



Still remembering last week's birthday.



Mnohaya Lita, Pani Ewa Kowtalo!



Somewhere on the vacation. (Hawaii...)

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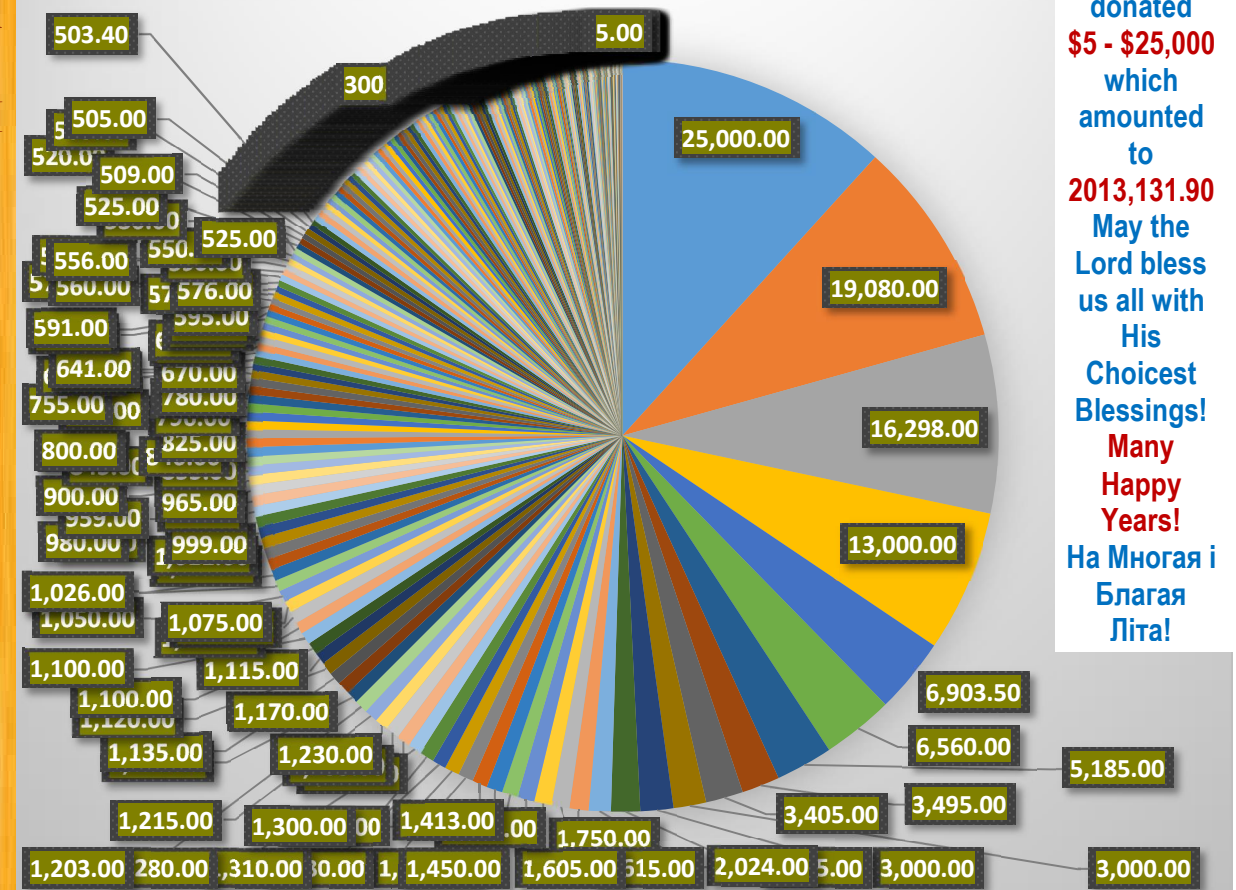
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CHURCH BULLETIN
 March 4 Березня – 2018
 ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

MARCH 2018

St. Nicholas Parish Wheel 2017



297
 Individuals
 donated
\$5 - \$25,000
 which
 amounted
 to
2013,131.90
 May the
 Lord bless
 us all with
 His
 Choicest
 Blessings!
 Many
 Happy
 Years!
 На Многая і
 Благая
 Літа!

CHURCH BULLETIN

March 4 Березня 2018
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



Saint Nicholas Church
Церква Св. Миколая
(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM +Mary Petryshyn (Peter)

March 4: 3 S. of Lent – 3 Н. Великого Посту
No noon Liturgy – Annual Meeting

Monday, March 5 Березня, Понеділок
8:00 AM За здоров'я мами Стефанії
Лемешівської (Леся Савка)

Tuesday, March 6 Березня, Вівторок
10:00 AM For the intention of the donor

Wednesday, March 7 Березня, Середа
4:00 PM Presanctified gifts–Преждеосв. Дари

Thursday, March 8 Березня, Четвер
8:00 AM За Здоров'я Оксани і Романа
Породко (Степан Осадца)

Friday, March 9 Березня, П'ятниця
12:00 PM Presanctified gifts–Преждеосв. Дари
Sorokousty - Сорокоусти

Saturday, March 10 Березня, Субота
9:00 AM +Тарас Шевченко у 157 річницю
відходу у вічність і панахида

4:30 PM +Dec. Members of Sukmann Family
(Ann Marie & Richard Piech)

March 11: 4 S. of Lent – 4 Н. Вел. Посту
12:00 PM For Parishioners - За Парохіян

Our Annual Parish meeting is today,
March 4, 2018 after the 10:00 Liturgy.
Please attend!

Річні Загальні Збори нашої парохії бу-
дуть сьогодні, 4 Березня по Св. Літургії
о 10 год. Просимо до участі.

4 Березня: 2 Неділя Великого Посту

10:00 AM +Олекса, Катерина, Мирослав і
Ксеня Мельник (Родина)

11 Березня: 3 Неділя Великого Посту

10:00 AM +Василь Марк (Надя)

Молитва св. Єфрема Сирина

Господи і Владико життя мого, духа лінєвства,
недбалости, властолюб'я і пустослов'я віджини
від мене. (поклін)

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливості і любо-
ви дай мені слуги твоєму. (поклін)

Так, Господи царю, дай мені бачити провини мої,
і не осуджувати брата мого ні сестри моєї, бо ти
благословен еси на віки вічні. Амінь! (поклін)

Prayer of St. Ephrem (+373)

O Lord and Master of my life, Take away from me
the will to be lazy and to be sad, the desire to get
ahead of other people, to boast and brag.
(Profound bow)

Give me instead, a pure and humble spirit, the
will to be patient with other people and to love
them. (Profound bow)

Let me realize my own mistakes, and keep me from
judging the things other people do. For you are
blessed, now and forever, Amen. (Profound bow)

Eternal Light burns for
+Charles Jones (Mary Obermiller)

Вічне Світло в Честь П.Д.М
Горить за Парохіян Св. Миколая.
For Parishioners of St. Nicholas

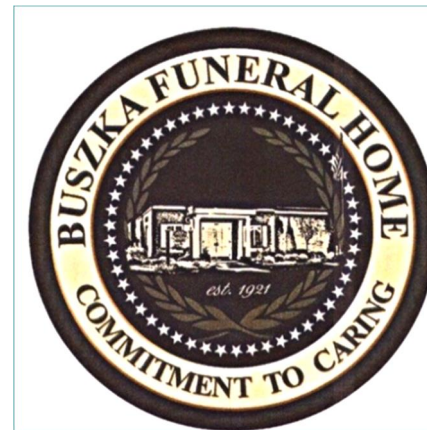
Homes Blessings – Благословення домів

if you still want your house to be
blessed, please call. Thanks!

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before entering the church. Thank you!

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телєфони підчас Святої Літургії.

Шановні пані і панове!
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During the Pierogi's for Peace Fundraiser on Sunday March 25, 2018 there will be a Theme Basket Auction. The League of Ukrainian Catholics has agreed to take charge of the Baskets. To date we have received money for four baskets. If you would like to donate a Theme Basket, of about \$25.00 in value, please bring the basket to the church before Sunday March 18th. You can drop it off on Friday's between 9:00AM-3:00PM or on Saturday or Sunday after Liturgy.

If you would like to donate money for a basket, please put the money in an envelope marked Theme Basket along with your name before March 18th.
→ → Ліґа Українців Католиків ← ←
збирає кошики на - Вараники за Мир.

The March 24, 2018 Religion class has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 9:00AM – 12:30PM

Многая Літа!
Many Happy Years!
Birthday wishes to the following parishioners who celebrate a birthday in March.



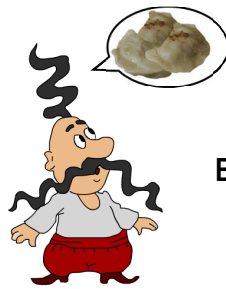
- Eva Kowtalo 2
- Zoriana Bunch 3
- Anna Melnyk 5
- Judie Hawryluk 9
- Irena Stazkiw 12
- Roman Maruisak 13
- Joanne Palko 14
- Michelle Michalow 14
- Joseph Chojnacki 15
- Mykola Dobrykewych 17
- Halyna Papisz 18
- Marilyn Glascott 22
- Iryna Melenchuk 22
- Mykola Paslawskyj 28
- Lyubmyra Kiyashchuk 29



And our children:
Daniel Gurbacki 16
Emiliya Gurbacki 20

2018 LUC dues of \$7.00 are now payable to:
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The Ukrainian National Women's League of America - Branch 49 - is collecting money for their Scholarship Fund.
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For more information contact:
Zoriana Bunche - 668-9504



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Просимо парафіяльну родину церкви Святого Миколая за допомогу в пожертвуванні солодкого, кошиків та подарункових карток для розіграшу (вартість близько \$25.00). Ви можете пожертвувати гроші на придбання кошика або подарункової картки: просто покладіть своє пожертвування в кошик під час літургії, позначте «Для Кошика», або відправте конверт в ректорію або віддайте його отцеві Мар'яну або Ілейн до 18го Березня.

Уже приготовлені кошики для розіграшу можна принести до П'ятниці, 23 Березня до залі церкви Святого Миколая кожної П'ятниці, з 8:00 ранку до 3:00 пообіді, або після Недільної літургії, або до ректорії в любий Понеділок та Четверг з 9:00 ранку до 12:00 пообіді.

Випечку також можна привезти в нашу церковну залю з 22 по 24 Березня.

Оскільки наша парафія є одним із спонсорів цього фанрейзера, ми сподіваємось, що зможемо розраховувати на допомогу парафіяльної родини церкви Святого Миколая.

Будь ласка, візьміть участь!!!

I LOVE PIEROGI (Varenyky, Pyrohy)

Palm Sunday, March 25 - Noon – 5p

At Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall
200 Como Park Boulevard
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Eat In or Take Out

The organizers of the Pierogi's for Peace Fund-raiser have asked for the help of our parish in their endeavor.

We are asking the Parish Family of St. Nicholas for your help in donating Baked Goods, Theme Baskets and Gift Cards (value around \$25.00). You can donate money for the purchase of a basket or a gift card: just put your donation in the collection basket, marked "Theme Basket", send it to the rectory, or give it to Father Marijan or Elaine by March 18th.

Already made theme baskets can be brought to St. Nicholas Hall Fridays, 8:00am - 3:00pm or after Sunday's Liturgy or to the rectory on Monday's and Thursday's 9:00am - 12:00 pm up to until Friday, March 23rd. Baked goods can also be delivered to our church hall March 22nd - 24th.

Our parish is one of the sponsors of this fundraiser. we hope we can count on you, for your help. Please take part!!!

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Christ is Born! Glory Him!

Христос Раждається! Славте Його!

- KITCHEN is now open.
- Thank you for your patronage. Thanks are extended to all volunteers!
- Coffee Hour - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall, so please join us downstairs. Thank you!

Until we meet next Sunday...

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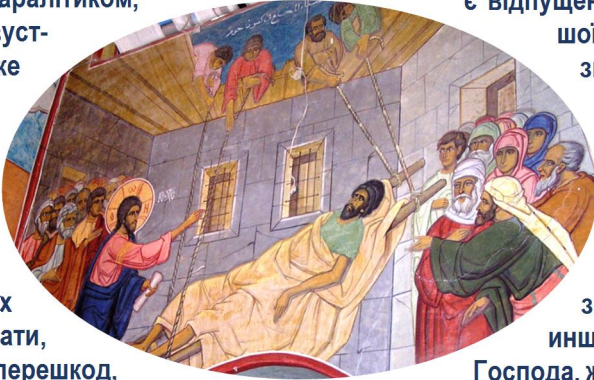
Просимо закликати якщо ви у лічниці
або приковані до ліжка!

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

О. Жан Корбон у своїй книжці Це називається світанком, так пише:

Упродовж цього Великого посту Господь закликає нас молитися щиріше. Після того, як відбулася Його зустріч з паралітиком, Він бажає пережити таку зустріч і з нами. Ця подія може допомогти нам зрозуміти, а отже, і переживати, правдиву молитву, молитву серця. Ми десь розуміємо, що полягає вона в тому, аби шукати Ісуса з наполегливістю тих чотирьох чоловіків, шукати, поки не подолаємо всіх перешкод, аби бути покладеними перед Ним такими, як ми є, з усіма тими каліцтвами, які нам дошкуляють. Вони дошкуляють нам і спонукають покласти перед Господом наші потреби, наші бажання. Але дивовижно те, що Ісус проникає набагато далі, глибше, аж до глибинної хвороби наших сердець, і якраз це ми мали б переживати у молитві.

Ісус не забуває про наші каліцтва, але головним чином виліковує наш гріх, гріховний стан нашої душі. Можна зрозуміти обурення книжників, які кажуть: «Хто може прощати гріхи, крім одного лише Бога?» (Мр. 2, 7). Це правда, і ми це добре знаємо, адже просимо Отця простити нам наші гріхи. Дивовижний дар прощення походить від Отця, тому Ісус веде тих, які заперечують Йому, до відкриття цієї істини, відповідаючи їм: «Син Чоловічий має владу на землі гріхи відпускати» (Мр. 2, 10). Син Чоловічий, тобто Син самого Отця, Який воістину став людиною, аби взяти на себе гріхи світу, гріхи всіх людей, гріхи кожного з нас. Лише улюблений Син отримує від Отця, будучи в людській природі, владу давати життя, владу воскрешати і відпускати гріхи. Але зрозуміти це можливо було лише після того, як Ісус довершив спасення людства, віддавши задля любови до нас своє життя на хресті.



Це і є та велика новина, Добра Новина, яку Він звіщає апостолам у день свого воскресення: «Прийміть Духа Святого! Кому відпустите гріхи – відпустяться їм» (Йо. 20, 22-23). Ці слова виявляють наше спасення у повноті. Святий Дух сам є відпущенням гріховного стану нашої душі. Збагімо, що Ісус зціляє гріховний стан нашої душі, тобто стан серця, з якого витікають наші судження, наші слова, вчинки. Також не забуваймо про опущення добрих діл. Тобто Ісус зціляє все те, що ранить інших людей, а найперше – Господа, живим образом, нехай і понівеченим, Якого вони є.

Наш гріх у тому, що ми не перебуваємо в єдності з Богом, що наше серце закрите, зайняте самою собою, позбавлене любови, паралізоване, втрапило зв'язок зі своїм Господом і з дітьми Отця. Саме цю пустку приходить заповнити Св. Дух. Він сам – сопричастя. Він дає нам життя, віддаючи себе нам. Саме Його дає нам Ісус. Св. Дух повертає нас до єдності з Отцем та з іншими, і то «сімдесят раз по сім» (Мт. 18, 22). Цьому слід не дивуватися, але тішитися, адже саме завдяки ньому наша молитва може безнастанно підноситися до Ісуса.

Що ж викликало таке неочікуване прощення, яке Він подарував паралітикові? Це віра, віра тих чотирьох чоловіків, які принесли його, а також віра самого хворого. Бо саме вірою ми відповідаємо на той великий дар любови Ісуса, безнастанно дарований нам Отцем. Віра полягає в тому, щоб віддати себе Його милосердній любові, любові, яка покриває всі наші біди. Наша віра співмірна щирості нашого серця. У глибині нашого серця перебуває Бог – Отець, Син і Дух Святий. І саме тут потрібно бути щирими, тобто визнавати, що ми нездатні любити і жити без Нього.. Віра струмить із серця смиренного.



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ТАРАСА ШЕВЧЕНКА

в Неділю, 11 Березня 2018 року о 1-й годині

В залі церкви
Святого Івана Хрестителя
3275 Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore

Перекуска 12:00 - 1:00
Батьки "Рідної Школи" приготують
для гостей канапки, каву та солодке

Будемо вдячні за добровільні пожертви!

У святковому концерті бере участь і хор «Мрія»
Запрошуємо всіх і будемо раді вашій підтримці.

Ukrainian School "Ridna Shkola" inviting everyone to celebrate a poet, artist and a fighter for a freedom of Ukrainian People
TARAS SHEVCHENKO

Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 1:00 pm
At St John Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall,
3275 Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore, NY
Choir "MRIA" will participate
Lunch 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Parents of "Ridna Shkola" will prepare sandwiches, coffee and sweets.

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ВЕЛИКОДНИЙ БАЗАР

Неділя, 18-го березня, 2018р. після
Богослуження

в церкві, св. Миколая, 308 Філмор вул.
Печиво!! Смачний Обід!! Картки!!
Писанки!! Гердани!!
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Baked Goods!! Delicious Lunch!!
Ukrainian Greeting Cards!!
Pysanky!! Gerdany!!

St. Nicholas Church, 308 Fillmore Ave.
Sunday, March 18th, 2018 after Mass ends.
Everyone is most cordially invited!!

From the letter of Fr. Robert

In my years of work, before being a Deacon or a Priest, I worked in different job environments. My first call was teaching. God has a sense of humor. I study to be a High School Spanish Literature teacher and my first job was as a teacher of English as a Second Language, teaching kindergarten to 3rd grade! I also worked for Child and Family services and for a Continuing Day Treatment Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center. In all those environments I think the worse experience was having to work with someone who complains all the time. Like most people I had to labor with teachers, counselors, therapists, physicians, nurses and the list continues that were big complainers. In all those fields there was always someone that constantly complained about almost everything. At my first job as a teacher, I used to get to school early in the morning, due to the traffic, and sat at the teacher's lounge to chat until it was time to go to the classroom, usually over one hour. I almost never opened my mouth. So I listen to others. I remember a teacher who will constantly complain of her husband, her children, her mother, the school, the principal, the supervisors, you could easily bet that her first, second or third sentence was going to be a complaint and you would win.

I must confess I also have fulfilled my quota of complaining (notice I am complaining about those that complain...). I am not perfect. However, in my old age I see that complaining for me is sinful. Sinful because I can see God crafting my every day with care, planning for all the details. If in those details there is something negative, if I receive an abuse, if someone is to insult me, or a love one makes a mistake, I try to see God in the midst of it all. Often, I see Him quickly, other times it might take some time. So I know there is no point in complaining, because perhaps that very night I will be thanking God for the very thing I complained about. Fr. Marijan told me about the man who went to the hospital to see someone. It was winter, and he complained that his fingers were so cold, even while using gloves. The man in the bed said to him: "I lost both hands"...

I must say that some people cannot help but to complain. Some have mental disabilities and behavioral limitations that are a factor. However, for the majority of us, what we need is true Christianity in order not to complain. Have you noticed how some people only see the negative and become almost like paranoid? They really think and feel people and institutions are out there trying to ruin their lives. The more they complain, the worse it looks.

Our Lord never complained about the Cross, never complained about the lashes received, never complained about how he was humiliated and spat upon and hit unjustly.

Why? Although He conquered for us over death, sin, the devil and the world, He knew we will face the same and even worse than that, until His second coming. So lovingly He accepted it all. He left us His example. Here is the key, do we accept lovingly the cross that saves us each day? Love changes everything.

A wife and mother struggled with her husband. He was an alcoholic. He abused her verbally and neglected her as well. Although as a father he was pretty good, even when drunk.

Eventually he joined AA (Alcoholic Anonymous) and became sober. The verbal abuse stopped. Even after that he was a sad human being. He had suffered so many losses in his life in Europe. There was something really broken in him. I could see it. The daughters could see it. Her friends could see it. But she could not, because she also had similar losses and she did not behave in that way.

"Why can't he be loving?" She asked in tears. So I asked: Why can't you be loving to him? She said she was, and she always respected him, always took care of his things from laundry to cooking. That was great, and I told her many would not do that. However, I asked her to be loving by excusing his disabilities... I always use the same example: If I have a leg 5 inches shorter than the other, can you or anyone else demand that I walk like everyone else? That is that I walk without a limp. Is that even rational? Of course not. But someone tells me, "look around everyone else walks without that horrible limping of yours, act normal" ... I can't, I am missing 5 inches on one leg! Well some people are deeply affected, you can see it, even if you are not a mental health professional. Love him where he is, he cannot help his condition any more I cannot help missing 5 inches on one leg. She struggled and eventually did love him and forgot about what she was not receiving from him, it was then that she learned another side of her husband. He had helped many in their recovery from alcoholism, he was a respected and loved person in AA. He was instrumental in the lives of men and women that once were lost in alcoholism. Shortly after that he died. For a few months she had to take care of him 100%, she said it was a good time. She reminded herself of all the good and positive things the husband had, from being a great provider for the family, a sacrificial father to his children; a respected professional; his commitment with his sobriety by attending 4 or 5 meetings every week; the way he helped so many... As we venerate the Cross of the Savior today, let us ask the good Lord for real "metanoia", a real change of mind in accepting with Love our cross every day. Love made the cross of the Savior, which was an awful instrument of torture and death a beautiful thing. Love is the only way to approach our own cross.



Посли розмалюють писанку словами Шевченка
До 204-ї річниці з Дня народження Тараса Шевченка послі іноземних держав розмалюють писанку. Дипломати особисто нанесуть рядки з твору письменника на символ Великодня, інформує Gazeta.ua.

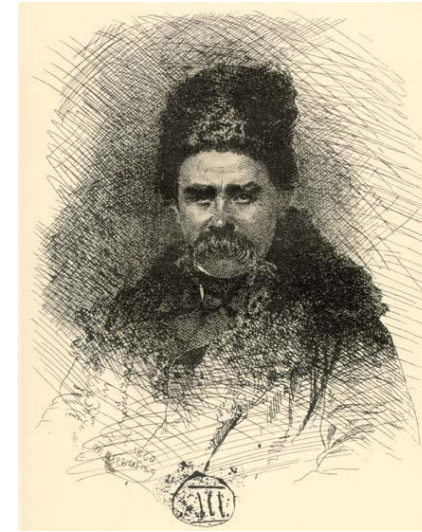
Пізніше роботу презентують на Софійській площі на Фестивалі писанок у березня об 11:00 у Київському національному університеті культури і мистецтв за адресою вул. Коновальця, 36.

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"Цього року в рамках відзначення 2018-го як Року культурної спадщини в Європі і Року охорони культурної спадщини в Україні до шевченківських днів ми готуємо низку заходів за участі дипломатів. Посли візьмуть участь у відеофлешмобі "Заповіт єднає світ", в якому декламуватимуть вірш різними мовами світу", - каже співорганізатор проекту Влада Литовченко.

Дипломати зустрінуться зі студентами і розкажуть їм про знакові літературні постаті своїх країн, а також про творчі періоди Тараса Шевченка пов'язані з їхньою батьківщиною.

"6 березня у приміщенні К Н У К і М



відбудеться однойменна дискусійна платформа за участю громадських та наукових діячів, студентства. Учасники обговорюватимуть творчість Великого Кобзаря, особливо окресливши закордонні періоди", - каже співорганізатор Інна Костира.

Урочиста церемонія "Нас єднає Шевченкове слово" відбудеться 6 березня об 11:00 у Київському національному університеті культури і мистецтв за адресою вул. Коновальця, 36.

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Ukrainian delegation participated
in the World Conference
for Interreligious Dialogue

The 13th World Conference on Interreligious Dialogue, which this year was devoted to the issues of interaction and interdependence of religions and human rights, was held in the capital of Qatar, Doha. The event was hosted by the Doha International Center for Interreligious Dialogue (DICID), which initiates and holds similar events every two years in direct cooperation and with the organizational support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar. Several hundred representatives from about 70 countries, representing practically all religious trends and movements, became participants of the conference.

According to the site of the Ministry of Culture, the Ukrainian delegation at the Forum was represented by Viktor Yelensky, MP of Ukraine, the chairman of the parliamentary subcommittee on freedom of conscience of the Committee on Culture and Spirituality of the Verkhovna Rada, Yevgeny Mykytenko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Qatar, representatives of various public and religious organizations - Sheikh Imad Abu Al Rub, the head of the All-Ukrainian Center for Interreligious Dialogue and communications, Sheikh Said Ismagilov, the head of the spiritual administration of Muslims of Ukraine "Ummah", Sayran Arifov, the chairman of the "Allrad", Fr Ihor Shaban, the Head of the Department for Interreligious Dialogue of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church. The Ministry of Culture of Ukraine was represented by Andriy Yurash, Director of the Department for Religions and Nationalities.

During two days of work, the assembly heard and discussed nearly 80 reports and messages that were presented during the five plenary sessions and 15 meetings held in the form of parallel sessions.

Among the topics that became the key ones for the participants as part of the Forum's general issues, the following should be listed: human rights in the traditions and practices of world religions, freedom of conscience

and religious practices, individual rights and public interest, religious views on extremism and terrorism, religious tolerance and denial of religious tolerance.

On behalf of the Ukrainian delegation, Andriy Yurash, Director of the Department of Religious Affairs and Nationalities of the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine, made a presentation at the last plenary session before the official closing ceremony of the Forum, outlining the current challenges related to the activation of religious values in the context of the application of international norms in the area of human rights protection.

In his speech, Andriy Yurash focused the audience's attention on two conceptual approaches to the topics discussed. First, he drew attention to the need for interaction of religious organizations with the state in the implementation of established religious values and initiatives, since for both parties of potential interaction such cooperation creates additional possibilities: religious organizations receive better conditions for effecting their spiritual mission, and through cooperation with religious institutions the state acquires an important spiritual dimension of its practical activity, without which the fulfillment by the state of its own functions cannot be as obvious and understandable to all general public.

Secondly, in the opinion of Andriy Yurash, speaking about and supporting the rise of religious values in contemporary societies, it is necessary to constantly remind religious organizations of the necessity to enhance their responsibility for observance of human rights, in particular, in measuring the realization of the right to free confession of any religion, including the right to discuss any issues concerning the religious domain. When it comes to increasing responsibility of religious organizations, it is imperative to bear in mind the responsibility, both in the dimension and in relation to their own adherents, and to the general public, that is, society, in which each religious organization carries out its spiritual mission and performs the relevant ministry.

(PICY – RISU)

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we come face to face with the cross Christ died upon to save us from our sinfulness. The Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross teaches us to understand the great significance the Cross has for us, not only during Lent, but also throughout our whole life. We read scripture describing it, every time we celebrate Liturgy; we face it on the altar. Lent is a reminder to us that the cross Jesus took signified the choice He made in giving His own life as a ransom for many. The cross was the ultimate sacrifice that Christ bore for each of us, that we may one day know our Heavenly Father. Lent is a time of reconciliation, prayer, reflection, and becoming reminiscent of our baptism and confirmation in Christ as we prepare for the glory of Easter. Lent is therefore the time of year whereby we turn our attention to the cross. We focus on that which God has given us, and we are challenged to go forth and do likewise. Lent is about losing our lives by giving them over to Christ, about receiving Eternal life by finding Christ within us. "For whosoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whosoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel will save it" (Mark 8:35). Today, having reached the middle of our Great Fast, we take this time to commemorate the precious, life giving cross of our Lord and Savior!

We are reminded that as Christians, we employ a very powerful proponent among our daily struggles and hardships. Particularly, on this Sunday, the cross is raised before us as a sign of strength, salvation, and triumph. The Life-Giving Cross is presented to us by our holy fathers as a source of refreshment and assurance, and for remembrance of our Lord's Passion as we continue through the remainder of our Lenten journey. The services of this Sunday almost make no mention of the Cross as being a symbol of suffering, penance, or humiliation, but rather extol the Holy Cross as a symbol of joy and triumph. Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, in his pastoral letter on the Veneration of the Holy Cross stated: "The essence of the veneration of the Cross cannot be more clearly and gloriously expressed than it is in the service of the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross. Our Rite has always joined this veneration of the Cross with the commemoration of the Resurrection. Bowing before the Cross, we pray: 'We adore Your Cross, Lord, and we glorify Your Resurrection.' This is the true Christian meaning of the Cross, and beyond the Cross we see the glory of the Resurrection and the joy of everlasting bliss."

In today's Gospel reading, Christ not only asks his disciples, He is also asking each of us, to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. "Then Jesus called the crowd to Him, along with His disciples and said: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" (Mark 8:34-35). The disciples could not possibly understand what Christ meant by taking up the cross, they did not know it would become the symbol of His victory over death. They would not know until much later. But what does the cross mean for each of us listening today? We, who are well aware of Christ's love and the tremendous sacrifice He made for us, we claim the Lord comes first in our lives, but how much of our daily actions are devoted to Him? The cross is not some ordinary symbol of triumph - but rather our Lord's promise of the Kingdom to come. On the cross, Christ gave us His final message, as He made the ultimate sacrifice for our salvation – He promised there would be a renewed joy waiting for each of us on Easter morning. So during the most difficult times of our lives, we can always look to the cross with hope. Jesus never sought to lure men to Him by the offer of an easy way. He came not to make life easy, but to make the hearts of men great. Jesus never calls upon us to do or face anything that He was not prepared to endure Himself. But how easy is it for us to recognize Jesus in the people we meet and encounter every day? How distracted are we by the hustle and bustle of the work day to appreciate the genuine beauty of Jesus in others?

A man sat at a metro station in Washington DC and started to play the violin; it was a cold December morning. He played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, since it was rush hour, it was calculated that a thousand people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. Three minutes went by and a middle-aged man noticed there was musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried up to meet his schedule. A minute later, the violinist received his first dollar tip: a woman threw the money in the till and without stopping continued to walk. A few minutes later, someone leaned against the wall to listen to him, but the man looked at his watch and started to walk again. Clearly, he was late for work. The one who paid the most attention was a 3-year-old boy. His mother tagged him along, hurried but the kid stopped to look at the violinist. Finally, the mother pushed hard, and the child continued to walk turning his head to look back all the while at the musician. This action was repeated by



several other children. All the parents, however, without exception, forced them to move on. In the 45 minutes the musician played, only 6 people stopped and stayed for a while. About 20 people gave him money but continued to walk their normal pace. He collected \$32 in all. When he finished playing and silence took over, no one noticed it. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition. No one knew that this violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the best musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written with violin worth 3.5 million dollars. Two days before he played in the subway, Joshua Bell sold out at a theater in Boston and the seats average \$150. This is a true story! Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station was organized as part of a social experiment about the perceptions and priorities of people. Do we stop to appreciate beauty in the world? Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context? What else do we fail to notice as we move through our day? One of the possible conclusions from this experience could be: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing? This story makes me think about our own relationships with Christ. How many times in life have we crossed paths with Jesus in the people we meet, or listened to His Word in Church - and then gone about our day ignoring it? Perhaps, we were too hurried to receive the message, too engrossed with our jobs or our interests to take the time to stop and listen. How much of Jesus have we missed out on in our lives? What if where we spent Eternity was solely based on how well we listened to Christ today – would that change our perceptions of how we choose to live tomorrow?

Each of us, in our own personal way, needs to actively build a genuine relationship with Christ – because He is always there, reaching out to us in love – but many times, we fail to see Him. The good news of today's Gospel tells us that wherever we find the Cross, there we will find our strength, our victory, and our salvation. Today, as we celebrate the veneration of the cross, we acknowledge the sacrifice and the glory of the Son of God. But when was the last time that each of us stopped long enough, to really consider what God, in all His goodness, has done for us? A sincere relationship with Christ requires our daily participation – it requires our love to play an active part in His Glory. As glorious as Jesus was in this life, He was still yet to be glorified. There was still a level of glory for Him to ascend. I would have thought He was glorified

when the heavens opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and the Father said, "This is my beloved Son". But the glory of Jesus was greater than this. I would have thought He was glorified when He stood on the bow of a boat amid a raging sea, and said, "Peace, be still" and the roaring seas became calm still waters. But no, there was still a greater glory than this. Some would have surmised that Jesus had ascended to glory when He raised Lazarus from the dead, but there was still much more glory to come. Jesus allowed his enemies to nail him to the cross; and yet He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Christ ascended to His glory after He was buried in a borrowed tomb, when on the third day, He rose from the dead and stood before His disciples and declared, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me."

The good news of the Gospel is this: if we are willing to lose our life, to let those worldly concerns die, then we shall gain Eternal life with our Lord in heaven. Jesus ascended into glory, so that we too may ascend into the glory of a living God. So together we may begin to see, that in the midst of our own suffering and passion, in the midst of our waiting and Christ's veneration, we can already experience His Resurrection. That is what "carrying our cross" truly means. It requires taking the love of our Lord to the very ends of the earth. My brothers and sisters, I pray that God will grant each of us the true spiritual wisdom to recognize His presence in the world around us. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit...

SITCH DINNER MEETING

Sunday March 18, 2018 At

**Joseph Hriczko Post, 29 Clemo St., Buffalo,
after 12:00pm Liturgy for the reposed
and living members of our organization at
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church
Fillmore & Oneida Sts., Buffalo, NY
COCKTAILS at 1:00PM**

**DINNER at 1:30PM includes refreshments.
Meeting to be held after dinner. Dinner cost
is \$10.00 for members And \$15.00 for guests
Membership dues of \$5.00 for the 2018 year
must be current and may be paid at the door.
For reservations call: M. Malaniak – 668-5105
Reservation deadline is March 11, 2018**

No. 56. From the archives: Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytskyi visiting our Parish 1910. 3 apxixia. If you have any old photos from life of our Parish, please loan us. Either scan them or we will scan. Thank You!

