

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.

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Слава Ісусу Христу! Навіки Слава! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Let's pray for peace in Ukraine

Молімось за мир в Україні

Questions about Fasting? Click [here](#) to read "Holy Orthodox Church: The Great Lent Ultimate Fasting Guide"

Sun. 28 Apr. PALM SUNDAY. THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy. Martyrs DADA, MAXIMUS, and QUINCTILIAN at Dorastolum (286). St. Cyril, bishop of Turiv (1183).

Phil. 4:4-9

Jn. 12:1-18

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour – Запрошуємо на каву. (Making palm crosses).

MENEION & SCRIPTURES. PASSION WEEK. STRICT FAST

Mon. 29 Apr. GREAT MONDAY. St. Memnon the Wonderworker of Corfu (2nd c.).
Mt. 21:18-43 **Mt. 24:3-35**

Tue. 30 Apr. GREAT TUESDAY. Apostle James, brother of St. John Theologian (44).
Mt. 22:15 - 23:39 **Mt. 24:36 - 26:2**

06:30 PM MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (BETHLEHEM).

Wed. 01 May. GREAT WEDNESDAY. St. Tamara, queen of Georgia (1213).
Jn. 12:17-50 **Mt. 26:6-16**

04:00 PM Natural Krashanka easter egg workshop (details on the news page)

06:00 PM HOLY UNCTION – SACRAMENT OF HEALING (OUR CHURCH)

Thu. 02 May. GREAT THURSDAY. THE MYSTICAL SUPPER.
Jn. 13:1-11 **Jn. 13:12-17**

09:00 AM COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST LITURGY (VESPERAL)

06:00 PM MATINS WITH 12 PASSION GOSPELS

Fri. 03 May. GREAT FRIDAY. St. Theodosius, founder of monasticism in Kyiv (1074)

09:00 AM ROYAL HOURS

06:00 PM VESPERS, PROCESSION AND PLACING THE HOLY SHROUD

Sat. 04 May. GREAT SATURDAY. Virgin-martyr Pelagia of Tarsus in Asia Minor (287).

03:00 PM VESPERAL LITURGY. BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOOD (HALL)

Sun. 05 May. THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. PASCHA.

07:30 AM THE MIDNIGHT OFFICE. THE MATINS OF PASCHA. LITURGY.

BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOOD (IN THE CHURCH HALL).

COMMON MEAL OF THE BLESSED FOOD “SVIACHENE”.

- Thanks to Walter Seremula for the pussy willows, Janet and Bettyann Woyewoda for palm trees and Nadda Pavlinsky for palms.

- Nadda Pavlinsky will be glad to help you make crosses of palm branches today during the coffee hour.

-Great Lent fundraiser: we collect Baby/Mommy Items for the Houses for pregnant women in need (Bethlehem, Allentown). The baby bottles for monetary donations, the completed list of needs and the pack-n-play for donations are downstairs. We will deliver that all after Pascha.

- **Garage Sale.** The UOL will be sponsoring a Garage Sale on June 8th. We will be in need of items to sell at the Garage Sale and are asking all parishioners to assistance us by

searching through your homes, basements, and garages for items to donate for the sale. The items should be in fairly decent condition and cleaned before donating items to the sale. We will try to schedule drop-off dates and times for larger items to be placed in the parish garage. Obviously, we have limited space and we do not want to clutter our church hall. Please consult the bulletin for drop off dates closer to the June 8th sale. Thank you.

- Trip to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster for the 3 pm showing of Daniel on July 18.

We will be accompanied by His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel! For those who are able, supper at Shady Maple to follow. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Parish Hall by May 15. Group rate for an adult ticket is 84.55. Cost of youth will be covered by our Youth Ministry budget. Payment for adults is due at the time of signup—cash or check made out to the Church. Payment can be given to Mary Ost or Melanie Unger. We currently have 30 seats reserved. Preference will be given to our parishioners and their immediate families. After May 15, we will open it up to neighboring parishes if there are remaining seats.

- Summer church youth camp of UOC in Emlenton, PA. Our parish covers the expenses. Transportation will be provided. June 23-29 Church School Camp; June 30-July 13 Teenage Conference. We hope you have a great summer!

-Purchase a kit to embroider a pocket “protection cross” for our Ukrainian soldiers.

The Protection Cross is kept in the pocket to protect our heroes. Protection crosses will be mailed to soldiers in Ukraine with notes of support. \$5 for each kit includes cloth, threads, needle and design. All funds collected are used to support Ukraine. To order a kit please contact Kathleen Kuchinos.

- Pyrohy schedule: May 9, 23. 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 8:45-9:15AM. Once a month with Fr. Oleg after Liturgy.

- 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 Fr. Demetrios at 7 PM. Ask Fr. Oleg for the link.

ANNIVERSARIES:

02 May...John & Linda Vitushinsky

BIRTHDAYS:

06 May...Stephen Unger

09 May...Matthew Vitushinsky

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

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

**Margaret Steck; 28 Apr, Tekla Fedorovych '26; 29 Apr, Philip Kereb'25, Nelcy Azar '15, 30 Apr, Julian Didenko '39, Mary Kulp '91, Natalia Lutyi '18
02 May, Nicholas Kymniankeviych'29; Caroline Kuliensky'72, Met.
Ioan(Teodorovich)'71, 03 May, Agnes Chuyko '64, 04 May, Semen Chychota '30,
Russell Gontar '85, Helen MacKenzie '99
ВИЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH & SALVATION OF THE AFFLICTED: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, His Eminences Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel, Barbara Grason, Paul Kochenash, Helen Crayosky, Rosemarie Pypiuk, Tom Petro Jr., Sylvia Petro, priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, priest Vasyl Dovgan, Karen Kankula, Walter Seremula, Russel Kerick, Jon Hewko, Matthew Vitushinsky, Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, Nicholas Alexander, William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, Leo Pavelco, Jessica Meashock, James Osmun, Maria Joseph, Zachary Y. Siyufy, 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, 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, Mary-Elizabeth Sampson.

PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Antiphon One, Tone 1.

Verse 1: I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Birth-Giver of God, Savior, save us.

Verse 2: The anguish of death encompassed me, the perils of Hell beset me. Refrain.

Verse 3: I found tribulation and anguish and I called upon the Name of the Lord. Refrain

Verse 4: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. Refrain

Glory... now and ever... Amen. Refrain.

Antiphon Two, Tone 2. Verse 1: I believed and therefore, I have spoken, but was sore troubled.

Refrain: Son of God, Who was carried on the colt of a donkey, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 2: What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me?

Refrain: Son of God, Who was carried...

Verse 3: I will take the cup of salvation and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Refrain

Verse 4: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. Refrain

Glory... now and ever... Amen. Only Begotten Son...

Antiphon Three, Tone 1.

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good: for His mercy endures forever.

Tropar, Tone 1: By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion/ You confirmed the universal Resurrection, O Christ God/ Like the children with the palms of victory/ we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death/ Hosanna in the Highest/ Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Verse 2: Let the House of Israel now confess that He is Good, for His mercy endures forever. Tropar.

Verse 3: Let the House of Aaron now confess that He is Good, for His mercy endures forever. Tropar.

Verse 4: Let all who fear the Lord now confess that He is Good, for His mercy endures forever. Tropar.

The Little Entrance Hymn: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. We bless You from the House of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Tropar, Tone 1: By raising Lazarus from the dead...

Tropar, Tone 4: When we were buried with You in Baptism, O Christ God/ we were made worthy of eternal life by Your Resurrection/ Now we praise You and sing:/ Hosanna in the Highest/ Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Glory...now and ever...Amen. Kondak, Tone 6: Sitting on Your throne in heaven/ carried on a colt on earth, O Christ God/ Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing:/ Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam.

Trisagion as usual.

Prokimen of the Feast, Tone 4: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord; the Lord is God and He has appeared to us.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good, for His mercy endures forever.

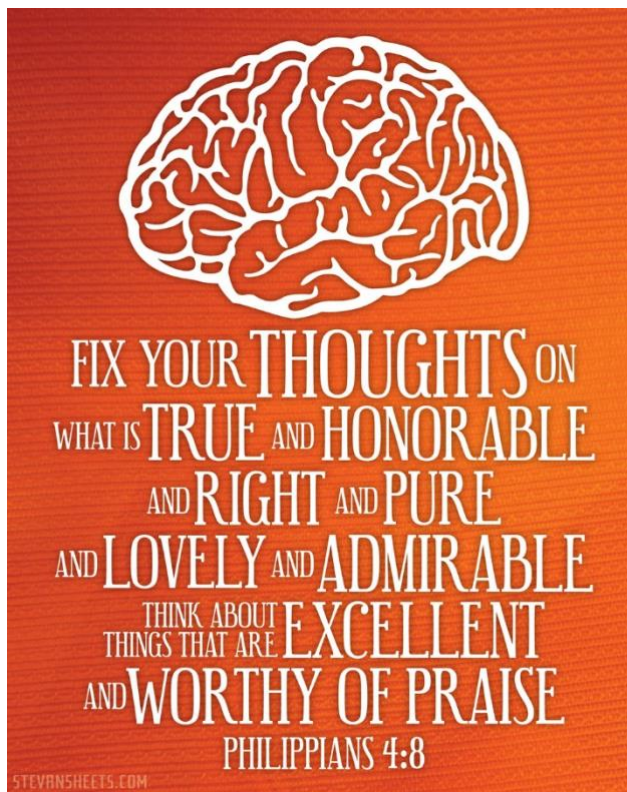
Epistle: St. Paul to the Philippians 4: 4-9

Alleluia Tone 1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

Verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel: John 12: 1-18

In Place of "It is right ..." Magnify, my soul, the Lord Who sat upon a colt.



Irmos, Tone 4: The Lord appeared to us, let us keep the feast together. Come with great rejoicing, let us magnify Christ with palms and branches. Let us cry aloud: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, Our Savior.

Communion Hymn: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Alleluia (3X).

ORTHODOXY IN THE WORLD



Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem led the services commemorating the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary in her shrine in Jerusalem.

Metropolitan Theodosios of the Democratic Republic of Congo blessed the foundation for a school at St. Barbara's Parish in Kinshasa.



People 18-30 are converting to Orthodoxy & accepting monasticism in Finland because of Orthodoxy's defense of traditional values.

Archbishop Athanasius of Odessa consecrated the newly-built chapel in honor of Blessed Petro Sahaidachny, patron of the Ukrainian army



**Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA: Serving Amidst
War, Advocating for Aid**

**Українська Православна Церква США: Служіння в
час війни, заклик про надання допомоги**

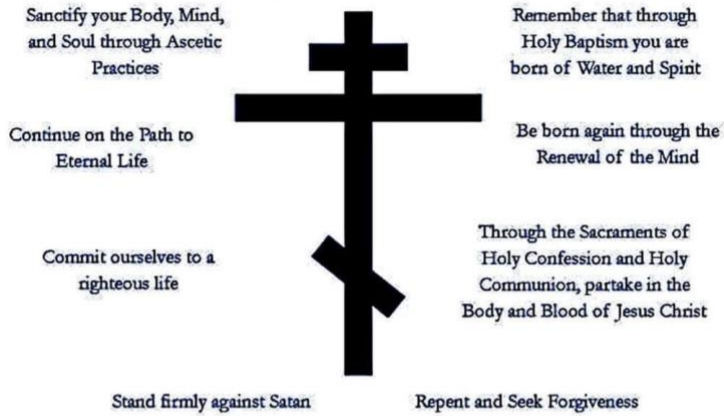


**Natural Krashanka easter egg
workshop – coloring of eggs in
onion shells and making
beautiful natural patterns, like in
the picture. Please sign up on
the list downstairs. Wednesday,
May 1, 04:00 PM.**

THE GREAT LENT

A LIFE OF PARADISE ON EARTH

RESTORING A LIFE OF BIBLE READING, PRAYERS, AND MEDITATION



◆DURING GREAT LENT◆

- ◆ Follow the Rules of Abstinence and Lenten Practices prescribed by the Church
- ◆ Read the Scriptures Daily and Pray Unceasingly
- ◆ Fast
- ◆ Participate in Church Services Regularly
- ◆ Give food to those who hunger, and drink to those who thirst
- ◆ Set aside a portion of your wealth for the Needy
- ◆ Be Enthusiastic in Good Works
- ◆ Do not be Wasteful and Avoid Arrogance
- ◆ Forgive Everyone and let go of all Grudges
- ◆ Love your Neighbor as yourself

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!

Here's a brief overview of some key events during Passion Week: Palm Sunday: On Palm Sunday, Christians remember the "triumphant entry" of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, exactly one week before His resurrection. The people welcomed Jesus by spreading their clothes on the road and waving palm branches, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!".

Holy Thursday: This day commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. It also includes the washing of the feet, symbolizing humility and service.

Good Friday: Good Friday is the day of Christ's crucifixion. It is a solemn day of mourning and reflection. The liturgical services include the reading of the Gospel accounts of the Passion, the veneration of the Cross, and the procession.

Holy Saturday: On Holy Saturday, the Church anticipates the Resurrection. The service includes the reading of Old Testament prophecies related to Christ's victory over death.

Pascha: celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the culmination of Passion Week and the central event of the Christian faith.

Throughout Passion Week, Orthodox Christians participate in these services with reverence and devotion, reflecting on the profound significance of Christ's sacrifice and triumph over sin and death.

The use of pussy willows has deep historical and symbolic roots. Palms cannot thrive in the harsh climates of northern nations such as Ukraine. As a result, Orthodox Christians substituted pussy willows for palm branches during Palm Sunday processions. Also, these soft, furry branches are one of the first plants to blossom in spring. In medieval times, they were believed to possess special powers. Pagan Europe associated the willow tree with fertility and rebirth, as its branches would often root and grow in moist soil. As Christianity spread across the continent, pagan traditions were substituted by Christian rituals, and the pussy willow became associated with Palm Sunday. The symbolism behind pussy willows lies in their soft, furry buds, which represent new life and renewal—echoing the theme of rebirth central to the Christian faith.

Additions in Ukrainian

Недільне Євангеліє. Івана 12:1-18. Ісус же за шість днів до Пасхи прийшов у Вифанію, де був Лазар померлий, якого Він воскресив з мертвих. 2 Там приготували Йому вечерю, і Марфа прислужувувала, а Лазар був одним з тих, що возлежали з Ним. 3 Марія ж, узявши літр нардового чистого дорогоцінного мира, помазала ноги Ісуса і обтерла волоссям своїм ноги Його; і дім наповнився пахощами мира. 4 Тоді один з учеників Його, Іуда Симонів Іскаріот, який хотів видати Його, сказав: 5 а чому б було не продати це миро за триста динаріїв і не роздати убогим? 6 Сказав же він це не тому, що піклувався про убогих, а тому, що був злодієм. Він мав при собі грошову скриньку і носив, що туди вкидали. 7 Ісус же сказав: залиште її; вона зберегла це на день погребіння Мого. 8 Бо вбогих завжди маєте з собою, а Мене не завжди. 9 Багато юдеїв дізналися, що Він там, і прийшли не тільки заради Ісуса, але щоб бачити і Лазаря, якого Він воскресив з мертвих. 10 Первосвященики ж змовились убити і Лазаря, 11 бо через нього багато хто відходив від юдеїв і вірував в Ісуса. 12 На другий день багато народу прийшло на свято; почувши, що Ісус іде в Єрусалим, 13 взяли пальмове віття, вийшли назустріч Йому і викликували: осанна! Благословен, Хто йде в ім'я Господнє, Цар Ізраїлів! 14 Ісус же, знайшовши осли, сів на нього, як написано: 15 не бійся, дочко Сионська! Ось Цар твій гряде, сидячи на молодому ослі. 16 Ученики Його спочатку не зрозуміли цього, але коли прославився Ісус, тоді згадали, що так було про Нього написано, і це зробили Йому. 17 Народ, що був з Ним

раніш, свідчив, що Він викликав Лазаря із гробу і воскресив його з мертвих. 18 Тому і зустрів Його народ, бо чув, що Він сотворив це чудо.