

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
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 collecting 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, April 17 - (Live Streaming)

4:00PM - In loving memory of +Richard Shewchuk
req. sister, Jane Troch and Family

**SUNDAY, April 18 - Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers
(Live Streaming)**

10:00AM - In loving memory of +Sophia Temnycky - Panakhyda
req. Temnycky Family

TUESDAY, April 20

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Mary Szorobura
req. Roman and Nadia Iwachiw

WEDNESDAY, April 21

8:00AM - In loving memory of the +Guzelak Family
req. Andrij and Ksenia Guzelak and Family

THURSDAY, April 22

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Nicholas and +Mary Kitt
req. Raymond and Christine Kitt

FRIDAY, April 23

8:00AM - God's Blessings on the Temnycky Family
req. Temnycky Family

SATURDAY, April 24 - (Live Streaming)

4:00PM - In loving memory of +Anne Ripka
req. daughter, Adria Ripka

**SUNDAY, April 25 - Sunday of the Paralytic
(Live Streaming)**

10:00AM - God's Blessings and good health for Sophia
and Maksym and family req. Masnyy Family

**READINGS****April 18****Epistle: Acts 6:1-7****Gospel: Mark 15:43-47, 16:1-8****Epistle Reader****Saturday, April 17****4:00p.m. Liturgy****Lector: Lou Pizzuti**

Reminder during the Paschal Season until Pentecost Sunday

We do not kneel in church.

It is a tradition not to kneel from Resurrection Sunday until Pentecost to celebrate Christ's triumph over death.

У квітні 2021, в церкві, проводитимуться безкоштовні сеанси Ультразвукового дослідження (скрінінг) судин шії для виявлення звуження судин чи судинних бляшок з метою підтримки здоров'я нашої громади та попередження інсульту.

Особливо рекомендовано громадянам, що палять, мають головні болі, веде малорухливий спосіб життя та всім, хто старше 50 років. Направлення від лікаря та страховий поліс не потрібні!

Приєм безкоштовний і проводитиметься за списком.

Хто має бажання, можете записатися за телефоном 315-802-1065, Олександр.

Акція стала можливою за сприянням Отця Михайла!

Vigil Lights

Mother of God: God's Blessings on John and Patricia Harmon, in celebration of their 44th Wedding Anniversary
req. sister, Helen and Stephanie Woyciesjes



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, George Kelley, 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.

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.

St. John the Baptist Food Sale Fundraiser**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday April 24, 2021
11:00- 6:00 pm

Sunday April 25, 2021
11:30 - 4:00 pm

Pyrohy for Sale:

Potato - \$ 8 for a 1 dozen package
\$15 for a 2 dozen package
Kapusta - \$10 for 1 dozen package

Holubtsi - \$2 each

Kapusta (Sauerkraut) - container \$ 3

Kapusta with meat – container \$7

Paska – small \$5
large \$10

Kolach (Завиванець) poppy \$14

Order forms are available near the side entrance of the church. Please share information about the Food Sale Fundraiser with family, friends and co-workers. Completed order forms can be placed in the Sunday Collection Basket, mailed to the rectory or emailed to:

dubovicim@yahoo.com or mdubovici@optonline.net

Questions – please call Fr. Mihai 315 916-3719

Get Your Orders In Today!!

In April 2021, the church will hold free ultrasound screening of the vessels of the neck to detect narrowing of blood vessels or vascular plaques in order to maintain the health of our community and prevent stroke.

This screening is especially recommended for those who smoke, have headaches, with sedentary lifestyle and anyone over 50. A referral from a doctor and an insurance policy are not required!

Admission is according to the list and is free.

You can sign up for free screening by calling 315-802-1065, Alex.

This free Ultrasound screening became possible with the help of Otets Mykhailo!

Today, the third Sunday of Pascha, we turn our thoughts to the Holy Myrrh-bearers: Saints Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, Mary (*Joseph's sister according to some ancient sources*), the wife of Cleopas, Susanna, Mary and Martha of Bethany, and Blessed Mary, the Most-Holy Mother of God.

The Holy Myrrh-bearers were ordinary peasant housewives. With the exception of St. Joanna, who was the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, none of them were wealthy. Yet the Evangelists tell us they purchased large amounts of costly myrrh, ointments and perfumes with which to anoint the body of the Lord. They sacrificed the little they had saved up for their own families for 'a rainy day' because they realized they could not put a value on God's love. His presence in their lives had been priceless and they were not going to skimp now. They spared no expense, for. But they were not worried about the expense. They were going to do something expensive, something dangerous, something maybe even foolish in the eyes of others, but they knew it was the right thing to do.

The Holy Myrrh-bearers literally put their lives at risk to accomplish their goal. Cities in the ancient world were walled for good reason – the territory outside the walls was a no-man's land domain of wild animals and brigands, especially after dark. Since our Savior's tomb was in the garden near Golgotha, it was beyond the safety of the city walls. The women deliberately and knowingly stepped out into this vulnerability in order to express their love. Even more, assuming they made it safely to the tomb, the Roman guards would certainly have used any force necessary to prevent them from accessing the tomb. But they were not worried about the danger.


And so what happened? This small band of dedicated and faithful women, were the first to hear the words that will resound throughout the universe as long as it exists: **CHRIST IS RISEN!** Not Andrew, who was the first called to discipleship; not Peter, who swore he would never deny the Lord; not James and John who vowed willingness to drink of the same cup He would – no, they had locked themselves away, paralyzed by fear into inactivity. Because the Holy Myrrh-bearers, in faith, blinded themselves to everything except their desire to show their love for Christ, they were vouchsafed this unique and blessed experience.

There is a powerful lesson here for all of us. All of us profess our faith in Christ, yet is it the fearless, trusting, unhesitating faith of the Holy Myrrh-bearers? Too often, despite our initial good intentions, we allow ourselves to be dissuaded from expressing or acting out our faith. We fear the **COST** of living as Christians, whether in actual financial terms, or in terms of the time and energy or emotion it takes to offer ourselves to others out of love for Christ. We fear the **DANGER** of living as Christians – it always seems so much easier to maintain the status quo, so much safer to keep doing the same old things the same old ways, even if it means passing up the opportunities to make Christ manifest in our little corner of the world. We fear looking **FOOLISH** by living as Christians, in a world that holds values and priorities that too often are very different from the Gospel.

The Holy Myrrh-bearers did not compile any Gospels, they left us no Epistles; as far as we know, none of them died as martyrs. It would seem, in some cases, they faded back into history after that first Pascha morning, yet they remain unforgettable heroes of the Faith because of the powerful witness of their actions. Through their prayers, may we too have the courage to actively love Christ first, and then worry about the details later.

https://uocofusa.org/sermon_eng_may_8 by Fr. Michael Kochis

Pyrohy for Sale

following each Divine Liturgy or by contacting  the rectory on Tuesdays during office hours. Please call the rectory 315-478-5109 prior to coming to buy.

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

The Parish has ordered some **Divine Liturgy Prayer Books** (*English/Ukrainian*), that are available for sale to any parishioners who would like to have their own copy to follow along with the Divine Liturgy. **The cost is \$15.00 each.** If you would like to purchase one, you can stop by the rectory on Tuesday, during business hours, or speak with Father Miha after any Divine Liturgy. You can also contact Stephanie Woyciesjes to reserve your copy at saw@twcnny.rr.com or 315-657-6868.

Our Sympathies to the Family and Friends of:



Eugene Kaczor
who passed on
April 4, 2021

*May his memory be eternal!
Vichnaya Pamyat!*

Church Donation

**In Loving Memory of my grandparents,
+Peter & +Theodosia Husak**
req. Joey Libera and Family \$100.00



Ukrainian National Home New Kitchen Hours

Wednesday - Daily Menu 6-9 PM
Thursday - Daily Menu 6-9 PM
Friday - Full Menu 5-8 PM
Saturday - Daily Menu 6-9 PM



To see their new updated menu, go to:
<https://www.syrucc.org/unh/unh-menu>

The days and hours of availability may be subject to change so please follow them on Facebook or Instagram to be made aware of any variations, as well as any weekly kitchen specials.

When visiting their site to check out the menu, take a moment and see how you can become a new member as well!

Diocesan Charities Appeal - 2021

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: \$3,130.00

Campaign should end by the end of June 2021

Thank you to All who have given.

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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