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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

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

March 15, 2026 / Березень 15, 2026

Divine Liturgies

4th Sunday of the Great Fast (Veneration of the Holy Cross), March 15, 2026. *The Holy Martyr Agapius and Six Martyrs with Him.*

Tone 7: Epistle: Hebrew 6:13 – 20. / Gospel: Mark 9:17 – 31.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English.

10:15 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon 70th birthday for Mariya Budna & Family; God's Blessing upon Anna, Volodymyr upon their birthdays & Family; God's Blessing upon Nataliya, Andreea, Andrew upon their birthdays & Popovici Family; God's Blessing upon Nadiya upon her birthday & Moskalyuk Family, req. Budnyy Family, Petro Dankov and Anonymous Family Parish) - **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, March 16, 2026. *The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Papas.*

Note: All weekdays of Lent are aliturgical and the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is not prescribed.

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

7:00 p.m. – Akathistos to the Passion of Christ

Tuesday, March 17, 2026. *Our Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God.*

No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 18, 2026. *Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem.*

9:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

6:00 p.m. - Matins with partial part of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. / (Prostrations)

Thursday, March 19, 2026. *The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, of Sigriana.*

7:00 p.m. - God's Blessing upon Helen Samilo upon her birthday & Family, req. Samilo Family

Friday, March 20, 2026. *Our Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Saracens at the Monastery of St. Sabbas.*

7:00 p.m. – Way of the Cross

Akathistos Saturday, March 21, 2026. *Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania.*

5:00 p.m. - (Special Intention) - ☩ Divine Liturgy for all the deceased followed by Panakhyda (Sorokousty V)

6:15 a.m. – (Special Intention) - ☩ Ivan (40th day) /Panakhyda/, req. Ivanna Stefanyuk

5th Sunday of the Great Fast (Mary of Egypt Venerable), March 22, 2026. *The Holy Priest Martyr Basil.*

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English.

10:15 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon Khrystyna upon her birthday and daughter Olivia upon her 1st birthday & Family; God's Blessing upon Bojyna upon her birthday & Susuk Family; God's Blessing upon Vadym

upon his birthday & Family; God's Blessing upon Veronika upon her birthday & Rusnak Family, req. Ihor Smerychynskyy, Svitlana Tulba, Olena Zakharyuk and Myroslav Rusnak) - **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 of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by age groups: 1st Group (5 – 8): 2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.; 2nd Group (9 – 11): 3:00 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.; 3rd 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, April 17th, 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 today on **Sunday, April 19, 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 – March 8, 2026 **Donation: \$500, 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: \$310, Tetrapod: \$10, Church Debt: \$25, Flowers: **\$450**, Sundry: \$45,
Pledge: \$705.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,662.00, Total: \$3,957.00

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, March 8th, 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 March 2026, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God’s Blessing.*

Our Church News:

1. We have a variety of **pyrohy** for sale, (separate container of onions included). The cost for one dozen is \$9.00 for potatoes, cheese or pelmeni (package). All proceeds go to our parish. This is a Fundraiser.

2. Dear Parishioners: *Our financial status in this time is limited and we have no opportunity to fulfill two projects for our Church, so we ask every one of you in your possible way to help us to defray the cost of:*

a. We need to find funds to ship to Ukraine over ten packages of humanitarian need for our brothers in Ukraine.

b. For our Altar boys, we are in process of ordering from Ukraine 12 dalmatiks. There are three sets of (Green, Blue and Red), where each cost around \$100 with shipping. \$3,600 is needed to pay it in full.

Thank you in advance of your generosity and good heart as you always accept the needs of our Church and make donations to help financially.

3. Lenten collections: During Lent, there are the following special collections: Church in Need, Rice Bowl, Poor, Easter Flowers, Collection for the Missionary Priest and Holy Land. There are special envelopes within your boxed envelopes; and more envelopes can be found in our vestibule. Please make any donations to the best of your ability.

4. 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 15) will be on April 19th, 2026 after the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

5. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. Mr. Vasyl Bahlay who made a special wooden Cross which was later installed above the door of the entrance of our Church by Mr. Mychailo Pyzhianov and Mr. Mychailo Moskalyuk.

b. Mr. Volodymyr Semenyuk, Mr. Ihor Klysa, and those of our Parishioners who this past week, helped with necessary work in our church/parish center and parish rectory/office.

c. those of our Parishioners especially: Mrs. Oleksandra Blyshchak and Mrs. Olha Yanyshyn, who purchased flowers and prepared special flower decorations for the tetrapod which was used this past Sunday – Veneration of the Cross.

d. The following parish family members who made an extra donation to Support Ukraine: M/M Ihor & Myroslava Smerechynskyy - \$50.00; M/M Myroslav & Nadiya Sabadylo - \$50.00. Sincere thanks to donators. **May God bless all those who volunteered or made other donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.**

6. Upcoming events:

A. Paschal Flower Donations: You are invited to make a donation between now and Palm Sunday so flowers may be purchased for Good Friday (April 3rd) and for Paschal Liturgies (April 10th, 2026).

B. The Members of the Rosary Society/Mothers in Prayer are asking parishioners who have the possibility to make order for Pyrohy to

support Ukraine. **Next estimated date when we will make various Pyrohy is on Wednesday March 18th, 2026** starting at 6:30 p.m.

C. Regular church cleaning: The next voluntary second collection will be today on Sunday, March 15th, 2026.

D. The next Divine Liturgy for the deceased will be celebrated on Saturday May 2nd, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

7. Dear Parishioners: *I invite those of you senior citizens of our Parish to come every Thursday at 12:00 Noon starting on May, 2026, to create a group of 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 May, 2026 to reopen our group of St. Joseph and pray together, meditate, and read the Holy Bible.*

8. Outreach program for the Easter Season: Please be as generous as possible for the needy in our community. Items needed are: canned vegetables, fruit juice, gravy, coffee, tea, tuna fish, baked beans, pasta sauce, etc. Please bring your items to the church vestibule no later than April 2nd, 2026.

9. Please Note: on Sunday, March 22nd after the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy, the Rosary Society invites their members for their first meeting.

10. Movie night: Dear Parishioners, we invite you for the deeper reflection on the Passion of Christ to watch the movie by Mel Gibson on Saturday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. – English language and Sunday March 22nd after Ukrainian Liturgy at 12:00 Noon – Ukrainian language.

Please Note: The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian.

The Prayer of St. Ephraim can be a beautiful addition to your family’s Lenten discipline. I encourage you to make it part of your Evening Prayers each night. In each family, evening prayers might look like this.

- O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust for power and for idle talk.

- But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant,

- Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my Brother; for Blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Please Note: Why do you confess your sins to a priest in Church?”

Before we answer this question, which is the focus of this lesson, let’s answer some other questions.

Have you ever been so sick that you had to go to the doctor? -

Has there ever been a time when the doctor gave you a shot? -

- Has there ever been a time when the doctor gave you some medicine that was pretty disgusting?

All of us can recall having an experience like this. When we think back on it, we should ask ourselves another question: Why? Why did we go to the doctor?

Why did we take medicine that we didn’t like? The answer is very simple: We wanted to get well, and we couldn’t do it by ourselves. As serious as many sicknesses can get, and as much as they need skilled doctors to heal them, there is a sickness worse than all of them combined. This sickness is sin. As we have said before, sin is failing to be who God has created us to be. It is falling short, missing the mark. While the viruses that we catch from each other can send us to the doctor, they only hurt our bodies. Sin hurts our souls (and sometimes hurts our bodies, too). There is only one cure for sin—forgiveness from our Lord Jesus Christ. We go to a priest and confess our sins to the alter-Christus for the same reasons that we go to a doctor and tell him how we are feeling—so that we can start getting better, because we can’t get better by ourselves. When we confess our sins to a priest, the priest lets us know that God has forgiven us of our sins and gives us a “prescription” for how to get better. If we really want to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ, we will follow the priest’s prescriptions. If we are not sure whether or not we have sinned, we can look to the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) and Christ’s Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) as a guide. There is no sin so bad that it cannot be forgiven. As you feel the love of God, you ought to respond positively to His love:.....