

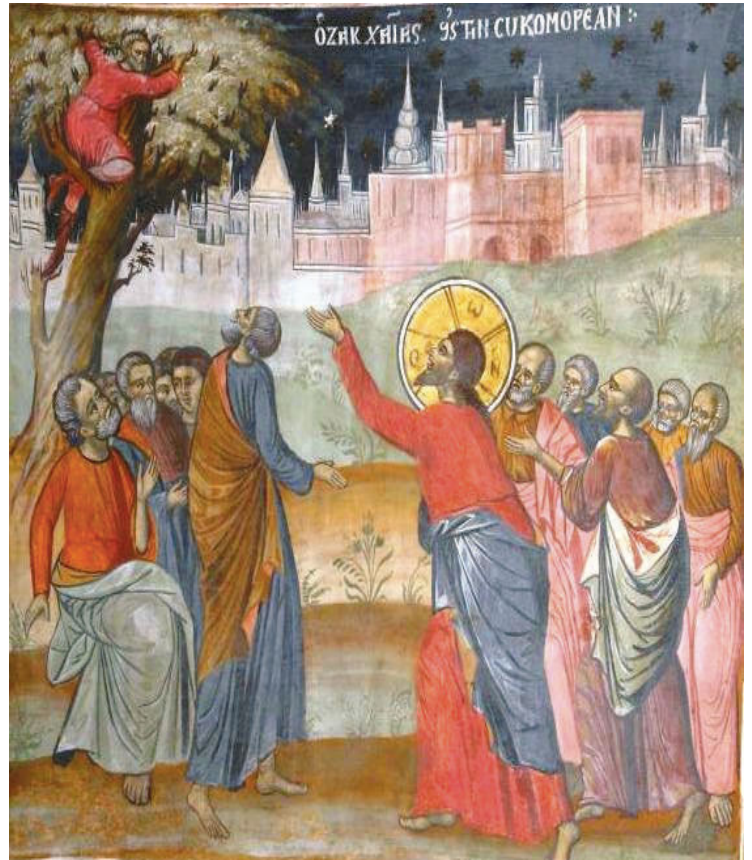
# St. John the Baptist

## Ukrainian Catholic Church



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### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (English)  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian and English)  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (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.

### WEBSITES:

www.stjohnbaptistucc.com

### 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.

### ADDITIONAL FAITH RESOURCES:

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**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** If you are in need please contact St. Patrick's Food Pantry at 315-679-6825

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain or have a **Prayer Request**, please contact: Linda Wisnowski – (English only) 315-451-0712 or Lesia Nowey – (Ukrainian & English) 315-857-7281

**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, January 29**

4:00PM - In loving memory of +Richard Troch  
req. daughter, Michelle & Cliff and Grandchildren

**SUNDAY, January 30 - Sunday of Zacchaeus**

9:00AM - In loving memory of +Mary and +Nicholas Kitt  
req. Raymond Kitt

11:00AM - Intention for Parishioners

**TUESDAY, February 1**

6:00PM - Vigil Liturgy of Anticipation with Mirovannia  
Intention - For Ukraine

**Blessing of Candles Following the Divine Liturgy****WEDNESDAY, February 2 - Presentation of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ into the Temple - Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna - with Mirovannia**

9:00AM - Intention for Parishioners

**Blessing of Candles Following the Divine Liturgy****THURSDAY, February 3**

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

**FRIDAY, February 4**

8:00AM - Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions - **Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women:** We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.  
req. Apostleship of Prayer

**SATURDAY, February 5**

4:00PM - In loving memory of +Jennie Olywa  
req. Irene, Andy and MaryAnn Husak

**SUNDAY, February 6 - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

9:00AM - Intention for Parishioners

11:00AM - In loving memory of +Maria Zarewych  
req. Marika Mychalczak

**READINGS****January 30**

**Epistle:** 1 Timothy 4:9-15  
**Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10

*A copy of the Liturgical Proper's can be found in the back of the church for you to follow along.*

**Epistle Readers**

**Saturday, January 29**

**4:00p.m. Liturgy**

**Lector: Patricia Prusinowski**

**Sunday, January 30**

**9:00a.m. Liturgy**

**Lector: Fred Bush**

**ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LETTER**

If you need a copy of your total contributions for 2021 for tax purposes, please contact the rectory office during Tuesday business hours. You can also place an envelope in the collection basket marked "Attn: 2021 tax info", with your name and current address. Statements will be sent out upon request only.

**Envelopes for 2022** Are available for pick up in the church.

**Please make sure you are using your 2022 envelopes.**

**Vigil Lights**

**Eternal Light:** In loving memory of my husband, + Stefan Lucak  
req. wife, Anna Lucak

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

**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 +Helen Woyciesjes  
req. Stefan and Donna Dyczka

**Holy Cross:** God's Blessings on Ukraine

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: Ksenia Busko, Judy Gotham, Felicia Guzelak, Olga Holl, John Hnotko, Michael Hrab, Julie Hulchanski, George Kelley, Andrew Krzywyj, Julia Maliwesky, Jennie Marko, Dorothy Onoff-Graser, Christopher Piotrowski, Fr. Stefan, Gabriella Wicker, Kalina Woloszyn, Marion Wood, Anna Wovk, Nina Wozniak, our military men and women in the USA and Ukraine, all those suffering from the coronavirus and all Clergy and religious. We also pray for all those affected by natural disaster and civil unrest around the world.



*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.*

**Blessed Candles**  
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**Sorokousty - Remembrance of Our Beloved Dead**

You can start to submit your request for Sorokousty services for your beloved deceased family and friends. You will find an envelop in your church envelope box this week, and there will be additional forms available in the church.

**Sorokousty services will be held at 8:00AM on:**

*(as per the direction of Church Law)*

**1st All Souls Saturday - February 19**

**2nd All Souls Saturday - March 12**

**3rd All Souls Saturday - March 19**

**4th All Souls Saturday - March 26**

**5th All Souls Saturday - June 4**

Fill out the special Sorokousty Envelope or additional form and drop it into the collection basket. **PLEASE Print Clearly.**

**LENTEN WORKSHOP**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 21 2022**

9:00 am – 3:00 pm\*

Open to all students in the parish - Free.

- Prepare decorated Easter Paska for Traditional Food Blessing
- Practice the art of decorating Ukrainian Easter Eggs
- Learn about the traditional Lenten and Easter Ukrainian traditions and religious practices

Flyers and Registration forms can be found in the back of the church and on the church Web Site

**What can we do?**

**Pray.** Pray for peace and justice in Ukraine. God is the Lord of history and the Lover of Humankind. His grace changes the most hardened hearts. Ukraine was brutally invaded, its territory annexed, the society traumatized. May God convert the promoters of violence. May God protect Ukraine and its people from further harm.



**Be informed.** Know the facts and fight falsehood in a post-truth public debate being warped by Russian disinformation. Inform others. The world cannot look away; you should not look away. Seek and share the truth, which gives authentic freedom and wisdom.

**Support.** There is a huge humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. People near the frontline often lack the basics—clean water, food, clothes, medicine. Heal the wounds. Help the victims of this senseless invasion. Donations can be sent to: <https://ukrarcheparchy.us/donate>.

**May God's gift of human dignity and freedom be honoured and protected in Ukraine and throughout the world!**

*Give ear to my prayer, O God;  
And hide not thyself from my supplication...  
I am distraught by the noise of the enemy,  
Because of the oppression of the wicked...  
But I will trust in thee. (Ps. 55, 1,2-3; 23)*

+**Borys Gudziak** - Archbishop of Philadelphia, Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States - Head of the Department of External Church Relations, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

**Що ми можемо зробити?**

**Молитися.** Моліться за мир і справедливість в Україні. Бог є Господом історії і Чоловіколюбцем. Його благодать перемінює найчествіші серця. На Україну жорстоко напали, захопили її територію, травмували її суспільство. Нехай Бог наверне серця тих, хто чинить насильство. Господь дивом визволив народи Радянського Союзу, який розпався без кровопролитних воєн. Нехай Бог оберігає Україну та її людей від лиха.

**Відстоювати правду.** Дізнавайтесь факти та боріться з брехнею та російською дезінформацією у світі постправди. Діліться правдою з іншими. Світ не повинен відвертатися, ви не повинні відводити погляд. Шукайте і діліться правдою, яка визволяє та дає мудрість.

**Підтримувати.** Україна переживає глибоку гуманітарну кризу. Людям на лінії розмежування бракує найнеобхіднішого — питної води, пального, продуктів харчування, одягу, ліків. Загоюйте рани. Допомогайте жертвам цього жорстокого вторгнення. Пожертви можна скласти за посиланням — <https://ukrarcheparchy.us/donate>.

**Нехай Божий дар людської гідності і свободи захищають та шанують в Україні і по всьому світі!**

*Вислухай, Боже, мою молитву,  
і не ховайся від благання мого...  
Я мучуся у моїм болю  
й хвилююся ворожим гуком,  
Залиши на Господа твою турботу,  
і він тебе підтримає (Пс. 55, 1,2-3, 23)*

+**Борис Гудзяк** - Митрополит Української Католицької Церкви у США, Архiepіскоп Філадельфійський - Голова Відділу зовнішніх зв'язків Української Греко-Католицької Церкви

**Sunday of Zacchaeus**

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he “sought to see who Jesus was” (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.

[www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/02/02/1-sunday-of-zacchaeus](http://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/02/02/1-sunday-of-zacchaeus)

When St. Simeon took the Child Jesus into his arms, he was inspired by the Holy Spirit and chanted the hymn, “Now You can let Your servant go in peace, O Master. . .” (Lk. 2:29-32). In his inspired hymn, St. Simeon referred to Jesus as the “Light to the Gentiles;” it prompted the first Christians to carry a lighted candle or lamp in the procession that day, symbolizing the mystical presence of the “True Light” (In. 1:9), Jesus.

**The blessing of candles on the Feast of the Presentation**

is closely related to the Gospel narrative, introducing Jesus as the “Light of the people” (Lk. 2:32) The burning candle symbolizes the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the midst of the Christian community as He, Himself, had promised: “Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in their midst.” (Mt. 18:20) For this reason, the ritual of the Church prescribes that at least two candles be lit on the altar at all liturgical services, and the greater the solemnity, the greater the number of candles used. Additionally, the burning candles and lights placed in front of the holy icons should remind us of the light of the exemplary lives they lived and inspire us to model our lives after their’s in imitation of their “good works.” (compo Mt. 5:16)

The burning candles also create a more prayerful atmosphere in the churches and homes. They remind us that our prayers should come from a heart burning with love of God and they should be directed toward heaven, where God abides in the “inaccessible light.” In this manner, candles make a positive contribution to the fervor of our prayers. The burning of a votive candle in church, besides its sacrificial value (donation), has also a symbolic meaning, namely, the continuation of our prayers after we leave the church.



In homes, the blessed candles are lighted and placed before a holy icon in time of serious sickness or the threat of a storm to implore Divine protection, as the family is gathered in prayer. The blessed candle is popularly called the hromnicja” or ” hromnichka” from our Ruthenian word “hrom” (thunder), because it is used at the time of a thunder storm. It is also used by the parents to dispel the fear in children caused by darkness or thunder.

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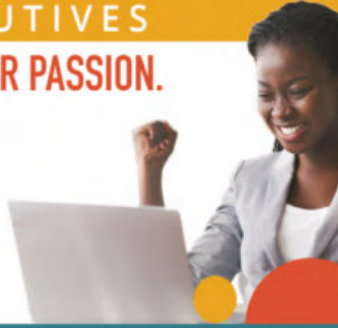
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