

# Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

2280 West 7th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44113

December 21st, 2025

## SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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### DIRECTORY:

**Parish Office:**  
**(216) 861-2176**  
**Emergency Sick Call,**  
**cell phone:**  
**(216) 401-0004**  
**Parish website**

[sspeterandpaulucc.com](http://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-  
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 21st, 2025 - Sunday before Christmas

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

### MONDAY, December 22nd, 2025

(NO SERVICE)

### TUESDAY, December 23rd, 2025

(NO SERVICE)

### WEDNESDAY, December 24th, 2025 Vigil of Christmas

**9:00 PM +Wasył +Eva +Michael Slaby (Anne Slaby)**

### THURSDAY, December 25th, 2025 Christmas

**- Nativity of Our Lord**

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

### FRIDAY, December 26th, 2025 Synaxis of the Theotokos

**10:00 AM +Stefan +Lucia Medycky ( )**

### SATURDAY, December 27th, 2025 1st Martyr Stephen

**10:00 AM +Stefan Rewtiuk ( )**

### SUNDAY, December 28th 2025 - SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

### ATTENTION !

**OUR PARISH WILL HOST CHRISTMAS DINNER TODAY, SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 21ST, 2025 AT 12:30 PM IN OUR CHURCH HALL, FOR OUR  
PARISHIONERS.**

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





## ОГОЛОШЕННЯ 21 грудня 2025 р.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS December 21st 2025

### ХРИСТОС РОДИВСЯ !

З нагоди радісного Празника Різдва Господа  
і Спаса Нашого Ісуса Христа вітаємо  
нашого Блаженнішого Патріярха  
Кир Святослава Шевчука,  
Преосвященнішого Митрополита  
Кир Бориса Гудзяка  
Боголюбивого Єпископа нашого  
Кир Богдана Данила,  
Всечесних Отців, Дияконів, Всіх наших  
Братів і Сестер в Україні, наших улюблених  
і щедрих парафіян і друзів.  
Всім вам Бажаємо найщасливіших Веселих  
Свят Різдва Христового і просимо  
Новонародженого Господа Благословення  
для вас всіх !  
о. Андрій

### РІЗДВЯНІ ДЕКОРАЦІЇ

Сердечно дякуємо пані Анні Слабий за  
Прикрашення нашої церкви та залі до Різдвяних  
Свят. Нехай Господь Вас Благословить !

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to  
Ms. Anne Slaby for decorating our church and hall so  
beautifully for Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord !  
May God Bless You and Protect You !

### РІЗДВЯНА ПРОДАЖ ПЕЧИВА

В неділю 21-го грудня наша парафія матиме  
Різдвяну продаж печива, після Служби Божої в год.  
11-ій ранку у церковній залі.  
Завиванці з маком та оріхами. Прийдіть та  
підтримайте нашу парафію. Дуже Дякую !

### Merry Christmas ! Happy New Year !

*Wishing all of our Parishioners, Family and  
Friends a very Blessed Christmas and Happy  
New Year !*

We thank all of our Parishioners and  
Friends for their continued support of Sts.  
Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church  
through their monetary stewardship and  
their volunteer sacrifice, God bless you with  
continued health and happiness as we are  
truly blessed to have such a wonderful  
church family.

At this time we ask that you continue to  
pray for those who are home bound, ill or  
struggling during this Christmas season...  
“Lord hear our prayers for the members of  
our community who are ill and for all who  
are in need. Show your mercy and give them  
strength and courage during this beautiful  
season of hope. May you be blessed with His  
Love and protection, guidance and grace.”  
Fr. Andrew

### CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

On Sunday, December 21st, our Parish will  
have a “Christmas Bake Sale” after 11:00 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 2026**

**Please pick up your 2026 church envelopes in 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.**

***The Story of the Origin of Jesus Christ, Son of David, and the Rest of the Names***

Matthew's genealogy is extraordinarily comprehensive in his theology of the roots of Jesus' story in the Old Testament. But that is only one part of the story of Jesus Christ. The story has a sequence as well; and the continuing sequence is what makes the genealogy "good news" for Matthew's audience and for us.

Human being have been empowered to preserve, proclaim, and convey the salvation brought by Jesus Christ throughout history. The God who wrote the beginnings with crooked lines also writes the sequence with crooked lines, and some of those lines are our own lives and witness.

A God who did not hesitate to use the scheming as well as the noble, the impure as well as the pure, men to whom the world hearkened and women upon whom the world frowned – this God continues to work through the same melange. If it

was a challenge to recognize in the last part of Matthew's genealogy that totally unknown people were part of the story of Jesus Christ, it may be a greater challenge to recognize that the unknown characters of today are an essential part of the sequence. The proclamation of that genealogy in the Advent liturgy is designed to give us hope about our destiny and our importance.

By stressing the all-powerful grace of God, the genealogy presents its greatest challenge to those who will accept only an idealized Jesus Christ whose story they would write only with straight lines and whose portrait they would paint only in pastel colors. If we look at the whole story and the total picture, the Gospels teach us that Jesus' ministry was not thus; the history of the church teaches us that the sequence as not thus. God's grace can work even with people like us.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**December 21, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20)**. When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— *Father John Muir*

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The name Emmanuel means, "God is with us." This is a title we use for Jesus frequently during the Advent and Christmas season, but its impact should stay with us throughout the year. The Incarnation, God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ, broke into our world in a profound manner that means that God is not only with us, God is us. The relationship offered to you and I by God is now more intimate and meaningful because of the birth of Jesus Christ.

God is truly with us and our goal is to be truly present to him at all times. To be *prayerful* is an important characteristic of an Everyday Steward. It means more than reciting prayers and setting aside ten minutes a day. Our goal is to experience the presence of God throughout the day in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of living. Offering all the actions and moments of the day to God as we awake, and then examining our day before we go to sleep at night, help lead us closer toward that goal.

When we begin to sense God's presence at all times, and we realize that being with God does not mean one of us has to be talking all the time, then we can truly attest to our reality in a quiet voice at any time, "Emmanuel, God is with us."