



## **SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church**

Святі Петро і Павло Українська Православна Церква

1025 N. Belle Vista Ave, Youngstown, OH 44509

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Fr. Ivan Tchopko, Pastor

Fr. Gregory Becker, Choir Director

Ron Kichton, President of the Church Council

**December 23, 2018**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 5**

**9:15 AM Confessions; 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy**

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugegraphus (310). Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia (361). Ven. Thomas of Bithynia (10th c.).

Epistle Col. 3:12-16 Luke 17:12-19

### **MEDITATION FOR THE NATIVITY FAST**

“The thing is well-pleasing to God not when a man acts mercifully on account of some human consideration, but because the act is good in itself; and, because he acts sincerely out of compassion. That is truly well-pleasing to God! The thing is perfect when a man gives alms without meanness or reluctance, without despising the recipient but with eagerness according to his ability, of deliberate choice, giving as freely as if he were receiving, doing a kindness as graciously as if a kindness were being shown to him – then it is perfect. And so, a man is well-pleasing to God, doing his will, as the Apostle says, the good, the well-pleasing and the perfect thing. This is to act with knowledge.” (Dorotheos of Gaza - 6th Century AD, Discourses & Sayings, pg. 208)



### **Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos**

**Celebrated, December 22 (Yesterday)**

**Kontakion -Tone 4**

“Today You have shown forth...” Today the universe rejoices, for Anna has conceived the Theotokos through God’s dispensation, for she has brought forth the one who is to bear the ineffable Word!

*May God grant all those named Anna  
Many, many happy and fruitful years.*



*Please fill the trees and pews with*

## **Precious Angels**

Sponsored by the JR. UOL

Remember or honor your loved one(s). Information and hearts for people to complete are located in the back of the church.

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE NATIVITY FAST:**

**OBSERVE** Fasting guidelines for abstaining from meat, dairy and other foods ♦  
**PARTICIPATE** in the Sacrament of Holy Confession (The Church encourages confession in each of the four yearly fasts: NATIVITY FAST, Great Lent, Apostles Fast, and the Dormition Fast) ♦ **ATTEND** as many church services as possible and invigorate your prayer life ♦ **VISIT** those who are homebound and/or ill. **RECONCILE** with one another ♦  
**CONSULT** your Parish Priest for guidance in how to get the most out of the fast ♦

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for good health for our following parish family members:

Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John Nakonachny, Pani-  
matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, Kay Malys, Marie Pupa, Deborah Harvey, Mary  
Lapushansky, Stella Woytek, Kathy Duzzny, Mary Ann Owens, Pauline Witkowsky, Dr.  
Dinah Fedyna, Mary Goncy, Marianne Carmack. Catherine Rogenski, Helen Yurchyk.

In St. Elizabeth's Hospital: James Bobersky and Jay Hustic

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SEMINARY CHRISTMAS CD  
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SEMINARY THEOLOGICAL CENTER  
www.stsuots.org

The advertisement features a group of nine seminarians in dark blue robes standing in front of a golden, ornate church interior. A large, glowing Christmas tree is on the left. The CD cover on the right shows the same group and text, with a red ribbon and a price tag of \$15.

*You're invited*  
**Nativity Eve**

Sunday, January 6, 2019

5:30 PM - HOLY SUPPER/SVIATY VECHIR

POT LUCK: The Ukrainian Orthodox Center

7:30 PM – GREAT COMPLINE

SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Co-chairs: Kathi Battisti and Luba Medved

*Please bring your favorite “meatless” and “dairy free” Holy Supper dish*



**STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

*Don't Just go to Church, Be the Church/Thank you for your Gifts of Love*

**UPCOMING PARISH AND OTHER EVENTS**

*Please contact the Church office to schedule Panikhidas, request Bulletin Dedications, or make Prosphora Offerings.*

**PLEASE NOTE: Adult Religious Education Classes** with Fr. Becker will resume on Thursday, January 17, 2019.

**Sunday, December 23, 2018 – St. Mary's Sisterhood Meeting** - Immediately following the Divine Liturgy on the Ground Floor of the Church

**Sunday, December 30, 2018 – UOL Meeting** - Immediately following the Divine Liturgy on the Ground Floor of the Church

**Sunday, January 6, 2019—Nativity Eve**

- 9:30 AM – DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday before the NATIVITY
- 5:30 PM - SVIATY VECHER/HOLY SUPPER (The Orthodox Center
- 7:30 PM – GRAND COMPLINE: Afterwards Carols and Dessert/Coffee in The Orthodox Center

**Monday, January 7, 2019 - The Nativity According to The Flesh Of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

- 9:30 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy
- Followed by Refreshments in The Orthodox Center
- (January 7 – 18, 2019 is a Fast-free period)

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – Church Council Meeting** - 7:00 PM – The Ukrainian Orthodox Center

**Sunday, January 13, 2019** – 930 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy **Sunday after Nativity and Before Theophany**

St. Mary's Sisterhood Christmas Celebration  
Sunday, January 13, 2019: 12:00 PM

## The Manor

3104 South Canfield-Niles Rd Austintown, OH 44515 330-318-8060  
Members of the sisterhood Free/Spouses will pay for their own lunch

Friday, January 18, 2019 - The Eve of The Theophany - 6:30 PM—Grand Compline and Great Blessing of Water

Saturday, January 19, 2019 – The Holy Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ - 9:30 AM Festal Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of Water

Christmas Caroling Visitation to Nursing Home Residents (*Weather and Nursing Home Flu alerts permitting*)

Blessing of Homes – Blessings of houses will begin on January 19, 2019. Please update your phone numbers on the Church list, so that Fr. Ivan can call you before coming to bless your house.



SS. Peter & Paul Jr. UOL and church council president Ron Kichton welcome Fr. Ivan with a beautiful cake at St. Nicholas day Celebration 12.16.18