



Our friends on Fillmore, Roxanne Sysiak-Chase and son Mat Chase!



This is a photo of a student at Dunkirk High school who is protesting the war. He's not even Ukrainian but supports his favorite teacher. (Stephanie B.)



With Congressman Lee Zeldin



At the bible meeting with Deacon Dave Wik



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CHURCH BULLETIN March 20 – 2022 – 20 березня ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



For "whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it". Dearly beloved it seems the kingdom of God is about upside down realities. The poor are the rich, the rich are the poor, to "live" is to die and to "die" is to live. Such is true Christianity. On this Sunday, we Ukrainian Catholics come to Church to find on the tetrapod the cross, which we are going to venerate at the end of the Divine Liturgy and through this week at the end of each Church service. For those unfamiliar with our Spirituality, a cross might mean Christianity or for some simply the torture instrument Our Lord accepted, carry, and died on. But for us it is the ultimate sign of Victory. Because there is much more than death, with Christ there is life beyond death. There is a new life.

Welcome, Fr. Robert and Evelyn Moreno! Вітаємо о. Роберта та Евелін Морено!

As we witnessed the Ukrainian nation being pounded indiscriminately day and night, as we wonder how and when will it all end, the Cross of the Savior has the answer: Courageously with the love for God, our soldiers, our men and women, young and old and even our little children show the world what true faith is all about, they accept, they pray, they hope. This painful cross will lead us to new life. Here our cross is to do as much as possible to alleviate the suffering and stop the carnage. We must pray and do what is possible to help the suffering Lord in each Ukrainian in need.

It's in the midst of all this turmoil that the Good Lord brought us back to Saint Nicholas in Buffalo NY. Grateful to Bishop Paul and Fr. Marijan I come here to serve you once again after a 3 1/2 years of absence. It was so nice today to participate of the Pre-sanctified gifts Liturgy and once again been in this beautiful church. Many years ago, a Roman Catholic priest that was visiting here for the first time call our parish: "This gorgeous treasure of a Basilica like church". Indeed, it is a beautiful prayer space. I hope to say hi to everyone and remind you that I am here now to serve you. Also, a dream of Evelyn and mine was to be more active at Saint Luke's Mission of Mercy. Now we live there, and Evelyn will be teaching at their home school and I will be assisting with Masses, Confessions and the such.

CHURCH BULLETIN

March 20 – 2022 – 20 березня

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. Church

Церква Святого Миколая
(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)

ПОРЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM За парохіян – For Parishioners

in English ~ **STREAMING**

March. 20: Veneration of the Holy Cross

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

Ukrainian **STREAMING**

Monday, March 21 березня, понеділок

7:00 AM + Norma DuBois (Mary Ann)

Tuesday, March 22 березня, вівторок

10:00 AM В наміренні Ірини – Господи, благослови

Wednesday, March 23 березня, середа

4:30 PM Літургія Наперед Освячених Дарів

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 24 березня, четвер

7:00 AM U nam. Slavice Babić i porodice

6:15 PM → Liturgy for Ukraine ←

STREAMING

Annunciation – Благовіщення П.Д.М

Friday, March 25 березня, п'ятниця

12:00 PM За парохіян – For Parishioners

Saturday, March 26 березня, субота

9:00 AM +Анна Зварич – 1 рік – (родина)

4:30 PM +Oksana Porodko Osadca

(Stepan & Pereuma Family)

in English ~ **STREAMING**

March. 27: 4 Sun. of Lent – 4 Н. ПОСТУ

10:00 AM + Марія Курій (Анна Мельник)

Ukrainian **STREAMING**

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Вічне Світло в честь Преч. Діви Марії
Горить за +Юлію Мохнач (родина).

20 березня: 2 Н. ПОСТУ **STREAMING**

10:00 р. +Михайло і Катерина Хорт (Мар'янна)

Четвер, 24 березня: **STREAMING**

6:15 в. → Літургія за Україну ←

27 березня: 3 Н. ПОСТУ **STREAMING**

10:00 р. +Марія Курій (Анна Мельник)



Четвер, 31 березня о 5 год веч.
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Thursday, March 24 at 5:00 P.M.
we will have Bible Meeting in
English. Please attend.

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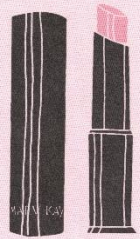
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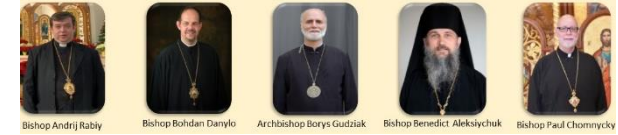
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I HAVE A DREAM!

By Fr. Andriy Zelinskyy

Deputy Head of military Chaplains

I have a dream! Why can't I?

I have a dream, that one day a Ukrainian child, a boy or a girl, will be proud and not afraid of being a Ukrainian child, of living in a country with equal possibilities and respectful obligations, with secured future and protected rights, among which are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

I have a dream that freedom and dignity, for the whole world and not only for one country, will become more than just a couple of nice words, but the fundamental principles of our new reality emerged from the ashes of all previous centuries. That everyone will have a right for them. That all will have an obligation to respect them.

I have a dream, that tomorrow we will meet in the streets of our cities and villages; that chestnut trees will bloom again on the Khreshchatyk, and that spring will prevail in Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Donetsk, Luhansk, Mariupol, and Sevastopol; that there will be hope in our eyes, and that our hearts will be filled with faith in a new day and a new world. I have a dream that bright light of morning sunrise will chase away dark horrors of the war and we will find in ourselves sufficient courage to love again. We will cry, but with tears of joy.

I have a dream that no rains will be able to wash away from our consciousness a memory of that guy and that girl that never came back from a battle. That their children will never feel themselves orphans. I have a dream that none of those whose closest and dearest ones were cunningly stolen by the war will feel lonely. I honestly hope they will be proud to belong to one great unbreakable and invincible family of the free and the faithful.

I have a dream! Why not?

I do believe in a new dawn over the free land of the brave people!

And despite the fact that air bombs can destroy bridges and roads, and rockets can turn to ashes residential houses filled with people, and missiles and mines can demolish bread factories, kindergartens, hospitals, schools and churches, and their sharp and fiery fragments with swarms of russian bullets can penetrate and distort innocent human bodies, they can't destroy a dream!

My dream...

I have a dream! And what about you?..

17.03.2022

Я МАЮ МРІЮ!

О. Андрій Зелінський

Головний військовий капелан

Я маю мрію! Чому б і ні?

Я маю мрію, що одного дня українська дитина, хлопчик чи дівчинка, буде пишатися і не боїтиметься бути українською дитиною в країні з рівними можливостями та шанобливими обов'язками, з забезпеченим майбуттям і захищеними правами, серед яких Життя, Свобода та прагнення Щастя.

Я маю мрію, що одного дня свобода та гідність для цілого світу, і не лише для однієї країни, стануть чимось більшим, не лише парою гарних слів, а засадничими принципами нашої нової реальності, відродженої зі зграй усіх попередніх століть. Що право на них матиме кожен. Що обов'язок поважати їх матимуть усі.

Я маю мрію, що ми завтра знову перетнемося на вулицях наших міст і сіл; що на Хрещатику знову зацвітуть каштани; що весна переможе в Харкові, Чернігові, Донецьку, Луганську, Маріуполі та Севастополі; що в наших очах мерехтитиме надія, а у серці житиме віра в новий день, в новий світ. Я маю мрію, що світанкове проміння прожене геть темні жахи війни, і ми віднайдемо в собі відвагу знову почати любити. Ми будемо плакати, але сльозами радості.

Я маю мрію, що жодними дощами не змис з нашого сумління пам'яті про того хлопця і ту дівчину, які не повернулися з бою. І що їхні діти ніколи не почуватимуть себе сиротами, як не почуватиме себе самотнім ніхто з тих, у кого війна підступно вкрала найближчих і найрідніших. Я маю мрію, що вони пишатимуться тим, що належать до однієї великої незламної та нездоланної родини вільних і вірних.

Я маю мрію! Чому б ні?

Я таки вірю в новий світанок над вільною землею відважних людей!

І попри те, що бомбами можна знищити мости й дороги, і ракетами можна перетворити на попіл житлові будинки, наповнені людьми, і снарядами та мінами можна зруйнувати хлібні фабрики, дитячі садки, лікарні, школи та церкви, а гострі та розпечені уламки з роями російських куль можуть пронизати та спотворити невинні людські тіла, їм не під силу знищити мрію.

Мою мрію...

Я маю мрію! А ти?..

17.03.2022

The View From Up Here - March 20, 2022

"Master, Teach us How to Pray"

"He was praying in a certain place, and when He had ceased, one of his disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us how to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And He told them, 'When you pray, say:' (Lk 11-1) And He then taught them "His prayer", the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father: "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 the evil one."

This was then followed by Our Blessed Lord teaching them (and us) that our prayer must be fervent and persistent. He also taught them (and us) that our prayer is always heard! "Ask and it will be given you. Seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you." (Luke 11:8)

My Dear Fellow Climber, these days the word prayer has become a very common and overused word. In the overuse, it very often loses the power usually associated with "Prayer." We are especially praying for the people of Ukraine and for the casting out of evil from that special and beautiful land. Everywhere we go, we see signs: "**Pray for Ukraine**"! We have been greatly encouraged by our spiritual leaders to "**Pray for Ukraine**." And we all, in our souls, have heard the call to "**Pray for Ukraine**". Sometimes when we are asked to pray for some person who may have a certain need or intention we always agree. Sure we'll pray, but how will we pray....."You'll be in our thoughts and prayers." Yes, we'll pray for Ukraine. Great, but how and when? Because the word prayer is so much used these days there is a danger that it lose the meaningful power of the word.

I am reminded of Father Baker. He always carried a little notebook and when anyone ever asked him for prayer, he would immediately put the name in his book, eventually say a special prayer for the intention, and when he had completed the request, he noted that in his little book. He took prayer requests very seriously! And we must also!

So how do we pray for requests for ourselves and for others? First of all, we take the request for prayer

seriously. Never let the words, "Pray for me!" come with an empty promise. We sit down, or better yet, fall on our knees and pray for that special need for whatever the intention. Certainly, the Lord's prayer, the "Hail Mary" are part of this intercessory prayer, however it must go beyond "thoughts." Do you have a prayer book, especially one for various needs and circumstances? There are many that are very good to have. See your priest if you have any questions about a good prayer book as there are many fine ones in print. Remember the spiritual treasure of "My Divine Friend."? Prayers for everything and everybody! It is good to pray from the heart, but also we need the spiritual wisdom of the holy ones who have gone before us and who have already given us prayers we can use.

I am writing this today specifically so all of us are reminded of our call to pray for Ukraine, the Ukrainian people and indeed all the world! Not only have the spiritual leaders asked us to pray, but our Blessed Mother, wherever and whenever she appeared has always asked us for fervent prayer and repentance. Today, I would like to pass on to you some "formal" prayers that I hope you can begin to say, so that we will truly be "praying"! The prayers are from a priest friend of mine who has passed them on for our use.

O Master Almighty, Lord of great mercies! Receive our prayer on bended knees and our humble tears, which we bring before Thy Holy Altar in these days of poverty and sorrow for Thy people. Accept the intercessions of all the saints of our Ukrainian land, whom we now call upon for help and intercession, so that the light of Thy love, manifested on Thy Cross, would enlighten every person suffering in this world in the darkness of enmity and iniquity.

Accept the intercession of the Holy and Blessed Prince Vladimir, the baptizer and enlightener of our land; receive the prayer of the Holy Passion-bearers Boris and Hlib, who have taught us never to raise our hands against our brother: receive the intercession of Thy saints Anthony and Theodosius of the Caves Monastery in Kiev, and with them all the venerable monks and nuns, who by tears of repentance made their souls whiter than snow; accept the heroic struggles of the New Martyrs and Confessors, especially those who suffered and died under the Soviet yoke, who through their holy labors

have preserved our saving faith in Thee; accept the petitions of all the saints of Thy Church who have sanctified our Ukrainian land with their labors and holy lives. Most of all, accept the prayerful protection of Thy Most pure Mother, our Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, for her fervent intercession!

Hear us, O God our Savior, and be merciful, O Master, unto all the suffering and burdened, and forgive our debts, teaching us to forgive those who are debtors, and replace Thine anger with Thy mercy, taking away all evil, sorrow and strife from the land of Ukraine, for Thou alone art good and the Lover of Mankind, and unto Thee do we send glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

We pray for those who have died because of the war in Ukraine, especially those buried without the prayers of the Church. Be merciful to them, O Lord our God and give them rest in that place where there is neither sickness nor sorrow, but only Life Everlasting! Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy!

We pray for a quick cessation of hostilities against Ukraine, and that peace will quickly come again, we pray, hear us, O Lord, and have mercy!

We pray, O Lord, our God, for all those who suffer from this terrible and unjust war. We pray for Thy peace and Thy mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Thy people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of Thy Church, so that by Thy goodness, peace may quickly and speedily return to Ukraine, and all peoples, hear us, O Lord, and have mercy!

We pray, O Lord our God, remember all involved in that violent conflict. Grant mercy, life, peace, health and salvation to all those suffering, wounded, grieving or displaced, hear us O Lord and have mercy!

Give comfort to your children, O All-Immaculate Lady: subdue the cruel assaults that beset us all. Rescue us from every affliction, for in you alone do we have as an immovable and certain fortress, and we run to thy protection. Let us not be abandoned, O Lady, we who call on you; hasten to our prayers, we, who in faith cry to you, our Holy Mother! Rejoice O sovereign Lady, the help of all, our joy, our protection and the salvation of our souls! We have no other defender, no other gracious consoler but Thee. O Mother of God, guard and protect

us forever. Most Holy Mother of God protect us and save us!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God and of all the Saints, O Savior, save us! Amen.

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With prayer for all, Fr. Ray

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.

**LITURGY FOR UKRAINE
Every Thursday during lent at 6:15 PM**

**ЛІТУРГІЯ ЗА УКРАЇНУ
Кожного четверга в пості – 6:15 веч.**

Let us pray for UKRAINE!

МОЛІМСЯ ЗА УКРАЇНУ!

Bishop Michael Fisher, Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo

extends his heartfelt invitation to join him as we pray the Stations of the Cross for Peace in the Ukraine.

People of all faiths are asked to come to stand and unite together to support our efforts for all those who are affected by this tragedy against human life.

Please encourage your church, friends and families to attend as we pray for Peace and Justice.



Friday, March 25, 2022 at 6:30 pm

St. Joseph Cathedral
50 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
free parking



**A Time of Prayer
for Ukraine**



WELCOME !

**We look forward, with anticipation, to
you joining us
for a UNITED time
of Stations and Prayer for Ukraine!**

Молитва св. Єфрема

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

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливості і любови даруй мені слугі твоєму. (н.)

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

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*)