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**Sunday Divine Liturgies:** 9:00 am - English / 10:15 am - Ukrainian

**Weekday Divine Liturgies:** 8:00 am or 9:00 am or 7:00 pm

**Holy Days Liturgy:** 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

**No. 3/26**

**CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК**

**January 18, 2026 / Січень 18, 2026**

**Divine Liturgies**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of Zaccheus, January 18, 2026.**

*Athanasius & Cyril Archbishops.*

**Tone 7: Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9 - 15. / Gospel: Luke 19:1 - 10.**

**9:00 a.m. –** † Laryssa Veronika Falkowski {Anniv.},  
req. Falkowski Family – **English.**

**10:15 a.m. – Pro Populo - Ukrainian.**

**Sanctuary Candle:** This week's Sanctuary Candle Light is for the people in Ukraine who are suffering from the war, req. Mothers in Prayer.

**Monday, January 19, 2026.** *Macarius Venerable.*

**8:00 a.m. –** Special Intention (Divine Liturgy), req. Family (12)

**7:00 p.m. –** † Omelan Steszyn/Panakhya/ {Anniv.}, req. Family

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026** *Our Venerable and God – bearing Father Euthemius the Great.*

**8:00 am –** Special Intention (Nataliya), req. Family (20)

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026.** *Maximus the Confessor Venerable.*

**8:00 a.m. –** Special Intention (Private), req. Family (18)

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Reading of the Holy Bible (Old Testament) – Ukr.**

**Thursday, January 22, 2026.** *Timothy – Apostle; Anastasius - Martyr.*

**8:00 am –** Special Intention (Mariia), req. Family (19)

**Friday, January 23, 2026.** *Clement of Ancyra Martyr.*

**8:00 a.m. –** † Mariia /Panakhya/ (40<sup>th</sup> day), req. Olena Fostakovska

**Saturday, January 24, 2026.** *Xenia Venerable.*

**8:00 a.m. –** † Gloria Tolopka /Panakhya/ (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), req. Lesya Kuziy

**5:00 p.m. -** Special Intention (Private), req. Family

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, January 25, 2026.** *Gregory the Theologian Bishop.*

**9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English.**

**10:15 a.m. –** (God's Blessing upon: Rostyslav Shpikula upon his birthday & Family and Andriy Khrobak upon his birthday & Family; God's Blessing upon Adriana Yaroshevsky upon her birthday & Family, req. Halyna Khrobak and Nataliya Yaroshevski) - **Ukrainian.**

**Confessions:** Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the Divine Liturgy.

**Baptism and Chrismation:** By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

**Marriage:** Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance. Attendance at pre - *Cana* is required.

**Ukrainian Culture School will be held Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:35 p.m.** For more information, please call the Rectory at: (631) 225 – 1203 or visit our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFUkrainianSchool>.

**Ukrainian Cultural Dances** for children ages 5 to 16 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by

age groups: 1<sup>st</sup> Group (5 – 8): 2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Group (9 – 11): 3:00 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Group: (12 – 17) 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Religious Education:** Classes for religious education will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:50 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

**Ministry to the Sick:** Father Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

**Pray the Rosary:** The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners to pray the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

**Rosary Society / Mothers in Prayer:** Next prayer group will be held on **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm;**

**Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm;** Evenings by appointment.

**Attention:** Monday is a free day for the priest. In case of an emergency, please call at any time.

**Divine Liturgy:** Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and Holy Days to Church.

**Divine Liturgy for Children:** Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be on **Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 12:00 Noon.** All parents are requested to bring their children to the church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy.

**Sunday Bulletin Deadline:** Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office **NO LATER** than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

**Bequests:** In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to Holy Family Church! To all who are tired and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are discouraged and need hope, to all who are hopeless and need sheltering love, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We look forward to meeting you.

**Change in address or telephone?** Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your new address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$7.00 per person.

**Sunday Collection – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**Coffee: \$250,**

*“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).*

Candles: \$280, Sanctuary Light: \$20, Tetrapod: \$10, Church Debt: \$25, Initial: \$125, Holy Days: \$180, Annual Parish Support: \$50, Energy: \$310, Sundry: \$50,

**Pledge: \$633.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,332.00, Total: \$3,270.00**

***Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. May God bless you all for your generosity.***

***Our Prayer:*** Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.

***Attention: To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of January 2026, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God’s Blessing.***

### **Our Church News:**

**1. Dear Parishioners:** in your box of Weekly Envelopes there is an envelope marked **“Annual Parish Support”**. *Please remember to make this donation which is a minimum donation for registered parishioners.* Collected funds will be used to keep our Church in good standing.

**2. Dear Parishioners:** Since many of you do not have time to come for Bible readings on Mondays, the next session of reading the Holy Bible (with questions and answers – Mark Chapter 14) will be on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 after the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

### **3. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:**

**a.** M/M Martin & Silvia Smith, who for the past ten years, have updated our parish web page and payed the required fees to keep our web page active.

**b.** Ms. Nadia Russo, who spent a few days to prepare the paper work for the 2025 tax return for our Parishioners and everyone can receive it today or shortly by mail. Also, her daughter Vira and her niece Sofika help to put them together. Then, she prepared paper work W2 and W3 and 1099 Misc. forms for IRS and Parish needs for 2025.

**c.** Mr. Volodymyr Semenyuk, Mr. Martin Smith and those of our Parishioners who this past week, helped with necessary work in our church/parish center and parish rectory/office.

***May God bless all those who volunteered or made other donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.***

### **4. Upcoming events:**

**A. Regular church cleaning:** The next voluntary second collection will be today on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**B. Dear Parishioners,** we would like to invite you to take part in our first Parish Council meeting for 2026 which will take place on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. Important parish matters will be discussed. Please make every effort to attend.

**C.** The next Divine Liturgy for the deceased will be celebrated on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

**5. Dear Parishioners:** I invite those of you senior citizens of our Parish to come every Thursday at 12:00 Noon starting on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to create a group of our social/spiritual gathering, etc. Also, I would like to invite our gentlemen to come to the Church every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. starting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to reopen our group of St. Joseph and pray together, meditate and read the Holy Bible.

**6. We extend our sincere sympathy to** Mr. Vasyl Vladychack and his family and Roman Vladychack and his family for the loss of their father ☩ Mychailo, a resident of Ukraine, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. May his soul rest in peace and everlasting be his memory.

**7. Dear Parishioners:** *Please refrain from lighting candles during the Divine Liturgy.* The Divine Liturgy is the reenactment (in an unbloody manner) of the sacrifice of our Lord on the Cross at Golgotha. Recall what God said to Moses: Moses, remove your sandals because the

place in which you stand is holy. Out of respect for Jesus Christ and to avoid distracting movements during the Liturgy, please light all candles either before the Liturgy has begun or after the final blessing. Thank you for your cooperation.

**8. Dear Parishioners:** I invite you for an evening meditation and Prayer starting on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. (Saint Sharbell).

**Please Note: House Blessing:** It is the custom among many Ukrainian and Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified after Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). **If you would like your home blessed, please call Fr. Popovici at 631-877-0570 for an appointment. House blessings can be done through February 2, 2026.**

**Please save the Dates:**

**Dear Parishioners:** Our Prospora Luncheon (the end of the Christmas season) will be held on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 after the 10:15 am Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. More information will follow in our next Bulletin.

### **Please Note: Altar Table**



In the center of the Sanctuary there is the Altar Table. This symbolically represents the altar in heaven before the Throne of God. This notion of a heavenly altar is biblical (Isaiah 8, Revelation 8, Heb 13:10). The Holy Altar has multiple symbolic meanings. First, it represents the Throne of God. Through the sacraments celebrated upon this altar God’s saving and sanctifying grace is bestowed upon all Catholic people. It is also Golgotha, the place where Jesus was crucified. It is upon this altar that we participate in the Passion of our Lord and Saviour. Finally, it represents the Tomb of Christ. It’s through Christ’s death that eternal life was granted to all His people. This final representation is highlighted in the Resurrection Matins service celebrated every Sunday because the morning Gospel is proclaimed from the right or southern side of the altar symbolising the angel announcing the risen Christ to the myrrh bearers. We have mentioned how the entire church building is centered around the altar. The Book of the Gospels is perpetually enthroned on the altar. It is on the altar that we offer the bloodless sacrifice of Christ to the Father. And from the altar we receive Jesus’ Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In Eastern Tradition the altar is often carved of wood or stone. It is usually vested with colorful material to show its divine and heavenly character. On the altar one always finds the antiminsion. This is the cloth depicting Christ in the tomb which contains the signature of the bishop and is the permission for the local community to gather as the Church. “Antiminsion” means literally “instead of the table.” Since the bishop is the proper pastor of the Church, the antiminsion is used instead of the bishop’s own table which is, obviously, in his own church building, the cathedral—the place where the bishop has his chair (cathedra). The antiminsion usually contains a relic (normally a part of the body) of a saint which shows that the Church is built on the blood of the martyrs and the lives of God’s holy people. This custom comes from the early Church practice of gathering and celebrating the Eucharist on the graves of those who have lived and died for the Christian faith. Usually, a relic of a saint is embedded in the altar itself as well. Also on the altar there is a tabernacle, often in the shape of a church building, which is a repository for the Blessed Sacrament reserved for the sick and the dying.