

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

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 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, July 30

3:00PM - Prayer for Peace in Ukraine Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, July 31 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost10:00AM - In loving memory of +Wasył Fencor - Panakhyda
req. Vasil and Svitlana Fentsor and family**TUESDAY, August 2**8:00AM - In loving memory of +Helen Woyciesjes-Buonocore
req. Oksana Dudiak**WEDNESDAY, August 3**8:00AM - In loving memory of +Ksenia Guzelak
req. +Harry Hayduke Family**THURSDAY, August 4**8:00AM - In loving memory of +Valentyna Hvozda
req. Temnycky Family**FRIDAY, August 5**6:00PM - Vigil Liturgy of Anticipation - with Mirovanije
The Blessing of the Fruits

Francis Monthly Intention: Small Businesses - We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities. req. Apostleship of Prayer

SATURDAY, August 6 - Transfiguration of Our Lord - with Mirovanije and The Blessing of the Fruits

9:00PM - Prayer Intention for Parishioner

4:00PM - In loving memory of +Jennie Marko - Panakhyda
req. longtime friend, Alice Malick*Blessing of the Fruits following all weekend Divine Liturgies***SUNDAY, August 7- Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30AM - Intention for Parishioner

10:00AM - In loving memory of +Irenyj Temnycky- Panakhyda
req. Temnycky Family*Blessing of the Fruits following all weekend Divine Liturgies***READINGS****July 31****Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**Gospel:** Matthew 14:14-22**Tone:** 7 (pages: 102-105 in your Prayer Books)**Epistle Readers****Saturday, July 30****3:00p.m. Liturgy****Lector: Patricia Prusinowski****Banns of Marriage
Announcement****Yaroslav Piso**

son of

Volodymyr Piso and Lesya Ostaf

On Thursday, August 18, 2022 will be married to

Iryna M. Chushak

daughter of

Yaroslav Chushak and Myroslava Korostil

**Vigil Lights****Eternal Light:** In memory of my mother, +Pelagia Dacko
req. daughter, Maria and Michael Clark**Tetrapod:** In memory of my father, +Antoni Dacko
req. daughter, Maria and Michael Clark**Sacred Heart:** God's Blessing on all the Festival Volunteers
req. Michael and Maria Clark**Mother of God:** God's Blessings on Lou Pizzuti's Ordination to
Diaconate req. Michael and Maria Clark

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:



Judy Gotham, Felicia Guzelak, Olga Holl, John Hnotko, Michael Hrab, Julie Hulchanski, George Kelley, Andrew Krzywyj, Julia Maliwesky, Christopher Piotrowski, Fr. Stefan, Gabriella Wicker, Marion Wood, Anna Wowk, 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.

**Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate
68th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage
August 13-14, 2022**

Sloatsburg, New York

Our Loving Mother,
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Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM,
Bishop of the Eparchy of Stamford
Homilist

Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma
Presenter

"I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty,
and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you
welcomed me..."

God calls us to give them hope. - Mt. 25: 35

Ordination to Diaconate

Joseph Pillipi - South Deerfield parish in MA
Mychaylo Khomyn - Staten Island parish in NY
Val Yankivskiy - Brooklyn parish in NY
Louis Pizzuti - Syracuse parish in NY
John Messer - Manchester parish in NH

**St. John's is looking to get a bus to go to the
68th Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage.**

If you are interested in attending and would like to go on the bus, please contact Father Mihai **as soon as possible**. We will need to know if there are enough people interested.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.



The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in three of the four Gospels: Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36. Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus.

As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

Taken from www.goarch.org/transfiguration Visit site to learn about the Icon of the Transfiguration.

The Blessing of Fruits



The feast of the Holy Transfiguration is the time of the first fruits, which remind us of God's great goodness and His infinite bounty. To express our recognition and gratitude to God for His generosity we bring some of these first fruits to the church for blessing. The custom to bless

the first fruits passed to us from the Old Testament, since the Jews at the very beginning of their exodus were ordered by Almighty God: "You must bring the best of the first-fruits of your soil to the house of the Lord, your God." (Ex. 23:19) St. Gregory of Nazianz (d. 389) calls the practice to bless the fruits in church a "just and holy" custom. (cf. P.G., 37, 119)

The Christian practice to bless the fruits in church can be traced back to Apostolic times. The oldest prayer for the blessing of fruits is registered by the Apostolic Constitutions in the fourth century. But there is also an older Prayer of Thanksgiving for the new fruits in the work of St. Hippolytus, the Apostolic Tradition, composed about 220 A.D. St. Hippolytus mentions the following fruits usually blessed: grapes, figs, pomegranates, pears, mulberries, peaches, and almonds.

The sixth Ecumenical Council, celebrated in Constantinople (680-681), prescribed that the new "wheat and grapes" were to be blessed in church on the feast of the Holy Transfiguration (canon 28). For this reason some older books of blessings forbid the faithful to eat new fruits of the season before they have been blessed in church.

In the land of our ancestors, in Subcarpathia, the fruits of the season were apples, plums, and pears. These usually were brought to the church and blessed. Today, grapes are also added.

Dormition Fast Begins on August 1st



The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was "blessed amongst women," and she was chosen "to bear the Savior of our souls." Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels. Knowing that she is eternally present at the throne of God interceding for mankind, we pray for her love, guidance, and protection. Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period is concluded on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos.

Every Orthodox Christian is aware and generally knows the reason behind the fasts for Pascha and Christmas. But while they may know of the Dormition Fast, it is notable that some do not observe the fast. The Dormition fast is an extremely important fast. It is short but intense, therefore an excellent opportunity for spiritual exercise.

First and foremost, we have to keep the short but strict Dormition fast with care and attention because we love the Mother of God. She helps us, she loves us, she attends to our needs, and with the boldness of a mother, she intercedes with her Son on our behalf; not because He doesn't already know our needs, but because that's what a loving mother does! She is the foremost of the saints, the first Christian, the chosen one, the bush that burned but was not consumed, the ark, the tabernacle, the chalice, and the gateway to salvation. She loves us because we are her Son's. She loves what He loves. By honoring her we honor Him, and because of Him, we honor her.

Secondly, we have to keep the Dormition fast with diligence because Satan and his demons hate her whom we love. They would have her dishonored and, even better, forgotten, for the Incarnation of Christ through her is all mankind's opportunity for salvation and deification—adoption by the Father into spiritual kinship with the Son. We take heed of this reality every year for, after the Resurrection, the powers of darkness despise the Dormition of Mary the most. She believed, she was saved, she suffered and was persecuted for the sake of her Son. His love for her would not endure that she should experience decay in the grave, so He took her bodily into heaven after her death. During the Dormition fast each year, take time to reread the account of the Virgin Mary's death and bodily assumption. It will touch your soul and energize you spiritually.

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: \$4,170.00

Thank you to All who have given.

Church Donation

In Loving Memory of +Ksenia Busko

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Elizabeth Kalilec \$50.00



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