

# Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

2280 West 7th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44113

December 8, 2024

**29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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## DIRECTORY:

**Parish Office:**  
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*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-  
marital classes which are normally  
scheduled in March.

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



*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 8th, 2024 - 29th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**MONDAY, December 9th, 2024 MATERNITY OF ST. ANNE**

**10:00 AM +Terry Lobur (R. & M. Drozd)**

**TUESDAY, December 10th, 2024**

*(NO SERVICE)*

**WEDNESDAY, December 11th, 2024**

**10:00 AM Health & Blessings For Oles (J. & C. Klek)**

**THURSDAY, December 12th, 2024**

**10:00 AM Health & Blessings for Stefan (J. & C. Klek)**

**FRIDAY, December 13th, 2024**

**10:00 AM Health & Blessings For Erika (J. & C. Klek)**

**SATURDAY, December 14th, 2024**

*(NO SERVICE)*

**SUNDAY, December 15th, 2024 - 29th Sunday of the Forefathers**

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



## ATTENTION !

**OUR PARISH WILL HOST CHRISTMAS DINNER ON  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 21ST, 2024 AT 4:00 PM IN OUR CHURCH  
HALL, FOR OUR PARISHIONERS.**

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME, PLEASE COME !**



## ОГОЛОШЕННЯ 8 грудня 2024 р.

### РІЗДВЯНА ПРОДАЖ ПЕЧИВА

В неділю 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 алфавітному порядку.

Число могло змінитися від минулого року.

Оплата за конверти залишається 10 дол.

### BETHLEHEM PEACE LIGHT

The Bethlehem Peace Light that has shined for over 1,000 years !

The Peace Light Organizations with the support of Scouts and other scouting organizations, like Plast, have been dedicated to spreading the continuous flame from Bethlehem across the North American continent.

Our, Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church received the Peace Light today, Sunday, December 15, 2024 during our 10:00 AM Liturgy.

Upon its arrival we will say, *"We gladly receive this light as a sign of our willingness to be channels of peace, by our words and actions"*. The Peace Light will remain at Ss. Peter and Paul UCC throughout the Christmas season.

Parishioners may light their candles from the Peace Light and share this special gift with family and friends. We thank Mrs. Natalia Oryshkewycz and the PLAST organization for their efforts to bring the Peace Light to our Parish.

### The Conception of Saint Anna

Celebrated for many centuries under a variety of titles, the feast widely known as Immaculate Conception is celebrated in the Eastern Church as the Feast of the Conception Saint Anna. This feast commemorates Saint Anna's conception of Mary, the Mother of God.

The writings of the early Church tell us that Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, prayed earnestly for a child. Joachim was of the tribe of Judah and a descendant of King David. Ann was the daughter of the priest Matthan. Ann's sister, Zoia, was the mother of Elizabeth (who became the mother of John the Baptist). Ann, however, was childless.

Anna and Joachim had lived devoutly in marriage for fifty years. They gave a third their income to the poor and a third to the Temple. Still, they were scorned for being without offspring. With heavy hearts, they prayed that God would bless them with a child to comfort them in their old age. The Lord God answered their prayers by allowing Anna to conceive a child who would be the mother of God's own Son, Jesus Christ.

Thus, we see in this feast how marvelously God prepared for the birth of His Own Son. Our Lord Jesus Christ was mystically born from the virginal womb of a woman who herself was immaculately conceived from a barren womb! Let us, therefore, cry out to the Mother of God, "Hail, O Womb of Divine Incarnation! Hail, O you through whom creation is renewed! Hail, O you through whom the Creator becomes a babe! Hail, O bride and Maiden ever-pure!" (From the Akathist)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS December 8th 2024

### 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 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





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### **Everyday Stewardship**

I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed. I will bet over 50% of the wreaths never received a 4th flame! Of course by then, most kids in elementary school had moved on to Christmas. Christmas was not a day. It was an entire experience of vacation from school.

You may or may not have an Advent wreath in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**December 8, 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **“the word of God came to John the Baptist:”** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: “Come, Lord Jesus. Come.”

— *Father John Muir*

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### *What St. Anna Teaches Us about Faith*

Think about the purity, holiness, and magnificence of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was the only human being ever to be sinless and constantly in a state of grace. Because Mary was such a beautiful symbol of grace, her mother, St. Anna, must have also been a devoted woman of God.

Anna and her husband Joachim were an extremely pious couple, but they were unable to conceive a child. This burden weighed heavily on Joachim's shoulders, so he spent much time fasting and in devout prayer pleading for God to bless him and Anna with a child.

According to tradition, Anna also became distraught. She went into her garden and prayed for God to bless her with a child, promising that the child would be dedicated to the service of the Lord. As Anna wept in prayer, an angel appeared and said to her, “The Lord has looked upon thy tears; thou shalt conceive and give birth and the fruit of thy womb shall be blessed by all

the world.” Then the angel appeared to Joachim as well, and the couple rejoiced as they conceived a child, whom they named Mary.

St. Anna understood that all children are a blessing from God and that God alone has the power to decide when the life of a person will begin and end. When God blesses us, it can be easy to merely accept the gift and move forward with our daily lives. But St. Anna did more than receive the gift of a child. She went a step further and trusted in the plan of God by promising her child to God's service.

As we work to build a culture of life, we can easily become discouraged. But like St. Anna, we must put our faith and trust in God and His ultimate plan for our happiness. We can turn to God and pray for children, pray for an end to abortion, and pray for the gift of adoption. With God's help, nothing is impossible.