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ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Бюлетень – Bulletin

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**March 9, 2025**

## First Sunday of the Great Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy; The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.

**Tone 1**

### Schedule of Sunday and Weekday Services

#### 3.9.2025 – 1-а Неділя Посту

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь  
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа  
Memory of: +Yaroslava Woloch  
(Woloch/Vaughn Family)

#### 3.12.2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Хресна дорога та Сорокоусти

#### 3.16.2025 – 2-га Неділя Посту

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь  
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

#### 3.9.2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast

9:30 a.m. – Rosary and Reconciliation  
10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy  
Memory of: +Yaroslava Woloch  
(Woloch/Vaughn Family)

#### 3.12.2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross & Sorokousty

#### 3.16.2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast

9:30 a.m. – Rosary and Reconciliation  
10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

## March 9, 2025 - Spiritual Renewal and Pilgrimage to Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John Indiana with Bishop Benedict

11:00 am Stations of the Cross  
12:30 pm Time for lunch  
2:00 pm Akathist  
2:30 pm Divine Liturgy  
with Bishop Benedict



11:00 Хресна Дорога  
12:30 Часдя Обіду  
2:00 Акафіст  
2:30 Архиєрейська Літургія з  
Владикою Венедиктом

*Shrine of Christ's Passion, 10630 Wicker Ave., St John IN 46373*

## Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish



Pat Baker, Donald William Churilla, Olga Wasylyowsky, Charlotte Scheuer, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Stephanie Babij, Georgia Sosnowski, Myroslava Iwachiw, Irene Karpinec, and young Samuel Rocha. Remember those who suffered or died due to Covid 19. Please pray for those who have been killed, injured or displaced due to war in Ukraine.

If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting. Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at 773-979-4737 to let him know who would like a visit. О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером 773-979-4737.

### Парафіяльні Оголошення

1. Запрошуємо долучатись усіх бажаючих для приготування вареників. Просимо приходити у четвер вранці для підготовки продуктів і у п'ятницю для ліплення.
2. Ласкаво запрошуємо всіх відвідувачів загостити до нас на каву, канапки і солодке у церковному залі після Святої Літургії.
3. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні.

### Parish Announcements

1. We are in need of additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
2. A warm welcome to all our visitors today. We invite you to join us for coffee, sandwiches and sweets following our Liturgy.
3. Please pray to God for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine.

### Collections for Sunday, March 2, 2025:

Envelopes: \$360.00

Loose Cash & Checks: \$264.00

Candles: \$97.00

Church In Need: \$15.00

TOTAL: \$736.00

*Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!*

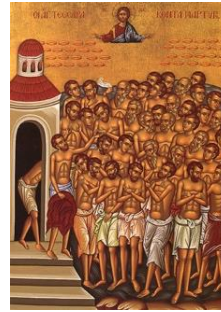
*With the extreme cold weather we had and rising prices, please remember those who have less. Donated food items*



*are given to the local food pantry. Please show your thanks to God for what you have by sharing generously with others.*

## Who are the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste?

In 313 St Constantine the Great granted Christians religious freedom, making Christianity as equal with paganism under the law. After 316, the co-ruler emperor Licinius decreed a persecution of Christians in his part of the Empire. He threatened death if they failed to renounce their faith. In 320, forty young Christian Cappadocian soldiers refused to sacrifice to idols and were tried before the tribunal at Sebaste, Cappadocia. The governor tried threats, bribery, and torture to persuade the young men, but they stood firm. He put the forty in prison, where it is said that Christ appeared and encouraged them to persevere. Incensed by the soldiers' obstinacy, the governor ordered that they be stripped and left to die standing on a frozen lake. He arranged a fire and warm bath on the shore to tempt them to apostatize. All forty signed a will, drafted by St. Meletius, the youngest, that expressed their faith, unity, and courage. The young men did not wait to be stripped, but removed their clothes themselves. And together they prayed, "Lord, we are forty engaged in this contest. Grant that forty may receive crowns and that we may not fall short of that sacred number." After one night's ordeal, however, one soldier caved, but died as he entered the bathhouse, losing his martyr's crown. An off-duty guard, prompted by the martyrs' courage and a dream, professed himself a Christian and took his place, thus preserving their number. After three days the governor had the survivors' limbs broken and their bodies burned. Officials hoped that young Meletius would save himself, but his mother herself lifted him onto the wagon after he died, not wanting him to lose his prize. The governor had the ashes of the forty martyrs scattered into a river so Christians could not gather them. Three days later the martyrs appeared in a dream to Saint Peter, Bishop of Sebaste, and commanded him to bury their remains. The bishop together with several



clergy gathered up the relics of the glorious martyrs by night and buried them with honor. There is a pious custom of baking "skylarks" (pastries shaped like skylarks) on this day, because people believed that birds sing at this time to announce the arrival of spring. Forty "skylarks" are prepared in honor of the Forty Martyrs.