

## Sunday of Meat-Fare

February 4, 2024

8:40 AM Rosary  
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**  
Catechism Classes

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*Monday, February 5*

9:30 AM + Mr. Clelio Gatti – by Michael Mosyjowski

*Tuesday, February 6* NO SERVICES

*Wednesday, February 7*

5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)  
5:30 PM Rosary  
6:00 PM **Moleben in Times of War: For the Suffering Land of Ukraine and her Children**

*Thursday, February 8* NO SERVICES

*Friday, February 9*

9:30 AM + Michael Mosyjowski – by Michael Mosyjowski

5:30PM **Game night**

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*Saturday, February 10*

5:00PM Retreat for Married Couples (in Ukrainian)

**Sunday, February 11 Forgiveness Sunday**

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### DONATIONS January 28:

Sunday:	\$1,035
Pyrohy:	\$37
Ukie Display:	\$7
Yearly Dues:	\$45
Priests in Ukraine:	\$20
Ukraine War:	\$15
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,275</b>

### CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Annie Hughes (2/09)** and **Maria Griffiths (2/12)** celebrate their birthdays. We wish you a wonderful celebration, and a year of health and blessings flavored with pure joy, and **many blessed years... mnohaya i blahaya lita!**

### + Joanne Cyc obituary:

Joanne Cyc, 81, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2024. The family will receive friends from 4-7PM on Monday, February 5 at the Anthony Funeral Homes, Kucko-Anthony-Kertesz Chapel, 1990 S Main St in Akron. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 6 at 10:30AM at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1580 Brown St. in Akron followed by burial at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman.

### PLANNING AHEAD:

February 12<sup>th</sup> – Great Lent begins  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – pyrohy project  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – Fr Joseph Tuscan is coming to hear confessions & offer a reflection **5pm**  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ladies Day out @ 11am  
March 9<sup>th</sup> – Pyrohy Project  
March 16<sup>th</sup> – Choir workshop

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### What prayers did Jesus and Mary pray?

In four places in Exodus, and Deuteronomy, the Lord command Israelites to let the Shema and other commandments: be a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes." Not long before the time of Jesus, Jews had come to take this command literally and to write the texts on small pieces of parchment square boxes which men strapped to their heads and left arms. The leather boxes and straps are called phylacteries, or tefillin. Today, Jewish men still wear phylacteries while praying morning prayers. In Jesus' time, some men appear to have worn these even outside of their specific time of formal prayer, and in Matthew 23:5, Jesus criticizes those who would widen their phylacteries in order to be noticed by others. Similarly, Deuteronomy 6 command the Israelites to write the word of the Shema (Deut 6:4-5) "on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." A mezuzah is an ornamental box that holds small scroll on which the words of Deuteronomy 6:4-5 are written which is attached to the doorposts of the front door and, in some Jewish homes, the entrance to every bedroom.

**Spaghetti Dinner at St. Paul Church:**

Join us for a heartwarming evening at Saint Paul Church in Akron, Ohio, on March 9, 2024, from 4:30-7:00 PM! Akron Ohio For Ukraine, is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Hapii family, soon arriving to Akron. Preview fantastic raffle baskets on Saturday Feb. 17, 12- 3 PM and after Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Church on February 18. Tickets are just \$1 each or six for \$5. Winner need not be present. Drawings will be during Spaghetti Dinner.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:**

Please, be advised that any instance of sexual abuse by a cleric, lay employee or lay volunteer within the boundaries of our parish should be immediately reported to the local police department, child protection services of the county, the pastor of the parish and the Chancery of St. Josaphat Eparchy. A sexual abuser port form is available in the church's vestibule and/or the parish office in English and Ukrainian. The bishop can be reached at the Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to: Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, P.O. Box 347180, Parma OH 44134. You may also file a report with Ms. Marika Zaliszczuk, Victim Assistance Coordinator of St. Josaphat Eparchy (412-215-5372). For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy's safe environment policy and procedures and other pertinent info, please, log onto: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/>

**What do we mean by "meatfare" ?**

The week following the Sunday of the Prodigal Son is called Meatfare week and it terminates on the Sunday called Meatfare Sunday. Meatfare Sunday is the last day on which it was still permissible to eat meat before the Great Fast. Meatfare means "farewell to meat". Hence, the name "meatfare" Sunday. Of course, we are speaking here of the time when the Great Fast was observed in all strictness. The Sunday of the Meatfare is also called the Sunday of the Terrible Judgment. We are reminded that all our deeds will be exposed and rewarded or punished. This is clear from the following stichera, taken from the solemn Vespers of that Sunday:

*"The Books will be opened and acts of men will be revealed before the unbearable judgment seat: the whole vale of sorrow shall echo with the fearful sound of lamentation, as all sinners, weeping in vain, are sent by your just judgment to everlasting torment. Therefore, we beseech you? O compassionate and loving Lord: Spare us who sing your praise, for you alone are rich in mercy."*