

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

2280 West 7th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44113

March 22nd, 2026

5th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
- ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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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-
marriage 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, March 22nd, 2026 - 5TH Sunday of the Great Fast

ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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

MONDAY, March 23rd, 2026

(NO SERVICE)

TUESDAY, March 24th, 2026

(NO SERVICE)

WEDNESDAY, March 25th, 2026 Annunciation of the Theotokos

10:00 AM +Maria Hanovsky (Anne Slaby)

THURSDAY, March 26th, 2026

10:00 AM +Wasył Slaby - 37th Anniversary (Anne Slaby)

FRIDAY, March 27th, 2026

10:00 AM Lenten Service ()

SATURDAY, March 28th, 2026 - Saturday of the Lazarus -

10:00 AM +Maria Hanovsky (Anne Slaby)

- SOROKOUSTY-

SUNDAY, March 29th 2026 - Palm Sunday

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

- For the Parishioners -



PRAYER REQUESTS: At this time, we ask that you remember to pray for our friends and family members who are home-bound, ill, recovering from surgery or receiving treatment.

O God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 - PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Parishioners (Ukr. & Eng.)

Blessing and Distribution of Pussy Willows - Myrovannya

- After Divine Liturgy, bake sale in the church hall -

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026 - Holy Monday

NO SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026 - Holy Tuesday

NO SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026 - Holy Wednesday

NO SERVICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026 - Holy and Great Thursday

At St. Josaphat Cathedral in Parma, Ohio -

10:30 AM Vespers with Pontifical Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - *Washing of Feet*

6:00 PM Matins, Reading of 12 Passion Gospels - *confession*

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 - Holy and Good Friday

5:00 PM Vespers and Exposition and Veneration of Holy Shroud - *confession*

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 - Holy and Great Saturday

3:30 PM *Blessing of Paschal Food (Hall)*

4:00 PM *Divine Liturgy*

5:00 PM *Blessing of Paschal Food (Hall)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 PASCHA - Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00 AM *Resurrection Matins with the Divine Liturgy of*

St. John Chrysostom For the Parishioners -

Blessing of Artos - Myrovannya

“Come, feast lovers ! Let us come together and extol in song those sons, bishop of Christ, the pride of the Fathers, towers of faith, and teachers and guardians of believers, saying: Rejoice, O Basil the Wise, star of the Church and its unshakeable pillar. Rejoice, O heavenly intelligence, Gregory the Theologian, the great High Priest. Rejoice, O John of the golden words, Chrysostom, fervent preacher of repentance. Therefore, O blessed Fathers, do not cease to intercede with Christ always for those who, in faith and love, celebrate your most noble and sacred feast.”

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ 22 березня 2026 р.

ДОРОГІ ПАРАФІЯНИ І ДРУЗИ

Передаю Всім мою ширю подяку і пошану за ваші слова співчуття, молитви та пожертви, з приводу смери моєї дорогої мами +Марії.

Нехай Бог Благословить Вас і захищає на завжди.

о. Андрій

ПРОДАЖ ПЕЧИВА У КВІТНУ НЕДІЛЮ

Наша парафія матиме продаж печива у Квітню Неділю 29-го березня, 2026 р.

СВЯЧЕНЕ НАШОЇ ПАРАФІЇ

Наша парафія матиме Свячене в неділю 12-го квітня, 2026 р. В год 12:30 по полудні, зараз після Служби Божої (в год. 11-й ранку)

Традиційні Великодні (теплі) страви.

Неділя Марії Єгипетської

Ця п'ята неділя Великого Посту названа на честь жінки, котра провела в єгипетській пустелі 40 років свого життя у молитві та пості. Колись ця жінка Марія вела нечесне та грішне життя, але настав такий час, що вона змогла перемінитися і стала для всіх християн прикладом покаяння. У цю неділю в Божому Домі читають Євангеліє про жінку-грішницю, яка прийшла до Сина Божого – Ісуса Христа, й своїми сльозами обмила Йому ноги й намастила їх різними пахощами. Завдяки широму покаянню Марія Єгипетська отримала від Ісуса Христа прощення своїх гріхів.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God." At this hour, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit may inspire an end to the violent confrontation and killing in Ukraine. May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles, and religious liberty to their troubled land. God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine. And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 22nd 2026

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

I would like to express my Deepest Gratitude and Appreciation for all Your kind expressions of Sympathy, Prayers and donations in Memory of my

Dear Mother +Maria.

May God Bless and keep You always.

Fr. Andrew

PALM SUNDAY

We will having our traditional bake sale on Palm Sunday, March 29th, 2026 at 11:30 A.M. Right after Divine Liturgy..

PARISH EASTER LUNCHEON

Our Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Easter Luncheon will take place on Sunday, April 12th, 2026 at 12:30 PM. Right after Divine Liturgy (11:00 AM) Traditional Easter food (hot) will be served.

Saint Mary of Egypt

Saint Mary was born in Egypt in the sixth century and by the age of twelve had already dedicated her life to the pursuit of debauchery and excess. By her own admission, she spent the next seventeen years of her life attempting to satisfy every carnal appetite in any way possible. This intention led her to seek passage on a boat bound for Jerusalem where, out of curiosity, she followed the crowds to the threshold of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As she attempted to follow the crowd into the Church she was stopped at the doorway by an invisible force. At this moment, her sinfulness was revealed to her and she made a promise to the Mother of God that if she was permitted to enter the Church she would dedicate the rest of her life to God.

After her dramatic conversion she withdrew to the desert where she spent the remaining years of her life in self-denial and repentance. Towards the end of her life she met the priest-monk Zozimos whom she petitioned to visit her on regular occasions in order that she might be nourished with Holy Communion before she died.

May the example of Saint Mary draw attention to our own need for repentance so that we, too, nourished by Holy Communion, may rededicate our lives to the service of God.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, “**Untie him and let him go**” (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ’s voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *Father John Muir*

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, “Don’t give up; you can never give up.” The former coach of the NC State men’s basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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Everyday Stewardship

When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Take my advice, kid - Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

The drug users and the city scum - they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got - nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.

But it cannot be like that with you.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "**Lazarus, come out!**" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.