

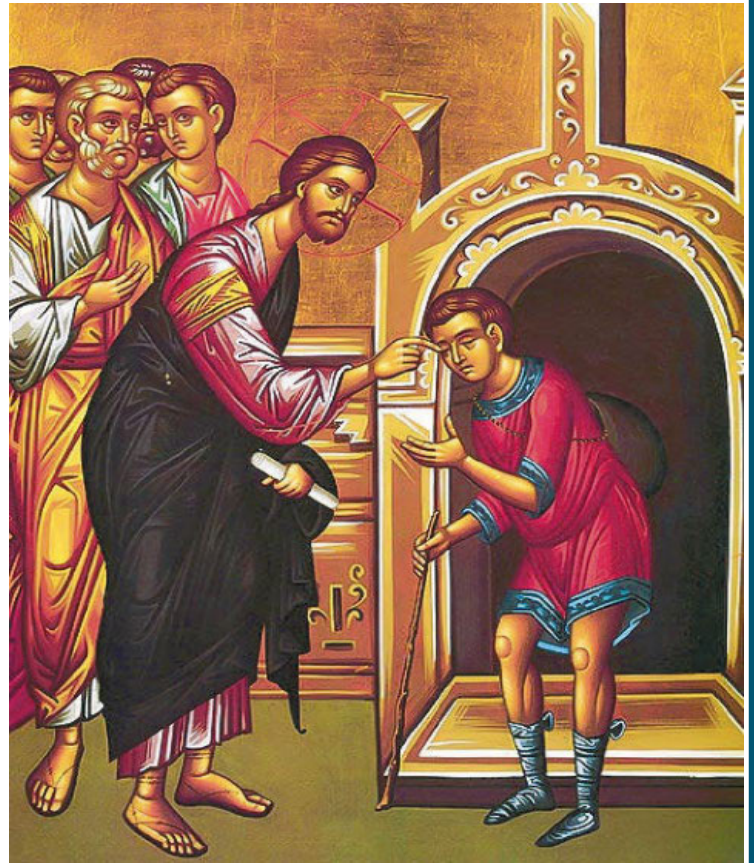
# St. John the Baptist

## Ukrainian Catholic Church



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### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (English)  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Ukrainian and English)  
Sunday, 10:00 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](http://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:

[www.stamforddio.org](http://www.stamforddio.org)    [www.royaldoors.net](http://www.royaldoors.net)

**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

**Any schedules or information posted in the bulletin or on the parish's Facebook or web site is subject to change.**

**SATURDAY, May 21**

4:00PM - In loving memory of +John and +Katherine Shewchuk  
req. Pat Shewchuk

**SUNDAY, May 22 - Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

8:30AM – Intention for Parishioners  
10:00AM - In loving memory +Hania Hrycyk  
req. Marika Mychalczak and Temnycky Family

**TUESDAY, May 24**

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Rosalia Roche  
req. daughter, Nadia and granddaughter, Stephanie

**WEDNESDAY, May 25**

6:00PM - **Vigil Liturgy of Anticipation**  
In loving memory of +Michael Kohut  
req. Steve Kohut and Meeks Family

**THURSDAY, May 26 - Ascension of Our Lord**

9:00AM - Intention: For Parishioner's

**FRIDAY, May 27**

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Ksenia Guzelak  
req. Steve and MaryAnn Suche

**SATURDAY, May 28**

4:00PM - In loving memory of +John and +Anna Rys  
req. Children

**SUNDAY, May 29 - Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

8:30AM – Intention for Parishioners  
10:00AM - God's Blessings on George and Roma Temnycky  
Wedding Anniversary req. Family

**READINGS****May 22****Epistle: Acts 16:16-34****Gospel: John 9:1-38**

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

**Epistle Readers****Saturday, May 21****Sunday, May 22****4:00p.m. Liturgy****8:30a.m. Liturgy****Lector: Fred Bush****Lector: Pat Prusinowski****Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Moleben will be prayed every **Wednesday during June at 6:00PM**, in both English and Ukrainian. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is abundant in mercy and compassion. Join us in prayer to beseech the Merciful Heart of Jesus for many blessings and peace to all.



*O Jesus, Son of the Living God, You have revealed the bounties of Your Love for mankind: have mercy and save all who give glory to you!*

**Lost and Found Basket**

Items found in the church are placed in the "Lost and Found" Basket in the back of the church. If you are missing an item, please take a moment to look and see if it is there. All items in the basket at the end of each month will be donated or disposed of.

**Vigil Lights**

**Eternal Light:** In loving memory of +Jennie Marko  
req. Gotham Family

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

**Sacred Heart:** In loving memory of my grandparents,  
+Mykhajlo and +Katyryna Pastushanczyn  
req. grand-daughter, Oksana Dudiak

**Mother of God:** God's Blessings on our children, Mark, Ivanka  
and Adrian req. George and Roma Temnycky

**Holy Cross:** In loving memory of +Michael Kohut  
req. Steve Kohut and Meeks Family

**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, Dorothy Onoff-Graser, Christopher Piotrowski, Fr. Stefan, Gabriella Wicker, Marion Wood, Anna Wovk, 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. We especially pray for Ukraine, all Ukrainians, and all the volunteers who are helping. May God Bless them.

*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.*

**Diocesan Charities Appeal - 2022**

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: 1,020.00*

**Campaign should end by the end of June 2022**

**Thank you to All who have given.**

**George and Roma Temnycky and Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization extend a heartfelt thank you to our parish**

for their support for providing the location, and to our parishioners Pat Burak, Joanne Steven, Mark and Adrian Temnycky as well as the first year Upstate Medical Students who volunteered to organize and pack 200 individual first aid kits and pack 60 bullet proof vests to be delivered to Ukraine next week, via Meest Inc. We are grateful to Paul Waltz, Chief of University Police, for obtaining the vests for Ukraine.

This effort was covered by Channel 9 WSYR and can be viewed at: <https://www.localsyr.com/news/local-news/ukrainians-in-syracuse-organize-effort-to-send-200-medical-kits-overseas/>

**Слава Україні! Героям Слава!  
Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the Heroes!**

## Save the Date

St. John the Baptist  
80th Annual Ukrainian Festival  
July 29th & 30th, 2022



So mark your calendar for this very important parish event!

## Next Saturday

**Oswego American Legion post will be hosting a chicken barbecue on May 28** with all proceeds from the event going toward humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. The event starts at noon, and there will also be a 50/50 raffle at 4 p.m. In addition, there will be a bake sale provided by the European Specialties grocery store, souvenirs and other things.

To pre-order a dinner or purchase some 50/50 raffles contact:  
(315) 887 9026 or kdzhufer@gmail.com

The event is being organized by Oswego native Robert Taylor, who was deployed to Ukraine from October 2017 to August 2018, training three battalions and a brigade.

**Please come out and show your support.**

## Blessing of Graves

**Pentecost Sunday: Sunday, June 5,** This year's 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.

**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 at [dubovicim@yahoo.com](mailto:dubovicim@yahoo.com) or by phone at 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.**

## Flags at the Cemetery (Next Week)

On **Saturday, May 28 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 weather appropriate.



## Ascension Thursday

This week's Feast of the Ascension, Thursday, May 26, 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)*

**The Sunday of the Blind Man.** The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth.

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes. When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Therefore, the Savior sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay—not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

[www.goarch.org/sunday-of-the-blind-man-learn](http://www.goarch.org/sunday-of-the-blind-man-learn)

**The ICON of the Sunday of the Blind** Man depicts the biblical story of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. Our Lord is shown placing the clay on the eyes of the man. He is with his disciples who are questioning Christ about the source of the man's affliction. The blind man is shown with his hand outstretched toward Christ expressing his faith and willingness to receive healing and grace from the Son of God. Our Lord has in His hand a scroll, which directs us to His statements, "I am the light of the world," (John 9:5), and "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed," (Luke 4:18). This are clear statements of the Gospel of salvation that comes through Christ. The scroll may also represent the role of Christ as Judge as depicted in Matthew and Revelation, and also later in the same passage on the healing of the blind man (John 9:39), Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."



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