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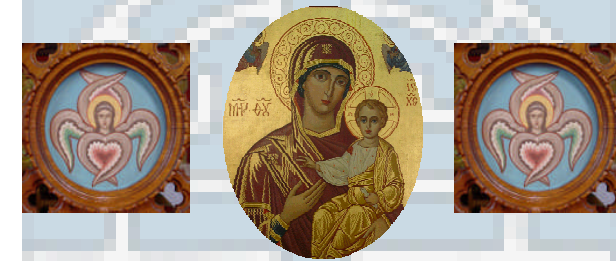
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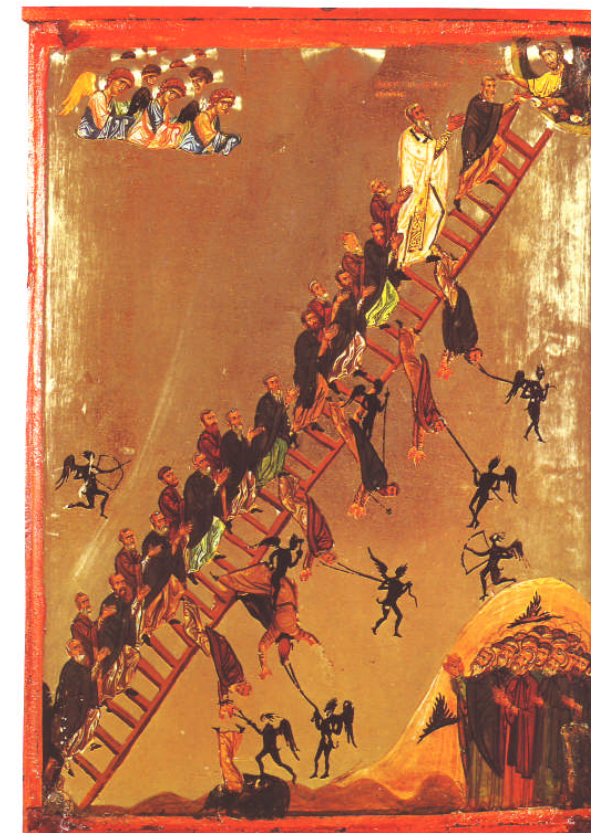
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Mar. 25: 5 S. Of Lent – 5 Н. Посту **T8**

Anuntiation - Благовіщення
12:00 AM Living and deceased members of Sitch

Mon., Mar. 26 – Пон., 26 Березня
8:15 AM +Микола Барицький (О. Чмола)

Tue., Mar. 27 – Вівторок, 27 Березня
9:00 AM +Данута Пелех (А. Войчак)

Wenesday, Mar. 28 – Середа, 28 Березня
11:00 AM Літургія Наперед Осв. Дарів
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Thu., March 29 – Чет., 29 Березня
10:00 AM +Петро Поліщук 40 д і п.
(родина)
11:00 AM The Great Canon –Поклони
(See Julian)

Fri., March 30 – П'ят., 30 Березня
6:30 PM Літургія Наперед Осв. Дарів
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Початок Реколекцій
Parish mission conducted by area clergy
Sorokousty – Сорокоусти

Sat., March 31 – Субота, 31 Березня
Parish Mission - Реколекції
9:00 AM +Дарія Шуст - 40 д. (Ст. Софія)
4:30 PM Zenon Bodnarsky (wife Maria)

April 1: Palm Sunday – Квітна Н. **T8**
12:00 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

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25 Березня: 4 Неділя Посту **T8**

10:00 р. +Іван, Анастасія, Марія,
Микола, Алекса, Василь, John & Billy
(Катерина Лехновська)

Четвер, 29 Березня
10:00 р. +Петро Поліщук 40 д і п.
(родина)

11:00 р. Поклони

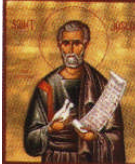
1 Квітня: 5 Неділя Посту **T8**

10:00 р. +Ярослав і Галина Литвин
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Просимо перечитати по англійськи.

“What you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me” (Matthew 25:40). The religious education students here at Saint Nicholas Parish will be running an **Open our Hearts** collection of food and items for the Buffalo City Mission. They are asking parishioners to bring in any extra can good items, blankets, or clothing to the Church on Sundays, in order to help those who are in need on a daily basis at the Buffalo City Mission. Religion students /or their teachers will be collecting these items at the end of each Liturgy, throughout the remainder of Great Lent. We ask that you help our Parish “Open its Heart” to those who are less fortunate, especially during this time of Lent, so that the love of our Savior can reach out to all our brothers and sisters in need. As you know, the City Mission is funded in part by the Catholic Diocese and other agencies, but they are always in need of non-perishable food items, blankets, and clothing. Our religious education students would like to run this **Open our Hearts** collection for the Buffalo City Mission as another church-based community outreach program. It is so important for our youth to know that they can still make a difference, especially during these difficult economic times. With the world changing every day, we want to encourage our Ukrainian Youth to take an active role in spreading the message of Christ throughout the community. Please consider donating any non-perishable items, blankets /or clothing to this worthy cause. Religion students will be collecting every Sunday through April 1, 2012. When we take the time to **Open our Hearts**, our drawers and our cupboards - to Christ - we can and we will make a difference!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 29, 2012 – League of Ukrainian Catholics Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Msgr. Paul Iwachiw Scholarship Fund

The Liturgical Choir of the Buffalo Deanery will have rehearsal for the Easter season on Monday, March 27, 2012 in St. Nicholas Church Hall at 7:00PM. Any one interested in joining the choir is most welcome.

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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
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)*

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

March 25, 2012

Dear _____,
(Your name here, for your very own personal letter)

Spring arrived on Tuesday March 20... March came in like a lamb and is going out like a lamb. Remember when we used to say, "spring is right around the corner"? Well, I think they must have demolished that building because there wasn't any corner this year. We definitely went from *here-to-there* in one straight line! I know it's been warm all around the country, but it is really quite amazing to see the results of this recent warm spell here in Western New York. The flowers and new growth are something we don't normally experience until late April or early May. All the spring flowers are in bloom from the pussy willow (hope you got yours before they blossomed), crocus, hyacinth and daffodil to the forsythia. The magnolias are ready to break out of their buds in the next day or so, and the fruit trees are even showing their leaves. Everyone is saying how wonderful all this is, especially those silly weather people, who cheer at each news broadcast and can't wait to tell us that we've broken another temperature record.

I know it's comfortable and pleasant to be outdoors enjoying the warmth, but I can't help wondering what's next. Our friends, the fruit growers in southern Ontario, have been very much on my mind every day of this warm stretch as I ask myself the question, "What if we get a frost?" Even though I'm not a farmer, it doesn't take much to figure out that the extreme warmth, for this time of

the year, can really put the fruit harvest into jeopardy. So I guess we should begin praying "for seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth..."

All our parishes across the country are now becoming quite busy as the preparations for the "Great Day" have begun in earnest. Yes, I know we've been preparing for THE DAY from the beginning of the Great Fast with our Lenten prayers, fasting, almsgiving and confessions. I'm talking now about those special items that have to do with the "breaking of the Fast," namely the preparation, purchase or sales of all the wonderful foods we have at Pascha. It will be hard in the next few weeks to find a church that doesn't have a sale of food, candy, pysanka, etc.

There are many very busy bakers and cooks in most of our parishes, who are already contributing to the various bazaars and bake sales, as they give of their time, talent and treasure for the good of the Church. These sales are always beneficial events for the church, as they bring in a few bucks for the parish treasury to help pay the bills. Also I am mindful that a lot of people enjoy the fact that it is just so nice to be able to go down to the hall and buy what they need, rather than making, or trying to make, the breads and other paschal items themselves. So dear bakers and "bazaar people" may God bless your efforts in these coming weeks. Oh, and by the way, you do know that you are not supposed to eat any of the Paschal foods prior to April 8 on the new calendar or April 15 on the old. The Lenten fast is broken after Liturgy on Sunday morning. Even if you have your basket blessed on Saturday afternoon or evening, you are not

supposed to taste of it till the next day. ☺ ☺ or maybe ☹ ☹

I remember what a "mouth-watering day" Holy Saturday always was when we were kids at home. My Mom, as did nearly everyone in the town, prepared the items for the basket on that day. One old Polish lady used to smoke her *kobassa* 'up in the field' behind her house and the smell would waft throughout the whole neighborhood on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

It was the same way inside our house as the *Paskas* were being baked, and the sausage, ham and bacon was being boiled. Dad was out on the back porch grating the real horseradish for the "*chryn*." Ohh, talk about 'mouth-watering smells.' It was definitely torture for the palate, but not one person even thought about sneaking a taste. Well, maybe we thought of it, but we didn't do it. ☺ As I write I can almost smell that kitchen right now!

A week from today will already be Palm Sunday and then we'll be into Holy Week. Pascha will be here before we know it, so keep up the good fight of this holy and special time as we continue to prepare for the glorious Resurrection.

Today on the new calendar we are celebrating "the Conception of Jesus." We don't normally say it that way, rather we call this holy day "The Annunciation to our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary by the Archangel Gabriel." At the moment of Mary's great YES, "*the One Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came down from heaven and became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the blessed Virgin Mary and was made man....*" When the pro-abortion people start yapping about "we

don't know when life begins," just tell them to read the account of the Annunciation! Our Lord came and grew in her womb and was born nine months later in that cave in Bethlehem! So, dear one, let me be the first to wish you "Merry Christmas" nine months from today!! Hah! Even got niece Stephanie on that one... she always thinks she sends out her cards early!! ☺ ☺ ☺

This is the weekend of the LUC sponsored retreat being held at Sloatsburg. Our prayers are certainly with Father Appleyard, retreat master, as well as those attending. I'm sure it will be a good and holy retreat as this is the weekend of the Annunciation. May our holy Lady intercede for all those special people making their retreat. Isn't that a great blessing to have the Annunciation fall on the weekend of the retreat and also a double blessing for it to be at Sloatsburg, because we know how much the nuns love our Blessed Lady! Be Blessed, Luc'ers. Safe trip home!

There continues to be a lot of bad stuff going on in the world, and especially in our country. I pray we all will be strong, faithful and courageous in all our daily struggles. Continue steadfast in prayer during this Great Fast. If you haven't done anything yet to prepare for the great Feast of the Resurrection, it's not too late. St. Chrysostom writes in his Paschal Homily, "the Lord receives the last, even as the first." As we near Holy Week and Pascha may your days be grace-filled and blessed!

Have a great week! God bless you and our Holy Lady keep you!

In His Love,

Fr. Ray

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

In today's Gospel we 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 a significant request. *"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 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 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. 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 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 through the sacraments. 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 finish 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 that we go.