

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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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-Cana 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, February 1st, 2026 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son

**11:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- For the Parishioners -**

After Divine Liturgy Parish Yalynka in the church hall

MONDAY, February 2nd, 2026 ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD

10:00 AM Health and Blessings for Lucy and Mariusz ()

TUESDAY, February 3rd, 2026

10:00 AM Health and Blessing for Dennis Lazuta (Diana Froberg)

WEDNESDAY, February 4th, 2026

10:00 AM Health and Blessings for Dennis Lazuta (Diana Froberg)

THURSDAY, February 5th, 2026

10:00 AM Health and Blessings for Motria Stachur (Diana Froberg)

FRIDAY, February 6th, 2026

10:00 AM Health and Blessings for Maria Levenson (Diana Froberg)

SATURDAY, February 7th, 2026

(NO SERVICE)

SUNDAY, February 8th 2026 - Meatfare Sunday

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

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ 1 лютого 2026 р.

ХРИСТОС РОДИВСЯ !

STS. PETER AND PAUL WILL BE HAVING THEIR ANNUAL PARISH YALYNKA

Due to the frigid and snowy weather forecasted for Sunday, January 25th, 2026, we RESCHEDULE our Parish Yalynka luncheon for today, Sunday February 1st, 2026. Liturgy will be held at 11:00 AM followed by the luncheon 12:30 PM

Donation at the Door: Adults \$ 35.00, Young Adults 13-18 \$ 20.00 Children 12 and under free.

ВІТАЄМО У НАШІЙ ПАРАФІЇ НАШОГО ЄПІСКОПА КИР БОГДАНА ДАНИЛА

Сьогодні, неділя 1-го лютого 2026 р. Вітаємо у нашій парафії Єпископа Кир Богдана Данила, який служитиме Святу Літургію в год. 11-ї ранку.



БЛУДНИЙ СИН — СИМВОЛ БОЖОГО МИЛОСЕРДЯ ДЛЯ ГРІШНИКА

Притча про блудного сина має для нас глибоко символічне значення. Осмислюючи її, ми спонтанно відчуваємо, що блудний син — це будь-хто з нас, кожна людина, яка через свої гріхи покидає Господа Бога. Тому ця притча для кожного така близька, бо є наче частиною інтимної історії нашого життя. Вона — це вічний символ нашої невірності щодо Господа Бога, але й символ безграницяного Божого милосердя. Сьогоднішній світ ройтесь від блудних синів і доњок. Тож і сьогодні драма цієї притчі часто-густо повторюється у глибині сердец тисяч і мільйонів душ. Кожна людина є або тим старшим сином, що завжди вірний своєму батькові, або молодшим сином, який щойно через тяжкий і дуже болісний досвід життя переконується, що поза батьківським домом ніде немає щастя.

Притча про блудного сина вчить нас, що Господь прощає і приймає навіть найбільшого грішника, коли той кається у своїх гріхах. Історія людського роду — це історія Божого милосердя. "Милосердя Господне, — каже цсалмонівець, — віл віку й до віку, над тими, що бояться Його" (Пс. 103, 17).



СВЯТО СТРІТЕННЯ ГОСПОДА НАШОГО ІСУСА ХРИСТА

Празник Стрітення завершує сорокаденні Різдвяні святкування. Свято має за основу подію, записану євангелістом Лукою (Лк. 2:22-39). У Єрусалимському храмі маленького Ісуса зустрів праведний Симеон, якому "було відкрито Святым Духом, що не бачитиме смерті, перш ніж побачить Христа Господа", і пророчиця Анна, що мала 84 роки та жила при храмі. Старець Симеон віддав хвалу Богові, взяв на руки Дитятко та промовив чудесні слова, що їх Церква тепер співає на Вечірній: "Нині, Владико, можеш відпустити слугу твого за твоїм словом у мірі, бо мої очі бачили твоє спасіння, що ти приготував перед усіма народами; світло на просвіту поганам, і славу твого люду — Ізраїля."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 1st 2026

Merry Christmas !

WE WELCOME BISHOP BOHDAN DANYLO TO OUR PARISH

Today Sunday, February 1st, 2026 we welcome our Bishop Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo in our Parish. Bishop Bohdan will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM.



2. Sunday of the Prodigal Son

...This Parable is known as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the subject matter of this week. Despite the characterization in this Parable, its main subject is the warm parental love of the Father. The father's love was unbroken and firm for his prodigal son. His love was shown more at the return of his son than in the beginning, despite the fact that his son squandered his "properties". In the end, however, the son exchanged his prodigality for repentance, and this is the crux of the parable. This moment changes the prodigal son into the prudent son, expelling arrogance with repentance. While the son was returning to his father, he kept rehearsing over and over again: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you". But when the son saw his father's house from afar, his father saw him, and ran to him and embraced him warmly. Thus, the son did not have the opportunity to tell his father what he had been rehearsing. The son at the beginning said, "give me", but in the end he asked, "make me", which is the depth of repentance and obedience, the challenging factors of a Christian.



FEAST OF THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD

With the righteous Simeon and the prophetess Anna.

The event that the Church commemorates today, Sunday, February 2nd, is described in the Gospel of St. Luke (2:22-28). On this day we celebrate the purification of Mary, the presentation and dedication of Jesus

as the first-born, and the encounter with Simeon and the prophetess Anna. Upon encountering the Lord Jesus, Simeon exalted in Jubilation saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." (Lk 2:29-32)

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:1-12a

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "**Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad**" (**Matthew 5:11-12**). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— *Father John Muir*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Countercultural Then and Now

Sometimes I wonder what this world will look like when my children get to be my age. Everything seems to be changing so rapidly and much of that change doesn't seem to be for the good. I do think in some ways the Church is experiencing resurgence and a strengthening, but it will have to be in the face of an increasing culture of atheism and selfishness.

Of course, I bet my parents wondered the same thing when I was a child. As much as things change, they remain the same. When Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, I would guess some parents there were having the same kind of worries. But Jesus proposed a way of life in the beatitudes that was countercultural then and is countercultural now.

In his book, *Life of Christ*, Fulton Sheen said this: "The Sermon on the Mount is so much at variance with all that our world holds dear that the world will crucify anyone who tries to live up to its values." Living a stewardship way of life means bringing the beatitudes into our daily lives in a profound way. However, it also means living in a way that others may not understand or they may even turn away from us because of it. But with the reward in the end being the kingdom of heaven, the choice is really a matter of life and death, *eternally* speaking.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Mercy and Forgiveness

All that God looks for from us is the slightest opening and He forgives a multitude of sins. ... There were two brothers: they divided their father's goods between them and one stayed home, while the other went away to a foreign country, wasted all he had been given, and then could not bear the shame of his poverty. The son who went away represents those who fall after baptism. This is clear from the fact that he is called a son, since no one is called a son unless he is baptized. Also, he lived in his father's house and took a share of all his father's goods. Before baptism no one receives the Father's goods or enters upon the inheritance. We can therefore take all this as signifying the state of believers.

What does he say after falling into the depths of evil? I will return to my father. The reason the father let him go and did not prevent his departure for a foreign land was so that he might learn well by experience what good things are enjoyed by the one who stays at home. For when words would

not convince us God often leaves us to learn from the things that happen to us. When the dissolute returned after going to a foreign country and finding out by experience what a great sin it is to leave the father's house, the father did not remember past injuries but welcomed him with open arms. Why? Because he was a father and not a judge. And there were dances and festivities and banquets and the whole house was full of joy and gladness.

Are you asking: "Is this what he gets for his wickedness?" Not for his wickedness, but for his return home; not for sin, but for repentance; not for evil, but for being converted. What is more, when the elder son was angry at this the father gently won him over, saying: You were always with me, but he was lost and has been found; he was dead and has come back to life. "When someone who was lost has to be saved," says the father, "it is not the time for passing judgment or making minute inquiries, but only for mercy and forgiveness."