



ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

On October 15, 2023, a special parish meeting was convened to discuss the possibility of changing our church calendar from the Old Julian to the New Julian calendar. At that meeting it was decided to poll our eligible parishioners via written ballots to determine where our parish stands on this matter.

Ballots were distributed in early November and were returned by November 19, 2023. Ballots were tallied and counted on November 20, 2023. At that time it was required by our Hierarchs that a minimum of 75% of eligible parishioners be in favor of the change. Results showed that 62% of our eligible parishioners were in favor of the change; 38% were not.

Since that time, there have been many more UOC of USA parishes that have decided to change calendars and, thus our Hierarchs have recently lowered the requisite percentage for change to 60%.

Our November vote surpassed the required percentage and therefore we petitioned our Hierarchs to approve and bless this decision. The attached letter was received from His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel on March 28, 2024.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Antony and His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel have given approval and blessings for our Parish to transition to the New Julian Church calendar effective April 23, 2024 – the feast of Holy Glorious Great-martyr George.

Thank your cooperation during this process. We pray that we will continue to work together in harmony for the benefit of our Parish and for our Holy Orthodox Faith.

In Christ,

Parish Council