

St. John the Baptist

Ukrainian Catholic Church

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The Nativity of Our Lord

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 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.

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.

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
stjohnbaptistucc.blogspot.com

FOOD FOR THE POOR:

Collected at all weekend Divine Liturgies



SUNDAY, December 24 - Christmas Eve Vigil of the Nativity

10:00AM - For Parishioners

10:00PM - Great Compline with Litiya and Divine Liturgy
- for Parishioners

Note: Today is a day of abstinence (NO meat or dairy)

MONDAY, December 25- Christmas Day Vigil of the Nativity

10:00AM - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great -
for Parishioners

TUESDAY, December 26 - The Synaxis of the Theotokos

9:00AM - In memory of +Metropolitan Joseph Schmondiuk
req. Eparchy of Stamford

WEDNESDAY, December 27 - Saint Stephen, Martyr

9:00AM - In memory of + Bronislawa Melnychuk
req. George and Helen Kelley

THURSDAY, December 28

8:00AM - For the Health of Our Clergy req. Good Parishioner

FRIDAY, December 29

8:00AM - In memory of +Jacob and +Catherine Tracz
req. daughter, Alice Malick and family

SATURDAY, December 30

5:00PM - In memory of +Danylo, +Sophia and +Michael
Zarichny req. Walter and Mary Deskiewicz

SUNDAY, December 31 - New Years Eve

9:00AM - For Parishioners

11:00PM - In memory of +Dr. John Hvozda
req. Tynkewych Family



READINGS (today)

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Tone: 4

Christmas-New Year-Theophany Liturgical Schedule for 2017

- can be found in the back of the church. Please take one home and hang it up, so you will know what is going on. The schedule can also be found on the church web site and facebook page.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of:



+Zeon Benderski
who passed away on December 6, 2017

**May his memory be eternal.
Vichnaja Pamiat!**

Vigil Lights



Main Altar: In loving memory of my parents +Mary and +John Malenczuk req. daughter, Jeanne DeRose

Tetrapod: In loving memory of my husband +Eugene, and parents, +Edward and Mary Wisnowski req. Mary C. Husak

Sacred Heart: Special Intentions req. Gloria Kyanka

Mother of God: In loving memory of my mother +Catherine Tracz (12-26-66) req. daughter, Alice Malick

Holy Cross: In loving memory of our father, +Michael Woyciesjes req. daughters, Helen, Patty and Stephanie

PRAY FOR US



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, Olga Holl, Peter Holl, Andrew Krzywyj, Anastazja Majkowycz, Julia Maliwesky, Walter Melnick, David Michaels, Dorothy Onoff-Graser, Julie Pinkasewicz, Regina Presley, Mary Sheremeta, Pavlo Tkach, Carol Werbeck, Gabriella Wicker, Kalina Woloszyn, and Nina Wozniak.

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.

Prospora



Prospora breads are available for sale **this weekend** for \$5.00. You can purchase blessed prospora for Christmas Eve, brunch or dinner on Christmas Day. When the family prays, the head of the family will take the blessed prospora, break it and give it to each family member with good wishes for the Christmas season and throughout the New 2018 year.

Dome and Cupola Donations



In memory of +Bernard Hayduke \$70.00

In memory of +Michael Ostap Prybyla \$100.00
req. Ania Prybyla Stilwell

Railing Donation

Mykola and Marika Mychalczak \$100.00

George and Roma Temnycky \$500.00

Thank you for your generous donation towards the new railing.
May God Bless You!

Father Mykhaylo

2018 Calendars

The **new calendars for 2018** are available for purchase in the undercroft of the Church after the weekend Divine Liturgies. **The price is \$3 each.** Calendars will also be available in the office on Tuesdays.

Hymns



Saturday, December 23
5:00PM Divine Liturgy
Lector: Anita Welych

Sunday, December 24
10:00AM Divine Liturgy
Lector: Fred Bush

Sunday, December 24 –Christmas Eve
10:00PM Divine Liturgy
Lector: Father Peter Dudiak

Opening: “God Eternal” Pg. 64 Vs. 1 & 2
 “Бог Предвічний”

Communion: “Heaven and Earth” Pg.71 Vs. 1 & 2
 “Небо і Земля”

Closing: “Silent Night” Pg. 72 Vs. 1 & 2
 “Тиха Ніч ”

Special Christmas Collection

Apostleship of Prayer will once again organize a special Christmas collection during the month of December. This year, we are collecting monetary donations for Bishop Borys Gudziak’s UCES Ginger Fund, benefitting orphans in Ukraine.



The Ginger Fund was established in 2005 and was designed to help orphans, street kids, and other needy children in Ukraine. It has worked towards helping children, who have lost family as a result of the ongoing war. Additionally, the Ginger Fund has donated thousands to Catholic run orphanages through-out Ukraine. For more information about the program you can visit the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation’s web site at www.ucef.org, and type “Ginger Fund” in the search box.

Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket in the front of the church. Special envelopes will be available in the back of the Church. Checks must be made payable to “Apostleship of Prayer.”

Please, help us to bring the joy of Christmas to everyone!!!!

Important Information

Please note that starting January 1, 2018 there will be **NO Saturday 8:00AM Divine Liturgies Scheduled**. Exceptions can be made for special dates however.

Also, please note that starting January 1, 2018, the **Saturday, 5:00PM Divine Liturgy will be changed to 4:00PM**.

Please note the rectory office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26th.

Please make sure to take care of any church obligations for 2017 as soon as possible. Any donations made after January 1, 2018 will be counted towards 2018.

Bethlehem Peace Light

“In Bethlehem, at the place where Jesus was born, burns an everlasting light. This light, which has been burning for centuries, is the symbol of peace, warmth and love.



Every year, Austrian scouts light a special lantern from this Bethlehem Peace Light and fly it to Vienna, Austria. From there, scouts of many nationalities transport the Light across borders to the various countries of Europe, including Ukraine. The Light is passed on from person to person, to all who are awaiting the Light.” (www.plastnewark.org/Bethlehem-peace-light)

Please come up to the front of the church and light a candle from the Bethlehem Peace Light. Once lit, you will hold your candle and recite the “Our Father” and “Hail Mary” along with your prayers for peace. You will then have your Bethlehem Peace Light candle to burn at home Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as a “symbol of peace, warmth and love.”

Special “Thank you” to PLAST Syracuse for once again bringing this special light, of hope and faith to our parish. “Thank you” to Lida Buniak, her son Nicholas Buniak and Darka Temnycky for their hard work in helping to get the light to Syracuse.

Father Mykhaylo



CHRISTMAS Pastor Message - 2017

As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Birth of Christ, our “Rizdvo Xrystove” in these days, most of us are thinking about Christmas in various places. We think of our family and friends. We think of those affected by the devastating natural disasters and terrorist acts of this past year.

Our hearts also continue to be anxious for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We are worried for the safety of their lives. We are concerned for the protection of both Ukraine and USA in these evil times, and we worry for the future lives of our children and grandchildren. Especially now, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we desire so much that the peace of the Bethlehem stable would be found in every home in the USA as well as Ukraine.

On this night when we welcome the arrival of the Son of God into our lives, let us call out to those who are suffering and to those affected by war and conflict and tell them – have courage for “God is with us”!

Let us offer our help to the poor, the homeless and the lonely – to show them that “God is with us”!

Let us remind the aged and teach the young that we have hope, - for “God is with us”.

Let us all never forget, that at all times, - “God is with us”!

Fr. Mykhaylo, Pastor.

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