



## Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

FEB. 22, 2026

*Epistle Heb 11;24-26.32-12:2; Gospel Jn 1:43-51; TONE 4*

#### DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, February 22, 2026

9:00 AM - Lit. + Volodymyr r/by Son, Andriy

11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

##### Tuesday, February 24, 2026

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

##### Wednesday, February 25, 2026

8:45 AM - Lit. Health of Faustino Miranda  
r/by ACS teachers and staff

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

##### Friday, February 27, 2026

6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy

##### Saturday, February 28, 2026

9:00 AM - Lenten Commemoration of the Dead

11:00 AM - Lit. Funeral + Jerry Flynn r/by Wife, Maria

5:00 PM - Lit. + Maria Zito-Kaufman  
r/by Steven & Carol Blumhof

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 1, 2026

*Epistle Heb 11;24-26.32-12:2; Gospel Jn 1:43-51*

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM - Lit. + Laurence Ginda r/by Kathy

#### St. Ann Society Jungle Adventure Gift Auction

Sunday, March 1, 2026, Doors open at 11:00 AM

Tickets: • \$20.00 – advance purchase

• \$25.00 – at the door

Admission includes 1 sheet level 1 and FREE Cake and coffee/tea

Kitchen will be open with delicious food for sale.

Join us for an exciting Gift Auction featuring wonderful prizes and a great time for all!

↪ For information about tickets please call at the Rectory: 732-826-0767

#### Donation to Church

\$1,000.00 - E. A. Farone, DMD, PC.

#### Memorial Donation to Church:

\$250.00 - Thomas Fazekas,

in memory of + RICHARD MICHAEL HANAS

#### Eternal Memory

Our parishioner + JERRY FLYNN recently passed away. We pray to our Almighty Father that He accept him into His Heavenly Kingdom. May he rest in peace.

**SOROKOUSTY:** will be celebrated on All Souls' Saturdays during Lent.

- The parish list of all Sorokousty names submitted by our parishioners is posted on the wall in our church vestibule.

The word "Sorokousty" literally means "forty mouths" (*sorok = forty; ust = mouth*). Originally, this was a prayer service offered by forty mouths, or by forty priests, especially during Lent.

Please submit names and come to the services and remember all our loved ones who have gone to their heavenly reward. Eternal Memory!

#### TODAY: Sunday of Orthodoxy.

The First Sunday of the Great Fast is the Sunday of Orthodoxy, which celebrates the restoration of the Orthodox use of icons in the Byzantine Empire.

But what exactly is "Orthodoxy," and what does it have to do with icons? Literally, the word means "*rightly proclaiming*" – those who glorify God in the correct manner. The oldest use of this term in the Christian East refers to the understanding of the Trinity as expressed in the Nicene Creed. If you could not profess this Creed, then you were not Orthodox. It was only after the separation of the Greek and Latin Churches in the Middle Ages that the term "Catholic" became more closely identified with the Western Church and "Orthodox" with the Eastern Churches. To this day, of course, Orthodox Christians use the term "Catholic," and vice versa. In our Church, we continue to use the term "Orthodox" – meaning "*rightly proclaiming*" – when it appears in our liturgical texts, especially at the Divine Liturgy.

#### Upcoming Parish Events.

**Sunday, March 15** - at 1:00 pm. Pysanka Workshop, sponsored by 135th UNWLA branch.

**Friday - Sunday March 20-22** - Lenten Mission. The mission will be conducted by Father Yuriy Kozlovsky, director of the St. Gabriel Institute in Washington. Father Yuriy will hear confessions and preach before all Liturgies and Lenten services.

**Saturday, March 21** - at 6:15 pm. "Family Day". All married couples and children welcomed.

#### Parish Catechesis for February:

- February 21 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- February 22 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30
- February 24 - women (English), Tuesday, after the Stations of the Cross.

**MEMBERSHIP at our Assumption Parish** - is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

#### Lenten Penances and Prostrations.

During Lent, we make special inclinations – either bowing from the waist or making a full prostration to the ground – as part of our penitential services. The Prayer of St. Ephrem, with prostrations, is the Church's principal Lenten prayer:

- "O Lord and Master of my life, drive from me the spirit of discouragement, negligence, ambition and idle talk. (*Prostration*).
- "Grant me, your servant, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and charity. (*Prostration*).
- "Yes, my Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins, and not judge my brother, for you are blessed forever, and ever. Amen." (*Prostration*)