

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
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. *(All sponsors must be catholic, have received all sacraments and be a parishioner in good standing in the church they attend.)*

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

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, May 1

4:00PM - In loving memory of +Bernie Hayduke
req. Niece, Rebecca Hart

SUNDAY, May 2 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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

TUESDAY, May 4

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Volodymyr Fedyk (40 day)
req. Andrij Hevko and Family

WEDNESDAY, May 5

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

6:00PM - Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God
(English/Ukrainian)

THURSDAY, May 6

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Eugene Kaczor
req. Helen Sobotka

FRIDAY, May 7

8:00AM - **Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention:**
The World of Finance - Let us pray that those in
charge of finance will work with governments to
regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens
from its dangers. req. Apostleship of Prayer

SATURDAY, May 8

12:00PM - **First Solemn Holy Confession**

4:00PM - In loving memory of +Katherine and +John Shewchuk
req. daughter, Jane Troch and Family

SUNDAY, May 9 - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

10:00AM - Protection of the Blessed Mother for all
God's creation



READINGS

May 2

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Epistle Reader

Saturday, May 1

4:00p.m. Liturgy

Lector: Anita Welych



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.*



Second Announcement

for
Yuliya Yakymiv
daughter of Petro and Lesya Yakymiv
to
Orest Omelyan
son of Roman and Hanna Omelyan

Vigil Lights



Eternal Light: Special Intentions
req. Mary C. Husak

Sacred Heart: God's Blessing, good health and special
Intentions for all Apostleship of Prayer Members
req. Apostleship of Prayer

Mother of God: In loving memory of the deceased members of
the +Kowalczyk family req. Jim and Joann Stevens

Holy Cross: Special Intentions
req. Helen, Patty 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.



Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who tirelessly worked to help make the parishes Food Sale Fundraiser a huge success. Without your hard work this event would not have been possible.

Thank you to all the parishioners who came out in support of this event and helped to spread the word to other.

**May God Bless all of you and grant you many happy years!
Mnohaya Lita!**

Important Notice

Reminder to all that there is **NO DUMPING** of construction material or yard waste at the cemetery. Please dispose of all items through proper and legal ways.

If you see someone dumping items at the cemetery, please notify the rectory as soon as possible. Also if you can, **safely** get a description and license plate number of the individual illegally dumping, it would be helpful.

Moleben to the Mother of God



May is the month dedicated to the Mother of God. Moleben will be every **Wednesday during May at 6:00PM**, in both English and Ukrainian. Please join us in prayer to our Heavenly Mother to beseech her protection and intercession for all of us.

We can never cease to ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession to her Son, asking for peace in the world and many blessings.

O Most holy Virgin Mary, ever-merciful Mother of God, rejoice and save those who place their hope in you!

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

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



The fifth Sunday of Pascha is observed in our tradition as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. On this day we commemorate the encounter of Jesus with a Samaritan woman (the Church later gave her the name Photine, the “enlightened woman”) at Jacob’s well. The biblical story of this event and the dialogue between Jesus and the woman is found in the Gospel according to St. John. During their exchange, Jesus offered the Samaritan woman living water that would forever quench her thirst. This simple and sinful woman accepted the precious gift offered her and came to believe that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God who was to come. She left her jar at the well and ran to the city, to tell others about her encounter with Jesus. Because of her testimony, many people came to the well to see this possible Messiah. After listening to Jesus, they came to believe in him.

She didn’t stop there. The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman along with her sons, Saint Victor and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva, Kyriake would continue to fearlessly preach the Gospel converting many, during the time of emperor Nero, who was excessively cruel to Christians.

After her meeting with Jesus at the well, St. Photina made her way to Carthage where she would continue to spread Jesus message. Upon hearing of Nero’s persecution of St. Sebastian in Rome, she decided to travel there to be with her son, St. Victor, named St. Photinus by God, and St. Sebastian. Once there, Nero ordered the saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All said they believed in Jesus and refused to renounce the Savior. Then the emperor gave orders to smash the martyrs’ finger joints. During the torments, they felt no pain, and their hands remained unharmed.

Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Saint Victor and Joses be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photina and her five sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva and Kyriake were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero’s daughter Domnina. Saint Photina converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who had brought her poisoned food to kill her.

Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants. The messengers reported to him that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses, who had been blinded, had completely recovered, and that people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified.

Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants fell blind. An angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized.

In a rage Nero gave orders to flay the skin from Saint Photina and to throw the martyr down a well. Saints Sebastian, Photinus (Victor) and Joses were tortured and killed, as well as the sisters of Saint Photina. After their deaths, Saint Photina was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days.

Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. Saint Photina refused, and Nero gave orders to again throw the martyr down the well, where she surrendered her soul to God.

Like St. Photina, the Samaritan women, all of us Christians, must bring others to Christ. We are called to strive to live out our lives according to the teachings of the Gospel and to never waiver in our faith, so that not only by our words, but by our example of life, others may come to know Christ and His Gospel. We are called to faithfully share with the world, this fountain of living water, which is Christ, and help to quench the thirst of the world.

NO More Live Streaming - Starting May 1

Please note that the Saturday and Sunday Divine Liturgies will no longer be live-streamed.

Due to other obligations, our current volunteers, who provide the streaming service will no longer be available. Additionally, as COVID restrictions are lessening and more and more people are getting vaccinated, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, is encouraging all faithful to return back to church. We feel that this is a good time to make the change.

As a parish we will continue to do our best in following the necessary guidelines to keep all faithful safe. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions.

Father Mihai

Divine Liturgy Prayer Books



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 Mihai after any Divine Liturgy. You can also contact Stephanie Woyciesjes to reserve your copy at saw@twcnny.rr.com or 315-657-6868.

Cemetery Upkeep Envelope

This week you will find an envelope for **Cemetery Upkeep**. Donations from this special collect is used to maintain the cemetery grounds, buildings, and equipment. All parishioners are asked to pay a minimum \$50.00 yearly donation, however any donation is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made online, as well, from the parishes web site www.stjohnbaptistucc.com and click on the “Give Online” button, connecting you to the Parishes WeShare page. “Cemetery Upkeep” donation link is found in the “Events and Collections” section.

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: \$3,580.00

Campaign should end by the end of June 2021



Congratulations

May God Bless

*Alexander Vladimir Dacko,
Katarina Veronika Dacko,
and Anastasya Audrey Dacko,*

children of Ryan and Tatiana Dacko

who received the **Sacrament of Chrismation** on April 18, 2021.

**May God Grant Them Many Years.
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