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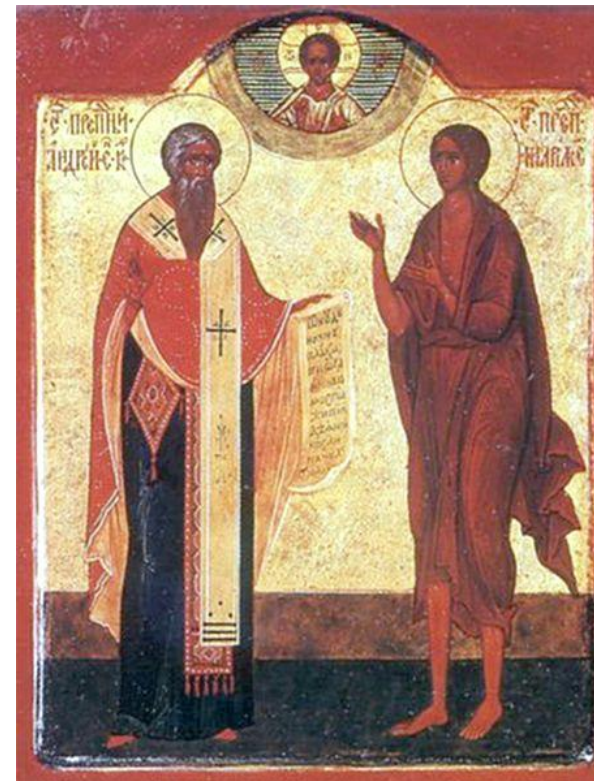
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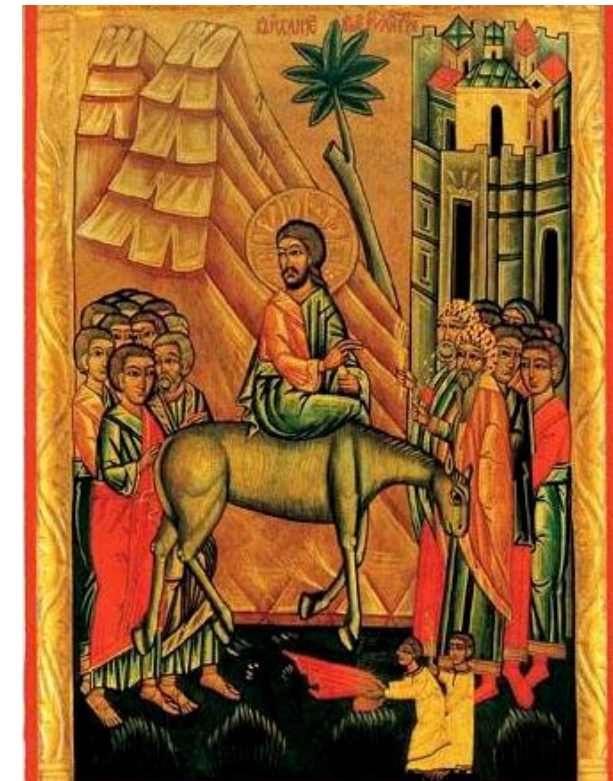
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**CHURCH BULLETIN – N<sup>o</sup>14**

**April 1 – 2012 – 1 Квітня**  
**ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК – Ч. 14**



**Преподна Мати Маріє,  
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**Вхід в Єрусалим  
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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**April 1: Palm Sunday – Квітна Н. (Gr.)**

**12:00 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян**  
**End of Parish Mission**

**Mon., April 2 – Пон., 2 Квітня**

See Julian

**Tue., April 3 – Вівторок, 3 Квітня**

See Julian

**Wednesday, April 4 – Середа, 4 Квітня**

9:00

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

**Holy Th., April 5 – Вел. Чет., 5 Квітня**

**6:00 PM 12 Gospels – Утренья Страстей**

**Good Fri., April 6 – Вел. П'ят., 6 Квітня**

**5:30 PM Vespers and Entombment**  
**Виставлення Плащаниці**

**Great Sat., April 7 – Вел. Суб., 7 Квітня**

**3:15 PM Blessing of the Baskets**  
**& 5:45 PM Благословення Кошиків**  
**4:00 PM Liturgy of St. Basil – Св. Василя**  
**(No Sunday Liturgy at 4:30 today!!!)**

**April 8: EASTER – ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ**

**6:15 AM Nadhrobne - Надгробне**  
**6:45 AM Matins – Воскр. Утренья**  
**8:00 AM Easter Liturgy – Літургія**  
**12:00 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян**

**Eternal Light burns for**  
**+John Kolotylo**  
**Requ. By Jagodzinski Family**

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## ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

**1 Квітня: 5 Неділя Посту**

**m**

**10:00 р. +Ярослав і Галина Литвин**  
**(Володимир і Ненсі)**

**Реколекції - Місії**

**Понеділок, 2 Квітня**

9:00 . + 40 . . ( )

**Вівторок, 3 Квітня**

8:15 . +Mary Lucas Verostko (Marianne)

**Субота, 7 Квітня - БЛАГОВІЩЕННЯ**

**10:00 р. За Парохіян**

**8 Квітня: КВІТНА НЕДІЛЯ**

**10:00 р. +Андрій Войчак (А. Телюк)**

**Пожертви на Патріяший**  
**Фонд – Свята Софія**  
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**Можна передати:**  
**п. Онуфрієві Білоголовському**  
**Або п. Миколі Паславському.**  
**Сердечна Подяка!**



**St. Josaphat's Church in Rochester, NY**

Clergy from the Buffalo and Syracuse deaneries will be celebrating St. Basil's Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM on Holy Thursday, April 5th, commemorating the institution of priesthood. All are invited. Light lunch to follow, but please contact the rectory by Monday if you plan to attend!

о. Пилип Вайнер, парох Св. Йосафата в Рочестері запрошує на відправу Вел. Четверга о 10 год р. Якщо плянуєте взяти участь – дайте знате, задля числа осіб на обід по відправі.

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- **KITCHEN** – is open Fridays 11 AM - 3 PM. Thank you for your help and patronage.
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**Parish Mission:** March 30 – April 1, 2012

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## ДЯКУЄМО - THANK YOU!

Сердечна подяка усім, що працюють в кухні. Вашою працею, як і Вашими жертвами, Ви підтримуєте фінансово нашу парохію. Хай Господь благословить Вас і Вашу родину.

**На Многая і Благая Літа!**

Ми потребуємо допомогу у цей понеділок і вівторок по 8-ій годині рано, щоб виконати замовлення на Великодні Свята. Потребуємо також нових сил. Просимо прийти. Мені переказали, що це буде також нагодою навчитися як робити вареники і голубці, якщо б це було потрібно...



Thanks are extended to all those who helped in the kitchen. This kind of volunteer work shows your concern about well-being of our Parish. Mnohaya Lita! We need more help for this Monday and Tuesday after 8 AM in order to fulfill the orders for the Easter. If you are not sure how to do it our Ladies will teach you. Thank you and may the good Lord Bless you abundantly! Hope to see you soon!!!  
**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!!!**

## GOD BLESS! - СПАСИБІГ!

Mission in our Parish ends today. Thank you fr. Mykola, Fr. Andriy, Fr. Robert and fr. Ray for your willingness to share your spiritual insight with us. May the Lord richly bless you and your families!!!



Місії-Реколекції кінчаються сьогодні. Сердечна подяка усім священикам нашого Деканату, які згодилися спільним зусиллям провести ці дні поділившись з нами своїми духовними думками, закликаючи нас до роздумування над тим що в горі по приклад Марії Єгипетської, Івана Ліствичника, Єфрема Сирина. Хай Господь Благословить Вас усіх і Ваші Родини! Дякуємо!

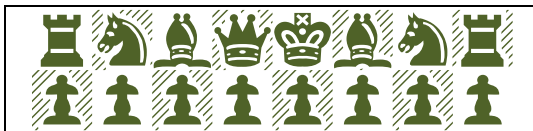


## From St. Patrick Day Chess Tournament



**Martyn, Taras, Victor, Ostap, Andrii, Bohdan**

On March 17 a chess tournament took place at "Global Concept" in Lackawanna. 7 members of "Ridna Shkola" competed. (Mykola is absent from the photo.) For all of them it was a first tournament and hopefully not the last one. In unrated section Martyn and Victor won 1 and 2 place respectively. Bohdan was 2 and Andrii 6 in under 700 section. Congratulations!



Учні «Рідної Школи» взяли участь у Шаховому Турнірі з нагоди Дня Св. Патріка, 17 Березня. На знімці з ліва на право: Мартин Савка, Тарас Назаревич, Віктор Бандрівський, Остап Ткаліч, Андрій Шутка і Богдан Меленчук. Микола Курій мусів скорше відійти. Богдан взяв друге а Андрій 6 місце в секції нище 700 пунктів. Мартин і Віктор змагалися в секції без «рейтингу» і взяли перше і друге місце. Більшість з них стрічаються що понеділка при парохії. Де розвивають своє шахове знання. Гратулюємо молодим шахматистам.

## Opening our Hearts To the Buffalo City Mission

До 1. Квітня збираємо  
«City Mission».  
Сердечно дякуємо усім!  
\* \* \*

"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 were running an **Open our Hearts** collection of food and items for the Buffalo City Mission. Thank you all for your donations!

## SAVE THE DATE

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

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## Please Note: - УВАГА!!! Увага!!

**St. Nicholas Easter Diner**  
Will be held on April 22, 2012  
Please attend.

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**Свячення церкви Св. Миколая  
Відбудеться 22 Квітня, 2012.  
Просимо взяти участь!**

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## Молитва св. Єфрема Сирина (+373)

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)



Успіння преп. Єфрема Сирина  
The death of St. Ephrem

## 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!

April 1, 2012

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

Ol' Man Winter is still being very nasty to us, and especially to the farmers. Temps were from below freezing to very below freezing in Western NY, and all the way down to Pennsylvania and up into New England. We've recently come through those very warm spring days, and now are now getting many reports on the TV of concerned farmers, especially the fruit growers. There are already definitely damaged blossoms, and we are in for more very cold weather and even snow this week. It's a long way till May 19 and what is known around here as "the last frost." Like I said last week, don't forget to whisper a prayer for all the growers, who must be in real panic mode these days. It certainly looks as if the entire growing season, hence their livelihood, is in big trouble.

Last Friday, March 23, we were downtown at the gathering called, "Stop the HHS Mandate." It was a very successful demonstration of the call for freedom. We heard from seven excellent speakers, clergy and laity, not only Catholics, but of other Christian denominations as well. I was a bit disappointed as I thought more priests and religious would be there, but it was encouraging to note the local Bishop, Edward Kmiec, did send a lay representative from the Chancery. Also one of the Catholic schools came with a busload of their students, and it was very good to see that. But there should have been more, lots more, attending to lend their support. It is always baffling to me why Catholics remain so silent, especially when our faith is attacked; especially when our numbers and voices are so important. We all know if this "problem of the Obama Mandate" had to do with the Muslim religion, how very different would the protests be!

The rally began at noon on a picture perfect day in front of the new federal building (U.S. Courthouse) here in downtown Buffalo, and also in over 160 cities across this beloved country. The organizers happily reported over 1000 people were at the local rally. The Buffalo News surprisingly printed a story about the rally smack dab on the front page of Saturday's edition along with other pictures on "the picture page."

I don't know anything much about how things went in other cities, only to say that they were all successful in raising public awareness to this atrocious attack on freedom by this administration. I do know also, that whenever we try to do something good the Evil One begins his attacks. Things appeared to have run smoothly and problem free, but in speaking with some of the organizers we found out that they encountered some serious organizational problems, especially having to do with the site of the demonstration and the acquiring of proper permits. The meeting almost did not happen.

One of the biggest problems facing the organizers was the necessity for, and the acquiring of, the permit to hold the gathering. I was told the permit issue was an "on again, off again" issue right from the very start of the request process. Finally, after issuing the permit, it was suddenly withdrawn for reasons only known to the politicians. However, with much

prayer and persistence (Remember: *"With patience and fortitude the elephant climbed the apple tree!"*) a second permit was issued, but with the stipulation that the meeting would be in a different location than the place previously agreed upon.



The permit issue at first appeared to be an insurmountable hindrance, but actually turned into a "God-incidence." The main condition of the new permit stipulated the group would have to gather at the new federal building, rather than at the one previously selected, where Senator Schumer has his office. What was incredible, beautiful and blessed was the fact that this gathering, protesting loss of religious freedom, now was "forced" to stand facing the new glass building of the U.S. Courthouse on Niagara Square, under those beautifully etched glass windows. Guess what's written on those windows? The text of the UNITED STATES CON-

STITUTION!!! How appropriate! Folks, you just can't make this stuff up....God is with us!!

Another amazing "God-incidence" was the appearance in the crowd of a woman carrying a sign that read, "Give me Liberty or give me death!" Patrick Henry's famous quote from....get this: March 23, 1775. That's right!

237 years to the day! I probably learned that quote in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and I certainly never thought that we'd be fighting for those very same free-



doms as did our founding fathers! This gathering will be the first of many more in the future as the speakers pointed out. Our "government" has awakened "the sleeping giant." The battle with tyranny and evil will not go away until the Great King comes in all His glory.

And speaking of the King of Glory, today is "Flowery/Palm Sunday" on the new calendar and is the real "Christ the King Sunday!" We welcome this ONE who is the Way, the Truth and the Life! Let us carry our victory branches high and welcome Him, Who gives us Life and Salvation. Let it never be said about us that "He came unto His own and His own knew Him not." (John 1: 11)

The Lord said, "We must go up to Jerusalem." Let us begin our journey as we once again walk in the "great Today," and go to suffer and die with Him and then rise with Him. In the few days remaining of this Great Fast, let us continue to pray, fast and give alms. Let us continue to renew and repent. Let us continue to accept this "God with us," who shows us the Father and gives us the Holy Spirit. There are many dark, troubling and scary things in this world, but if we believe in this God who saves, and if we continually follow Him, we have everything we need. Indeed this is "the Good News!" When we have the Lord, we ALWAYS have the Good News!

Be Blessed especially during this Great and Holy Week before us. Be strong and faithful in the dark days. Be radiant for the Glorious Feast of Pascha, HIS (and our) Resurrection from the dead! God willing, and the creek don't rise, I'll write again next week, probably with some "mouth-watering thoughts of how I intend to "break the fast!"

May the Lord bless you and cause His face to shine upon you! May He grant you His peace. Holy Mary Theotokos pray unto God for us and protect us!

In His Love,  
Fr. Ray *Fr. Ray*



### З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Сьогодні 5-та неділя Вел. Посту в якій згадуємо приподобну Марію Єгепитську. Свята церква подає нам її до розважування як приклад покаяння. Вона нам указує на потребу внутрішньої переміни, щоби ми належно підготувалися до літургичної прослави Воскресіння Господнього.

За словами Св. Софронія, Єрусалимського патріярха, приподобна мати Марія походить з Олександрії в Єгипті. Була гарної вроди і провадила розпусне життя. Одного разу порішила вона відвідати Святу Землю, і подалася туди, не щоб помолитися на святих місцях але щоб як турист з цікавості на них подивитися. Згідно з легендою хотіла вон увійти до одної з церков, але не могла це зробити, бо якась невидима сила її там не впускала. Зрозуміла вона тоді, що це грішне життя не дозволяє її увійти до середини, і вона в ту хвилину порішила змінитися, і вже не було труднощі увійти до храму. Молилася вона там довго, а коли вийшла, ніхто її вже не міг впізнати. Полишила вона старе товариство і подалася до пустині, де через 47 років у пості і молитві покутувала за свої гріхи. Її пам'ять святкуємо також 1 згідно 14 квітня. Померла Марія коло 521 року а за іншими данами 441 року або на переломі 5/6 століть. Рік перед її смертю зустрів її у пустині Ігумен одного монастиря на ім'я Зосим і запричащав її, а коли перед наступними Великодними святами він знова прийшов на це місце, знайшов її мертву і поховав її недалеко свого монастиря у місті Саука, де

згодом збералися прочани помолитися при її гробі. Св. Марія Єгепитська, грішна жінка стала учителькою покаяння, а Зосим, що сам навчав став її учнем і нам передав цю повчальну історію життя преподобної Марії.

Хто з нас не грішить? Можливо наші гріхи не більші від гріхів Марії Єгипетської, але і наша любов до Господа напевно не перевершає її любови. Ми не відреклися Христа як Петро, але ж ми не маємо сліз покаяння Св. Петра. Ми не затаїли Христа як Тома, але ми не маємо пізнішої ревности Св. Томи. Ми не переслідували церкву як Савло, але й не обороняємо її як Св. Павло.

Підчас минулого тижня по наших церквах відправлялася утрenna з поклонами де співали ми Великий Канон св. Андрея Критського. Цей канон відзначається глибокими думками і сильним духом покути. Тут наводяться різні приклади і події з обидвох завітів, починаючи від Адама а кінчаючи на Христовому вознесінні. І закликає нас автор канону, щоб наслідувати правдивих, а оминати приклади грішників. Углибившись у слухання цього канону ми глибоко переживаємо не тільки давні події, але стараємося порівняти їх до подій в нашому власному житті, і зробити висновок для нашого майбутнього поступування.

«Божественний Зосима здивувався, коли справді побачив у тобі нове чудо, ангела бо побачив у тілі і страхом сповнився увесь оспівуючи Христа ввіки.»

**Преподобна мате Маріє,  
Моли Бога за нас.**

### From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Sara sat in her pew, listening to Father Stan talk about the Palm Sunday story. As she listened, she pulled off a piece of the palm leaf she held in her hands. Sara imagined people in robes and sandals waving palms and laying them on the path before Jesus as he rode into the city. Sara imagined that if any of the people knew about autographs at that time, they would have been asking Jesus for one! Sara's mom nudged her with an elbow and whispered, "Pay attention," which was annoying because she was paying attention. Sara looked up at the priest but continued to peel away another strip of palm the same size as the first. Then she folded and tucked the strips until she had made a cross. Father Stan was talking about why Jesus was so popular with the common people. It was not only because of the miracles and healings, but also because he was so kind and welcoming to everyone. The priest said that this was something everyone should do. Everyone could try to be more thoughtful of others. Sara looked down at the palm cross and turned it over and over in her hand as an idea formed. Her mom tapped her arm and murmured, "Stop fiddling." When Sara's family got home after church, she asked everyone to give her their palm leaves. Then she went to work in her room. For the next hour she peeled strips of palm, folding and tucking them into crosses. When her mom called upstairs to tell her it was time to go visit Grandma at the nursing home, she was ready. Usually, Sara would bring her magazines or something to do when visiting her grandmother. The nursing home wasn't exactly a fun place; but today, armed with a small paper bag full of gifts, Sara was excited. "Hi, Grandma," she said as she leaned down and hugged her grandmother's shoulders and kissed her softly on the cheek. "I brought you something from Church." Sara presented one of her crosses, tied at one end with a scrap of ribbon. "Thank you, sweetheart. It's beautiful." Her Grandma ran her thumbs over the smooth palm. "I'll treasure it." She lifted her face and Sara gave her another kiss. Sara waved her paper bag. "I've got tons more. Do you think people will want them?" "So that's what you've been doing since Church." Sara's mom said

with a smile and a wink. "I guess you were paying attention." Sara went through the nursing home with her mother, passing out her Palm Sunday gifts and collecting a lot of hugs and kisses from people she didn't even know. But it sure felt good to do something for others that would brighten their day. Sara thought she knew how Jesus must have felt when everybody was so happy to see him enter Jerusalem. It was certainly a good way to begin Holy Week!

While today is Palm Sunday, tomorrow begins our Holy Week, the week of Christ's passion, a week when the Lord of Life will face death. During this time of Holy Week, we must focus our journey with Jesus in a more intense and spiritual way. We may even begin to ask ourselves: How can I walk with Jesus to the Cross? Today's Gospel reading directs our thoughts toward becoming more faithful followers and disciples of Christ. We pray that we can journey with Jesus to the Cross, and not run and hide in fear as His disciples did. Holy Week is the time when Jesus will cleanse the temple of the money changers and teach those who are willing to listen. A week when He will explain about authority that comes from God and admire a widow who puts two pennies into the offering box because it is all that she had. A week when He will break bread and offer the cup of forgiveness to his disciples, knowing even as He does this that one will betray Him and another will deny that He ever knew Him. He will be arrested, tried, beaten, convicted, and sentenced to death as a common criminal. The question for us on Palm Sunday is still the same: Who do we think Jesus is? Can you and I answer that question with the same measure of faith that the Roman officer uttered while Jesus was dying on the cross and praying for the forgiveness of the entire world? "Surely, this was the Son of God." During this week of Christ's Passion, let us reflect on the life and teachings of Jesus as we look to the Cross. And while we search the timber of the cross and trace the braid of thorns in his crown with our thoughts – let us pause and listen.

**Perhaps we will hear Jesus whisper:**

***"I did this for you."***