

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

Моли́мось за мир в Україні

Sun. 03 Mar. (19 Feb.) ***SUNDAY of the PRODIGAL SON. TONE 6. Apostles ARCHIPPUS & PHILEMON of the 70, Martyr APPHIA (1st. C). Martyrs MAXIMUS, THEODOTUS, HESYCHIUS & ASCIEPIODOTUS of Adrianople (311). Ss. EUGENE***

& MACARIUS, Presbyters & Confessors of Antioch(363). DIOSITHUS of Palestine, Disciple of Abba DOROTHEUS. St. RABULAS (530).

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

Short UOL meeting.

Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings

Mon. 04 Mar. *Ven. Prince Yaroslav the Wise (1054). 1 Jn. 2:18–3:10 Mk. 11:1-11*

Tue. 05 Mar. *St. George, bishop of Amastris on the Black Sea (805).*

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

6:30 PM **MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (Our Church)**

Wed. 06 Mar. *St. Athanasius the Confessor of Constantinople (826).*

1 Jn. 3:21–4:6 Mk. 14:43–15:1

Thu. 07 Mar. *Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna (167).*

1 Jn. 4:20–5:21 Mk. 15:1-15

Fri. 08 Mar. *First and Second Findings of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist.*

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

Sat. 09 Mar. *Memorial Saturday (Meatfare).*

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

Pysanky Workshops

9:00 AM **PANAHYDA**(*Write the names to commemorate and leave near bulletins*).

5:00 PM **GREAT VESPERS.** **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

Sun. 10 Mar. **9:00 AM LITURGY.**

PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 6: The angelic powers were at Your tomb./ The guards became as dead men./ Mary stood by Your grave/ seeking Your Most Pure Body./ You captured Hell, not being tempted by it./ You came to the Virgin granting Life./ Lord, risen from the dead, 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 of the Triodion, Tone 3: I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father/ and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You have given me/Therefore, I cry to You like the Prodigal/ “I have sinned before You, O Compassionate Father/ receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants.”

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 6: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: O Lord, to You will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

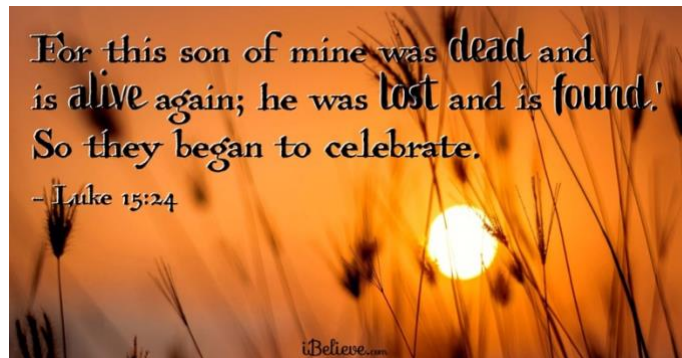
Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Alleluia Verses, Tone 6. He who dwells in the aid of the Most High will abide in the shelter of the God of Heaven.

He will say to the Lord: You are my Helper and my Refuge. He is my God and I will hope in Him.

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

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



- **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 or 610-428-8389 (text only) for information. Class size is limited. Instructors: Christina Deutsch and Jessie Hnatow.

-**Lenten Retreat. Focus on Confession. Speakers: Metropolitan Antony and Fr. Antony Perkins.** April 6. Details and prices on the whiteboard downstairs. Please let Fr. Oleg know if you want to come. **We will organize transportation.**

-**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!

- **Pyrohy schedule: 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.

BIRTHDAYS:

04 Mar...Joann Yurconic

07 Mar...John Hnatow

МНОГАЯ ЛИТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

03 Mar...Dionisiy Jankovyj '30, Anna Pypiuk '88, Joseph Petro '01

04 Mar...Mary Martyniuk (infant) '24, Mary Talalaj '27, Alex Lubianecki '53

05 Mar...Michael Magerka '57

07 Mar...Mary Werbicky '68, Olga Dorosh '21

09 Mar...Walter Zarayko '94

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, 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, Maria Joseph, 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.

ORTHODOXY IN THE WORLD



3,000 people attended the opening of the new Orthodox seminary & missionary center in the mountains of Guatemala. 500,000 Guatemalans have been received into the Orthodox Church since 2010.

World Orthodox Youth Day was observed in Krakow, Poland, Feb. 16-18th with representatives from 7 nations sponsored by the Orthodox Brotherhood of Youth in Poland led by Archbishop Grzegorz.



Guardians of Metropolia is the newest Central Organization of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA (UOC of the USA), convened recently at the Spiritual Center in South Bound Brook, NJ. Led by Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel, this gathering marked a significant

moment for the entire Ukrainian Orthodox community as they reinforced their commitment to faith, service, and the future of the Church. At the helm of the organization with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony stands the Very Rev. Fr. Andrii Pokotylo, serving as president with dedication and vision. Under his leadership, the Guardians of the Metropolia have embraced initiatives aimed at strengthening the Church and nurturing its core ministries.

One notable addition to their endeavors is the support of the ADOPT A SEMINARIAN pilot sponsorship program. This program underscores the Guardians' dedication to the future of the clergy by providing vital financial support to seminarians, ensuring their education and formation. Furthermore, the Guardians of the Metropolia have extended their support to the publication of liturgical books, recognizing the importance of preserving and disseminating the rich ecclesiastical heritage of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Central to their mission is the promotion of Orthodox Christian faith and the growth of essential ministries within the UOC of the USA. These ministries include charitable projects, youth outreach, religious publications, seminary education, missions, clergy development, and community engagement.

Through their unwavering commitment to these core ministries, the Guardians of the Metropolia are not only preserving the traditions of the Church but also actively building a stronger foundation for future generations. Their dedication to service and stewardship ensures that the UOC of the USA continues to thrive, both spiritually and communally. As guardians of the faith, the members of this organization exemplify the values of compassion, generosity, and devotion. Their collective efforts embody the essence of Orthodox Christian teachings, fostering a community bound by faith, love, and service.

In a world marked by constant change, the Guardians of the Metropolia stand as pillars of strength and continuity within the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. Their commitment to upholding the sacred heritage ensures that the Church remains a beacon of hope and spiritual guidance for generations to come. (www.uocofusa.org)



Graduation ceremonies for military chaplains of the National Guard of Ukraine were held in St. Sophia's Cathedral in Kyiv on Feb.18th



The Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands financed the construction of a primary school at the Church of the Holy Cross in Kyerwa, Tanzania.



The Holy Synod of Constantinople elected Archimandrite Iakovos, a Pennsylvania native, as the new hierarch for the Mexico Diocese.

Reflection of the Second Anniversary of Invasion of Ukraine

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord!

As we mark the solemn occasion of the second anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, our hearts are heavy with sorrow for the ongoing suffering endured by our beloved ancestral homeland and her people. We stand in prayer and solidarity with all those affected by this senseless violence and aggression.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to stand against all forms of injustice and oppression. In this time of darkness, let us shine the light of truth and justice by bearing witness to the suffering of our Ukrainian brethren and advocating for their rights and dignity.

We condemn in the strongest possible terms the heinous crimes committed against the Ukrainian people, including acts of violence, displacement, and cultural cleansing. The genocide perpetrated by the Russian forces has inflicted deep wounds upon the soul of Ukraine, and its effects will be felt for generations to come.

As members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, we reaffirm our unwavering support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. We condemn in the strongest terms the illegal occupation of Ukrainian territories and the continued violation of human rights by the aggressor. We urge the international community to uphold its commitment to peace and justice and to take further decisive action to hold the perpetrators accountable. Silence and avoidance to act, in the face of such grave crimes only serve to perpetuate the cycle of violence and suffering. In this time of trial, let us turn to prayer, seeking solace and strength from the Almighty for our brothers and sisters enduring the hardships of war. Let's continue to extend our hands in solidarity and support to those who are displaced, injured, or grieving the loss of loved ones.

As we offer our prayers and support, let us also renew our resolve to be ambassadors of peace and reconciliation in our communities and beyond. Together, let us strive to build a

world where justice, compassion, and respect for human dignity prevail.
 May God grant comfort to the afflicted, strength to the weary, and peace to the troubled
 land – our ancestral homeland Ukraine. (By our Hierarchs)

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024		
Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)		
SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th	 Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	TRIODION WEEKS 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! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY 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	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS 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	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	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	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 14th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	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	 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 28th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MAY 3rd	 HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 5th NO FASTING!		Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Additions in Ukrainian

Недільне Євангеліє: Луки 15:11-32 11 Ще сказав: один чоловік мав двох синів. 12 І сказав молодший з них батькові: батьку, дай мені частину майна, що належить мені. І батько розділив між ними майно. 13 Через кілька днів молодший син, зібравши все,

пішов у далекий край і там розтратив своє майно, живучи розпусно. 14 Коли ж він усе розтратив, настав великий голод у тій країні, і він почав бідувати. 15 І пішов, пристав до одного з жителів тієї країни; а той послав його на свої поля пасти свиней. 16 І він радий був насититися стручками, які їли свині, але ніхто не давав йому. 17 Опам'ятавшись, він сказав: скільки наймитів у батька мого мають надлишок хліба, а я вмираю з голоду; 18 встану, піду до батька мого і скажу йому: батьку! Згрішив я перед небом і перед тобою 19 і вже недостойний зватися твоїм сином; прийми мене як одного з наймитів твоїх. 20 Встав і пішов до батька свого. І коли він був ще далеко, батько побачив його і переповнився жалем; побіг і, кинувшись йому на шию, цілував його. 21 Син же сказав йому: батьку! Я згрішив перед небом і перед тобою і вже недостойний зватися твоїм сином. 22 А батько сказав рабам своїм: принесіть найкращий одяг і вдягніть його, і дайте перстень на руку його і взуття на ноги; 23 і приведіть відгодоване теля, і заколіть; будемо їсти і веселитися! 24 Бо син мій оцей був мертвий і ожив, пропав і знайшовся. І почали веселитися. 25 А старший син його був у полі; і коли, повертаючись, наблизився до дому, почув музику та співи та радощі; 26 і, покликавши одного із слуг, запитав: що це таке? 27 Той же сказав йому: брат твій прийшов; і батько твій заколов відгодоване теля, бо прийняв його здоровим. 28 Він розгнівався і не схотів увійти. Батько ж його, вийшовши, кликав його. 29 Але він сказав у відповідь батькові: ось я стільки років служу тобі і ніколи заповіді твоєї не переступав, але ти ніколи не дав мені й козляти, щоб мені повеселитися з друзями моїми. 30 Коли ж цей син твій, що змарнував добро своє з блудницями, прийшов, ти заколов для нього відгодоване теля. 31 Він же сказав йому: сину, ти завжди зі мною, і все моє — твоє. 32 Веселитися ж і радіти треба тому, що брат твій оцей був мертвий і ожив, пропав і знайшовся.