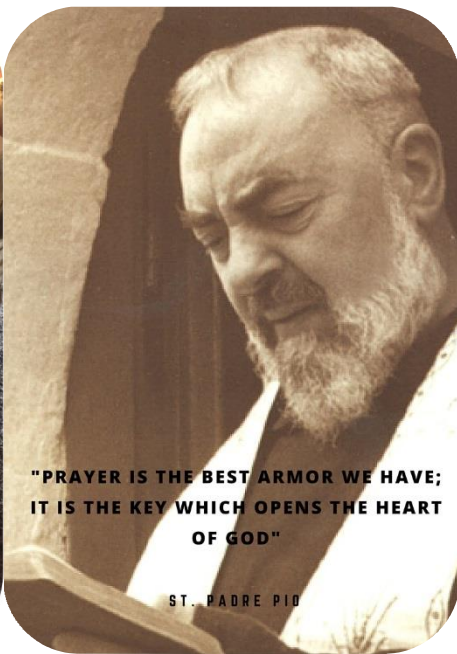




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CHURCH BULLETIN  
April 29 Квітня – 2018  
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## CHURCH BULLETIN

April 29 Квітня 2018  
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК  
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. Church  
Церква Святого Миколая  
(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)

### ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM +Bohdan, Daria, Hilda & Emma  
(Bohdar & Anna Malaniak)

April 29 S. of Samaritan W. – Н. Самарянки  
12:00 PM For Parishioners - За Парохіян

Monday, April 30 Квітня, Понеділок  
8:00 AM +Andrew Diakun (Акасія Т. Belmega)

Tuesday, May 1 Травня, Вівторок  
9:00 AM +Лесія Лисак Тивонюк (Оля Чмола)

Wednesday, May 2 Травня, Середа  
9:00 AM +Марія, Петро і Орест Мандзій  
(М. Т. Паславський)

6:15 PM Moleben - Молебень до Богородиці

Thursday, May 3 Травня, Четвер  
8:00 AM +Joseph Procyk (Mary Ann DuBois)

Friday, May 4 Травня, П'ятниця  
12:00 PM +Ірина Войчак (Долорес Бараницька)

12:45 PM Moleben - Молебень до Богородиці

Saturday, May 5 Травня, Субота  
12:00 PM +Dec. members of  
Ukrainian American Sportsmen

4:30 PM +Larry Kinsella (Oksana & Lesia)

May 6 S. of Man born blind – Н. Сліпородж.  
No noon Liturgy May 6. - Solemn Holy Communion

Eternal Light burns for  
+Julia Popiel Mochnac  
Requ. by Orysia & Michael Dail

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29 Квітня: Неділя Розслабленого

10:00 р. +Іван Гусейко (Донька)

6 Травня: Неділя Самарянки

10:00 р. +Ярослав Стасюк (М. і Л. Стасюк)

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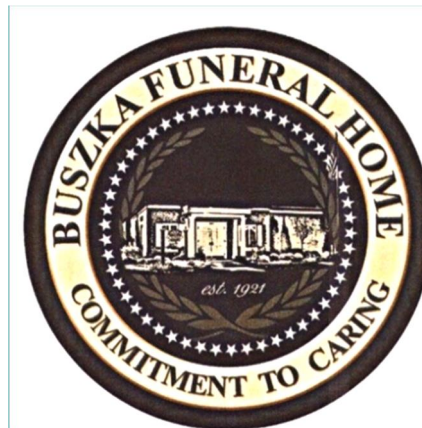
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5,6,7, 2018 at the Hyatt Place Hotel in  
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Solemn Holy Communion is scheduled in  
St. Nicholas Church next Sunday, May 6.



→ Next UCCA meeting is 6:30pm Friday,  
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**From the Letter of Fr. Robert — (Thank You Fr. Robert)**

For the past couple of weeks I have been thinking and meditating on the gospel we read today in our Ukrainian Catholic Church, that of the Samaritan Woman. This time I have been looking at the issue of the woman coming to draw water at noon, the original text calls it the sixth hour. The hours were anciently counted from dawn on. So 9 AM is the third hour, 12 noon is the sixth hour, 3 PM is the ninth hour, etc. People will avoid any kind of work from noon until 3 PM. It's the hottest time of the day. For sure no one was drawing water at that time. Back then, people used to be born, be raised and died within a few miles. Meaning that this woman most possibly had to deal with seen her exes and their family and their new wives or girlfriends all the time. A very uncomfortable and perhaps painful experience that moved her to come out at noon, when no one will be drawing water, in order to omit the painful experience of meeting others that remind her of painful past times or who will further humiliate her...

I find many shut-ins that are not sick, or in any way physically afflicted. They simply do not want to meet other people. Perhaps they had painful experiences, perhaps there is some antisocial component, the truth is that isolation becomes a very comfortable place. This brings me to the Samaritan woman, the Lord knowing where to meet her, waits for her at the well. The passage says that he was sitting at the well. By seen the Lord there for sure her anxiety increased, there is a lot of pressure in her. So much, that as the Lord commands her: "Give me a drink." She reacts as one who has being attacked many times: she becomes offensive. Offensiveness is the protection mechanism of those that have no other mechanism of defense. The first mechanism of defense is avoidance, however when confronted the person will then become offensive. As they say: the last defense is to become offensive. Look how the Samaritan woman says to Jesus: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Oh man, He is only asking for water... But she gives Jesus the perfect opening to a confrontation. Someone else would answer: "Shove your jar and get the heck out of here"... I am sure that the last few people or men that asked her for water got the same treatment and I am sure they were not amused but reacted violently as well. On the other hand, the Lord is looking for this woman's soul and He is so gentle. He gives up the chance to become offended in order to engage this woman in His plan of Salvation. In

these days we are called to give up to become offended in order to be effective messengers of God's Love. In a few lines we read that the Lord was able to bring her to Him and actually turned her to be an apostle to her people, that came to know Christ through her testimony.

Which brings me to my point: To be offended is a choice. Wow! What an interesting concept. Our Lord chose not be offended, He chooses to be holy by not taking offense, but He listened and acted with true Mercy as the Holy Father Francis teaches in his last apostolic exhortation: *Gaudete et Exultate*, published on March 19 this year:

80. Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. Matthew sums it up in one golden rule: "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you" (7:12). The Catechism reminds us that this law is to be applied "in every case", [71] especially when we are "confronted by situations that make moral judgments less assured and decision difficult". [72]

81. Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God's perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly. For this reason, in the Gospel of Luke we do not hear the words, "Be perfect" (Mt 5:48), but rather, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you" (6:36-38). Luke then adds something not to be overlooked: "The measure you give will be the measure you get back" (6:38). The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive. The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive. We should never forget this.

82. Jesus does not say, "Blessed are those who plot revenge". He calls "blessed" those who forgive and do so "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22). We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion. If we approach the Lord with sincerity and listen carefully, there may well be times when we hear his reproach: "Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (Mt 18:33).

Seeing and acting with mercy: that is holiness...

So next time that someone tries to offend you remember you have a choice. Ask the Lord to help you to be Unoffendable so that others meet the living Christ in you.



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Цей погляд любови, співчуття нашого Отця завжди новий, Він ніколи не покидає нас. Подивімося, що ініціатива походить від Нього. Він бере все в свої руки, але в безмежній повазі до нашої людської величі, нашої свободи Він запитує: «Бажаєш одужати?» (Йо. 5, 6). І тоді час починає йти швидше. Чи відповімо ми щиро, чи скажемо з глибини серця своє бажання? Для цього потрібне наше бажання бути щирими в молитві серця. Бути щирими – означає визнати, як той чоловік: «Не маю нікого, Господи!» (див. Йо. 5, 7). Так, я не маю нікого, хто б витягнув мене з моєї біди.

Наше визнання вже багато означає, бо так чи інакше, поневіряючись у цьому світі, ми завжди розраховуємо на когось, на щось, і, зрештою, на себе самих. Якщо ми визнаємо, що всі ці наші опори нетривкі, це вже стає початком нашого визволення, нашого шляху до правди. Ісус нагадує нам: «Без мене ж ви нічого чинити не можете» (Йо. 15, 5), нічогісінько. То ж важливо бути відкритим, уміти чекати, бути впевненим в Його словах. «Добре чекати мовчки...» (Пл. Єр. 3, 26).

Ми можемо помітити, що, як це часто трапляється в Євангелії, Ісус порушує приписи фор-

малістської релігії саме суботнього дня, щоб показати, що насправді означає субота. В цей день людина має перестати працювати, тоді як Бог не перестає працювати ніколи. «Отець мій творить аж по сю пору, то ж і я творю» (Йо. 5, 17), – каже Ісус. Справжня субота полягає в тому, щоб дати можливість Отцеві діяти, в той час, який Він вибере. В нашій молитві нема ультиматумів. Нам потрібно вміти чекати терпляче, у тиші, з надією; і тоді, якщо ми не відступаємо, твердо триваємо у вірі, ми вже з Ним, ми вже воскресли. (Жан Корбон, Це називається Світанок)

### 32 річниця Чорнобиля

23 квітня у Патріаршому соборі Воскресіння Христового УГКЦ до 32-ї річниці Чорнобильської трагедії, відбувся концерт-реквієм.

Спільно з УГКЦ цей захід організували Всеукраїнська громадська організація «Асоціація „Афганці“ Чорнобиля» та Національний педагогічний університет ім. Михайла Драгоманова, повідомляє сайт Київської архієпархії УГКЦ.

Єпископ-помічник Київської архієпархії УГКЦ Йосиф (Мілян) процитував присутнім восьму главу з Книги Одкровення Івана Богослова, в якій йдеться про «Зорю Полин».

«Сьогодні ми віддаємо шану усім тим, хто рятував українську землю від наслідків Чорнобильської аварії. Ми сьогодні рахуємо збитки, провадимо наукові дослідження на цій землі, пробуємо уявити, які ще наслідки будуть після... Але найбільша катастрофа – це катастрофа екології української душі. Це непам'ять, забуття... Тому на усіх вас, хто з любові до рідної землі, до народу, нації, до всіх, хто загинув, та живе переживаючи наслідки Чорнобильської аварії, від імені Блаженнішого Святослава, Отця та Глави Української Греко-Католицької Церкви, закликаємо на усіх вас тут присутніх, та на увесь український народ – Боже Благословення», – наголосив єпископ.

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

Did you ever feel like saying or possibly hear someone say, "There must be something more to life?" Whenever we feel in this way or can empathize with others who share similar feelings, then it shows we need more of Jesus in our lives. Having Jesus in the center of our lives makes our whole life feel better. Every day takes on new meaning and purpose. When we have Jesus where He belongs - our whole life seems to fall into place. There was a father who wanted to read a magazine, but his little girl kept interrupting him with her play. She wanted to know what the United States looked like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. Come back when you have a complete map of the United States." After a few minutes she returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. Her father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I put the pieces of Jesus where they belonged, then our whole country came together."

As we come closer and closer to the time of Pentecost, our Church continues to remind us of the ways in which we can all grow closer to the Lord. Jesus is the "something more to life" that we are looking for. In today's Gospel reading, this is precisely what happened to the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well. The conversation began with Jesus asking her for a drink of water (John 4:7). This thirst of Jesus is symbolic; it was for her faith that Jesus thirsted. So during the conversation Jesus gradually helped the gift of faith to grow in her heart. We see the woman's faith growing by the way she addresses Jesus; the titles she gives to Jesus show more and more respect and faith as their conversation progresses. Firstly, she says, "You

are a Jew" (John 4:9). Then she calls Jesus, "Sir" (John 4:11, 15). As Jesus delves deeper into conversation with the Samaritan woman, she calls Jesus a prophet (John 4:19). Finally, she refers to Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah (John 4:29). Jesus awoke faith in her heart. The preface for today's Gospel could read: When he asked the woman of Samaria for water to drink, Christ had already prepared for her the gift of faith. In his thirst to receive her faith, He awakened in her heart the fire of God's love. Jesus thirsts for our faith too, and He wants to awaken the love of the Father ever more in our heart.

Stories can help us make sense out of our lives. When I was young my parents took my sister and I to see a production of Mary Poppins. Later, we even read the book together. I did not know it then, but the themes in this story of being valued and honored for who we are, yet loved enough to be given direction and discipline, helped to shape and form me. The concept of kindness and charity, the ideals of giving to others and expecting nothing in return, became a cornerstone for how we should lead our lives. The notion of having hopes and dreams for a brighter future completely within our reach. Another type of story that shapes and forms us is the story of our own lives, meaning our lifetime experiences and relationships. Jesus promises love, glory, honor, and forgiveness to those He died for - you and me. Throughout life we may endure abuse, betrayal, loss, and the consequences of our own sin. But we will also experience times, even if it is only moments, of restorative joy and wholeness. We have a choice as to which stories we will allow to have the greater pull on our hearts. We also have a choice to allow Jesus to redeem our pain and re-author our lives. Back in college, I volunteered at a hospital. I once worked with a sixty-year old man in group therapy. His childhood included poverty, multiple foster home placements, abuse, and the deaths of siblings. Due to the effects of alcohol-



lism, he had only three months to live. When asked the question, "What memory, even though very small and perhaps very long ago, may help you to hope again?" he responded with the following: "I remember in first grade I had a very nice Catholic nun for a teacher. I remember her handing me back a worksheet and telling me that I did an outstanding job on it." I then asked him, "What might your teacher have seen in you that was hard to see in yourself back then?" He responded with, "That I can still be somebody." In the final months of his life, this man chose to believe that the memory of his first grade teacher took on more importance than his other lifetime stories of abuse and neglect, and he lived those last few months with peace in his heart. Several years ago, I lost a colleague to pancreatic cancer. He had taught for 39 years, when he and his wife were both diagnosed. They had lost their daughter only 9 years prior to that in an automobile accident. Jim's life story was full of many hardships, but in his last few days he made it clear to all of his friends and family that he was at peace. When asked why, he said: "I am at peace with God because I know I have nothing to fear in the end." A year after his daughter died, a tree was planted in the garden at our school, just outside Jim's classroom. On the day Jim died, I noticed that his daughter's tree had fully blossomed over that weekend. It reminded me that we are so much more than our life stories, because we can find peace with God, and even creation rejoices in the fact that there is something more to life.

When we desire for this 'something more', or we even hope that there is something more - that shows us that we need more of Jesus in our lives. We want to have the picture of Jesus put back together again properly, like the Samaritan woman, because Jesus is the "something more to life" that we are looking for. When we put the picture of Jesus back into place, then as we hear in St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "We have peace

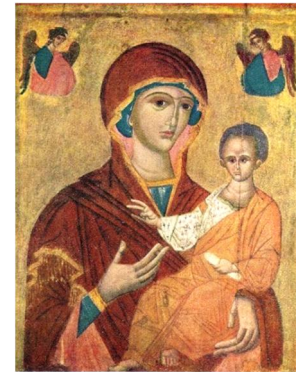
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2). Jesus is the one who drowns out the noise of our murmuring, the one who comforts us in suffering. As scripture says, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." When our lives seem stagnant, when we thirst for something more, we find the refreshment we need in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He will not only quench our thirst with His living water, but He will also help us find our true purpose again, the meaning for which we all search.

God had a plan for the woman of Samaria (John 4:5-42). It seemed just like any other day. She was coming to the well for water and there she met Jesus and he knew everything about her, about her past and her marriages. She came to the well bringing a water jar, but she found much more than water, so she left her jar by the well and hurried back to the townspeople whom she had been avoiding, to tell them that she may have found the Messiah. Jesus continues to hold out that offer of grace to us, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). St. Therese of Lisieux wrote the following about Jesus asking the Samaritan woman for water: "When Jesus said: 'Give me a drink' it was the love of His poor creature in which the Creator of the universe was seeking. He was thirsty for love. I feel it more than ever before, Jesus is parched, for He meets only the ungrateful and indifferent among His disciples in the world, and among His own disciples, alas, He finds few hearts who surrender to Him without reservations, who understand the real tenderness of His infinite Love." Yes, God does have a plan for each of us. All we need is to trust completely in Jesus, only then can all the pieces in our lives come together for a purpose.

We commemorate the Samaritan Woman today because this is the first Sunday after Mid-Pentecost; it is the feast that stands halfway between Easter and Pentecost. By the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the truths of Jesus become living, and we worship Christ in spirit and in truth. When the Samaritan woman realized she had found the one, true well - she left behind her water jar, just as the disciples had abandoned their nets, just as St. Paul abandoned himself on the road to Damascus. Hardly a convert - yet already a missionary - she ran to the village to tell her people: "Come; see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Messiah?" (John 4:29) There was a greatness in her soul, because as God revealed Himself to her, slowly, there was awakened in her a great thirst, and a great truth which she accepted. Jesus told her all about her life and about the many wonders of God's Kingdom. She believed He was the Messiah, and she told many people about Jesus. I believe this conversation between the Samaritan woman and Christ is a great promise. He accepted her where she was, with all of her sins, and all of her false opinions. She was willing to continue to listen, and Christ brought her to where she needed to be. It is the same with each of us today - we are thirsty, but are we willing to drink this living water? Are we ready to make Jesus the "something we are missing" in our lives? Are we ready for something more? Jesus is showing us, the Church enlightens us, about how we are to live, and what the Resurrection and this gift of the Holy Spirit truly means.



**Msgr. Paul Iwachiw  
Scholarship Application**  
Could be obtain from pastor  
of our churches in this area.  
Final date June 22, 2018



We have Molebens to the Mother of God Wednesday and Friday. Will be 6:15 or sometimes at other times.

See the bulletin.

Маївка буде у середу і П'ятницю. Звичайно у 6:16 веч, хіба що інакше назначено

## Многая Літа! Many Happy Years!

Birthday wishes to the following parishioners who celebrate a birthday in May.

- Chris Konowka 3
- Orysia Dail 5
- Jaroslav Sedlarczuk 5
- Aleksandra Prawak 8
- Markian Stasiuk 11
- Luba Joven 16
- Nina Palmeri 16
- Emil Marc 17
- Mary Hanuszczak 19
- Myron Poharatnyj 19
- Marianne Katherine Chort 21
- Vera Marc 21
- Orest Voychak 23
- Ann Marie Serediuk 25
- Marie Leschuk Glenn 30

### And our children:

- Robert Hunter Arthurs 5
- Dennis Melnyk 10
- Adrianna Scheidle 22
- Marta Nazarevych 24