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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
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, March 13 - 4th All Souls Saturday (Live Streaming)

4:00PM - In memory of +Richard Troch
req. Jim and MaryAnn Frits

Apostleship of Prayer New Member Induction and Vow Renewal
St. Joseph Rosary following the Divine Liturgy.

SUNDAY, March 14 - 4th Sunday of the Great Fast - Commemoration of St. John Climacus (Live Streaming)

10:00AM - God's Blessings on the Temnycky Family
req. Temnycky Family

TUESDAY, March 16

No Liturgy Scheduled

WEDNESDAY, March 17

6:00PM - Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (English & Ukrainian)

THURSDAY, March 18

6:00PM - Akathist to the Blessed Mother (English & Ukrainian)

FRIDAY, March 19

6:00PM - The Way of the Cross (English & Ukrainian)

SATURDAY, March 20 - Akathist Saturday (Live Streaming)

4:00PM - Requiem Divine Liturgy for the souls of the victims of the Covid-19 pandemic followed by a Panakhida Service

SUNDAY, March 21- 5th Sunday of the Great Fast - St. Mary of Egypt (Live Streaming)

10:00AM - Intention for Parishioners



READINGS

March 14

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

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 Reader

Saturday, March 13

4:00p.m. Liturgy

Lector: Alice Malick

Diocesan Charities Appeal - 2021

Every year, during Lent, the parish kick's off the **Annual Stamford Diocese Charity Appeal**. It is a wonderful opportunity for alms-giving during the Great Fast. The money raised from this special collection is used to help educate future priest for our Stamford Diocese and our Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout the world. All parishioners are encouraged to give. Forms can be found near the side entrance of the church. Completed forms with donation, can be placed in the collection basket, mailed to or dropped off at the rectory.

► Please make checks payable to:
"St. John the Baptist UCC"

► DO NOT MAIL your donation directly to Stamford.

Our assessment for this year of \$8,000.

To date we have raised: \$1,220.00

Campaign should end by the end of June 2021

Vigil Lights



Eternal Light: In loving memory of my Aunt, +Grace Ripka
req. niece, Adria Ripka

Tetrapod: In memory of +Angelo Malone
req. Andrew Melnyk

Sacred Heart: In loving memory of my husband, +Eugene Husak
req. wife, Mary C. Husak and family

Mother of God: Special Intentions req. Nadia Hayduke

Holy Cross: God's Blessings and good health for all parishioners

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, George Kelley, Andrew Krzywiy, 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.



Lenten Mission - Next Week

Saturday, March 20 & Sunday, March 21

As part of weekend Divine Liturgies

This years Lenten Mission will be given by, Very Rev. Bohdan Tymchyshyn, Rector of St. Basil Seminary. He, along with seminarians will be visiting our parish to enrich our Lenten journey. Fr. Rector will be giving a mission and will be available to hear confessions, at both weekend Divine Liturgies.



Special "Thank You" to all the parishioners who so generously donated to our parish's Collection for Texas. The items you donated are on their way to those in need in Texas.

May God Bless you and Grant you Many Happy Years! Mnohaya Lita!

Easter Flowers

Don't forget your Easter Flower donation envelope. Money collected goes towards the purchase of flowers for the Tomb and Easter, as well as willows and palms, for Palm Sunday. You can also make a donation online on the parish WeShare page.

Thank you for your generosity.



Church in Need Collection

Still time to give - The money raised from the **Church in Need** collection goes to providing support to the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they may be persecuted or oppressed or in need of pastoral care. You will find a Church in Need envelope in your envelope box.

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:
stjohnbaptistucc.com



Today we commemorate **St. John Climacus** and his work *"The Ladder of Divine Ascent"*. St. John was given the name "Climacus" because of his writings. "Climacus" means "ladder" and thus his name is a nod to the work by that name. From a very young age, John desired to serve God with all of his heart. He became a monk at the Mt. Sinai Monastery when he was only 16 years old, and he served there faithfully for years before going into the desert to live a hermit's life.

The fight against the devil and his passions was difficult, but John faithfully prayed and focused on Christ, and over time he became holier because of his refusal to give in to those passions. His holiness drew people to John, and even monks would come to him to ask for advice. God gave him the gift to be able to help people who were severely tempted and/or upset to be at peace.

God used John to work some miracles during his lifetime. For example, one time his disciple Moses was far from their dwelling, searching for dirt for their garden, when he got very hot and tired, so he took a rest under a big rock. As this was happening, John was back at his cell, praying, when he had a revelation that Moses was in danger. John began to pray fervently for his disciple. Later in the evening, when Moses returned home, he told John that while he had been sleeping under the rock, he heard John calling him, so he woke up and moved quickly, just as the huge rock crashed down right where he had been sleeping! God had heard John's prayers and saved Moses with this miracle.

Many years passed, and John continued to faithfully pray and read from the lives of the saints. He continued to live a holy life. At age 74, he was made the abbot at the Mt. Sinai Monastery. The monks there asked him to write down all of the rules that he'd followed for his whole life, so that they could follow his example. He wrote about thirty steps that can lead monks (and any Christian) closer to God. He called the steps "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." Although this book was written about 1,400 years ago, it is still considered the ultimate guide to the Christian ascetic life.

Saint John Climacus tells us that Spiritual life is a ladder, which leads to the Heavenly Kingdom. We climb it, we fall down, we hit the ground, we stand up and we fall again. The thing is, we need to stand up over and over again... The main thing is to humble yourself - to acknowledge your own weakness and to let God enter your life. The Lord speaks simply in the Gospel: **"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew, 11:29).**

<http://www1.antiochian.org/lenten-sundays-series-sunday-st-john-climacus>

Collection for Orphanage

During Lent the Apostleship of Prayer will be collecting monetary donations for the **Orphanage of St. Nicholas Mercy Town** in Krykhivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk run by the Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara.

"St. Nicholas Mercy Town" was founded in Ivano-Frankivsk in 2004 by the Religious Institute of "Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara" (the women's branch of the Incarnate Word Religious Family) with the purpose to take care of the people in need, those who are discarded by the society and have no place to live and nobody to get support from.

All the members of St. Nicholas Mercy Town are divided into three groups: 1. Single mothers with their kids in Horokholyna, Ivano-Frankivsk Region; 2. Elderly women in Ternopil; 3. Orphans and Children from problematic families who live in our house in Krykhivtsi (Ivano-Frankivsk).

If you would like to make a monetary donation to this very special project, please pick up a special donation envelope near the side entrance 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

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
Kapusta - \$10 for 1 dozen package



Apostleship of Prayer Annual Easter Bread Bake Saturday, March 27, 2021

Apostleship of Prayer will once again be baking Easter Paska and Kolach for the parish. This year we will be baking one day only, so we are strongly encouraging that you **Pre-order**, to guarantee you will be able to get what you want.

Pre-Order forms, with pricing, are available near the side entrance of the church. Please share information about the bread bake with family, friends and co-workers. Completed order forms can be placed in the Sunday Collection Basket, handed off to any Apostleship of Prayer Officer, or mailed to the rectory.

Thank you for your Order(s) and continued support!

Fish Fry – Ukrainian National Home

When: Every Friday during Lent

Time: 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Price: \$13.00 for Fish Dinner

(Served Fried or Broiled)

\$9.00 for Fish Sandwich

(Served Fried only)

Cream of Mushroom Soup: \$6.00 large / \$4.00 small

Pre-orders encouraged. - Please call 315-478-9272



Lenten Parish Community Service Project

During Lent the parish, will once again be collecting non-perishable foods for any parishioners of our parishioners who are in need, as well as St. Patrick's Food Pantry. There is a drop off box near the side door entrance for items to be placed in.

We are looking for donations of:

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

Please, NO perishable items

Several Quotes to reflect upon from St. John Climacus:

"Humility is the only virtue that no devil can imitate. If pride made demons out of angels, there is no doubt that humility could make angels out of demons."

"When people begin to praise us, let us hurry to remember the multitude of our transgressions, and we will see that we are truly unworthy of that which they say and do in our honor."

"Humility is constant forgetfulness of one's achievements."

"Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience."

"The Ladder of Divine Ascent", St. John Climacus

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