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Prayers for the PEACE in St. Sophia, Kyiv

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4:30 PM За парохіян – For Parishioners
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Feb. 20: Meatfare Sunday – Н. М'ясопуща

10:00 AM +Michael Liskiewicz –
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Monday, February 21 лютого, понеділок
9:00 AM +Стефанія і о. Теодор Вареха
(Лідія Грещин)

Tuesday, February 22 лютого, вівторок
7:00 AM За парохіян – For Parishioners

Wednesday, February 23 лютого, середа
9:00 AM Int. of Julian Hreshchyshyn Passmore
(Family)

Thursday, February 24 лютого, четвер
7:00 AM +John Verostko (Marianne Chort)

Friday, February 25 лютого, п'ятниця
9:00 AM +Роман Ференцевич (Ірина Чмола)

Saturday, February 26 лютого, субота
9:00 AM +Анісія і Василь Мандзій
(М. Т. Паславські)

4:30 PM +Ludmilla & Dmytro Terech (Family)
in English ~ **STREAMING**

Feb. 27: Cheesefare Sunday – Н. Сироопуща

10:00 AM +Mary Petryshyn (Family)
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20 лютого: Неділя Блудного Сина
10:00 р. +Михайло Лиськевич –
40 день і панахида (родина)
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27 лютого: М'ясопуща Неділя
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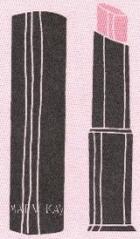
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Michael W. Liskiewicz - Autobiography

I asked my Dad, Michael W. Liskiewicz to write his biography. He wrote this biography in 2002. (Nancy)

I was born on February 18, 1924, to Wlodzimierz Liskiewicz and Bronislawa Feret Liskiewicz in Buffalo, New York. My address was 568 Howard Street, Buffalo, New York. I was baptized at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Buffalo, New York.

I attended Precious Blood School, Buffalo, New York for the first three grades and then we moved to New York City. My address was 93 1/2 East 7th Street. I attended St. Stanislaus School, New York City for grades 4 thru 8 and graduated in 1938. I then went to Commerce High School, New York City and graduated in 1942. My brothers and I attended religious services at St George's Ukrainian Catholic Church. While attending classes in grammar school, I attended Ukrainian classes that were held at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church building. For 4 years the Basilian Sisters taught me. In my 5th year, Mr. Theodore Onufryk taught me. He was the cantor and choir director of the church choir. I joined the church choir in 1937 and continued to be a member until I moved to Buffalo, New York.

In the buildings of St. George's Church, the Ukrainian Hetman Organization was organized. Later we organized a Drum and Bugle Corp where I instructed playing the bugle. This was a marching organization as we played at various parades.

In the years while attending grammar school, I had taken lessons to play the violin. I played for several years but due to finances I was not able to carry on.

I also belonged to a Ukrainian dancing group that Mr. John Flis was instructing. We performed on various occasions.

For a few months, I belonged to the National Guards but when they were mobilized because of World War II, I dropped out as I had schooling to complete. During this period, I was also involved with the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League. I held a position on the board. The organization has changed their name to League of Ukrainian Catholics.

After graduating from high school, I worked in a machine shop for a short time and when I was offered a job by the US government, for which I applied I accepted the work with US Air Force. Here I worked for a short number of months as I was drafted into the US Army, March 4, 1943. I reported at Fort Dix where I was processed and assigned to Fort Jackson, South Carolina with the 106th Reconnaissance Troop that was attached to the 106th Infantry Division. I did my basic training and then proceeded for maneuvers in Tennessee for further training. After that I was sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Then I went to Camp Miles Standish, Massachusetts to be sent overseas. I got my orders and proceeded on a troop ship out of Boston Harbor. I landed in Liverpool, England. After getting all our equipment we were sent thru France, Belgium and onto the front lines. I was there three days before my unit was captured by the Germans. I was a prisoner of war from December 17, 1944, to April 20, 1945. In this short

time, I went through 5 prison camps. I was liberated by the British 2nd Army. We were then sent to the American Camp at which time we were processed and sent back to the United States on the troop ship



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that were called the Liberty Ships. After landing we were sent home for a period of time and then sent to a recuperating camp. Then I was assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas. On November 15, 1945, I was discharged and sent home.

I decided to go to college and enrolled in New York University School of Business and Finance. I finished a four-year course in three and a half years in accounting. After getting my degree in 1950, I applied for a government auditing job and was accepted as a trainee with the Air Force Audit unit. The organization was changed to the Defense Contract Audit Agency.

Backing up a bit, after getting back from the war I resumed going to the choir at church, joined the Catholic War Veterans and continued to work with the St. George's Drum and Bugle Corp.

I was offered a government job in Niagara Falls, New York at the Bell Aircraft Corporation facility. I worked there for 10 years and then was offered a promotion, so we moved to Utica, New York where I worked at the General Electric Company facility. After three years I moved back to Bell Aircraft Corporation in Niagara Falls, New York. After 5

years, I was requested to move to the Federal Office Building in Buffalo, New York. There I oversaw the Branch office. Then it was time to retire.

While in Buffalo, I joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Joseph Hriczko Post 6245. I was commander for two years and held other positions. I also got active with the Ukrainian Fraternal Association (Now known as Providence). I am the financial secretary of Taras Shevchenko Society Branch 64. I

also became active with the Holy Name Society. I was chairman of the district 8 and area Vice President in the Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society. For 20 years I was the treasurer of the Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies. I was on the auditing staff of Ukrainian Home Dnipro Union for a number of years. I was also secretary and director to the board. I was commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans Post 23. I am currently the President of the Ukrainian American Sitch, Inc. I was a member of the choir at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church and sang the responses at 10:00 liturgy every Sunday for many years. I was a trustee at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church for many years. I am a member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics.

On June 17, 1950, I married the late Sophie Jezioro at Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church. I have four Daughters namely Nancy, Patricia, Alice, and Joan. I have seven Grandchildren, Gregory, Steven, Christopher, Angela, Anthony, David, and Lisa. I have five Great Grandchildren, Sophie, Isabella, Aiden, Gabriele, Nicholas.



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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRTIETH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36). Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity

(cont. from previous bulletin)

4. Centres of care as “houses of mercy”

The World Day of the Sick is also a good occasion to focus our attention on centers of care. Down the centuries, showing mercy to the sick led the Christian community to open innumerable “inns of the good Samaritan”, where love and care can be given to people with various kinds of sickness, especially those whose health needs are not being met due to poverty or social exclusion or to the difficulties associated with treating certain pathologies. In these situations, it is children, the elderly and those who are most frail who most often pay the price.

Merciful like the Father, countless missionaries have combined the preaching of the Gospel with the construction of hospitals, dispensaries and care homes. These are precious means whereby Christian charity has taken visible shape and the love of Christ, witnessed by that of his disciples, has become more credible. I think especially of people in the poorest areas of our planet, where it is sometimes necessary to travel long distances to find treatment centres that, albeit with limited resources, offer what is available. We still have a long way to go; in some countries, access to adequate care remains a luxury. We see this, for example, in the scarcity of available vaccines against Covid-19 in poor countries; but even more in the lack of treatment for illnesses that require much simpler medicines.

In this context, I wish to reaffirm the importance of Catholic healthcare institutions: they are a precious treasure to be protected and preserved; their presence has distinguished the history of the Church, showing her closeness to the sick and the poor, and to situations overlooked by others. [5] How many founders of religious families have listened to the cry of their brothers and sisters who lack access to care or are poorly cared for, and have given their utmost in their service! Today too, even in the most developed countries, their presence is a blessing, since in addition to caring for the body with all necessary expertise, they can always offer the gift of charity, which focuses on the sick themselves and their families. At a time in which the culture of waste is widespread and life is not always acknowledged as worthy of being welcomed and lived, these structures, like “houses of mercy”, can be exemplary in protecting and caring for all life, even the most fragile, from its beginning until its natural end.

5. Pastoral mercy: presence and proximity

In the past thirty years, pastoral health care has also seen its indispensable service increasingly recognized. If the worst discrimination suffered by the poor – including the sick, who are poor in health – is the lack of spiritual attention, we cannot fail to offer them God’s closeness, his blessing and his word, as well as the celebration of the sacraments and the opportunity for a journey of growth and maturation in faith. [6] In this regard, I would like to remind everyone that closeness to the sick and their pastoral care is not only the task of certain specifically designated ministers; visiting the sick is an invitation that Christ addresses to all his disciples. How many sick and elderly people are living at home and waiting for a visit! The ministry of consolation is a task for every baptized person, mindful of the word of Jesus: “I was sick and you visited me” (Mt 25:36).

Dear brothers and sisters, to the intercession of Mary, Health of the Infirm, I entrust all the sick and their families. United with Christ, who bears the pain of the world, may they find meaning, consolation and trust. I pray for healthcare workers everywhere, that, rich in mercy, they may offer patients, together with suitable care, their fraternal closeness.

To all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Francis

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 December 2021, Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto.



The View From Up Here – February 20, 2022

“Now, O Master, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in Peace...”

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! With these words of praise to our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, we greet you, Dear Fellow-Climber on the Holy Mountain! As Saint Peter once said when he had seen the Divine Lord on another holy mountain, we too, repeat his words: “Lord it good for us to be here!” Thanks be to God! He has blessed us with these soul-saving days of our life as we go as pilgrims on this earth, each of us on our own personal journey, each of us on our climb, to find Him and see Him and be with Him! Yes, to know He is always with us, even now, as we steadfastly continue our climb to the summit of the Holy Mountain, the journey of our life. It is indeed “so good for us to be here!”

Just as when one climbs the mountain, dangers and difficulties are met and overcome, beautiful sights and sounds are seen and heard, decisions are constantly being made about how one should, and could go safely forward and up to the goal of the mountain top. Sometimes things are smooth, and everything is all right, comfortable and easy. Sometimes things are dangerous and troublesome, and we need to move on or even go to battle to protect ourselves. Sometimes our days are so beautiful and wonderful, we say to one another, “It doesn’t get any better than this! Can’t we just stay here forever?!” Did you ever feel like that? Did you ever see yourself as a mountain climber? We truly are like that, aren’t we, as we journey to THE mountain top! Our journey of life, indeed the meaning and purpose of our life, is for every one of us to get safely to that mountain top where the never-ending vision of our God awaits us! What a sometimes scary journey it can be! What an amazing and beautiful journey it is! What a promise filled, joyful and mysterious journey it is for all of us! The mountain climber knows a great reward awaits him or her at the peak of the mountain. The hardships and trials become as nothing as the climber stands in great victory at having overcome all the obstacles and now receives the reward, an untouchable sense of victory, a glorious, breath taking view of the earth which few people get to see!

Imagine for a moment, if you will, the climber at the moment of “conquering Mt. Everest”! To be standing there “at the top of the world” has to be a moment no

words are sufficient to describe! The breath-taking feeling of accomplishment and amazement at the vision, only a few people have actually experienced, now is reward for the struggle and effort of the climb! How that climber on the very peak now rejoices at having overcome so much! He has reached his goal! The climber has seen pictures and heard descriptions of what it would be like, but now it’s different, now it’s his or her personal gift and reward! It is no longer a story, or description from someone else! The wonder and awe and gift of the climb now belongs to the one who has ascended to that place! We have been told throughout Sacred Scripture of the vision of heavenly glory, the end of our climb...that day when, please God, we will stand at the completion of our journey, of our life. “But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things God has prepared for those that love Him.” (1 Cor. 2:9)

A long time ago as the evangelist St. Luke, tells us “there was once a man named Simeon”...At this particular time in the cycle of the Feasts and Fastdays of our church, we happen to be celebrating one of the great Holydays of our Church year, **The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple**. Those who pray according to the Gregorian calendar have already celebrated this important holy day, while those who pray according to the Julian calendar are now still celebrating this Encounter. This Feastday is the culmination of the Nativity cycle in our church. In His birth, our Lord comes quietly to this earth, born in the cave in Bethlehem. Now at this Encounter in the Temple, He comes to all the people of this world, first to the Jews, then to all. What an encounter! What a meeting! Imagine seeing and holding God! This is exactly the cause for our celebration and joy!

Yes, there was once a man named Simeon! This old, holy man had received the knowledge through the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the “consolation of Israel”! He would not die until he had seen the Messiah! Luke describes Simeon as “an upright and devout man who waited for the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him.” Every day this man named Simeon prayed and wondered, if today would be the day he would see the Lord, the long-awaited Messiah. Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and

Joseph came to the temple to present the child in fulfillment of the Law. The beautiful icon of the feast brings to life the words of St. Luke as it shows the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph coming into the temple and being met by Simeon and Anna, the prophetess. Immediately, Simeon recognizes the Lord!!! There He is!

There is the One I have waited for! There is the One all mankind has awaited! At that moment, Simeon knows the promise of the Holy Spirit to him is now fulfilled. He takes the child from his mother and sings for all to hear: "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Lord, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, a Light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel!" Anna, the old prophetess, is standing there and sees and hears all this going on. She too, recognizes and understands the message of Simeon and tells all those who would hear that the Lord, the long-awaited Lord has come! **God is among us! God is with us! Z Nami Boh!**

The long life of this old man Simeon and the prophetess Anna, who by the way was one hundred or more years old. (Luke writes that she was a widow for 84 after being with her husband for 7, already accounting for 91 years.) These two special people, upright and holy, followers of the Law of Moses have been "climbing their mountain"! Yes, they have heard of the great promise of the Messiah to come and have been living their daily lives in the hope of that vision, that vision they were sure they would see! Yes, every day they went higher and higher up the mountain till they got to their summit of the climb! And there He was! The Lord God allowing himself to be held by mortal Simeon. At that very moment Simeon knew all was fulfilled! He had made it! Anna had made it! He held the Lord, but He knew in this



seeing and meeting, the journey was over, the summit of the mountain was reached!

My dear holy climbers, do you know, do you realize how we are like Simeon and Anna? Do you realize how we have the same promise as they had? What a blessing! What a treasure! Our Lord has come and has revealed Himself to us through His holy Church. Through the sacraments Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist we became His people and He has promised us that we would see Him! We now wait even as Simeon and the people of the Old Testament for the coming of the Lord! When will we see Him? How will we see Him? Through His Life, Death and Resurrection our Lord has revealed Himself to us in His holy Church! We are His people and He calls all of us! He comes invisibly to us in Holy Communion, filling us with the very life and

salvation of our God. "He wills all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy-2:4). "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest!" (Mt. 11:28) Our Lord Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit is now our goal! Our God is "the peak of the Holy Mountain, the end and summit of our daily life...the end and summit of our climb to eternity! If a climber is blown away as he marvels at the vision from a place like Mt. Everest, what can we even attempt to say about the vision that is promised us, the vision of eternity! Don't tire, dear One. Don't give up the climb. He has given us each other; He has given us His Holy Church; He has given us his angels and saints, His holy Mother to be with us. He has told us that we would see Him! Glory to God for all things! He has shown Himself to us and please God, one day, when our journey is over, we will see Him face to face and hear Him say, "Enter into the Kingdom, good and faithful servant!" And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!!!!

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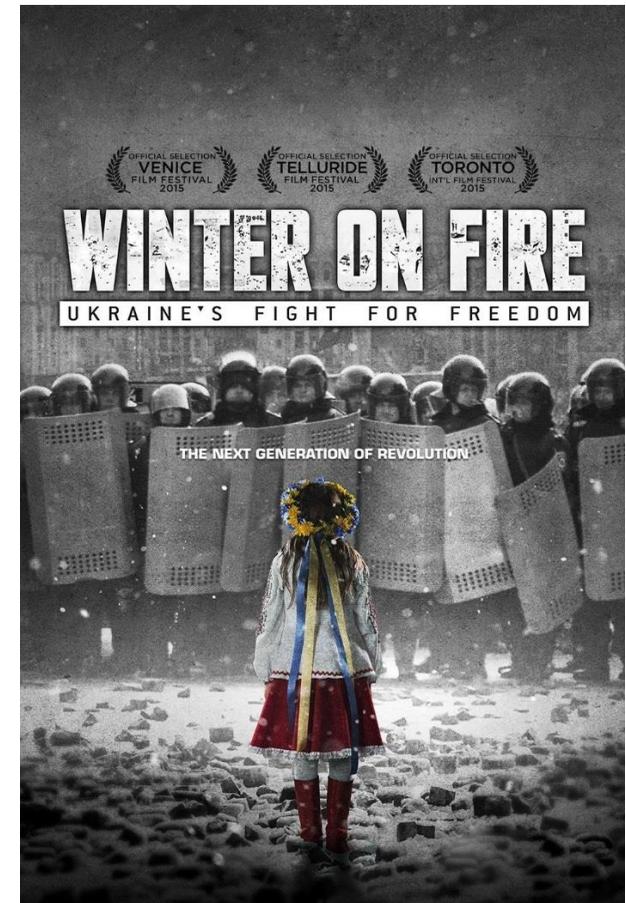
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