, anticipated the coming of the Messiah, each person harboring their own expectations of His identity. Who among them recognized Him as the "something new [that] springs forth," as prophesied by the Prophet Isaiah? (Is. 43:19) The initial witnesses to the choir of angels were humble shepherds, for "Many are the high and exalted, but God reveals his mysteries to the humble." (Sir. 3:19)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God (Matt. 5:8). Pure in heart shepherds became the symbol of those who were capable to see God. However, the path to purity of heart is arduous, demanding profound introspection. We often find ourselves dissatisfied with our circumstances. This war, while manifestly physical and visible, also has deep spiritual ramifications. We yearn for change, for someone to rise against injustice and corruption, yet we tend to overlook that the journey begins within ourselves, with our heart.

"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6:2) The day of salvation marks the inception of our inner journey. The Apostle Paul calls us to bear witness, to be people of hope who endure "in steadfast perseverance; in afflictions, hardships, and distress." As we embark on the path to the Nativity, we strive to "open wide our hearts" (2 Cor. 6:13).

The time is opportune for us to begin. Our first task is the transformation of our hearts. When we delve into the lives of the saints, we often marvel at how they found spiritual equilibrium amidst sorrow, mastering themselves and receiving the strength of Christ, "who by faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and obtained promises. They closed the mouths of lions, quenched raging fires, and escaped the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned into strength..." (Heb. 11:33-34) Today, our front-line defenders demonstrate that heroes are not born but are instead forged through daily toil and self-sacrifice, proving their unwavering commitment to our homeland.

As we commence this journey to the Nativity, we invite you to fathom the depths of this mystery. A single child altered the course of human history with His birth. The tapestry of human history is interwoven with the thread of Jesus Christ. We are also capable and called to change our personal stories and big history. When we gather in the Name of Jesus Christ, each one of us can contribute with the gifts bestowed upon us by the Lord, thereby effecting change in the world around us.

The venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, in his address to the faithful on Christmas Day 1942, amidst the tumult of the Second World War, exhorted us to struggle: "Those who, with Christ, have bat-

bled the passions that lead to sin within their own hearts, who have tasted the power of Christ in victories over themselves, do not merely believe in Christ's victory but know it from personal experience... the cause of our sorrow will pass, and the day of joy will dawn."

Dear brothers and sisters, during this Nativity fast, we urge you to engage in intentional spiritual exercises aimed at overcoming sin in your lives, leading you into the battle for the purity of your hearts. As Jesus teaches, "For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, perjury, slander." (Matt. 15:19)

Much work lies ahead, but it is the sole path to a genuine experience of the Nativity of Our Lord. We are called to comprehend the gift of patience, for in God's timing, everything unfolds according to His divine plan. While we may ardently desire swift change and accomplishment, true transformation occurs when we cooperate with God's grace, serving our neighbors with fervor "in afflictions, hardships, and distress." Thus, we become like those who are "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, yet possessing everything." (2 Cor. 6:4-10)

At the liturgical prayers of the Feast of the Nativity, the Church proclaims, "For the Father's express Image, the Imprint of His eternity, takes the form of a servant, and without undergoing change He comes forth from a Mother who knew not wedlock. For what He was, He has remained, true God: and what He was not, He has taken upon Himself, becoming man through love for mankind." (Stichera of the Great Vespers of the Nativity of Our Lord)

The radiant light of God will illuminate our countenances, and our virtuous deeds will shine as the star of Bethlehem, guiding us to the manger where the Savior of the world lies.

+ Borys Gudziak

Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia
of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA

+ Paul Chomnycky

Bishop of the Eparchy of Stamford

+ Benedict Aleksiychuk (author)

Bishop of Saint Nicholas Eparchy of Chicago

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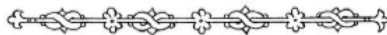
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when your parents ask where all your
money went





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Presented by Fr. Paul Makar at:

Böser-Geist Brewing Company, 1250 Simon Boulevard, K100, Easton, PA 18042

Feb. 4th, 2024: *Oh No, It's The Fast!! Can't I Just Give Up Something For Lent??*

Presented by Fr. Paul Makar at:

Sherman Street Beer Company, 125 East Tremont Street, Allentown, PA 18109

No Theology On Tap Events Scheduled For Lent 2024; However Lenten Adult Catechesis Events Will Be Scheduled, Stay Tuned!!

For More Information, email:

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THOUGHTS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY



They all give thanks.

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, thank you, Lord, that I can hear.

There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see.

There are many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise.

There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short, my children are so loud, thank you, Lord, for my family.

There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have.

There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work.

There are many who are jobless.

Lord, can you give me the gift of gratitude?

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord for life.



Life's Lessons—Eight Evil Thoughts

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Know now that there are eight evil thoughts that bring about all that is vile; those of sensuality, lechery, love of money, anger, inappropriate grief, despondency, vainglory, and pride. All these conduct warfare with every man.

1. If you want to conquer sensuality, cherish restraint and have fear of God—then you will conquer it.
2. If you want to conquer lechery, cherish wakefulness and thirst, and contemplate death—and you will conquer it.
3. If you want to conquer love of money, cherish non-acquisitiveness and be frugal.

4. If you want to conquer anger, acquire meekness, be humble and practice generosity. Keep in mind how much evil the Jews did to our Lord Jesus Christ; yet He, the man-befriending God, did not become irate with them, but on the contrary He prayed for them, saying: Father, forgive them this sin, for they know not what they do.
5. If you want to conquer inappropriate grief, never grieve for anything that is transient. If people injure you with words, or upset, or dishonor you, do not grieve but, on the contrary, rejoice. Grieve only when you sin, and even in this case, do not go to extremes so that you do not fall into the trap of despair and perish.
6. If you want to conquer and overcome despondency and despair, take up some handiwork for a short time, or read, or pray frequently.
7. If you want to conquer vainglory, love not praise, nor honor, nor fine clothing, nor precedence, nor favor; but on the contrary, cherish those occasions when you are reprimanded and dishonored, when false charges are laid against you—and reproach yourself for being more sinful than any sinner. Again, do not go to extremes lest you fall into despair, or worse, fall victim to pride.
8. If you want to conquer pride, then whatever you do, say not that you do it by your own labors, or with your own strength. If you fast, or stand vigil, or sleep on the bare ground, or sing psalms, or serve at the altar, or do a great number of prostrations, only say that it was done with God's help and protection, never by your own strength and effort.



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 1/2 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.

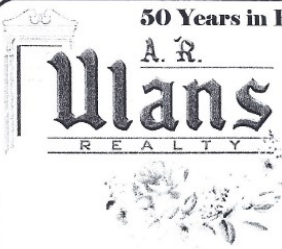
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THE MYSTERY OF MATRIMONY: Couples who wish to marry at should contact the Rectory Office at least 6 months in advance of the desired wedding date (or as soon as they are engaged).

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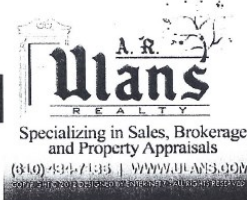
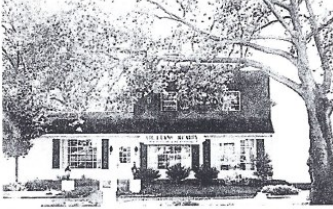
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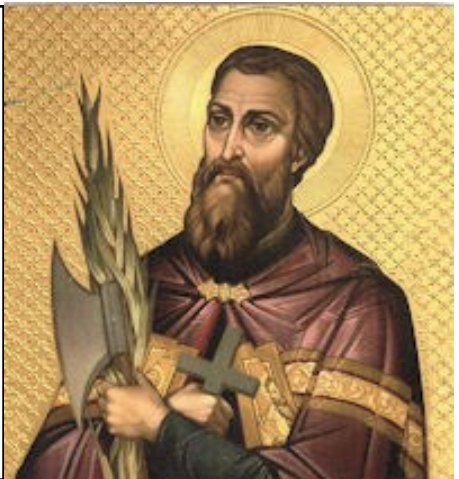
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We welcome you to our parish family and invite you to worship with us in a most ancient Church of the Christian East. We are happy to have you with us, and we are honored to share our Ukrainian Catholic tradition of prayer and spirituality with you, 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!

Many Calls for the Chosen

The first call that shaped St. Andrew's life was the very timing and place of his birth. The second call that shaped Andrew's life came through John the Baptist. Andrew must have been an alert young man longing for the coming of the Messiah when he first heard the preaching of John. Andrew's third call came from Jesus himself. The fourth call that shaped Andrew's life was to follow Jesus, to be his disciple, a student in daily contact with Jesus, walking and talking with him, listening and learning from the Master, as from a Rabbi. The fifth call that changed Andrew's life was his selection by Jesus as one of the twelve apostles, to give witness, to preach, to bring others to Christ. Andrew, the student, was chosen to become a teacher sent by Christ. His sixth call came through pious Greeks at the Passover in Jerusalem. They wanted to see Jesus, to be introduced to him. The boy from Bethsaida began using his language skills, his un-

derstanding of Greek and Roman culture, to bring Gentiles to Jesus. St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. Jerome, and St. Paulinus tell us that after Pentecost Andrew became an apostle to people in the land of Greece, the bordering lands, and as tradition tells us, ultimately to Byzantium. The final call in Andrew's life was to martyrdom by crucifixion on an X shaped cross at Patras in Achaia.

Saint Andrew's vocation, and ours as well, wasn't given all at once, but gradually. Seven calls from the Lord built one upon the other throughout the course of his life. Andrew's response to each call gave new shape to his life and prepared him for the next gift of God. This courageous young man, by purity of heart and docile obedience to God's will became in St. Bede's words, "The Introducer to Christ." He introduced his brother to Jesus, and the Greeks and Scythians.