

February 18th, 2024
First Sunday of the Great Lent

SUNDAY, 2/18 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 2/19 **No** Typica Service

TUESDAY, 2/20 **5:00 pm** Typika Service

WEDNESDAY, 2/21 **4:30 pm** Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

THURSDAY, 2/22 **5:00 pm** Typika Service

FRIDAY, 2/23 **4:30 pm** Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts and Sorokousty

SATURDAY, 2/24 **4:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 2/25 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for special intention
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-COMMEMORATION OF THE DECEASED: SOROKOUSTY

On Fridays during the Great Fast (Lent), we pray for all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. If you would like to request that your departed loved ones be remembered by name during the services, please call to the church office.

2-Prayer Service 2nd Anniversary of War in Ukraine

Over the weekend of February 24-25, we will commemorate in our parish the second tragic anniversary of war in Ukraine. After the Divine Liturgy we will celebrate the prayer service for Ukraine. Also we will be having second collection to support humanitarian needs in Ukraine.

If you would want support people in Ukraine and to help freedom to take over tyranny, you may:

1. Pray for peace in Ukraine
2. Advocate on the local and national level support for Ukraine in the US.
3. Donate to humanitarian needs in Ukraine via our parish or our Eparchy. Collection box stands at the back of our church.

The letter from the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the USA

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, On February 24, we commemorate the second tragic anniversary of the full-scale Russian war against Ukraine. We all know victims: those slaughtered, maimed, rendered homeless. The Russian inferno, ignited by the illegal annexation of Crimea that began on February 20, 2014, has now been scorching our brothers and sisters for ten years. The invaders have killed hundreds of thousands and at least 12 million have become international refugees or internally displaced persons. The aggressors

have perpetrated at least one trillion dollars' worth of infrastructure damage and destruction. The criminal bombing of civilian infrastructure continues daily. In solidarity with numerous innocent victims and in deep pain, we cry to the Lord in the words of the psalmist: "They are evil; watch them, God!" (Ps 56:8). And yet, a biblical David courageously stands against Goliath that has a territory 28 times as big and is voracious for more. The aggressors covet not merely land. The world has come to see the manifest evidence of genocide committed by the invaders. Their intentions are clear: the annihilation of the Ukrainian state, its language, and culture. The attack on our Churches is frontal. Every Russian occupation of Ukrainian territory in the last 250 years has led to a dismantling of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. This time it is no different. In times of calamity and injustice, it is crucial for us to unite in prayer and solidarity with those who suffer: "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Co 12:26). Millions of individuals and families endure acute misery and trauma. As we reflect upon this catastrophic assault, let us come together as a community of hope and confidence in God's justice to offer our supplications for a just and sustainable peace and healing of the wounds of war. In the last years, parishes of our Church formed a global network of prayer, advocacy, and aid to Ukraine. We are deeply grateful to you and your parishioners for imploring the Lord to intervene, for informing the world around us, and for your generous support offered to those in distress. Please continue. Ukrainian soldiers and civilians are not giving up; neither can we. To mark this painful anniversary, we ask you to organize special prayer services at your parishes and actively participate in the commemorative events organized by the community at large. Our spiritual communion will be for our faithful the best way to observe the second anniversary of the full-scale Russian invasion, to do so with trust in the Lord, his justice and compassion. Jesus teaches about the importance of such common prayer: "I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:19-20). And God surely will "heed the plea of the lowly, not scorning their prayer" (Ps 102:18). Please find attached the text of services in English and Ukrainian which you can use for organizing prayerful commemorations at your parishes. They embrace the fallen and injured soldiers, innocent civilians who were brutally killed in air attacks, internally displaced persons and refugees, those who lost their loved ones — everybody who suffers from the unjust invasion. May the grace of the Lord be with you as we stand together in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for 2/11/24, including envelope offerings - \$565, donations - \$314, candles - \$ 57

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1036

Renewal of Liturgical vestments: budget - \$1000, donated - \$100

*Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy*
Mar. 24th —Palm Sunday
Mar. 25th —Feast of Annunciation
Mar. 29th —Good Friday
Mar. 31st —Easter

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Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

***THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.***