

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

2280 West 7th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44113

March 8th, 2026

3rd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
- VENERATION OF THE CROSS

VOLUME 10, ISSUE 70

DIRECTORY:

Parish Office:
(216) 861-2176
Emergency Sick Call,
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-
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 8th, 2026 - 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

Veneration of the Cross

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

**MONDAY, March 9th, 2026
(NO SERVICE)**

**TUESDAY, March 10th, 2026
(NO SERVICE)**

**WEDNESDAY, March 11th, 2026
10:00 AM Lenten Service ()**

**THURSDAY, March 12th, 2026
(NO SERVICE)**

**FRIDAY, March 13th, 2026
10:00 AM Lenten Service ()**

**SATURDAY, March 14th, 2026
10:00 AM +Stefan Telep - 25th Anniversary (Anne Slaby)
- SOROKOUSTY-**

**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 -**



ХРЕСТОПОКЛІННА НЕДІЛЯ

В третю неділю Великого посту ми вшановуємо і почитаємо Святий і Животворний Хрест. Ми досягли середини Великого посту і, пройшовши половину нашої мандрівки до свята Пасхи, хрест дається нам як знак перемоги і радості. Через поклоніння перед Святим Хрестом і розважанням над ним, ми повинні пам'ятати про те, що Христос був розп'ятий і помер на хресті задля нас і з любові до нас. Він переміг смерть, дарувавши нам спасіння і вічне життя. Хрест для нас є символом любові, відкуплення і вічного життя.



VENERATION OF THE HOLY AND PRECIOUS CROSS

On this third Sunday of the Fast we venerate the Holy and Life-giving Cross. This Sunday marks the midpoint of the Great Fast. Having travelled half of our journey to Holy Pascha, the precious and life-giving cross is presented to us as a sign of victory and joy, calling to mind the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and His glorious Resurrection, refreshing and encouraging us to continue our journey.

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ
8 березня 2026 р.



• **+MARIA OLENA HANOWSKY 1931-2026**

On the morning of March 2nd, 2026 I received sad news from my sister Lucy. My mother +Maria passed away peacefully at home in her sleep. She was 94 years old.

Was buried on March 4th, 2026 in the Main Cemetery in Peremyshl in the family tomb at her husband +Ivan side.

*May she rest in peace, Memory Eternal !
Вічна їй Пам'ять !*

Fr. Andrew

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 8th 2026

ХРЕСТОПОКЛІННА НЕДІЛЯ

"Хресту Твоєму поклоняємося, Владико, і святе Воскресіння Твоє славимо".

Час св. Великого Посту це час особливого внутрішнього й зовнішнього вмертвіння і покути. А тому що ця духовна боротьба триває довший час, то звичайно буває так, що перші дні чи тижні посту ми практикуємо його рівно й мужньо, але відтак помалу фізично й душевно вичерпуємося, знеохочуємося. Св. Церква, маючи на увазі неміч і нестійкість людської природи, ставить посеред посту перед нашими очима надзвичайно могутню спонуку до витривалості духовної боротьби, а нею є св. Хрест.

У третю неділю посту, це є в середпістя, св. Церква для ободрення і підкріплення нашого духа каже нам в особливий спосіб почитати св. Господній Хрест. Звідси й назва цієї неділі: Неділя Хрестопоклонна.

Св. Хрест має нам пригадати безконечну Божу любов до нас, Христові страждання задля нас і наш обов'язок мужньо нести свій хрест щоденного життя. До всіх нас кличе Ісус Христос: "Коли хто хоче йти за мною, нехай себе зречеться, візьме шодня на себе свій хрест і йде за мною... Хто не несе свого хреста, і не йде слідом за мною — не може бути моїм учнем" (Лк. 9, 23). Хрестопоклонна Неділя пригадає нам сильну зброю, що її має кожний християнин у боротьбі з ворогами за своє спасіння, а тією зброєю є св. Хрест. І якраз цієї неділі Хрест виступає перед нами, як знамено сили, знамено спасіння та знамено перемоги і триумфу.

The Third Sunday of the Great Fast

The Sunday of the
Veneration of the Precious Cross
Sister Barbara Swindells

"We venerate Your Cross, O Master,
and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection!"

"The message of the cross is complete absurdity to those who are headed for ruin, but to us, who are experiencing salvation, it is the power of God."

I Corinthians 1:18

The Cross this day is placed before me. Its message to contemplate Truth about life, of God's love for me, others, the whole world. What has been and what is yet to be. Christ was born of a Virgin Mother; took on our humanity; graced the world with His presence leading all to salvation by doing the will of the Father. His death He accepted willingly, giving self up for our sake. Becoming our cleansing Pasch. Bringing us life eternal - His Resurrection for all to see. Let us bow before the Cross this day filled with the light of His love. Hearts aglow in gratitude for the life He sacrificed to His Kingdom. He showed us the way. Kiss the life-giving Cross of Glory. Embrace it so lovingly. Taste of the Resurrection - the fullness of life anew. Cry Out: "Rejoice in His victory!" This is the message, so long foretold. Through the Precious Cross comes joy to all the world.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "**One sows and another reaps**" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— *Father John Muir*

©LPi

The Cross, Our Victory

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tumults; and yet we obtained the victory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory.

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

St. John Chrysostom

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent
John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.