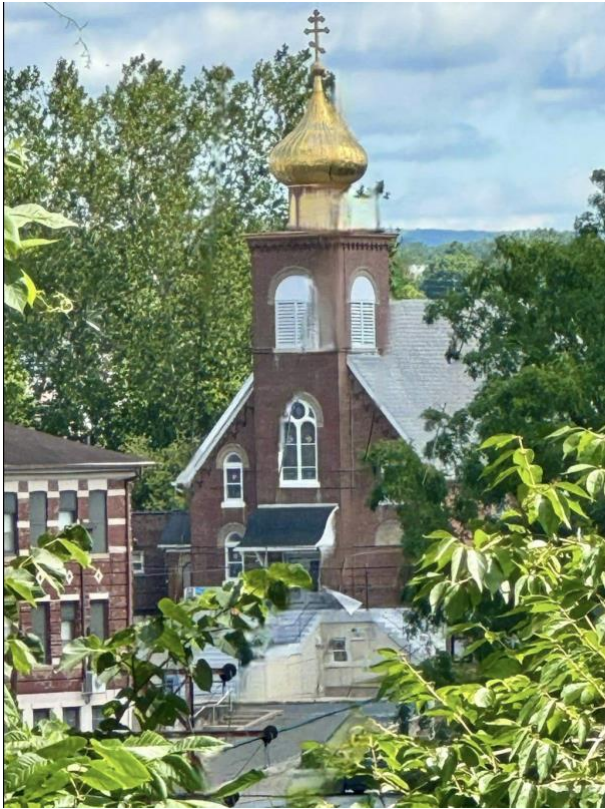


ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE AND NEW ROME



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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.

A directory of parishioners' names and addresses is available for those who would like to send cards or good wishes

Please recycle the bulletin or bring it back to the church. Thank you.

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**Слава Ісусу Христу! Навіки Слава!
Моли́мось за мир в Україні.**

**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Let us pray for peace in Ukraine**

**Sun. 23 Feb. SUNDAY of the LAST JUDGMENT (MEATFARE). TONE 2. Hieromartyr POLYCARP, Bishop of Smyrna (167) Ascetics of the Syrian desert: Sts. JOHN, ANTIOCH, ANTONINUS, MOSES, DAMIAN (5 c.) ALEXANDER, founder of the Monastery of the "Unsleping Ones" (430)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46**

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour – Запрошуємо на каву. During coffee hour: "Journey to Fullness".

MENEION & SCRIPTURES

Mon. 24 Feb. First and Second Findings of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist.
3 Jn. 1:1-15 Lk. 19:29-40; 22:7-39

Tue. 25 Feb. St. Tarasius, archbishop of Constantinople (806). St. Ethelbert, king of Kent.
Jud. 1:1-10 Lk. 22:39-42,45 – 23:1

**06:30 PM 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE. HOLY PROTECTION CATHEDRAL IN ALLENTOWN.
LED BY ARCHBISHOP DANIEL.**

Wed. 26 Feb. St. Porphyrius, bishop of Gaza (420). Martyr Sebastian (66).
Joel. 2:12-26 Joel. 3:12-21

Thu. 27 Feb. St. Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis (ca. 750). St. Titus the Soldier.
Jude 1:11-25 Lk. 23:1-34, 44-56

Fri. 28 Feb. St. Basil the Confessor (747). St. Marana, Cyanna (ca. 450)
Zech. 8:7-17 Zech. 8:19-23

Sat. 01 Mar. All of the venerable fathers, lit up with great deeds.
Rom. 14:19-26 Mt. 6:1-13

GREAT VESPERS IS CANCELLED TODAY.

Sun. 02 Mar.
09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY. (CHEESEFARE)

06:00 PM. FORGIVENESS VESPERS.

**Lunch and fellowship at Oscar Stine House is CANCELLED.
(Sorry for the inconvenience)**

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.

Glory... Kondak from Lenten Triodion, Tone 1: When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory/ all things shall tremble/ and the river of fire shall flow before Your Judgment Seat/ the books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed/ then deliver me from the unquenchable fire/ and make me worthy to stand at Your Right Hand, O Righteous Judge.

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 in Tone 3. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power. He understanding is beyond measure.

Verse: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2

Alleluia Verses, Tone 8: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

Gospels: Matthew 25: 31-46

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

- **Make lists of deceased for the commemoration during the Saturdays of Great Lent.**

- **Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers: St. George in Allentown, March 9th, at 4:00 pm. Guest Homilist - Met. SABA, head of the Antiochian Archdiocese of America.**

- **A pysanky workshop will be held on March 22, 2025. See flyer downstairs and on website.**

- **Pyrohy schedule: Mar. 6**, 20. First come, first served (until we reach 250 doz.). Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

- If you are a living veteran or a surviving spouse of a veteran who served in the US Armed forces during the period of Nov 1, 1955 to May 15, you are eligible to receive a **Vietnam Era lapel pin** and commemorative certificate. On the approaching 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, Post 42 of the Ukrainian American Veterans, in cooperation with the Department of Defense, will be presenting commemorative pins at a ceremony in late March 2025. Call Jerry Kindrachuk at 610-730-3265.

Matthew 25:37-40

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

- **Church School.** Mrs. Mary Ost (Preschool/ Elementary) 8:55-9:20 AM. Ms. Karen Kankula (Secondary) at 8:45-9:15 AM. Fr. Oleg occasionally. **Welcome all children and youth.**

- **For Food Bank:** baby foods, canned potatoes, and meats, tuna, pasta, sauces, mac. & cheese.

- **Virtual Bible Study Day** - Wednesdays via Zoom: Pan-Orthodox at 12 PM. Meeting ID: 576 301 6482. Passcode: 238492. Tuesdays: with Fr. Demetrios at 7 PM. Ask Fr. Oleg for the link.

BIRTHDAYS:

24 Feb...Alexander Grason

26 Feb...Pani Ol'ha Kravchenko

28 Feb...Russell Kerick

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

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

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

25 Feb...Andrew Fedetz '19

27 Feb...Anna Kowalyshyn '91

28 Feb...Nicholas Panchyshyn (infant) '30, Helen Kulchycki '10

29 Feb...Charles Boyko '88

01 Mar...Wasyl Palanitsa (infant) '26, Harry Kuchinos '65, Michael Vitushinsky '13, Marianne Vasilevsky '23

ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH & SALVATION OF THE AFFLICTED: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Joseph Killino, Barbara Grason, Helen Crayosky, Rosemarie Pypiuk, Sandra Miller, Tom Petro Jr., priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, priest Vasyl Dovgan, Martha Dowling, Michael Szymonifka Karen Kankula, Russel Kerick, Christina Truss, Jon Hewko, Matthew Vitushinsky, Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, Nicholas Alexander, William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, Jessica Meashock, Maria Joseph, Zachary Y. Siyufy, Raisa Melnychuk, Vasyl Beizyn, Lubov Shevchuk, Volodymyr Hranat, Ihor Broda, Steve Lelo, Gary Lelo, Debi Hutnick, Eric Hewko, Phil O'Brien, child Charlie, Juliana, Shirl Merolli, Kirk Swauger, Stephanie Donnelly, Danny Berro, child Alexandria, Elizabeth Pastushenko, 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, Ron Moser, Benjamin Tomeo, Olena Kalichenko.

Statement of the Council of Bishops Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora:

Commemorating the Third Anniversary of the Genocidal Invasion of Ukraine.

Beloved in the Lord: Christ is Among us!

With hearts burdened by the suffering of millions, yet steadfast in our faith in the mercy and justice of our Lord Jesus Christ, we, the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, prayerfully mark the third anniversary of the brutal, unjustified and genocidal invasion by the Russian Federation into the peaceful and sovereign nation of Ukraine.

Three years of relentless aggression have brought immeasurable pain and suffering to Ukraine and her people. Millions of innocent men, women, and children have been displaced, forced to leave their ancestral homeland seeking refuge in foreign lands - throughout Europe, the United States, Australia, South America and beyond. Hundreds of thousands of lives have been lost - innocent victims of indiscriminate violence, including children torn from their families, and brave men and women of the Ukrainian Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives in defense of their beloved homeland.

We weep with the Psalmist who cried, "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?" (Psalm 13:1). Yet, as people of faith, we hold firm to the promise of our Savior: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

Today, we grieve not only for the lives lost but also for the thousands of children who have been forcibly removed from Ukraine and relocated to Russia, torn from their families and communities. We join the global outcry for justice and fervently pray for their swift reunion with their loved ones. As our Lord commands us to love and protect the innocent, we beseech all nations and organizations to continue their efforts to bring these children home. We are reminded of Christ's words: "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). The sacrifice of Ukraine's defenders reflects this divine love - a selflessness that echoes the call of the Gospel to stand for truth, justice, and peace.

As we approach the solemn anniversary of February 24, 2025, we direct all parishes of our Church to dedicate Sunday, February 23, 2025, to the well-being of Ukraine. Following the Triple Litany of the Liturgy all clergy are instructed to read the prayer for the living attached hereto. At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, a Memorial Service (Litia) will be held in every parish to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have perished – military and civilian – giving their lives in defense of Ukraine and all her people.

On February 23, 2025, we call upon every parish under our spiritual authority to ring their church bells – at 8:59p.m. Eastern Time Zone, 7:59pm Central Time Zone, 6:59pm Mountain Time Zone and 5:59pm Pacific Time Zone - in the United States, and at the local times throughout the Diaspora, which correspond to 3:59am on February 24 in Ukraine. This act will mark the exact hour the aggression began three years ago. On February 24, we ask all faithful, clergy, and people of goodwill to spend the day in prayer, fasting, meditation, and silence, reflecting on the suffering of Ukraine and praying for peace and justice.

Let us unite in humility before God, praying for peace, for the end of suffering and for the triumph of love over hatred. As Christ's Body – the Holy Church, we reaffirm our commitment to charitable aid, financial support, and the spiritual well-being of all our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We encourage all faithful to continue their generous contributions to the Ukrainian Relief Fund, accessible through our official website, www.uocofusa.org

Finally, we offer our blessings and prayers for the religious, civil, and military authorities of Ukraine, for all people of goodwill who have selflessly given their lives, resources, and talents in service to Ukraine, and for the faithful of our Church who have supported them fully. May our merciful God strengthen Ukraine and bring peace to her suffering people.

With love in Christ, Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Jeremiah, Archbishop Daniel.

FEBRUARY 23 ЛЮТОГО
COMMEMORATING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF
THE GENOCIDAL INVASION OF UKRAINE
ВШАНУВАННЯ ТРЕТЬОЇ РІЧНИЦІ
ГЕНОЦИДНОГО ЗАГАРБАННЯ УКРАЇНИ
FEBRUARY 24 ЛЮТОГО

We ask all faithful, clergy, and people of goodwill to spend the day in prayer, fasting, meditation, and silence, reflecting on the suffering of Ukraine and praying for peace and justice.

Просимо всіх вірних, духовенство та людей доброї волі 24 лютого провести цей день у молитві, пості, роздумах та тиші, розмірковуючи над стражданнями України та молячись за мир і справедливість.

Metropolitan Benjamin presided over the consecration of the restored Church of the Transfiguration at the 900 year old Polotsk Monastery built during the lifetime of St. Euphrosynia of Polotsk.

Metropolitan Epiphaniy met with students and teachers of the Kyiv Theological Academy during the Theophany season.

Carol festivals by Sunday school students were held throughout Ukraine over the Nativity season at the Pochaiyev and Svyatohirsk Lavras.

A Shepherd in the Lord's Vineyard: The Ordination of
FATHER MAKSYM
ZHURAVCHUK

Новий пастир Христового
 Виноградника:
 священнича хіротонія
О. МАКСИМА
ЖУРАВЧИКА

Metropolitan Tikhon of the Orthodox Church of America made a pastoral visit to the Diocese of Mexico in January.

During the Nativity season, 10 catechumens were baptized at Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Kodiak, Alaska.



Pysanky Workshops



Saturday, March 22, 2025

9 a.m.–12 noon **-OR-** 1:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.

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1301 Newport Avenue
Northampton, PA 18067

\$40 per person

(\$5 non-refundable registration fee + \$35 @ the door)

- ✦ Each participant starts with an emptied, pre-marked egg ready to start creating your design.
- ✦ All materials, including kistka, wax, dyes, etc. are provided.
- ✦ A gloss coating will be added to the finished egg making your pysanky ready to take home and display.
- ✦ Workshops are for beginners or more experienced writers who wish to use the available materials to write on their own.
- ✦ Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Register: Contact **Jessie Hnatow** at jessie.hnatow@gmail.com or **610-428-8389** (text only) by **March 8** for registration information. Class sizes are limited.

Instructors – Christina Deutsch and Jessie Hnatow

Additions in Ukrainian

Євангеліє дня: 31 Коли ж прийде Син Людський у славі Своїй і всі святі ангели з Ним, тоді сяде на престолі слави Своєї, 32 і зберуться перед Ним усі народи; і відділить їх одних від одних, як пастир відділяє овець від козлів. 33 І поставить овець праворуч Себе, а козлів — ліворуч. 34 Тоді скаже Цар тим, які праворуч від Нього: приходіть, благословенні Отця Мого, успадкуйте Царство, уготоване вам від створення світу. 35 Бо голодував Я, і ви дали Мені їсти; спраглим був, і ви напоїли Мене; був подорожнім, і ви прийняли Мене; 36 був нагим, і ви зодягли Мене; був недужим, і ви відвідали Мене; у в'язниці був, і ви прийшли до Мене. 37 Тоді скажуть Йому праведники у відповідь: Господи! 38 Коли ми бачили Тебе голодним, і нагодували? Або спраглим, і напоїли? Коли ми бачили Тебе подорожнім, і прийняли? Або нагим, і зодягли? 39 Коли ми бачили Тебе недужим або у в'язниці, і прийшли до Тебе? 40 І Цар скаже їм у відповідь: істинно кажу вам: зробивши це одному з цих братів Моїх менших, Мені зробили. 41 Тоді скаже й тим, які ліворуч від Нього: ідіть від Мене, прокляті, у вогонь вічний, уготований дияволу і ангелам його. 42 Бо голодував Я, і ви не дали Мені їсти; спраглим був, і ви не напоїли Мене; 43 був подорожнім, і не прийняли Мене; був нагим, і не зодягли Мене; недужим і у в'язниці, і не відвідали Мене. 44 Тоді й вони скажуть Йому у відповідь: Господи! Коли ж ми бачили Тебе голодним, або спраглим, чи подорожнім, або нагим, або недужим, або у в'язниці і не послужили Тобі? 45 Тоді скаже їм у відповідь: істинно кажу вам: не зробивши цього одному з менших цих, Мені не зробили. 46 І підуть ці на вічні муки, а праведники в життя вічне.