

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

2280 West 7th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44113

March 15th, 2026

4th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
- ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

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DIRECTORY:

Parish Office:
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(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-
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 15th, 2026 - 4TH Sunday of the Great Fast

ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

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

MONDAY, March 16th, 2026

(NO SERVICE)

TUESDAY, March 17th, 2026

(NO SERVICE)

WEDNESDAY, March 18th, 2026

10:00 AM Lenten Service ()

THURSDAY, March 19th, 2026

(NO SERVICE)

FRIDAY, March 20th, 2026

10:00 AM Lenten Service ()

SATURDAY, March 21st, 2026

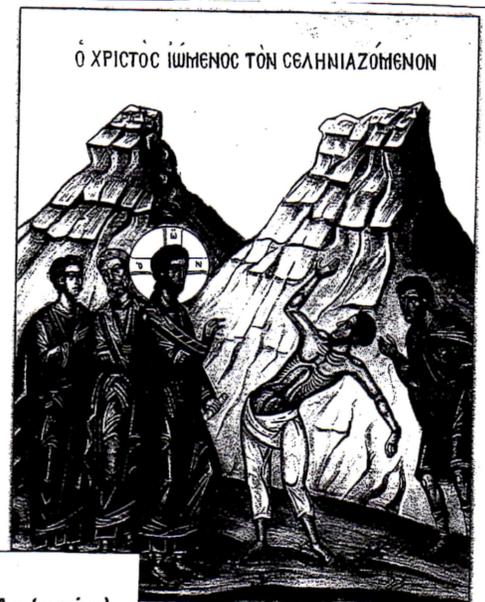
10:00 AM +Stefan +Maria Antoniw (M. & M. Antoniw)

- SOROKOUSTY-

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 -



Icon of Healing the Boy with a Demon

Saint John of the Ladder is honored by the Holy Church as a great ascetic and author of the renowned spiritual book called THE LADDER, from which he is also called "of the Ladder" (Climacus). In THE LADDER, Saint John describes the ascent toward spiritual perfection, which is essential for anyone who wishes to save his soul. It is a written account of his thoughts, based on the collected wisdom of many wise ascetics, and on his own spiritual experience. The book is a great help on the path to truth and virtue. After forty years of solitary asceticism, he was chosen as hegumen of Sinai Monastery when he was seventy-five. Saint John governed the holy monastery for four years. St. John fell asleep into the Lord in 649AD.

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ 15 березня 2026 р.

ДОРОГІ ПАРАФІЯНИ І ДРУЗІ

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

Нехай Бог Благословить Вас і захищає за 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.



ПРОСИМО ДОБРОЧИННІ ДАТКИ (Квітня неділя, 29 березня 2026р.)

Союз Українок Америки (8-ий відділ) збиратиме пожертви для надання важливої допомоги Україні. Мета Суспільної Опіки СУА є забезпечити жінок і дітей. Програми, так як Фонд Бабусі допомагають жінкам похилого віку пережити фінансові труднощі спричинені війною. Дитячий Фонд підтримує програми психічної допомоги і забезпечує табори відпочинку для українських дітей, щоби допомогти їм дивитися вперед на краще майбутнє.

(<https://unwla.org/project-groups/social-welfare/>) Завдяки нашим партнерам в Україні та Вашим щедрим жертвам, разом ми можемо полегшити життєві труднощі українців, які страждають від російської агресії. Будь ласка, щедро допоможіть нашим посестрам в Україні. Заздалегідь дякуємо за Вашу щедрість! Слава Україні! Героям Слава!!

SPECIAL COLLECTION (Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026)

The Ukrainian National Women's League of America (BRANCH 8) will be collecting monetary donations to deliver critical assistance to Ukraine. UNWLA's Social Welfare Fund enables rapid, flexible support for the most vulnerable populations in Ukraine. Programs like the Babusi Fund helps elderly women survive the financial hardships caused by the war. The Children's Fund supports mental health programs and provides respite camps for Ukrainian children to help them look forward to a brighter future.

(<https://unwla.org/project-groups/social-welfare/>) Through our partners on the ground in Ukraine and with your generous donations we all can make a difference in the lives of Ukrainians suffering from russian aggression. Please be as generous as you can to help support our brave sisters in Ukraine. Thanking you in advance for your generosity. Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the Heroes!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS March 15th 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
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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent
John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— *Father John Muir*

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Journeying to Pascha

Jesus continues today his work of healing and exorcism, and that is appropriate for this time of Lent, because Lent is a time for healing and exorcism. It is a time for us to heal the wounds of our souls – self-inflicted wounds due to our complacency and laziness and self-indulgence. It is time to get rid of those demons of our own sinful habits and anything that keeps us away from God and from living that abundant life that Christ came to give us.

We start to make our way toward Jerusalem. At the end of today's Gospel already there is the prediction of the passion, the death and the resurrection of Christ, giving a little hint in the Gospel that the course of Lent is moving now towards Jerusalem. We have gone through several weeks now of spiritual preparations, Scripture texts, prayers and activities. Now our focus

is starting to turn towards Jerusalem. That will be made more explicit in next Sunday's Gospel, but we are already getting a hint of it now.

There are only three weeks now until Easter, two weeks until Palm Sunday, when we are really liturgically accompanying Christ into the mystery of His Passion.

So it is coming soon, and we have to start turning towards Jerusalem. We have to get focused, we have to get recollected, we have to really revive our Lenten prayer and fasting so that we can make the rest of this journey and be fruitful and overcome the demons and find healing for the wounds of our souls – and go with Christ to his Passion and, through the mystery of His Cross, come to that great, transfiguring, glorious celebration of His Resurrection.