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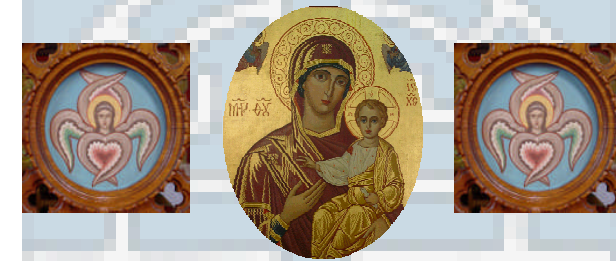
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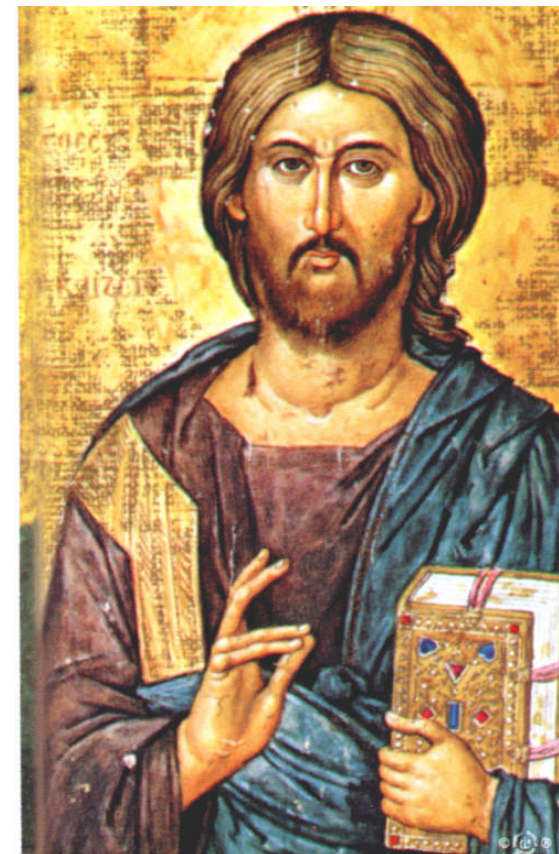
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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Mar. 4: 2 S. Of Lent – 2 Н. Посту** **T5**

**10:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян**

**Parish Meeting After this Liturgy**

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**Mon., Mar. 5 – Пон., 5 Березня**

8:15 AM Многая Літа – Анна Мельник  
(Михальінка і Михайло Михалов)

**Tue., Mar. 6 – Вівторок, 6 Березня**

8:15 AM +Григорій, Марія, Микола  
(Стефа Труфанова)

**Wenesday, Mar. 7 – Середа, 7 Березня**

12:00 PM Літургія Наперід Осв. Дарів  
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

**Thu., March 8 – Чет., 8 Березня**

8:15 AM +Зиновій Гіль -5 річниця (Ігор)

**Fri., March 9 – П'ят., 9 Березня**

5:30 PM Літургія Наперід Осв. Дарів  
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts  
Sorokousty - Сорокоусти

**Sat., March 10 – Субота, 10 Березня**

9:00 AM +Katherine M. Chort (Marianne)  
4:30 PM Special Intention of Georgine  
Oros (Serediuk Family)

**Mar. 11: 3 S. Of Lent – Н. Посту** **T6**

**12:00 AM +Michael Holowaty (Wife Anna)**

**Time Changes – Зміна Години**

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**4 Березня: 1 Н. Посту** **T5**

**10:00 р. ЗА ПАРОХІЯН**

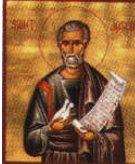
**11 Березня: 2 Н. Посту** **T6**

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## Celebration of Taras Shevchenko

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### Opening our Hearts To the Buffalo City Mission

*“What you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me”* (Matthew 25:40). The religious education students here at Saint Nicholas Parish will be running an **Open our Hearts** collection of food and items for the Buffalo City Mission. They are asking parishioners to bring in any extra can good items, blankets, or clothing to the Church on Sundays, in order to help those who are in need on a daily basis at the Buffalo City Mission. Religion students /or their teachers will be collecting these items at the end of each Liturgy, throughout the remainder of Great Lent. We ask that you help our Parish “Open its Heart” to those who are less fortunate, especially during this time of Lent, so that the love of our Savior can reach out to all our brothers and sisters in need. As you know, the City Mission is funded in part by the Catholic Diocese and other agencies, but they are always in need of non-perishable food items, blankets, and clothing. Our religious education students would like to run this **Open our Hearts** collection for the Buffalo City Mission as another church-based community outreach program. It is so important for our youth to know that they can still make a difference, especially during these difficult economic times. With the world changing every day, we want to encourage our Ukrainian Youth to take an active role in spreading the message of Christ throughout the community. Please consider donating any non-perishable items, blankets /or clothing to this worthy cause. Religion students will be collecting every Sunday through April 1, 2012. When we take the time to **Open our Hearts**, our drawers and our cupboards - to Christ - we can and we will make a difference!

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До 1. Квітня збираємо убрання у доброму стані, коци і конзерви для «City Mission».

**Просимо перечитати  
інформації по англійськи.**

### In Memoriam – Вічна Пам’ять!

**Упокоївся в Господі Св. Пам.**

**+Майкл Флак**

**Родині, приятелям і знайомим скла-  
даємо співчуття, а йому хай буде  
Вічна Пам’ять!**

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**Fell asleep in the Lord**

**+Michael Flak**

**Funeral Tuesday at OLPH in Lacklawanna.  
We extend our sympathy to his family and  
friends. May he rest in peace!**

**Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamiat!**

### SITCH DINNER MEETING

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**The Liturgical Choir of the Buffalo  
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joining the choir is most welcome.**

## From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

March 4, 2012

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Your name here, for your very own personal letter)

Happy March! Wow it really has arrived. Two weeks and two days and spring will officially be here. Remember, this is Western New York so we don't know for sure what the weather will be these last two weeks of winter, but so far, it certainly has been the "Winter that Wasn't."

There are already quite a few signs of spring. The days are getting longer and brighter. It won't be too long till we arrive at that day called the *Spring Equinox*, when there will be the day of equal dark and equal light. The Canada geese that were on their southern vacations are arriving back home. The birds can be heard singing their springtime morning and evening prayers. And more people are coming out of hibernation, and beginning to fill the walking trails in the neighborhood each day. And don't forget, next Sunday, whether you are on the old calendar or the new calendar, you've got to "spring ahead." That is, before you go to bed next Saturday night you've got to set your clock ahead one hour. Yep, next Sunday March 11 will be the start of daylight saving time for this year.

We've had such a lack of snow and cold that many of the plants like the daffodils, tulips, etc., have started to push up their green shoots already. We don't usually see that kind of growth around here this time of year. Rather, it is typical for the ground to be snow covered for most of March. One winter our daughter, now Presbyteria Laryssa, looked out the window on a day near the end of March and asked, "Why is the ground green?" There had been so much snow, and she was so little, she actually forgot about grass! Ain't gonna happen this year! Maybe we'll have an early spring and get some plants in the

ground in early May. That too, would be something new for us.

Even though it is the time of fasting, March is usually a fun month as we make the transition from crawling out of our caves to getting out doors more and more. This month we'll be looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day with the local Irish community. I just read somewhere that beer is an ok fasting food for Slavs. Imagine that! Definitely calls for a 'Guinness' I would think!

Buffalo has a very nice, quite large parade. The size of the crowd is obviously determined by the weather on parade day. The winds coming off of Lake Erie can be fierce and uncomfortable as they rip through the canyons of the downtown buildings and make standing on the sidewalk downright uncomfortable. The colder, wetter and nastier the day, the smaller the crowd will be, that's for sure. People with children, especially the little ones, always hope for a nice warm day so they can enjoy the sights and sounds of the event.

This month we continue our Great Fast as we journey on to Pascha. For us, who pray according to the new calendar, today, March 4, already finds us at the second Sunday. That means two weeks are already passed. Next week will be the third Sunday with the veneration of the Holy and Precious Cross and will already mark the half way period. I used to think of Lent as the 'Dark Ages' and just soooooo very long, but now the time zips on by. Maybe, just maybe, I've made some progress in my prayer life because I know I have truly come to love this time of our Church year, and **it is short**.

Today we had our first Presanctified Liturgy at Holy Protection for this year. The beautiful and uplifting service always makes me wonder why our people don't flock to our churches to pray and receive the Holy Eucharist at that Liturgy. There were 7 of us in the Falls, and I know a lot of priests who would be happy to

have that many. Somewhere along the line we've really lost something in our Church. Unbelief and apathy are reigning right now, but it's all gonna change one of these days.."The Lord is near!"

My home parish in Middleport, Pa. was/is a 'mission parish'. Our priests always came from Minersville, St. Clair, Maizeville or Frackville, but only for Sundays and 'big holy days.' Consequently, we missed lots and lots of our church life and services. In those days one would really need a special reason, such as a wedding or funeral, to travel to another town and church. Otherwise, you just stayed in your own town.

When I was home the service of the Presanctified Liturgy wasn't regularly celebrated in any of our parishes and I had never heard of it or participated in it. It wasn't until I got to St. Basil's and we began our first Lent in the winter of 1962. I very much remember the very first "Presanctified" I ever attended. It was on a Friday afternoon and Fr. Mosko was the celebrant. Fr., now Monsignor, has a beautiful singing voice and I remember being enthralled with the beautiful melodies of that service as I heard them for the first time. I've loved that service ever since and often as I celebrate and "try to sing," I remember that first one in Stamford.

Did you hear about Democrat Congresswoman Kathy Hochul and the town hall meeting? Buffalo received much national and international attention this week resulting from that meeting. Basically, at the meeting when she was questioned about the HHS mandate to Catholic institutions she said that the federal government was "not looking to the Constitution" in drawing up the requirement. In other words, they don't care about the Constitution even though they took an oath to preserve, protect and defend it. As reported in the Buffalo News on Wednesday Feb. 29, the courageous priest who was there, Fr. Leon Biernat of our Lady of Pompei parish, compared the loss of religious freedom under the Obama policy to the little by little loss of the

rights of Jews in Germany's Holocaust. "It's a slippery slope," Biernat said. "I do believe that is a possibility." We are in serious, serious times, my dear reader. **As Catholics, and as Americans, we need to know this latest assault is not about contraception.** Religious freedom, and every other freedom is at stake. Time to wake up and get the frogs out of that very comfortable warm water! The storm clouds are gathering and they will soon unleash great havoc on our beloved country. Godlessness and unbelief are everywhere. We've got to remember what our Lord tells us: "the devil is a Liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44) How many lies are being told over and over again! The Law of God is being ignored. It is time to turn back to God as individuals, as Church and as nation. Our holy Lady tells us in every place that she appears: "Pray, pray, pray!"

This is definitely a letter that will be continued...For now, be strong; stay strong; stay faithful. There aren't many "profiles in courage" around us, but we must be! Know your faith. Live your faith. Pass it on. May our good God bless us and may our Holy Lady the Theotokos protect us!

In His Love,

Fr. Ray

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**Remember:**  
**Sunday March 11**  
**the start of**  
**daylight saving time.**

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**Увага! Увага!**  
**Зміна години**  
**На другу неділю**



From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

When I look in between the lines of today's Gospel reading, I see a man who was given a second chance. A man who was brought before Jesus to be healed, but received so much more, when Jesus reached out to him and forgave him his sins. Life is not full of many second chances, but every day, we have an amazing opportunity to ask our Lord for forgiveness. We have a chance to wipe the slate of our iniquity clean, and move on in our lives with profound thanks and gratitude. And maybe we even rejoice a little bit more in that message of forgiveness, knowing that we can be saved. This opportunity for second chances reminds me of a man, named Daniel, whom I met a good many years ago, while I was an undergraduate student at SUNY Fredonia. They did not have a Ukrainian parish in the area, so I attended the Newman Center; a catholic place of worship which is still found on most campuses these days. It was there that I met Daniel. It was my sophomore year and I really enjoyed singing in the campus church choir. I noticed Daniel right away, because he often sat alone, I think that people were taken back by his form of rejoicing. You see, whenever the choir would sing those wonderful catholic hymns, Daniel would join us in voice while he joyfully danced his personal hymn of praise. For months, he remained the object of discussion, until finally one day I decided to get to know him a little better. I invited him to the campus for coffee, and was amazed with his story. Daniel told me how he grew up in an area with a lot of crime and violence. Both his parents neglected him, and his grandfather was the only one who kept him on the straight path. Daniel would go to church with his grandfather and have wonderful discussions with him, until three weeks after Daniel's 12th birthday, when his grandfather died suddenly from a heart attack. Daniel told me that it nearly broke him inside, and how there was no longer any good influence in his life. So he turned to the company of gangs and drug dealers on the streets, getting involved in robbery and drugs at the age of 13, until one day he was so doped up on heroine that he shot and killed another boy just walking across the street. Daniel was sentenced to juvenile detention until his 18th birthday and then he

was expected to serve the remainder of his sentence in an adult correction facility, doing hard time! He told me how birthdays became a horrible reminder of his age, because he knew that once he turned 18, things were going to get even harder for him in prison. The day Daniel appeared before the court, he expected the worst. But you could see his eyes light up when he told me that everyone in that court room seemed to look at him differently. He told me how flabbergasted he was when the judge actually suggested showing him mercy and having Daniel released on parole. He didn't understand, so he turned and asked his lawyer who told him that the judge received a letter from the grandmother of the boy that he killed, requesting that Daniel be released and that they show him mercy, because she has already forgiven him for taking the life of her grandson. "Forgiveness", Daniel said with tears in his eyes, "is the reason I come to church every week and joyfully rejoice in the Lord, because that forgiveness was my second chance to become a better man. A man that my grandfather would have been proud of – and I thank Jesus every day for the gift of His saving grace".

I often wonder, while we are in Church and in God's presence, what are the things that keep us from reaching out to Jesus? What prevents us from the joyful dance of reconciliation with God and that spiritual rejoicing after we accept the sacrament of forgiveness? At times we may feel as though our soul is paralyzed, just like the paralytic man's body. We are unable to do the good that we know we should do and that we even long to do, because our sinful habits inhibit us. We stand before Christ, but find it difficult to admit our need for forgiveness and a second chance. But have no fear – the Lord is always reaching out to us. Jesus embodied faith - He was a man of reflection and action. Jesus not only talked about manna from Heaven, but He became living bread and fed thousands of hungry souls.. Jesus not only preached the forgiveness of sins, but He took the weight of our sins so that we could be forgiven...

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Неділю Православ'я установив і наказав щорічно святкувати Собор у Константинополі 842 року. Мета цього свята — прилюдно й урочисто віддати честь і поклін святим іконам Ісуса Христа, Пречистої Діви Марії і святих. Оскільки перше торжество православ'я, себто прилюдне почитання святих ікон після осуду іконоборства, відбулося в першу неділю посту 842 року, то ця неділя до сьогодні залишилася неділею почитання святих ікон, хоч це торжество не має нічого спільного з Великим постом.

Визначна риса Східних Церков — це давнє й особливе почитання святих ікон Ісуса Христа, Божої Матері, ангелів і святих. Святим іконам, подібно як і святим мощам, Христова Церква віддає великі почесті і пошану. Вона ставить їх у храмі для прилюдного почитання. Вона заохочує, щоб ми святі ікони почитали вдома та — у формі хрестиків чи медальйонів — носили на своїх грудях.

Святі ікони зазнавали прилюдної і приватної пошани у Східній Церкві аж до панування візантійського цесаря Лева III Ісаврія (717-741). Під впливом двох єпископів з Малої Азії він осудив почитання святих ікон і вважав його за ідолопоклонство. Свою боротьбу проти святих ікон почав від того, що наказав забрати ікону Ісуса Христа з брами його палати. А відтак у 730 році він видав цесарський декрет, яким заборонив почитання святих ікон у цілій державі. Цим декретом у Східній Церкві починається дов-



га, завзята, болісна і кривава боротьба проти святих ікон, знана в Церкві під назвою іконоборства. Ця боротьба з невеликими перервами тривала понад сто літ і закінчилася світлим тріумфом почитання святих ікон.

Декрет наказував святі ікони нищити, палити, а їхніх оборонців ув'язнювати, відправляти на заслання і навіть мучити. Патріарх Герман I (713-730) не хотів підписувати цесарський декрет проти ікон, за те цесар його усунув та призначив патріархом послухного собі Анастасія (730-754). Римські папи, спочатку Григорій II (715-731), а потім Григорій III (731-741) пишуть до цесаря листи протесту і на своїх римських синодах осуджують боротьбу проти ікон.

Цесар Костянтин V Копронім (741-775), син Лева III, завзято продовжував іконоборчу боротьбу свого батька й хотів, щоб почитання святих ікон Церква урядово осудила. З цією метою у 754 році він скликав єпископів до Константинополя на собор, який під його натиском заборонив почитання святих ікон.

Дозвіл на почитання святих ікон приходить за цесаревої Ірини, яка 784 року усунула з уряду іконоборця-патріарха Павла, а на його місце наказала вибрати Тарасія (784-806). Він разом з цесаревою Іриною й Апостольською Столицею скликав у 787 р. собор до Нікеї. Цей собор відомий у Церкві як Сьомий Вселенський Собор...

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Ми – Ікони Христа**