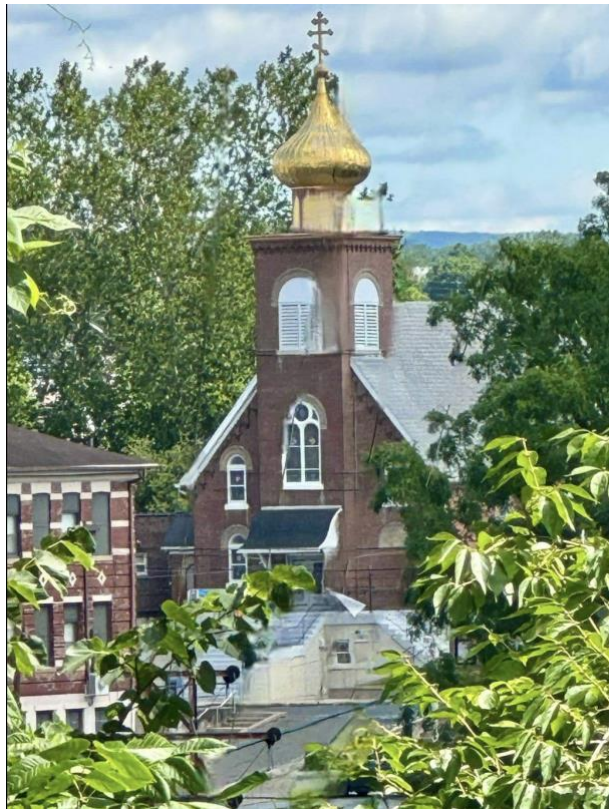


ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Confessions: Vespers on the first Saturday of the month, Sundays before Liturgies, or by appointment.

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 Посеред Нас! Є І Буде! Christ Is Among Us! Is And Shall Be!

Let's pray for peace in Ukraine

Молімось за мир в Україні

Sun. 07 July 2ND SUNDAY after PENTECOST. ALL SAINTS of Ukraine. ALL SAINTS of Mt. Athos. Tone 1. Ven. THOMAS of Mt. Maleon (10th C) Ven. ACACIUS of Sinai (6th C). Martyrs PEREGRINUS, LUCIAN, POMPEIUS, HESYCHIUS, PAPPIAS, SATURNINUS & GERMANUS. Martyrs Presbyter EPICTETUS and ASTION in Scythia. (290) Martyrs EVANGELUS & CYRIACA.

Epistles: Romans 2: 10-16 & Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospels: Matthew 4: 18-23 & Matthew 4:25-5:12

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour – Запрошуємо на каву.

MENEION & SCRIPTURES.

Mon. 08 July Holy Great-martyr Procopius of Caesarea in Palestine (303).

Rom. 7:1-13 Mt. 9:36–10:8

Tue. 09 July Hieromartyr Pancratius, bishop of Taormina in Sicily (1st c.).

Rom. 7:14–8:2 Mt. 10:9-15

06:30 PM MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (ST. JOSAFAT, BETHLEHEM).

Wed. 10 July Holy 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia (319).

Rom. 8:2-13 Mt. 10:16-22

Thu. 11 July Blessed Equal-to-the-Apostles Olha, princess of Kyiv (969).

Rom. 8:22-27 Mt. 10:23-31

Fri. 12 July Martyr Golinduc, in holy baptism Mary, of Persia (591).

Rom. 9:6-19 Mt. 10:32-36 – 11:1

Sat. 13 July Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel.

Rom. 3:28 – 4:3 Mt. 7:24 – 8:4

05:00 PM GREAT VESPERS.

Sun. 14 July 09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 1: When the stone had been sealed by the Jews/ while the soldiers were guarding Your Most Pure Body/ You arose on the third day, Savior/ granting life to the world/ Therefore, the Powers of Heaven cried to You, Giver of Life/ Glory to Your Resur-rection, Christ/ Glory to Your Kingdom/ Glory to Your Divine Plan, only Lover of Mankind.

Tropar to All Saints of Ukraine, Tone 8: The land of Ukraine offers You, O Lord, all the Saints who have shone forth in it/ as the beautiful fruit of Your salvific splendor/ By their prayers and through the intercession of the Birth-Giver of God, preserve our Church and our land in profound peace, Most Merciful One.

Glory...Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 1: As God, You arose from the tomb in glory/ raising the world with Yourself/ Human nature praises You as God/ for death has vanished/ Adam exults, Master/ Eve, freed from bondage, rejoices and cries out:/ “You Christ, are the Giver of Resurrection to all.”

Now and ever... Kondak to All Saints of Ukraine, Tone 3: Today, the choir of God-pleasing Saints from the land of Ukraine/ stands invisibly with us in church praying to God on our behalf/ with them the angels render glory/ and all the Saints of Christ’s Church celebrate/ for together they pray the Eternal God for us.

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

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

Prokimen to All Saints, Tone 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

Epistles: Romans 2:10-16 & Hebrews 11: 33-12:2

Alleluia Verses, Tone 1: God gives me retribution and has subdued peoples under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king and deals mercifully for His anointed, for David and for his seed forever.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad O you righteous.



Gospels: Matthew 4: 18-23 & Matthew 4:25-5:12

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the Highest. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, praise befits the upright. Alleluia (3X)

-Pilgrimage to the miraculous icon of Cardiotisa July 10. For those who need, transport is provided(with limited space). Sign up downstairs.

- Thanks to all who did coffee hours in April, May, and June: Martha and Michael Misko, Kathleen Kuchinos, Vitushinsky family, Pani Olha, Margaret Leindecker, Karen Kankula, Melanie Unger, Ost family, Lesia Semenovych, and all who brought dishes for different events. Welcome to volunteer and sign-up downstairs.

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

- Heavenly Host Program at **St. John Chrysostom Academy** provide youth a foundation of **Orthodox Christian knowledge** and experience. Free of charge. Details downstairs.

- **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:

10 July...Kathleen Crayosky, Julia Kroboth

12 July...Nicholas Alexander

13 July...Dennis Schmall

14 July...David Kravchenko

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

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

07 July...Stephania Ripka '25, Mary Kereb '12

09 July...Mary Bohyn '60

12 July...Vladimir Schur '59, Michael Metchoe '09

13 July...Mary Miga '01

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., priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, priest Vasyl Dovgan, Karen Kankula, 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, 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, Michele and Ron Moser.

ORTHODOXY IN THE WORLD



Metropolitan Epiphany officiated at the Monastery of the Holy Cross on the Feast of the Manyava Icon of the Mother of God in Prykarpatia

Patriarch John X of Antioch celebrated the Divine Liturgy and Kneeling Prayers on Pentecost in the Mariamite Cathedral in Damascus where he ordained Deacon Nektarios Abu Sabia to the Priesthood



The village church in Ozarintsy, Vinnitsa Oblast, was the scene of its first Divine Liturgy in 93 years on June 25th



34 catechumens were baptized in Tanzania in two parishes on the Feast of Pentecost

Day of the Holy Spirit was observed at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Jerusalem with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Patriarch Theophilos III.



A BEACON OF HOPE: The Humanitarian Mission of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA Continues

МАЯК НАДІЇ: гуманітарна місія Української Православної Церкви США триває



Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Posted by John Hnatow

Jun 27 · 🌐

Capturing a unique view of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox church from the Coplay side of the Lehigh River.



Peter and Andrew left much behind when they left behind covetousness and the very desire to own. That person has left much behind who renounces with the thing owned the very coveting of that thing. Therefore those poor who followed Jesus left behind just as

much as those less poor who did not follow him but were able to covet. So when you notice that some have left a great deal behind, you need not say to yourself, *I want to imitate those who disdain this world, but sorry, I have nothing to leave behind.* You will leave much behind, my brothers, if you renounce earthly desires. External things, however small they may be, are sufficient for the Lord, since he looks at the heart and not at our material goods. Nor does he judge by how much is involved in our sacrifice but from how much it is made. For if we judge by external goods, our holy merchants traded in their nets and vessels for the perpetual life of the angels. (GREGORY THE GREAT)

About Saints.

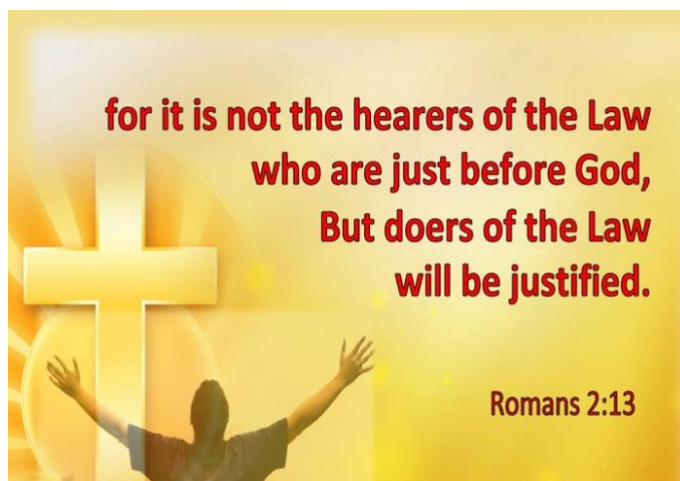
How Many Saints were there in Ukrainian land? According to Fr. Anrii Pokotylo, the Pecherska-Lavra Monastery has produced more saints than any other place in the world: 123 incorruptible remains of saints who lived within the monastery and another 61 myrrh-bearing skulls of unknown saints, preserved there by the fathers. And this number does not even include the saints from other notable monasteries! The list of Ukrainian saints is in this book.

But Why Venerate Saints? It is not enough that saints existed, that they lived their saintly lives, did what seems to be impossible to us, and fell asleep in the Lord. We must remember as Orthodox Christians that (1) we believe in life after death, and as such, these saints are still in contact with our world and are available to us; (2) saints have achieved holiness and therefore can provide miracles to us through their remains (undecayed clothing or bones, myrrh or even sweet-smells that are emitted from icons or burial stones etc.) and even through their prayers alone!; and (3) that the saints are mentors, of sorts, to us, even if deceased. Not only can we learn from their life stories about how they thought and acted in the world, but also when praying to them and asking for their guidance and/or intercession (this is also why we have the 'akathist' service - praying for the intercession of a specific saint). Our Church is not for the dead but for the living, even if living seem 'asleep!' We are constantly surrounded by the saints even if unseen.

What Can We Do to Commemorate

Them? The Church, after 2000 years has developed several ways of remembering the saints.

We attend the Divine Liturgy, vespers, matins, moleben or akathist to a saint (but note that city parishes do not generally celebrate Divine Liturgies for each saint of the Church; just for whom are considered to be "major" saints)



We keep their icon at home in our icon corners; We read their life stories (hagiography). If we share the same name with them then we celebrate our name day. If it is the name of the temple, then we celebrate their memory by having a patronal feast-day with a special Liturgy (including a visit from the Bishop). We visit (or make pilgrimage) to their burial site or relic location. We venerate their holy undecayed relics - knowing that the very touch could heal us (note that the practice of having skulls at halloween came from the Christian monastic practice of keeping the skulls of the deceased). We are anointed with the oil of the myrrh from their icon/relics/burial (if any).

What does it mean to be “fishers of men”? The phrase “fishers of men” was spoken by Jesus when He was calling two of His disciples, Simon Peter and Andrew, to follow Him. “As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him” (Mark 1:16–18; see also Matthew 4:19).

The idea behind fishing is to know the fish you are looking for and attract it so you can make the catch. To catch a fish we must know what equipment to use, the habitat and depth of the water we are fishing in, as well as the kind of bait the fish will go after. After we understand everything we need for real fishing, then how do we relate that to being fishers of men?

God asks us to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18–20). Just as we need equipment to be fishermen, we need equipment to be fishers of men. Putting on the armor of God is one way to be ready at all times with everything we need (Ephesians 6:10–18). Especially important are the shield of faith with which we ward off the opposition from demonic forces who don’t want to see men saved by the gospel of Christ (v. 16) and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (v. 17). Without these two pieces of spiritual equipment, we will find fishing for men’s souls impossible.

Not only must we have the armor of God as our equipment, but we must also know the fish we are trying to catch. Knowing the lost condition of the people around us will help us to understand that, no matter how good we are at fishing, we will never “catch” the fish on our own. No reasoned argument will convert the soul of a darkened mind, because “the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” (2 Corinthians 4:4). But God can and frequently does penetrate the darkness with the glorious gospel, and He uses us to do it. He knows which “fish” are His; therefore, we are to seek His wisdom and His guidance on all our fishing expeditions. Prayer is essential.

Lastly we must offer the only effective net—the gospel of Jesus Christ. To those who are perishing, the message of the cross is foolishness, but to us, it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18). The gospel message has the power to change lives, shine light into darkness, and deliver evil men from hell. There is power in no other message and no other “net” can catch the fish of God. “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile” (Romans 1:16). This was Jesus’ message to Peter and Andrew—follow Me, learn of Me,

know and understand My mission and My message. Only then will you be able to be fishers of men.

Additions in Ukrainian

Недільне Євангеліє: від Матфея. 18 Проходячи ж біля моря Галилейського, Він побачив двох братів: Симона, що звався Петром, і Андрія, брата його, які закидали сіті в море, бо вони були рибалками. 19 Та й каже їм: ідіть за Мною, і зроблю вас ловцями людей. 20 І вони зараз же, покинувши сіті, пішли за Ним. 21 І, відійшовши звідтіля, побачив інших двох братів: Якова Зеведеєвого та Іоана, брата його, у човні із Зеведеєм, батьком їхнім, які лагодили сіті свої, і покликав їх. 22 Вони, одразу ж покинувши човен і батька свого, пішли за Ним.