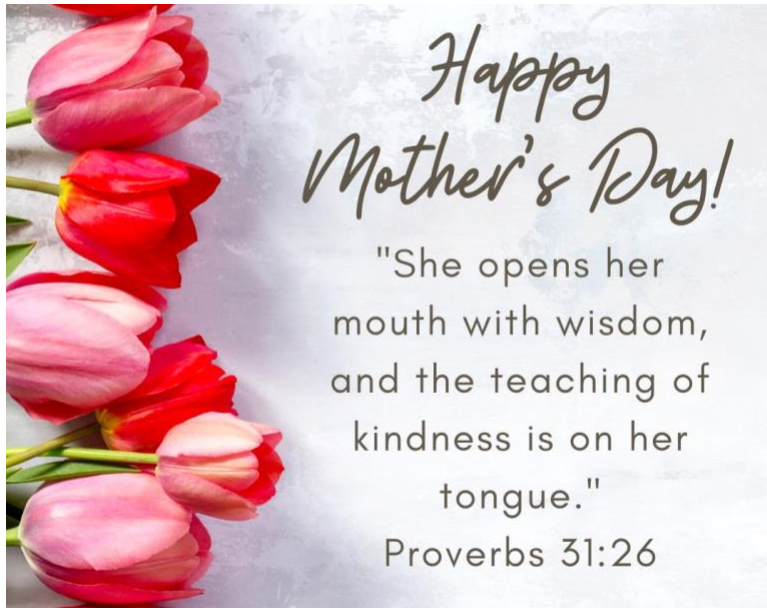


**Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
Weekly Bulletin May 10, 2026**



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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](#)**

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**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**

**Христос Воскрес!**

**Молимоь за мир в Україні!**

**Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti!**

**Воістину Воскрес!**

**Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!**

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Sun. 10 May. FIFTH SUNDAY of PASCHA. SAMARITAN WOMAN. Tone 4. After feast of Mid-Pentecost. Apostle SIMON the ZEALOT. Martyrs PHILADELPHUS, CYPRIAN, ALPHAEUS, ONESIMUS, ERASMUS & 14 others in Sicily (251) Martyr HESYCHIUS of Antioch (4th C.) Venerable ISIDORA the Fool of Tabenna, Egypt (365) Blessed TAISIA of Egypt (5th C.).

Epistle: Acts 11: 19-26, 29-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

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

Video in the hall: Samaritan women / Icon of Resurrection (15 min. altogether)

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The Bulletin is sponsored by Reader Maximus in memory of his grandfather Michael Meashock. Memory Eternal.

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

Mon. 11 May Holy Equals-to-the Apostles Methodius and Cyril, teachers of Slavs.

Acts 12:12-17

Jn. 8:42-51

Tue. 12 May St. Epiphanius, bishop of Cyprus (403). St. Germanus, patriarch.

Acts 12:25–13:12

Jn. 8:51-59

06:30 PM **MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (HOLY GHOST, EASTON).**

Wed. 13 May St. George the Confessor of Constantinople, with his wife and children(842).

Acts 13:13-24

Jn. 6:5-14

05:00 PM **AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING “GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!”**

Thu. 14 May Martyr Isidore of Chios (251). Martyr Maximus, under Decius (250).

Acts 14:20-27

Jn. 9:39–10:9

Fri. 15 May Ven. Pachomius the Great (346). Ven. Achilles, bishop of Larissa (330).

Acts 15:5-34

Jn. 10:17-28;

Sat. 16 May Blessed child Musa (5th c.). Monk-martyrs of the community of St. Sava.

Acts 15:35-41

Jn. 10:27-38;

05:00 PM **GREAT VESPERS.**

Sun. 17 May **09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY. UOL meeting.**

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- Due to shipping issues, the sign project date has been changed to Wednesday May 20. Help us to beautify the area around the church sign. Meet at the church parking lot. We expect to finish no later than 1 p.m. We will: 1) remove grass from the entire area around the sign; 2) level out the ground; 3) spread a landscape tarp over the area; 4) shovel red rocks over the entire area; 5) install edging around the perimeter. If you are willing to help, please contact John Hnatow via email at John.hnatow@gmail.com

- **Congratulations to the Graduates.** We congratulate Gabriel Sawarynski (B.S., Biology – Wilkes University) and Isabelle Sawarynski (B.S., Audiology – Bloomsburg University) as they graduate

next week. Both will continue on to graduate school this September. May God bless their studies and guide their future paths.

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

**- Pilgrimage to St. Andrews Memorial Church in NJ. Leave-taking of Pascha midnight service(similar to Pascha), led by Archbishop Daniel and wonderful seminary choir. May 19-20. Transport provided. The flyer and sign-up downstairs.**

**- Parish outing to Lancaster for whole day: the Sight & Sound Theater, Shady Maple, etc. August 27. Details and sign-up are available downstairs. Youth attend for free.**

**- 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**

**- 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: Lest time before the Summer break - May 28.** First come, first served (until we reach 250 doz.). Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching, clean-up.

**- Loving Waters Campaign for the All-Saints Camp Water System Repair (Emlenton, PA).** The camp got a **large bill** for its water system. Let's help! Envelopes near entrance.

**- 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.

#### **NECROLOGY:**

**Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.**

**10 May...Michael Meashock**

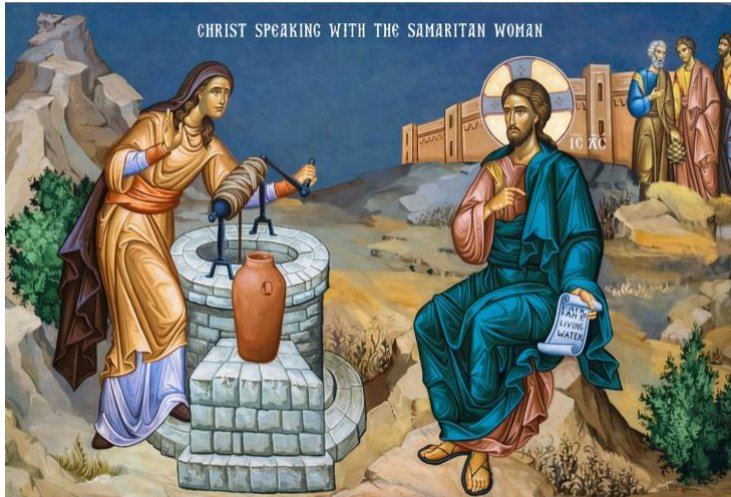
**11 May...John Sigleski (6 yrs. old) '22, Helen Gontar '87**

**12 May...Anastasia Dworakivsky '94, Paul Kocheenash '24**

**14 May...Margaret Zarayko '99**

**16 May...Anthony Pontician '38, Priest Andrew Dworakivsky '76, Priest Bazyl Zawierucha '18**

**ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!**



**“It is better to be a Christian in truth than to be called one only in name.”**

St. Ignatius of Antioch

**“Let us live in a manner worthy of the name we bear.”**

St. John Chrysostom

**“The Christian ought to be a living icon of Christ.”**

St. Basil the Great

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.**

At Jacob’s well, Christ revealed Himself as the Living Water who quenches every thirst of the soul.

The Fathers teach that His words to the Samaritan Woman were not to condemn but to heal. St. John Chrysostom reminds us that the Lord exposed her sins “not to shame her, but to make her eager for the fountain of grace.” St. Ephrem the Syrian writes, “The well was deep, but deeper still was the mercy that met her there.”

As St. Nikolai Velimirovich beautifully says, “The Samaritan woman stands as a mirror to every soul that thirsts for meaning and finds it only in Christ.”

**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, Don Yurkonik, 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, Beatrice Christoff.

## **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 4:** When the women disciples of the Lord/ learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection/ they cast away the ancestral curse/ and elatedly told the Apostles/ “Death is overthrown/ Christ God is risen/ granting the world great mercy.

**Tropar of Mid Pentecost, Tone 8:** In the midst of the Feast, O Savior/ fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as You cried to all/ “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink”/ O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You.

**Glory...Kondak of Samaritan, Tone 8:** The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith/ she saw You, the Water of Wisdom and drank abundantly/ She inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified.

**Now, ever... Kondak Mid Pentecost, Tone 4:** Christ God, the Creator and Master of all/ cried to all in the midst of the Feast of the Law/ “Come and draw the water of immortality”/ We fall before You and faithfully cry/ “Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain of our life.”

**Prokimen of the Pentecostarion, Tone 3:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises/ Sing praises to our King, sing praises.



**Verse:** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 (In those days...)**

**Alleluia Verses, Tone 4.** Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

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

**Instead of “We have seen the True Light”...** Christ is risen...(once)

**At the dismissal: Christ is risen from the dead...(3X) And unto us He has given eternal life/ Let us worship His Resurrection on third day.**

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### **Appeal for Support of the Metropolitan John (Theodorovych) Scholarship Fund**

Beloved Clergy, Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America, and devoted members of the Ukrainian Orthodox League: **Christ is Risen!**

With a heart filled with gratitude for your steadfast love for the Church and your dedication to the sacred mission entrusted to us by our Lord, I write to you today with a spiritual appeal rooted in the legacy of one of the most significant hierarchs in the history of our Church - **Metropolitan John (Theodorovych)**, the very first Metropolitan of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America.

Metropolitan John dedicated his entire life to the service of Christ and His Holy Church. Through years of pastoral care, sacrificial leadership, and tireless devotion to the spiritual well-being of the

faithful, he laid the foundations upon which our Church in the United States continues to flourish today. His life remains a powerful witness that the strength of the Church rests not only in institutions, but in the faith, sacrifice, and spiritual vision of those who serve God's people. In recognition of this sacred legacy, the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA established the Metropolitan John (Theodorovych) Scholarship Fund, a living memorial dedicated to supporting seminarians and clergy who pursue theological education and formation for ministry in Christ's Holy Church. This scholarship fund serves not merely as financial assistance, but as an investment in the spiritual future of our Church. Today, the mission of **St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary in South Bound Brook, New Jersey** remains steadfast: to provide both deep spiritual formation and high-quality theological education to those who are preparing to serve the faithful of the Church. Encouragingly, the seminary community continues to grow. The student body is becoming increasingly younger, more enthusiastic, and deeply committed to embracing the sacred responsibility of ministry in a world that greatly needs the light of Christ. Yet with this growth also comes a renewed responsibility for all of us! Many of our seminarians and clergy who are pursuing theological studies face real financial challenges as they dedicate themselves to preparation for pastoral service. The Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund has become an essential source of support for these future servants of the Church - those who will stand at the Holy Altar, guide the faithful, teach the Gospel to our youth, and bring the healing grace of Christ to a wounded world.

Therefore, together with the leadership of the **Ukrainian Orthodox League and the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League**, I humbly invite every parish community, every League chapter, and every faithful member of our Church family to prayerfully consider offering a donation to the **Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund**. In this spirit of remembrance and stewardship, we also invite all parishes and faithful to recognize the month of May as a dedicated time of prayerful commemoration and charitable support. At the same time, May should become a unified season of fundraising for the **Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund (MJSF)**, cultivating a living tradition within our Church. Just as the faithful have come to embrace the "Souper Bowl" initiative in support of the ministry of the Saint Andrew Society, so too do we prayerfully hope that May will be embraced across all parishes as a time of collective generosity and commitment to MJSF. Through this shared effort, we affirm our responsibility to support the formation of future clergy and ensure that every parish participates in sustaining the spiritual and educational mission of our Holy Church. Your generosity will help ensure that the legacy of Metropolitan John continues not only in memory, but in the living ministry of new generations of clergy who will shepherd parishes with faith, wisdom, and love. Holy Scripture reminds us: *"Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Corinthians 9:7) By supporting this sacred cause, you participate directly in the formation of the future shepherds of Christ's flock and in strengthening of the spiritual life of our Holy Church.

On-Line Donations ([scan the QR code](#)), or checks made out to: *UOL - Ukrainian Orthodox League Oleh Bilynsky /UOL Financial Secretary, 703 Pine Ridge Road, Media, PA 19063*  
May the Lord bless your kindness, reward your generosity, and grant many blessed years to you and your families. Through the prayers of **Metropolitan John** (*Theodorovych*) and all the saints who have guided our Church throughout the years, may we continue together to build a faithful and vibrant Orthodox witness for generations to come.

With paternal love in Christ and gratitude for your faithful stewardship,  
**+ Daniel**, *Archbishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, Spiritual Father of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA* Mr. Joseph Goodge, *MJSF Coordinator*

### ORTHODOX NEWS AROUND THE GLOBE



Metropolitan Cleopas of Sweden appointed Fr. Andriy Pinchuk to serve the Ukrainian speaking parish of St. Olav in Norway and ordained physician, Christian Krister Tano to the priesthood for the newly established parish in Lulea, Sweden.



On Holy Saturday 32 people were baptized in Holy Annunciation Church, Brisbane, Australia.



114 converts were received into the Orthodox Faith on Holy Saturday in St. Andrew's Church, Riverside, California by Fr. Joseph Trenham.

St. Thomas Sunday was celebrated in Cana of Galilee by Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem.





Archimandrite Onuphriy (Taras Bogdanovich Lyada) from the Lviv region was consecrated Bishop of Dubno, Vicar of Rivne, in St. Volodymyr's Cathedral in Kyiv.



**Євангеліє(скорочений виклад):** Ісус, прийшовши до самарянського міста Сихар, сів біля криниці Якова. Туди прийшла жінка-самарянка, і Христос попросив у неї води. Вона здивувалася, бо юдеї не спілкувалися з самарянами. Ісус відкрив їй, що може дати воду живу, яка веде до життя вічного.

У розмові Він показав, що знає її життя, і жінка зрозуміла, що перед нею пророк. Ісус навчив її, що настає час, коли Богові поклонятимуться в дусі та істині, а не лише в певному місці. На її слова про Месію Христос відповів: «Це Я, що говорю з тобою». Жінка залишила водонос і побігла в місто, свідчачи людям про Ісуса. Багато самарян увірували спочатку через її слова, а потім — почувши Самого Христа, визнаючи Його Спасителем світу.