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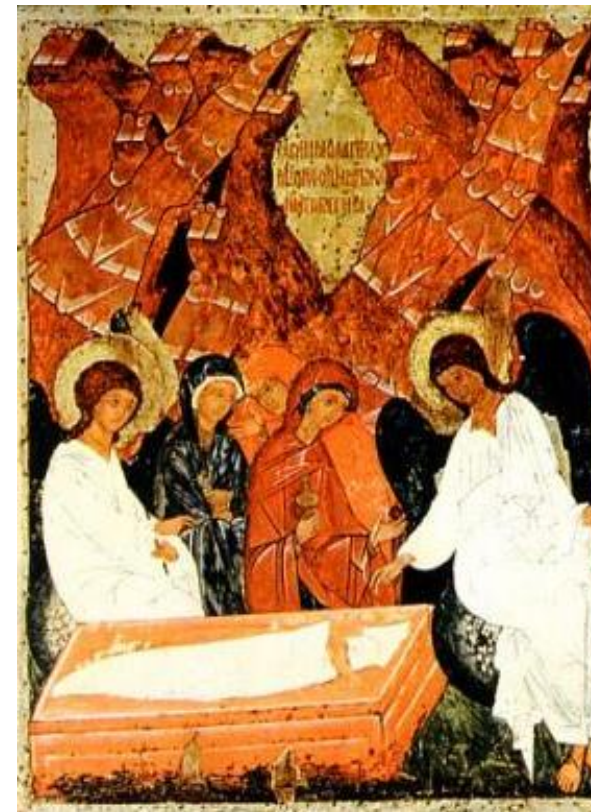
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April 29 – 2012 – 29 Квітня
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April 29: S of Paralytic – Н. Розслаб.

12:00 PM Michael Michalow & +Slawko Michaliw – birthdays (Michelle)

Mon., April 30 – Пон., 30 Квітня

8:15 M . (.)

Tue., May 1 – Вівторок, 1 Травня

8:15 M ø (. .)

11:00 Carol Ann Brown ó 40 day
(Mary Ann & Norma DuBois)

Wed., May 2 – Середа, 2 Травня

10:00 M + a (.)

12:00 PM Moleben -

Thu., May 3 – Четвер, 3 Травня

8:15 M For all deceased members of the
Family (Anthony Majda)

Fri., May 4 – П'ятниця, 4 Травня

8:15 M +
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12:00 PM Moleben -

Sat., May 5 – Субота, 5 Травня

12:45 PM + . . р ó
For dec. Ukr. American sportsmen
(Orest Prytula, Bohdan Yurkiw, Mykola Onysko, Andrij Worobel, Severyn Papisz, Taras Sarachman, Slawko Michaliw, Wasył Drozdowsky, Valentyn Vdovyuk)

4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

May 6: S of Sam. W. – Н. Самарянки.

11:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION

Please Note – Увага! Увага!

There is only one Liturgy May 6 at 11
Одна Св. Літургія 6 Травня о 11 р.

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

29 Квітня: Н. Жінок Миронос.

10:00 р. +Vera Dorothy Dubas Liskiewicz (+2/10/12) (Nancy & Bill Weigand & children)

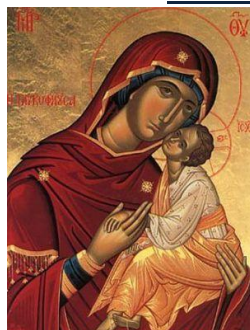
6 Травня: Н. Розславленого

11:00 р. Торжественне Св. Причастя

**Eternal Light burns for
+Mary Petryshyn
Requ. By Tekla Moczerniak**

**(Г) Вічне Світло в честь ПДМ (2)
Горить на Славу Божу**

Mothers Day Brunch



The religion students and their catechists would like to invite all parishioners and their families to attend the Mother's Day breakfast being held on Sunday, May 13th immediately following both liturgies. Eggs, pancakes, sausages, hash browns, fruit, and beverages will be served for a minimal suggested donation of \$5/ person. Proceeds will benefit St. Nicholas Parish and its religious education program. We hope to see you there!

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ed to members of choir “Mriya” for
their performance. May the Lord
abundantly bless you!

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If you are interested and have met the qualifications, please see Father Marijan for an Application.

The DEADLINE FOR FILING IS JUNE 1, 2012

Open our Hearts

The religious education students from Saint Nicholas Parish in Buffalo, New York decided to do something special as part of their own Lenten Journey, by helping those families less fortunate in their community through the organization of an **Open our Hearts** collection of food and clothing items for the Buffalo City Mission. "What you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me" (Matthew 25:40). They asked parishioners to bring in any extra can good items, blankets, and clothing to the Church on Sundays, in order to help the men, women, and children who rely solely on the donations made by community groups to the City Mission. It was important for our Ukrainian Youth to take an active role in spreading the message of Christ throughout the community and to know that they could still make a difference in the lives of others, even during such difficult economic times. Religion students collected donations every Sunday from the start of our Great Fast through Palm Sunday. Donations were graciously received and appreciated by the Buffalo City Mission during Holy week, marking yet another meaningful spiritual journey through Lent for our parish youth. Our religion students learned a valuable lesson in the process: when we take the time to **Open our Hearts** to Christ - we can and we will make a difference in the lives of those in need. The week after Easter, our religion students received a letter from the Buffalo City Mission, which stated: "The Mission would not be able to meet the needs of those less fortunate except that individuals and groups take the time to reach out and partner with us. Your generosity is greatly needed at this time and so appreciated. We are truly grateful!" With a personal, handwritten note at the end: "Our family at the Buffalo City mission would like to extend our gratitude for your generous donation of food and clothing. Thank you! You have blessed the men, women, and children here."

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Most of our society today is in such a rush to go home from work, pick up kids from day care, keep the household chores up, make dinner for the family, and fall into bed exhausted at night. There does not seem to be much time to help others, because many people forget just how easy it can be to lend a helping hand. Even in biblical times, as we see in today's Gospel reading, people do not like to get involved because they think it requires too much time and effort, but Jesus shows us just how easy it can be to lend a helping hand, to reach out to someone in need, to make a difference in another person's life. There are countless real-life stories of people who received help and went on to help others in many amazing ways. I recently heard about a woman who was beaten by her husband and sought refuge in a shelter. There, she received business attire and support to get the best job she had ever had in her life. She works hard, gets her own home and saves money. She is now the owner of a restaurant and makes donations for the same women's shelter so that others can benefit from the help she once received. Many of us throw out clothing that we clean from our closets, but it would be just as easy to drop those clothes off at a donation box, so people in need can have them. Many churches provide donation bins for clothing, so people can donate items on their way to Sunday services. I meant a young woman a few weeks ago, who lost her husband and was raising three children on her own. Just months ago, she did not have enough money to feed her family and she needed to find a job. The young mother went to a food pantry and applied for aide. She was able to secure groceries and food for her family, and volunteers at the pantry even helped her find a job. Now this young woman volunteers to package and sort goods for other families in need. There are food pantries in every city that accept food donations daily. They pick up donations inside area grocery stores to supply the needy and we only need to drop an item or two into the food barrel to help. On a much larger scale, consider what is happening to families throughout the Midwest that have lost everything to natural disasters. The Red Cross is constantly accepting donations to accommodate

so many in need. When those tornadoes struck through the south and Midwest, lives were lost, homes and even communities were destroyed, and people were left homeless; trying to piece together what little they have left. This is when neighbors who do not even know each other band together to help one another. They sort through the rubble, make emergency repairs, and share sources of food and water with each other. The elderly are helped by complete strangers to a safe environment, and trips to receive emergency food and water are organized in a network of people who are all pulling together to make the best of a bad situation. Many times a simple gesture of goodwill toward another human being who is in need of help will give them the courage to thrive. Most people who really appreciate the help they are given will give back to the community as soon as they can. When I read about the man in today's Gospel, who for 38 years was abandoned and cast aside, until Jesus asked him if he wanted to be healed, I pray that had we been there – any one of us would have stopped to help him too.

Truthfully, there are people in need all around us. Do we offer them the chance to be well? Do we welcome them in our lives, into our circle of friends, in our Churches and among our communities? What message has Christ given us in today Gospel reading? Not only did Jesus not withhold Himself from anyone; He intentionally sought out the deserted, the helpless, the outcast, the poor, and the lame. Christ died for your sins and He died for my sins; He died for the sins of all humanity. Christ came to earth with a mission; He came to bring salvation to the world. No matter how many years we are given in this lifetime here on Earth, we can all be certain of one very important and amazing detail: Jesus loves us with a love that we cannot even begin to comprehend. This must be our faith, our conviction, and our message of reconciliation for the whole world – because Jesus is among His faithful, every day, still actively touching lives in amazing ways. The Savior of the world is here, and He has come with the power and the glory of His Resurrection. And when Jesus hears the cry, "*Lord, I have no one,*" He should likewise hear our response: 'Yes, Lord, they have me.'

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

April 29, 2012 A.D.

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

Yikes! Did I really write April 29??!! No doubt about it, this month was a blur. Holy Week, Pascha and a few dinners, etc., certainly brought us quickly to the "May flowers," didn't they? Generally speaking, as we get a bit older, time does seem to move quickly, but for us who prepare bulletins, it seems to go that much quicker as we are always one week ahead of 'real time' preparing for the upcoming weekend. It's even worse for you guys who do bulletins once a month! You're already writing and thinking about Memorial Day! Don't know how you do it! I often think about the buyers and ad people in various businesses, such as the clothing industry or seasonal foods. They are also living months ahead, as they purchase the goods, and line up advertising, etc., etc. I'm sure they are at rocket speed with their calendars!

April was a beautiful and prayer filled month and now we turn to the month of the May flowers, and begin the offering of our special prayers to Our Lady the Theotokos. Hopefully, we can attend a few *Molebens* during this coming month, and so present our needs, and the needs of the world, to her. Even if you are unable to get to that particular service, please do offer your special and extra prayers to our heavenly Mother during May, and ask her to take our prayers and present them, even as bouquets of roses to her Son and our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ! The world needs her intercession now more than ever before! This month is a great opportunity to deepen, or renew, our love and devotion to the holy and blessed Lady. God willing, we will take advantage of the grace-filled time and allow her to be our guide to her Son and our God.

Last Sunday after our Divine Liturgy in Niagara Falls we scooted over to "our old stomping

grounds" in Welland, Ontario. I was invited to concelebrate at an Hierarchical Liturgy with His Grace Philip Kocsis, visiting from Hajdudorug, Hungary. Bishop was in southern Ontario to visit the Hungarian Greek-Catholic communities. It was good to be with this deeply spiritual bishop, who celebrates the Liturgy so magnificently, reminding me of being at the Holy Table when our Patriarch Lubomyr celebrated the Holy Liturgy.

There were twelve priests and two deacons with His Grace in the Altar, and a full church. It was very good to be there. Following the service we all went downstairs to the parish hall for a great Hungarian meal from bread and salad to the tortes. And, as they used to say in the old days: "A good time was had by all!"

This coming Tuesday the Buffalo and Syracuse deaneries will gather at St. Josaphat parish in Rochester for a "Financial Workshop." The pastors, parish trustees and all who give their time, talent and treasure to the proper well-being of the material things of the parish will be attending. Bishop Paul and other Chancery officials will also be there to conduct the proceedings. The reason for the meeting is simply to be sure all of us are on the same page when it comes to "render unto Caesar, that which is Caesar's." It's getting more and more difficult to do this because Mr. Caesar seems to want more and more of that which is not his to have! I'm sure it will be a beneficial meeting. BTW, your priests, will be out of town on Tuesday from around noon til about 8 or 9pm.

When you read your letter last week it must have made you chuckle a bit, especially the part where I wrote of the beautiful spring we were having. I wrote that in the middle of the week and by the weekend we had forecasters predicting another "storm of the century." They told us that beginning late Sunday (April 22) and continuing all day Monday (April 23), from western PA, up through the southern tier of NY and on into the Niagara Frontier, we should expect 12 to 24 inches of heavy wet snow, which would cause trees to come down and cause massive power outages.

None of it happened here, and for the most part, the areas that did get a lot of snow suffered only slight damage and few problems. Presbytera Laryssa and Fr. Eli down in Johnstown, Pa welcomed the announcement of a “snow day” on Monday, but it was due to fear of the forecast, rather than any real problems of travel. Media hype, anyone? We, too, believed the forecast and I actually cancelled the Monday Liturgy we had scheduled in Niagara Falls in expectation of difficult travel. I was able to serve the Liturgy here in Buffalo at St. Nicholas, however. That was a good thing as it was St. George’s feast day and in addition to praying for a reposed +George, we prayed for all the people and parishes named after the holy and great martyr. (We also prayed for all named after St. Mark on Wed., April 25)

As I write to you this week it is Thursday April 26 and is the 26th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. The world and media seem to have forgotten those awful days of nuclear dread. There are very few articles on line about this tragic event even though radiation continues to pour out of the “sealed” unit to this day. Besides an article about Ukrainian president Yanukovich announcing the start of construction for an environmentally safe containment unit (we’ll believe it when it’s done), there was another interesting article that the former nuclear plant is actually an “extreme tourist” destination. For some people with a lot of money and time (or maybe not so much time) there are tours that go right on to the site as well as the abandoned city of Pripyat. I don’t know why anyone other than scientists or environmental people would want to expose themselves to the large doses of radiation, but they do. “For those who died in and from the tragedy, and for those who continue to suffer to this day, let us pray to the Lord.”



The courageous Bishop Daniel Jenky, who spoke out on April 14 about attacks on religious freedom, continues to be attacked in the press. He is a trustee at the University of Notre Dame and a number of professors there have called for him to apologize or resign. So far he has done neither, thank God!

You remember Notre Dame, don’t you? A once fine CATHOLIC institution, now catholic in name only. (Sorry Msgr. John... The only decent part left is once in a while they play good football.) This is the place that invited President Obama, the most anti life president we’ve ever had, to deliver the commencement address in 2009.

Today, Apr. 26, a group of anti-abortionists (exactly 4 of them and of the Protestant faith) stood outside Notre Dame in support of Bishop Jenky. Here is some of what they had to say: *“Here’s a bishop standing up for the faith-defending the Church and the teachings of Jesus Christ. We will stand with any bishop and defend them tooth and nail to our death. No matter what! He (Bishop Jenky) has come forward*

courageously, like no other bishop has in recent memory. We will not sit back and see him pummeled by people who pretend to be Catholic on a Catholic campus-WSBT News

We’ve got to really pray for our bishops these days that they, then the priests, then the laity will continue to be strong, courageous and fearless in combating the flagrant attacks on our freedoms. We have long ago slid down “the slippery slope” and are now near the precipice! May God have mercy on us. hear our prayers, and deliver us from every visible and invisible enemy. Till next week, God willing.....

In the love of our Risen Lord,

Fr. Ray *Fr. Ray*

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Нинішня неділя це неділя, в якій вшановуємо безкорисливість, вірність та мужність у любові. Вона пригадує нам, що лиш любов і вірність біли тим світлом, яке світило посеред темряви Христового розп’яття. Вона нас закликає до того, щоб не померла в нашому житті ані любов, ані вірність, ані безкорисливість, ані відвага. Вона засуджує нашу малодушність, наш страх за себе, наше постійне і рабське самовиправдання, яким хочемо прикрити наше небажання відкрито виявити, що ми є учнями Ісуса.

Любов має бути безкорисливою. Жінки допомагали Ісусові, служили Йому, не ставлячи жодних умов. Не питалися так, як учні: *„Ось ми покинули все і пішли за Тобою, що нам за це буде?“*. Для них вже сама близькість до Ісуса була найбільшою нагородою. Інколи саме в стражданнях показується, наскільки справжньою була любов. Невипадково народна мудрість каже: *Друзі пізнаються в біді*. Легко буває говорити високопарні слова тоді, коли нам це нічого не коштує, а може навпаки, коли із цього сподіваємося якоїсь користі для себе. Однак, щойно тоді, коли улюблена особа переживає труднощі, поразки, не може нам нічого дати, ось тоді виявляється, чи ми справді її любили і чи наша любов є здоровою. Любов любить не тому, що хоче щось отримати для себе, але тому, що хоче цілковито віддати себе іншому.

Любов не зупиняється на півдорозі. Вона є вірною. Вона ділить з улюбленою особою ціле її життя – тоді, коли

вона має успіх і тоді, коли терпить поразку, коли вона здорова і коли прикута недугою до ліжка... Любити – означає бути вірним, незважаючи на поведінку іншої сторони. Лише така любов здатна перемогти зло і пекло.

Нарешті любов є мужньою. Її притаманна непоборна внутрішня сила, яка попихає людину робити вчинки, людськи неможливі. Відвага каже людині братися за діло навіть тоді, коли вона відчуває свою безпомічність. Жінки ідуть до гробу, хоч ще не знають, як їм вдасться відвалити камінь від входу, як уникнути сторожі, яка охороняє гріб. Любов здатна переносити не тільки каміні, але навіть і гори...

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