

Sunday Bulletin  
January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 – 31<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday before Theophany; Forefeast of the Theophany



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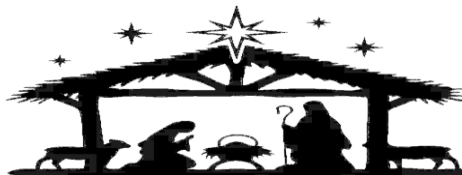
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## STS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church



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

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### **Troparion (Resurrection) - Tone 6**

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //  
glory to You.

### **Troparion (Forefeast) - Tone 4**

Prepare, O Zebulon,  
and adorn yourself, O Naphtali!  
River Jordan, cease flowing,  
and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized!  
Adam, rejoice with our first Mother,  
and do not hide yourselves as you did of old in Paradise;  
for having seen you naked,  
He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. //  
Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...***

**Kontakion (Resurrection) - Tone 5**

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death.

You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, //  
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

***Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen***

**Kontakion (Forefeast) - Tone 4**

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John:

"Do not be afraid to baptize Me.//

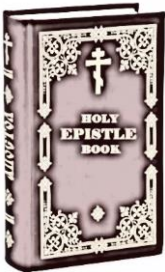
For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

**Prokimen Tone 8 (Forefeast)**

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

**Verse:** *To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

**The Reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy**



Brethren, but you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**Alleluia and Verses Tone 8**

To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all the nations.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



**The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Mark**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)  
*The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (Ps. 111:6)*



## MEMORY ETERNAL



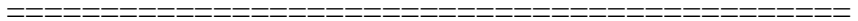
Pani-matka Sonia Diakiw, Dorothy Hutnyan, Joe Ewanish, Michael Woloschak, James Bobersky, Audrey Racz, Rev Fr Gregory Becker, Mary Ann, Mary Ann Owens, John Nicholas Visa, Alexandra Prychodczenko, Kateryna, Ihor Deyak, Thomas, Caterina Ulrich, All Who died during the war in Ukraine

## PRAYER LIST

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



Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Kathy Battisti, Arlene Hawryluk, Marilyn O'Leary, John & Helen Yurchyk, Dolly Mehalco, Tom Lane, Tom Drabick, George, Ashley Woloschak, Alice Dobransky, Brittany, Barbara McGirr, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, 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



**+ PRIEST  
VISITATION**

**To request a priest visitation  
to bring the Holy Communion or to Anoint with the Holy  
Oil please contact Father Mykola at 330 799 3830.**

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On January 7-8
General:	<b>\$ 1393.50</b>
Renovation:	<b>\$ 281.00</b>
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	<b>\$ 180.00</b>



Christmas donations ~ **\$ 8309**



God bless everyone according to their deeds!



On the Feast of Theophany we will de the Blessing of Water.

You may bring your own bottles or jars to take it home.

Water will be available the following Sunday also.



## Blessing of the Houses after the Theophany



*During the days following the Feast of the Theophany (January 19th), it is customary for the Priest to visit the homes of his parishioners, bringing with him the "Jordan Water" for the traditional Theophany House Blessing. All who reside in the household should make every effort to be present for the Blessing if possible.*



The home blessing at Theophany represents a renewal of our lives in Christ. Washed in the baptismal waters, our homes become temples of the Holy Spirit for the fulfillment of the will of our Heavenly Father and to protect us from every evil!

Please call Fr Mykola if you may not be home and certain time is needed for visitation.

Also, please notify if you moved to a new home - to schedule a full blessing of the house.



Please light a candle and prepare a small bowl for the blessing.  
**I am looking forward to blessing your homes this years and many to come!**

Fr. Mykola





# Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830

## SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, Jan 15, 9:30 AM–Divine Liturgy **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday, THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
- Wednesday, Jan 18, 5:30 PM– **Great Compline before Theophany**
- **Thursday, Jan 19, 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy, THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. BAPTISM OF THE LORD THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD. Blessing of Water.**
- Sunday, Jan 22, 9:30 AM–Divine Liturgy **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Blessing of Water at the Mill Creek Park with other Orthodox Parishes at 3PM**
- Sunday, Jan 29, 9:30 AM–Divine Liturgy **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.**
- Sunday, Feb 5, 9:30 AM–Divine Liturgy **34<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Youth Sunday**

### Upcoming dates & events

- Jan 6 **Christmas Eve Supper AT 5:30PM the Center.**
- Jan 10 **Parish Board Meeting 7PM at the center.**
- Jan 15 **Sunday School will resume at the Church Downstairs.**
- After Jan 19– **Blessing of the Houses after the Theophany**
- Jan 22 **Prayer for the Unborn Children at 5025 East Mill Road Broadview Heights at 6PM**
- Jan 22 **Blessing of Water at the Mill Creek Park with other Orthodox Parishes, Sunday, Jan 22 at 3PM.**
- Jan 28 **Malanka at Sts Peter & Paul parish. At the center**
- Jan 11 **CHANGED: “100 Anniversary” meeting at the center**
- Feb 5 **Youth Sunday**
- Starting Feb **Coffee Hour.** Downstairs in the Church after Sunday Liturgy starting in February.

## RENTALS

For our Hall rentals (Orthodox Center or Pavillion) please call - 330 774 4490 Walter Duzzny

JOIN US AT MILL CREEK PARK FOR THE SERVICE OF THE  
*Blessing of the Waters*



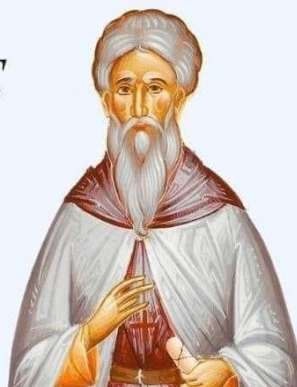
**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 22ND  
3:00 PM**

**LAKE GLACIER IN MILL CREEK PARK  
- LOWER PARKING LOT -**

As we are approaching the Feast of Theophany – the Baptism of the Lord. Let us remember of our own Baptism and keep our Baptismal Garment clean and pure!  
Let us not forget to repent!

**REPENTANCE  
IS THE  
RENEWAL  
OF BAPTISM.**

+St. John Climacus



## TOP LISTING AGENTS

*in December*



KATHY BATTISTI

Greetings to our parishioner and the head of our Parish Sisterhood Kathy Battisti on making it an “agent of the month”

May the Lord bless you with a quick recovery and good health to serve our Church for Many Years!



**Happy  
BIRTHDAY!**

1 Diane Malys	17 Olivia Lanise Zets
2 Mary Senediak	18 Erika Mark
2 Beverly Henry	20 Robert Kline
2 Ruth Graves	20 Dobr Ginny Yavorskyy
11 Brookly Ava	24 Jeffrey Senediak
Antonia Yuschak	26 Alice Dobransky
12 Stephen Inchak	27 Nicholas Anderson
	31 Jackleen Buzzelli





## How We Prepare the Way of the Lord

You would think that we should today hear something about the great Feast which we shall celebrate in a few days. You would think that we should hear about the announcement by the archangel Gabriel or the Blessed Virgin Mary—perhaps repeating what we heard at Mass last Wednesday and last Friday. Afterall, our Byzantine brothers and sisters are today hearing about the visit of St Gabriel to St Joseph, and the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy that *a virgin shall*

*be with child, and bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel.* So shouldn't we also?

Instead, we are blessed to hear another prophecy from Isaiah. We hear not about a virgin, but about a voice. Not about a virgin with child, but about a voice crying out in the wilderness. And we hear not the news about the birth of Emmanuel, but rather the exhortation to prepare the way of the Lord by repentance: which means living against the sins we confess by self-denial, by restraining and suppressing our pride, anger, judginess, anxieties, and other disordered passions.

We hear such a stern exhortation. We hear a voice that seems to dampen our mood. Yet, we must remember why the voice cries out, why the prophet prophesies, why the Forerunner runs before the Christ, urging us to set our hearts and minds straight.

The voice cries out not to scold but to refocus our soul, to reset our heart's desire—all so that we might take comfort. For what does the prophet Isaiah say?

*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received [from] the LORD's hand double [forgiveness] for all her sins.*

Notice how we receive this double forgiveness, this overabundant mercy, this mercy without boundaries. It comes not from our hands but from the Lord's hand. It comes not as the result of what we've accomplished, but as a gift from the Lord.

But even though we don't deserve what Our Lord gives, He determines that we are worthy simply because He created us, and knows that we are too weak to do what we must. He knows our nature and what we are made of. So, by His grace, we can attain His double forgiveness, appropriate it, and embrace it when we have prepared ourselves properly to receive, without conditions, what He so graciously gives.

And how do we prepare? It is a matter of the heart more than following rules or certain steps. We prepare by exercising humility. By denying our comforts for the good of others. But most importantly, we exercise humility when we trust the Lord's Word more than the confounding noise in our head; when we let His will run our way; when we don't let our fears and anxieties get the better of us, but instead cast all of these cares upon the Lord, confident that He truly cares for us. Those are 'fruits worthy of repentance.' The Holy Mother of God and St John Baptist are prime examples of this true humility. They did not walk around defeated, or

looking for sympathy, or meekly giving in to every bully. That's not humility. Instead, the humility they lived was a natural outgrowth of their faith that God's will actually, and really, and truly is done. Always. No matter the conditions or restrictions by others. And so they show us what 'fruits worthy of repentance' look like.

And so the voice of the One cries out. He urges to ready ourselves to receive Our Lord to the fullest by setting aside all earthly desires, by quitting all anxieties about the cares of this life, and by making no excuses or room for what we think matters most.

The voice cries out, prodding us to train our flesh with fasting, and our hearts by giving, and our minds by prayer. The voice cries out, pleading with us to desire not the presents that break, or the gifts that offer fleeting happiness; but to desire this Son whom the blessed Virgin delivers; this Gift from the Father; and this Present whom the Spirit generously wishes to bestow on all flesh.

Yet how can we welcome Him aright, how can we embrace Him with fulsome joy, how can we truly celebrate His Nativity—unless our hearts have been prepared by Private Absolution. For what else fills the valleys we have pock-marked with our meanness and pettiness? What else levels the mountains and hills of our stubborn pride? What else straightens our crooked addictions and desires? What else makes plain the rough ways of our sins?

Is it not the Sacrament of Penance? Is it not the Lord's doubling absolution which gently yet firmly meets and heals the wrong-doing we confess? And is it not hearing the Lord speak His comfort after we have said how we have offended Him, His Mother, His angels, His saints, and all in His church?

Let us then hasten to do what St John the Baptizer begs, entreats, and pleads with us to do. His voice cries out to the barren wilderness in our hearts. His voice cries out offering, presenting, and promising the dew and moisture of the Spirit who will bring new life and sturdy growth in our wilderness. His voice cries out, beckoning us to be truly and rightly prepared for this coming Feast. His voice cries out, inviting us to ignore him no more, but to lay aside all earthly care so that we might, with true and earnest hearts, take up the salvation that the Lord's priests place in our ears and then on our tongues.

This plea by the holy Forerunner to prepare ourselves by seeking God's absolution as we confess our sins—this plea is not a plea simply for those who feel guilty or know they did something bad. It is a plea for all. For those who are poor as well as those who are well-off; those who are strong in the faith as well as those who are weak; those who are at peace as well as those who are anxious; those who have kept the fast as well as those who have not; those who have little to confess as well as those who have much. I invite you, with me, to heed this voice that speaks to our wilderness: *Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths*. For the Lord is at hand, and the Lord's Feast comes soon, and the Lord's Day is nigh.

May we, by the prayers of St John the Baptizer, not be afraid to prepare, by the Sacrament of Penance, the way which is our blessed Lord Jesus Christ; to whom with His Father, in the unity of the all-Holy and life-giving Spirit, belongs all glory, honor and worship, world without end. <https://www.stmichaelwhittier.org/parish-site/2020/how-we-prepare-the-way-of-the-lord/>



Please join ZOE for Life! ®  
at  
**Archangel Michael Orthodox Church**  
for a Prayer Service with Archbishop Nathaniel as we  
**Pray for the Unborn Children**



**Sunday, January 22, 2023**  
**6:00 pm**  
**5025 East Mill Road**  
**Broadview Heights 44147**

**Prayer Service & Presentation will also be Live Streamed**

**Guest Speaker Presentation Follows – 6:45 pm**  
**Archbishop Nathaniel**  
**Romanian Orthodox Episcopate**



**Registration is Free, but required in order to receive a Zoom link.**  
**Please register using the link below before January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**<https://forms.gle/MTqZdA4QkXMAF3wr8>**



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## **PYROHIES SALE SCHEDULE**

**January**      Order by: Monday, January 23 - Special on this date: **Spinach-Feta**

Work date: January 25-26

Pick-up on: Friday, January 27, from 9:00 am – noon

**February**      Order by: Monday, February 6 - Special on this date: **Mushrooms**

Work date: February 8-9

Pick-up on: Friday, February 10, from 9:00 am – noon

**Potato & Cheese, Potato Onion, Kraut or Potato & Kraut \$8.00 a dozen**

**For orders please CALL or TEXT: (234) 247-1534 Anna**



**Sisterhood is having our semi annual  
coffee drive for bingo... All donations are  
very much appreciated!**

# Our Sunday School needs teachers!

Please offer your help and be a  
teacher at our church school.

Teaching our kids about God is  
that priceless gift we can ever give them!

Either you have teaching skills, organizational experience or you  
are simply good with kids and willing to spend some time with  
little ones crafting or singing - **WE NEED YOU!**

*See or call Annie Woloschak or Zenia Goodge for more information*



## MALANKA

STS. PETER & PAUL  
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

SAT, JANUARY 28, 2023

At the Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Center  
at 1025 N Belle Vista Ave Youngstown, OH

Doors open: 5:30 PM

Festivities: 6:00 PM

DINNER BUFFET \* DANCING \* OPEN BAR

**FREE ENTRANCE**

**Donations for Ukrainian Relief  
will be appreciated**

Please sign your Name and Number of people on the "MALANKA sign-  
up sheet" in the back of the church.

Or RSVP by calling Fr Mykola at 330 799 3830 by Sunday Jan 22