

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.

You are welcome to contribute articles or pictures to the bulletin. Let's make bulletins together! - Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/avmuocoftheusa>

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Let's pray for peace in Ukraine

Молимо́сь за мир в Україні

Sun. 26 May. *FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 3. THE PARALYZED MAN. Apostles CARPUS of the 70 & ALPHAEUS (1st C.) Martyrs ABERCIUS & HELEN (1st C.) Ven. JOHN of Psichaita (9th C.) Martyr GEORGE the NEW (1515).*

Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9: 32-42 **Gospel:** John 5: 1-15

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour – Запрошуємо на каву.

MENEION & SCRIPTURES.

Mon. 27 May. Virgin-martyr Theodora and Martyr Didymus the Soldier of Alexandria 304

Acts 10:1-16 Jn. 6:56-69

Tue. 28 May. Ven. Nicetas, bishop of Chalcedon (9th c.). St. Eutychius, bishop of Melitene

Acts 10:21-33 Jn. 7:1-13

06:30 PM MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (HOLY PROTECTION, ALLENTOWN).

Wed. 29 May. Virgin-martyr Theodosia of Tyre. St. Luke, hierarch-surgeon of Simferopol.

Acts 14:6-18 Jn. 7:14-30

Thu. 30 May. St. Macrina, grandmother of St. Basil the Great (4th c.).

Acts 10:34-43 Jn. 8:12-20

Fri. 31 May. Apostle Hermes of the Seventy 1st c. Martyr Philosophus at Alexandria 252.

Acts 10:44–11:10 Jn. 8:21-30

Sat. 01 June. Martyr Justin the Philosopher. Martyr Victoria (Rome).

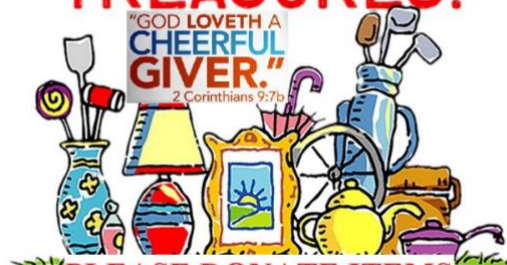
Acts 12:1-11 Jn. 8:31-42

05:00 PM GREAT VESPERS. EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE. CONFESSIONS.

Sun. 02 June. 09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY

- 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.

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



PLEASE DONATE ITEMS FOR THE CHURCH GARAGE SALE

- Big thanks to our Sisterhood and to all who donated their time and efforts in making varenyky throughout the year to support our Parish! May God repay you for your help!

-Thank you to Kathy Crayosky for the candy sale that she conducted. We collected \$150.00 for Cay Galgon Life House.

- Don't miss: 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! It is a rare chance to spend time with our Bishop! Details on the flyer downstairs. The deadline for sign-up is June 20.

- **Queenship of Mary Parish Festival:** June 9, 11:30 AM-8:00 PM. Flyer on the board at the hall.

- **Art exhibit for Ukraine support.** From May 25(opening) to June 30 at Holy Protection, Allentown. Details on the hall whiteboard.

- **Support our National Junior UOL t-shirt sale. Details in the hall board.**

- **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!**

- **Church School: the last day of this semester is June 9. Mrs. Mary Ost (Preschool/Elementary) 8:55-9:20 AM. Mrs. Karen Osmun (Secondary) at 8:45-9:15AM. Occasionally with Fr. Oleg after Liturgy.. We thank the teachers and participants.**

- **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.

BIRTHDAYS:



27 May...Jessie Hnatow

28 May...Lienna Rippey

30 May...Irene Alexander, Paul Carlantone

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

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

26 May...Doris Miller '09

27 May...Mary Doncszez '13

28 May...Alex Hewko '09

29 May...Fannie Micio '70

30 May...Richard Dowling '92, Ludmila Klynowski '18

01 June...Katyryna Porochniak '93

ВІЧНА 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, Helen Crayosky, Rosemarie Pypiuk, Tom Petro Jr., Sylvia Petro, Andrew Sawarynski, 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, Michael Szymonifka, 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

After Blessed is the Kingdom... Priest will sing Paschal Tropar: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. 2.5 X and choir will finish.

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 3: Let the heavens rejoice/ let the earth be glad/ For the Lord has shone strength with His Arm/ He has trampled down Death by death/ He has become the First-born of the Dead/ He has delivered us from the depths of Hell/ and has granted to the world great mercy.

Glory... Kondak of the Paralytic, Tone 3: Lord, as You once raised the paralytic/ through Your Divine Mercy raise my soul/ paralyzed by sins and thoughtless actions/ So that being saved I may chant to You/ Glory to Your Might, Merciful Christ.

Now and ever...Kondak of Holy Pascha, Tone 8. You descended into the tomb, Immortal One/ and destroyed the power of Death/ In victory You arose, Christ God, proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrh-Bearing Women/ You granted peace to Your Apostles and bestowed Resurrection on the fallen.

Prokimen of the Paralytic, Tone 1: Let Your mercy, Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, you Righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9: 32-42

Alleluia Verses, Tone 5: Lord, I will chant of Your mercies forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your Truth from generation to generation.

For You have said: "My mercy is established to the ages; in heaven You have confirmed Your faithfulness."

Gospels: John 5:1-15

“In Place of “It is right in truth...” The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, Pure Virgin. Again I say: Rejoice. Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised up all the dead: Rejoice all peoples.

Irmos: Shine, Shine, O New Jerusalem, for the Glory of the Lord has shone on You. Exult now and be glad, O Zion and rejoice, Pure Birth-Giver of God, in the Resurrection of Your Son.

Communion Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of Immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the Highest. **Alleluia (3X)**

ORTHODOXY IN THE WORLD



Festive celebrations were held on Thomas Sunday in Cana of Galilee, led by Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem

Fourteen Baptisms and 2 Chrismations took place at St. Mark Orthodox Church in Rochester, Michigan during Holy Week



With aid from OCMC, a new borehole was dug at the Bishop Makarios Secondary School in Migori, Kenya which houses 800 students

Pascha night at Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Tirana, Albania



At St. Barnabas Orphanage in Kingingop, Kenya 15 students & teachers were baptized by Fr. Methodios on Holy Saturday



The pool of Beth-zatha is an illusion. It convinces us that our life is nothing more than our circumstances. It deceives us into believing that life is to be found outside ourselves.

It tricks us into living an “as soon as” life. Most of us know what that is like. We say to ourselves or maybe even out loud to another, “As soon as this or that happens everything will be better. I’ll be happy. My problems will go away. I’ll be satisfied. All will be well.” The pool of Beth-zatha has a strong attraction for us. Children often say, “As soon as I get big, grow up, am an adult” It continues throughout our life. “As soon as”

I graduate, get a job, get a better job; I get married or get out of this relationship; I have more time, more money, a better house;

He changes the way he acts; She apologizes; I feel better or get through this time in my life;

They do what I want; I get a vacation, retire, move to the mountains; I get over this grief and no longer feel sad; I lose ten pounds, get in shape. “As soon as” You can fill in the

blank with most anything. The problem is there will always be another pool of Beth-zatha. Meanwhile life has been put on hold. The pause button has been pushed. We sit on our mat, self-imprisoned by the circumstances of our life.

The imprisonment is so great that when Jesus asks the man, “Do you want to be made well?” the man doesn’t even say, “Yes.” Instead he offers circumstances and excuses. “I have no one to put me in the water. When the water bubbles others get there first. They take cuts.”

I’m not suggesting that the circumstances of our lives are irrelevant or have no effect. That’s just not true. They do affect us. We are, however, more than the circumstances of our life. Life is not to be found outside our various situations or circumstances but within them. To believe something other than this is to live constantly looking for the next pool of Beth-zatha.

Jesus does not help the man get into the water. He comes to him on his mat, the same mat and situation the man so wants to escape, and speaks words of life and resurrection. “Get up off your mat!” To quote Jesus a bit more accurately, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” The man does not leave his mat behind. It goes with him. His circumstances are real. The difference is he now carries them. They no longer carry him.

Jesus doesn’t change our outer circumstances. He changes us. He calls us into a new way of being, seeing, acting, speaking, thinking. When we stand and rise to that new life we discover the circumstances have somehow changed. That doesn’t necessarily make life easy or mean we no longer have to deal with the circumstances of life. It makes our circumstances more manageable and we engage them from a different place and position. The pool of Beth-zatha is drained of its power over us. There is freedom where there was once imprisonment. Inertia gives way to creativity. Once stagnant waters now bubble with new life. The life Jesus offers does not happen “as soon as” It happens in this place, at this time, in these circumstances. Are you sitting on your mat? Are you looking for a pool of Bethzatha? “Stand up, take your mat and walk.”

Additions in Ukrainian

Недільне Євангеліє: Івана 5:1-15. Після цього було юдейське свято, і прийшов Ісус до Єрусалима. ² В Єрусалимі ж біля Овечих воріт є купальня, що по-єврейськи зветься Вифезда, яка мала п’ять критих входів. ³ У них лежало багато хворих, сліпих, кривих, сухих, що чекали руху води, ⁴ бо ангел Господній щороку сходив у купальню і збурював воду; і хто перший входив після збурення води, той одужував, хоч би яку недугу мав. ⁵ Тут був чоловік, який хворів тридцять вісім років. ⁶ Ісус, побачивши, що він лежить, і знаючи, що вже довго хворіє, говорить йому: чи хочеш бути здоровим? ⁷ Недужий відповів Йому: так, Господи! Але людини не маю, щоб, коли збуриться вода, опустила мене в купальню; коли ж я приходжу, інший вже поперед мене входить. ⁸ Ісус говорить йому: встань, візьми постіль твою і ходи. ⁹ І він одразу

одужав, взяв постіль свою і пішов. Була ж субота у той день. ¹⁰ Тому юдеї говорили зціленому: сьогодні субота, і не слід було тобі брати постіль свою. ¹¹ Він відповів їм: Хто зцілив мене, Той сказав мені: візьми постіль твою і ходи. ¹² Його спитали: Хто Той Чоловік, Який сказав тобі: візьми постіль твою і ходи? ¹³ А зцілений не знав, хто Він, бо Ісус зник у натовпі, що був на тому місці. ¹⁴ Потім Ісус зустрів його у храмі і сказав йому: ось ти одужав; не гріши більше, щоб з тобою не сталося чого гіршого. ¹⁵ Чоловік цей пішов і сказав юдеям, що Той, Хто зцілив його, є Ісус