

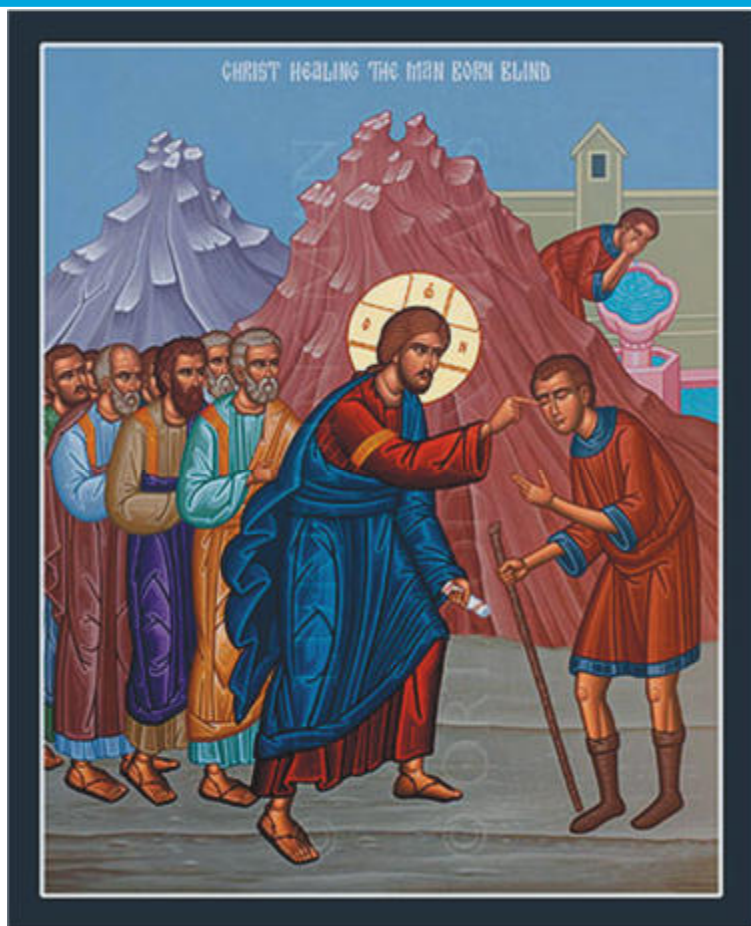
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

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 8

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
Mother's Day**

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

TUESDAY, May 11

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Andrij Guzelak Jr.
req. Leonid and Irene Jemetz

WEDNESDAY, May 12

6:00PM - Vigil Liturgy of Anticipation
Intention: Souls in Purgatory
req. Apostleship of Prayer

THURSDAY, May 13 - Ascension of Our Lord

9:00AM - Intention: For Parishioner's

FRIDAY, May 14

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Eugene Kazcor (40 Day)
req. Bill & DeBorah Halligan and family

SATURDAY, May 15

1:00PM - Wedding of Yuliya Yakymiv and Orest Omelyan
4:00PM - In loving memory of +Katherine and +John Shewchuk
req. Pat Shewchuk

**SUNDAY, May 16 - Sunday of the Fathers of the First
Ecumenical Council**

10:00AM - In memory of +Mykola Mychalczak with Panakhyda
req. Marika Mychalczak and Temnycky Family
12:15PM - First Solemn Holy Communion

**READINGS****May 9****Epistle: Acts 16:16-34****Gospel: John 9:1-38****Epistle Reader**

Saturday, May 8

4:00p.m. Liturgy

Lector: Alice Malick

**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**Third Announcement**

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

Vigil Lights

Eternal Light: In loving memory of my mother +Mary Masztaler
req. Oksana Dudiak

Tetrapod: Special Intentions req. Gloria Kyanka

Sacred Heart: In loving memory of my parents +John and
+Anna Rys req. daughter, Stephanie Ubowski

Mother of God: In loving memory of our uncle, +John Husak
req. nieces, 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 Krzywuj, 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.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

*Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.*

Happy Mother's Day to all the women of the parish, the mom's, grand-mother's, aunts, sisters and friends who make the difference in the lives of so many people. We thank you, for all that you do for your families, friends and especially your parish!

May God Bless all of you!! Mnohaya Lita!

Following the Divine Liturgy, All women of the parish are invited to come forward and receive a flower of appreciation for Mother's Day!

**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!

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

“The miracle described in today’s Gospel (John 9:1-38) is even more remarkable than it might seem at first. Saint Basil and other Fathers tell us that this was not just a case of giving sight to a blind man born with eyes that did not function, but to someone who had no eyes at all!

The Savior placed clay in the man’s empty sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he obeyed these instructions, the eyes of clay became living eyes!”¹

“The methodology of the actual cure of this man born blind in today’s Holy Gospel symbolizes mankind’s means for its recovery from its blindness. It symbolizes the Holy Mystery of Baptism. Baptism is called 'holy illumination'. Those who have been recently baptized are referred to as the newly illuminated. As this man is cured of his blindness when he washes in the waters of the pool of Siloam, as Jesus tells him to do, so are we brought out of darkness into a new life when we are baptized as Christ instructed us to be. Jesus restores his creation, mankind, with the potential to become what it was meant to be before the fall of Adam.

We must say to the world "I am he who was blind but now my eyes are opened." Credit must be given to Him who has cured us of our darkness by living our lives according to the lessons we have received through our faith and the continued guidance we get with the reception of the Holy Spirit.”²

¹ <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2017/05/21/40-sunday-of-the-blind-man>
² <http://www.holyghost-byzantinecatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/SUNDAY-OF-THE-MAN-BORN-BLIND-05-21-2017.pdf>

Blessing of Graves

Pentecost Sunday: Sunday, May 23, This years grave blessings will begin at **12:00pm** with a Panakhyda Service at the main grave. Following the service, Father Mihai will then Bless the graves for the families, **who have scheduled an appointment** to have their family graves blessed. We are asking parishioners to contact Father Mihai to schedule time slot for their grave Blessings. If you do not have a scheduled time, you will need to wait until all scheduled appointments are completed.

Memorial Day: Monday, May 31, Father Mihai will be available at the cemetery to bless graves, by APPOINTMENT ONLY, following the 10:00am Divine Liturgy in the church.

Please contact Father Mihai 315-916-3719 to schedule a time. All in attendance must be wearing a facemask and please remember to practice safe social distancing.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Send a Congratulations

On **Tuesday, May 25, 2021** **Bishop Basil Losten will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary as a Bishop.** There will be a special service for Bishop Losten in Stamford that day for Clergy only. Father Mihai is planning on attending this very special event.

If any parishioner's would like to extend a “Congratulations” to Bishop Losten, with a card or gift, please give it to Father Mihai no later than Sunday, May 23. Father Mihai will present all gifts on behalf of our parish.

Church Donation



In Loving Memory of +Volodymyr Fedyk - \$100.00
 Marta & Orest Sporniak, Bohdan Szorobura and Family

Flags on Graves at the Cemetery



On **Saturday, May 15 at 9:00am,** members of the **Holy Name Society and Apostleship of Prayer** will meet at the Cemetery to place Flags on the graves of all veterans. We ask any members who are able, to please come, rain or shine, to help put the flags out. Please make sure to dress appropriately, wear your mask and practice safe social distancing. Any questions contact Stephanie Woyciesjes saw@twcny.rr.com

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: \$3,700.00
Campaign should end by the end of June 2021

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.

Congratulations



May God Bless
Rylee Rose Potter,

Child of Eric and Anastasia Potter
 who was Baptized and Confirmed on May 1, 2021.

May God Grant Rylee Many Years.
Mnohaya Lita!

Congratulations



May God Bless
Artem Heryak

Child of Andriy and Liudmyla Heryak
 who was Baptized and Confirmed on May 2, 2021.

May God Grant Artem Many Years.
Mnohaya Lita!

Ascension Thursday

This week’s Feast of the Ascension, Thursday, May 13, reminds us that our true destiny lies in God. We must not only do what Jesus commands us, but we must follow him to the place where he has gone. The Feast of the Ascension tells us that our life is not limited to life on earth, but after our death we will experience a new life in heaven, and even now we are being pulled by the strings of God’s love towards our encounter with him. Jesus ascended in order to “prepare a place” for all of us and to take us also into the blessedness of God’s presence. He goes to open the way for all flesh into the “heavenly sanctuary”.



“When You fulfilled the plan of salvation for us and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God, You ascended in glory, never leaving us, but remaining ever-present. For You proclaimed to those who love You: I am with you and no one else has power over you.” Kontakion (4)

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