

St. John the Baptist

Ukrainian Catholic Church



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (English) - *Live Streamed - Parish Facebook*

Sunday: During present restrictions, only one Liturgy
at 10:00 am Ukrainian - *Live Streamed - Parish Facebook*

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, January 30 (Live Streaming)

4:00PM - In memory of +Rev. James Karapin with Panakhyda req. Halligan and Kotch Families

SUNDAY, January 31 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Live Streaming)

10:00AM - In memory of +Emilia Chmara req. Deskiewicz Family

MONDAY, February 1

6:00PM - Vigil Liturgy of Anticipation
Intention - For Parishioners

Blessing of Candles Following the Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY, February 2 - Presentation of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ into the Temple - Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna

9:00AM - In loving memory of the +Guzelak Family req. Andrij and Ksenia Guzelak and Family

Blessing of Candles Following the Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, February 3

8:00AM - In memory of +Marian Kohut req. Anna & Bob Meeks and Steve Kohut

THURSDAY, February 4

8:00AM - In memory of +Dorothy Marascalchi req. Maryann and Dick Coon

FRIDAY, February 5

8:00AM - **Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions: Violence Against Women** - We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. req. Apostleship of Prayer

SATURDAY, February 6 - 1st All Souls Saturday (Live Streaming - 4pm Liturgy only)

8:00AM - Sorokousty Services
4:00PM - In memory of my uncle, +Walter Melnick req. niece, Adria Ripka

SUNDAY, February 7 - Sunday of Meat Fare (Live Streaming)

10:00AM - In loving memory of +Maria Zarewych req. Marika Mychalczak

**READINGS**

January 31

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

To get a printed copy of the Liturgical Propers go to: <http://www.stamforddio.org/> and click on the "Resources" tab, and then click on the "Liturgical Propers" link.

**Epistle Readers**

Saturday, January 30

4:00p.m. Liturgy

Lector: Anna Reinsmith

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 - \$ 8 for a 1 dozen package
\$15 for a 2 dozen package**

Vigil Lights

Eternal Light: In loving memory of +Tekla Melnick req. granddaughter, Adria Ripka

Tetrapod: In memory of +Joseph Cordone req. Andrew Melnyk

Sacred Heart: In memory of +Stefan Lucak req. wife, Anna Lucak and Family

Mother of God: In memory of +Peter Mora req. Andrew Melnyk

Holy Cross: Special Intentions req. Gloria Kyanka

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: Deacon Ed Galvin, Felicia Guzelak, Olga Holl, John Hnotko, Michael Hrab, Eugene Kaczor, Andrew Krzywyj, Julia Maliwesky, Jennie Marko, Dorothy Onoff-Graser, Christopher Piotrowski, 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.



The American and Ukrainian flags seen flying upon entering the iconic Tipperary Hill neighborhood, welcome both residents and out-of-town visitors to our wonderful Syracuse Ukrainian community. Each flag flying on its respective flag pole signifies both the pride in our Ukrainian heritage and appreciation for the freedoms of our home here in the United States.

We are on a tight deadline to obtain funds to have the new flag pole erected, to replace the missing one, by this Spring of 2021. Kindly respond generously at your earliest convenience.

Please either donate on line via



Syruc.org/unh or make out a check to **Syracuse UCC** and send it to:
Ukrainian National Home
1317 West Fayette St.
Syracuse, NY 13204.

Ukrainian Nation Home Italian Dinner

Feb. 6, 2021 - Take-out 4 - 6pm

Cost \$12.00

Dinner includes: Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti, Italian bread, and green salad.
Add Italian Wedding Soup \$3.00 small - \$5.00 large.

Pre-Orders Encouraged

St. John the Baptist - Live - Streaming

We will continue Live-Streaming of the Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 10:00am Divine Liturgies, as indicated in the weekly Liturgy Schedule. All lived streamed liturgies are streamed on the parish Facebook page and are available for viewing anytime.

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistUCC/>

NOTE Live-streaming is subject to change at anytime

House Blessings

If you would like to have your house blessed for the new year, please, contact Father Mihai directly to schedule, via text at 315-916-3719 or you can email him at dubovicim@yahoo.com

MASK must be worn when Father is at your house. Additionally, if there is anyone in your household not feeling well when Father is scheduled to come, you will need to reschedule.

When St. Simeon took the Child Jesus into his arms, he was inspired by the Holy Spirit and chanted the hymn, "Now You can let Your servant go in peace, O Master. . ." (Lk. 2:29-32). In his inspired hymn, St. Simeon referred to Jesus as the "Light to the Gentiles," it prompted the first Christians to carry a lighted candle or lamp in the procession that day, symbolizing the mystical presence of the "True Light" (In. 1:9), Jesus.

The blessing of candles on the Feast of the Presentation

is closely related to the Gospel narrative, introducing Jesus as the "Light of the people" (Lk. 2:32) The burning candle symbolizes the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the midst of the Christian community as He, Himself, had promised: "Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in their midst." (Mt. 18:20) For this reason, the ritual of the Church prescribes that at least two candles be lit on the altar at all liturgical services, and the greater the solemnity, the greater the number of candles used. Additionally, the burning candles and lights placed in front of the holy icons should remind us of the light of the exemplary lives they lived and inspire us to model our lives after their's in imitation of their "good works." (compo Mt. 5:16)



The burning candles also create a more prayerful atmosphere in the churches and homes. They remind us that our prayers should come from a heart burning with love of God and they should be directed toward heaven, where God abides in the "inaccessible light." In this manner, candles make a positive contribution to the fervor of our prayers. The burning of a votive candle in church, besides its sacrificial value (donation), has also a symbolic meaning, namely, the continuation of our prayers after we leave the church.

In homes, the blessed candles are lighted and placed before a holy icon in time of serious sickness or the threat of a storm to implore Divine protection, as the family is gathered in prayer. The blessed candle is popularly called the "hromnicja" or "hromnichka" from our Ruthenian word "hrom" (thunder), because it is used at the time of a thunder storm. It is also used by the parents to dispel the fear in children caused by darkness or thunder.



**Blessed Candles
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Religious Education

The parish is looking to start offering religious education once again, following all COVID guidelines. We are anticipating having a First Solemn Holy Communion this Spring. We are asking all interested parents to please register their children with the parish, so we can get an accurate count of students and determine best date and time to offer this program. You can register by sending an email to stjubcesyracuse@gmail.com or filling out the form below and placing in collection basket. **WE are asking that you include the following information in your email:**

Child's Name _____ Child's Age _____

Parents Name (Father) _____
(Mother) _____

Place & Date of Baptism _____

Please check the appropriate box:

Child will possibly be making First Solemn Holy Communion this year. yes no

Child had been in St. John's Religious Education program prior to COVID. yes no

Please fill out for each child separately - Info Due by Feb. 14



The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life, according to the Law of Moses.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth."

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple.

The icon of the Sunday of the Prodigal Son shows the



prodigal being received by his father upon his return. We are presented with an image of a warm and loving embrace, the son showing his need for his father, an attitude that represents repentance, love, and hope for renewal and restoration. The father is shown full of compassion for his son, having born the burden of his sin and suffering, but now filled with joy that he has returned.

Sorokousty - Remembrance of Our Beloved Dead

You can start to submit your request for Sorokousty services for your beloved deceased family and friends. You will find an envelop in your church envelope box and there will be additional forms available in the church.

Sorokousty services will be held at 8:00AM on:

(as per the direction of Church Law)

- 2nd All Souls Saturday - February 27**
- 3rd All Souls Saturday - March 6**
- 4th All Souls Saturday - March 13**
- 5th All Souls Saturday - May 22**

Fill out the special Sorokousty Envelope or additional form and drop it into the collection basket. **PLEASE Print Clearly.**

Highlights of the Parish COVID Guideline

- **WEARING A MASK IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS & GUEST. - NO Exceptions**
- Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained:
IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL - STAY HOME.

For a complete list of all the COVID rules and guidelines:
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