

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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Слава Ісусу Христу! Навіки Слава!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Let's pray for peace in Ukraine

Молимося за мир в Україні

Sun. 18 Feb.

***(05 Feb.) 37th Sunday after PENTECOST. AFTERFEAST of the MEETING of the LORD. ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY. Tone 4. Martyr AGATHA of Palermo, Sicily (251). Martyrs THEODOULA, HELLADIUS, MACARIUS, BOETHOS & EVAGRIUS (304) THEODOSIY, Archbishop of Chernihiv (1696).
Epistle: 1 Timothy 4: 9-15 Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10***

Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings

<u>Mon. 19 Feb.</u>	<i>Virgin-martyr Dorothea, and with her Martyrs Christina and Callista</i> <i>1 Pet. 2:21 – 3:9</i> <i>Mk. 12:13-17</i>
<u>Tue. 20 Feb.</u>	<i>Ven. Luke of Mt. Steirion (953). 1,003 martyrs of Nicomedia.</i> <i>1 Pet. 3:10-22</i> <i>Mk. 12:18-27</i>
6:30 PM	MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (St. Josaphat, Bethlehem)
<u>Wed. 21 Feb.</u>	<i>Great-martyr Theodore Stratelates (319). St. Sabbas II, archbishop of Serbia. 1</i> <i>Pet. 4:1-11</i> <i>Mk. 12:28-37</i>
<u>Thu. 22 Feb.</u>	<i>Hieromartyrs Marcellus, bishop of Sicily; Philagrius, bishop of Cyprus.</i> <i>1 Pet. 4:12-5:5</i> <i>Mk. 12:38-44</i>
<u>Fri. 23 Feb.</u>	<i>St. Anna, wife of prince Yaroslav (1050).</i> <i>2 Pet. 1:1-10</i> <i>Mk. 13:1-8</i>
<u>Sat. 24 Feb.</u>	<i>St. Theodora, wife of Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (867).</i> <i>2 Tim. 2:11-19</i> <i>Lk. 18:2-8</i>
5:00 PM	GREAT VESPERS.
<u>Sun. 25 Feb.</u>	9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Tropar Resurrection, Tone 4: When the women disciples of the Lord/ learned from the angel the joyous message of your Resurrection,/ they cast away the ancestral curse/ and with gladness told the Apostles:/ death is overthrown,/ Christ God is risen/, granting the world great mercy.

Tropar Meeting, T. 1: Rejoice, Birthgiver of God, Full of Grace/from you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,/enlightening those who sat in darkness./Rejoice and be glad, Righteous Elder Simeon;/you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls/Who grants us Resurrection.

Tropar to Martyr Agatha, Tone 4: Your lamb, Agatha, calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: /“I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering./ In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You./ Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love.”/ Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 4: My Savior and Redeemer, as God,/ arose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from bondage./ He has shattered the gates of Hell,/ and as Master,/ He has risen on the third day.

Glory... Kondak St. Agatha, Tone 4: May the Church be robed today in a garment of porphyry,/ dyed by the pure blood of the martyr Agatha,/ and let us cry out: “Rejoice, pride of Catania.”

Now and ever... Kondak of the Meeting, Tone 1: By Your Birth, Christ our God, You sanctified the Virgin’s womb/ and blessed Simeon’s hands;/ and now You have come and saved us./ Grant peace in the midst of aggression to Your community/ and strengthen the people embraced by Your Love, Only Lover of all Mankind.

Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 4: How marvelous are Your works, O Lord. In wisdom You have made them all.

Verse: Bless the Lord, my soul. O Lord, my God, You are very great.

2nd Prokimen of the Meeting, Tone 3: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Epistle: 1st Letter of St. Paul to Timothy: 4:9-16

Alleluia Verses, Tone 4: Bend Your bow and proceed prosperously and reign because of truth, meekness and righteousness.

You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity.

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace.

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

“Instead of It is right in truth”. Virgin Birth-Giver of God, Hope of all Christians; Protect, preserve and save all who hope in you.

Irmos, Tone 3: In the shadow and letter of the law, let us, the faithful, discern a prototype; every male child who opens the womb shall be sanctified to God. Therefore, the First-Born Word and Son of the Father without beginning and the First Born Child of an Unwedded Mother, we magnify.

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

- Prayer for Ukraine on the 2nd Anniversary of War. Meeting with the Congresswoman and Senator. Feb. 25, 4:00 PM at St. Mary Protection, Allentown.

- 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 registr. 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 registr. information. Class size is limited. Instructors: Christina Deutsch and Jessie Hnatow.

-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!

- UOL essay contest: topics are on the board at hall. Let's participate.

- Pyrohy schedule: February 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.

BIRTHDAYS:

18 Feb...Adrianna Truss

24 Feb...Alexander Grason

19 Feb...Michael Misko, Alexander Pypiuk

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY: Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

18 Feb...John Hnatow '14

19 Jan...John Voslkyj '28, Anna Poticha '56, Justine Czerkas '76

20 Feb...Ilko Sawka '47, Ronald Zarayko '77, Helen Kulchycki '10

22 Feb...Mary Plaska '58, Sophie Fedko '61, Pal Reznick '86,

Tyler Pavlinski '16, Maria Sankow '15

23 Feb...Alexander Chuhij '30, Fenny Magerka '56, John Fedko '58

24 Feb...Nancy Fogel (infant) '39

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.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	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 MARCH 3rd	 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 MARCH 10th 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 MARCH 17th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> 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 24th	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 31st	 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 APRIL 7th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> 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 bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 14th	 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 APRIL 21st	 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 28th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MAY 3rd	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 5th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

ORTHODOXY IN THE WORLD



On Feb. 9th Metropolitan Epiphaniy visited the Cathedral of St. Paraskeva in Bukovyna where he announced the unity of three dioceses into the Chernivitsi Eparchy & introduced its new Bishop Feognost.

Commemorating the Chains of St. Peter, Archbishop Casian of Lower Danube, Romania served Liturgy in the Galati Prison for inmates.



The Patronal Feast of the Three Hierarchs was celebrated at Yuri Fedkovych National University in Chernivitsi by Archbishop Herman.

Archimandrite Daniel (Lepisk), elected Bishop of Tartu by the Synod of the Estonian Orthodox Church was consecrated on Feb. 4th in Tallinn's Orthodox Cathedral where he will serve as Vicar of that Diocese.



Patriarch Theodore II of Alexandria traveled to Nigeria on Feb. 7th where he met with the clergy at Resurrection Cathedral in Lagos.





Additions in Ukrainian

Луки 19: 1-10. Потім Ісус увійшов до Єрихона і проходив через нього. 2 І ось один муж на ім'я Закхей, він був старший над митарями і чоловік був багатий, 3 бажав бачити Ісуса, хто Він; але не міг за народом, бо був малий на зріст. 4 І, забігши наперед, виліз на смоковницю, щоб побачити Його, бо Він мав проходити біля неї. 5 Коли Ісус прийшов на те місце і, глянувши, побачив його, сказав йому: Закхею, злізь скоріше, бо сьогодні Мені належить бути в тебе в домі. 6 І він поспішно зліз і прийняв Його з радістю. 7 І всі, побачивши те, почали нарікати, що Він зайшов гостити до грішного чоловіка. 8 Закхей, вставши, сказав Господеві: Господи, половину добра мого я віддам убогим і, якщо кого скривдив чим, поверну вчетверо. 9 Ісус сказав йому: нині прийшло спасіння дому цьому, бо і він син Авраамів. 10 Прийшов бо Син Людський знайти і спасти, що загинуло.