






**Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Weekly Bulletin Feb. 8 2026**

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026		
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SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 1st	 Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	TRIDION WEEKS Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 8th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 15th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9;2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 22nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13:11-14;4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 1st	 SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32:12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 8th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10:2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 15th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4:14:5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34:9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 22nd	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13:20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent MARCH 29th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY APRIL 5th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 10th	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 12th NO FASTING!	 HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	BRIGHT WEEK Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

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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: <https://www.facebook.com/avmuocoftheus>

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Слава Ісусу Христу! Навіки Слава!

Молімось за мир в Україні!

Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!

Sun. 08 Feb. *Sunday of PRODIGAL SON. AFTERFEAST of the MEETING. T. 2. Great Martyr THEODORE STRATELATES(319) PROPHET ZECHARIAH(520 B.C.) Archbishop SAVA of Serbia. Martyr COINTHA*

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

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

TODAY'S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY BETTYANN AND JANET IN MEMORY OF THEIR FATHER, JOHN WOYEWODA AND GRANDMOTHER, ANNA HEWKO.

LITURGICAL MENEION & SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 09 Feb. Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Philagrius, Pancratius, disciples of Apostle Peter.
1 Jn. 2:18-3:10 **Mk. 11:1-10**

Tue. 10 Feb. St. Anna, wife of prince Yaroslav (1050).
1 Jn. 3:10-20 **Mk. 14:10-42**

06:30 PM **Moleben for Peace in Ukraine (St. John the Baptist, Northampton).**

Wed. 11 Feb. St. Theodora, wife of Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (867).
1 Jn. 3:21-4:6 **Mk. 14:43-15:1**

Thu. 12 Feb. Ven. Mary, nun (who was called Marinus), and her father, St. Eugene(6 c)
1 Jn. 4:20-5:21 **Mk. 15:1-15**

Fri. 13 Feb. St. Martinian (422). Venn. Zoe of Bethlehem and Virgin Photina (5th c.).
2 Jn. 1:1-13 **Mk. 15:22-25, 33-41**

Sat. 14 Feb. Memorial Saturday (Meatfare).
1 Cor. 10:23-28 **Lk. 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36**

09:00 AM **MEMORIAL PANACHYDA** (make a list of your departed loved ones for praying during the Lenten Memorial Saturdays and give to Fr. Oleg)

04:00 PM **GREAT VESPERS.**

Sun. 15 Feb. **09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.**

- **Memory of 4th Anniversary of War in Ukraine** in South Bound Brook before the Miraculous Icon of the Mother of God Kardiotisa. Sat., Feb. 21, 6:00 PM. Sign up downstairs.

- **Nut Roll Sale. Six fillings. \$18 each. Order by March 13. Call Marty: 610-682-4458**

- **Pysanky Workshops** – Saturday, March 14, 2026 in the Church hall. Choose from 9 a.m.-12 noon OR 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost: \$40 per person (\$5 non-refundable registration fee and \$35 at the door) You will have the use of all materials (emptied eggs, kistka, wax, dyes, etc.) to create a beautiful pysanka to take home. Contact Jessie Hnatow at jessie.hnatow@gmail.com or 610-428-8389 (text only) for registration information. Class size is limited. Instructors: Christina Deutsch and Jessie Hnatow.

- **Pyrohy schedule: Feb. 19; Mar. 5, 19.** First come, first served (until we reach 250 doz.). Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

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

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

God bless all the newly elected members of the Parish Board

ANNIVERSARIES:

14 Feb...William & Judy Ketterer

BIRTHDAYS:

09 Feb...John Thomas Hnatow

10 Feb...John Vitushinsky

11 Feb... Cheryl Sawarynski, Patrick Phillips

14 Feb...Sabrina Ost

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

Newly departed John Harbilas

08 Feb...John Woyewoda '82

09 Feb...Wasył Kotoris '39, Mary Isczuk '07

10 Feb...Stephania Hnatow '11

11 Feb...John Antoniuk '69

12 Feb...Cyprian Witushynski '60

13 Feb...Paul Magerka '52, Dmytro Isczuk '92

14 Feb...John Czerkas '74, Tekla Kochenash '11, Myroslav Molofiy '04

ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

Євангеліє: 11 Ще сказав: один чоловік мав двох синів. 12 І сказав молодший з них батькові: батьку, дай мені частину майна, що належить мені. І батько розділив між ними майно. 13 Через кілька днів молодший син, зібравши все, пішов у далекий край і там розтратив своє майно, живучи розпусно. 14 Коли ж він усе розтратив, настав великий голод у тій країні, і він почав бідувати. 15 І пішов, пристав до одного з жителів тієї країни; а той послав його на свої поля пасти свиней. 16 І він радий був насититися стручками, які їли свині, але ніхто не давав йому. 17 Опам'ятавшись, він сказав: скільки наймитів у батька мого мають надлишок хліба, а я вмираю з голоду; 18 встану, піду до батька мого і скажу йому: батьку! Згрішив я перед небом і перед тобою 19 і вже недостойний зватися твоїм сином; прийми мене як одного з наймитів твоїх. 20 Встав і пішов до батька свого. І коли він був ще далеко, батько побачив його і переповнився жалем; побіг і, кинувшись йому на шию, цілував його. 21 Син же сказав йому: батьку! Я згрішив перед небом і перед тобою і вже недостойний зватися твоїм сином. 22 А батько сказав рабам своїм: принесіть найкращий одяг і вдягніть його, і дайте перстень на руку його і взуття на ноги; 23 і приведіть відгодоване теля, і заколіть; будемо їсти і веселитися! 24 Бо син мій оцей був мертвий і ожив, пропав і знайшовся.

Prayer for the health & salvation of the afflicted: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Helen Crayosky, Caroline Hallman, Joseph Killino, Barbara Grason, Sandra Miller, John Vitushinski, Raisa Bakalets, Karen Yurconic, Tom, Sylvia Petro, priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, Martha Dowling, Michael Szymonifka, Karen Kankula, Evelyn Kankula, Russel Kerick, Christina Truss, Matthew Vitushinsky, Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, Jessica Meashock, Ray Stoner, Zachary Y. Siyufy, soldier Oleh, 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, MaryAnn Ramaley, Aaliyah Osmun, Brendan Phillips, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Joann Hoodmaker, Norman Betrous, Robert Zarayko, Lisa Kulhanek, Esther Wilt, Benjamin Tomeo, Olena Kalichenko, Robert, Marybeth Smith.

PROPERs for DIVINE LITURGY

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 2: When You descended to death, O Life Immortal/ You slew Hell with the splendor of Your Godhead/ 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 of the Feast, Tone 1: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace/ from you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God/ enlighten-ing those who sat in darkness/ Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder/ you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls/ Who grants us the Resurrection.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kondak of the Lenten Triodion, Tone 3: I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father/ and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me/ Therefore I cry to You like Prodigal/ "I have sinned before You, O Compassionate Father/ receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kondak of the Feast, Tone 1: By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb/ and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God/ Now You have come and saved us through love/ Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians/ O only Lover of mankind.

Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song/ He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Prokimen of the Birth-Giver of God, Tone 3: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Alleluia Verses, Tone 2

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble. May the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call.

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation.

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

Instead of “It is right in truth...”

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve and save those who hope in you.

Irmos, Tone 3 In the shadow and letter of the Law/ let us the faithful discern a figure/ every male child that opens the womb is holy to God/ There-fore, we magnify the First-born Word of the Father Who has no be-ginning/ the Son first born of a Mother who had not known man.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia (3X)

ORTHODOX NEWS AROUND THE GLOBE



Seven Orthodox hierarchs of the USA participated in the 53rd annual national “MARCH FOR LIFE” held in Washington, D.C.

The Jerusalem Patriarchate celebrated Holy Theophany with Patriarch Theophilos blessing the waters of the Jordan River on the West Bank.



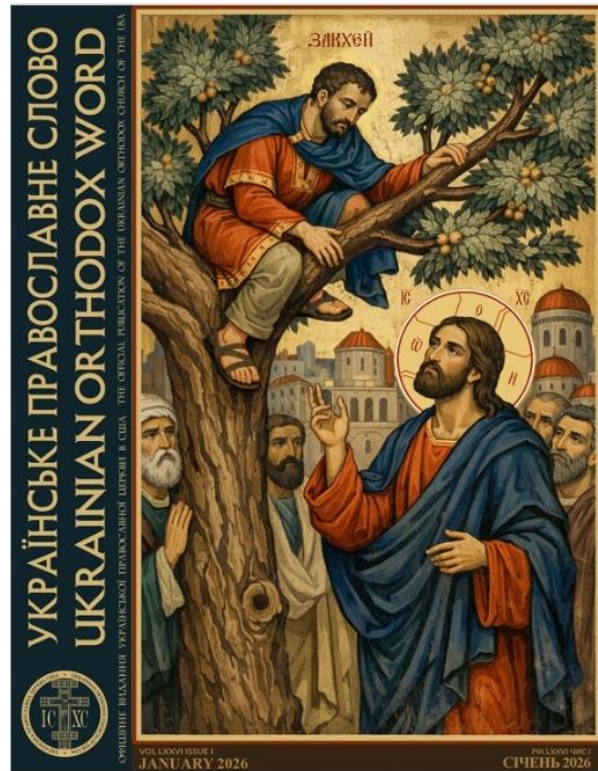
Archbishop Mark of Kropvnytsky consecrated a new church named for St. Nicholas the Wonderworker in the village of Ositnyazhka.



Metropolitan Onuphriy celebrated Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Waters in Kyiv's Pechersk Lavra.

Fr. Simeon Lopez of Holy Trinity parish in Cisneros, Colombia baptized 6 young catechumens after months of preparation and instruction.

A new abbess, Mother Paraskeva (Milosavljevic) was installed at the Monastery of Archangel Gabriel in Libertyville, Ohio by Bishop Irenej.



BLESSING OF HOMES STILL PENDING. You will get a call before the visit. To schedule, reschedule home blessing or cancel one, please text or call Fr. Oleg at 484-834-7261. Thank you.