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4:30 PM **За парохіян – For Parishioners**

in English ~ **STREAMING**

March 13: 2 Sun. of Lent – 2 Н. ПОСТУ

10:00 AM +Fr. Julian & Stephania Osadca (Son)

Ukrainian **STREAMING**

Monday, March 14 березня, понеділок

7:00 AM + Katherine Chort (Marianne)

Tuesday, March 15 березня, вівторок

10:30 AM +Valerie Nesteruk (Family)

Wednesday, March 16 березня, середа

12:00 PM Літургія Наперед Освячених Дарів

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 17 березня, четвер

7:00 AM +Edward Verostko (Marianne Chort)

6:15 PM → Liturgy for Ukraine ←

STREAMING

Friday, March 18 березня, п'ятниця

12:00 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts & Sorokousty

Remembering all who died in recent war.

Saturday, March 19 березня, субота

7:30 AM +Марія і +Петро Мандзій

(М. Т. Паславські)

4:30 PM **За парохіян – For Parishioners**

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March 20: 3 Sun. of Lent – 2 Н. ПОСТУ

10:00 AM +Michael & Katherine Chort (Marianne)

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13 березня: 1 Н. ПОСТУ

10:00 р. +Ієрей Юліян і Стефанія Осадца

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Четвер, 17 березня:

6:15 в. → Літургія за Україну ←

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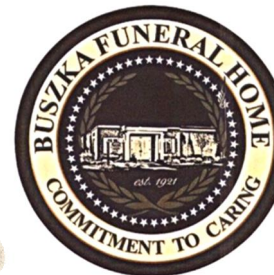


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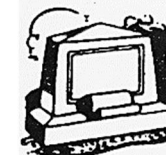
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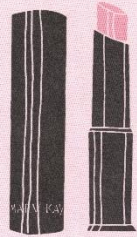
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What they saw and witnessed is something no person should ever experience. Under Soviet and Bolshevik rule, Ukrainian dissidents, insurgents, thinkers, writers—and whoever they deemed as a threat to the authoritarian regime—were either killed or shipped off to Siberian penal colonies. From 1932 to 1933, upwards of 6 million Ukrainians were intentionally starved to death by Stalin in just two years, all because of their resistance to collectivism. All the while, centuries-old Tsarist Russification was rebranded as Soviet conformity to wipe out all Ukrainian identity: language, culture, religion and history. *Obey or we will silence you.*

Make no mistake, the Soviet and KGB hierarchy alongside their pseudo-intellectual Leninist, Stalinist and Marxist ideologies never left the Kremlin halls. All of them, including Vladimir Putin, are just donning new uniforms and they will never view Ukrainians as Ukrainians. Once KGB, always KGB.

Eighty years ago, Ukrainians like my grandparents left everything they knew and loved to escape Stalinism. It appears history may be repeating itself. With mortars exploding behind them, Ukrainians are beginning to flee their homeland as their sovereignty and independence begin to crumble.

And as the world watches innocent lives being lost, I humbly ask—as a proud Ukrainian-American—to not sit idly.

Your friend,

Michael Anthony Petryshyn



Riot Mike with his last surviving grandparent, Maria Petryshyn

The View from Up Here - March 13, 2022 “Z Nami Boh! God is with us”

My Dear Brothers, My Dear Sisters, people of the whole world! God, our God, calls all mankind to come to Him and live with Him forever! That is what is what awaits us atop the mountain. The end of our life, the end of the journey, our destination is “The Mountaintop, The Kingdom of Heaven”!

If perhaps, you are reading this “View” for the first time, or maybe you’ve forgotten, the title of this section of this St. Nicholas bulletin is “The View From Up Here.” The view is really a collection of thoughts about my lifetime, your lifetime; of my earthly life, your earthly life. The closer we are to the summit of the Holy Mountain, the closer we are to our destination... Heaven! Generally speaking, the closer we are to the mountaintop, the older we are. Since age brings us closer to our goal, many things have a clearer view from up here. Hence, the title: “The View From Up Here.” We see good; we see evil.

From week to week various topics and events of this journey of life are discussed or contemplated. “What’s it all about?” is ultimately the main question, and if our true goal is heaven and Eternal Life, then “What’s it all about?” is indeed our very goal! The moment we are conceived, our faces, our souls, are set on the journey to Everlasting Life. Once we reach the age of reason, and from that very early age, we realize there are two primary roads to the top! But when we realize there are two roads, we quickly know which one we should be on. He has told us: “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” (Mt. 7:13) Yes, the path to the mountain is narrow and sometimes very hard to climb. Doubts, fears, discouragements, temptations, weariness are always part of the climb. However, our Lord, Who is our guide along the way, allows us to be comforted, guided and aided, and we receive many helps to get to that glorious summit of His Kingdom, of Eternal Life. We often feel alone or lost, but we need never fear. In His Word He is always with us; His Holy Mother is too! He gives us His Angels and all the Saints; He gives us all those around us, our family and friends and people we’ve never even met, prayer warriors, on this journey to keep us on “the

narrow road”, or to bring us back, if we have strayed on to the “wide road.”

Centuries, and centuries ago at the closed gates of The Garden of Eden, our God promised to send a Savior to redeem the world that had become fallen and broken. Through Mary, who would be the New Eve, the Mother of the New Creation, would come The New Adam, Christ the Savior! The evil would be crushed and mankind restored. It didn’t happen overnight, and as a matter of fact the restoration and battle with the evil one continues to our day. No, the battle is not over, but we know the rest of the story! After those centuries and centuries of waiting (the story of our salvation...found in great detail in a marvelous book called The Holy Bible) the Redeemer, Christ the Lord is born of the Virgin Mary and God enters into our broken world! He lives among us, dies for us and calls all mankind to Eternal Life! “Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!” He is here still, among us! He, Who shows us the Father and gives us the Holy Spirit, revealing the Life of the Holy Trinity in us!

Since the battle between Good and Evil still rages, often on our climb up the mountain we see that evil and we become fearful, worried and perhaps discouraged. But listen to our Blessed Lord, our Guide, our Savior: *“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”* (John 16:33) In our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we easily and joyfully sing the old hymn, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”: *“The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight!”* Or *Joy to the World, the Lord is come!*”

As we walk and climb the Holy Mountain of our Life, of our Salvation, especially now in these past two weeks, we have become witnesses (at this point) to incredible scenes of horror, bloodshed, human pain and suffering, “man’s inhumanity to man”!!!! Scenes, thank God, such as most of us have never seen personally or been part of. There are, however, those among us who have seen this, and have been part of the consequences of it all, death, terror, destruction broken homes, pain and suffering! Evil coming to our world in attacks on our homes and cities. It was Holodomor! It was World War II and the pain and bloodshed that it brought! Then the

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Communist occupation, the Gulags and destruction of family life, and of life itself, that it brought! Who would ever fathom that this could be happening in this day and age “of civilized and enlightened people”??!?! But it is here and we are fearful, maybe discouraged. We cannot be that! We cannot lose heart! Our Savior is come! In Him is our salvation and our life! Yes, “the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Him tonight!”

In the Liturgical Life of our Church we beautifully celebrate the coming of our Savior at His Nativity, Christmas! After the waiting and fasting of the “Philip’s Fast”, our churches pray a service (unfortunately always sparsely attended because it is too long) called “Povecherja”, Great Compline”. Near the very beginning of this prayer, the priest(s) and deacon(s) stand before the Royal Doors, holding lighted candles and proclaim the Good News TO ALL THE WORLD: **God is with us! Understand all you nations, and submit yourselves: for God is with us!** The meaning of this proclamation can be said this way: GOD IS WITH US! HEAR THIS, EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD! NOW IS THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND! NOW IS THE TIME TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE AND LEAVE EVIL! THE PROMISED MESSIAH IS NOW HERE! In this proclamation we hear the announcement to all the world that the long awaited Savior has come! And the verses go on being repeated by the people as the priest and deacon sings words such as this: *Give ear, you lands that are afar off, submit yourselves; if you rise up you will be crushed; if you take counsel together (for evil) the Lord will crush you; if you make your (bad) resolutions, they will not stand; we fear not, what you fear, nor are we troubled; sanctify the Lord our God, let Him be your dread; IN HIM WE WILL HOPE AND THROUGH HIM BE SAVED; behold, I and the children You have given me; the people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light; a Light will shine on you who live in the land of the shadow of death; FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, A SON IS GIVEN; THE MIGHTY GOD, THE RULER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE!!!!* All the proclamations are followed by the words of joy, hope and salvation as above: **God is with us! Understand all you nations, and submit yourselves: for God is with us!**

My dear fellow travelers on the journey, as we go hand in hand to the summit of the Holy Mountain, let us remind

ourselves and each other, that even in the midst of the most horrible, unbelievable and deadly circumstances, we are not now, never have been, nor ever will be without our God! Our **GOD IS WITH US!** Yes even now, in Ukraine and throughout all the world He is there and here with us, and we say to all the world, especially the doers of so much visible evil: “Listen! You can make your plots and shoot your bullets and destroy homes and cities and even our bodies, but GOD IS WITH US and you can never harm us, nor take our salvation from us! You MUST hear this and know that **God is with us!**”

“Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Cor. 6:2) Let us all hear this Good News of the Coming of our Savior...let us all hear the words of His Holy Mother wherever she has appeared throughout all the world: “Turn to My Son...Pray, Fast and Repent.” Let us go forward with every confidence and consolation knowing God is with us, and hearing Him say: *“Be strong and courageous! Be not afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you, nor forsake you! (Deut. 31:6)* Glory to Christ our God, our sure Hope! **GOD IS WITH US!**

If you would like to help the displaced Ukrainian families, please go to the Ukrainian Holy Trinity Orthodox Church located at 200 Como Park Boulevard in Cheektowaga and drop off items in need Monday through Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 to 2:00. Their phone number is 684-0738.

Here are the items they are seeking: diapers, infant formula powder, baby cereal, baby food pouches, wet wipes, protein bars, pain and fever reducers, new underwear, socks, warm fleece clothing and any and all personal hygiene items. I thank you all in advance if you are able to help.

«В Україні ведеться війна за гідність людини», – Глава УГКЦ у сімнадцятий день війни

Помолімося сьогодні за тих, над ким не лунали церковні дзвони, які неоплаканими були складені в братські могили. Помолімося за тих, над ким не лунала християнська запокійна молитва. Виявімо наше милосердя до тіл загиблих і збережімо таким чином людину, людську гідність в Україні! До цього закликав Отець і Глава УГКЦ Блаженніший Святослав у щоденному воєнному зверненні в 17-й день війни.



«Війна – це завжди поразка людства. Війна – це завжди біда, у якій принижується гідність людини. Коли ми боремося за мир – ми можемо все здобути. Коли починається війна – ми можемо все втратити», – наголосив Предстоятель.

Він зауважив, що сьогодні в Україні ми є свідками великої зневаги гідності людини.

«Що ми, як християни, можемо протиставити такій зневазі людини під час війни в Україні? – запитує Глава Церкви і відповідає: – Насамперед маємо чинити діла милосердя і робити все для того, щоб виявити повагу до гідності людини».

«Ми сьогодні молимося за наше українське військо, яке цю гідність захищає і утверджує. Молимося за цивільне населення України, за наших біженців, за тих, хто залишився в холодних, оточених містах і селах без води, без харчів, без тепла. Ми про них пам’ятаємо і хочемо їм допомогти», – заявив Отець і Глава УГКЦ.



Він додав, що сьогодні Україна воює за гуманітарні коридори, за порятунок людини, поважючи її гідність, незалежно від того, хто якою мовою говорить, до якого народу належить чи до якої церкви вчащає.

Блаженніший Святослав звернув увагу на те, що нині перед Україною постав великий виклик – неможливість поховати загиблих, що є однією з форм зневаги гідності людини.

Російський агресор, який вдерся на українську землю, зазначив Предстоятель, не вважає тіл власних загиблих і не вважає за потрібне віддати почесь тим, хто загинув в Україні. Хоча наші волонтери, наші добрі люди, хочуть віддати тіла російських загиблих, однак їх ніхто не хоче прийняти, щоб гідно поховати.

«Ми знаємо, що померлого поховати – це один із видів милосердя для тіла ближнього. З боєм серця споглядаємо на те, як в оточених містах, наприклад у Маріуполі, без молитви, без християнської пошани, без християнського похорону у величезних братських могилах безіменними хоронять тисячі людей. Лише в одному Маріуполі, за офіційними даними, цими днями загинуло майже півтори тисячі мирних жителів, яких поховали у спільних, масових похованнях братських могил», – сказав архиєрей.

Відтак Глава УГКЦ наголосив на важливості виявити пошану до тіл убитих співвітчизників і вкотре закликав священників УГКЦ в Україні і всьому світі сьогодні, 12 березня, звершити запокійні богослужіння за тих, кого було вбито на землях України внаслідок цієї нелюдяної, жакливої війни.

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