

St. John the Baptist

Ukrainian Catholic Church



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday: During present restrictions, only one Liturgy
at 10:00 am Ukrainian

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation:

6:00 p.m. (English on the preceding evening)

9:00 a.m. on the Holy Day

Other Services as announced.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION:

Parishioners should make plans to have their children baptized and chrismated in a timely fashion. Please call the rectory before setting a date for the ceremony.

CONFESSIONS:

Before weekend Divine Liturgies and Holy Days.

MARRIAGE:

Please call the rectory at least six months in advance. Pre-marital counseling is mandatory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Kindly notify the rectory regarding parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing homes.

CEMETERY:

Purchase of cemetery plots is a privilege reserved to parishioners. Please contact the rectory before any major improvements are undertaken.

CHURCH FACILITIES:

Any use of church facilities must be cleared in advance at the rectory. Literature may not be placed in or around the Church without approval.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

8:00 a.m. of the Monday preceding the weekend in which the announcement is to appear.

WEBSITES:

www.stjohnbaptistucc.com

www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistUCC

ADDITIONAL FAITH RESOURCES:

www.stamforddio.org www.royaldoors.net

FOOD FOR THE POOR:

We are not collect at this time.

As of now, any schedules or information posted in the bulletin or on the parish's Facebook or web site is subject to change.

SATURDAY, December 5 (Live Streaming)

4:00PM - In memory of +Stefan Hrycyk
req. Orest and Hania Hrycyk

SUNDAY, December 6 – The 27th Sunday After Pentecost - St. Nicholas of Mayra Archbishop (Live Streaming)

10:00AM - In memory of +Ostap Michael Prybyla (4 years)
req. Prybyla Family

TUESDAY, December 8

6:00PM - **Liturgy of Anticipation**
In memory of +Andrij Guzelak with Panakhyda
req. wife, Felicia and family

WEDNESDAY, December 9– The Conception of St. Anna, when she conceived the Most Holy Mother of God

9:00AM - Intention for Parishioners

THURSDAY, December 10

8:00AM In memory of +Ewhen & +Anna, +Jerry and +Mark
Husak with Panakhyda req. daughter, Nadia Iwachiv
and family

FRIDAY, December 11

8:00AM For All Souls in Purgatory
req. Apostleship of Prayer

SATURDAY, December 12 (Live Streaming)

4:00PM - In memory of +Father James Karapin with Panakhyda
req. cousin, Jennie Marko

SUNDAY, December 13 – Sunday of the Forefathers - (Live Streaming)

10:00AM - In memory of +Petro Patriak (2 yrs) with Panakhyda
req. daughter, Sofia and John Hvozda

**READINGS**

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Liturgical Propers are from the yearly church calendar.

Epistle Readers

Saturday, December 5

4:00p.m. Divine Liturgy

Lector: Paul Streiff

**St. John the Baptist - Live - Streaming Schedule**

Saturday, December 12

4:00pm - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 13

10:00am - Divine Liturgy

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Liturgies are on the parish Facebook page to be viewed anytime. We will continue to bring Live Streaming to our parishioners until further notice. Please note that Live-streaming is subject to change at anytime.

Live-Streaming – Volunteers Needed

As you may have noticed we have not been able to Live-Stream some liturgies. Steve Long, who so generously, has been doing all our filming, is now back to work and his work schedule has not allowed him to be at each liturgy to film. Steve has offered to show anyone who may be interested in helping, on either (or both) Saturday and Sunday, how to work his GoPro equipment to film when he is unable. If you are interested, please contact Steve via email at StephenALong@gmail.com

Vigil Lights

Eternal Light: In loving memory of +Zeon Benderski
req. Helen Zebrowski

Tetrapod: In loving memory of +John and +Anna Rys
req. Children

Mother of God: God's Blessings for Patty Harmon, on her
birthday req. sisters, Helen and Stephanie

Sacred Heart: God's Blessings and good health for Judy
Gotham req. Gotham Family

Holy Cross: God's Blessings for Maryna Clavin and family
req. Vitaliy and Natalya Onyper

Please pray for the souls of the deceased members of the parish and those for whom Divine Liturgies will be offered this week. We ask that you also pray for the following parishioners who are ill or homebound: Felicia Guzelak, Olga Holl, John Hnotko, Michael Hrab, Eugene Kaczor, Andrew Krzywyj, Julia Maliwesky, Jennie Marko, Dorothy Onoff-Graser, Christopher Piotrowski, Raymond Prowak, Fr. Stefan, Gabriella Wicker, Kalina Woloszyn, Marion Wood, Anna Wowk, Nina Wozniak, our military men and women in the USA and Ukraine, all those suffering from the coronavirus and all Clergy and religious.



If you know someone on the prayer list that is no longer in need or know of someone who is in need of prayers, please call the rectory office so we can update our list. Thank you.

Pyrohy for Sale

Pyrohy is available for sale following each Divine Liturgy and by contacting the rectory on Tuesdays during office hours. Please call the rectory (315-478-5109) prior to coming to purchase on Tuesdays:

**Potato - \$7 for a 1 dozen package
\$15 for a 2 dozen package**

Philips Fast Parish Community Service Project

During Philips Fast the Apostleship of Prayer, working with Father Mihai will be collecting various items for parishioners of our parish who are in need. There will be a drop off box near the sacristy door entrance for items to be placed in.

We are looking for donations of:

- Laundry detergent
- Various toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soaps, etc..
- Can food: Soups, Vegetables, Fruits, Beans
- Rice, pasta

Please, NO perishable items

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Envelopes will be available in the back of the church. Checks can be made payable to the Apostleship of Prayer. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, please indicate on your donation envelope. One will be mailed

If you are in need or know of someone in need, please contact Father Mihai, 315-916-3719. All contacts will be confidential.

NOTE we are working on the bulletin two weeks ahead, due to submission date request from our printer. Any information that you would like to have in the parish bulletins must be submitted as follows:

Bulletin Date:

December 20
December 27
January 3
January 10

Info Due By:

December 7
December 14
December 21
December 28

According to tradition, **St. Nicholas of Myra** was born about 270 A.D. in Patara, a small town in the province of Lycia (presently in Turkey), the only son of a rich family. Attracted to the religious life, he spurned his inherited wealth and used it for charitable work, for which he became famous from his youth.

St. Nicholas lived in the period of religious persecution under Diocletian (284-305), during which he suffered imprisonment because of his Christian faith. Consequently, he was venerated as a Confessor of the Faith by the local people. At the time of Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337), he, by Divine intervention, was elected Archbishop of Myra, the capital city of Lycia, called Dembre by the Turks.

As a Spiritual Shepherd, St. Nicholas distinguished himself for his pastoral zeal and uncommon goodness of heart. He also worked miracles which made people consider him a Saint even before his death. He strongly defended the Faith at the Nicean Council (325) and protected his flock from paganism and the Arian heresy. He assisted the poor, protected the innocent, comforted the suffering and the sick. Several times during his episcopacy St. Nicholas saved his people from imminent starvation. He died on December 6, 345 or 352, and is commemorated in the liturgical calendar on the anniversary of his holy death.

There are many miracles ascribed to St. Nicholas. The principal miracles ascribed to St. Nicholas by constant tradition are these:

1. St. Nicholas, by his prayer during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, calmed a violent storm on the open sea, and prevented certain shipwreck.
2. St. Nicholas, appearing in a dream to Emperor Constantine, warned him of pending injustice and saved three innocent officers from execution;
3. St. Nicholas, blessed with the charism of healing, restored health to innumerable people suffering from incurable diseases.
4. St. Nicholas, warned by God, secretly provided a dowry to three poor girls, destined by their own father to a public-house of sin to provide him with a steady income. Not to expose the father's sinful design, the Saint secretly, during the night, left a bag of gold pieces for each girl as a dowry for them and to enable each of them to lead an honest life. The tenth century biographer, Metaphrastes, whose true name was Simeon Logothetas, wrote that this "unique deed" of St. Nicholas was known to the people as a whole (P.G. 116, 328A). In Europe, this particular deed of St. Nicholas was embellished by local folklore and made him the "Good Old Bishop" who brings presents to children. In English speaking countries his episcopal garb underwent considerable change and his name became corrupted into Santa Claus, the bestower of gifts at Christmas time.



Highlights of the Parish COVID Guideline

- All parishioners attending are being asked to **enter** through the **sacristy door and sign in upon entering.**
 - **WEARING A MASK IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS. - NO Exceptions**
 - **Social distancing of 6 feet** must be maintained:
 - Holy Communion consist of holy bread and wine. The priest will disinfect the spoon after each person receives.
- Keep your MASK ON until you are in front of the priest. Remove mask to receive Holy Communion and place mask back on immediately after receiving.**
- People should leave the church promptly upon the completion of services. REMEMBER to **exit** the church through the **side door** only.
 - Veneration of icons, crosses, etc. should be done without touching or kissing them.

IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL PLEASE STAY HOME.

For a complete list of all the COVID rules and guidelines for our Parish, in English and Ukrainian, please go to:

stjohnbaptistucc.com

THE STORY OF MARY'S CONCEPTION

The conceptions of Christ and the Forerunner are recorded in chapter 1 of the Gospel of Luke. The story of Mary's conception is not found in the canonical Scriptures but in the mid 2nd-century Protoevangelium (or Pre-Gospel) of St James. This text tells that, for many years, Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann were childless and the couple suffered much reproach as a result. When they were in Jerusalem to offer sacrifice to God, the High Priest, Issachar, upbraided Joachim: "You are not worthy to offer sacrifice with those childless hands." Both spouses gave themselves to fervent prayer, (Joachim in the desert and Ann at home) and the Archangel Gabriel announced to each of them separately that they would be the parents of a daughter who would bring blessings to the whole human race.



The icon of the feast shows Saints Joachim and Ann embracing after each had run to share the news of their daughter-to-be. It also very prominently displays a bed to indicate that this conception took place by the usual physical means, unlike the conception of Christ. The first record of this feast being celebrated is from 5th-century Palestine. It spread to southern Italy during the 8th century and from there to England, France, Germany, and eventually Rome. In the East this feast has always been called "the Conception (or Maternity) of St. Ann," stressing Ann's conceiving of the Theotokos, just as the conception of Christ is revered as "the Annunciation to the Theotokos." In the West the feast came to be called "the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary" and later "the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

FROM OUR LADY OF MERCY MINISTRY

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (MT.25:40)

During these uneventful difficult times due to COVID-19 Pandemic and the State regulations regarding our Church guidelines, over these past several months we have abstained in visiting our homebound parishioners for their spiritual needs.

Please note: However at this time, if any homebound parishioner feels comfortable and safe to receive a visit in their home from us for prayer, the Holy Eucharist and a Christmas Poinsettia plant, to please call Alice Malick at 315-488-5877 as soon as possible to schedule a convenient time for a visit. Masks will be required.

At this very HOLY and beautiful time of the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we as a parish community thank HIM for all blessings large and small, and we humbly pray for ALMIGHTY GOD'S continuing grace upon our Pastor Father Mihai, our Deacon Edward Galvin, our Music Directors, our ill, elderly and homebound and for our entire loving parish family members.

New Church Linens



Special "Thank you" to Helen Zebrowski for her generous donation for the new church linens, white with red trim, in loving memory of her parents, +Stanley and +Margaret Benderski.

Epistle Readers Needed

We are getting ready to work on the schedule for the 2021 Saturday Epistle readers. If you are interested in helping your church by reading the Epistle at the Saturday, 4pm Divine liturgy, please contact Alice Malick at 315-488-5877 to sign up. At this time, we are not scheduling for Sunday readers. If you were a Sunday reader and would like to still help your church, please consider reading on Saturday.

Please consider becoming an Epistle reader for your church!

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