


The celebration of the Meeting of the Lord in the church is not merely a historical commemoration. Inspired by the same Holy Spirit as Simeon, and led by the same Spirit into the Church of the Messiah, the members of the Church also can claim their own “meeting” with the Lord, and so also can witness that they too can “depart in peace” since their eyes have seen the salvation of God in the person of his Christ.

It is customary in many churches to bless candles on the feast of the Meeting of the Lord.



## PITTSBURGH FOR UKRAINE

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

SCHENLEY PLAZA AND HEINZ CHAPEL






<p><b>Schedule</b></p> <p><b>5:30 PM – Demonstration</b> Forbes Ave by Schenley Plaza</p> <p><b>6:15 PM – Advocacy &amp; Exhibitions</b> Heinz Chapel</p> <p><b>7:00 PM – Panakhyda</b> Heinz Chapel</p>	<p><b>Exhibitions and Advocacy</b></p> <p>Exhibition of Unissued Diplomas</p> <p>Exhibition of Political Prisoners</p> <p>Fulbright War and Resistance</p> <p>Letter Writing to Political Prisoners</p> <p>Donations</p>
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4 Years of War, 12 Years of Occupation, Generations of Russian Aggression

Join Pittsburgh in bearing witness to the victims, advocating for the voiceless, honoring the dead, and demanding truth, justice, and accountability.

Bring signs, flags, banners, icons, vyshyvky, testimony, and a friend.

Event organized by the Ukrainian Student Association at Pitt, with partnership, collaboration, and materials from the following groups:

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## A Lenten Prayer Opportunity

Please see Pani Anne to sign up for a prayer partner

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### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Sunday of the Last Judgement / Feast of the Presentation.

### Meeting of the Lord

Forty days after Christ was born He was presented to God in the Jerusalem Temple according to the Mosaic Law. At this time as well His mother Mary underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as prescribed in the Law. Thus, forty days after Christmas, on the 13th of February, the Church celebrates the feast of the presentation called the Meeting (or Presentation) of the Lord.

The meeting of Christ by the elder Simeon and the prophetess Anna is the main event of the feast of Christ’s presentation in the Temple. It was “revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ” and, inspired by the same Spirit, he came to the Temple where he met the new-born Messiah, took Him in his arms and said the words which are now chanted each evening at the end of the Orthodox Vespers service:

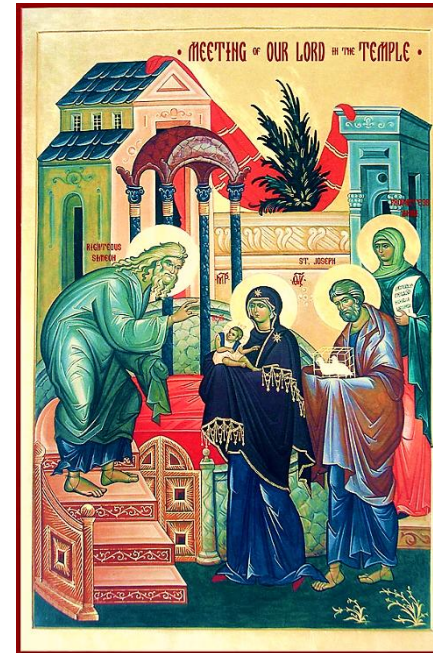
*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel (Lk 2.29–32).*

At this time as well Simeon predicted that Jesus would be the “sign which is spoken against” and that He would cause “the fall and the rising of many in Israel.” He also foretold Mary’s sufferings because of her son. Anna also was present and, giving thanks to God “she spoke of Jesus to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem”

In the service of the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, the fact emphasized is that Christ, the Son and Word of God through Whom the world was created, now is held as an infant in Simeon’s hands; this same Son of God, the Giver of the Law, now Himself fulfills the Law, carried in arms as a human child.

The Vespers and Matins of the feast of the Meeting of the Lord are filled with hymns on this theme. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated with the lines from the canticle of Mary forming the prokeimenon and the words of Simeon being the verses for the Alleluia. The gospel readings tell of the meeting, while the Old Testament readings at Vespers refer to the Law of the purification in Leviticus, the vision of Isaiah in the Temple of the Thrice-Holy Lord, and the gift of faith to the Egyptians prophesied by Isaiah when the light of the Lord shall be a “revelation to the Gentiles”

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## Remember in Prayer

Lyuba, Cecilia, Lottie, Evalyn, Christine, Avery Larissa, Nicholas, Pauline, Mark, Terri, Nathan, Thea, Brandon, Anna Marie, Makayla Gaggini, Lisa Czmola, Natalia (Czmola) Rogers, Loreana Smith, Ron Gebet

*O Lord, Jesus Christ, the physician of souls & bodies, look down on your suffering servants, relieve them of their pain and suffering in order that they may be able to arise from their sick-bed and glorify your Holy Name.*

## Birthdays

Mathew Dukewich and Amy Gaggini 2/15

Amy Wowk 2/18

John Potuczko and Giorgyi Pivtoraiko 2/19

Eric Brancho and Matthew Kolas 2/26

## Praying Our Way

During Great Lent the UOL has a 'Praying Our Way' program, which is a Psalter Group. This is how it works: The Book of Psalms is broken into 20 kathisma. Each kathisma includes a certain number of psalms. Every day of the Praying Our Way program, a reader completes one kathisma. With at least twenty participants, that means that the entire Book of Psalms is read everyday during Great Lent.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
John	Kathisma 1	Kathisma 2	Kathisma 3
Helen	2	3	4
Ann	3	4	5
Andrew	4	5	6
Jacob	5	6	7
Chris	6	7	8
Mary	7	8	9
Peter	8	9	10
Philip	9	10	1
Mark	10	1	2



Above, you'll see that each reader is assigned a particular starting point. Everyday, you read one kathisma. When you get to 20, you loop back to one. The group relies on each member to read their section of the Book of Psalms. This is a beautiful way to prepare yourself for Pascha.



*"God is our refuge and power; a help in afflictions that severely befall us. Therefore we will not fear when the earth is troubled, and when the mountains are removed into the hearts of the seas."*  
Psalm 46: 1-3

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## Praying Our Way....

Looking for something to heighten your spiritual journey to prepare for Pascha? Join us for Praying Our Way Through Great Lent

Each member of the prayer group is assigned Psalm readings to read on their own (Mon-Fri) and is assigned a prayer partner to remember in their prayers.



Register by sending your name, parish name and parish address via email to Oleh Bilynsky at nsuffer@aol.com by Feb. 16, 2026

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## OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 1st</b>	<b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week <b>FEBRUARY 8th</b>	<b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare <b>FEBRUARY 15th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	<b>The Last Judgement</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9-2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare <b>FEBRUARY 22nd</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	<b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13:11-14-4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 1st</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 8th</b>	<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 15th</b>	<b>GENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 22nd</b>	<b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 29th</b>	<b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 5th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	<b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 10th</b>	<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 12th</b> NO FASTING!	<b>BRIGHT WEEK</b> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

## CELEBRATE ORTHODOXY!



The Orthodox Church celebrates the Sunday of Orthodoxy on the first Sunday after the Annunciation.

### SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM

All Saints Greek Orthodox Church  
601 West McMurray Road, Canonsburg, PA

Celebrant and Homilist: His Grace Bishop Thomas  
Service featuring the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh

Vespers will be followed by fellowship and Lenten refreshments.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026



Homemade soup for sale

\$10/qt. meatless  
\$12/qt. with meat

See Pauline Witkowsky  
Proceeds support Ukraine

2026 UOL Essay Contest!  
Information available on the UOL Website for downloading!

Essays due by April 30, 2026!

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Join us! UOL Zoom Coffee Klatch!

Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10 AM

- It's a great way to connect with family and friends from other parts of the country or even near you that you haven't seen in a while.
- Our discussion topic, in keeping with this year's UOL Convention theme, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12 is: Three ways you have been constant in prayer through the good times and bad times in your life.
- The Zoom link will be sent a day before the Coffee Klatch. When you respond let us know if you drink regular or decaf coffee.

RSVP to shirleykduffycsq@gmail.com by February 25, 2026