

**Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church
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**ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE
AND NEW ROME**

We are on the New Calendar

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- **Communion is only for Orthodox Christians.**

- **Preparation for Communion: going for Confession, praying, and fasting.**

- **Confessions:** Vespers-first Saturday of the month, Sun. before Liturgy, or by appointment.

- **Make a list of living and deceased and bring it to the Altar.** We'll pray for them during a Liturgy.

- **For pastoral visits** at home or hospital or special prayer requests ask Fr. Oleg.

- **A directory of parishioners' names and addresses** is available (vestibule) for those who would like to send cards or good wishes.

- **Follow us on Facebook Click [HERE](#)**

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Христос Воскрес!

Молімось за мир в Україні!

Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti!

Воістину Воскрес!

Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!

Sun. 26 Apr. THIRD SUNDAY of PASCHA. MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. Righteous JOSEPH of ARIMATHEA and NICODEMUS. MARY & MARTHA, sisters of Lazarus. Hieromartyr BASIL, Bishop of Amasea (322). Righteous Virgin GLAPHYRA of Nicomedia.

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour after the Liturgy – Запрошуємо на каву після Літургії

Video in the hall: Woman's role in the Holy Scripture and the Holy Tradition (20 min.)

LITURGICAL MENEION & SCRIPTURE READINGS (NO KNEELING FOR 50 DAYS).

Mon. 27 Apr. Holy Apostle and Hieromartyr Symeon the Kinsman of the Lord (107).

Acts 6:8–7:5; 7:47-60

Jn. 4:46-54

Tue. 28 Apr. Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy, and their companions (1st. c.).

Acts 8:5-17

Jn. 6:27-33

06:30 PM MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (HOLY PROTECTION, ALLENTOWN).

Wed. 29 Apr. St. Memnon the Wonderworker of Corfu (2nd c.).

Acts 8:18-25

Jn. 6:35-39

05:00 PM Akathist to the Mother of God for the health of the afflicted.

Thu. 30 Apr. Holy Apostle James, the brother of St. John the Theologian (44).

Acts 8:26-39

Jn. 6:40-44

05:00 PM Movie Night: Moses the Black(2026, PG-13). Created by an Orthodox Christian filmmaker Yelena Popovic. It follows the spiritual journey of a modern man whose life echoes the themes of repentance, struggle, and transformation found in the story of St. Moses the Ethiopian. The film invites us to reflect on how God continues to work in human lives today.

Fri. 01 May Prophet Jeremiah (650 B.C.). St. Tamara, queen of Georgia (1213).

Acts 8:40–9:19

Jn. 6:48-54

Sat. 02 May St. Athanasius the Great, archbishop of Alexandria (373).

Acts 9:20-31

Jn. 15:17–16:2

05:00 PM GREAT VESPERS. Examination of conscience and Confessions.

Sun. 03 May

09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

- **We collected so far \$2540 for Loving Waters Campaign for the All-Saints Camp Water System Repair** (Emlenton, PA). The camp got a **large bill** for its water system. **Thank you all who donated!** Let's help! Envelopes near entrance.

- **Welcome to all Saints Camp!** 2026 Schedule: St. Nicholas Program: June 17–20, Diocesan Church School Camp: June 21–27, Teenage Conference: June 28 – July 11, Mommy/Daddy & Me: July 19–23. For more info visit UOCYOUTH.ORG

- **Flea Market at St. John the Baptist church down the street. May 15, 16. Flyer downstairs.**

- **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, please take note of the yellow folders that have been placed in our Church pews. They are there for all of you to take part in singing some of our antiphons and other liturgical music. It would be uplifting if we all took part in singing to the glory God during our Liturgy. "Sing praises to our Lord, sing praises!"**

- **Pyrohy schedule: May 7, 28.** First come, first served (until we reach 250 doz.). Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

- **Sunday School Schedule: Every Sunday right after the Communion. Welcome.**

- **Please turn in Redner's save a tape.** The receipt must show the Save-A-Tape amount.

- **Virtual Bible Study Day.** Check the information on the board downstairs.

ANNIVERSARIES:

26 Apr...Ordination to the diaconate of Pdn. Michail Sawarynski

02 May...John & Linda Vitushinsky

BIRTHDAYS:

17 Apr...Pani Martha Sawarynski

25 Apr...Andrea Sawarynski

МНОГАЯ ЛИТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

Victims of Chernobyl disaster (40 years anniversary)

27 April...Helen Vasilawsky '88

28 April...Tekla Fedororych '26

29 April...Philip Kereb '25, Nelcy Azar '15

30 April...Julian Ddenko '39, Mary Kulp '91, Natalia Lutyi '18

02 May...Nicholas Kymniankevych '29, Caroline Kuliarsky '72 Metropolitan Ioan (Teodorovich) '71

ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

Євангеліє. 43 Прийшов Йосиф із Аримафеї, поважний радник, який і сам чекав Царства Божого, і насмілювався прийти до Пилата просити тіло Ісусове. 44 Пилат здивувався, що Він уже помер, і, покликавши сотника, спитав його, чи давно помер. 45 І, довідавшись від сотника, віддав тіло Йосифові. 46 Він, купивши плащаницю і знявши Його, оповив плащаницею і поклав Його у гробі, витесаному в скелі, і привалив камінь до дверей гробу. 47 Марія ж Магдалина і Марія Іосієва дивились, де Його поклали. Як минула субота, Марія Магдалина, Марія Яковова і Саломія купили пахощі, щоб піти помазати Ісуса. 2 І дуже рано, в перший день після суботи, прийшли до гробу, як сходило сонце. 3 І говорять між собою: хто відвалить нам камінь від дверей гробу? 4 І, глянувши, побачили, що камінь відвалений; а він був дуже великий. 5 І, увійшовши у гріб, побачили юнака, який сидів праворуч і був одягнений у білу одягу; і вжахнулись. 6 А він каже їм: не жайхайтеся. Ісуса шукаєте Назарянина, розп'ятого. Він воскрес — Його нема тут. Ось місце, де поклали Його. 7 Але йдіть, скажіть ученикам Його і Петрові, що Він буде раніше за вас у Галилеї; там Його побачите, як Він сказав вам. 8 І, вийшовши, вони побігли від гробу. Охопив їх трепет і жах. І нікому нічого не сказали, бо боялися. 30 Багато інших чудес сотворив Ісус перед учениками Своїми, про які не написано в цій книзі. 31 Це ж написано, щоб ви вірували, що Ісус є Христос, Син Божий, і, віруючи, мали життя в ім'я Його.

“The Myrrh-Bearing Women are models of courage, because they did not hide in fear, but went early in the morning to the tomb of Christ... Their love was stronger than fear, and their faith overcame the darkness of the world.” “They showed great love and courage by going to the tomb while it was still dark, not knowing how they would roll away the stone.”

(By Patriarch Daniel of Romania)

The Myrrh-Bearing Women reveal that true strength is quiet, steady, and faithful even when the world trembles. Their courage was not loud, but it was unbreakable — love carried them where fear told them not to go. They walked into the darkness with only devotion in their hands, and God met them with the light of the Resurrection. The Myrrh-Bearers show that the strongest hearts are often those that simply refuse to abandon Christ. Their strength was the strength of love — a strength that outlasts fear, danger, and even death.

Prayer for the health & salvation of the afflicted: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Metropolitan Antony, Irene Alexander, Elizabeth Zurat, Helen Crayosky, Caroline Hallman, Joseph Killino, Barbara Grason, Sandra Miller, Raisa Bakalets, Karen Yurconic, Martha Dowling, Michael Szymonifka, Karen Kankula, Evelyn Kankula, Russel Kerick, Christina Truss, John Vitushinski, Matthew Vitushinsky, Luke Vitushinski Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, Jessica Meashock, Ray Stoner, Zachary Y. Siyufy, soldier Oleh, Soldier Volodymyr, Raisa Melnychuk, Vasyl Beizyn, Lubov Shevchuk, Volodymyr Hranat, Ihor Broda, Gary Lelo, Debi Hutnick, Eric Hewko, Phil O'Brien, child Charlie, Juliana, Shirl Merolli, Stephanie Donnelly, child Alexandria, Elizabeth Pastushenko, Elena Iaroshenko, MaryAnn Ramaley, Aaliyah Osmun, Brendan Phillips, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Joann Hoodmaker, Norman Betrous, Lisa Kulhanek, Esther Wilt, Benjamin Tomeo, Olena Kalichenko, Robert, Marybeth Smith, Charles Ermert, Susan Grofic.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHYRSOSTOM

After “Blessed is the Kingdom...” Priest chants the Paschal Tropar: “Christ is risen from the dead...” 2 ½ times and choir ends with “and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 2: When You descended to death, O Life Immortal/ You slew Hell with the splendor of Your Divinity/ and when from the depths You raised the dead/ all the powers of heaven cried out// “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tropar to the Righteous Joseph, Tone 2: The noble Joseph/ when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the Tree/ wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices/ and placed it in a new tomb/ But You rose on the third day, O Lord// granting the world great mercy.

Tropar from the Pentecostarion, Tone 2: The Angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said:/ “Myrrh is fitting for the dead;/ but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption/ So proclaim: “The Lord is risen// granting the world great mercy.”

Glory... Tropar of Pentecostarion, Tone 2: You commanded the Myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God/ By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother/ You commanded them to preach to Your Apostles:// “The Lord is risen from the tomb.”

Now and ever... Kondak Tone 8: You descended into the tomb, O Immortal/ You destroyed the power of death/ In victory You arose, O Christ God/ proclaiming: “Rejoice” to the Myrrhbearing Women// granting peace to Your Apostles and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 6: Lord, save Your people/ and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 (In those days...)

Alleluia Verses, Tone 8: O Lord, You have been gracious in Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob.

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

In place of “It is right in truth...” The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace/ “Rejoice, O pure Virgin. Again I say Rejoice/ your son is risen from His three days in the tomb/ With Himself He has raised all the dead.” Rejoice, All you people.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem/ The glory of the Lord has shone on you/ Exult now, and be glad, O Zion/ Be radiant, O pure Birth-Giver of God/ in the Resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3X)

Instead of “We have seen the True Light”...

Christ is risen from the dead...

At the dismissal: Christ is risen from the dead...(3X)

And unto us He has given eternal life/ Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day.

ORTHODOX NEWS AROUND THE GLOBE

Bishop Benedict of New England approved the establishment of a new mission parish, St. Olga of Kwethluk, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

More than 200 catechumens were received into the Orthodox Faith in Finland this Spring, many in the Dormition Cathedral in Helsinki.

Bishop Chrysostomos of Bukoba performed monastic tonsure on six brothers and 24 sisters at Holy Trinity Monastery in Katavi, Tanzania.

Metropolitan Pimen tonsured 5 nuns at George Convent in Rivne, sisters receiving the names Philothea, Hilaria, Iradia, Elizazar & Marionil.

Bright Monday celebrations took place in the Cathedral of Holy Ascension women's monastery in Kyiv.

The growth of the Orthodox Faith in the U.S. has been phenomenal the past decade. Example is Annunciation parish in St. James, MO, founded by a handful of faithful in 2012 has grown exponentially.



Hundreds gathered as a 30,000 pound dome was lifted atop the new St. George Orthodox Church in Washington, City, Utah.

Seven men were tonsured at Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY by Bishop Luke of Syracuse in the Sixth Week of the Great Fast.



After a lengthy catechumenate 8 men were baptized into Orthodoxy in the Church of the Protection, H o Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

On Lazarus Saturday, 13 catechumens were added to the Faith at the Cathedral of St. Nicholas in Seoul, South KO

