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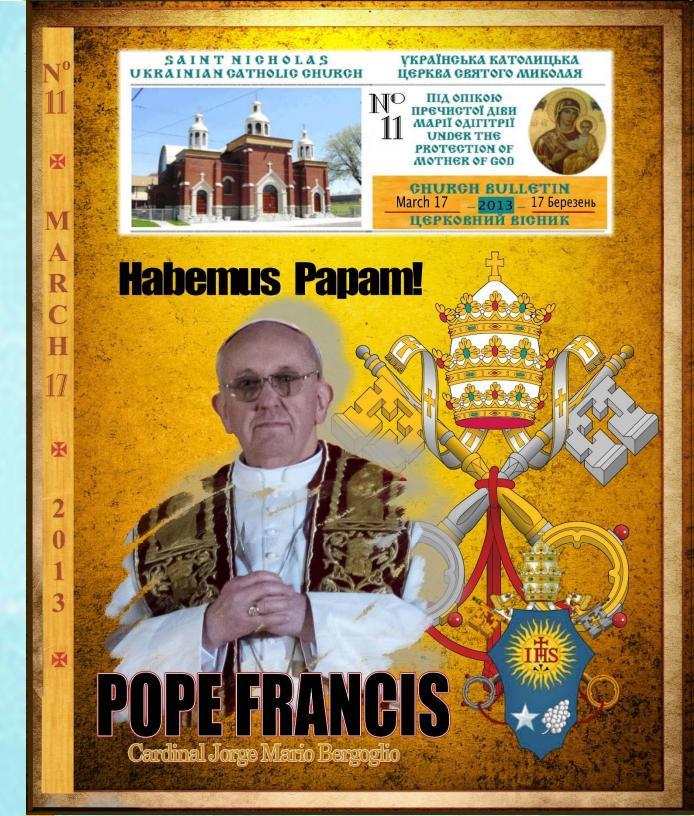
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CHURCH BULLETIN

February 24 – 2013 – 24 Лютого ЦЄРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

4:30 PM +Phillip Plotycia (wife)

March. 17 5. S. of Lent. – 5 H. Hocry 12:00 PM. Living & dec. members of Sitch

Monday, March 18 – Пон., 18 Березня No Liturgy – Hema відправи

Tuesday, March 19 – Вів., 19 Березня 10:00 АМ + Галина Щерба (Богдан, Іван, Микола)

Wed., March 20 — Середа, 20 Березня 7:30 AM Presanctif. Gifts — Н. Осв. Дари Sorokousty - Сорокоусти

Thu., March 21 – Чет., 21 Березня 9:00 AM +Marilyn Schafer (Okal) (Roman Kuzminskyj)

1:00 PM Journey through the Lent Подорож через Вел. Піст

Fri., March 22 – П'ят., 22 Березня 6:00 PM Confession - Сповідь 7:00 PM Beginning of Mission Початок Місії

Sat., March 23 — Субота, 23 Березня
9:00 AM Int. of Holy Father Francis
В нам. Папи Франциска
4:30 PM +Bratchyk Slavko
(Nadia Procyk)

March. 24 Palm Sunday – Квітна Н.

12:00 РМ. For Parishioners-За Парохіян

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17 Березня: Сиропусна Неділя

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

10:00 р. +Олекса Курляк (дружина з дітьми)

24 Березня: 1 Неділя Посту

10:00 р. +Осип, Гертруд, Галина (дружина з дітьми)

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Цогорічні Реколєкції-місії при церкві Св. Миколая відбудуться цього тиждня, 22-24 Березня. Проповідатиме. О. Протоєрей Д-р. Іван Кащак, Парох Церкви Пр. Трійці в Кергонксоні коло Союзівки і в Гантеру. Просимо усіх до участи!

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Молитва св. Ефрема

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

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливости і любови даруй мені слузі твоєму. (п.)

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

Prayer of St. Ephrem

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 vou are blessed, now and forever, Amen. (profound bow)

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З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Блаженніший Патріярх Святослав, одразу після повідомлення про обрання 266 наслідника Св. Петра так написав: «Найперше я б хотів сказати, що новообраний Папа Франциск I є вихованцем нашого священика Степана Чміля, який тепер похований у базилці Святої Софії в Римі. Нинішній Папа, а тоді студент Салезіанської школи, щодня ранень-

ко, поки ще всі хлопці спали, прислуговував о. Чмілю під час Служби Божої. Він добре знає наш обряд і пам'ятає навіть нашу Літургію. Востаннє я його відвідував, коли прощався з Аргентиною, від'їжджаючи до України, і просив, щоб він дав свої свідчення для беатифікаційного процесу о. Степана Чміля, на що він охоче погодився. Отож Святіший Отець дуже доб-

ре знає і про нашу Церкву, і про нашу Літургію та обряд, і про нашу духовність».

Крім того, за словами Блаженнішого, Папа Франциск I ще як Архиєпископ Буенос-Айреса був ординарієм для східних католиків, зокрема тих, які не мали своєї ієрархії. «А наша єпархія в Аргентині є суфраганною стосовно Архиєпископства Буенос-Айреса. Таким чином кардинал Бергольйо завжди опікувався нашою Церквою в Аргентині, і я, як молодий єпископ, робив свої перші кроки в цьому служінні "під його оком" та з його допомогою. Тому, я гадаю, ми справді будемо мати в його особі того Святішого Отця. який дбатиме про нашу Церкву. І я сподіваюся, що з тим Папою нас чекають дуже гарні події в майбутньому», - пояснив Блаженніший Святослав.

У своєму коментарі Глава УГКЦ також зазначив, що новообраний Святіший Отець є

надзвичайно скромною людиною. «Наприклад, у Буенос-Айресі він ніколи не використовував свого автомобіля, завжди їздив громадським транспортом, дуже скромно одягався. І вирізнявся тим, що найбільше хотів дбати про вбогих. Він був той, що відвідував людей у найбідніших кварталах і, взагалі, є справжнім душпастирем», — охарактеризував Предстоятель УГКЦ.

Папа Франциск I, за словами Блаженнішого Святослава, є надзвичайно глибоким інтелектуалом. «Пригадую, що його проповіді зазвичай були вельми короткі, часом навіть складалися буквально з п'яти-шести речень, але в них він так багато казав, що після його короткого слова завжди тривала мовчанка, зазвичай п'ять-сім хвилин. Потрібний був час, щоб над цим словом можна

було роздумати», - сказав Блаженніший Святослав.

«Ми живемо в найбільш нерівні частині світу, яка виросла найбільше але найменш знизила убогість», сказав новообраний папа під час зібрання латиноамериканських єпископів у 2007 році. «Несправедливий розподіл товару продовжується, творячи ситуацію соціяльного гріха, що кличе до неба і обмежує можливості багатьох.»

Він сам продав єпископську резиденцію, і жив у апартаменті.

Слід згадати, що того самого дня, коли його вибрано на папу, він говорив телефонічно з попереднім папою Венедиктом XVI.

На Многая і Благая літа Новообраному Папі Францискові!



From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

March 17, 2013 A.D.

Following my usual routine, yesterday morning (Tuesday 3-13) I got out of bed, said my morning prayers and then went into the kitchen where I

turned on the radio and fired up the coffee maker. Over the gurgling sounds of the brewing coffee I heard the "big news of the day" being reported. The first important and earth shaking announcement was the report that the Sabres won their hockey game on Tuesday night and broke a four game losing streak. Second on the broadcaster's list of important leading stories of the day was the report from the Buffalo Bills organization informing everyone that

their starting quarterback had been released from the team. (Presbytera and I always say, "It's a good day when all they have to talk about is sports.") Down at the end of that first morning report we were given an "oh by the way," which was the report from Rome stating that black smoke was seen again over St. Peter's indicating there was not yet a successor to Pope Emeritus Benedict. However, all that dull and ordinary reporting quickly turned important, exciting and extraordinary somewhere around 2pm, our time, on Wednesday.

I had just visited a parishioner in a nursing home and was returning to the church. Rush Limbaugh was on the car radio and he interrupted his program to make the announcement, "White smoke is coming from the chimney." Right about that time I arrived back at Holy Protection, went inside and prayed for the new Pope, and then rang the church bells for a few minutes. It was the beginning of a God-filled day! What a change from the ho-hum news of early morning!

When I finished at the church and started for home, it was clear all the networks interrupted their regular programming and the live reporting had begun from Rome. For the next hour the reporters tried to maintain intelligent conversations, or maintain any kind of conversation, as they speculated as to which of the Cardinals was chosen to be new Pope. I listened to the car radio all the way home and as I arrived in the driveway, the name still had

not been revealed. I ran into the Martelli house and quickly negotiated with the little ones

to allow "Didi" to switch from the "Sprout" channel to EWTN. And just in time I was, for the curtain to the balcony in St. Peter's had been opened, and in seconds the announcement, "Habemus Papam! We have a Pope!" was made to the entire world.

There he stood, the man once known as Cardinal Bergoglio of Argentina, now Pope Francis. It was truly a God-filled moment for all on this planet,

and a beautiful and powerful start of his papacy. Wasn't it a holy and inspired moment when he asked the people to pray for him before he extended his own first papal blessing "to the city and to the world?" Incredibly, that plaza of St. Peter's square became absolutely silent as the people there, and all around the globe, prayed for the new successor of Peter, who now stood before us with head deeply bowed. Indeed, may God bless him with health, happiness, the furtherance of all good things and uphold him for many happy and blessed years. Mnohaja Lita! Many Years, Pope Francis! Viva il Papa!

The thing that moved me most about that afternoon was how the whole world stopped and watched. The entire planet became a place of powerful prayer. Millions upon millions of people, of all faiths, were feeling the presence and power of the action of God in our world. Millions and millions of people, united in prayer, pondered three things of life: their origin; the meaning of their life; their des-

tiny. It was as if God was revealing Himself to the world and we stood before Him and said, "Jesus Christ yesterday, today and forever!" He has come and has revealed Himself to us and called us to eternal life with Him! Our God is with us! Our God calls us to Himself! Our God blesses us and wills that all mankind be saved. "Who is so great a God as our God? Our God is the God who worketh wonders!"

Pope Benedict, when he opened the "Year of Faith" last October said, "The 'door of faith' (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into His Church." (Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei for the Indiction of the Year of Faith.) And so we move forward, praying that those who are away from the Church will return. We continue to pray for the new Pope and for all in the Church. Let us pray that the events of Wednesday afternoon and the beautiful feelings and spiritual uplifting be continued. "Hear our prayer, O Lord, and save us!"

Writing to you on Thursday we should be filled with joy and hope for the future of our Church as we have begun to get to know Pope Francis. His chosen name of Francis reminds us of St. Francis of Assissi, who exemplified peace, poverty and a simple lifestyle. We have been told that those traits of St. Francis are easily seen in the life of Pope Francis. It was reported that is exactly how the new Pope, the former Cardinal Bergoglio, actually lives his priestly life.

The TV and newspapers reported that the new Pope went on his own to a church in Rome, where he prayed to our Holy Lady on his knees for a very long time. He is known for his devotion to her, and, no doubt, was asking her for protection and help as he most likely dedicated his papacy to her guidance. Thursday morning he returned to his hotel, picked up his luggage, personally thanked everyone there and then paid his bill. Later on he said his first Mass as Pope with the College of

Cardinals and in a short, unscripted homily told them and us to be true followers of the Lord. He said, "All Catholics must 'build' the Church and 'walk' in the faith. Our prayer must be that His Holiness can continue to be this great example of prayer, love and fidelity to the Church and to God. What a beautiful example we now have for our very own spiritual lives!! For sure, a story to be continued!

There was one of the Cardinals whom I was very glad was not elected. All reports said Cardinal Scola, Archbishop of Milan, was the front runner and most reports in the lay media were sure he would be elected. He has been the source of a joke since the day he was appointed Cardinal, making him one day eligible to become Pope. The joke, or pun, went something like this: "If Cardinal Scola was made Pope, he would be called "Pope Sicola." Like PepsiCola...get it? © © To be sure, the media and late night talk show hosts would have had a field day with that.

This weekend we should keep the LUC retreatants in our prayers. As they have been doing for years, they will be meeting at the Sisters Servant convent in Sloatsburg this Friday, Saturday and Sunday for a Lenten time of renewal, prayer and fellowship. We pray them God's blessing for a successful and holy retreat. They are a special and dedicated group who love the Church and have so much to offer.

We have been asked to put forth "Dreams and Blessings" as part of our preparation for the upcoming Sobor for our eparchy where we will discuss "The Vibrant Parish." The LUC is definitely one of the "blessings" of our Church; one of the "dreams" would be that our hierarchs, priests and laity would recognize the treasure that is this group and encourage and aid them to continue their great and important mission for years to come. They indeed are a "Blessing and a Dream!"

Time to go...I pray your week will be blessed as you continue your spiritual journey. God willing, I'll write to you again next week. May God bless you and keep you! May our Holy Lady protect you

In His Love, Fr. Ray

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

A young New Orleans husband and wife, while reluctantly packing up their U-Haul truck, were recently captured in a color photograph for a front-page New York Times report about the failures faced by many New Orleans urban pioneers. The bitter twist in that Times story was that many of those brave pioneers, like the couple with the U-Haul, had thought that they were committed to returning and rebuilding the city after the Katrina floods-but the folks in the story had discovered that it was a far tougher place to live post-Katrina than they ever imagined. In a profound way, that New Orleans couple represents all of us. They are a striking icon as we near the home stretch of our Lenten journey. More and more, as Americans, we are rootless. Sometimes, we are driven by storms like Hurricane Katrina. But, more often we are like that couple with the U-Haul—driven not by a storm itself but by the needs of our families, the fortunes of our employers. and the fears and hopes that swell in our hearts as much as in our heads. Most Americans simply do not envision a hometown anymore where we expect to be planted conveniently near the homes of our posterity who will visit us and keep the roots of our lineage alive and well in the same hometown, let alone the same area. Our iconic images of home are transforming. Norman Rockwell's beloved drawing of Thanksgiving dinner featuring a golden turkey triumphantly presented at the family homestead no longer portrays the American vision we had growing up as children decades ago. But, here is the timeless note of hope: We can face even the bitterest truths, because fundamentally we are heading down the Lenten road as a People of Good News, as children of a God who loves us and who brings us to the glory found beyond the cross we bear. The Eternal glory that will one day lead us home to the Kingdom of God! We know our destination. In the turbulent oceans of change all around us these days, we are the people who know how to swim, to sail—and to pull others into the boats with us. More than that, on His own Earth-shaking journey to Jerusalem more than 2,000 years ago, Jesus tried his best to equip us for the road. He kept picking up and pointing out things along the way that he wanted us all to remember—like programming the Gospel equivalent of a

spiritual GPS. The Good News is we are not lost, even in a changing society with families dispersed throughout the United States: we are not lost to each other or to God. Maybe restless, rootless and bruised, but we are not lost. More than 2 billion Christians around the world have marked their Lenten journey in some fashion this year, including hundreds of millions of Americans, and especially all of us Catholics who joyful embrace a new leader to guide our Church - Pope Francis I - a new kind of Pope in many ways, a New World, Jesuit Papa, to add a certain kind of splendor to the long spiritual lineage of St. Peter, the first pope. All around the world, we are people on the move. We are just like Jesus' friends over two millennia ago. And, the truth of this journey is so timeless that it is echoed and reflected everywhere we look-if we only have eyes and ears to truly recognize the meaningful things along our path. The most frequently asked question by news reporters when they talk to men, women, and children who were burned out, bombed out, blown out, flooded, or driven out is this: "What did you bring with you when you left your home? What did you carry?" It is not an idle question because, whether we realize it or not, we are all moving in some way, shape, or form. We are already carrying things as we search for home. We carry the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we carry the wisdom of scripture, and we carry a multitude of blessings. But as we approach the final stretch of our Lenten Journey, have we been transformed by the changes we have made? Have we carried our cross as we search for our home? Can we drink of the cup of our own suffering? Do we know Jesus or do we simply know about Him? A priest once shared a story about the time he went to work with some poor people in a village in the mountains of North America. He was deeply impressed by one old man who, despite having no running water, no electricity and little food, was so joyful. 'How come you're so happy when you have so little?' asked the priest. 'Because I know Jesus and that is all I need,' replied the old man. As we finish our Lenten Journey, we too need to know Jesus in order to carry our cross home, in order to drink the cup of our suffering, and no matter where our journey leads or where our family roots may grow - we need to know Jesus and bring Him to the places we call home.

49 Відділ Союзу Українок

Повідомляє що розпочинаємо щорічну збірку на стипендії для незаможної молоді в Україні. Чеки можна виписувати на Ukrainian National Women's League. Дуже дякуємо! За інформаціями просимо звертатися до референток 49-го Відділу:

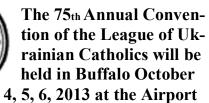
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49th Chapter of UN-WLA announces that "we are accepting **Scholarship donations** for needy students in Ukraine." If paying by

check please make it out to UNWLA - Branch 49. Thank you very much!

SAVE THE DATE



Holiday Inn. We ask the support of our local Ukrainian community in this endeavor. We especially ask that organizations not schedule any events that weekend. Thank you!

75 Конвенція Ліги Українців Католиків відбудеться в Боффало, 4-6 Жовтня, 2013 р.



49-ий Відділ Союзу Українок Америки Ім. Ольги Басараб у Боффало, Ню Йорк Влаштовує

Неділя, 14-го Квітня, 2013 року Свята Літургія: 11:00 година рано Обід і Програма: 12:30 після полудня Українська Католицька Церква св. о. Миколая 308 Фільмор вул., Боффало, НЙ Латок: \$20.00 від особи

Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Inc. Branch #49, Buffalo, NY Invites you to an

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Sunday, April 14, 2013 Dinner & Program Divine Liturgy: 11:00 AM Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church 308 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo, NY

Donation: \$20.00 per person

For tickets call – За білєтами дзвонити Maria Malaniak: 668-5105

Elaine Nowadly: 825-8169 **Anna Melnyk: 822-6186 Mary Bodnar: 655-3810**

2013 LUC dues are now payable. Please make checks (\$7.00) payable to League of Ukr. Catholics, Niagara Frontier Council. Dues can be sent to Ihor Pereyma, 38 Lester St., Buffalo, NY 14210

Просимо вирівняти вкладки!!!



St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church 3275 Elmwood Avenue (at Ferndale) Kenmore, NY 14217



12:30 PM

EASTER BAZAAR

Saturday March 23, 2013

10 am to 4 pm



Raffles Theme Baskets

Ethnic Food

Baked Goods Easter Bread and Eggs õTrash & Treasuresö Vendors Hot Lunch

Free Parking & Admission



SITCH DINNER MEETING Sunday March 17, 2013

At Joseph Hriczko Post Clemo St., Buffalo, NY 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 quests

Prior Reservations were needed and are liable

Membership dues of \$5.00 for the 2013 year must be current and may be paid at the door. Thank you!

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Habemus Papam! Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio

("We Have a Pope!") is the announcement given in Latin by the Cardinal Protodeacon, the senior Cardinal Deacon, upon the election of a new Roman Catholic pope.

pope francis

So who is Pope Francis?

- + Pope Francis I the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- + He is the first non-European pope in over a thousand years.
- + He is the first Jesuit to become pope.
- + He is named after St. Francis of Assisi because of his passion for the poor, whom he was said to have visited often in the slums of Argentina. He is also known as the patron saint of animals
- + Prior to becoming Pope Francis, Bergoglio was archbishop of Buenos Aires from 1998 to 2013.
- + As a teenager, he lost one his lungs due to an infection.
- + Before working for The Church, he was a chemist who taught literature, philosophy, psychology, and theology.
- + He is known for being humble.
- + He abstained from using the perks of his office in Argentina, cooking his own meals and taking the bus to work
- + As a Jesuit, Pope Francis is an incredibly deep intellectual. I can attest to the fact that his homilies are quite short, sometimes no longer than five or six sentences, but he manages to fill them with such deep meaning, always leaving the faithful in silent contemplation upwards of five-to-seven minutes" (Patriarch Sviatoslav)

