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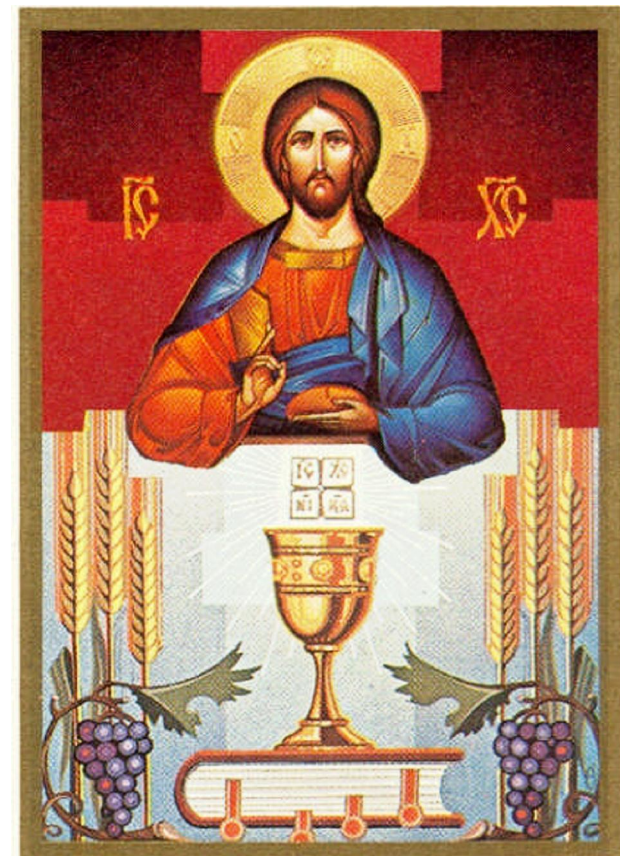
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May 6 – 2012 – 6 Травня
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May 6: S of Sam. W. – Н. Самарянки

11:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION
Гратулюємо – Congratulations!

Mon., May 7 – Пон., 7 Травня

9:30 M +Helene Mysliwiec & Anna Jusela,
John & Florence (Jim)

Tue., May 8 – Вівторок, 8 Травня
No Liturgy – Нема Відправи

Wed., May 9 – Середа, 9 Травня

8:15 M . ()

Thu., May 10 – Четвер, 10 Травня

9:15 M . (#49)

Fri., May 11 – П'ятниця, 11 Травня

9:15 M +Michael Wayda & panachyda
(Michalow Family)

12:00 PM Moleben - Молебень

Sat., May 12 – Субота, 12 Травня

8:15 M + .
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4:30 PM +Irene Kordrupel (Dorothy, Ann)

May 13: S of Man b. blind. – Н. Сліпор.

12:00 PM For all mothers (living and dec.)

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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6 Травня: Н. Розслабленого

11:00 р. Торжественне Св. Причастя

13 Травня: Н. Самарянки

10:00 р. За наших мамів (живих і пом.)

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SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION

The children of the 2012 Communion Class



Julian I. Iskalo



Sophia M. Nazarevych



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Alexa K. Witt



Sophia, Julian, Alexa & Adriana joined by Marko Kasiyan (doing Solemn Communion in OLPH) with fr. Ray Palko (at right), with whom children baked prosphora and catechist Elaine Nowadly, who prepared them. Thank you! Дякуємо!

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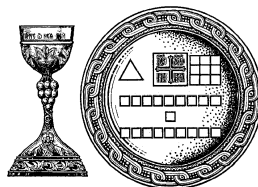
**Thanks are extended to
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Thanks to all other catechists:

**Mary Bodnar
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**The children of the 2012 Communion
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help in making this a very special day.**

**A special thanks to the Liturgical Choir of
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Bogdan Peter Nazaruk

Son of Igor and Lyubomyra Kiyashchuk.
May our good & loving Lord grant His
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From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

When we allow Jesus where he belongs our whole life will come 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 Christ. Jesus is the “something more to life” that we are looking for. And 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 thirsted for the woman’s faith and awoke the love of our Heavenly Father in her heart. 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 me 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. Another type of story that shapes and forms us is the story of our own lives, meaning our lifetime experiences and relationships. Christ 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 Christ 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 alcoholism, 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. Just recently, I lost a colleague to pancreatic cancer. He had taught for 39 years, when he and his wife were both diagnosed. They had lost daughter only 9 years ago 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, just two weeks ago, 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 rejoice that there is something more to life.

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

May 6, 2012 A.D.

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

Hello! And, as that famous and very nervous seminarian once said to His Holiness John Paul II, who a few hours later would be the guy’s ordaining bishop, “How ya doin’?” BTW, the shocked Pontiff is said to have nodded and smiled. ☺ ☺

Greetings on this Thursday evening, May 3, as I begin your letter for Sunday and next week. This is a significant day on the Church calendar, as it is the second day of the “Feast of Mid-Pentecost,” which, as the name implies, is the half-way point between Pascha and Pentecost Sunday. It’s a beautiful and meaningful, but sad to say, a very forgotten or unknown feast day. It is forgotten or unknown because seven days of the eight-day feast occur on weekdays. Sad to say, hardly anybody attends weekday Liturgy, so the gift of this blessed time of Life and Everlasting Water is largely lost. Anyway, Pentecost in a few weeks! We are still standing during Liturgy, right? Kneeling begins again at Vespers on Pentecost evening.

The month of May evokes a lot of very special and personal memories for me. It was May 1, 1982 when I was ordained to the order of Sub-deacon on a beautiful Saturday morning at St. Nicholas Church in Toronto. A week and a day later, on Sunday May 9, I would be ordained to the diaconate at the church of St. Michael the Archangel in Welland, Ontario. Both of those ordinations were by His Grace +Isidore (Borecky), of blessed and special memory. I spent eight wonderful years as deacon in Welland, Niagara Falls, and often visited and served at most of the other parishes on the Niagara Peninsula all the way up to, and including Toronto. As a family we also, often “went on retreat” to St. Nicholas Parish in Little Falls, NY. The Ontario parishes were “old calendar” and

Little Falls was “new,” so we could go and be with Fr. Stephen for many of the special holy days. Pascha and Pentecost down there were especially glorious and memorable feast days. We can still hear the congregation, of one accord, going “Ahhh,” as “little Chrystyna” came in, dressed in her Easter finery, and began passing out jelly beans from her basket to everyone on both sides of the aisle. She certainly lit up that church. ☺ ☺

Spring continues to beautifully unfold in these parts as still more flowers and blooming trees are opening up with another spurt of warm weather over us today. One of my favorite May flowers, the lilac, will be blooming any day now. That is a memory of “being home.” Beside each of our beds during the month of May we had the special “May altar” set up with the icon of the Mother of God surrounded by several bouquets of the May flowers, collected from the yard or up “the bush.” The lovely lilacs and wild dogwoods always had a special place. Does anyone not like the smell of lilac? I even got “White Lilac” incense as Christmas present from one of my girls last year. Boy you should smell the church when that ‘holy smoke’ is being offered!!

This month, especially dedicated to our heavenly Mother, is very much also a month of anniversaries and special days. It is a month when we remember quite a few family members, friends and relatives, who have passed away over the years. I was reading the Sower just a little bit ago and noticed the long list of priests and religious, who reposed during May over the years. It is also a month for remembering ordinations, birthdays, weddings, first communions, and last, but not least MOM! So check out your calendar closely. I’ll bet you, too, have a lot to remember. It’s just that kind of month.

This evening I had been over to St. Nicholas parish for what has now become a tradition for the First Solemn Communion class, the baking of their very own prosphora. The special little loaves will be used at the Liturgy of their First Solemn Eucharist. It is always a great joy for me to be

there with them. They did a super job, and the bread turned out perfectly. You guys are GREAT bread bakers!!



I'm always sorry that I can't be with the class on their special Sunday, but I have to be at my own parish and just can't get there. But I will be praying for these at St. Nicholas, and for all the kids everywhere receiving our Lord for this first, solemn and special time in their lives. As all of us do, I know they also, will remember that day for as long as they live. May the Lord bless them and may they always stay close to Him and grow in love for Him all their days. God bless you, and Mnohaja Lita, Kids!

I was with another bunch of young people and their leaders last Saturday. A group of Protestant Boy and Girl Scouts were on a "Ten Commandment" walk in the area of St. John's church in Kenmore. The purpose was to visit and learn about the various churches around them, and also to remember that the Ten Commandments are our guide to spiritual happiness. There were about 75 in the group, which consisted of boys, girls and their leaders. I must say it was a pleasure to speak to such an interested, well-behaved group about our Church. There was not one child who had to be disciplined in any way by a leader. No one even got "the stare" from an elder. So there is hope for us yet!!

Last Sunday we attended what was surely one of the last "Sviachennes" for this year. It was great to be with you over at St. John's as we

shared the joy of this Paschal season. The LUC had their spaghetti dinner, but I just wasn't able to go there too. Haven't yet figured out how to do that thing of two places at one time. ☹️ I made my decision as to which one I could go to this way: I said to myself: "Self, you can get spaghetti any time, but this is the last time for this year you can taste those wonderful, special and blessed foods from our baskets of Pascha morn." So I went to St. John's.

Tuesday saw us traveling to Rochester for a Financial Workshop hosted by St. Josaphat's. Bishop Paul was there along with other chancery officials. Following the meeting, which was attended by clergy and laity of the Buffalo and Syracuse deaneries, we had, as expected a marvelous roast beef dinner. And the "Berries Romanoff" for dessert was absolutely wonderful! Never had a bad meal from that church kitchen!! Since we are so spread out as an eparchy it is always very good to see each other like this from time to time and renew our friendships. Next get-together for priests will be clergy days sometime in June.

The battles for our freedom still are being waged. The US Congress of Catholic Bishops still continues to work in the courts and other areas to have the HHS Mandate overturned. Other Catholic organizations have also filed suits to stop it. This coming Wednesday, May 9, there will be a continuation of our local protest began last month. All women are called to attend a meeting entitled: "Pro Woman/Pro Freedom." Next month there will be another big rally downtown, again to continue the protest, especially against the HHS Mandate, but also to protest the continuing loss of our freedoms. I hope you are joining in however, and whenever you can in your part of the world.

And wherever you are as you read this I pray God's blessing upon you and yours! May our holy Lady protect you beneath her heavenly veil. Keep up the good work and know always that God Loves You!

In the love of our Risen Lord,

Fr. Ray *Fr. Ray*

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Через хворобу ми з Христом співстраждаємо, ми покутуємо разом з Ним за гріхи світу. Тому для праведників хвороба не покарання, а нагорода, бо це значить, що Христос визнає їх достойними співстраждати разом із Ним.

У Києво-Печерському Патерику описане життя Пімена многохворобливого. Він був хворий від дитинства, паралізований. З цією хворобою прожив двадцять років. Але завжди бажав стати монахом Києво-Печерської Лаври, та батьки весь час заперечували. Коли йому стало дуже погано, вони занесли його до монастиря, щоб монахи помолилися над ним. Їх молитви йому не допомогли, з простої причини, бо молитви Пімена були сильніші. Він у них не просив оздоровлення, а навпаки просив, щоб недуга не проходила, бо вважав, що він через хворобу співстраждає з Христом. Батьки чекали оздоровлення, бо не хотіли його залишати у монастирі, але так і не дочекалися. Та й ігумен з братією не дуже хотіли приймати хворого до монастиря. Але однієї ночі стався дивний випадок. До нього прийшли Ангели і здійснили обряд постригу, згідно монаших правил. Залишили свічку і сказали, що вона буде горіти сорок днів, а потім понесли пострижене волосся у гріб святого Теодосія, ігумена Печерського. Братія чула шум і коли прийшла до нього, то побачила, що він пострижений. Пімен розповів все, що з ним було. Відкрили гріб святого Теодосія і побачили там пострижене волосся Пімена. І свічка горіла рівно сорок днів. Довго думали ігумен і братія, але підтвердження чуда їх переконало. Пімен почав жити у монастирі хворобою співстраждаючи з Христом.

Розповідає о. Гірзон, що раз відвідав одну старшу жінку, приятельку його мами, яка довгі роки була зпараліжована і тяжко терпіла. Йому заблистіли сльози в очах а хвора це побачила та сказала: «Маю надію, що ці сльози неє через мою недугу, бо я радію, що Господь удостоїв мене частиною своїх терпінь, уподібнив мене троха до свого стану розп'яття.»

Усі терплять, але одні різняться від других у настанові до терпінь. Хтось терпить і нарікає на людей і на Бога. Інші терплять і цього ніхто не бачить. Одні нарікають, другі попадають у розпуку, треті постійно шукають за лікарями і найновішими лікарствами, а четверті вдаються до небесного лікаря. Очевидно, лікарі потрібні. Господь дав здібність і можливість використати ці здібності, і ми повинні користати зі знання інших, але не слід забувати також користати зі всього того, що ми від Господа одержали, чи нам це подобалобся чи ні, чи розуміємо, чи ні. Яке, отже, наше наставлення до терпіння?

Звернім увагу що ми усі покликані бути лікарями. Допомогти іншим нести їхні хрести, щоб в нашій присутності ніхто не міг повторити з розлабленим «чоловіка не маю». Не маю людини, яка прийшла б мені на допомогу. Немаю друга, приятеля, ніхто мною не цікавиться. Я самотний чи самотна.

Пам'ятаймо, що Господь якраз нас посиляє, щоб принести потіху, привернути спокій, влити іншим до їхніх сердець надію на Боже милосердя.

Він кладе на нашу дорогу бездомного, розслабленого, безпорадного...

Слід подумати, що ми можемо зробити, щоб змінити їхню ситуацію, і їхнє наставлення до Бога і до ближніх?