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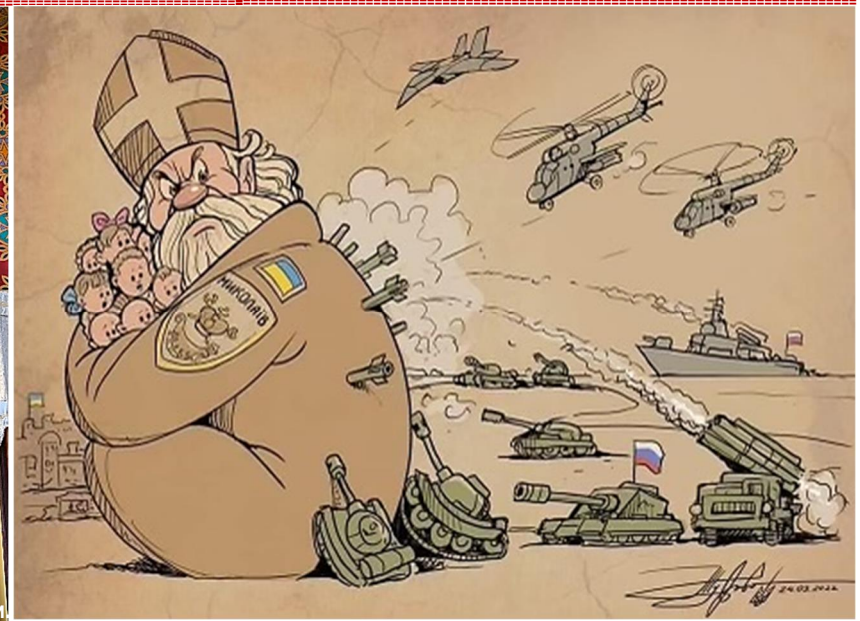
Чоловік з котиком за кілька хвилин перед тим як зробили знімку, голими руками намагався відкопати свою вагітну доньку, яка загинула під уламками. Єдиний хто вцілів з його рідних, то маленьке кошечка...



**СТРАХІТТЯ
ВІЙНИ
THE
HORROR
OF THE
WAR**



Дякую, Маргарита, за квіти на уродини



Художник і музикант Юрій Журавель. Багато є його робіт. За пара років до війни він створив книгу "Знай наших". Тепер воює, але продовжує малювати. Пару днів тому опублікував покровителя міста Миколаєва, святого отця Миколая, який захищає любих діток.

Yurii Zhuravel is the artist and musician. He is fighting in the war right now, and recently published the patron saint of the city Mykolaiv – St. Nicholas defending children.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. Church

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

ПОРЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM +Oksana Porodko Osadca
(Stepan & Pereyma Family)

in English ~ **STREAMING**

March 27: 4 Sun. of Lent – 4 Н. ПОСТУ

10:00 AM + Марія Курій (Анна Мельник)

Ukrainian ~ **STREAMING**

Monday, March 28 березня, понеділок

7:00 AM +Степан Ковтало (М. Г.)

Tuesday, March 29 березня, вівторок

7:00 AM +Михайло Кладочний (М. К.)

Wednesday, March 30 березня, середа

6:00 PM Літургія Наперед Освячених Дарів

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 31 березня, четвер

9:00 AM За парохіян – For Parishioners

9:45 AM Great Canon – Великий Канон

6:15 PM → Liturgy for Ukraine ←

English ~ **STREAMING**

Friday, April 1 квітня, п'ятниця

12:00 PM Літургія Наперед Освячених Дарів

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts & Sorokousty

Saturday, April 2 квітня, субота

9:00 AM +Василь Курій – 40 день – (родина)

4:30 PM +Marija, Konstantyn, Slavko Gerega
(M. T. Paslavsky) Eng. ~ **STREAMING**

April 3: 5 Sun. of Lent – 5 Н. ПОСТУ

12:00 PM Intention of the donor

27 березня: 3 Н. ПОСТУ **STREAMING**

10:00 р. +Марія Курій (Анна Мельник)

Четвер, 31 березня: **STREAMING**

6:15 в. → Літургія за Україну ←

3 квітня: 4 Н. ПОСТУ **STREAMING**

10:00 р. +Maria Lucas Verostko (Marianna Chort)



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Четвер, 31 березня о 5 год веч.
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Просимо взяти участь.

Thursday, April 7 at 5:00 P.M.
we will have Bible Meeting in
English. Please attend.

Eternal Light burns
for the peace in Ukraine.

Вічне Світло в честь Преч. Діви Марії
Горить за закінчення війни в Україні.

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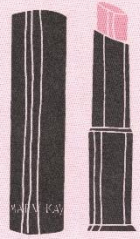
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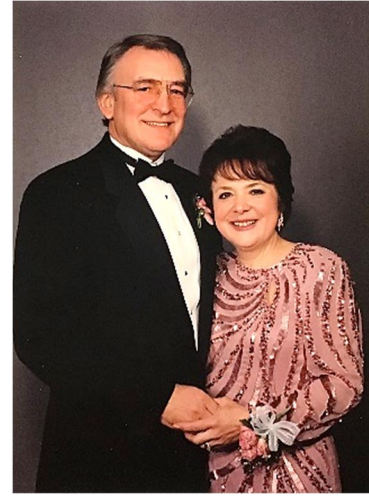
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+Oksana Maria Osadca Porodko
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Роман і Оксана Породко

Oksana (Siania) was born in Pidhaisi, Ukraine to the Reverend Julian and Mrs. Stefania Osadca. After World War II, she came to United States with her parents and younger brother Steven. The family settled in Buffalo, NY and became active in the parish life of St. Nicholas. Following graduation from Nardin Academy, Siania received her BA from Rosary Hill College (Daemen College). She was active in the Ukrainian community, in student life, studied piano, attended Ukrainian school, and was a much loved Plast counselor, working with younger children. After her family moved to Yonkers, NY, Oksana attended the Fashion Institute of New York and married fellow Buffalonian, Roman Porodko. They raised a daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Porodko. Oksana worked at Ciba Geigy Pharmaceuticals, was active in Soyuz Ukrayinok, volunteered at St. Michael's UCC in Yonkers, NY, and at the Hastings-on-Hudson Art Gallery. She was a talented artist. Siania leaves behind her brother, Dr. Steven Osadca, her daughter and son-in-law, Mark and grandson Alexander. She is greatly missed by family and friends in Buffalo, throughout the U.S., and in Ukraine. 40th day Liturgy – Saturday March 26 at 4:30 Вічна її Пам'ять. Нехай спочиває з Богом.

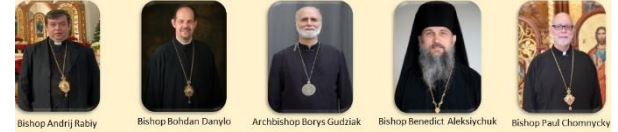
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«Наша доля в надійних материнських руках», –
Глава УГКЦ під час посвяти України
Непорочному сердцю Марії

У п'ятницю, 25 березня, в базиліці Святого Петра у Ватикані Святіший Отець Франциск під час покаянного богослужіння посвятив росію, Україну та все людство Непорочному сердцю Марії. Із собору Зарваницької Матері Божої з Папою єдналися владика Архиєрейського Синоду УГКЦ в Україні на чолі з Блаженнішим Свято-славом.

Єпископи УГКЦ, які цього дня провели надзвичайну сесію Архиєрейського Синоду, молилися у храмі перед Чудотворною іконою Зарваницької Божої Матері, єднаючись водночас зі Святішим Отцем та усім світом за посередництвом прямої трансляції.

Наприкінці покаянного богослужіння Папа Франциск зачитав молитву посвячення росії, України та всього людства Непорочному сердцю Марії.

Водночас у Зарваниці разом з Папою Франциском Акт посвяти українською мовою в імені усієї Української Греко-Католицької Церкви прочитав Блаженніший Святослав.

Звертаючись до вірних після посвяти, Глава УГКЦ підкреслив історичність цього моменту: «Кожен з вас у свій час розповідатиме своїм дітям, онукам і правнукам про те, що це була хвилина перемоги. Хвилина, коли ми віддали долю України в руки Пречистої Діви Марії».

Блаженніший Святослав додав, що війна, яка ведеться сьогодні росією проти України, – це духовна боротьба добра зі злом. А посвята росії та України Непорочному сердцю Марії – це момент, коли ми віримо, що за молитвами Богородиці добро переможе.



Глава УГКЦ пояснив, що означає посвята саме росії та України Непорочному сердцю Марії: «Росія була посвячена Непорочному сердцю Марії через те, що Богородиця просила, щоб цей Акт був зроблений, бо звідти поширяться зло по цілому світі і знищить країни, знищить народи, принесе страждання людям. Ми молимося за наших ворогів, щоб Господь зупинив їхню вбивчу руку. А нашу Україну тут, у Зарваниці, ми разом зі Святішим Отцем посвятили під Покров Пречистої

Діви Марії, її Непорочному сердцю, бо знаємо, що сьогодні Вона, Мати Божа, є з Україною, з нашим страждаючим народом».

«Наша доля сьогодні в надійних материнських руках», – додав Блаженніший Святослав.

Глава Церкви подякував владикам УГКЦ, які зібралися в Зарваниці на цю історичну подію, додавши, що звідти особливо єдналися з владикою Васи́лем Тучапцем у Харкові, владикою Степаном у Запоріжжі, владикою Михаїлом в Одесі. Ми єдналися, сказав він, з нашими владиками у різних країнах світу, на наших поселеннях Західної Європи, Північної, Південної Америки, Австралії і з усіма католицькими єпископами цілого віту.

«Ми сьогодні відчуваємо, що весь світ є разом з нами. Хочу подякувати всім вам, які сьогодні взяли участь у цій історичній події... Наша вдячність сьогодні лине до Святішого Отця Франциска, разом з яким ми пережили ці особливі, унікальні хвилини», – сказав Предстоятель.

Після Акту посвяти Глава УГКЦ з владиками Архиєрейського Синоду провів із Зарваниці традиційну молитву на вервиці.

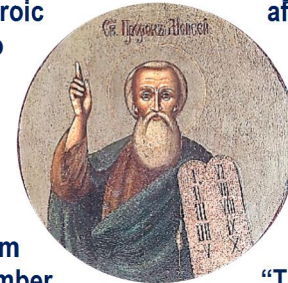
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The View From Up Here - March 27, 2022
The Great and Saving Forty Days

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Greetings, my Dear Fellow Climber and companion on the Holy Mountain! Once again, it definitely has been a tough climb on our mountain this past week! We can attribute almost all of the sad and difficult days to the horrible, evil, unjust, genocidal war brought to Ukraine by the Russian government and their minions.

Every day our faithful and heroic Patriarch Sviatoslav continues to encourage and lead, as he reminds us also to be faithful and heroic ourselves. Our God is a God of Hope and Salvation. Our Holy Mother keeps us under her veil of heavenly protection! “Be still, and know that I am God”, He tells us in Psalm 46:10! Remember God is with us! Z Nami Boh! Yes, it is the Good Friday in all the world, but especially in Ukraine and with Ukrainians wherever they are. As I write this I am reminded of the Great Feast Day of our Church, the Annunciation to Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary by the Archangel Gabriel which, when you read this, will be over. However, “The Annunciation”, the proclamation of the Good News is never over! Through the Cross, joy has come to all the world! After Good Friday will come the Resurrection! We pray, O Lord, once again raise Ukraine, and save us all!

In Sacred Scripture (“That would be The Holy Bible, for those of you in Rio Linda,” as our friend Rush, of Blessed Memory, would say) often numbers are used in a way that they carry a powerful meaning, and are sometimes called mystical numbers. Some of these “special numbers” are 3, 7, 12, 40, 50, and 70, to name some of them. Today I want to tell you about one of these special numbers, which carries special



meaning for us, the number 40. Here are a few famous “40 instances”: Noah was in the Ark 40 days and nights. Moses fasted 40 days and nights and went up to the Holy Mountain where he remained for 40 days and nights. The Hebrew people were in the desert for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights. Jesus walked this earth for 40 days and nights after His Resurrection. After the “forty days” of these various Biblical events, be it actually 40 days or 40 years, look at how it shows completion after trial. See how in the end, after the 40 days, God is revealing himself...to Noah, to Moses, to Elijah, to you and me!

In the Liturgical cycle of the Eastern Catholic Church we also find the number forty giving us encouragement to strengthen our faith. We have a beautiful custom usually simply called “The Fortieth Day”. After a person dies, a Liturgy is to be served for the newly reposed on the fortieth day. Now the summit of the mountain is reached, now the earthly journey is completed...now our loved one sees God face to Face! Now we pray that our loved one is WITH God! The fortieth day!

During this time of the Great Fast we also have a service called “sorokousty” which literally means “forty mouths.” This refers to the ancient practice of forty monks or priests praying for the dead. Sorokousty is a special prayer during the Great Fast when we remember our family and friends who have gone before us and we renew our relationship with these special loved ones and with God. Yes, their journey is over, and we pray often and fervently that they are in that place where there is no longer any pain, or sighing or sorrow, but only Life Everlasting!” The “40 Days of Life” are changed to Heavenly Joy!

You guessed correctly! All this is what this holy time of the year, our yearly tithe, is all about! The “great and saving forty days”, the title used this week, is actually the time of “The Great Fast”, as it is known in our Eastern Church or “Lent” in the West. These forty days of the Great Fast are actually a journey within a journey as we travel to the Kingdom of Heaven. Our prayer, our faith, our journey finds its fulfillment in the vision of our Risen Lord, who then ascends into heaven and sends us His Holy Spirit...Pascha and the Paschal time! We are striving now for the conclusion of our struggles of this 40 day Lenten journey where we will spiritually see our Lord, Risen from the Dead on April 17 (ns).

Notice how the days of our earthly pilgrimage, this time of our life from conception to death, are as the Lenten journey! When we finish our time here, we will see our God, face to face and not veiled or hidden. So the Great Fast is indeed a figure of the Great Journey we travel from our very first breath to our very last as we go back to our heavenly home... Remember the writer of Hebrews tells us: “For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. (Hebrews 13:14) We are climbing the mountain to the Kingdom...to that place where we hope to hear our Lord say to us, “Enter into the Kingdom which has been prepared for you, O Good and Faithful servant!”

Each year, every one of us is called to pay, as it were, a spiritual tithe for the year. Remember, a tithe is 10 percent to be given back to the Lord. So every year we realize the great blessing and gift that is our celebration of the Resurrection and we give back to the Lord these 40 days, “our tithe”, about ten percent of the days of the year in prayer and preparation for the holiest of all the days, the Glorious Resurrection from the dead of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. From our vesperal prayers as we begin the journey of The Great Fast, we hear: “Let us receive with joy, O faithful, the divinely inspired announcement of the Great Fast...Let us pray to behold the fulfillment of Pascha (Easter), the true Revelation... Let us prepare for adoring the Cross and Resurrection of Christ our God!” (from Vespers on Tuesday of Cheese-fare) So after the 40 days of Great Fast we

spiritually see and receive our God! After our “40 days” upon this earth, our journey of this life, which He has given us for our salvation, WE will, please God, be with him forever!

“The door of divine repentance has been opened. Let us enter with fervor...in obedience to Christ Who has called the whole world to His heavenly kingdom, offering to the Master of all this tithe of the year, that we may look with love upon His Holy Resurrection. Let us put aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, that passing through the Great Fast as through a great sea we may reach the third-day Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of our souls.” (from Forgiveness Vespers)

Let us, Dear Brothers and Sisters, go forward these few remaining weeks of the Fast with renewed vigor and piety. Let us walk our 40 days and nights, knowing that in the end, after we pass through the dread Passion of our Lord on Holy and Great Friday, we will indeed see the Resurrection of our Lord! Thank God for these “great and saving days” of our journey, the journey “where we get to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him and to be happy with Him forever!” (Baltimore Catechism)

Let us, Dear Brothers and Sisters, live our lives like those other “forty” people of the Bible! In the end, after our trials, struggles and tribulation of this valley of tears, we will see Him! Imagine that! Salvation! The Face of God! The Holy Mother! The Angels! The Saints! Heaven! “Maranatha! Come Lord!”

May the Lord continue to bless your Fast and lead you to His Holy Resurrection!

May the Lord continue to bless you always and lead you to His Kingdom!

Fr Ray

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!

From the brief talk at Stations of the cross in St. Joseph Cathedral, March 25, 2022

Today, we are praying the Stations of the Cross. There are 14 different stations. We remember what hatred did to our Lord. From carrying the cross to his crucifixion. But then the resurrection came. And we rejoice in Christ’s mission of salvation.

Now Ukraine lives through different stations of the cross. This horrendous war has become the Ukrainian way of the cross.

Already, a full month, Ukraine has fought for freedom, for dignity. A long month, and who knows how much more this country can endure without the support of the NATO nations around them. Sanctions will not stop the Russian President.

Sanctions will not prevent further loss of life in Ukraine.

We desire this war to end today, we certainly hope and pray that it will finish before Easter, because good Friday is upon us every day.

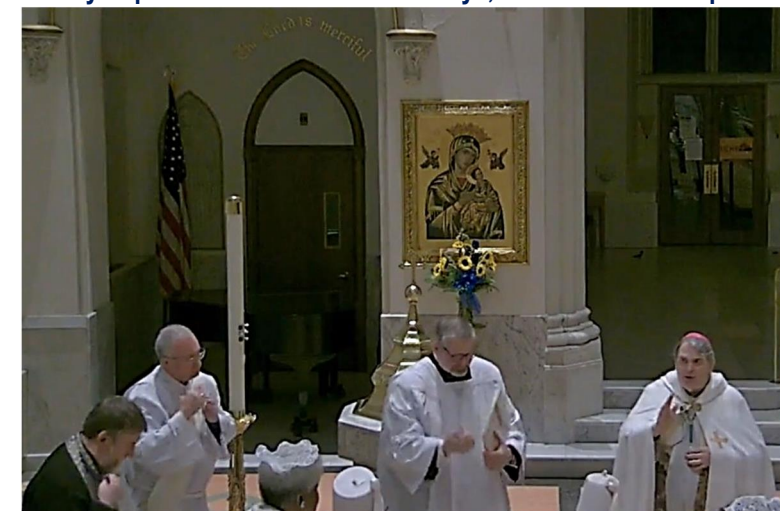
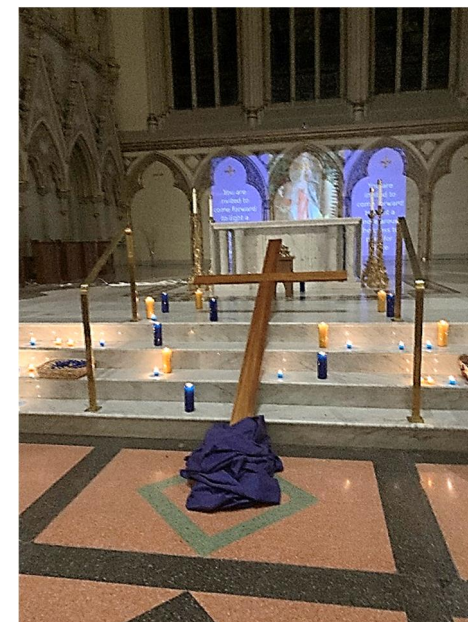
There are many stations of the cross in Ukraine right now: Mariopol, Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Donetsk, Luhansk, Sevastopol, Slavutych, Mykolaiv, Sumy, Herson, Zhytomyr, Ohtyrka, Odesa, Hostomel, Izium, Chornobaivka and many more different stations, different cities, different villages made to bear their cross. Many areas have been destroyed. From houses to the churches, from food warehouses to universities, from bridges to hospitals - and even a children’s hospital and maternity ward. Galleries and museums rich in Ukrainian history and art -

destroyed. Everything is done to destroy our culture, our history... our way of life.

Such times as these indeed give birth to many heroes, who were born out of love for their people and homeland, who are ready to make any kind of sacrifice, even giving up their own lives to protect Ukraine.

This war, so dreadful against the Ukrainian people, also reveals to the world the great unity of the people: church unity, national unity, even political unity, regardless of their church or religious affiliations. This dream of unity became reality - unity to defend and defeat the enemy. It is important to persevere our lives, our liberties, and our freedoms, and be victorious... or Russia’s war will not end with Ukraine.

God is with us, something every nation needs to understand. Whether it be - those who try to help Ukraine in different ways, or those who help their



enemies financially, who are not ready to take their businesses out of Russia, and those who try to destroy us.

May all nations Remember - God is with us!