

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

## UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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**22 March 2020**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – Veneration of the Cross*

*Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra*

*Martyr Drosida, daughter of Emperor Trajan*

*Venerable Isaac, Founder of the Dalmation Monastery*

*Monastic Martyr Euthymius of Prodoromou*

**Epistle:** Hebrews 4:14-5:6

**Tone:** Lenten Triodion

**Gospel:** Mark 8:34-9:1

**Reader:** Andy Olear

### **UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:**

Wed., March 25	<i>Annunciation of the Theotokos</i>
Sun., March 29	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – St. John Climacus</i> 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Sun., April 5	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – Venerable Mary of Egypt</i> 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Sun., April 12	<i>Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

**Please be aware, that due to the unpredictable nature of the Covid-19 pandemic in the US, the upcoming scheduled Sunday Divine Liturgies may change.**

**READER'S LIST:** Andrei Marinich (3/29), Anita Anderson (4/5), Mike Ratai (4/12)

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:** Mike Ratai (22)

The Council of Bishops of the UOC of USA has issued a statement regarding the **CORONAVIRUS OR COVID-19 THREAT**. It is posted on the UOC of USA website as well as on our own website. Please take the time to read it, the "Prayer in Time of Coronavirus", and the other documents and updates posted by our Hierarchs of the situation. Based on CDC regulations, our Council of Bishops released directives to the clergy and how to implement preventative measures for before, during and after services (which are to be implemented immediately) in the parish. Aside from Sunday's Divine Liturgy, there will be no weekday services. If you are sick or over the age of 65, please refrain from attending Liturgy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Fr. Vasyl.

**PARISH DUES:** Please submit your parish dues (\$100/individual or \$200/family), plus updated addresses, phone numbers, birth dates, etc., no later than March 31st. Checks payable to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church.

**LENTEN RETREATS:** In an abundance of caution, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both UOL sponsored retreats on March 28 and April 4 have been cancelled. The March 28<sup>th</sup> retreat will be held in an online format – more information to follow in the next few weeks. As of today, the April 4<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Retreat (609 Lane Ave., So. Plainfield, NJ) has also been canceled

**COFFEE HOUR:** Until further notice, there will be NO coffee hours after Divine Liturgy.

**PIEROGI ORDERS:** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, pierogi orders are suspended until further notice.

**PRAYERS:** Please keep in your prayers this week Fr. Petro, Fr. Oleh, Fr. Volodymyr, Fr. Stephen, Fr. George, Fr. James, Fr. Nestor, Fr. William, Fr. Andrew, Protodeacon Michael, Maryanne Quartuccio, Flo Ratai, Kathie Thomas, Edward Anderson, John Sherby, Natalia, Nagy, Emil, Anna, Emily Tucker, Verona, Mona, Ivan and Penelope. *If you or your loved ones are sick or in the hospital, please let Fr. Vasyl know.*

*Out of respect for God's House, please keep all communication to a minimum.  
Please join us in the church hall after Liturgy for food and fellowship.  
Attend Church as a Family!*