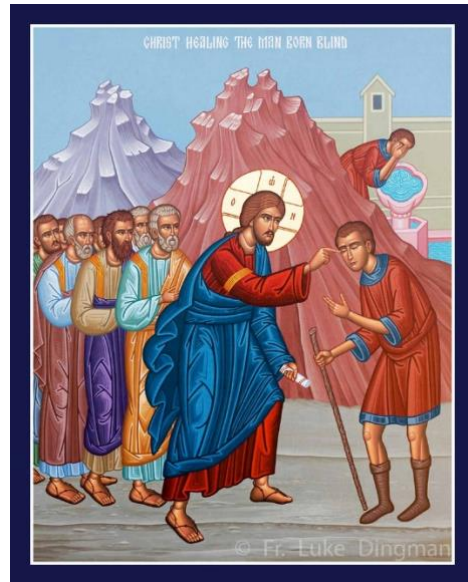


**Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church
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We are on the New Calendar

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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!
Молимося за мир в Україні!

Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti!
Воістину Воскрес!
Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!

Sun. 17 May. SIXTH SUNDAY of PASCHA. BLIND MAN. TONE 5. Apostles ANDRONICUS of the 70 and his helper, JUNIA (1st C.) Martyrs SOLOCHON, PAMPHAMER & PAMPHALON of Chalcedon (298) STEPHEN, Archbishop of Constantinople (893) Ven. MELANGELL of Wales (6th C.)

Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34

Gospel: John 9: 1-38

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

UOL meeting.

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

Mon. 18 May Martyrs: Alexandra, Tecusa, Claudia, Phaine, Euphraisa, Matrona, Julia.

Acts 17:1-15

Jn. 11:47-57;

Tue. 19 May Martyr Acoluthus (284). St. John, bishop of the Goths in Crimea (787).

Acts 17:19-28

Jn. 12:19-36

06:30 PM MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (OUR CHURCH).

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. Transport provided. The flyer and sign-up downstairs.

Wed. 20 May Martyr Thalelaeus at Aegae in Cilicia (284). Martyr Asclas of Egypt (287).

Acts 18:22-28

Jn. 12:36-47

09:00 AM Help us to beautify the area around the church sign. 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

Thu. 21 May THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD.

Acts 1:1-12

Lk. 24:36-53

09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY

Fri. 22 May Venerable David of the Gareji Monastery and Lukiane (6th-7th c.)
Acts 19:1-8 Jn. 14:1-11

Sat. 23 May Martyr Michael "the black-robed" of St. Sabbas' Monastery (9th c.).
Acts 20:7-12 Jn. 14:10-21

07:00 AM Ordination of the new clergy, Isaac, in his home parish in Lancaster. He will be serving at St. Nicholas GOA, Bethlehem. Transportation provided. Please let Fr. Oleg know if you plan to attend.

05:00 PM GREAT VESPERS.

Sun. 24 May 09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

- Weather permitting, porch floor painting and staining at the apartment begins Monday and Tuesday. No foot traffic is permitted on the porch all next week.

- Memorial Day Service at our Cemetery by VFW POST 4714: May 25, 09:30 AM.

- 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

17 May...Anthony & Patricia Mauser

21 May...Jerome & Anne Marie Kroboth

BIRTHDAYS:

19 May...Judy Ketterer, Lily Vitushinsky

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

17 May...Semen Lubianecki '39, Margaret Lelo '51, Andrew Micio '67

18 May...Mary Ohotski '70

19 May...Tekla Zapryliuk '48

20 May...Mykola Krywolap '78

21 May...Wasył Prus '30, John Lelo '46, Fenka Sawarynski '90, Metropolitan Constantine (Buggan) '12

ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

Євангеліє(скорочений виклад): Проходячи, Господь Ісус Христос побачив чоловіка, сліпого від народження. На питання учнів Він відкрив, що ця неміч не є наслідком гріха, але дана для того, щоб явилися діла Божі. Помазавши його очі глиною та пославши в купіль Силоам, Христос дарував йому зір, якого той ніколи не мав. Прозріння сліпонародженого стало свідченням перед усіма: сусідами, фарисеями, навіть його батьками. Він просто і твердо говорив: «Я був сліпий, а тепер бачу», визнаючи силу Того, Хто його зцілив. Фарисеї ж, не бажаючи прийняти істину, сперечалися між собою і, не витримавши його свідчення, вигнали його геть. Господь знову знайшов його і відкрив Себе як Сина Божого. Тоді прозрілий не лише тілесно, але й духовно, промовив: «Вірую, Господи», — і поклонився Йому.

Holy Fathers on the Ascension of the Lord

“Today human nature is lifted above the angels and sits at the right hand of the Father.”

“Christ ascended not for His own sake, but to open the way of ascent for us.”

St. John Chrysostom

“What is not assumed is not healed; what is lifted up is glorified.”

(Christ raises our humanity with Him.) St. Gregory the Theologian

“The Ascension of Christ is our elevation; where the Head has gone, the Body is called to follow.”

St. Leo the Great

“The Lord ascended so that we would no longer cling to earthly things but seek the things above.”

St. Athanasius the Great

“Christ ascended in order to send us the Spirit, who makes us partakers of divine life.”

St. Cyril of Alexandria

“Earth rejoices today, for the One who descended to save it has now ascended in glory.”

St. Ephrem the Syrian

“He ascended with the marks of His wounds, to intercede for us before the Father.” St. Augustine

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...” the Priest sings “Christ is risen from the dead...” 2 ½ times; the Choir: “and upon those in tombs...”

Tropar of Resurrection, Tone 5: Let us, the faithful praise and worship the Word/ co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit/ born for our salvation from the Virgin/ for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh/ to endure death/ and to raise the dead/ by His glorious Resurrection.

Glory... Kondak of the Paralytic, Tone 4: I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes/ and I call to You in repentance/ “You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness.”

Now. ever... Kondak Pascha, 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 Myrrh bearing Women/ granting peace to Your Apostles and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.”

Prokimen from the Pentecostarion, Tone 8: Pray and make your vows/ before the Lord, our God.

Verse: In Judah God is known; is Name is great in Israel.

Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34 (In those days...)

Alleluia Verses, Tone 8. Look upon me and have mercy on me.

Guide my steps according to Your word.

Gospel: John 9: 1-38

Instead of “It is right in truth...” Hymn to the Theotokos: 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, O ye 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 Theotokos/ 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...(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.





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

This week, Thursday, we shall be observing the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord. Jesus Christ’s final words to his disciples was “go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew: 28)

We have active missions in 33 countries around the globe and I call upon all of you to be Christ’s disciples and support our missionaries. Take for example, the Orthodox Church in Guatemala which has grown in the past 20 years to more than 500,000 believers in 114 parishes. Recently, the St. Andres Orthodox Seminary was built near the city of Huehuetnango and dedicated. It houses 150 catechists, 10 seminarians, cattle, chickens and other livestock. It faces a problem of lack of fresh, clean, reliable drinking water. A deep well needs to be drilled at a cost of \$70,000 and already \$19,000 has been donated. If you would like to help spread God’s word to these native Mayan people, consider dropping a few spare coins each week in the OCMC canister on

the wall in the vestibule of the church or send a check to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086 designate your check: Guatemala Well Project.

Deacon Mikhail

PHOTOS OF ORTHODOX MISSION IN GUATEMALA

Dedication of St. Andres Seminary in Guatemala

Bishop Osios, first native hierarch, ordains Fr. Elias into Priesthood



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