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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.

#### **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](http://www.stjohnbaptistucc.com)

[www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistUCC](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistUCC)

#### **ADDITIONAL FAITH RESOURCES:**

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

#### **FOOD FOR THE POOR:**

Collected at all weekend Divine Liturgies

**SATURDAY, April 6 - Saturday of the Akathistos - Parish Lenten Mission**

4:00PM – In memory of +Petro and +Paranka Husak  
req. Husak Family

**SUNDAY, April 7 - Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast - St. Mary of the Desert - Parish Lenten Mission**

9:00AM – For Parishioners

11:00AM - In memory of +Michael “Ostap” Prybyla  
req. Prybyla Family

**TUESDAY, April 9**

6:00PM - Way of the Cross (English)

*Lectio Divina - Study of the Holy Scripture following the Way of the Cross*

**WEDNESDAY, April 10**

6:00PM - Akathist to the Passion of Christ (English/Ukrainian)

*Lectio Divina - Study of the Holy Scripture following the Liturgy*

**THURSDAY, April 11**

6:00PM - Way of the Cross (Ukrainian)

*Lectio Divina - Study of the Holy Scripture following the Way of the Cross*

**FRIDAY, April 12**

6:00PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Ukrainian)

*Lectio Divina - Study of the Holy Scripture following the Liturgy*

**SATURDAY, April 13 - Saturday of Lazarus**

8:00AM - In memory of +Janine Ann Hayduke  
req. Orest and Sophia Chmara

4:00PM – In memory of +Richard Shewchuk  
req. Pat Shewchuk

**SUNDAY, April 14 - Palm Sunday**

9:00AM – For Parishioners

11:00AM - In memory of +Sophia, +Michael and +Danylo  
req. Walter and Mary Deskiewicz



**READINGS (today)**

**Epistle:** Hebrew 9:11-14

**Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45

*Liturgical Proper's are available in the back of the church.*

**Epistle Readers**

**Saturday, April 6**

4:00PM Divine Liturgy

Lector: Alice Malick

**Sunday, April 7**

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Lector: Stephanie Woyciesjes

**Possible Bus Trip to Philadelphia**

The parish is looking to get a bus, to attend the Pontifical Divine Liturgy and Enthronement Ceremony of the new Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak, on **Tuesday, June 4, 2019** at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Cost will be \$65.00 per person.

If interested in going, contact Fred Bush 315-447-2225 (cell) or by email at fbush13212@gmail.com **Deadline to register will be May 12, 2019.**

**Vigil Lights**



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

**Tetrapod:** God's Blessings on the health of Elizabeth Halligan req. son, Bill and family

**Sacred Heart:** In loving memory of the deceased +Buhai Family req. Helen Sobotka

**Mother of God:** God's Blessing for the health of the Sobotka Family req. Helen Sobotka

**Holy Cross:** In loving memory of my father +Edward Wisnowski req. daughter Mary C. Husak



**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:**

Peter Dudiak, Olga Holl, Peter Holl, Andrew Krzywyj, Julia Maliwesky, Dorothy Onoff-Graser, Julie Pinkasewicz, Regina Presley, Mary Sheremeta, Gabriella Wicker, Kalina Woloszyn, Marion Wood, Anna Wowk, Nina Wozniak, our Military Men and Women in the USA and Ukraine 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.*

**Parish Lenten Mission - This Weekend**



**April 6 and 7**

**Following all Divine Liturgies**

This year, our mission will be preached by **Rev. Ilie Babota**

Father Ilie Babota will be available to hear confessions at all Divine Liturgies this weekend. This will be a good opportunity for all parishioners to avail themselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation, in preparation for Easter

**Collection for Ukraine - This Weekend**

The Volunteering Movement Organization will be collecting monetary donations after all Divine Liturgies, in the back of the church, to help off-set the cost of mailing special packages to Ukraine for wounded soldiers. Please be generous.

**Sunday Coffee Social Schedule**

Please note that **starting Sunday, May 5th, there will no longer be regularly scheduled coffee hours**, unless otherwise mentioned in the bulletin.

	9:00AM	11:00AM
April 7 -	Apostleship of Prayer	Volunteer
April 14 -	Holy Name Society	
April 21 -	Easter Sunday - <i>NO Coffee Hour</i>	
April 28 -	Parish Easter Dinner - <i>Sviachene</i> <i>(One Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am)</i>	
May 5 -	First Solemn Holy Communion <i>(One Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am)</i> <b>No Coffee Hour</b>	

## Holy Name Society

The society will pray the Jesus Prayer at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday April 14 and receive the Holy Eucharist as a group at the 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy. There will be **NO meeting after the Liturgy**. Any men of the parish, that would like to join the Holy Name Society, please contact any member.

Steve Suche – Lector at April 14, 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



Coffee hour will be hosted by the Holy Name Society after each Sunday Divine Liturgy

## Pyrohy for Sale

Pyrohy is available for sale after all Divine Liturgies and at the rectory only on Tuesday's during office hours:

Potato - \$8 a dozen  
Kapusta - \$10 a dozen

## The Sounds of Ukraine

The world-renowned **Kyiv Chamber Choir** returns to perform a Rochester concert at **7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019** at **St Josaphat Church, Rochester, NY**. Tickets are available from Daria Hanushewsky (585-802-2250) or online [www.universe.com](http://www.universe.com) or you may call Platinum Concerts International, toll-free, at 1-877-232-9835 and at the door.

For concert information, go to [www.platinumconcerts.com](http://www.platinumconcerts.com). This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the world's great choirs share 'hidden treasures' from 1,000 years of Ukrainian sacred and folk music. One of 10 concerts the Choir will perform in North American cities, May 22 promises to be a special occasion.

## Food Collection for the Poor

Reminder, that during Lent the parish is collecting food for St. Lucy's Food Pantry at all Divine Liturgies. Please think of those less fortunate than you and bring a food item to donate. Donations can be left in the usher room.



Save the dates for the  
**2019 Ukrainian Festival:**  
**July 26 & 27**

## Apostleship of Prayer

There will be short, but important, meeting for all members following the Sunday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy and Lenten Mission, in the undercroft of the Church. All members are asked to attend.

## Bread Baking for Easter



Apostleship of Prayer will be baking Easter breads this weekend and the following (**April 6 and 13**), starting around 9:30AM. We ask all members to come and help, and **invite any men or women of the parish to please come and help as well**. Breads will be for sale following each Liturgy on both weekends.

\$ 5.00 - Small Paska  
\$10.00 - Paska  
\$13.00 - Poppy seed or Apricot filled breads

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## Diocesan Charities Appeal

Donation forms have been mailed out to all parishioners. There are additional forms in the back of the church. Please fill out the form and return it to the rectory or put it into the collection basket along with your donation.

- ▶ **Make checks payable to "St. John the Baptist UCC"**
- ▶ **DO NOT MAIL your donation directly to Stamford.**

**We have collected \$ 3,745.00 to date.**

*Collection Campaign will end June 19th.*

**Our goal for this year of \$8,000.**

## The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

An anonymous author once said, *"Others will judge your God by the way you present Him."* And how right he is. Reflecting upon our own lives, we can testify to the fact that the good Samaritans who crossed our path and radiated the spirit of joyfulness, understanding, kindness, generosity, and especially mercy and forgiveness, made an imprint upon our hearts and minds forever.

The Gospels present Jesus as that type of individual. As the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, Jesus presented God as He really is. For example, to the woman caught in the act of adultery, as He witnessed her repentive exposition, He was merciful, and forgiving, exhorting her to go and sin no more.

No one is beyond the reach of God no matter how serious we may have offended Him throughout life. He forgives all who approach Him especially through the Mystery of Reconciliation and anoints their soul with healing.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, our Church tradition brings to our attention the life of an Egyptian woman who after living a very immoral and degrading existence, found how compassionate and loving God is. Mary the Egyptian (522 AD), according to her biographer Saint Sophronios, stands as the exemplar of genuine penance. After experiencing a great change of heart, she turned away from her evil ways and approached the merciful Savior with extreme sorrow. She then experienced a heavy burden lifted from her heart by reconciling herself to God. With a grateful disposition, she continually gave herself to Christ in love and devotion for the rest of her life.

During this sacred season of the Holy Fast, we are challenged to show mercy to others. *St. John Chrysostom tells us, "Do you wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to your neighbor."*

We, as God's saints of the militant church, by virtue of our holy baptism, must continually strive to bring out Christ's likeness within us. Just as Mary of Egypt committed her life to Jesus, witnessing to God's mercy and forgiveness, so must we lead others during our generation to Him by our witness and devotion. **Remember, "Others will judge your God by the way you present Him."**



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