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**St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church**

**Protection of the Most Holy**

**Mother of God Cathedral**



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**03 MARCH. 2024 - SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**Today's Liturgical Propers**

**Tone 6 Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //  
glory to You.

**Tone 3 Kontakion** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father;  
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You gave me.  
And now I cry to You as the Prodigal:  
"I have sinned before You, O merciful Father;  
receive me as a penitent, //  
and make me as one of Your hired servants!"

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

*V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

**Epistle**

(135) 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)*

*V. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)*

**Gospel**

(79) Luke 15:11-32

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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**Announcements**

- **PRAY FOR UKRAINE!** - The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine.. **The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday; 05 March at 6:30 PM at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1031 Newport Ave. Northampton.** We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

- **LAST WEEK'S PRAYER SERVICE FOR UKRAINE AND TOWN HALL MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS.** We wish to thank everyone who pitched in last Sunday to help make the Prayer Service for Ukraine and Town Hall Meeting the success that it was. Many more people than expected came out to show that the American people are still in support of Ukraine. We need to continue to press congressional leaders not to waiver in the face of political agendas.

- **INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE** - In case of inclement weather, we direct or parishioners to our parish website and Facebook page. Information on the cancellation or delay of scheduled services will be posted there as soon as possible. In addition, the same information will be announced on television channel 69 WFMZ.

- **PRAYER BOOKS AND MEMORIAL BOOKS AVAILABLE** - Recently a number of people have requested prayer books for their personal use. We have also had requests for the small memorial books wherein the name of deceased love ones, as well as the living for whom we wish to pray, can be written and submitted to the priest. We are happy to announce we now have a supply of both. Please see Robin Bodnar in the office to purchase.

<b>READER SCHEDULE:</b>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
	03-03	Nik Fartuch.	Dennis Ritter
	03-10	Liliya Baklovets	John Sokalsky
	03-17.	Dennis Ritter	Bob Noecker
	03-24	Rich Bodnar	Hayden Arp
	03-31	Dennis Ritter	Robin Bodnar

- **COFFEE SOCIAL:** Today's coffee hour is hosted by **THE SISTERHOOD OF ST. ANNA.**

- Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Ivan Levitsky, Fr. Bohdan Heleta, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, John Chorney, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Daniel Milinichuk, Maria Onulack, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, William Radio, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Elsie Moroz, Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.

- **BULLETIN MAILING TO CEASE** - Due to rising postage and printing costs, effective 01 March, the weekly bulletin will no longer be sent out through the US Postal Service, except to those who request it and make a donation to defray printing and mailing. (Those in long-term health facilities will continue to receive it regardless.) The bulletin will be available, as always, at the church - and, as of 01 March, will be posted on the parish website: [www.pokrova-allentown.org](http://www.pokrova-allentown.org). Anyone wishing to continue receiving the bulletin by mail, should notify the parish office and make a minimum donation of \$30 to cover printing and mailing expenses.

### Schedule for This Week

#### **SUNDAY - 03 March - SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32*

#### **9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**

#### **Monday; 04 March - The Venerable Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily**

*1 John 2:18-3:10 Mark 11:1-11*

#### **Tuesday; 05 March - The Venerable Timothy of Symbola**

*1 John 3:10-20 Mark 14:10-42*

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - **at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1031 Newport Ave. Northampton.** (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy of the Lehigh Valley)

#### **Wednesday; 06 March - The Uncovering of the relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Eugenius Gate in Constantinople**

*1 John 3:21-4:6 Mark 14:43-15:1*

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY for thee repose of the soul of John Siirick requested by family and friends

#### **Thursday; 07 March - The Holy Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna**

*1 John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1;-15*

**Friday; 08 March - The First and Second Findings of the Head of John the Baptist**  
*2 John 1:1-13 Mark 15:22-25, 3rds 3-41*

**Saturday; 09 March - The Holy Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople - First Memorial Saturday (SOROKOUSTY)**  
*1 Corinthians 10:23-28 Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36*

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY with SOROKOUSTY

**SUNDAY -10 March - SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGEMENT (MEATFARE SUNDAY)**  
*1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46*

**9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**

**The Five Saturdays of the Deceased (Sorokousty)**



Every year the Church Typikon designates five Sorokousty/ Saturdays of the Deceased during Great Lent. In addition the first Saturday for this purpose actually occurs before Great

Lent on the Saturday before the reading of the Gospel of the Last Judgement. For 2024 these Saturdays are **March 9th; March 30th, 18th, April 6th and April 13th**. It is a tradition of our Holy Church to commemorate the memories of our beloved deceased at Divine Liturgy on these five Saturdays of the year. Please utilize the Sorokousty envelope included in today's bulletin and either place it in the collection basket with your regular offering or send it into the church through regular mail. NOTE: If you have additional names to be remem-

bered, you may print them on a separate sheet of paper and include it in the envelope. PLEASE ONLY LIST FIRST NAMES!

**Saint Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople.**

Commeorated on [February 25](#)



Saint Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople was of illustrious lineage. He was born and raised in Constantinople, where he received a fine education. He was rapidly promoted at the court of the emperor Constantine VI Porphyrogenitos (780-797) and Constantine's mother, the holy Empress Irene (August 7), and the saint attained the rank of senator. During these times the Church was agitated by the turmoil of the Iconoclast disturbances. The holy Patriarch Paul (August 30) although he had formerly supported Iconoclasm, later repented and resigned his office. He withdrew to a monastery, where he took the schema. When the holy Empress Irene and her son the emperor came to him, Saint Paul told them that the most worthy successor to him would be Saint Tarasius (who at

this time was still a layman).

Tarasius refused for a long time, not considering himself worthy of such high office, but he then gave in to the common accord on the condition, that an Ecumenical Council be convened to address the Iconoclast heresy. Proceeding through all the clerical ranks in a short while, Saint Tarasius was elevated to the patriarchal throne in the year 784. In the year 787 the Seventh Ecumenical Council was convened in the city of Nicea, with Patriarch Tarasius presiding, and 367 bishops attending. The veneration of holy icons was confirmed at the council. Those bishops who repented of their iconoclasm, were again received by the Church. Saint Tarasius wisely governed the Church for twenty-two years. He led a strict ascetic life. He spent all his money on God-pleasing ends, feeding and giving comfort to the aged, to the impoverished, to widows and orphans, and on Holy Pascha he set out a meal for them, and he served them himself. The holy Patriarch fearlessly denounced the emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitos when he slandered his spouse, the empress Maria, the granddaughter of Saint Philaretos the Merciful (December 1), so that he could send Maria to a monastery, thus freeing him to marry his own kinswoman. Saint Tarasius resolutely refused to dissolve the marriage of the emperor, for which the saint fell into disgrace. Soon, however, Constantine was deposed by his own mother, the Empress Irene. Saint Tarasius died in the year 806. Before his death, devils examined his life from the time of his youth, and they tried to get the saint to admit to sins that he had not committed. "I am innocent of that of which you accuse me," replied the saint, "and you falsely slander me. You have no power over me at all."

Mourned by the Church, the saint was buried in a monastery he built on the Bosphorus. Many miracles took place at his tomb. Mourned by the Church, the saint was buried-monastery he built on the Bosphorus. Many miracles took place at his tomb.



Join us for the Prayerful Commemoration of the Second Anniversary of

# RUSSIA'S GENOCIDAL WAR IN UKRAINE

on the Day of Resistance to the Russian occupation of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol

**26 FEBRUARY 2024**

**7pm**

UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTER  
135 Davidson Ave.  
Somerset, NJ 08873

ORGANIZED BY THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA



Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 91



# UNITED with UKRAINE



**25 Feb. 2024**  
At 4:00PM



**St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church**

1031 Fullerton Ave, Allentown, PA 18107

## TOWNHALL MEETING

Please support Ukraine with your presence at a Prayer Service and Townhall Meeting marking the 2nd anniversary of the full scale war on Ukraine by Russia.

Prayer service to be held at 4pm at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Allentown, PA.

Immediately following the prayer service there will be a Townhall meeting with honored invited guests:

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- US Congresswoman Susan Wild and US Senator Bob Casey are strong supporters of Ukraine and will shed light on the current status of support for Ukraine in the US Congress.
- Khrystyna Hayovvshyn will speak on behalf of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations.
- Following the presentations there will be a Q & A.



US Senator Bob Casey



Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations  
Khrystyna Hayovvshyn



US Congresswoman Susan Wild



Please submit your questions for [branch91@unwla.org](mailto:branch91@unwla.org)

Please support Ukraine with your donations at the event.

