

# **St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church**

719 Roosevelt Ave. • Carteret, NJ 07008 • (732) 366-2156

**Rev. Vasyi Vladyka**

**Sunday, December 10th, 2017 • Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost • Tone 2**  
**Apostle: Ephesians 6 Verses 10-17 • Gospel: Luke 13 Verses 10-17**

## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday	12/09	5:00 PM	†	For Frank and Sophie Wiercerzak	By Leo Kutsup
Sunday	12/10	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	
Monday	12/11	9:00 AM			
Tuesday	12/12	9:00 AM			
Wednesday	12/13	9:00 AM			
Thursday	12/14	9:00 AM			
Friday	12/15	9:00 AM			
Saturday	12/16	5:00 PM	†	For John Wasichko	By M/M Roman Hluszczuk
Sunday	12/17	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	

***Please remember in your prayers all those who are homebound, in care facilities or impeded by illness. May our Lord restore them to complete health.***



**We would like to thank** everyone who helped beautify our church for the Christmas season.

**We would like to thank** everyone who participated in our Autumnal Clothing Drive. Your efforts helped us raise an amount of \$122.80 for our church. May God grant you many Happy Years! Многая Літа!

**On Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30PM**, the Carteret Police Department Crime Prevention Unit's Neighborhood Watch Program is meeting at the Community Center, 100 Cooke Ave., Carteret, for their Annual Christmas Party. All are welcome to attend. For further information, visit our website.

**Pre Cana Conference**: Couples from our Parish who are contemplating marriage in 2018 are required to attend pre-marriage "*Pre Cana*" conferences which are being held on the weekend of March 10-11, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Church, 719 Sanford Ave. Newark, NJ 07106. *Pre-Cana is a prerequisite for all those who want to have their wedding at St. Mary's Church.* We urge couples to register ASAP via e-mail: stjoh-nj@outlook.com.

**From November 14th through Christmas Eve**, in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord, our church begins the spiritual journey of the pre-Christmas Fast known as Philip's Fast (Advent) or *Pylypivka*. Please prepare to worthily celebrate the

Birth of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a voluntary fast period. Please observe it as you are able to best prepare yourself for Christmas- Good Deeds, Volunteering, Confession, Fasting. For further information, please visit our website <http://www.stmaryscarteret.org>

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- DECEMBER 23 5:00PM: DIVINE LITURGY (ENGLISH)
- DECEMBER 24 9:00AM: DIVINE LITURGY (UKRAINIAN)
- DECEMBER 24 9:00PM: CHRISTMAS EVE–GREAT COMPLINE / LITURGY
- DECEMBER 25 10:30AM: CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY
- DECEMBER 26 9:00AM: SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS
- DECEMBER 27 9:00AM: FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

2018 Parish Collection Envelopes and Wall Calendars are available for pick-up in the church hall. Please check that you are picking up the correct name. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes, please see Father Vasyl or call the rectory on (732) 366-2156. ***Please be sure to check off or clearly write in amount of your donation on the envelope, so that we can maintain accurate records of your donations. Also, please check that you have placed money inside the envelope as we receive a few empty envelopes every week.***

Want to know the latest news and be informed of what is happening in our Philadelphia Archeparchy? Visit our website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Хочете знати останні новини про те, що відбувається в Філадельфійській Архиепархії? Відвідайте наш Архиепархіяльний сайт, нашу ФБ сторінку і YouTube канал.

Archeparchy: <http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia-197564070297001/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>

TheWay: <https://ukrcap.wordpress.com/>

**The Way**, the Catholic newspaper of our Philadelphia Archeparchy, is published twice a month in both English and Ukrainian language versions. All parishioners are encouraged to receive and read **TheWay**, which can be emailed directly to you for free through the internet simply by sending your email address to [theway@ukrcap.org](mailto:theway@ukrcap.org).

Наша архиепархіяльна газета «Шлях» виходить двічі на місяць двома мовами: англійською та українською. Усіх парафіян заохочуємо отримувати і читати католицьку газету «Шлях» нашої Філадельфійської Архиепархії. Газета «Шлях» може бути вислана безпосередньо на вашу електронну пошту. Щоб отримувати її, просто надішліть свою адресу на: [theway@ukrcap.org](mailto:theway@ukrcap.org).

**Save the Date:** For a list of events taking place in our Archeparchy please see the attached page.

**Confessions** may be heard half an hour before each Divine Liturgy.

**Metropolitan Stefan Soroka**, together with Bishop John Bura and Bishop Andriy Rabi, clergy, religious and faithful, pray for those suffering as a result of the damage and flooding caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Let us remember in our prayers those who died and their grieving families and community. Let us also remember those who suffered loss of their homes and earthly possessions as we ask Our Lord to give them His grace, wisdom and courage as they move forward with their lives and look forward to a new day filled with hope. Several years ago, a Domestic Disaster Recovery Fund was established by our Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy to aid victims recovering from such disasters. If you would like to make a donation for the humanitarian needs of the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, please send your gift to the attention of this fund:

**Domestic Disaster Recovery Fund  
c/o Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia  
810 N. Franklin Street  
Philadelphia, Pa 19123**

We pray that the victims may find comfort in the reassuring words of the Prophet Jeremiah: *“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you . . . . plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.”* (Jer. 29:11).

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**Victim Assistance Ministry:** The Archeparchy of Philadelphia is offering assistance for those affected by the sexual abuse of a priest, deacon, other minister, employee or volunteer of the Archeparchy. For further information, please read the hand-out which is available in the church vestibule.

**Compassionate and quality care** of our elderly parents and family members is offered by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate at St. Joseph’s Home in Sloatsburg, N.Y. The need for such facilities among our elderly parents and family members, and within our Ukrainian American community is great. The addition of a new wing and the upgrading of

the existing facilities will enable the Sisters Servants to offer elevated medical care and service for the elderly. There will be increased capacity to admit more people needing care. The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate have historically offered such quality and compassionate care throughout our history in America (75 years in 2017). We need to help them to continue to fulfill this mission and to enable a much needed expansion of St. Joseph's Home in Sloatsburg. Please help by providing your generous donation to enable the building of the expanded facility to care for our elderly. Please choose to be an instrument of God's mercy for those who are in need of His care. Thank you! Kindly send your (tax deductible) donation to:

St. Joseph's Adult Care Home, Inc.  
P.O. Box 8  
Sloatsburg, New York 10974.



***With the events taking place in Ukraine, we offer the following petitions in today's mass to our brothers and sisters:***

O good and loving Master, look down with compassion, heal, comfort and protect Your servants who are wounded and suffering in Ukraine, and receive the souls of all those who have lost their lives from the violence, let us pray to the Lord. We also pray that the Holy Spirit may open the hearts and minds of all in Ukraine to wisdom, grace and prayer so that sincere dialogue may lead to peace and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy (3 times)

**A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us  
*"Blessed are the Peacemakers for  
they shall be called Children of God."*  
At this hour, we fervently pray that  
Your Holy Spirit may inspire men and  
women in Ukraine to become Peacemakers.  
May they seek reconciliation and dialogue  
and end the violent confrontation and killing.  
May they restore tranquility to their nation  
and restore human rights, democratic principles  
and religious liberty to their troubled land.  
God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort  
the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the  
souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom.  
And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her

Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine.  
And may each of us always live our lives  
as instruments of Your Peace.  
Amen.