

ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Confessions: Vespers on the first Saturday of the month, Sundays before Liturgies,
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.

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Христос Хрестився! В Річці Йордані! Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan river!

Let's pray for peace in Ukraine

Молимося за мир в Україні

Sun. 04 Feb. (22 Jan.) 34th Sunday after PENTECOST. Tone 1. Venn. PAUL of Thebes & JOHN (Calabyles) Monk-martyr PANSOPHIUS. Ven. PROCHORUS & GABRIEL
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Blessing of the Parish Board members.

1:00 PM Baptism

3:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Outdoor Water Blessing

*The Bulletin is sponsored by Bettyann and Janet Woyewoda
in memory of their father John Woyewoda and Grandmother Anna Hewko.*

Liturgical Mencion & Scripture Readings

Mon. 05 Feb. Ven. Salamanes the Silent (ca. 400). St. Paulinus the Merciful, bishop of Nola
Eph. 1:22-2:3 Mk. 10:46-52

Tue. 06 Feb. Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves (5th c.).
Eph. 2:19-3:7 Mk. 11:11-23

6:30 PM MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (St. John the Baptist, Northampton)

Wed. 07 Jan. St. Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople (389).
1 Cor. 12:7-11 Jn. 10:9-16

Thu. 08 Feb. Ven. Xenophon and his wife, St. Mary, and their two sons (6thc.).
Eph. 4:14-19 Mk. 11:27-33

Fri. 09 Feb. Translation of the relics of St. John Chrysostom (438).
Eph. 4:17-25 Mk. 12:1-12

Sat. 10 Feb. St. Ephraim the Syrian (373). St. Palladius the Hermit of Antioch (4th c.).
1 Cor. 14:20-25 Mt. 25:1-13

5:00 PM GREAT VESPERS.

Sun. 11 Feb. 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 2: When You descended to death, Life Immortal,/ You slayed Hell with the splendor of Your Divinity./ And when from the depths You raised the dead,/ all the Powers of Heaven cried out:/ Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

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 Apostle Timothy, Tone 4: Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things,/ you were arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest. /From the chosen Vessel you drew ineffable mysteries; you kept the faith, and finished a course equal to His./ Bishop Martyr Timothy,/ entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 2: Hell became fearful, Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb./ The dead arose and all creation, with Adam,/ beheld this and rejoiced with You/ and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Glory... Kondak to Apostle Timothy, Tone 1: Let us the faithful praise the Holy Apostle Timothy,/ the companion of Paul in his travels and together with him./ Let us honor the wise Anastasius,/ who came as a star from Persia,/ for the healing of the passions of our souls/ and the diseases of our bodies.

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 2: The Lord is my strength and my song./ He has become my salvation.

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

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Alleluia Verses, Tone 2. May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble. May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you.

The Heavens are Yours, the earth is Yours also.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens./ Praise Him in the Highest. Alleluia 3X.

- Pan-Orthodox Outdoor Water Blessing. Sunday, February 4, 3 PM at Jordan Creek Park 1001 N 6th St Ext, Whitehall, PA 18052.

- BLESSING OF HOMES. If you do not wish your home blessed or if your name was missed on the list, please text or call Father Oleg. If you would like him to come at a specific time, also text or call. Please have a candle & icon on the table and a list of names you wish to be commemorated (living & deceased).

- Pysanky Workshops – Saturday, March 9, 2024 in the Church hall. Chose from 9 a.m.-12 noon OR 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost: \$30 per person (\$5 non-refundable registration fee and \$25 at the door) You will have the use of all materials (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

- Baseball Raffle for support of Andrew Sawarynski's College Baseball team: Prize: \$1000 cash. \$20/ticket. Drawing: February 3. Sign-up downstairs.

-ATTENTION! Should there be any inclement winter weather please check the Parish Website - holyassumption.org - for any cancellations or postponements of services or events. Cancellations will also be posted on Channel 69 - WFMZ-TV and their website. We will do our best with snow and ice removal on the church property. However please use good judgment and caution when icy weather is forecast; your safety is important to us all!

- Please pick up the envelopes and calendars on the hockey table downstairs.
 - UOL essay contest: topics are on the board at hall. Let's participate.
 - Please consider donating to Project Isaiah 44 – Wells in Africa, which our Dean Father Robert presented to us last week. Details are in a flyer. The box is on a table near main entrance.
 - Please bring new warm clothing. It will be donated to the needy people in Ukraine.
 - Pyrohy schedule: February 8, 22; March 7, 21. First come, first served (until we reach 300 doz.). Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.
 - Church School is every Sunday: Mrs. Mary Ost (Preschool/ Elementary) 8:55-9:20 AM. Mrs. Karen Osmun (Secondary) at 8:45-9:15 AM. **Welcome all children and youth.**
 - **For Food Bank:** baby foods, canned potatoes, and meats, tuna, pasta, sauces, mac. & cheese.
 - **Virtual Bible Study Day** - every Wednesday via Zoom: №1 Pan-Orthodox at 12 PM. Meeting ID: 576 301 6482. Passcode: 238492. №2 with a professor of Saint Sophia Seminary, Fr. Demetrios at 7 PM. Ask Fr. Oleg for the link.
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BIRTHDAYS:

21 Feb...Sandra Miller

05 Feb...George Alexander

09 Feb...John Thomas Hnatow

10 Feb...John Vitushinsky

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

05 Feb...Anna Hewko '82

06 Feb...Slavka Werbicky (2 yrs. old) '26, Anna Piatok '42

07 Feb...Elizabeth Fedko '73, Pauline Zia tyk '83

08 Feb...John Woyewoda '82

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

10 Feb...Stephania Hnatow '11

ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH & SALVATION OF THE AFFLICTED: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Father James Norton, Vladimir Krasnopera, Barbara Grason, Linda Tilson Hnatow, Michael Tilson, Paul Kochenash, Helen Crayosky, Rosemarie Pypiuk, priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, priest Vasyl Dovgan, Karen Kankula, Jon Hewko, Matthew Vitushinsky, Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, Nicholas Alexander, Tom Petro Jr., William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, Jessica Meashock, James Osmun, Fred Stubits, Zachary Y. Siyufy, Ruslana Reznik, Lubov Slonova, Raisa Melnychuk, Vasyl Beizyn, Lubov Shevchuk, Volodymyr Hranat, Ihor Broda, Debi Hutnick, Eric Hewko, Phil O'Brien, child Charlie, Juliana, Shirl Merolli, Kirk Swauger, Stephanie Donnelly, Danny Berro, child Alexandria, Elizabeth Pastushenko, Philippe Chasseuil, Aaliyah Osmun, Brendan Phillips, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Joann Hoodmaker, Norman Betrous, Robert Zarayko Jr.

A cigar-chomping realtor was driving around a young couple to search for their first dream house. After listening to their concerns about mortgage points, maintenance costs, and school systems, he decided to give them a bit of advice. "I've been selling homes for 23 years," he said, "and I've discovered only three things matter when you're buying a home: location, location, location."

To prove his point, he drove the couple to see two homes. The paint was peeling on the first house, and the driveway was heaving in spots. "It may be a handyman's special," he said, "but look at the view." The house sat at the foot of a purple mountain, adjacent to ten acres of untouched forest. Then the group went to see a charming two-story stone farmhouse with five bedrooms, a big kitchen, and plenty of closets. "Everything's immaculate," the wife exclaimed after a brief tour inside. "In fact, we might buy it if it was located somewhere else." Then she pulled back a curtain to see an interstate highway and a busy airport runway.

Location, location, location. It is a good rule in considering real estate. It is also a good rule in biblical interpretation. Anybody who wants to know the deeper meaning of a biblical text can benefit by looking around its neighborhood.

At first glance, the story of Jesus and Bartimaeus looks like a typical healing story. A sightless beggar alongside the road regains his vision at the word of Jesus. The deed fulfills the promise of the prophet Isaiah, "The eyes of the blind shall be opened" (Isaiah 35:5). The fact that the blind man is named is somewhat unusual, but easily explained. When Matthew and Luke tell the story, the beggar is anonymous. In Mark, he is the son of Timaeus, literally "Bar-Timaeus." Perhaps Mark's community knew him, and the writer tells us his story as if to say, "You know old Bart, who sits in the fourth pew by the window? Here's the story of how he began to see."

For 51 years Bob Edens was blind. He couldn't see a thing. His world was a black hall of sounds and smells. He felt his way through five decades of darkness. And then, he could see. A skilled surgeon performed a complicated operation and, for the first time, Bob Edens had sight. He found it overwhelming. "I never would have dreamed that yellow is so...yellow," he exclaimed. "I don't have the words. I am amazed by yellow. But red is my favorite color. I just can't believe red. I can see the shape of the moon--and I like nothing better than seeing a jet plane flying across the sky leaving a vapor trail. And of course, sunrises and sunsets. And at night I look at the stars in the sky and the flashing light. You could never know how wonderful everything is." (by Max Lucado)

Blindness To Human Intentions. At the very time Stalin was liquidating millions, the Rev. Hewlett Johnson of Canterbury spoke of him as bringing in the kingdom of Christ. (Paul Johnson I read an impressive story about a blind man who lives on the streets of New York City. On a beautiful day in the month of May people were enjoying a spring morning. Their emotions were stirred when they came upon this blind beggar who carried a sign reading: "It is spring and I am blind." The blind man knew there was beauty all around him: spring flowers, blossoming shrubs and trees, newly-sprouted leaves, but he could only imagine how wonderful all that beauty was. It must be vexing to smell spring in the air but not be able to witness it or during this wonderful time of year to hear the rustling of falls leaves but never see their brilliant colors. Do we fully appreciate the blessings of sight which God has given us? Are we moved to express gratitude for so wonderful a physical sense? Do we see the gift so graciously given. (by Harold H. Lentz)

ORTHODOXY IN THE WORLD



On Jan. 19th Archbishop Elpidiphoros of America ended his 4 day visit to Mt. Athos, celebrating the Theophany Liturgy at Xenophontos.

Six adults were baptized at the Church of St. Elizabeth in Wallasey, England on the Feast of Theophany.



Several bishops of the Odessa Diocese blessed the waters of the Black Sea on the Great Feast of Theophany.

Bishop Silvester of Jinja, Uganda presided over the baptism of 20 people in the village of Isegero on Jan 21



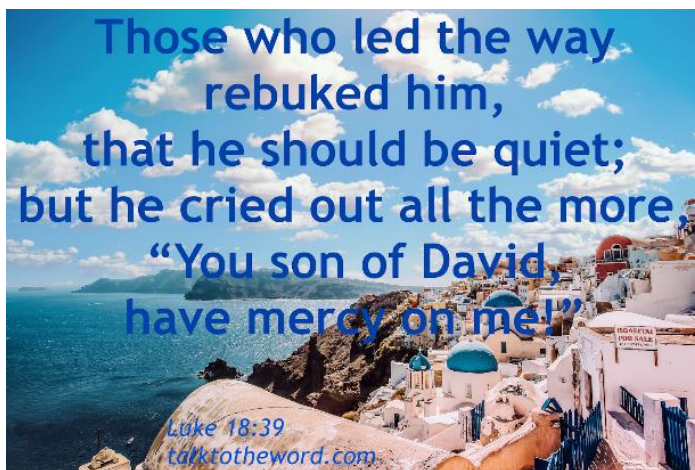


Orthodox Christians participated in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. led by four Orthodox hierarchs of the Americas on Jan. 21st.



Additions in Ukrainian

Луки 18:35-43. 35 Коли ж наближався Він до Єрихона, один сліпий сидів край дороги і просив милостині. 36 Почувши, що повз нього проходить народ, запитав: що це таке? 37 Йому сказали, що Ісус Назарянин проходить. 38 Тоді він закричав: Ісусе, Сину Давидів, помилуй мене! 39 І ті, що йшли попереду, примушували його замовкнути; а він ще голосніше кричав: Сину Давидів, помилуй мене! 40 Зупинившись, Ісус звелів



привести його до Себе. Коли той наблизився до Нього, спитав його: 41 чого ти хочеш від Мене? Він сказав: Господи, щоб мені прозріти! 42 Ісус сказав йому: прозри! Віра твоя спасла

тебе. 43 І він умиє прозрів і пішов за Ним, славлячи Бога; і всі люди, побачивши це, віддали хвалу Богові.