***Feb. 28, 2021***

**ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE AND NEW ROME**

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**Attendance at any Liturgy: If you wish to attend a liturgy, you must sign up by 7:00 PM the evening before the liturgy. Currently, registration is limited to 40 participants. NOTE:  If you have signed up but cannot attend the service, please edit your sign up so the slot will be open for someone else.**

[**Sign up here to be on a list of people who will be allowed in our church to attend a liturgy on the specified date**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548ADAC29A1F85-assumption)

**Tune in to our news, announcements, and online Facebook Livestream Liturgies** [**HERE!**](https://www.facebook.com/Assumption-of-the-Virgin-Mary-Ukrainian-Orthodox-Church-113456096722198)

**Great Vespers: If you wish to attend a Vespers service you must sign up by 7:00 PM Friday. Currently, registration is limited to 40 participants.**

[**Sign up here to be on a list of people who will be allowed in our church to attend a Vespers service on the specified date**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548adac29a1f85-vespers)

**Holy Confession: Our Heirarchs have indicated that all parishioners must receive the sacrament of Holy Confession prior to receiving Holy Communion. Father Oleg has scheduled general confessions immediately after Vespers on the first Saturday of each month. Father will also hear confession by appointment on Saturdays.**

[**Sign up here for a Saturday appointment for Holy Confession**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548ADAC29A1F85-confession1)

**Sun. 28 Feb. (Feb. 15th) SUNDAY of the PRODIGAL SON. TONE 5. Apostle ONESIMUS of the 70 (109). Ven. PAPHNUTIUS the monk & his daughter the nun, EUPHROSYNE of Alexandria (5th C.) Ven. EUSEBIUS, hermit of Syria (440), PAPHNUTIUS, recluse of the Kyiv Caves (13th C.)**

**1 Corinthians 6: 12-20. Luke 15: 11-32**

**THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL VITUSHINSKY BY HIS WIFE JUANITA. MEMORY ETERNAL.**

**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings For The Next Week**

**Mon. 01 Mar.** Martyrs Pamphilus presbyter, Valens deacon, Paul (307-309).

**1 Jn. 2:18–3:10 Mk. 11:1-11**

**Tue. 02 Mar.** Great-martyr Theodore the Tyro (306).

**1 Jn. 3:11-20 Mk. 14:10-42**

**Wed. 03 Mar.** St. Leo the Great, pope of Rome (461).

**1 Jn. 3:21–4:6 Mk. 14:43–15:1**

**Thu. 04 Mar.** Apostles Archippus and Philemon of the Seventy, and Martyr Apphia.

**1 Jn. 4:20–5:21 Mk. 15:1-15**

**Fri. 05 Mar.** Ven. Prince Yaroslav the Wise (1054).

**2 Jn. 1:1-13 Mk. 15:22-25, 33-41**

**Sat. 06 Mar. Memorial Saturday**

**1 Cor. 10:23-28 Lk. 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36**

**1 Thess. 4:13-17 Jn. 5:24-30**

***5:00 PM Great Vespers. Examination of Conscience***

**Sun. 07 Mar. Meatfare Sunday, of the Last Judgment.**

**1 Cor. 8:8–9:2 Mt. 25:31-46**

***9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (restriction of 40 people; Also available Online)***

**Brother to Brother**

***(The Prodigal son and his brother confront each other after the party)***

**Brother:** So you came back because you knew he couldn't refuse you; you threw away all the money and now you're back for more.

**Prodigal:** No! Not for the money. But I did know he'd take me back - that he'd just accept me.

**B:** You bet you knew it!

**P:** And so do you.

**B:** What do you mean?

**P:** He accepts you, too.

**B:** Of course he does; I did what I was supposed to do. You never did.

**P:** No, I didn't.

**B:** He doesn't owe you anything!

**P:** Probably not.

**B:** So what makes you think you can come back and just take over.

**P:** Don't you understand? He gave me the robe, the ring, the party. I didn't expect anything. They're all his gifts.

**B:** But why would he do that?

**P:** I don't know why; I'm just glad he did.

**B:** I'm sure you are; and you're just going to take them, aren't you?

**P:** Yes, I am. So would you in my position, and you know it. If you had nothing left, nobody, just the thought that maybe he'd care if you lived or died, you'd come back, too; and you'd take his gifts. Well, he does care — more than I had any right to expect.

**B:** You gave up your rights when you left.

**P:** Yes, I did; but he gave them back to me. And he won't be sorry: neither will you.

**B:** No, I won't. Because I'll be watching, and if I see just one step out of line

**P:** You watch all you want. I know what I've done; you don't have to tell me that. And I know what I have to do; you don't have to tell me that either. You just watch.

(Prom "Brothers" — Finding A Way — CSS Publishing Co)

**The father gave his son freedom to choose.**

**-** Even though the son’s actions were impulsive, the father did not stand in the way

- The father respected his son’s independence enough to let him choose his own way - man chooses his own destiny

- The father loved in spite of his loss - God loves us, even when we choose to reject Him

- God divides the riches of his kingdom amongst us all!

**PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY of JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation of the Virgin. In His Good Will, He was lifted up on the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**Tropar of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, 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 to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**Kondak of the Triodion, Tone 3**

Having foolishly abandoned Your paternal glory, I have squandered on vices the wealth that You have given me, O Compassionate Father, accept me in repentance and make me as one of your hired servants.

**Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

**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 5**

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

**Verse:** O Lord, save me for there is no longer any righteous man left.

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-30**

**Alleluia Verses, Tone 5**

Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; unto generation and generation I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth.

**Verse:** You have said: Mercy will be established forever and My Truth will be prepared in the heavens.

**Gospel: Luke 15:12-20**

**Hymn to the Mother of God:**

It is right in truth, to glorify you, the Birth-Giver of God, the Ever Blessed wholly immaculate and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim. You, who without defilement did bare God the Word, true Birth-Giver of God, we magnify you.

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3X)

**OCMC Agape Canister Program**. Our church donated $728 from January 1, 2020, to December 31 2020.

**2021 Spring pierogi schedule:** March 18; April 1, 15; May 6, 13, 20. For orders or volunteers please call Helen: 610-261-4575.

**EASTER NUT ROLL SALE.** $16 each! Different fillings(Apricot, Prune, Nut, Poppyseed, Red Raspberry, Pumpkin/Cheese, Coconut Cream, Apple). Pick-up: Sat. March 27, 9-12AM. **Call for orders:** Marty 610-682-4458. Last day for orders – Mar. 15. Please wear masks.

SR UOL – Since we have not held our annual **“Souper Bowl Continental Breakfast”** – you can still make a contribution to St. Andrew’s Society. St. Andrew’s Society has been using our annual donations to do good for the needy in Ukraine and we want to continue supporting this cause. If you are interested in donating, checks should be made to the **SR UOL of the USA** – mailed to Joseph Goodge, 1924 State Route 208, Pulaski, PA 16143. Thank you!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**: Every Wednesday evening, the Office of Youth Ministry holds 30-minute sessions, with a different theme for each week of the month via Zoom! For details, go to <https://www.uocyouth.org/faithhopeandlovehomeedition>.

**For the food banks**: We were assigned baby foods, but they also needed cans of potatoes, tuna fish, canned meats, pasta, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**29 Feb…Russell Kerick**

**03 Mar…Kellie Pypiuk**

**MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!**

**NECROLOGY:**

**28 Feb…Nicholas Panchyshyn (infant) ‘30**

**29 Feb…Charles Boyko ‘88**

**01 Mar… Michael Vitushinsky, ‘13Wasyl Palanitsa (infant) ’26, Harry Kuchinos ’65**

**02 Mar…Julia Arbatowsky ’63, Thomas Huryn ‘72**

**03 Mar…Dionisij Jankovyj ’30, Anna Pypiuk ’88, Joseph Petro ‘01**

**04 Mar…Mary Martyniuk (infant) ’24, Mary Talalaj (6 yrs old) ’27, Alex Lubianecki ‘53**

**05 Mar…Michael Magerka ‘57**

**VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** of the ill-afflicted: Walter, Mary Ann Dworakivsky, child Oleksandra, Fr. George and Pani Oksana Bazylevsky, Catherine Kochenash, Joan Molnar, Bill Ketterer, Paul, Richard Stetch, Evan, Brandon and Stacy Snyder, Aaliyah Osmun, Olga Dorosh, Michael Mack, Allan Bach, Ihor Broda, James Osmun, Matthew, Tom, William Savitz, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Adam Hewko, Betty Hendrickson, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Rob Hewko, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous, Luba Walker.

**PRODIGAL SON.** We Prefer Justice to Mercy. Perhaps you remember the cartoon strip, Calvin and Hobbes. Calvin is a little boy with an overactive imagination and a stuffed tiger, Hobbes, who comes to life as his imaginary friend. In one cartoon strip, Calvin turns to his friend Hobbes and says, "I feel bad I called Susie names and hurt her feelings. I'm sorry I did that." Hobbes replies, "Maybe you should apologize to her." Calvin thinks about it for a moment and then responds, "I keep hoping there's a less obvious solution." We have trouble accepting those whom God accepts because we take God's acceptance for granted and God's forgiveness as our right. We are much like the elder brother who preferred justice to mercy. We have worked for what we have (or so we think), and it's unfair that everyone else should not have to do the same. We have earned God's favor (or so we think) by "staying at home." We have merited his acceptance by the good life that we live. So how dare God receive and accept our sinful brother who has returned home saying he's sorry.

Lee Griess:

You see, Jesus came to save that which was lost, and he came with the POWER OF GOD and BODY OF MAN. He was Fully man and Fully God.

He was man enough to be born of a woman.

He was God enough to create his own mother

He was man enough to thirst for water

He was GOD enough to walk on water

He was man enough to get hungry,

He was God enough to feed five thousand with two fish and five loaves of bread

He was man enough to be late to his best friends funeral.

He was God enough to call his best out of the grave.

He was man enough to get tired

He is God enough to give you divine rest

He was man enough to cry

He is God enough to wipe your tears away

He was man enough to bleed

He was God enough to cure the women with the issue of blood

He was man enough to die

He was God to get up out of the grave in three days.

He said, In my father’s HOUSE are many mansions; and if you will arise from your circumstance; you can make it to the house.