

Sunday Bulletin  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday before Nativity, of the Holy Fathers



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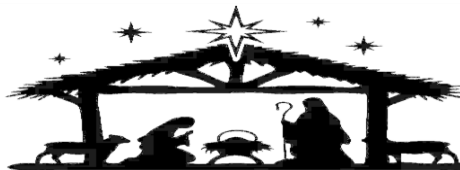
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## STS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church



*We invite you to a celebration of  
the Resurrection of Christ each week.*

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### **Sunday before Nativity, of the Holy Fathers**



#### **Tropar of the Resurrection – Tone 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and with gladness told the Apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

#### **Kondak of the Resurrection – Tone 4**

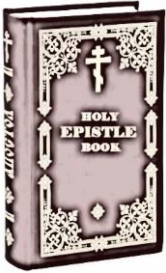
My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from bondage. He has shattered the gates of Hades, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

#### **Tone 3 Prokeimenon – (Resurrection)**

How marvelous are Your works, O Lord; in wisdom You have made them all.

*Verse: Bless the Lord, my soul; O Lord my God, You are very great.*

## The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews



BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

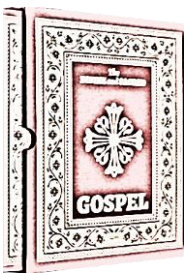
And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### Alleluia and Verses Tone 4

*Bend Your bow and proceed prosperously, and reign because of truth, meekness, and righteousness.*

*Bless the Lord, my soul . O Lord my God, You are very great.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*



### The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of

Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

### Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*



### MEMORY ETERNAL

*Dorothy Hutnyan, Joe Ewanish, Michael Woloschak, James Bobersky, Audrey Racz, Rev Fr Gregory Becker, Mary Ann, Mary Ann Owens, John Nicholas Visa, Alexandra Prychodczenko, Kateryna, Ihor Deyak, Thomas, Caterina Ulrich, All Who died during the war in Ukraine*

### PRAYER LIST

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Arlene Hawryluk, Dolly Mehalco, Tom Lane, Dom Drabick, George, Ashley Woloschak, Alice Dobransky, Bailey Annalise Blair, Brittany, Barbara McGirr, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowski, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Mary Ann Senediak, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Mykola Prychodczenko, Kathy Zebel,

People Suffering from the Corona Virus  
All Ukrainian people who are suffering from the war



OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On December 25
General:	<b>\$ 1316.00</b>
Renovation:	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	<b>\$ 120.00</b>





# TEAM UP to CLEAN UP

## Clean UP in Church

On Monday, Jan 2 at 9:00 AM we will be **Cleaning UP** at the Church downstairs. By the Grace of God the renovation is complete and now needs a good cleaning to resume our activities downstairs.

***Everyone's help will be appreciated***



### Obituary - Dorothy Hutnyan

August 8, 1932 ~ December 23, 2022 (age 90)

CANFIELD - Dorothy Hutnyan, 90, passed away peacefully, Friday, December 23, 2022, at St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital surrounded by her family.

Dorothy was born August 8, 1932, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, a daughter of the late Charles and Eva Martyak Gost, and came to the Youngstown area in 1955.

She was a 1951 graduate of Johnstown Senior High School and later earned a bachelor's degree in Education from Youngstown State University.

Dorothy worked for Arrow Furniture Company in Johnstown for several years and later worked as an elementary school teacher in Liberty Schools for 28 years and retired in 2000.

She was a member of St. Michael Orthodox Church where she served as cantor, Sunday school teacher and beloved Pani. Dorothy was also active in The Eastern Orthodox Community.

Mrs. Hutnyan leaves to cherish her memory her son, David N. (Susan) Hutnyan of Boardman; her daughter, Nina C. Hutnyan of Canfield; a granddaughter, Rachel (John) Carbon of Boardman; a grandson, Jonathan Hutnyan (fiancée Amanda) of Portland, OR; a great-granddaughter, Ellianna Carbon, and a great-grandson, Johnny Carbon.

Dorothy's husband of 64 years, Very Rev. George Hutnyan, whom she married July 23, 1955, passed away May 12, 2020.

Family and friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Kinnick Funeral Home 477 N. Meridian Rd., Youngstown.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at St. Michael Orthodox Church 125 Steel St., Youngstown. Interment will follow at Tod Homestead Cemetery where Dorothy will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband.





# Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830  
(Liturgy, Panakhyda, Moleben, Confession, Blessing of houses,  
cars, etc.) to request Bulletin Dedications, Announcements or Prospora Offerings

## SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, Jan 1, 29<sup>th</sup> **Sunday, Sunday Before Nativity, of the Holy Fathers.**  
8:30AM-9:20AM – Hearing Confessions  
9:30AM – – Divine Liturgy
- \* Friday, Jan 6, 5:30PM - (*Strict Fast*) **Christmas Eve Supper (at the hall)**
- Friday, Jan 6, 8PM – **Great Compline before Nativity**
- Saturday, Jan 7, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**
- Sunday, Jan 8, 9:30AM–Divine Liturgy **30<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Synaxis of the Theotokos**
- Monday, Jan 9, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, **Holy Protomartyr Stephen.**  
**Archbishop Daniel will be presiding.**
- Sunday, Jan 15, 9:30AM–Divine Liturgy **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday, THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
- Wednesday, Jan 18, 5:30AM– **Great Compline before Theophany**
- **Thursday, Jan 19, 9:30AM - Divine Liturgy, THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**Blessing of Water.**

## Upcoming dates & events

- Jan 2 **Clean UP day Monday Jan 2 at 9AM at the Church downstairs. Everyone's help will be appreciated**
- Jan 6 **Christmas Eve Supper AT 5:30PM the Center. Everyone is welcome. Please talk to Kathy Battisti to offer help preparing the supper.**
- Jan 9 **Archbishop Daniel will visit our Parish.**
- Jan 15 **Sunday School will resume the classes at the Church Downstairs.**
- Jan 28 **"100 Anniversary" meeting at the center**
- Jan 28 **Malanka at Sts Peter & Paul parish. At the center**

# On Sunday before Nativity

## Holy Fathers

Today's Gospel according to St. Mathew chapter 1 verse 1-25 is read ones a year, every Sunday before the Nativity of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ.

More then a century years ago, Church Fathers have prescribed exactly this Gospel to be read a week before the Feast of the Nativity. Though, why did they decided to pick especially this passage of the Gospel of Mathew?



It is important to mention here that this Gospel passage consists of two parts. The first one is the genealogy or family tree of Jesus Christ. The second part is description of actual birth of Jesus from Virgin Mary. Well it's understandable why they included the second part the scene of Jesus Birth. We are right before the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, therefore it tells us a lot about what we are going to celebrate pretty soon. However why did they include the first part, the Christ's family tree? Do we really need to hear all of those names today. Priests most probably mispronounce quite a lot of them, reading the passage. Was it so important for us and all the other Orthodox faithful of the Church to hear all those names in the Churches on the Sunday before the Nativity?

In order to find the answer, we have to figure this out first of all why it was so important for the Saint Evangelist Mathew to include these names in the Gospel, before the account of Jesus Christ's Birth.

I have to mention here that Mathew did not just set down and made up those names, took it strait from his imagination. They are all real people. This is the actual family tree of Jesus Christ. As all of us do, Jesus Christ had his human family tree.

It wasn't easy for Evangelist Mathew to put together this genealogy. He had to have a research done on this issue, and he did it well.

We may think he did that for historical purposes. It is a good thing to leave behind for next generations. Nice thoughtful idea, but not the main purpose for writing down Christ's family tree.

There are two main reasons why it was so important for St. Mathew to put together Christ's family tree. He did that in order to prove to certain unbelievers that Jesus Christ is indeed long promised Messiah. As we know in the Old Testament God

communicated with His chosen people through prophets and through them God promised to send a Savior, who would be born from the knee of King David.

In the book of prophet Jeremiah 23:5 we read *“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.”*

Isaiah 7:14 *“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel.”*

And this genealogy proves that Jesus Christ (his human person) indeed came out from the knee of King David. Born in Bethlehem, from virgin and the star appeared above the place where He was born. All of this is from the Old Testament promise about coming of Messiah. Jesus Christ truly has fulfilled the prophesy.

Moreover, St. Mathew put together Christ's lineage in order to show to us faithful, the reality of family tree from which Jesus Christ was born. As I have mentioned before, all of those name were real people. What is taken into consideration here is that they were all different people. Some were rich and royal as King David some were poor as Joseph and Mary. Some were holy and some were sinful, very sinful people; adulterers and murders.

Different people. A whole bouquet of personalities. Question is why? Couldn't God pick a better family tree for His Son to be born? A family tree that would fit His image as Messiah, as Savior of the world. No! This family tree with all the holy people and the worse sinners, rich and poor fits perfectly. Christ comes among sinful people for sinful people. He comes among the sick with sin and heals them all. *“Healthy do not need the doctor, but who are sick.”* Mathew 9:12

Jesus Christ comes to the world as the savior as healer not as conqueror of humanity. He puts upon Himself human flesh in order to cleanse it from corruption of the sin of Adam and Eve. This is why He becomes man, actual human to purify human body. He comes to the earth bringing peace and love, bringing freedom from sin. Before His coming the humanity was doomed for eternal death, but He changes that by bringing light into the darkened human souls. By coming out from the family of sinful people, He comes to save them as well as all the others. Does not matter if they are rich or poor, faithful to God or sinful, He offers healing, He offers salvation to all of them, giving them peace, giving them love, giving them forgiveness and a second chance.

- By Fr Vasyl Sendeha



*O Holy Fathers pray for us sinners!*



# Happy and Blessed New 2023 Year of our Lord from Archbishop Daniel

*Beloved brethren in the Lord: CHRIST IS AMONG US!*

As we enter the year 2023, I pray that the spirit of THE GLORIOUS FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD lingers in our hearts. The reminder of Christ's coming, his abiding presence with us and the love, joy and hope our Savior brings are tremendous gifts for our suffering, broken and troubled world, especially as we prayerfully live through the days and moments of the ongoing war in Ukraine. I pray this message finds you well and enjoying the so needed peace that Christ brings into our lives.



The new year provides the opportunities for us to turn a new page in our history. We remember and give thanks for the blessings of the past year, despite the challenges, adversities and uncertainties that we continue to endure.

Amidst all the troubles and losses, we have experienced in the past year, there were also moments of hope and encouragement. Our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA was able to offer the most necessary assistance to the nation – the people of Ukraine in the time of the ongoing aggression of Russia against the peaceful people of Ukraine, thus providing the life-supporting means in about 3 million US dollars. The ongoing slaughter of the innocent lives of Ukrainian people could be compared to the actions of the Herod against the innocents of Bethlehem when the Savior was born. Furthermore, the new year also presents us with a fresh start, new perspectives, and new opportunities as well. We look forward to the coming months as parishes throughout the Church, in communion with the worldwide Holy Orthodox Church continue to invest in the spiritual process of growth as we all journey together, praying and fulfilling our obligations to Christ and each other.

Beloved in the Lord, the end of the year and the new beginning is an opportunity for us to refocus our minds and hearts on the Holy Most Holy Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian life and worship. I urge the people of God in our Church - the UOC of the USA – indeed, all Orthodox Christians – to participate in the sacred liturgical services of the Church and to welcome those who are on the fringes of our faith, of our community or our society to share their voices on how we as a Church can walk together on the path to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Let us prayerfully place our lives into the loving embrace of the Savior. Filled with Christ's love, let us be bearers of hope during these challenging times to generously share that hope with others and help renew the hearts of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and throughout the world.

*May God bless the year 2023 with His Life-Saving grace to bring healing, lasting joy and peace to the world!*

*With prayers,*

*+Daniel, Archbishop and brother in the Lord*



# Great Stocking Stuffers

Get them before they're gone...

**just 20 left !!!!.**

Your **\$5 donation** will support Ukrainian Orphans.

Thank YOU!

**Wishing you a Blessed and Merry Christmas!**

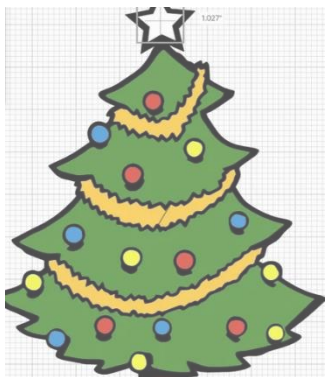
*From the members of the Orphanage Mission  
Ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul UOC Y-town.*



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## CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISERS

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**"UNDRESS"**

the Christmas Tree

- **"DRESS UP"** an Orphan

Buy a beautiful ornament from our cardboard Christmas Tree for your tree and support Orphans.

*(in the back of the church)*

*All profits will go to  
Ukrainian Orphanages.*

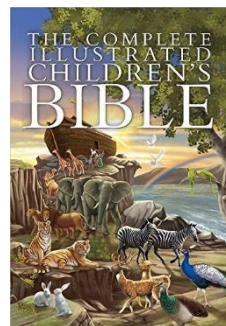


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Children`s BIBLE**  
*for SALE at the church*

**- \$19.00**

*Will make a great gift for Christmas*



**Happy and Blessed New Year to you!**  
**May the Lord bless our world with**  
**Peace, especially our Motherland**  
**Ukraine!**



## **UOC of the USA Represented at the Historic Address of the President of Ukraine in the US Congress**

During the most recent trip of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky to the United States of America, the leaders of the Ukrainian American Diaspora Community were invited to visit the United States of America Congress for the formal speech of President Zelensky on December 21, 2022.

In his remarks, President Zelensky thanked “every American” for their support of Ukraine as he delivered an address to the Joint Session of Congress aimed at sustaining U.S. and allied support for his country’s defense against Russia’s brutal invasion since February 24, 2022.

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, assisted by Very Rev. Fr. Volodymyr Steliac (pastor of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring, MD) and Very Rev. Fr. Vasyl Pasakas of the Consistory of the UOC of the USA attended the historic address of the war-time President of Ukraine at the US Congress.

It must be noted that Very Rev. Fr. Volodymyr Steliac is also a chaplain in the US Air Force and assisted the Ukrainian Diplomatic Corps in welcoming to the US the President of Ukraine.

Meeting with the elected officials of the US House of Representatives and Senate, Archbishop Daniel had an opportunity to call upon them to offer any and all support for Ukraine, as the country fights for the basic human rights, survival of democracy not only in Ukraine but indeed for the world-wide community.

The Ukrainian American community was represented by the members of the major US Diaspora religious, charitable and community organizations. Prior to the formal speech of President Zelensky, Archbishop Daniel met with His Eminence Metropolitan Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, addressing



common ecclesiastical matters and opportunities for cooperation, especially in the time of the Russian aggression in the ancestral homeland Ukraine.

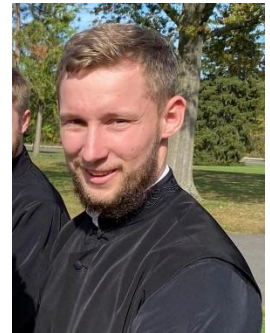
During his address, President Zelensky acknowledged the input of the Ukrainian American Diaspora religious

and community organizations. Members of the US Congress with standing ovation supported President Zelensky's acknowledgment and responded to the greeting of the Ukrainian American Diaspora community leaders "Слава Україні!" with the resounding "Героям Слава!"

The highly sensitive trip of the President of Ukraine took place after 10 months of a brutal war that has seen tens of thousands of casualties and devastation for Ukrainian citizens.

*Welcome*

We welcome Seminarian  
Andrii Akulenko to our  
Parish for the Christmas  
break! God bless Andrii with good  
health for many years!



**Archbishop Daniel** – our ruling  
Hierarch – will visit our parish and **will be**  
**presiding** over Divine Liturgy on the feast of  
**Holy Protomartyr Stephen.**

**Welcome His Eminence to  
Sts Peter & Paul UOC in Youngstown.**