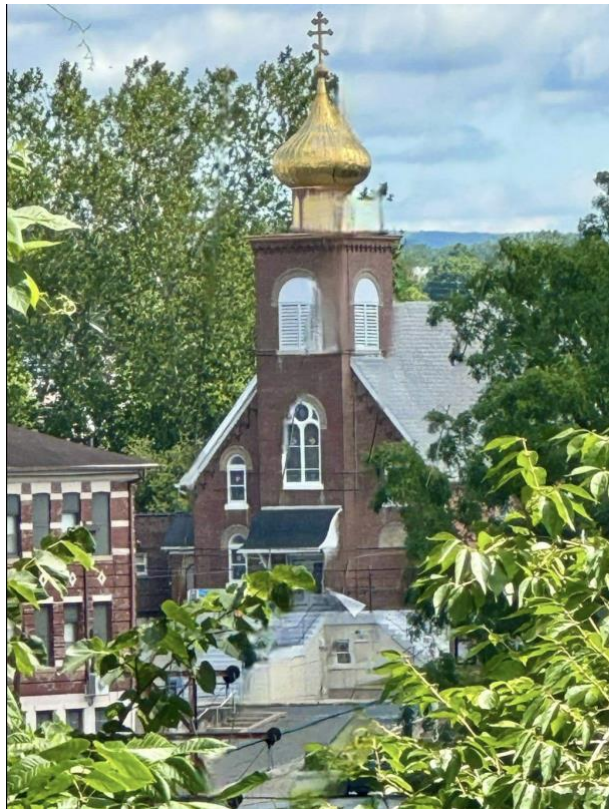


ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE AND NEW ROME



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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. 08 Sep. 11th SUNDAY after PENTECOST. TONE 2. NATIVITY of the EVER VIRGIN MARY. SUNDAY before the EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Martyrs RUFUS and RUFIANUS. Martyrs SEVERUS and ARTEMIDORUS.

UOL MEETING AFTER THE LITURGY

Epistles: Galatians 6:11-18 & Philippians 2:5-11

Gospels: John 3:13-17 & Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

The Bulletin is sponsored by Melanie Unger in memory of her brother Michael, on the 6th anniversary of his repose in the Lord

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour – Запрошуємо на каву.

MENEION & SCRIPTURES.

Mon. 09 Sep. Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna.

2 Cor. 5:10-15 Mk. 1:9-15

Tue. 10 Sep. Blessed Pulcheria, the Empress of Greece (453). Ven. Paul the Obedient.

2 Cor. 5:15-21 Mk. 1:16-22

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

Wed. 11 Sep. St. Euphrosynus the Cook of Alexandria (9th c.)

2 Cor. 6:11-16 Mk. 1:23-28

08:45 AM Divine Liturgy at Chrysostom Academy (the New school year) with Archbishop Thomas of Antiochian Patriarchate.

Thu. 12 Sep. Hieromartyr Autonomus, bishop in Italy (313).

2 Cor. 7:1-10 Mk. 1:29-35

Fri. 13 Sep. Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion. Martyrs Seleucus and Straton.

2 Cor. 7:10-16 Mk. 2:18-22;

Sat. 14 Sep. UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS

1 Cor. 1:18-24 Jn. 19, 6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

08:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

11:00 AM Baptism of the child Adrian

GREAT VESPERS IS CANCELLED

Sun. 15 Sep. 09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY. SISTERHOOD MEETING.

PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 2: When You descended to death,
O Life Immortal/ You slayed Hell with the splendor of Your
Godhead/ and when from the depths You raised the dead/ all the
powers of heaven cried out:/ “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to
You!”

Tropar of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Tone 4: Your nativity, O
Virgin, Birth-Giver of God/ has proclaimed joy to the whole universe/
the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God/ has shone from you,/ by
annulling the curse/ He bestowed a blessing/ by destroying death, He has granted us
eternal life.

Gloria... Kondak to the Resurrection, Tone 2: Hell became fearful, O Almighty Savior/
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb/ the dead arose, and all Creation,
with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You/ and the world, my Savior, praises You
forever.

Now and ever... Kondak of the Feast, Tone 4: By your nativity. O most pure Virgin/
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness/ Adam and Eve from the corruption of
death/ and we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin,/ celebrate and sing to you/ “A
barren woman gives birth to the Birth-Giver of God,/ the nourisher of our Life.”

Prokimen of the Holy Cross, Tone 6: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your
inheritance.

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

Prokimen of the Virgin Mary, Tone 3: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in
God my Savior.

Epistles: Galatians 6:11-18 & Philippians 2:5-11

Alleluia Verses, Tone 1: I have exalted Holy One chosen out of my people.

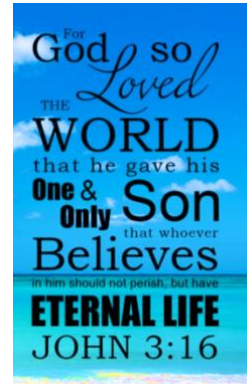
For My Hand shall defend him and My Arm shall strengthen him.

Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

Gospels: John 3:13-17 & Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Instead of “It is right in truth...” Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother
of God. **Irmos, Tone 8:** Virginity is foreign to mothers/ childbearing is strange for virgins/
But in you, O Birth-Giver of God, both were accomplished/ For this all the earthly nations
unceasingly magnify you.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the Highest. I will
receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia **(3X)**



- **Church School starts today.** Mrs. Mary Ost (Preschool/Elementary) 8:55-9:20 AM. Mrs. Karen Osmun (Secondary) at 8:45-9:15 AM. Fr. Oleg occasionally. **Welcome all children and youth.**

- **Sisterhood meeting** is on Sunday, September 15.

- **Welcome all to the Annual church picnic** at Wayne Grube Park that will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 beginning at 1:00 P.M. and concluding with vespers at 4:30.

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

- **For Food Bank:** baby foods, canned potatoes, and meats, tuna, pasta, sauces, mac. & cheese.

- **Virtual Bible Study Day** - Wednesdays via Zoom: Pan-Orthodox at 12 PM. Meeting ID: 576 301 6482. Passcode: 238492. Tuesdays: with Fr. Demetrios at 7 PM. Ask Fr. Oleg for the link.

BIRTHDAYS:

09 Sept... Sharon Killino, Katerina Seremula

14 Sept...Linda Winters

МНОГОЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

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

08 Sept...Michael Micio (infant) '26

09 Sept...Peter Kochenash '56, Walter Kuchinos '14

10 Sept...Olha Sabadash (infant) '23, Barbara Sawka '42, John Yost '98, Katherine Steidinger '10

11 Sept...John Magerka '61, Paul Kuchinos '04, Pauline Woyewoda '07, Michael Smallen Jr. '18

12 Sept...Peter Vitushinsky '72, Maria Kap '01, Mary Suda '91

13 Sept...Elizabeth Faryna (infant) '23, Peter Bochniak '60

14 Sept...Andrew Martinick '84

ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH & SALVATION OF THE AFFLICTED: PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH & SALVATION OF THE AFFLICTED: 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, Sandra Miller, Tom Petro Jr., priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, priest Vasyl Dovgan, David Scharba, 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



More than 100 hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne attended the Synaxis on the Indiction of the New Year in Constantinople. Present were Metropolitan Antony & Archbishop Daniel of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Archimandrite Maxim (Rudko) was elected Bishop by the Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and appointed auxiliary Bishop to Archbishop Arsenios of Austria.

The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God was solemnly observed at the Holy Dormition Pechersk Lavra in Kyiv



Metropolitan Tikhon of Washington, D.C. & Bishop Alexei of Sitka led pilgrimage celebrations in Alaska marking the 200th anniversary of Priest John Venianimov's mission which led to the conversion of thousands of native peoples

The Orthodox youth festival “Tabor 2024” was held in the Volyn Diocese at the Convent of the Holy Trinity in Starosilya



Humanitarian Aid by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA:
SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN CHILDREN AMIDST WAR
Гуманітарна допомога УПЦ США:
ПІДТРИМКА УКРАЇНСЬКИХ ДІТЕЙ ПІД ЧАС ВІЙНИ

A collage of photos showing children and supplies, including toys and books, representing humanitarian aid for Ukrainian children. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion on a blue and green background. One photo shows a young boy in a yellow shirt holding a book. Another shows a girl in a black dress sitting on a pink chair. There are several photos of boxes and bags filled with toys, books, and other supplies.

Come Taste the Wine!



Wine Tasting Social

Sponsored by the
Assumption of the Virgin Mary
UOL Chapter
1301 Newport Avenue
Northampton, PA 18067

Saturday, October 19, 2024
6:00 – 9:00 PM

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Wine and complements will be served
Donation \$35
Reservations: Call Mike - 610-262-5292



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What Can we learn and practice from today Gospels?

John 3:13-17 is a profound passage that highlights several key theological themes:

The Incarnation and Ascension of Christ: Verse 13 emphasizes that no one has ascended to heaven except the One who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. This underscores the unique nature of Christ, who is both fully divine and fully human, bridging the gap between God and humanity.

The Crucifixion as a Means of Salvation: Verses 14-15 draw a parallel between Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness and Christ being lifted up on the Cross. Just as the Israelites were healed by looking at the bronze serpent, humanity is offered salvation through faith in Christ's sacrificial death.

God's Love for the World: Verse 16, one of the most well-known verses in the Bible, declares God's immense love for the world, demonstrated by giving His only Son so that believers may have eternal life. This love is universal and unconditional, extending to all creation.

Salvation and Judgment: Verse 17 clarifies that Christ's mission was not to condemn the world but to save it. This reflects the Orthodox understanding of God's desire for the salvation of all people and His patience and mercy.

The Cross as a Symbol of Victory: The Orthodox Church views the Cross not just as a symbol of suffering but as a symbol of victory over sin and death. The Cross is central to

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Orthodox spirituality and is venerated as the instrument through which Christ achieved redemption for humanity.

These verses are often read and reflected upon during the liturgical year, especially around the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, reminding the faithful of the profound mysteries of faith and the depth of God's love and mercy.

The passages Luke 10:38-42 and 11:27-28 offer rich lessons on discipleship, priorities, and the role of the Theotokos (Mother of God).

Luke 10:38-42: Mary and Martha. Prioritizing Spiritual Nourishment: This passage recounts Jesus visiting the home of Mary and Martha. While Martha is busy with the tasks of hospitality, Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening to His teaching. Jesus commends Mary for choosing "the good part," emphasizing the importance of prioritizing spiritual nourishment over worldly concerns¹.

Balance of Service and Contemplation: The Orthodox tradition values both active service (Martha) and contemplative prayer (Mary). This story teaches that while service is important, it should not overshadow our need for spiritual growth and communion with God.

Hospitality and Distraction: Martha's distraction with her tasks serves as a reminder that even good deeds can become a hindrance if they lead us away from focusing on Christ. The Orthodox Church encourages believers to find a balance where service is rooted in and flows from a deep relationship with God.

Luke 11:27-28: True Blessedness. Blessedness of Hearing and Keeping God's Word: In this passage, a woman from the crowd blesses the womb that bore Jesus and the breasts that nursed Him. Jesus responds by saying, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it." This underscores that true blessedness comes from obedience to God's word.

Role of the Theotokos: While Jesus' response might seem to downplay the role of His mother, the Orthodox Church interprets it as highlighting the Theotokos' ultimate blessedness. Mary is blessed not only because she bore Jesus but because she perfectly heard and kept God's word. She is the model of obedience and faith for all Christians.

Spiritual Kinship: This passage also emphasizes that spiritual kinship with Christ is available to all who follow His teachings. It extends the concept of family beyond biological ties to include all who live according to God's will.

These passages are often reflected upon in the Orthodox liturgical calendar, particularly during feasts dedicated to the Theotokos, reminding the faithful of the importance of both active service and contemplative prayer, as well as the ultimate blessedness of living in accordance with God's word

Additions in Ukrainian

Недільне Євангеліє від Івана. 13 Ніхто не сховався на небо, тільки Той, Хто зійшов з небес, Син Людський, Сущий на небесах. 14 І як Мойсей підніс змія в пустелі, так належить піднятися Синові Людському, 15 щоб кожен, хто вірує в Нього, не

загинув, але мав життя вічне. 16 Бо так полюбив Бог світ, що віддав і Сина Свого Єдинородного, щоб усякий, хто вірує в Нього, не загинув, а мав життя вічне. 17 Бо не послав Бог Сина Свого в світ, щоб судити світ, а щоб світ спасся через Нього