

Sunday of Cheesefare
February 19, 2023

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

Monday, February 20 1st Day of the Great Fast

Tuesday, February 21

10:30 AM Book Study

Wednesday, February 22

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 23 NO SERVICES

Friday, February 24 **Day of Prayer and Fasting for victims of the war in Ukraine**

6:00 PM LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Saturday, February 25

9:00 AM **ALL SOULS SATURDAY – Liturgy with Panachyda for Our Deceased Loved Ones**
5:00 PM **+ William & Anne Taras – by the Taras Family**

***Sunday, February 26* 1st Sunday of the Great Fast**

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

MOLEBEN FOR VICTORY & PEACE IN UKRAINE On Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 5:00 PM, the Ukrainian Community of the Greater Cleveland Area will hold a Moleben Service for Victory and Peace in Ukraine. The service will take place at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. You are all cordially invited to come and pray together for peace in Ukraine.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DECEASED: SOROKOUSTY On Saturdays 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, there is no need to write all the names on the envelope since we have the lists from last year. If all the names are the same, please print “SAME AS LAST YEAR” and add any additional names you wish. You may drop the envelopes in the collection basket or place them in the mailbox at the rectory office no later than Thursday, February 23rd.

DONATIONS – February 12th:

Sunday: \$1,361
Pyrohy: \$210
Ukrainian Aid: \$10
In memory of Ron Prexta: \$50
Emergency Fund: \$200
Total: \$1,831

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Aleksy Wlaszyn (2/22)** celebrates his birthday. 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!**

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine:

The Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide is planning to observe a *day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine*. On February 24, 2023, a year since the beginning of the full-scale war that Russia unleashed against Ukraine, we will observe a 12-hour prayer marathon and will unite in prayer with all the faithful of our church on all continents. Bishop Bohdan is asking that each of our parishes marks this day with special prayer service and keep the doors of our churches open to public for prayer. We encourage all our parishioners to participate. People of good will in our neighborhoods are very supportive of Ukraine. Please invite them to join us in prayer as well.

PARISH RETREAT:

Saturday March 4th from 10-1pm
Mark your calendar!
Signup sheet available.

THE GREAT FAST BEGINS

tomorrow we begin the Season of the Great Fast. During each Sunday of the past four weeks, the Church has been preparing us to begin our Lenten journey with a specific Gospel lesson and spiritual food for thought. Let us make every deliberate effort to be more prayerful, humble, merciful and forgiving, abstaining from both food and sin during the next forty days “for now is the season of repentance. Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” May our journey through the Great Fast be a true experience of spiritual growth and communion with our God who anxiously awaits our response to his love and forgiveness. Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of Lent, the following minimal Lenten regulations are in force in our Eparchy:

1. Abstinence from meat and all dairy products for the First Day of The Great Fast, February 20, 2023 and on Good Friday, April 7, 2023.
2. Abstinence from meat only on all Wednesdays & Fridays of Lent as well as Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023.
3. Reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the Pascal season (from the onset of Lent to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday).

Fasting and Abstinence regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children before the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. **Prayer and almsgiving oblige all!**

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 report 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/>