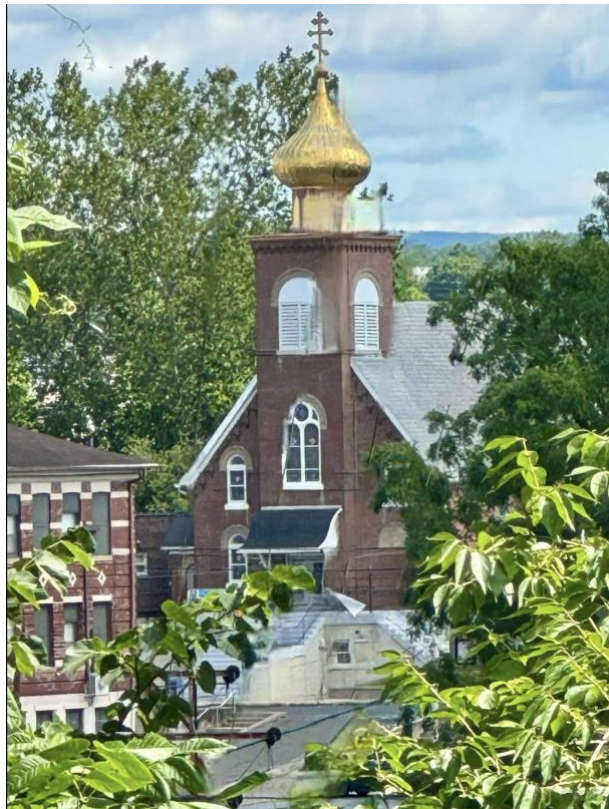


ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Confessions: Vespers on the first Saturday of the month, Sundays before Liturgies, or by appointment.

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!

Let's pray for peace in Ukraine

Christ Is Among Us! Is And Shall Be!

Молімось за мир в Україні

Sun. 15 Sep. 12th SUNDAY after PENTECOST. AFTERFEAST of the EXALTATION of the LIFE-GIVING CROSS. Great Martyr NICETAS the Goth (372) Uncovering of the relics of ACACIUS the Confessor (257) Martyrs THEODOTUS, ASCLEPLIODOTUS, and MAXIMUS of Adrianopolis (305-311) Uncovering of the relics of Archdeacon STEPHEN (415).

Epistles: Galatians 2:16-20 & 1st Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospels: Mark 8:34-

9:1 & Matthew 19:16-26

Sisterhood Meeting after the Liturgy.

The Bulletin is sponsored by Melanie Unger in memory of her cousin, Reader Roger Seremula, on the 5th anniversary of his repose in the Lord.

The Bulletin is also sponsored by Bettyann and Javet Woyewoda in memory of the departed members of the Woyewoda and Hewko Families.

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour – Запрошуємо на каву.

MENEION & SCRIPTURES.

Mon. 16 Sep. St. Sebastiana (86). Martyr Melitina (2nd c.). Martyrs Victor (304).

2 Cor. 8:7-15

Lk. 3:19-22

Tue. 17 Sep. Martyrs Sophia and her three daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love, at Rome (137).

2 Cor. 8:16-9:5

Lk. 3:23-4:1

06:30 PM MOLEBEN FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE (OUR CHURCH).

Wed. 18 Sep. Martyr Ariadne (2nd c.). Martyrs Sophia and Irene (3rd c.).

2 Cor. 9:12 – 10:7

Lk. 4:1-15

Thu. 19 Sep. Blessed Ihor, Prince of Chernihiv (1147).

2 Cor. 10:7-18

Lk. 4:16-22

Fri. 20 Sep. Martyr Eustathius (Eustace) Placidus, his wife & their children (118).

2 Cor. 11:5-21

Lk. 4:22-30

Sat. 21 Sep. Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy (130). Martyr Eusebius of Phoenicia (2nd c.)

1 Cor. 2:6-9

Lk. 6:17-23

05:00 PM GREAT VESPERS.

Sun. 22 Sep. 09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The First Antiphon. God, my God, attend to me! Why have You forsaken me? (Ps. 21:1a)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Why are You so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? (Ps. 21:1) **(Refrain)**

O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. **(Refrain)**

You dwell in the sanctuary, the praise of Israel. (Ps. 21:3) **(Refrain)**

Glory... now and ever... Amen. **(Refrain)**

The Second Antiphon. O God, why do You cast us off forever? (Ps. 73:1)

Refrain: O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2) **(Refrain)**

Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt! (Ps. 73:3b) **(Refrain)**

God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

(Refrain)

Glory... now and ever... Amen. **(“Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...”)**

The Third Antiphon. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)

Tone 1. Troparion. O Lord, save Your people,/and bless Your inheritance!/Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians/over their adversaries;/and by virtue of Your Cross,//preserve Your habitation!

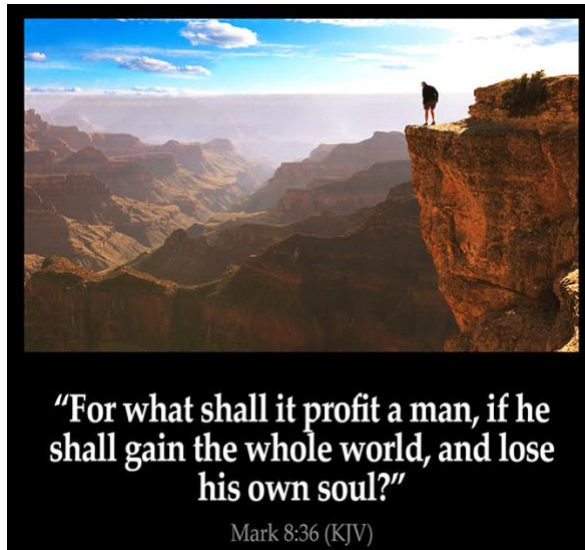
The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! (Ps. 98:1) **Troparion of the Feast**

The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the people. (Ps. 98:2) **Troparion**

Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court! (Ps. 98:10) **Troparion of the Feast**

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 3: Let the heavens rejoice/ Let the earth be glad/ For the Lord has shown 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.

Tropar to St. Nicetas, Tone 3: You defeated error and triumphed in martyrdom/ Nicetas, namesake of victory/ for you conquered the ranks of the enemy/ and ended your contest by fire/ Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.



Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 3: On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One/ leading us from the gates of death/ On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices/ with the Prophets and Patriarchs/ they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Glory... Kondak to St. Nicetas, Tone 2: You stood firm and defeated delusion/ and have received your martyr's crown, Nicetas, namesake of victory/ you are rejoicing with the Angels/ together with them you are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

Now and ever... Kondak of the Feast, Tone 4: As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake/ grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God/ make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your Power/ granting them victories over their adversaries/ by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace.

Prokimen of the Feast, Tone 7: Extol the Lord our God/ worship at His footstool for He is holy.

Verse: The Lord reigns, let the people tremble.

Epistles: Galatians 2:16-20 & 1st Corinthians 15:1-11

Alleluia Verses, Tone 1: Remember Your congregation, which You have gathered up from old.

God is our King of old. He has fashioned salvation in the midst of the earth.

Gospels: Mark 8:34-9:1 & Matthew 19:16-26

In Place of "It is right in truth..." Magnify, my soul, the Most Precious Cross of the Lord.

Irmos, Tone 8: You are the Mystical Paradise, Birth-Giver of God/ in whom Christ blossomed/ Through Him the life bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth/ Now at its Exaltation as we venerate it, we magnify you.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Illumine us Lord, with the light of Your Countenance. Alleluia (3X)

- **Parish Pilgrimage to South Bound Brook** for the Akathist to the Mother of God "Nurturer of Children" and fellowship. We meet on Saturday, September 30 at 5 PM in the Parish parking lot. All who are interested please ask Fr. Oleg and Mary Ost.

-**All Donations for the Coffee Hours in October will go to the John Teodorovych fund.**

- **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.

- **Church School.** 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.**

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

- **For Food Bank:** baby food, canned potatoes, meat, tuna, pasta, sauces, mac. & cheese.
- **Virtual Bible Study Day** – Wed. via Zoom: Pan-Orthodox at 12 PM. Meeting ID: 576 301 6482. Passcode: 238492. Tue: with Fr. Demetrios at 7 PM. Ask Fr. Oleg for the link.

BIRTHDAYS:

16 Sept...Gabriel Sawarynski

19 Sept...Alexa Carlantone

21 Sept...Paul Sawarynski

We also extend our prayers to Fr. Oleg, for peace, health and salvation, on his name's day, Sept. 20th, St. Oleg, Prince of Briansk (note from Protodeacon Michael).

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

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

15 Sept...Mary Lubianecki '57

16 Sept...Volodymyr Nazar (infant) '25, Anna Lelo '00, Zenovia Martincek '05, Vasyl Poshtar '02, Nicholas Parchomenko '16

17 Sept...Mykola Oleksa '44, Frances Warner '75, Joseph Nazar '79, Pavlo Papaylo '52, Reader Evhen (Roger) Seremula '19

18 Sept...Mary Malanitch '34

20 Sept...Daniel Kurey '27, Joseph Gulka '93, Kathryn Pontician '07

21 Sept...Paul Kuzyk '44, Anna Bochnok '79, Yulia Rud '11

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: 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



The Orthodox Church in America has glorified Blessed Mother Olga of Alaska among the saints. Long venerated in Alaska, Mother Olga (+1979), was a humble mother, midwife and priest's wife who was filled with love for everyone. She becomes the first Orthodox female saint of North America.

Metropolitan Cleopas of Sweden visited the Skolt Sami People of Lapland on the 75th anniversary of their resettlement following World War II. These people were converted to Orthodoxy in the 16th century by St. Tryphon of Pechenga and they live mostly in northern Sweden, Norway and Finland



Orthodox & Western Christians celebrate Pascha Apr. 20 in 2025. It has been Patriarch Bartholomew's long held desire for a common date for Pascha. He asked Western Church leaders to consider adopting the Orthodox Paschalion for celebrating Pascha after 2025, the year the world observes the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea which set the date for Pascha

Metropolitan Polycarp of Italy celebrated the first Orthodox Liturgy in 930 years at the crypt of St. Nicholas' relics kept in the Cathedral of Bari, Italy





St. John Chrysostom A... 29 xB ·

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024, Chrysostom Academy was honored by a visit from His Grace, Bishop Thomas, of the Antiochian Archdiocese. His Grace served a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for our growing Academy with several members of the Lehigh Valley Clergy Brotherhood in attendance. We are so fortunate to have the support and blessing of our church hierarchy and priests! "Where the bishop is, there let the people be gathered." St. Ignatius of Antioch. Glory to God for all things!



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

Wine and complements will be served

Donation \$35

Reservations: Call Mike - 610-262-5292



You are cordially invited to our

Annual Parish Picnic

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Wayne Grube Park - Willowbrook Road

12:00 – 4:00 PM (*Vespers will follow at the Park*)

The UOL Chapter will provide Hot dogs, Hamburgers,
and soft drinks.

Bring along your favorite
picnic side dish or goodie to share!

What Can we learn and practice from today Gospels?

The passage from Mark 8:34-9:1 is rich with spiritual lessons and calls to deep commitment. Here are some key points:

Self-Denial and Taking Up the Cross: Jesus calls His followers to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him. This means putting aside personal desires and ambitions to embrace God's will. The cross symbolizes the trials and sacrifices we must endure as Christians, reflecting Christ's own suffering and self-emptying (kenosis) for our salvation.

Losing and Saving Life: Jesus teaches that those who seek to save their life will lose it, but those who lose their life for His sake and the Gospel will save it. This paradox highlights the importance of prioritizing spiritual over worldly gains. True life is found in self-sacrifice and devotion to God.

Value of the Soul: The passage emphasizes the incomparable value of the soul. Gaining the whole world is meaningless if it results in the loss of one's soul. This underscores the eternal significance of our spiritual well-being over temporal success.

Shame and Confession: Jesus warns against being ashamed of Him and His words. In the Orthodox tradition, this is a call to boldly confess our faith, even in the face of societal pressures or persecution. Our loyalty to Christ should be unwavering.

The Kingdom of God: Jesus concludes by assuring that some standing there will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power. This is often interpreted as a reference to the Transfiguration, which follows in the next chapter, revealing Christ's divine glory to His disciples.

These teachings encourage Orthodox Christians to live a life of humility, sacrifice, and unwavering faith, always keeping the eternal perspective in mind.

To bear the cross does not mean only visible, external sorrows, but also internal spiritual ones. One must endure darkness, faintheartedness and similar things as well. For God sends this for the destruction of our pride and acquiring of humility. St. Macarius

We seek and desire sweet, spiritual enjoyment; I do not argue, it is pleasant - but it is lower than the cross. It is granted to us through the cross and without the cross it cannot last. It comes to us and leaves us according to the degree that we travel the way of the cross and humility. St. Macarius

Additions in Ukrainian

Недільне Євангеліє від Марка. 34 І, покликавши народ з учениками Своїми, сказав

їм: хто хоче йти за Мною, нехай зречеться себе, і візьме хрест свій, і за Мною йде. 35
Бо хто хоче душу свою спасти, той погубить її; а хто погубить душу свою заради Мене
і Євангелія, той спасе її. 36 Бо яка користь людині, коли вона придбає весь світ, а
душу свою занепасть? 37 Або що дасть людина взамін за душу свою? 38 Бо якщо
хтось посоромиться Мене і Моїх слів у роді цьому перелюбному і грішному, того
посоромиться і Син Людський, коли прийде у славі Отця Свого з ангелами святими. І
сказав їм: істинно говорю вам, що деякі з тих, які стоять тут, не зазнають смерти,
доки не побачать Царство Боже, що прийшло в силі.