

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.

**Please, don't throw away the bulletin. Bring it back to the church. Thank you.**

**You are welcome to contribute articles or pictures to the bulletin. Let's make**

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Слава Ісусу Христу! Навіки Слава!

Let's pray for peace in Ukraine

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Молімось за мир в Україні

**Sun. 11 Feb.** (29 Jan.) 36<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after PENTECOST. TONE 3. Translation of the relics of Hieromartyr IGNATIUS the God-bearer (107) Martyrs ROMANUS, JAMES, PHILOTHEUS, HYPERECHIUS, ABIBUS, JULIAN, PAREGORIUS (297). Martyrs SILVANUS, Bishop of Emesa, LUKE the Deacon & MOCIUS the Reader. Bishop LAURENCE of the Kyiv Caves (1194)  
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

**Mon. 12 Feb.** Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom.

**Heb. 13:7-16 Mt. 5:14-19**

**Tue. 13 Feb.** Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (311)  
**Jas. 3:1-10 Mk. 11:11-23**

**6:30 PM MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (Holy Protection, Allentown)**

**Wed. 14 Feb.** Martyr Tryphon of Campsada near Apamea in Syria (250).  
**Jas. 3:11-4:6 Mk. 11:23-26**

**Thu. 15 Feb.** THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRI  
**Heb. 7:7-17 Lk. 2:22-40**

**9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY. Blessing of candles.**

**Fri. 16 Feb.** Holy and Righteous Symeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess 1 c.  
**1 Pet. 1:1-2, 10-12 - 2:6-10 Mk. 12:1-12;**

**Sat. 17 Feb.** Ven. Nicholas the Confessor, abbot of the Studion (868).  
**1 Thess. 5:14-23 Lk. 17:3-10**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy in St. Sophia Seminary, NJ, Three Hierarch Chapel Feast**

**5:00 PM GREAT VESPERS.**

**Sun. 18 Feb. 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.**

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## PROPERs FOR THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 3: Let the Heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad. For the Lord has shown strength with His Arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the First born of the Dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell and has granted the world great mercy.

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 Hieromartyr Ignatius, Tone 4: Like a treasure of rich and abundant gifts,/ your relics were carried reverently from Rome to your flock. / While lovingly celebrating their return, / we receive grace of healing for our souls and bodies; / and we always sing of your martyric contest, O glorious Hieromartyr Ignatius.

Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 3: On this day You rose from the tomb, Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices. With the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your Power.

Glory... Kondak to St. Ignatius, Tone 4: Today, you shone forth from the East/ enlightening all of creation with your teachings,/ and you were adorned with martyrdom, O godly Ignatius the God-bearer.

**Now and ever... Kondak 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 3: Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

**Verse: Clap your hands, all you peoples. Shout to God with a joyful voice.**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

**Alleluia Verses, Tone 3. Lord, in You have I hoped. Let me never be put to shame.**

**Be a God protection for me, a house of refuge to save me.**

**Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28**

**Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; they shall not fear any evil report. Alleluia (3X)**

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**- 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. Choose 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](mailto:jessie.hnatow@gmail.com) or 610-428-8389 (text only) for registration information. Class size is limited. Instructors: Christina Deutsch and Jessie Hnatow.

**-ATTENTION!** Should there be any inclement winter weather please check the Parish Website - [holyyassumption.org](http://holyyassumption.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: No1 Pan-Orthodox at 12 PM. Meeting ID: 576 301 6482. Passcode: 238492. No2 with a professor of Saint Sophia Seminary, Fr. Demetrios at 7 PM. Ask Fr. Oleg for the link.

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**BIRTHDAYS:** 11 Feb... Cheryl Sawarynski, Patrick Phillips,  
14 Feb...Sabrina Ost  
**МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!**

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**NECROLOGY:**

*Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.*

11 Feb...John Antoniuk '69

12 Feb...Cyprian Vitushynski '60

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

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

15 Feb...Peter Gontar '47, Michael Marnick '86, Stella Vitushinsky '08

16 Feb...Jurij Mones(infant) '24, Mary Hanzarick '75

17 Feb...Vladimir Bochnok '95

**ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

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**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.

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**Blessing of Candles.** On the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40), it is customary to bless candles. Thus this Feast is sometimes known as Candlemas. Fr. John McGuckin writes: "When Christians pray, from time immemorial they have lit candles. The candle is a sign of the fire of the Holy Spirit. The candle reminds us that Christ and his Holy Spirit pray in and through us, unfailingly. They see the heart's intent and always draw close in time of prayer. Their prayer (in us, through us, over us) is never dim, always luminous."

Before reading the Gospel at the Divine Liturgy, the celebrant prays that God will illumine our hearts with the pure light of His divine knowledge so that we can understand His Gospel message. Hieromonk Gregorious in his commentary on the Liturgy says concerning the use of candles in the Orthodox Church:

"We asked Christ to enlighten us with the light of divine knowledge because He is the illumination of our souls and bodies. This Light of Christ is symbolized by the light of the candles and lamps which we light at the Divine Liturgy and other services.

St Nikodimus of the Holy Mountain explains why we have lights in church: 'First, to the glory of God, the true Light who enlightens every man. Secondly, to banish the darkness of night and give consolation. Thirdly, as a sign of joy and delight. Fourthly, in honors of the martyrs and saints... Fifthly, to suggest the light of our good works. And sixthly, for the forgiveness of our sins.'

St Symeon the New Theologian writes in this connection: 'The candles which you light reveal to you the intelligible light. Just as the church, that house of great beauty, is full of light from many candles, so the house of your soul, which is more precious than that church, should be illumined and

full of light in a noetic sense – that is to say, that within you all the spiritual virtues should burn with divine fire... The multitude of burning lamps signify the illumined thoughts which should shine within you like lamps, so that there should be no dark thought in the house of your soul, but that all should be aflame and shining with the light of the Holy spirit.”

In the book of Revelation, St. John gives us this wonderful image of Christ, both Lamb and Lamp of God. As Lamp He bears the divine light which is the glory of God: And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. (Revelation 21:23)

On this Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, we bless candles and contemplate the role of light in the world and in our lives – a light that comes from God and is a way we experience and encounter our Creator.(frted.wordpress.com)

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Be One of God's CANDLES (Author unknown)

A candle is a lovely thing.  
It makes no noise or stir at all,  
But softly gives itself away,  
While, quite unselfish, it grows small.  
God's candles we -  
If set where dark or light,  
It matters not if we but keep  
His altars bright.  
God's candles we —  
Light from His radiant flame  
If we bum clear and high,  
We glorify His name.  
God's candles we —  
Oh, may we brighter glow  
To brighten other flames  
That flicker low.



### ORTHODOXY IN THE WORLD

More than 600 people attended the Vigil & Liturgy for the Three Hierarchs in Paris served by Bishop Nektarios in Romanian & French.

Patriarch Theophilos led the annual pilgrimage to the site of Christ's Baptism on the East Bank of the Jordan River blessing its waters.





First time in 1,500 years the Divine Liturgy was served in the ancient Basilica of the Mother of God, built in 450 AD in Petra, Jordan.

Thousands of believers filled the Church of Ss. Constantine & Helen in Greece to venerate the Icon & relics of St. Serphim of Sarov.



Bishop Anthony of Chernihiv honored the heroes of the Battle of Kruty on the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukraine's fight for independence.

The 12 Annual Olympiad for "Bible Scholars" was held at the Horodok Convent in Rivne with 31 students awarded for scriptural knowledge.



**UOC OF THE USA RECEIVED AWARDS  
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE**  
WITH GRATITUDE FOR PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID DURING THE WAR

**УПЦ США ОТРИМАЛИ НАГОРОДИ  
УРЯДУ УКРАЇНИ З ВДЯЧНІСТЮ**  
ЗА НАДАННУ ГУМАНІТАРНУ ДОПОМОГУ В ЧАС ВІЙНИ









## Assumption of the Virgin Mary ... Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

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Water Blessing on the Jordan Creek by  
the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of  
Lehigh Valley. Thank... [Показати більше](#)



## 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.**



**The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA Honors Metropolitan Antony on his Birthday, Name Day and Anniversary of Enthronement**

**Матвія 15:21-28** <sup>21</sup> І, вийшовши звідти, Ісус пішов у землі Тирські і Сидонські. <sup>22</sup> І ось жінка-хананеянка, вийшовши з тих місць, закричала Йому: помилуй мене, Господи, Сину Давидів, дочка моя тяжко біснується. <sup>23</sup> Але Він не відповідав їй ні слова. І підійшли ученики Його і благали Його: відпусти її, бо кричить нам услід. <sup>24</sup> Він же сказав у відповідь: Я посланий лише до загинувших овець дому Ізраїлевого. <sup>25</sup> А вона, підійшовши, вклонилася Йому і каже: Господи, допоможи мені. <sup>26</sup> Він же сказав у відповідь: недобре взяти хліб у дітей і кинути псам. <sup>27</sup> Вона сказала: так, Господи! Але і пси їдять крихти, що падають зі столу господарів їхніх. <sup>28</sup> Тоді Ісус сказав їй у відповідь: о жінко! Велика віра твоя; нехай буде тобі, як ти хочеш. І зцілилася дочка її у ту ж мить.

