

Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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**Therefore
you are to
be perfect,
as your
heavenly
Father is
perfect**



Matthew 5:48

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

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Молімоєь за мир в Україні!

Слава Ісусу Христу! Навіки Слава!
Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!

Sun. 14 Dec. 27th SUNDAY after PENTECOST. TONE 2. HOLY ANCESTORS. *Martyrs THYRSUS, LEUCIUS, and CALLILNICUS (250) Martyrs APOLLONIUS, PHILEMON, ARIANUS, and THEOCTYCHUS of Alexandria (287) Bishop VENANTIUS FORTUNATUS of Poitiers (600) Venerable HIBALD of Lincolnshire (7th C.) Venerable FOLCWIN of Therouanne (855).*
Epistle Colossians 3: 4-11 Gospel: Luke 14: 16-24

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

Sisterhood meeting

LITURGICAL MENEION & SCRIPTURE READINGS (NATIVITY FAST)

Mon. 15 Dec. Ven. Paul of Mt. Latros (956). Stephen the Confessor, archbishop of Surozh.
2 Tim. 2:20-26 Lk. 19:37-44

Tue. 16 Dec. Prophet Haggai (Aggaeus) (500 B.C.). Blessed Empress Theophania.
2 Tim. 3:16-4:4 Lk. 19:45-48

06:30 PM Moleben for Peace in Ukraine (St. Josaphat, Bethlehem).

Wed. 17 Dec. Holy Prophet Daniel (600 B.C.) and the Three Holy Youths.
2 Tim. 4:9-22 Lk. 20:1-8

Thu. 18 Dec. Ven. Michael the Confessor at Constantinople (845).
Titus 1:5-2:1 Lk. 20:9-18

Fri. 19 Dec. St. Elias of Murom, wonderworker of the Kyiv Caves (1188).
Titus 1:15-2:10 Lk. 20:19-26

Sat. 20 Dec. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer.
Eph. 1:16-23 Lk. 12:32-40

04:00 PM GREAT VESPERS. Examination of Conscience and Confessions.

Sun. 21 Dec. **09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.**

PROPERS for DIVINE LITURGY

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 2: When You descended to death O Life Immortal/ You slayed 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 Holy Ancestors, Tone 2: By faith You justified the Fore-fathers/ through them forming the Church of all nations/ The saints boast in glory/ that from their seed came a Blessed Fruit/ she who bore You without seed, Christ our God/ By their prayers save our souls.

Glory... now and ever... Amen. Kondak of the Holy Ancestors, Tone 6: You did not worship the graven image/ O thrice-blessed youths/ but armed with the invisible power of God/ you were glorified in a trial by fire/ In the midst of unbearable flames you called upon God, crying/ “Hasten, O Compassionate One/ and in Your mercy, come to our aid/ for You can do all that You will.”

Prokimen of the Three Children, Tone 4: Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers, praised and glorified is Your Name to the ages.

Verse: For You righteous in all that You have accomplished for us.

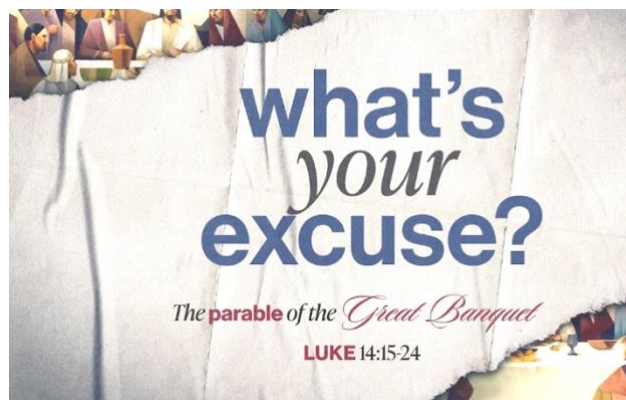
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Alleluia Verses, Tone 4: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His Name.

They called upon the Lord and He answered them.

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Rejoice in the Lord, you Righteous, praise befits the upright. Alleluia (3X)



- Please take the envelopes and calendars downstairs.

- Gingerbread cookies baking/decorating **Workshop, December 21** after Liturgy. Free for parish youth. \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids. Call pani Olha to sign up.

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Snow Tubing: UOL Fellowship Saturday, January 3, 2026. Youth are free. All are welcome! Sign up list and flyer downstairs. RSVP by December 15.

- Collecting can goods for Food Bank in memory of victims of artificial famine in Ukraine 1932-33. Box downstairs (canned potatoes, and meats, tuna, pasta, sauces, mac. & cheese).

- **Pyrohy schedule: Dec. 18, Jan. 8, 22.** 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.

BIRTHDAYS:

15 Dec...Kathleen Kuchinos

17 Dec...Tristan Phillips

MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

14 Dec...Peter Sawka

15 Dec...Eva Lubenesky '77, Michael Dorosh '17

16 Dec...Archbishop Vsevolod (Majdansky) '07

18 Dec...Andrew Hurskyj '30

20 Dec...Dmytro Ziatyk '48, Tessie Kuchinos '19

VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!

Prayer for the health & salvation of the afflicted: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Helen Crayosky, Rosemarie Pypiuk, Caroline Hallman, Joseph Killino, Reader Maximos(Meashock), 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, Walter & Mary Ann Dworakivsky, 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.

BAD BOOKS. A few decades ago, the Texas State Board of Education reviewed and approved a new set of textbooks for use in public schools. Concerned parents and watchdog groups, such as Educational Research Analysts, began conducting their own reviews of these textbooks. They discovered numerous factual mistakes and misleading passages—ranging from misdated events to oversimplified or biased accounts of history and science.

When pressed, state officials acknowledged that errors existed and sometimes found even more upon re-examination. Over time, critics documented **hundreds of errors across multiple publishers**, including well-known names like Prentice-Hall, Houghton Mifflin, and Holt, Rinehart & Winston.

How did the publishers respond? In some cases, representatives defended their work by insisting that, “except for the errors,” the books were among the finest they had ever produced. “Except for the errors...” that teenage girl wouldn’t be pregnant and contemplating an abortion. “Except for the error...” that man’s wife wouldn’t be leaving him because he had an affair. “Except for the error...” that young man and that woman wouldn’t have AIDS. “Except for the errors...” Except for his drinking problem, he’s a pretty good guy. Except for her drug problem, she is a pretty good mother. Except for his sticky fingers, he was a pretty good banker. Except for her gossiping she’s a pretty good friend. Except for the errors... there wouldn’t be any sin. Except for the errors...who are we kidding, except for ourselves? But we do it all the time. We make excuses. We let ourselves off the hook.

ORTHODOX NEWS AROUND THE GLOBE

Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA bring Christmas joy to up to 3,000 children living in orphanages, rehabilitation centers, and homes for those with profound disabilities across Ukraine - especially in the war-torn Donetsk region.



Thousands flocked to the Cathedrals in Patras, Greece and Bucharest, Romania to honor their Patron Saint Andrew on his feast day.

Metropolitan Theologos and 4 other bishops led services on the Feast of the Holy Archangels in Serres, Greece, the protectors of the city.

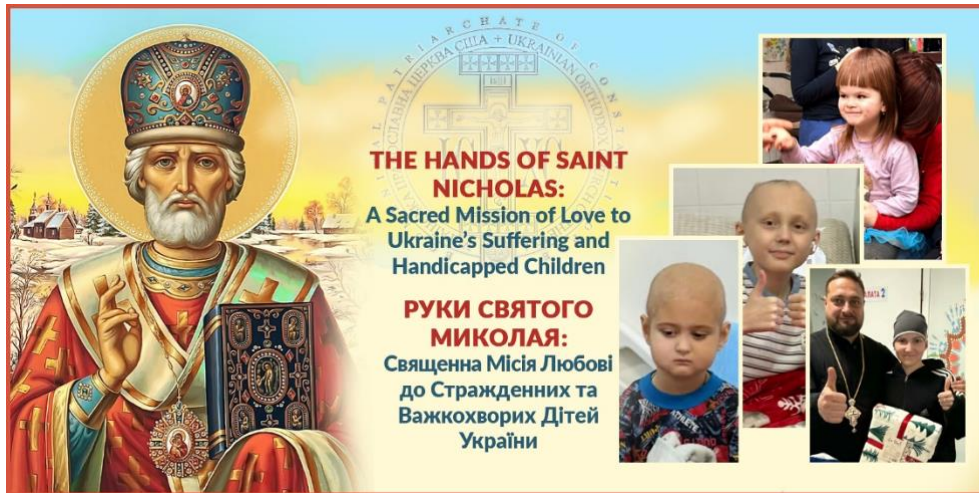


Bishop Benjamin of Boyarsk led the Divine Liturgy at the newly established parish of Archangel Michael in Lenerkenny, Ireland.

UNESCO protected Church of St. Alexander Nevsky in Riga marked its 200th anniversary. The autonomous Latvian Orthodox Church has more than 500 thousand followers with 3 bishops and a seminary.

Sisters from the Horodotsky Mykolaiyev Convent in Rivne participated in the Festival of Religious Songs in Siermiatyczkx. Poland which drew 27 choirs from the Podlasiye region.

St. Sophia's Seminary in So. Bound Brook received a \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Fund for its clergy education program.



Євангеліє. 16 Він же сказав йому: один чоловік справляв велику вечерю і запросив багатьох. 17 І коли настав час вечері, послав раба свого сказати запрошеним: ідіть, бо все вже готове. 18 І почали всі, ніби змовившись, вибачатися. Перший сказав йому: я купив землю і мені треба піти і оглянути її; прошу тебе, вибач мені. 19 Другий сказав: я купив п'ять пар волів та йду випробувати їх; прошу тебе, вибач мені. 20 Третій сказав: я одружився і через те не можу прийти. 21 І, повернувшись, раб той розповів про це господареві своєму. Тоді, розгнівавшись, господар сказав рабові своєму: піди швидше на вулиці й провулки міста і приведи сюди вбогих, калік, сліпих і кривих. 22 І сказав раб: господарю, зроблено, як ти велів, і ще є місце. 23 Господар сказав рабові: піди на дороги і загороди і умовляй прийти, щоб наповнився дім мій. 24 Бо кажу вам, що ніхто з тих запрошених не покуштує моєї вечері, бо багато званих, та мало обраних.