

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

March 26, 2023

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

Monday, March 27 NO SERVICES
Tuesday, March 28 NO SERVICES

Wednesday, March 29

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, March 30 NO SERVICES

Friday, March 31

6:00 PM LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Saturday, April 1 *Lazarus Saturday*

5:00 PM **Vespers**
+ Demko & Kateryna Schmeida – by Mary Covert

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**
11:00AM *Palm Sunday Bazaar*

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church invites everyone to join them this Easter season starting with their traditional Palm Sunday Bazaar after Divine Liturgy on April 2nd, 2023 from 11:00 am until 1:00 PM. The bazaar will feature Easter basket foods for purchase such as Paska bread, kielbasa, ham, and other meats, butter lambs, beet/horseradish relish, and assorted Kolachi rolls such as poppy seed, walnut, apricot, and a low sugar walnut. The traditional "batik" style Pysanky (Easter eggs) and other Ukrainian items will be available for sale as gifts. A light dine-in lunch of kielbasa sandwiches w/ sauerkraut will be offered. Frozen pierogi will also be available by the dozen.

For Holy Week you are invited to join for Vespers at the Tomb (6:30 PM) on Good Friday, the Blessing of Baskets (1:00 PM) and Easter Vigil Vespers and Liturgy (6:00 PM) on Holy Saturday, and the Resurrection Matins (8:00 AM) and Divine Liturgy (9:00 AM) on Easter morning.

DONATIONS – March 19:

Sunday: \$2,508
In Memory of + Sally Starks: \$1,440
Emergency Fund: \$200
Ukraine Relief: \$505
Total: \$5,422

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Luba Halamay (3/27)** celebrates her birthday. May God bless you and grant you **many years, Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

Easter Egg hunt:

There will be an Easier egg hunt for children twelve and under following the traditional Easter Basket blessing on Holy Saturday at 1 pm. All participants will receive a book and a small toy but most importantly the joy of community with our parish family. So that we can plan appropriately, please speak to Dr. Maria Griffiths or text her at 330-620-9571 with the ages of your children.

Pysanky Workshop

All youth and interested adults are once again invited to participate in a pysanky (Ukrainian Easter egg decorating) workshop which will be held Palm Sunday following Divine liturgy. All materials will be provided. Parents may wish to bring a change of clothes or art shirt as the dyes do stain. Wax crayons and coloring options will be available for the youngest members of our parish.

We are looking for volunteers to bake goods for our **Palm Sunday Bazaar**. If you are interested, and willing to help, please talk to Irene Fenkanyn.

They are back!!!

Winesburg Meats will again be making their Kielbasa rings and other Easter Basket items. Call (330) 359-5092 to place your order by March 25th. Winesburg will be at the Palm Sunday Bazaar where you can pick up your order and purchase additional items.

St Josaphat:

In 2023, we commemorate the 400th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Josaphat Kuntsevich. This anniversary date should be an opportunity for us to rediscover the identity of the great ascetic, monk and shepherd, so that his example will inspire us to serve God heroically in the faithful service of God's people and to unite all for Christ. Ivan (Josaphat) Kuntsevych was born in 1580 in a bourgeois family of Gabriel and Maria in the princely city of Vladimir-Volynsky. He was baptized in the local church of St. Paraskevia of Iconium, also known as Paraskeva Pyatnitsa. Ivan spent his childhood and youth in his hometown of Vladimir-Volynsky. In 1596, when Ivan was 16 years old, his parents sent him to Vilna to learn the science and practice of merchant craft from Yakyntij Popovich. He resisted various persuasions from Yakyntij Popovich and left the merchant's business to become a merchant of heavenly virtues and dedicate himself to the service of God.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

April 5 – Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM
April 6 – Matins & 12 Gospels 6:30 PM
April 7 – Vespers at the tomb 6:30 PM
April 8 – Blessing of baskets outside 1 PM
1 :30 PM – 2:30 Confessions
1:15 PM – Easter Egg hunt
6:00 PM Easter Vigil
April 9 – 8:00 AM Matins/Easter Liturgy

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/>

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In 1604 he entered the desolate monastery of the Holy Trinity in Vilna. He was accepted as a monk and tonsured by the Kiev Metropolitan Hypatius Potius himself and took the monastic name – Josaphat.

In 1609, Josaphat Kuntsevich was ordained a priest by Metropolitan Hypatius Potius. Josaphat, through his teaching, kind words and charity, "attracted" to the Kyivan Union Church a large number of people who renounced the schism and became zealous Catholics. The enemies, seeing the great successes of the holy man, tried to find some guilt or flaw in him in various ways and not finding anything in St. Josaphat because of their envy, gave him the name of a soul-catcher.

In 1613, by order of Metropolitan Veljamin Rutsky, Josaphat was appointed as abbot of the Byten monastery. Metropolitan Veljamin Rutsky in 1615 appointed Josaphat as assistant bishop to the Archeparchy of Polotsk. In 1618, after the death of the old Archbishop Gideon, Josaphat took over the Archeparchy as the new Archbishop of Polotsk.

On Sunday, November 12, 1623, he was killed. Josaphat Kuntsevich led more people to unity by his martyrdom than through his hard work during his lifetime. Pope Urban VIII on May 16, 1643 listed Archbishop Josaphat Kuntsevich among the blessed. In 1644, on November 12, the first celebration of the feast of Archbishop Josaphat Kuntsevich took place in Rome. On June 29, 1867, Pope Pius IX inscribed the holy martyr Josaphat Kuntsevich among the holy martyrs with a solemn bull.