

# Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

2280 West 7th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44113

December 22, 2024

## SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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### DIRECTORY:

Parish Office:  
(216) 861-2176

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cell phone:

(216) 401-0004

Parish website

sspeterandpaulucc.com

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Closed Saturdays & Sundays  
and all legal holidays)

If you wish to see the priest, please call for an appointment.

### Confessions:

Monday through Friday before  
the Divine Liturgies

Sunday before Divine Liturgies

### Baptisms:

Arrangements must be made by parents through the Rectory Office to schedule baptisms and arrange for pre-Baptism classes. All parents expecting to baptize their first child are to attend Pre-Baptism classes.

### Weddings:

Arrangements should be made with a priest through the Rectory Office at least six months prior to the desired date. All couples must attend Pre-nuptial classes which are normally scheduled in March.

### Funerals:

Arrangements are made with the Rectory Office through the funeral director before publication in the newspapers.

CHRIST IS BORN

ХРИСТОС РОДИВСЯ



СЛАВИМ ЙОГО

GLORIFY HIM

Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo,  
Bishop of St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma

Very Rev. Canon Andrew G. Hanovsky, Pastor

Mr. Oleh Szwed, Sacristan

### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 10 AM in Ukrainian

Weekdays 10 AM & Holy Days as Scheduled: Please check weekly bulletin



## DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

**SUNDAY, December 22nd, 2024 - Sunday before Christmas**

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
- For the Parishioners -

**MONDAY, December 23rd, 2024**

(NO SERVICE)

**TUESDAY, December 24th, 2024 Vigil of Christmas**

9:00 PM +Ivan +Vasyl +Michael +Pavlo ()

**WEDNESDAY, December 25th, 2024 Christmas**

**- Nativity of Our Lord**

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
- For the Parishioners -

**THURSDAY, December 26th, 2024 Synaxis of the Theotokos**

10:00 AM +Stefan +Lucia Medycky ()

**FRIDAY, December 27th, 2024 1st Martyr Stephen**

10:00 AM +Stefan Rewtiuk ()

**SATURDAY, December 28th, 2024**

(NO SERVICE)

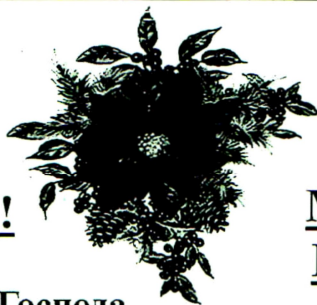
**SUNDAY, December 29th, 2024 - 29th Sunday after Christmas**

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
- For the Parishioners -

**Attention ! Divine Liturgy on Christmas Eve, Tuesday,  
December 24th, 2024. Is schedule for 9:00 PM**



**ОГОЛОШЕННЯ**  
**22 грудня 2024 р.**



**ХРИСТОС РОДИВСЯ !**

З нагоди радісного Празника Різдва Господа і Спаса Нашого Ісуса Христа вітаємо нашого Блаженнішого Патріярха Кир Святослава Шевчука, Преосвященнішого Митрополита Кир Бориса Гудзяка Боголюбивого Єпископа нашого Кир Богдана Данила, Всечесних Отців, Дияконів, Всіх наших Братів і Сестер в Україні, наших улюблених і щедрих парафіян і друзів. Всім вам Бажаємо найщасливіших Веселих Свят Різдва Христового і просимо Новонародженого Господа Благословення для вас всіх !  
о. Андрій

**РІЗДВЯНІ ДЕКОРАЦІЇ**

Сердечно дякуємо пані Анні Слабий за Прикрашення нашої церкви та залі до Різдвяних Свят. Нехай Господь Вас Благословить !

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Ms. Anne Slaby for decorating our church and hall so beautifully for Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord !  
May God Bless You and Protect You !

**РІЗДВЯНА ПРОДАЖ ПЕЧИВА**

Сьогодні неділя 22-го грудня наша парафія матиме Різдвяну продаж печива, після Служби Божої в год. 10-ій ранку у церковній залі.

*Завиванці з маком та оріхами. Прийдіть та підтримайте нашу парафію. Дуже Дякую !*

**ЦЕРКОВНІ КОНВЕРТИ НА 2025 РІК**

Просим брати ваші церковні конверти на 2025 рік, чкі знаходяться у притворі церкви.

Конверти покладені в абетному порядку. Число могло змінитися від минулого року. Оплата за конверти залишається 10 дол.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**December 22nd 2024**

**Merry Christmas !**  
**Happy New Year !**

*Wishing all of our Parishioners, Family and Friends a very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year !*

We thank all of our Parishioners and Friends for their continued support of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church through their monetary stewardship and their volunteer sacrifice, God bless you with continued health and happiness as we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

At this time we ask that you continue to pray for those who are home bound, ill or struggling during this Christmas season...  
*“Lord hear our prayers for the members of our community who are ill and for all who are in need. Show your mercy and give them strength and courage during this beautiful season of hope. May you be blessed with His Love and protection, guidance and grace.”*

*Fr. Andrew*

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

On Sunday, December 22nd, our Parish will have a “Christmas Bake Sale” after 10:00 AM Liturgy in the church hall. *Poppy seed rolls and nut rolls. Please come and support our parish. Thank You !*

**CHURCH DONATION ENVELOPES FOR YEAR 2025**

Please pick up your 2025 church envelopes in the vestibule of the church.

Envelopes have been placed in alphabetical order. Your number may be different than last year’s. The initial offering which covers the cost of the envelopes is \$ 10.00

**December 22, 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that **“there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord”** (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.”

— *Father John Muir*

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**December 25, 2024**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**

In one of my assignments as a priest I was asked to provide administrative oversight to a rather large Church operation with massive financial, legal, and personnel challenges. When I began, I felt overwhelmed and unqualified. Someone said to me, “You are totally unqualified for this work.” The unfeeling truth of it stung. Reeling and upset, I reached out to my predecessor, who said, “Your job is to bring Jesus into every situation. Let everyone else be the experts in all the other stuff.” It was so liberating. My lack of qualifications actually became an asset because it grounded me in the truth of Jesus alone and not in my own skill.

Do you ever feel unqualified to be a messenger of Jesus to the world? The shepherds in the Gospel account of Jesus’ birth were part of a scorned and despised class in those days, not unlike prostitutes and tax collectors. They were not competent and respected citizens. And *they* are the ones who are approached by angels and invited to see Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They ignore their lack of qualifications and announce what they’ve seen and heard about the newborn king.

So, it goes with us. When it comes to the things of God and angels, we are as incompetent and unlikely as shifty shepherds. Until, that is, we behold the glory of the newborn king, which we do in the Christmas liturgy. May the revelation to us of Christ’s birth this Christmas overwhelm our insecurities and make the likes of us the most unlikely heralds of our king.

— *Father John Muir*