

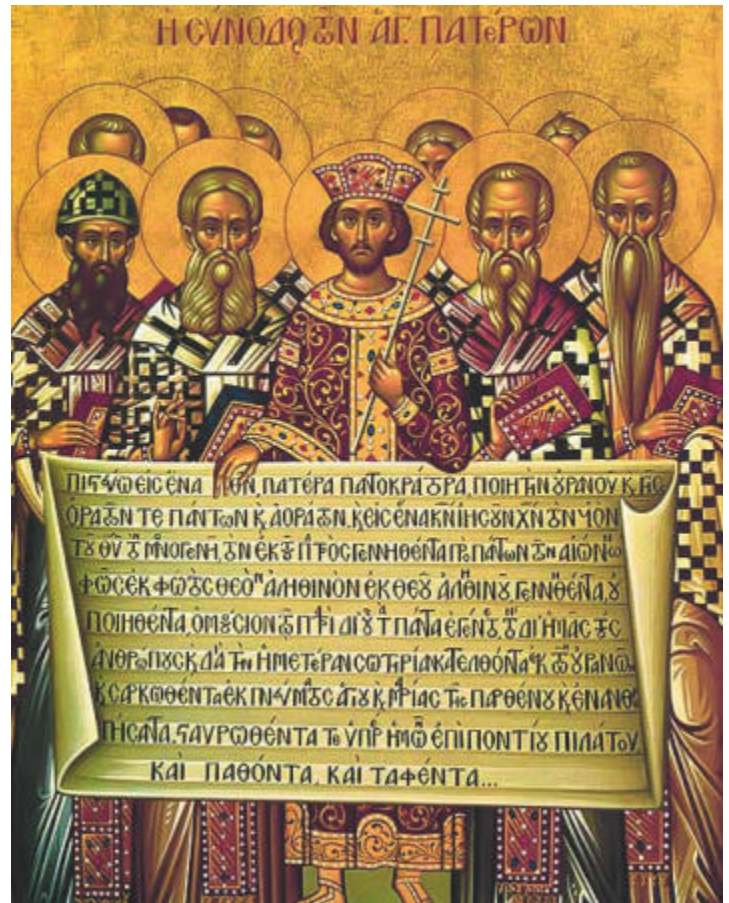
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Ukrainian Catholic Church



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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 15

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**

TUESDAY, May 18

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Zenon Mykytyn
req. Revutsky and Meyer Families

WEDNESDAY, May 19

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

THURSDAY, May 20

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Ewhen, +Anna, +Jerry
and +Mark Husak with Panakhyda
req. Nadia and family

FRIDAY, May 21

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

SATURDAY, May 22 - 5th All Souls Saturday

8:00AM - Sorokousty Service

4:00PM - In loving memory of +Yania Bolzowski
req. her friend, Eligia Prybyla

SUNDAY, May 23 - Pentecost Sunday

10:00AM - Intention: For Parishioner's

12:00PM - Blessing of the Graves at the Cemetery



READINGS

May 16

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

Epistle Readers

Saturday, May 15

4:00p.m. Liturgy

Lector: Andy Melnyk



First Solemn Holy Communion

Sunday, May 16 - 12:15p.m. Liturgy

English : Edward O'Malley

Ukrainian: Sofia Babota

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.

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

Vigil Lights



Eternal Light: In loving memory of +Mark Eugene Husak
req. mother, Mary C. Husak

Tetrapod: In memory of my father, +Ewstahij Masztaler
req. daughter, Oksana Dudiak

Sacred Heart: God's Blessings on our First Holy Communion
Children req. Parishioners

Mother of God: Special Intention req. Temnycky Family

Holy Cross: In memory of +Michael and +Dorothy Woyciesjes
on their Wedding Anniversary req. daughters,
Helen, Patty and Stephanie



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.

First Solemn Holy Communion

Congratulations to this years Communicants

*Sofia Babota
Matthew Bidny
Katarina Dacko
Savynna Delaney
Joseph Morales
Luciana Morales
Edward O'Malley
Piper Wilson*

**May God Grant them Many Years
Mnohaya Lita!**

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!

The seventh Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Church as the **Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**. This day commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in Nicea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church.

Arius was a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria, and in 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son of God saying that He was not the true God, consubstantial with the Father, but rather a work or creation of God and different from the essence and glory of the Father. He also taught that the Son of God had a beginning. These teachings shook the faithful at Alexandria. The Bishop of Alexandria, Alexander, attempted to correct Arius through admonitions, cut him off from communion, and finally deposed him in 321 through a local council. Arius continued with his heretical teachings, creating controversy and division in the churches of other cities, which led to a theological and ecclesiastical crisis throughout the Christian Church.

Moved with divine zeal and concern for unity, the Emperor Constantine the Great, equal to the Apostles, summoned the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea, a city of Bithynia. It was in this place that the bishops of the Church gathered in 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God. The Fathers composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed:

"We believe in one God. The Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end."

The Fathers also anathematized Arius for his heretical beliefs and teachings, cutting him off from the Church.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

<https://www.goarch.org/fathers-first-ecumenical-council>

A very special "Thank You" to **Patricia Burak-Prusinowski** for her dedication and enthusiasm in teaching and preparing our children for their First Solemn Holy Communion. Additionally, "Thank You" to **Marta Wojtowycz**, who prior to Covid, had been devotedly preparing many of the children for this special occasion.

May God Bless all the parents and grandparents of each First Communicant, for their faithful guidance and continued teaching of our faith to their children.

**May God Grant all of you Many Years!
Mnolah Lita!**



Thank you to the Holy Name Society for their donation of flowers, which were given to all the women of the parish on Mothers Day.

May God Bless all of you!

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.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the parishes "**Food Sale Fundraiser**" a huge success. Through your hard work and the support of our parishioners and community we were able to raise \$ 4,338.00 for our church. Well Done!

May God Bless All of You!

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: \$4,025.00

Campaign should end by the end of June 2021

Flags on Graves at the Cemetery

Flags have been placed on the graves of all veterans at the cemetery. We try very hard to place a flag at each stone who should have one. On occasion we may miss a veteran's stone. **If your loved one should have a flag, but does not; please contact Stephanie Woyciesjes at 315-657-6868 or email at saw@twcny.rr.com**



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.



Special "Thank you" to the Holy Name Society and the Apostleship of Prayer for placing flags at the graves of our veterans, at our cemetery.

May God Bless all of you.!

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