

**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 among us! Is and Shall Be!
Молімось за мир в Україні!

Христос посеред нас! Є і Буде!
Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!

Sun. 24 May AFTER FEAST of the ASCENSION. HOLY FATHERS of the FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. TONE 6. Ven SYMEON STYLITES (the Younger) (596) Martyrs MELTIUS STRATELATES, STEPHEN, JOHN & 1,218 soldiers, women, children in Galatia (218) Martyrs SERAPION the Egyptian, CALLILNICUS, THEODODRE & FAUSTUS (218) VINCENT, Bishop of Lerins (430) Ven. MARTHA, Abbess of Monemvasia & nuns (990)

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 Gospel: John 17:1-13

Memorial Litiya for the newly departed George Leszczuk

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

Video at the Church Hall: The Ascension Icon (9 min.)

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

Mon. 25 May Third Finding of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist (850).

Acts 21:8-14 Jn. 14:27-15:7

09:30 AM Memorial Day Service at our Cemetery by VFW POST 4714.

Tue. 26 May Martyrs Abercius and Helen (1st c.). Martyr George (1515).

Acts 21:26-32 Jn. 16:2-13

06:30 PM MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, NORTHAMPTON).

Wed. 27 May Virgin-martyr Theodora and Martyr Didymus the Soldier of Alexandria(304)

Acts 23:1-11 Jn. 16:15-23

Thu. 28 May St. Eutychius, bishop of Melitene (1st c.). Martyrs Heliconis (244).

Acts 25:13-19 Jn. 16:23-33

Fri. 29 May Virgin-martyr Theodosia. St. Luke, hierarch-surgeon of Simferopol (1961).

Acts 27:1-44 Jn. 17:18-26

Sat. 30 May Memorial Saturday. St. Macrina, grandmother of St. Basil the Great (4 c.).

Acts 28:1-31 Jn. 21:15-25

09:00 AM Memorial Service Panachyda. Please make lists foe commemoration.

05:00 PM GREAT VESPERS.

Sun. 31 May PENTECOST. 09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

12:00 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE ON THE CEMETERY. For private service ask Fr. Oleg.

- Sincere thank you to John Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Michael Misko, Karen Osmun, William Lackner, Joann Yurconic, and Margaret and Bill Leindecker for renovating the plot surrounding the church sign. Your hard work is much appreciated by our Parish!

- Ridna Shkola(Ukrainian School of the Lehigh Valley) organizational gathering. June 2, Holy Protection, Allentown. Welcome all.

- The UOL is sponsoring Mother's Fathers's Day brunch in the church hall on June 7th following Divine Liturgy. Father Oleg will perform a litya honoring the deceased mothers and father of our parishioners. Please let Melanie Unger know the names of deceased mothers

and fathers to be mentioned during the litya. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- 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

- 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.

BIRTHDAYS:

24 May...Oleksandr Semenovych

25 May...Danielle Vitushinsky

27 May...Jessie Hnatow

28 May...Lienna Rippey

30 May...Irene Alexander, Paul Carlantone

МНОГАЯ ЛИТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

All who gave their lives in military service for the United States
Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

Newly departed George Leszczuk

24 May...Elias Ohotski '57, John Shuryn '62

26 May...Doris Miller '09

27 May...Mary Doncsecz '13

28 May...Alex Hewko '09

29 May...Fannie Micio '70

30 May...Richard Dowling '92, Ludmila Klynowski '18

ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

Євангеліє: Після цих слів Ісус звів очі Свої до неба і сказав: Отче! Прийшов час. Прослав Сина Твого, щоб і Син Твій прославив Тебе; 2 як Ти дав Йому владу над усякою плоттю, щоб усьому, що Ти дав Йому, дав Він життя вічне. 3 Це ж є життя вічне, щоб пізнали Тебе, Єдиного Істинного Бога, і Того, Кого Ти послав, Ісуса Христа. 4 Я прославив Тебе на землі, звершив діло, яке Ти доручив Мені виконати. 5 І нині прослав Мене Ти, Отче, в Тебе Самого — славою, яку Я мав у Тебе, коли ще не було світу. 6 Я явив ім'я Твоє людям, яких Ти дав Мені від світу; вони були Твої, і Ти дав їх Мені, і вони зберегли слово Твоє. 7 Нині зрозуміли, що все, що Ти дав Мені, є від Тебе. 8 Бо слова, які Ти дав Мені, Я передав їм, і вони прийняли і зрозуміли воістину, що Я зійшов від Тебе, і увірували, що Ти послав Мене. 9 Я за них благаю, — не за весь світ благаю, але за тих, яких Ти дав Мені, тому що вони Твої. 10 І все Моє — Твоє, і Твоє — Моє; і Я прославився в них. 11 Я вже не в світі, та вони в світі, а Я до Тебе йду. Отче Святий! Збережи їх в ім'я Твоє, тих, кого Ти дав Мені, щоб вони були єдине, як і Ми. 12 Коли Я був з ними у світі, Я зберігав їх в ім'я Твоє; тих, яких Ти дав Мені, Я зберіг, і ніхто з них не загинув, тільки син погибельний, щоб збулося Писання. 13 Нині ж до Тебе йду, і це говорю у світі, щоб вони мали в собі радість Мою повну.

Why Christ Ascended Into Heaven. The Feast of the Ascension reminds us that Christ did not leave the world in order to abandon us, but to complete the work of our salvation. After His Resurrection, the Lord remained with His disciples for forty days, strengthening their faith and revealing the mystery of the Kingdom. Then, blessing them, He ascended into heaven, taking our human nature with Him. In Orthodox teaching, this is not Christ's departure—it is His victory. Our humanity, once wounded by sin, is now glorified and seated at the right hand of the Father. Christ ascended so that the Holy Spirit could come and dwell in us. He Himself said, "It is better for you that I go away," because only then would the Comforter be sent. Through the Spirit, Christ's presence becomes deeper and universal. He is no longer limited to one place or moment, but is with us always—in the Eucharist, in the Scriptures, and in the life of the Church. The Ascension also reveals our destiny. Christ goes before us as the "first-fruits" of humanity, preparing a place for us in the Kingdom. Where He is, we are called to follow. His Ascension lifts our eyes and hearts toward heaven, reminding us that our true home is with God. Today we rejoice, for Christ has raised our nature, opened heaven to us, and remains with us forever through the Holy Spirit. "God has gone up with a shout"—and He draws us upward with Him.

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

The First Antiphon. Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
(Ps. 46:1)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

For the Lord, the Most High is terrible; a great God over all the earth. (Ps. 46:2) (**Refrain**)

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. (**Refrain**)

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. (**Ref**)

Glory... now and ever... Amen. (**Refrain**)

The Second Antiphon. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. (Ps. 47:10)

Refrain: O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Mount Zion in the far north is the city of the Great King. (**Refrain**)

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her. (**Refrain**)

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together. (Ps. 47:4) (**Refrain**)

Glory... now and ever... Amen. (“**Only-begotten Son...**”)

The Third Antiphon. Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world! (Ps. 48:1)

Tropar of The Ascension, Tone 4: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God/ granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit/ that You are the Son of God// the Redeemer of the world.

The earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together. (**Troparion**)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Ps. 48:3)
(Troparion of the Feast)

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody. (**Troparion of the Feast**)

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 6: The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb/ the guards became as dead men/ Mary stood by Your grave/ seeking Your most pure body/ You captured Hell, not being tempted by it/ You came to the Virgin, granting life/ O Lord, Who rose from the dead// glory to You.

Tropar of The Ascension, Tone 4.

Tropar to the Holy Fathers, Tone 8: You are most glorious, O Christ our God/ You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth/ Through them You have guided us to the True Faith// O greatly compassionate One, glory to You.

Glory... Kondak to the Holy Fathers, Tone 8: The Apostles’ preaching and the Fathers’ doctrines have established one Faith for the Church/ Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology// it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Now and ever... Kondak of the Ascension, Tone 6: When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake/ and united earth to heaven/ You ascended in glory, O Christ our God/ not being parted from those who love You/ but remaining with them and crying// “I am with you, and there is no one against you.”

Prokimen of the Holy Fathers, Tone 4: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers/ praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Verse: For You are just in all that You have done for us.

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 (In those days...)

Alleluia Verses, Tone 1. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

Gospel: John 17:1-13

In place of “It is right in truth...” Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven.

Irmos, Tone 5. We the faithful, with one accord/ magnify the Mother of God/ who beyond reason and understanding/ ineffably gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just. Alleluia (3X)



As the war in Ukraine continues to wound millions, the humanitarian ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA remains a living witness to Christ’s command to care for the suffering. This week, clergy and volunteers traveled through the Dnipropetrovsk and Kyiv regions, offering aid, comfort, and prayer to the elderly, the sick, displaced families, and children whose lives have been shattered by violence.

One of the first visits was to a hospice in Bykivnia, where patients with severe physical and cognitive disabilities receive care. Volunteers delivered diapers, blankets, food, and hygiene

items—simple gifts that restored dignity to those often forgotten. Aid was also brought to displaced families who lost homes, livelihoods, and loved ones. “Sometimes people simply need someone to stand beside them and say: you are not alone,” reflected Very Rev. Fr. Kostyantyn Kuznetsov.

The mission also reached the Center for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation of Children in Kyiv and the orphanage in Vorzel, a community scarred by the 2022 occupation. Children welcomed the visitors with smiles despite deep trauma. Clothing, shoes, toys, sweets, and essential supplies were provided, ensuring every child felt seen and loved.

The Church prayerfully appeals to all people of goodwill: please continue supporting the humanitarian ministry. Your contributions ensure that compassion, prayer, and the love of Christ reach Ukraine’s wounded people. Every gift—large or small—truly saves lives.

ORTHODOX NEWS AROUND THE GLOBE



Metropolitan Shio (Mujiri) of Senaki was elected Patriarch of Georgia at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Tblisi succeeding Patriarch Ilia II who served for 48 years.

Metropolitan Cleopas of Scandinavia welcomed newly illumined catechumens at St. George Cathedral in Stockholm after the 12th seminar.

An estimated 16.000 people were received into Orthodox parishes, this year during Holy Week, ex. the baptized in Colorado, Springs, Col.



April 26th Metropolitan Epiphaniy served a memorial litya on the grounds of St. Nicholas Church in Tarka, for victims on the 40th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Sacred relics of St. Lazarus the Bulgarian, martyred by the Turks in 1802, were returned to the Monastery of St. Nicholas in Greece.

Day of Remembrance of 6 year old Child Martyr Gabriel of Belostok, martyred in 1690 & canonized in 1820 was held in his church in Minsk.

Patriarch Porfirije led services marking the 35th anniversary of the translation of relics of St. Nikolai (Velimirovich) to the Lelic Monastery in Serbia. The missionary saint was a Professor at St. Tikhon's Seminary in PA where he reposed in 1956.



127 people were baptized in St. Nektarios Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo by Bishop Timothy of Goma.