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.
-Bring a list of living and deceased to the Altar. We'll pray for them during Liturgy.
- For pastoral visits at home or hospital or special prayer requests ask Fr. Oleg.
- Follow us on Facebook Click HERE

Christ is among us! Is and Shall Be! **Христос посеред нас! Є і Буде!**
Молімось за мир в Україні! **Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!**

Sun. 01 Nov. 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE 5. Wonderworkers & Unmercenaries COSMAS & DAMIAN, & their mother THEODOTA (3rd C) Hieromartyrs Bishop JOHN & Presbyter JAMES of Persia (345) Martyrs CYRENIA & JULIANA (305) Martyr HERMENINGIDA the Goth (586) Martyrs CAESARIUS, DARIUS, SABBAS, SABINIAN, AGRIPPA, ADRIAN & THOMAS of Damascus (7th C) Bishop PRIMUS of Alexandria (119) Hieromartyr BENIGNUS of Dijon (200) MARCELLUS, Bishop of Paris (430)
Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 **Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39**
Welcome all for the Coffee Hour after the Liturgy – Запрошуємо на каву після Літургії
Welcome to the Pumpkin decoration workshop. Ask Pani Olha for the details.

The Bulletin is sponsored by Melanie Unger in memory of her sister, Michelene.

LITURGICAL MENEION & SCRIPTURE READINGS.

Mon. 02 Nov. Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus of Persia (341).
1 Thess. 1:1-5 **Lk. 10:22-24**

Tue. 03 Nov. Ven. Acepsimas (4th c.). St. Snandulia (380).
1 Thess. 1:6-10 **Lk. 11:1-10**

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

Wed. 04 Nov. Ven. Mercurius, faster of the Kyiv Caves (14th c.).
1 Thess. 2:1-8 **Lk. 11:9-13**

Thu. 05 Nov. Apostles Patrobus, Hermas, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus of the Seventy.
1 Thess. 2:9-14 **Lk. 11:14-23**

Fri. 06 Nov. Virgin martyrs Alexandra, Claudia, Matrona, Euphrosyne, Athanasia.
1 Thess. 2:14-19 **Lk. 11:23-27**

Sat. 07 Nov. Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene(290). Ven. Lazarus (1053). Martyr Theodotus.
2 Cor. 8:1-5 **Lk. 8:16-21**

04:00 PM ***GREAT VESPERS.***

06:00-09:00 PM Wine Tasting. Check below for the details.

Sun. 08 Nov. ***08:30 AM Hours and Confessions.***
***09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY*. UOL meeting.**

- **PYROHY schedule: November 5(sold out) and 19(sold out); December 3 and 17.** First come, first served (until we reach 250 doz.). To place an order please call Martha Dowling 610-682-4458. Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

- We collect non-perishable food items to support humanitarian aid for Ukraine. Donations of rice, pasta, canned vegetables and fruit, canned meats and fish, cereal, oatmeal, protein bars, coffee, tea, and other shelf-stable foods are greatly appreciated. Please place your donations downstairs. Thank you for your generosity and support of those in need.

- NUTROLL sale: Saturday December 12th, 10 AM-12 PM. Fillings: Apricot, Lekvar(Prune), Nut, Poppyseed, Pumpkin/Cheese, Red Raspberry. For orders, call: Marty 610-682-4458.

- Church School. Ms. Mary Ost (Preschool/ Elementary). Ms. Karen Osmun (Secondary) right after the Holy Communion. Welcome all children and youth.

- Virtual Bible Study Day. Check the information on the board downstairs or ask Fr. Oleg.

BIRTHDAYS:
01 Nov…Kiprian Fedetz
05 Nov…Joseph Killino
МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:
Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.
01 Nov…Bishop Bohdan (Shpilka) ’65
04 Nov…Alexander Fedorishen ’09

07 Nov…Nicholas Huzela ’74, Michelene (Smallen) Bruchok ‘82
ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ’ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

Євангеліє: 26 І припливли в землю Гадаринську, що навпроти Галилеї. 27 Коли ж Він зійшов на берег, зустрів Його один чоловік з міста, що упродовж багатьох років мав бісів, і не вдягався в одяг, і жив не в домі, а в гробах. 28 Побачивши ж Ісуса, він закричав, припав до Нього і гучним голосом сказав: що Тобі до мене, Ісусе, Сину Бога Вишнього? Благаю Тебе, не муч мене! 29 Бо Ісус повелів нечистому духові вийти з цього чоловіка, тому що він багато років мучив його; і в’язали його ланцюгами залізними і путами, і стерегли його, але він розривав ланцюги, і гнав його біс у пустелю. 30 Ісус запитав його: як твоє ім’я? Він же сказав: легіон, — бо багато бісів увійшло в нього. 31 І вони благали Ісуса, щоб не повелів їм іти в безодню. 32 Тут же на горі паслося велике стадо свиней. І біси благали Його, щоб дозволив їм увійти в них, і повелів їм. 33 Біси, вийшовши з чоловіка, увійшли в свиней, і кинулося стадо з кручі в озеро, і потонуло. 34 Пастухи, побачивши, що сталося, побігли і розповіли в місті і по селах. 35 І вийшли побачити, що сталось; і, прийшовши до Ісуса, знайшли чоловіка, з якого вийшли біси, одягненого і при своєму розумі, котрий сидів біля ніг Ісусових, і вжахнулися. 36 А ті, що бачили, розповіли їм, як зцілився біснуватий. 37 І весь народ краю Гадаринського просив Його відійти від них, бо їх охопив великий страх. Він увійшов у човен і повернувся. 38 Чоловік же, з якого вийшли біси, благав Його, щоб бути з Ним. Але Ісус відпустив його, сказавши: 39 повернись у дім твій і розкажи, що сотворив тобі Бог. Він пішов і проповідував по всьому місту, що сотворив йому Ісус.

Prayer for the health & salvation of the afflicted: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Metropolitan Antony, Sherri Fedetz, Irene Alexander, 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, Zachary Y. Siyufy, soldiers Oleh, and 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, Joshua Osmun, Aaliyah Osmun, Brendan Phillips, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous, Lisa Kulhanek, Esther Wilt, Benjamin Tomeo, Olena Kalichenko, Robert, Marybeth Smith, Charles Ermert, Susan Grofic, Pauline Keresstus.

Saints Cosmas and Damian were early Christian martyrs who are especially honored in the Orthodox Church for their faith in Christ, their compassion, and their dedication to helping others. They are known as the Holy Unmercenary Physicians because they treated the sick without accepting money or expecting any reward. According to Church tradition, the brothers lived during the third century and came from a Christian family. **Their mother, Saint Theodota,** raised them in the Christian faith and taught them to love God and their neighbors. After receiving medical training, Cosmas and Damian devoted their lives to caring for the sick. They treated everyone, regardless of whether they were rich or poor. They did not ask for payment, seek recognition, or use their knowledge for personal gain. Instead, they believed that the gifts and abilities God gives us should be used to serve others.

Their healing ministry was not limited to physical care. They also prayed for the sick, encouraged those who were suffering, and shared their faith in Christ. Through their actions, they showed that medicine and compassion could become expressions of Christian love.

Their mother, Saint Theodota, also deserves special attention. According to Church tradition, she was widowed and raised her sons on her own. She did more than teach them religious practices; she showed them through her own example what it means to live according to the Gospel. She taught them kindness, mercy, generosity, and faithfulness to God. Her Christian example played an important role in shaping the men her sons would become.

Saint Theodota's life reminds us that one of the greatest responsibilities of Christian parents is not simply to provide for their children materially, but to raise them with faith, good character, and love for their neighbors. She helped her sons understand that a meaningful life is not measured by wealth or success, but by how much good we do for others.

The lives of these saints offer several important lessons for us today.

First, our talents and abilities are gifts from God, and we should use them to help others. Whether we are doctors, teachers, parents, workers, or students, each of us has opportunities to make someone else's life better.

Second, true love does not always look for something in return. Cosmas and Damian remind us that helping others should not always depend on what we might receive in exchange. Sometimes the greatest Christian act is simply to help someone who is suffering.

Finally, their family story reminds us of the importance of Christian upbringing. Theodota's example shows that the faith parents practice and the values they teach can have a lasting influence on their children's lives.

We may not all have the medical knowledge of Cosmas and Damian, or the opportunity to make great sacrifices. But we can follow their example in our everyday lives: by caring for someone who is sick, helping a neighbor in need, offering encouragement to someone who is struggling, or giving our time without expecting anything in return.

The greatest wealth a person can possess is not what they have, but the love they share with others.

May the example of Saints Cosmas, Damian, and their mother, Saint Theodota, inspire us to use the gifts God has given us with humility, compassion, and generosity, so that our faith may be seen not only in our words and prayers, but also in the way we treat one another.

PROPERS for the DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHYRSTOM

Tropar of the 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.

Tropar of the Dormition, Tone 1: In giving birth/ you preserved your virginity/ In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, Birth-Giver of God/ You were translated to life, Mother of Life// and through your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tropar to the Unmercenaries, Tone 8: Holy Unmercenaries and Wonder workers Cosmas and Damian/ heal our infirmities/ Freely you have received,// freely you give to us.

Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 5: You descended into Hell, O my Savior/ shattering its gates as Almighty/ resurrecting the dead as Creator/ and destroying the sting of death/ You have delivered Adam from the curse, of Lover of man// and we cry to You: O Lord, save us.

Glory... Kondak to the Unmercenaries, Tone 2: Having received the grace of healing/ you grant healing to those in need/ Glorious wonderworkers and healers, Cosmas and Damian/ visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies// and bring healing to the world through your miracles.

Now and ever... Kondak of the Dormition, Tone 2: Neither the tomb nor death had power over the Birth-Giver of God/ she is ever watchful in her prayers and in her intercession lies unfailing hope/ For as the Mother of Life/ she has been translated to life by the One/ Who dwelt within her ever-virginal womb.

Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 5: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us/ from this generation forever.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any who are godly.

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Alleluia Verses, Tone 5. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame.

Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3X)

A Closer Look at This Sunday's Readings Galatians 6:11-18 • Luke 8:26-39

Christ Crossed the Sea for One Person. The Lord crossed the Sea of Galilee, entered a Gentile region, healed one tormented man, and then departed. The Gospel reminds us that no one is insignificant before God. Christ was willing to make the journey for a single lost soul.

The Demons Called Themselves "Legion". A Roman legion represented overwhelming military power. Yet the demons could do nothing without Christ's permission. The Gospel reveals that evil often appears powerful, but before the Son of God it is ultimately powerless.

The Townspeople Noticed the Pigs, Not the Miracle. The people saw the loss of the swine, but overlooked the restoration of a human life. The man who had lived among the tombs was returned to his family and community, yet many focused only on their material loss. The Gospel challenges us to recognize God's blessings even when they arrive with sacrifice or change.

The First Missionary of That Region Was a Former Demoniac. The healed man was neither a scholar nor one of the Twelve Apostles. His qualification was simple: he had experienced the mercy of Christ. The Lord sent him home with a mission:

"Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." (Luke 8:39) Christian witness begins with gratitude for what God has done in our own lives.

A Living Example of the "New Creation". In this Sunday's Epistle, St. Paul writes:

"Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but a new creation." (Galatians 6:15)

The Gospel shows us what this new creation looks like:

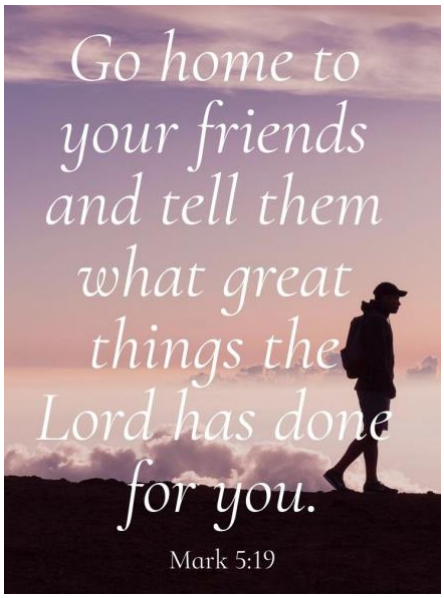
among the tombs → at the feet of Jesus

naked → clothed

tormented → at peace

isolated → restored to community

The healed man became a visible image of the transforming grace of Christ.



ORTHODOX NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Archbishop Daniel represented the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA at the 35th anniversary celebrations of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I at the Phanar in Constantinople.

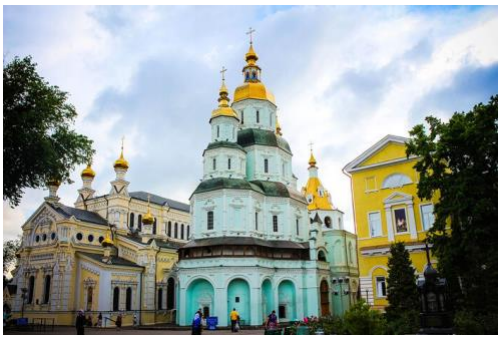
Hundreds of faithful gathered in Nosow, Poland to honor the wonder-working Lesna Icon of the Mother of God, discovered in 1683.

The new Church of St. Stephen the Archdeacon was consecrated by Patriarch Porfirije of Serbia in Melbourne, Australia.

In Vinnytsia, at Holy Trinity Brailovsky Women's Convent, the miraculous Icon of the Mother of God, was honored at the Divine Liturgy led by Metropolitans Clement of Nizhyn and Agapit of Mohiliv.

Patriarch Shio III of Georgia led services for the 1,700th anniversary of the conversion to Orthodoxy in the nation at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Tbilisi. Delegations from Alexandria, Antioch, Greece, Cyprus, Poland and Ukraine were present. The Church of Georgia consists of 84% of the population, with 50 dioceses and 730 clergy.

Holy Protection Monastery in Kharkhiv observed its 300th anniversary of its founding in 1726 by Metropolitan Epiphaniy of Belhorod.



Come Taste the Wine!

Wine Tasting Social

Sponsored by the
Assumption of the Virgin Mary
UOL Chapter
1301 Newport Avenue
Northampton, PA 18067

Saturday, November 7, 2026

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Wine and complements will be served
Donation $35
Reservations: Call Mike - 610-262-5292