



Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

SEPT. 20, 2026

Epistle Gal 2:16-20; Gospel Mk 8:34-9:1; TONE 8

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross, September 20, 2026

9:00 AM - Lit. + Tekla & Wolodymyr Lewkowicz

r/by Ann & Roger Allen

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

8:00 AM - Lit. God's blessings for Rashkevych family

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

8:00 AM - Lit. God's blessings for Tetiana and Anna-Maria

Thursday, September 24, 2026

8:00 AM - Lit. + Dmytro and Anna Kozak

r/by Maria Derevenska

Friday, September 25, 2026

8:45 AM - Lit. + Mary K. Keelin

r/by Mrs. Shumny and ACS Community

Saturday, September 26, 2026

8:00 AM - Lit. + Volodymyr (Soldier, 40th Day)

r/by Petronchak and Voitiv Family

5:00 PM - Lit. Health and blessings for Robert Cheloc

r/by Holy Name Society

18TH Sunday After Pentecost, September 27, 2026

Epistle 2 Cor 9:6-11; Gospel Lk 5:1-11

9:00 AM - Lit. Blessings for Korostil and Chobit families

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

Congratulations to Our Parishioners on Their Recent Achievements.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our parishioner, Professor Andrea Hetling-Wernyj, on her promotion to Director of the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University.

The center was founded in 1997 and is one of the nation's leading research and policy organizations dedicated to strengthening the American workplace during an era of rapid global economic change.

- *We congratulate Professor Hetling-Wernyj on this well-deserved achievement and wish her continued success in her new role.*

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our parishioner and a President of the Holy Name Society, Joseph Britton, on being awarded the 2026 Commodore Barry Award by the New Jersey State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), an Irish Catholic organization.

Born in Ireland, John Barry was appointed Commodore by George Washington, becoming the first commissioned American naval officer. In his honor, individual state boards of the AOH annually award the Commodore Barry Medal to a member who demonstrates outstanding leadership and dedicated service to his community and church.

- *We congratulate Joe on receiving this prestigious honor and thank him for his continued commitment to our parish and community.*

First Confession and Solemn Communion Classes.

Preparation classes for children 7 years old and up (2nd grade) will begin on Sunday, October 11, 2026. Classes will be held every Sunday, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the school building. Please fill out the yellow registration form available at the entrance to the church and return it to Fr. Ivan or Sr. Veronica by October 4, 2026.

Children & Youth Religious Formation

- Sep 20 - young adults, over 17 years old (grade 12 and older), Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30
- Sep 25 - children 10-12 years old (grades 5, 6, 7), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 26 - teenagers 13-17 years old (grades 8, 9, 10, 11), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 27 - NEW: parish Sodality of Mary group for the girls 8-12 years old (grades 3, 4, 5, 6), Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30

Priests' Vestments Donations

Thank you to all our parishioners who have taken an interest in purchasing priests' vestments. We are especially grateful to the following parishioners who were among the first to contact Fr. Ivan and generously donated \$900 each toward the vestments:

- *Ronald and Irene Bigos, in memory of + Stephen and Vera Lahola*
- *Vasyl and Anna Kichula, in thanksgiving to God*

May God bless them abundantly for their generosity and support of our parish!

Film Screening: "Veterans Theater"

NEXT Sunday, 09/27/2026, 11:00 AM, Church Hall.

UNWLA Branch 135 presents the film "Veterans Theater."

This is a story about Ukrainian veterans undergoing rehabilitation through participation in a theatrical project. Voluntary donations from the film screening will go toward wound VACs for wounded Ukrainian soldiers.

Fall Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Doors open at 6p m and Dinner will be served at 7 pm.

- Dinner Buffet by The Barge Restaurant- BYOB
- Music by DJ Misha
- \$50 per person, \$25 up to 12 years old

Tickets available by calling the rectory 732-826-0767

Ask a Priest:

- *Why does Jesus address his Mother as 'woman' in Scripture? At least twice in Scripture Christ calls his own mother "woman": once at the wedding at Cana and again at the foot of the cross. That would normally be noted as being rude, disrespectful, and I wonder how that made Mary feel. Never in Scripture does he call her "mom."*

Indeed, to modern ears Jesus' addressing Mary as "woman" sounds a bit cold. But in Aramaic, the language in which Our Lord spoke, it was actually a term of respect. Jesus refers to his Mother in the same way from the cross ("Woman, behold, your son" — John 19:26). That context certainly shows the Jesus meant no disrespect for his beloved Mother. The use of "woman" also recalls the language of Genesis 2:22-23 and the first woman in the world. Christian tradition refers to Mary as the new Eve, the mother of all the living. That recalls Mary's exalted status in the Church and in the history of salvation as the Mother of the Redeemer.