



Mnohaya Lita!



From Concert of "Ridna Shkola"



Mnohaya Lita!



From LUC Meeting



Preparing for Pierogies for peace



From Friday Kitchen"



Children after blessing crosses they made and our Catechists. Thank You!

SAINT NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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№ 11

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CHURCH BULLETIN March 18 Березня – 2018 ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

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Thank you, Fr. Robert, for Your kindness. God Bless You and Your Family and Your Parish!





## CHURCH BULLETIN

March 18 Березня 2018  
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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

## ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

11:30 AM Fr. Robert Moreno starts retreat with children. Thank you, Fr. Robert!  
4:30 PM +Joanne Peterson – 40<sup>th</sup> day (Mary Ann DuBois)

### March 18: 5 S. of Lent – 5 Н. Вел. Посту

12:00 PM +Reposed and living members of Sitch Fr Robert ends his retreat. God Bless!

Monday, March 19 Березня, Понеділок  
10:00 AM +Пилип Плотиця (Дружина Марія)

Tuesday, March 20 Березня, Вівторок  
9:00 AM +Стефанія і Йосиф Сарахман (Лідія Грещишин)

Wednesday, March 21 Березня, Середа  
3:00 PM Presanctified gifts–Преждеосв. Дари  
4:00 PM Cannon of St. Andrew - Poklony

Thursday, March 22 Березня, Четвер  
8:00 AM +Іванна Кучерява (Степан Осадца)

Friday, March 23 Березня, П'ятниця  
12:00 PM Presanctified gifts–Преждеосв. Дари Sorokousty - Сорокоусти

Saturday, March 24 Березня, Субота  
8:00 AM +Catherine & Michael Chort (Marianne)  
4:30 PM +Patrick Obermiller (Melissa)

### March 25: Palm Sunday – Квітна Неділя Annuntiation of the Theotokos - Благовіщення

12:00 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Eternal Light burns for  
+Departed Kowal Members  
(Eliana Iwanyczko)

Вічне Світло в Чість П.Д.М  
Горить в наміренні Ігора Гусака.

### 18 Березня: 4 Неділя Великого Посту

10:00 AM +Іван Гарасимчук (Дружина)  
Місія: о. Роберт Морено. Проповідь по англ.

Середа, 21 Березня: 4:00 по обіді - ПОКЛОНИ

### 25 Березня: 5 Неділя Великого Посту

10:00 AM +Осип і Гертруда Залеських  
(М. і Л. Стасюк)

### Молитва св. Єфрема Сирина

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

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливості і любови дай мені слугі твоєму. (поклін)

Так, Господи царю, дай мені бачити провини мої, і не осуджувати брата мого ні сестри моєї, бо ти благословен єси 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)

### Вітаємо о. Роберта який у суботу

і неділю поділиться з нами

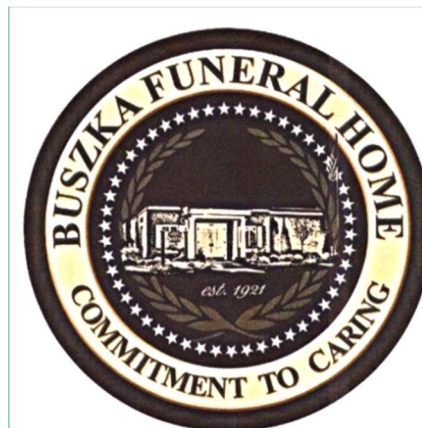
духовними думками  
з нагоди Великопосних Місій

The Niagara Frontier Council will host the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics on October 5,6,7, 2018 at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Amherst, N.Y.

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талантами, часом і жертвами.

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Please turn off or silence your cell phone  
before entering the church. Thank you!

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Просимо вилучувати ваші мобільні  
телєфони підчас Святої Літургії.

We welcome Fr. Robert Moreno  
As he preaches at our  
Lenten Mission this weekend!

→ → **IMPORTANT- ВАЖНЕ** ← ←

There is a change  
in the kitchen schedule  
for making varenyky  
for the next two weeks.  
We will be making varenyky  
on Thursday, March 22nd and  
Wednesday March 28th.  
The kitchen will be open to sell  
on Friday, March 23rd and  
for orders on  
Thursday, March 29th.

**SITCH DINNER MEETING**  
Today, 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.  
Talk to Ms. Maria Malaniak

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Сьогодні, У неділю, 18 Березня Св. Літургія  
о 12 год. є за живих і померлих членів Укр.  
Ам. Січі. Обід опісля у Joseph Hriczko  
Post. Звертатися до п. Марії Маланяк.

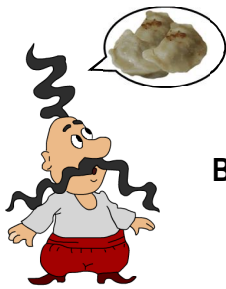
**Pierogi's for Peace Fundraiser**  
During the Pierogi's for Peace Fundraiser on  
Sunday March 25, 2018 there will be a Theme  
Basket Auction. The League of Ukrainian  
Catholics has agreed to take charge of the  
Baskets. If you would like to donate a Theme  
Basket, of about \$25.00 in value, please  
bring the basket to the church.

If you would like  
to donate money  
for a basket,  
for Pierogi's for  
Peace Fundraiser  
please do it  
**NOW !!!**

→ → **Ліга Українців Католиків** ← ←  
збирає кошики на - Вараники за Мир.  
Просимо о Ваші пожертви!!!



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Frontier Council, will  
host the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the  
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5,6,7, 2018 at the Hyatt Place Hotel in  
Amherst, NY. This year celebrates the 85<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the founding of the League  
of Ukrainian Catholics in Chicago in 1933.  
We hope you will join us at this special  
anniversary.



## Я ЛЮБЛЮ ПИРОГИ

Неділя, 25 Березня  
12:00 – 5:00

В Залі Православної Церкви  
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- Пирог (різні) Капуста з ковбасою
- Голубці Солодке Печиво
- Паски Розіграш Кошиків

### Збір Коштів - Пирог За Мир

Для підтримки жертв війни в Україні

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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  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

### 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!!!

Sponsored by Ukrainian Community in Buffalo, ODFFU, WODFFU, CYM, Plast, Ridna Shkola, UCCA, Ukrainian Federal Credit Union, UA Freedom Foundation; Slavic Bazaar, EuroDeli & Gifts, Cultural Center DNIPRO, UA Civic Center, League of Ukrainian Catholics - Niagara Frontier Council, Ukrainian Churches: St. Nicholas, St. John the Baptist, Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Basil, Saint Mary.



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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### З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Сьогодні четверта неділя Велико Посту. До розважання послужить нам проповідь блаженнішого Патріярха Святослава.

Історія сьогоднішнього Євангельського читання дуже добре усім нам знайома, особливо батькам, які люблять своїх дітей, турбуються про них та переживають за їхнє майбутнє. Кожний батько і мати, кожний вихователь часом відчуває, що у житті їхніх дітей настає момент, коли вплив батьків на дітей починає меншати, особливо, коли вони підрастають, стають підлітками, юнаками і дівчатами. Так стається, що авторитет тата і мами починає хитатися, але більше того, коли батько чи мати починає бачити, що дитина підпадає під поганій вплив, а можливість скерувати на добрий шлях є невдачею, виникає тоді велика тривога за майбутність своєї дитини.

Так часто сьогодні молоді люди попадають в тенета різного зла, яке в сучасній культурі може бути навіть анонімним злом. Цей злий вплив може так охопити уяву і внутрішній світ дитини, що годі з нього визволитися. Апостол Марко каже, що цього сина нечистий дух кидав і в огонь, і у воду. Як часто той, хто перебуває під впливом зла, кидається у крайнощі. Молодій людині здається, що якісь крайні рухи, течії чи ідеї можуть бути успішними, можуть принести людську славу, відчуття власної сили. Про таких в нас кажуть, що дівчина чи хлопець шукає самого себе.

Цей євангельський батько почав розуміти, що для того, щоб врятувати свого сина, замало знайти лише доброго вчителя. Він звертався до апостолів, щоб навчили його сина правильного життя, але вони нічого не могли зробити. Батько починає розуміти, що замало якоїсь педагогічної технології, щоби врятувати його душу. Потребує когось, хто має силу вигнати зло з його власного життя і з життя його сина. Тому він приходить до Ісуса, до Того, Хто є джерелом добра, Хто має джерело Духа Святого у собі. Джерелом добра є Бог Отець, Син є носієм того джерела, а Дух Святий є всепермагаючою силою добра.

В кінці цієї розмови з Ісусом батько каже: «Вір-ю, але поможи моєму невірству!» Цікаво, що розмова про врятування сина підсумовується проханням батька про віру. Адже віра – це ніщо інше, як єднання людини з джерелом добра, з Богом. В апостольському читанні ми чуємо, що віра в Бога є якорем душі, віра єднає людину з джерелом добра і дає їй можливість будувати справжні, непорушні духовні основи свого життя. Цікаво зауважити, що той син, можливо, у перші роки свого дозрівання, коли почав зі своїм батьком роздумувати над фундаментами, на яких вартує будувати своє життя, хотів знати найперше, яким є фундамент батькового життя. Деколи батьки починають розуміти, що їх діти не є поганями, коли з ними конфліктують; діти дошуковуються фундаменту життя тата і мами. Коли батьки є віруючими, вони можуть передати дітям цей фундамент. Тому таким важливим є зв'язок людини з Богом, який може надати сенс нашому життю, може оздоровити душу і тіло. Віра є і повинна бути духовною основою, фундаментом усього нашого життя. Можемо тоді бути певними, що ніяке зло, ніякі крайнощі його не захитають...

Ми переживаємо тепер час Великого посту. Великий піст іншими словами можна назвати часом оздоровлення, духовного одужання... Якщо глибоко проаналізувати усі наші духовні недуги і гріхи, то можна звести їх до одного спільного знаменника – мала віра в Бога. Ми начебто є віруючими, час від часу згадуємо Бога, але коли потрібно будувати глибинні фундаменти основ свого життя, шукати, чому життєві хвилі кидають нас у крайнощі, шукати справжній якор власної душі, аж тоді бачимо, що передусім нам потрібно просити в нашого Господа, щоб збільшив нашу віру, зміцнив нашу єдність із Ним, щоб ніяке зло не могло наповнити нашу душу, щоб ми були носіями Духа Святого. Бо Господь створив людину, аби вона була храмом Святого Духа...

Молитва і піст – це ті засоби, за допомогою яких можемо обновлятися у Дусі Святому так, як обновляє весна лице землі...

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## Easter Bazaar



Sunday, March 24th, 2018

St. John the Baptist Church Hall

We would like to invite you to come and  
enjoy our Easter Bazaar on Saturday, March  
24th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

There will be trash and treasures, theme  
baskets, raffles, vendors, food and frozen  
takeout pyrohy!

Free admission and parking! Hope to see you  
there!



### From the letter of Fr. Robert

The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

The last words of the gospel last week stated: "This kind can only come out through prayer and through fasting." That was in reference to the demon that afflicted the man's son. We clearly see this because we have the example, of our holy mother St. Mary of Egypt - a woman that knew whom Abba Zosimas was from afar, although she never met him before, who knew God's will for Zosimas to fulfill one last wish of hers that she would have the Mysteries the following year; a woman who, when she prayed, stood in the air. She walked upon water as if on dry land. And she called herself a miserable sinner.

She struggled for many years. From the age of twelve she was a prostitute and lived that way for 17 years. So she was around 30 years old when she converted. If you read her life, you will learn she spent 17 years in great, terrible struggles after she had repented. She had lived a life of total, complete debauchery and depravity. Her modesty precluded her from completely fulfilling the command of Zosimas and she couldn't tell him everything that she did, but suffice it to say that she was a most wretched and sinful human being. Everything that is possible to do to defile one's self she did. But when she repented, she understood something that we would do well to understand.

This is the key to the Christian life. To work our Salvation in Christ. And the church understands this. The church makes the connection between St. Mary and the sinful woman who was also a prostitute, a repentant prostitute of whom our Savior would later say, "The harlots and the tax-collectors are coming into heaven before you", when speaking to the Pharisee.

He is in the home of the Pharisee and a prostitute comes in, and she begins to anoint his feet with her tears, and with ointment. Why? Because of love.



Because previously she had been forgiven. She knew this in her soul. It changed her. She lived with this reality. And she was thankful in the depths of her being. That's what made her anoint His feet - love. This anointing, this coming to the house -- is the effort needed!

Without effort you can't be saved. Without demeaning yourself and remembering what God has done for you, you won't be saved. St. Mary of Egypt realized what God had done, and what the Mother of God had done, by praying to her Son, and helping her. She spent 48 some years in the desert alone, coldness, nakedness, hunger, longing, desire that could not be fulfilled. She said she would even go and bite the ground and lay on the ground until these feelings would go away from her. Oh, yes, she still had

impure feelings, for many, many years, 17 to be precise. But she had great love, and labored because of this love. Like this woman who anointed our Lord's feet. Eventually those impure feelings disappeared.

This is the key to the Christian life. This is why the Church presents this woman, great among women, and St. Mary of Egypt, great among the saints, as examples for us. Here is a link to her life:

<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/basis/maryegypt.asp>

And we've been given everything they've been given. Read what our Savior says about "he who has little forgiven, loves little, but he who has much forgiven loves much". Publicly corrected by the Lord on their petition to sit one to His right and the other to His left in His Glory; the holy Apostles St. John and St. James did not leave the Lord... they remained with him and humbly so accepted the correction. Do we accept correction? If we do, it will go well for us.

May we come humbly so for a good confession on these last days of Lent.

Yours as always,

Fr. Robert

### "CALL TO PRAYER IN OUR FAMILIES"

The Lord, who loves every human being in the world, gifted each one of us with a unique and unrepeatable life. When we contemplate our life, then we see how much effort we expend in order to feel happy. In this materialistic world, each one of us associates his/her happiness with one thing or another. All of us achieve something, however nothing satisfies us, and again, we apply immense effort to obtain and achieve the next perception of "happiness".

This is the way the rest of our entire life could pass us by. The problem is that we identify ourselves with our body and aspire to attain happiness on the physical level. However, the human being is comprised not only of a body, because there is also a soul. That is why, Saint Augustine, reflecting on this understanding of our nature, says: "My heart is restless until it finds its rest in the Lord". Our dwelling with the Lord, our prayer, fills us with the understanding as to how and what we should do, what to avoid, and how to build relationships with people. In this manner, we begin to be ever more aware of what God really wants of us in this case or in a different situation. The quality of our prayer may be seen from the way we are afterwards. Our prayer puts an imprint on our entire life!

We can frequently think that conversation with God, which is prayer, is a useless waste of time. The reason might also be that we ourselves do not completely understand how important it is for us to abide with our Creator. We are materialistic because we live in this materialistic world. Throughout life, we devote much time to everyday matters or concerns, although we see how little time we spend in prayer. Very often, owing to a lack of prayer, we stumble upon a mistaken conviction and make the incorrect choice. We can be certain that the root of all our negative conditions, problems, and crisis is the same — neglect of prayer. From personal experience, each one of us knows that, when we are "watchful" about prayer, then everything else also goes well, in harmony and uniformity with God.

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**“ЗАКЛИК ДО МОЛИТВИ У РОДИНАХ”**  
(Кожного вечора о 9 год.)

**Prayers with the Family**  
(pray as a family at 9:00 PM in the evening)

В ім'я Отця і Сина, і Святого Духа (3 р.).

Царю небесний, утішителю, Душе істини, \* що всюди єси і все наповняєш,\* скарбе дібр і життя подателю,\* прийди і вселися в нас,\* і очисти нас від усякої скверни,\* і спаси, Благий, душі наші.

Святий Боже, святий Кріпкий, святий Безсмертний, помилуй нас (3 р.).

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові,\* і нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Пресвята Тройце, помилуй нас;\* Господи, очисти гріхи наші;\* Владико, прости беззаконня наші;\* Святий, завітай і зціли немочі наші імени твого ради.

Господи, помилуй (3 р.).

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові,\* і нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Отче наш, що єси на небесах,\* нехай святиться ім'я твоє,\* нехай приїде царство твоє,\* нехай буде воля твоя, як на небі, так і на землі.\* Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні,\* і прости нам провини наші,\* як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим,\* і не введи нас у спокусу,\* але визволи нас від лукавого.

Богородице Діво, радуйся, Благодатна Маріє, Господь з Тобою, благословенна Ти між жінками, і благословенний плід лона Твого, бо Ти породила Христа Спаси, Ізбавителя душ наших.

В ім'я Отця і Сина, і Святого Духа (3 р.). Амінь.



In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Three times.)

Glory be to You, our God; glory be to You!

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of

Truth! You are everywhere present and fill all things. Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us (Three times.)

Glory be to the Father +and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; O Lord, cleanse us of our sins; O Master forgive our transgressions; O Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy! (Three times.)

Glory be to the Father + and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Hail Virgin Mary, Mother of God, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb; for you gave birth to Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of our souls. Amen.

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Today is the fifth Sunday of our Lenten Journey and in today's Gospel reading, we hear the account of Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, and how the disciples followed behind Him. Throughout St. Mark's Gospel, people respond to Jesus with both amazement and fear. They were amazed when Jesus healed a man who could not walk. They were astounded when he said that it was easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God, and when

we have heard Jesus make this special announcement to His disciples in which He informs them, in increasing detail, of what the cross will involve. Each time, He includes the promise of the resurrection, which they never seem to hear. St. Mark particularly indicates that this is a very tense atmosphere as they are going along the road. He tells us Jesus went first, all alone, with no one accompanying him. Behind Him came the band of twelve disciples, and following them came the crowd, the multitude who were following Jesus.



Jesus instructed them to return to Caesar the things that were Caesar's. The people were anxious when they realized that Jesus had healed a man who had been possessed by a demon. The disciples, themselves, were afraid when Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus, and we are told that their fear left them speechless. And now, they follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem and hear Him say, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." (Mark 10:34). This is the third time

In today's Gospel we also learn about a very special request that two of the disciples, the sons of Zebedee make to Jesus. The request of James and John was significant: "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." (Mark 10:37). James and John were asking if they could sit at the right and left hand of the Lord in His kingdom, but they did not understand what that involved. They did not realize that glory came with the ultimate price. There is much of John and James in each of us. We all desire for the goodness of the Lord to fill our lives,

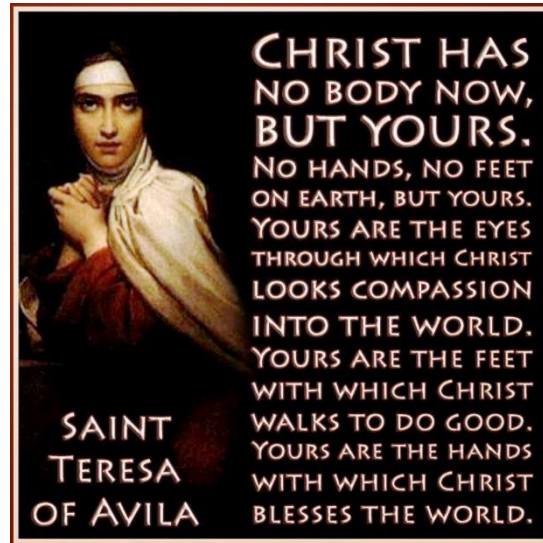


and to respond to our needs in the way that we desire. Now, Jesus did not rebuke them for making this request. There is really nothing wrong with desiring to be close to Jesus, with desiring to be in His presence. But Jesus had just shared with His disciples the truth concerning His sacrifice for the world; he was trying to communicate truth to them concerning the salvation of others, and James and John were too preoccupied with themselves to fully understand what they were asking of Jesus. Furthermore, they did not even understand the implications of their own desires. Jesus says, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?" (Mark 10:38). James and John had no idea that the cup Jesus was referring to would lead to His crucifixion.

The disciples did not know that Jesus would have to go through great suffering. Or that His position would cause Him to have to pay the ultimate price. James and John wanted to be part of Christ's glory, but were they willing to pay the same price? Without much thought, they replied, "We are able to drink of the cup." But they had no idea as to the extent of suffering which the Lord was referring to. The cup to which Jesus referred was meant as a common symbol of what life hands you: the realm of your experience, the circumstances in which you are placed. You are handed a cup to drink. You have no choice as to what is in the cup, but you must drink it. Jesus, of course, is referring to the Cross. It is a cup given to Him by His Father, which He must drink. You recall, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). So Jesus is speaking of the whole spectrum of events involving the suffering, the anguish, the pain, the rejection, the mocking, the scourging - every part of the Cross - as the Father's choice for Him, handed over for Him to drink out of love for the world. Now, the disciples had no way of understanding the significance of this cup. "The Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark

10:45). Already, this Sunday of Lent allows a glimmer of the light of Holy Week to shine in. Next Saturday will be the Saturday of Lazarus, whom Jesus will raise from the dead, followed by Palm Sunday, Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The Church, therefore, urges us in anticipation of the feast which we will soon celebrate - to develop the proper attitude we should have as we come closer to Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

A young New Orleans husband and wife, while reluctantly packing up their U-Haul truck, were captured in a color photograph for a front-page New York Times report several years ago, 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 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 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. All around the world, we are people on the move. We are just like Jesus' friends 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 of their homes 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? 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 come to the home stretch of our Lenten Journey, we too need to know Jesus in order to carry our cross home, no matter where our journey leads or where our family roots may grow - we need to know Jesus and bring Him everywhere we go - to all the places we call home.

If we truly desire to carry something away from our Lenten Journey, then we must be more than professors that know we are saved; we are to be confessors that show we are saved. We are to be more than saved sinners; we are called to be serving saints. Our motive is to honor God. Our ministry is to help others. My brothers and sisters, if we (like James and John) desire a seat in the Kingdom of God, then we must be willing to follow the example set before us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I once read an article about a statue of Christ that was damaged in a bombing raid in South Africa. The hands were both broken off. The townspeople first intended to repair the statue by replacing the hands, but then thought otherwise. Instead of replacing the hands, they put an inscription on the statue that reads, 'He has no hands... but our hands.'