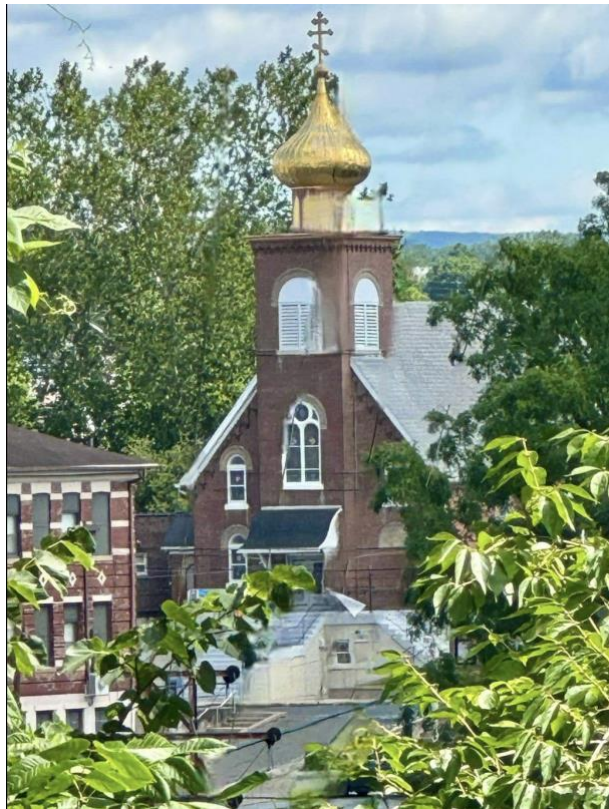


ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE AND NEW ROME



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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!

Let's pray for peace in Ukraine

Christ Is Among Us! Is And Shall Be!

Моли́мось за мир в Україні

Sun. 29 Sept. 14th SUNDAY after PENTECOST. TONE 5. Ven. CYRIACUS the Hermit of Palestine (556) Martyrs DADA, GABDELAS, CASDOE of Persia (4th C.) Ven. THEOPHANES the Merciful of Gaza.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Gospel: Luke 6: 31-36

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour – Запрошуємо на каву.

SEPTEMBER 25 WAS THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH. MANY MORE BLESSED YEARS TO OUR CHURCH IN NORTHAMPTON AND TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS!

MENEION & SCRIPTURES.

Mon. 30 Sep. Hieromartyr Gregory, bishop Greater Armenia . Martyrs Rhipsimas.

Gal. 2:11-16 Lk. 6:24-30

Parish Pilgrimage to South Bound Brook for the Akathist to the Mother of God “Nurturer of Children” and fellowship. We meet on Monday, September 30 at 4:30 PM at the Parish parking lot. All who are interested please ask Fr. Oleg and Mary Ost.

Tue. 01 Oct. THE PROTECTION OF THE BIRTHGIVER OF GOD.

Heb. 9:1-7

Lk. 10:38-42 – 11:27-28

09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY AT HOLY PROTECTION, ALLENTOWN.

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

Wed. 02 Oct. Blessed Andrew, fool-for-Christ (936).

Gal. 3:15-22 Lk. 6:46-7:1

Thu. 03 Oct. Hieromartyr Dennis the Areopagite, Martyrs Rusticus and Eleutherius.

Gal. 3:23-4:5 Lk. 7:17-30

Fri. 04 Oct. St. Volodymyr, son of Yaroslav the Wise, wonderworker (1052).

Gal. 4:8-21 Lk. 7:31-35

Sat. 05 Oct. Martyr Charitina of Amisus (304). Ven. Damian the Healer (1071).
1 Cor. 4:17-5:5 Lk. 5:27-32

10:00 AM **FESTAL HIERARCHAL DIVINE**

LITURGY at HOLY PROTECTION, ALLENTOWN.

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

Sun. 06 Oct. **09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY. UOL meeting.**

PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Tropar Resurrection, Tone 5: Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word/ co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit/ born for our salvation of the Virgin/ In His Good Will, He was lifted up on the Cross in the flesh/ to suffer death/ and to raise the dead/ by His glorious Resurrection.

Tropar of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, Tone 1: In giving birth, you preserved your virginity/ In falling asleep, you did not forsake the world, Birth-Giver of God/ You were translated to life, Mother of Life/ and through your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tropar to Venerable Cyriacus, Tone 1: You were shown to be a citizen of the desert,/ and Angel in the body and a wonderworker/ O our God-bearing Father Cyriacus/ through fasting, vigil and prayer you received heavenly gifts/ healing the sick and the souls of those who hasten to you with faith/ Glory to Him Who gave you strength/ Glory to Him Who crowned you/ Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all.

Kondak Resurrection, Tone 5: You descended into Hell, my Savior/ destroying its gates as the Almighty/ resurrecting the dead as Creator/and destroying the sting of death/ You have delivered Adam from the curse, Lover of all Mankind/Therefore, we all cry out to You, Lord, save us.

Glory... Kondak to St. Cyriacus, Tone 8: The sacred Lavra always honors you as a mighty champion/ and celebrates your holy memory every year/ Since you possess boldness with the Lord/ protect us from our enemies, that we may cry to you/ "Rejoice, O thrice-blessed Father."

Now and ever... Kondak of the Dormition, Tone 2: Neither the tomb nor death had power over the Birth-Giver of God/ she is ever watchful in her prayers and in her intercession lies unfailing hope/ for as the Mother of Life/ she has been translated to Life by the One/ Who dwelt within her ever-virginal womb.

Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 5: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Verse: O Lord, save me for there is no longer any righteous man.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Alleluia, Tone 5: Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever, unto generation and generation, I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth.

You have said: Mercy will be established forever, and my Truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Gospel: Luke 6: 31-36

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Alleluia (3X)

- **We thank all who did the Coffee Hours** in July, August and September: the Misko family, Kravchenko, Zurat families, Margaret Leindecker, Vitushinski, Woyewoda, Ost, Unger families, Caroline Hallman, Sandra Park, Kathy Kuchinos. God Bless you. Welcome all to volunteer.

- **Honoring Veterans of the Vietnam War. For details ask Fr. Oleg.**

- **Tickets for the Wine Tasting are on sale. Ask Michael Misko.**

-**The UOL has determined that all donations from the coffee hours during October will be forwarded to the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund (MJSF).** The MJSF provides scholarships to seminarians to fund their educational experience at St. Sophia Seminary in South Bound Brook New Jersey. The Seminary recently received full accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools in the United States. If you would like to make a separate donation on behalf of the seminary, please give your check to Father Oleg.

-**Pyrohy schedule:**October 10,24; November 14; December 5,19. First come, first served(until we reach 250 doz.). **Please volunteer** for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

- **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.**

- **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:

30 Sept...Angela Meashock

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

Newly departed Patricia Lynn Gidosh, Robert Savitz.

29 Sept...Andrew Martyniuk '47, John Maslanyk '61, John Krill '10

30 Sept...Stephen Kowalshyn '66. Nancy Wulchak '88

01 Oct...Iliah Schneider (infant) '22, Anna Mazepa '66, Stella Reznick '71, Mary Mauser '97, Maria Krywolap '79

02 Oct...Anna Dorosh '02

05 Oct...John Werbicky '34, Nadia Yaremchuk '50, Ahafia Kury '66. Anna Seremula '94, Stephen Kowalchuk '97, John Jimmy Werbicky '08

ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

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.

ORTHODOX WORLD NEWS

Archbishop Sylvester of Belgorodka, Ukraine co-celebrated Hierarchal Liturgy with Bishop Sofian of Brasov at the Holy Virgin Church in Munich, Germany on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Life-Giving Cross



Archimandrite Meletius was elected by the Holy Synod to be Bishop of Znepol and installed at the Cathedral of St. Alexander Nevsky in Sofia, Bulgaria

Under Metropolitan Sava’s leadership, Polish monasticism has been revived from two in 1945 to 11 flourishing communities today. A recent conference of monks and nuns was held at the Annunciation Convent in Suprasl



Metropolitan Benjamin of Minsk and Archbishop John of Brest observed the 345th anniversary of the discovery of the relics of Great Martyr and Abbot Athanasius of Brest at the site of his martyrdom by Polish authorities in 1648

Come Taste the



Wine!

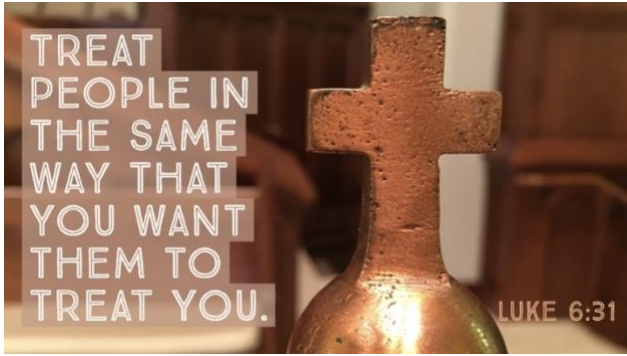


Wine Tasting Social

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



What can we learn and practice from today’s Scripture readings? Luke 6:31-36 contains Jesus’ teachings on loving others, often referred to as the “Golden Rule” and the call to love our enemies. From an Orthodox Christian perspective, this passage offers several profound lessons:

The Golden Rule: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (v. 31). This principle encourages us to treat others with the same kindness, respect, and fairness that we desire for ourselves. It is a call to empathy and compassion, urging us to see others as fellow bearers of God’s image¹.

Unconditional Love: Jesus challenges us to love not only those who love us but also our enemies (v. 32-35). This radical love mirrors God’s unconditional love for humanity. It teaches us to rise above our natural inclinations and to love selflessly, without expecting anything in return².

Mercy and Compassion: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (v. 36). This call to mercy reflects the heart of Orthodox Christian spirituality. We are encouraged to embody God’s mercy in our interactions with others, showing compassion and forgiveness, even to those who may not deserve it³.

Imitating God: The passage emphasizes that our actions should reflect God’s nature. By loving our enemies and doing good without expecting repayment, we become more like God, who is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. This imitation of divine love is a path to spiritual growth and holiness⁴.

Transformation through Love: Orthodox teachings highlight that receiving and practicing God’s love transforms us. As we strive to love others as God loves us, we undergo a spiritual transformation, becoming more Christ-like in our thoughts, actions, and relationships.

These lessons encourage us to practice empathy, unconditional love, mercy, and to strive for spiritual transformation by imitating God’s love in our daily lives.

Luke 6:35 and Edith Eva Eger’s Story. Luke 6:35 calls for loving one’s enemies, doing good, and lending without expecting anything in return. This radical love and mercy are central to the teachings of Jesus and are exemplified in the life and work of Dr. Edith Eva Eger.

Surviving the Holocaust: Dr. Eger’s experiences in Auschwitz and other concentration camps exposed her to unimaginable cruelty and suffering. Despite this, she chose a path of forgiveness and healing rather than hatred and revenge. This aligns with the call in Luke 6:35 to love and do good to those who may not deserve it by human standards.

Choosing Forgiveness: In her memoir, “The Choice,” Dr. Eger emphasizes the power of forgiveness and the freedom it brings. She teaches that holding onto anger and resentment only perpetuates suffering. By forgiving her captors and those who wronged her, she embodies the principle of loving one’s enemies, as Jesus taught.

Helping Others Heal: Dr. Eger’s work as a clinical psychologist focuses on helping others overcome trauma and find resilience. She lends her expertise and compassion without expecting anything in return, mirroring the selfless giving mentioned in Luke 6:35. Her kindness and dedication to helping others reflect the kindness of the Most High, as described in the verse.

Lessons from Dr. Eger’s Life. Radical Forgiveness: Just as Luke 6:35 calls for loving enemies, Dr. Eger’s life demonstrates the transformative power of forgiveness, even in the face of extreme adversity.

Selfless Giving: Her dedication to helping others heal without expecting anything in return is a practical application of the verse's call to lend without expecting repayment.

Reflecting Divine Kindness: By showing kindness and mercy to others, even those who may not seem to deserve it, Dr. Eger reflects the divine kindness that Jesus speaks of. Dr. Eger's story is a testament to the power of love, forgiveness, and selfless giving, making her life a living example of the teachings in Luke 6:35.

Additions in Ukrainian

Євангеліє: 31 І як хочете, щоб робили вам люди, так і ви робіть їм. 32 І коли ви любите тих, хто вас любить, яка вам за те дяка? Бо і грішники люблять тих, хто їх любить. 33 І якщо ви робите добро тим, хто вам робить добро, яка вам за те дяка? Бо і грішники те саме роблять. 34 І коли позичаєте тим, від кого сподіваєтесь одержати, яка за те вам дяка? Бо і грішники позичають грішникам, щоб стільки ж одержати. 35 Але ви любіть ворогів ваших, добро творіть і позичайте, нічого не сподіваючись; і буде вам нагорода велика, і будете синами Всевишнього; бо Він добрий і до невдячних, і злих. 36 Отже, будьте милосердні, як і Отець ваш милосердний.