

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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8 March 2020

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of Orthodoxy*

*St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia*

*Venerable Lazarus & Athanasius of Murom*

*Apostle Herman the Seventy*

*Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch*

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2      **Tone:** Lenten Triodion  
**Gospel:** John 1:43-51                      **Reader:** Anita Anderson

## UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:

Wed., March 11	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (at St. Andrew Memorial Church)
Sun., March 15	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas</i> 9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Wed., March 18	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (at St. Demetrius, Carteret)
Thurs., March 19	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts (at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Parish, So. Plainfield) Followed by a light Lenten meal
Sun., March 22	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – Veneration of the Cross</i> 9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**READER'S LIST:** Mike Ratai (3/15), Andy Olear (2/22)

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:** Shannon Marinich (9), Mike Ratai (22)

**LENTEN SERVICES IN THE NY/NJ DEANERY:** As is done every year, the deanery parishes host, in rotation, the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts during the weekday. Please follow the distributed schedule of services.

**Every Wednesday:**

10 a.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Bilingual) – St. Andrew Memorial Church

**Every Friday:**

6 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Bilingual) – St. Sophia Seminary Chapel

**Thursday, March 19:**

6:30 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.

\*\*A Lenten meal will follow the service in the Church Hall. Please bring a Lenten dish to share (see Dobrodijka Oksana)

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. Please take the time to read it.

**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:**

March 28: Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center (Villa Maria, PA)

April 4: St. Francis Center for Renewal (Bethlehem, PA)

April 4: St. Stephen 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Retreat (609 Lane Ave., So. Plainfield, NJ)

**ST. SOPHIA SEMINARY FUNDRAISER:** The seminarians are selling polos (\$28), sweatshirts (\$35), water bottles (\$10) and the super popular aprons (\$20). They are available for purchase on the UOC of USA on-line bookstore or in person at the Consistory.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will take place after Divine Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month.

**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, Natalia, Nagy, Emil, Anna, Emily Tucker, Verona, Mona, Ivan, Myrophora 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!*