

# HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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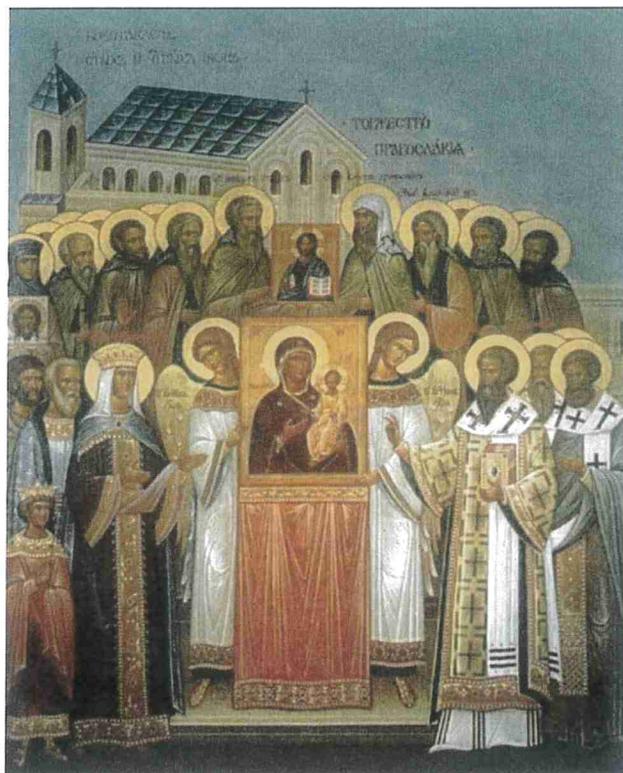
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**February 22, 2026**

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Saturday 4 pm,  
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11 am  
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# FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Prodigal son	<b>2</b> PAC Meeting 7PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  1 <sup>st</sup> All Souls
<b>8</b> Meatfare	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Cheesefare  7pm Forgiveness Vespers	<b>16</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of the Great Fast: Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast	<b>23</b> Akathist	<b>24</b> Pittsburgh For Ukraine at Schenley Plaza at 5:30pm	<b>25</b> Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	<b>28</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> All Souls

February 22, 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast

## **From the Desk of the Pastor...**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On a recent pilgrimage I encountered a paradox that has not left me.

The oldest surviving icons are not in Constantinople—the great city that withstood Islam for centuries. They endure instead at Mount Sinai, in the Monastery of Saint Catherine, a place conquered in the seventh century. There, beneath desert sky and stone, the icons remained. And yet in lands that stayed Christian, some of the fiercest and most methodical acts of iconoclasm were carried out not by the sons of Mohammed, but by baptized Christians. Monastics resisted. Emperors decreed. Bishops and priests enforced. Officials complied, but the faithful wept.

History is not gentle with us.

This is why the Sunday of Orthodoxy matters.

The restoration of the icons in 843AD was not a victory of paint over policy, nor of art over ambassadors. It was the Church's confession that the Word truly became flesh. If Christ is truly God and truly man, then He may be depicted. If He may not be depicted, then His humanity begins to fade, to feel uncertain. The icon stands or falls with the Incarnation.

When we carry icons in procession and proclaim, "This is the faith of the Apostles," we are not announcing conquest. We are renewing allegiance. The gravest danger was never only outside the walls. The sharpest denial of the Incarnation rose from within Christian society itself. That should steady us. It should humble us. It should cause us to look at the situation in the Church today.

An icon is not ornament but it is theology in color. It declares that matter can bear God. Wood and pigment can open toward heaven because the Son of God took flesh from the Virgin Mary. The honor shown to the icon passes to its prototype; worship belongs to God alone. This distinction guards both reverence and truth.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy stands at the threshold of Lent for a reason. Orthodox Christianity is right belief joined to repentance. We fast not as a hollow discipline,

but because the God who sanctified matter also seeks to sanctify us—our bodies, our appetites, our speech, our homes, just as He once used nails, wood and blood.

The icon also reveals our calling. Christ is the Icon of the Father. In Him, the human face is restored. The Saints we see in icons are not religious celebrities; they are living witnesses to what humanity becomes when united to Christ. The icon proclaims transfiguration—not escape from the world, but its healing. You lose NOTHING by surrendering your life to God.

Sinai and Constantinople teach us this: the faith is not preserved by geography, nor secured by political strength. It is preserved by fidelity. The Church's deepest wounds have often been top-down and self-inflicted, when doctrine was treated lightly or bent to preference for powerful people.

So let us receive this feast not as nostalgia, but as recommitment.

The Word became flesh.

Matter is sanctified.

Human skin can shine with divine, uncreated light.

This is the faith of the Apostles.

This is the faith of the Fathers.

This is the faith that has established the universe.

*Jason, priest and sinner*



# **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

***Troparion, Tone 4:*** When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel\* the glorious news of the resurrection\* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles:\* “Death has been plundered!\* Christ our God is risen,\* granting to the world great mercy.”

***Troparion, Tone 2:*** We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,\* and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.\* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.\* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:\* by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

***Kontakion, Tone 8:*** The uncircumscribed Word of the Father\* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,\* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,\* He suffused it with the beauty of God.\* Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word,\* we portray it in images.

## ***Prokeimenon, Tone 4***

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,\* and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.

***verse:*** For You are righteous in everything You have done to us. (*Dnl. 3:26,27*)

## ***Alleluia, Tone 4***

***verse:*** Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

***verse:*** They called on the Lord, and He heard them. (*Psalms 98:6*)

## ***Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40; 12:1-2***

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## ***John 1: 43-51***

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

## Послання до Євреїв 11:24–26, 32–40; 12:1–2

Вірою Мойсей, коли виріс, відкріся зватися сином дочки фараонової. Він хотів краще страждати з народом Божим, аніж мати дочасну гріховну потіху; він наругу Христову вважав за більше багатство, ніж скарби єгипетські, бо він озирався на Божу нагороду. І що ще скажу? Бо не стане часу мені, щоб оповідати про Гедеона, Варака, Самсона, Ефтая, Давида й Самуїла та про пророків, що вірою царства побивали, правду чинили, одержували обітници, пащі левам загороджували, силу огненну гасили, утікали від вістря меча, зміцнялись від слабости, хоробрі були на війні, обертали в розтіч полки чужоземців; жінки діставали померлих своїх із воскресіння; а інші бували скатовані, не прийнявши визволення, щоб отримати краще воскресіння; а інші дізнали наруги та рани, а також кайдани й в'язниці; камінням побиті бували, допитувані, перепилювані, умирали, зарубані мечем, тинялися в овечих та козячих шкурах, збідовані, засумовані, витерпілі; ті, що світ не вартий був їх, тинялися по пустинях та горах, і по печерах та проваллях земних. І всі вони, одержавши засвідчення вірою, обітници не прийняли, бо Бог передбачив щось краще про нас, щоб вони не без нас досконалість одержали. Тому і ми, маючи навколо себе таку велику хмару свідків, відкиньмо всякий тягар і гріх, що так легко пристає до нас, і біжімо витривало до змагання, що призначене нам, вдивляючися пильно в Ісуса, засновника й завершителя віри, який замість радости, що перед Ним була, витерпів хрест, на сором не звертаючи уваги, і який возсів праворуч Божого престолу.

## Від Івана 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup> Наступного дня захотів Він піти в Галілею. І знайшов Він Пилипа та й каже йому: Іди за Мною!<sup>44</sup> А Пилип із Віфсаїди походив, із міста Андрія й Петра.<sup>45</sup> Пилип Нафанаїла знаходить та й каже йому: Ми знайшли Того, що про Нього писав був Мойсей у Законі й Пророки, Ісуса, сина Йосипового, із Назарету.<sup>46</sup> І сказав йому Нафанаїл: Та хіба ж може бути з Назарету що добре? Пилип йому каже: Прийди та побач.<sup>47</sup> Ісус, угледівши Нафанаїла, що до Нього йде, говорить про нього: Ото справді ізраїльтянин, що немає в нім підступу!<sup>48</sup> Говорить Йому Нафанаїл: Звідки знаєш мене? Ісус відповів і до нього сказав: Я бачив тебе ще давніш, ніж Пилип тебе кликав, як під фіговим деревом був ти.<sup>49</sup> Відповів Йому Нафанаїл: Учителю, Ти Син Божий, Ти Цар Ізраїлів!<sup>50</sup> Ісус відповів і до нього сказав: Через те віриш ти, що сказав Я тобі, що під фіговим деревом бачив тебе? Більш від цього побачиш!<sup>51</sup> І Він каже йому: Поправді, поправді кажу вам: Відтепер ви побачите небо відкрите та Анголів Божих, що на Людського Сина підіймаються та спускаються.

# ПІТТСБУРГ ДЛЯ УКРАЇНИ

## ВІВТОРОК, 24 ЛЮТОГО 2026

### ПЛОЩА SCHENLEY ТА HEINZ CHAPEL

#### Розклад

**17:30 – Демонстрація**

Forbes Ave біля  
Schenley Plaza

**18:15 – Адвокація та  
виставки**

Каплиця Гайнц

**19:00 – Панахида**

Каплиця Гайнц

#### Виставки та адвокація

Виставка невиданих  
дипломів

Виставка політичних  
в'язнів

Війна та опір  
Фулбрайта

Листування політичним  
в'язням

Пожертви

**4 роки війни, 12 років окупації, покоління  
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Приєднуйтеся до Піттсбурга у свідченнях жертв,  
захисті тих, хто без голосу, вшануванні загиблих  
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# Announcements

- ✘ **Prayers for converts:** Please pray for our catechumens (Rachel, Drake) who are each preparing for Holy Enlightenment at Easter.
- ✘ **PYROHY RESUMES!** This keeps us paying the bills. The largest fundraiser for our beloved parish resumed February 5. Please support this critical ministry by volunteering or buying pyrohy. Pyrohy are sold Thursday and Fridays from 10am-2pm. Volunteers are welcome Thursday mornings and occasionally Friday mornings. For more information on volunteering, please email [holytrinitypyrohygroup@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitypyrohygroup@gmail.com). Visit our Facebook page “Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Pyrohy Kitchen” for products and pricing information.
- ✘ **Liturgy Book:** Our book for liturgy intentions is open for 2026. Please call the rectory or place your intention in the Sunday donation basket.
- ✘ **Parishioner email list:** If you would like your name to be included on our mass emails to parishioners, please send your email to the rectory: [holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com). Thank you!
- ✘ **February 8<sup>th</sup>, First Confession preparation class started** for children born 2017-2018, every Sunday in church hall at 10am.
- ✘ 8 лютого розпочинаються заняття з **підготовки до першої сповіді** для дітей 2017-2018 років народження, щонеділі в церковній залі о 10:00 ранку.
- ✘ **Цієї неділі о 10:00 буде безкоштовна** правова презентація від юриста про U4U та TPS. Будь ласка, приходьте.
- ✘ **Attention:** If you have a family member sick or homebound, please call parish office so Fr. Jason or the Deacons may bring them communion.

### Sunday Collection

Sunday: \$3,491, Diocesan: \$20, Energy: \$60, Presentation: \$35, Synod of Bishops: \$290, Candles: \$271, Loose Money: \$186, Natalia: \$32, Donations: \$125.      **Total: \$ 4,510**  
Domes: \$25      Roof: \$20

### Prayer Intentions

Josh Carmino	Bobbi Spak	Mike Makar
Rosemarie Zagorsky	Bob Kness	Ken Medwig
Greg Sembrat	Trish Chorba	Stephanie Konecky
Tom Sauer	Kara Stemplewicz	Michael Morozowich
	Amy Gentile	Harry Kohl
Grayson Basl	Connie Parker	Sandy Krivonyk
Pauline Kyle	Katherine Milano	Jim & Pat McGuire
Angela Wowczuk	Ann Sherwood	Carol Ostaffe
Marie P.	Sam Opoku	Bob Gasior
Ben Ciarello	Al End	Michalina Pituch
Russell Douglass	Oksana Kravchuk	Al Trautman
Ann Hritzko	Melissa Newman	
Andrew Ranalli	Ricky Oddi	Adelina Lenonetti
Veronica Elliott	Mary Jane Pilarski	Brad McGowan
Sam Opoku	Kathy Carlson	Frank Tombazzi
Jim Bogdon	Dan McMurtrie	Sean Pittner
Colleen White McShane	Judy Ann Popivchak	Myron Czuczman
Remember to include in your daily prayers the needs of those fighting for freedom in Ukraine, as well as the widows and orphans		

**Eternal Memory:** In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Justine Perhosky. Funeral Service is on Monday, February 23 at 10:00 am at HTUCC.

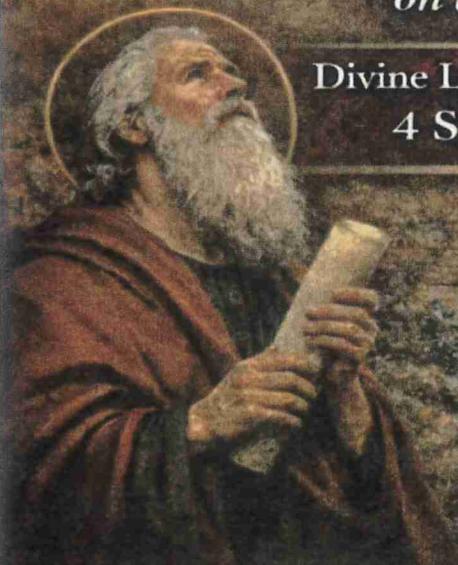
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UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA

“May I never boast of anything  
except the cross of our **Lord Jesus  
Christ**, by which the world has  
been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

Galatians 6:14 (NRSVCE)

# 2026 LOCK-IN RETREAT

**The Cross as a Sign of True  
Fulfillment and Salvation  
for a Young Person**

**Saturday, March 7 (9:00 AM — 7:30 PM)**

**Retreat Master:**

**Very Rev. Dr. Myroslav Dumych**  
(Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy  
of Saint Nicholas in Chicago)

**Children & Youth Age: 12-18**

**Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
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**Registration Fee: \$40/person**

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**RSVP by March 2nd**

# Carnegie Area Food Pantry Drive

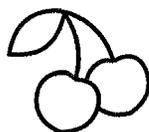
**March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We will be collecting the following items to support the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Food Pantry in Carnegie as follows:

- Dry Box Cereals
- Small Snack Bags (for example; chips, pretzels, Goldfish, Cheez-it, etc...)
- Personal items (for example; shampoos, conditioners, moisturizers)
- Paper Products (for example; small packages of toilet paper, small (4 to 8 in a package) of paper towels)
- Cake mixes
- Cake Frostings
- Knorr side dishes (for example; Chicken fried rice, Teriyaki noodles, etc...)
- Pancake Syrup
- Small bottles of dish soap
- Juice boxes / Capri Suns

Please bring these items to Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church for collection and then shipment.

For more information, please contact Fr Deacon Myron Spak @ 412-303-9086



# SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

**Sat. 2/21**

**4:00 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

For the soul of Jeanne DeVore req. by Arlene Esterburg (IS)

**Sun. 2/22**

**8:30 am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

For the soul of Marion Trottnow req. by Mark & Mayda  
Medwig. (IS)

**11:00 am**

For the soul of George Lokay req. by Marc & Linda Yurko. (JC)

**Mon. 2/23**

**10:00 am**

**7pm**

Funeral Service for Dr. Justine Perhosky  
Akafist Hymn

**Wed. 2/25**

**7:00 pm**

Pre-Sanctified

**Fri. 2/27**

**7:00 pm**

Pre-Sanctified

**Sat. 2/28**

**3:30 pm**

**4:00 pm**

**All Souls Saturday**

Panakhyda (IS)

For the health, happiness & salvation of Tod & Cyndy Davis  
req. by Covell Family. (IS)

**Sun. 3/1**

**8:30 am**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

For the soul of Pam Naddeo req. by Chris & Maureen Miller.  
(JC)

**11:00 am**

For the soul of Nelya Stasyuk req. by Daughter & Family. (JC)

# MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	2 Akathist.	3	4 Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	5	6 Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	7
8 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9 PAC Meeting 7PM	10	11 Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	12	13 Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	14 All Soul Sat.
15 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	16 Akathist.	17	18 Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	19	20 Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	21 Akathist Sat.
22 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	23	24	25 Annunciation 10AM	26	27 Pre-Sanc. Liturgy 7pm	28 Lazarus Saturday
29 Palm Sunday	30 Great Monday	31 Great Tuesday				

# **Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Parish Contacts**

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Andrew Kurzawski

**Catechesis of The Good Shepard**  
Halyna Charron/ Germain Headrick

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**Music:**  
Peter Coelho-Kostolny

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Arlene Esterburg

**Ridna Shkola:**  
Olexandra Korenovska

**Seven Sisters Apostolate:**  
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