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CHURCH BULLETIN May 6 Травня - 2018 ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



Congratulations to Solemn Holy Communion Receivers! Гратулюємо Перьопричасникам. Многая і Благая Літа!



Сніданок з нагоди «Дня Матері» Наші Катехитки організують сніданок з нагоди Дня Матері на другу неділю, 13 Травня, 2018. \$10 для дорослих, \$5 для дітей. Просимо до участі!



St. Nicholas Mother's Day Breakfast Our parish catechists will be running our Annual Mother's Day Breakfast, following liturgies on Sunday, May 13th to help raise money for our religious education program.

Pancakes, hash browns, sausage, eggs, and fruit salad will be served, along with beverages and dessert. Please make every effort to attend and support our religious education students. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

We hope you will bring your families and join us for this special brunch!

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС! CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

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 +Larry Kinsella (Oksana & Lesia)

May 6 S. of Man born blind – Н. Сліпородж.

No noon Liturgy May 6. - Solemn Holy Communion

Monday, May 7 Травня, Понеділок

8:00 AM +Katherine & Michael Chort (Marianne)

Tuesday, May 8 Травня, Вівторок

8:00 AM +The Lucas, Verostko & Chort
Families (Marianne)

Wednesday, May 9 Травня, Середа

8:00 AM Intention of Ihor Husak and the Family

6:15 PM Moleben - Молебень до Богородиці

Ascension – Вознесіння

Thursday, May 10 Травня, Четвер

9:30 AM For Parishioners - За Парохіян

Friday, May 11 Травня, П'ятниця

9:30 AM For all mothers – За всіх мамів

10:15 AM Moleben - Молебень до Богородиці

Saturday, May 12 Травня, Субота

8:00 AM +Mary & Michael Verostko
(Marianne Chort)

4:30 PM +Sophia, Bohdan & Vasyi Dusanivsky
(Family)

May 13 S. Holy Fathers of Nicea – Н. Отців.

12:00 PM +Lorraine Szczublewski (Mary Lepkuj)

Eternal Light burns for Solemn Holy
Communion receivers and their Families

Вічне Світло в Честь П.Д.М.
Горить за всіх мамів – For all mothers

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

6 Травня: Неділя Самарянки

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

13 Травня: Неділя Сліпородженого

10:00 р. +Ярослав і Галин Литвин
(Влодьо і Ненси)

64th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate joyfully announce the 64th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage, August 11- 12, 2018 at their Motherhouse in Sloatsburg, NY. The Sisters will be blessed and honored that His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk will preside at this year's pilgrimage. Our parish would like to organize a bus trip to the Pilgrimage. A Special hotel accomadation rate for the Fairfield Inn in Mahwah, NJ has been made though Sister Michele. We can start making reservations May 1st. We have inquired into bus rates. The Parish will cover the bus fare. If you are interested, in attending this year's pilgrimage, please contact Father Marijan or Elaine as soon as possible. The plans are to leave early Saturday morning and return home Sunday evening.

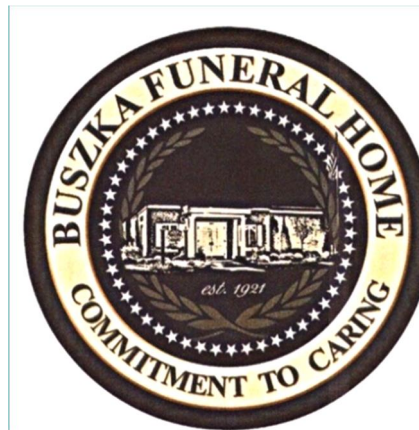
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The Niagara Frontier Council will host the 79th Annual Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics on October 5,6,7, 2018 at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Amherst, N.Y.



If you consider to become a member of League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC) please talk to Elaine Nowadly, president or Fr. Marijan, Spiritual Director of LUC.

Конвенція Ліги Українців Католиків буде від 5-7 Жовтня, 2018 р. Просимо до участі.
Можна також стати членами Ліги. Слід звертатися до Елейн Новадлей або до Пароха.

49-ий Відділ СУА
щиро запрошує Вас на смачний обід який відбудеться **в неділю, 20-ого травня 2018 рік** по Службі Божій в церковні залі св. Миколая 308 Філмор вул.
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UNWLA Branch 49
is inviting you to a home cooked luncheon on **Sunday, May 20, 2018** to be held at St. Nicholas Ukr. Catholic Church 308 Fillmore Ave., **after 10 am liturgy.**
Tickets are \$10.00. Please come. Support us in sending aid to the elderly in Ukraine.



→ Next UCCA meeting is 6:30 pm Friday, May 18, 2018 at Dnipro.

From the Letter of Fr. Robert — (Thank You Fr. Robert)
Fr. Robert writes to his parishioners when he is sending bulletin on line. This time he talks about +Norm Paolini, who was cofounder of Luke's Mission of Mercy.

As you might know, +Norm Paolini fell asleep in the Lord this week after a battle with Parkinson's disease and cancer; he was 71 years old, his Memory be Everlasting!. Norm was co-founder and co-director of St. Luke's Mission of Mercy in Buffalo NY; a mission of service to the most abandoned and needed people. There is a soup kitchen that serves food every day, a pantry for poor families and individuals in need of groceries, diapers, formula, baked goods, etc.; a so called St. Luke's "mall" with used and new clothing and shoes for everyone and household items; there is a house for those recovering from addictions, there is also help for mothers and their children; there is a Home School, "Our Lady of Hope" (my wife Evelyn is the Kindergarten teacher there) and so much more. Buffalo is after all the second poorest city in the United States. I have known Norm for around 23 years.

At times Norm listened to my problems, offered consolation to me and mine, helped this parish when we were in need. At other times we worked together at Healing masses, the summer program for kids and many other apostolic endeavors. I heard his confession, anointed him, counsel him and said Mass on Sundays at the mission, heard confessions there and assisted as needed.

Needless to say that I am somewhat sad. He was an amazing man. Once we went together to offer a mother some consolation on the violent passing of her son. I could not find words... the woman was so devastated, it was overwhelming. I quietly hug the woman for a while, trying to think what to say, praying God will give me the right words... Meanwhile Norm pulls quickly his guitar from the carrying case and started to sing a song. I do not remember which song, but I remember thinking it was not the most appropriate song as it was something about remembering someone that was no longer alive, a sad song. To my surprise as soon as the woman heard him singing and playing, she smiled and started to sing the song that evidently she knew. When finished the woman said to Norm: "Thank you that was so beautiful". You could sense Norm brought much needed Peace to that soul. I never did find the words, but God through Norm, in that song spoke to that woman and brought comfort to her.

While so many ignore the needs of the poor with excuses like: "let them get food stamps, I pay taxes for that" or "let



them get a job" I worked very hard for my money... They do not know that people sometimes need help when hardly making it going from month to month. That for example anyone who paid their debt to society by being incarcerated for even a few weeks or months, now cannot apply for most jobs, because once they say they were incarcerated their application is automatically declined. There is great need around us and we must do something about it.

Norm opted to feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, visit the imprisoned, visit the sick, cloth the naked, bury the dead and welcome the foreigner. He made his life that. In the gospel for today we find the enemies of Jesus unwilling to recognize the miracle of the healing of the man born blind. A popular Spanish saying goes like this: "None is as blind as the one that does not want to see". A true Christian is always looking for a chance to put into practice the physical and spiritual works of mercy.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches on paragraph 2447: The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God: He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise.245(Luke 3:11) But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you.246(Luke11:41) If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?247(James 2:15-16 cf.1John3:17).

This week on Thursday a woman came to Liturgy who knew Cardinal John Joseph O'Connor from New York City. He was a very loud voice in our society in a number of issues and a holy man of God. He died of cancer precisely on that day, May 3 of the year 2000. She told me that his last words as he was dying in bed were: "All that matters is Love...".

Let's pray this week for the gift of SIGHT and the healing from BLINDNESS as we challenge ourselves not to pass judgement over others and to truly Love and serve everyone...



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З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

У нинішньому Євангелському читанні чули ми про жінку Самарянку яка в обідню пору, приходять до криниці Якова, щоб начерпати води, і там зустрічає нашого Господа



Ісуса Христа. І починається між ними розмова. Христос перший розмовляє до жінки кажучи: "Да мені напитися води." Жінка ніяк не розуміє як Христос може звертатися до неї жінки Самарянки. Говорити з жінкою на самоті, безперечно було підозріле. Люди могли побачити і зміста засудити.

Слід нам рівнож пригадати, що Самаряни ворогували зі жидами, що вони не сходилися і не говорили між собою. Самарія розділює Юдеї від Галилеї і дуже часто коли Галиліяни ішли на Пасху до Єрусалиму, обходили Самарію, щоб не наражуватися на які небудь неприємності. Як то блисько до сьогоднішніх часів. Одні других не любимо, стараємося оминати певних людей бо вони нам не подобаються, вони нас образили, вони з нас сміються, пльоткують на нас, знущаються над нами. Їх вважаємо нашими ворогами. Очевидно коли б так їх запитатися про нас, побачилиби, що вони нас вважають ворогами, що ми їх не любимо, що стараємося їх знищити, що насміхаємо з них, що пльоткуємо на них, що знущаємося над ними і ясна річ, що вони нас оминають.

Нагадується історія про двох братів, які добре жили між собою, але одного разу сильно посперечалися і перестали говорити. Один на другого не хотів навіть подивитися. Між їхніми хатами перетікала невелика річка. Одного разу старший брат порішив побудувати стіну від сторони ріки, щоб часами випадково не побачити свого молодшого брата. Знайшов він майстра і доручив йому ту роботу, а сам поїхав на цілий день до міста. Вертаючися з дороги замість стіни побачив міст через ріку, а на тому мості йому на зустріч ішов його брат. Коли той підійшов блище заговорив: "Справді ти велика людина коли спромігся простити мені усе це що я на тебе наговорив. Обнялися вони тоді на тому мості, помирилися, а майстрові сказали: "Залешися, бо ми маємо багато до роботи. Майстер тоді відповів, нема в мене часу, бо є ще багато мостів яких треба збудувати.

Ми часто будуємо стіну поміж нами а іншими людьми, замість радше будувати мости, по яких зможемо дійти до усіх тих з якими ворогуємо. Нераз існує велечезна стіна у відношенню поміж батьками а дітьми, поміж подругами, поміж народами. Ці стіни побудовані з льоду, які утримуються сильним холодом. Підкріплені вони ненавистю і

себелюбям, а прозорі вистарчально, що бачити інших у викривленому вигляді.

Слід огріти оці стіни скромністю і прощенням і вони розтануть і лід стопиться і вода змиє недоліки інших і ми їх більше не будемо бачити, а перед нами стануть на цілий зріст, наші батьки і наші діти, наші брати і сестри і наші подруги, і наші приятелі. І засіяє радість на наших обличчях і буде спокій у наших серцях і запанує рай у наших душах.

До одного святого приходять визначний чоловік і каже йому, що він посварився зі своїм приятелем, і питається в нього поради, що йому зробити. Понизитися і піти заговорити до теперішнього ворога, або може зачекати, щоб той перший пришов до нього з перепрошенням. На це йому єпископ відповів: "Я не знаю хто між вами провинився, чи може вина по обидвох сторонах, але знаю тільки одно, що більш зловий між вами буде чикати на другого щоб перший прийшов." Почувши ці слова цей чоловік зміста пішов пошукати свого колишнього приятеля і чим скорше наладнати добре відношення.

Простім усім тим, що нас у який небудь спосіб образили, а коли потрібно зуміймо понизитися і шукати прощення, пам'ятаючи слова Господньої молитви: "Прости нам провини наші, як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим." Без нашого прощення іншим їхніх провин, самі не зможемо одержати від Господа прощення наших переступів.

Стараймося не засуджувати інших. Зайдім у своє серце і щиро подумаймо чи потрібно нам щось помінати. Може ми на когось гніваємося, може зла бажаємо, або вже роками ворогуємо з кимсь. Час би покінчити. Уже досить. Постараймося приступити до всіх тих, що мають щось проти нас, просім їх о поміч, навіть якщо нам тої помічі зовсім не потрібно, подібно до того як Христос просив Самарянку: "Дай мені напитися." Інші тоді звернуться до нас о поміч і пораду так Самарянка до Господа: "Дай мені живої води, щоб не мати спраги ніколи."

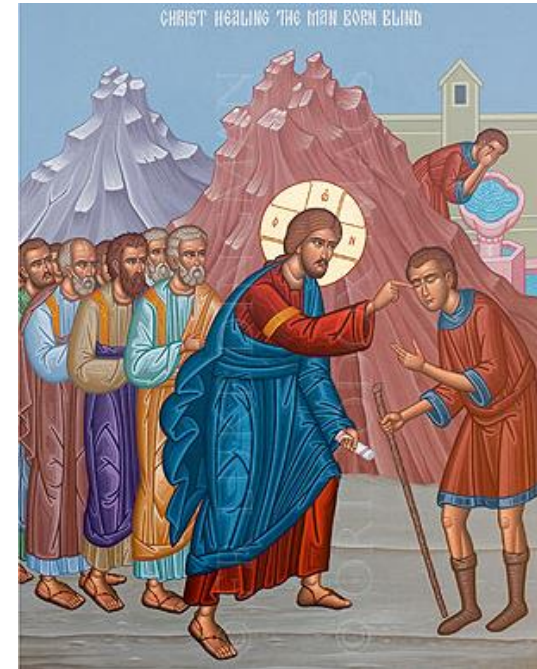
Пам'ятаймо, що Спаситель знає усі таємниці наших сердець, усі наші добрі чи злі вчинки, шляхотні чи нечесні наміри, і хоче нам допомогти, щоб постійно робити перші а оминати останні. Чи ми готові прийняти Його допомогу. Чи разом з отою жінкою Самарянкою зможемо кожний і кожна від себе сказати: "Господи, знаю що Ти пророк", та властиво ще краще: "Ісусе, вірю, що Ти Христос, Син Бога живого, що прийшов у світ, що б мене навчити, щоб мене піднести до гідности Божої дитини. Чи ми справді приймемо Христа і станемо Його апостолами через виконання своїх щоденних обов'язків...

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Christ is risen, indeed He is risen! The Gospel reading for today tells us the story of a blind man healed by Jesus. People once believed that if someone was handicapped in any way, it was a result of the punishment they received for their sins - but Jesus shows us otherwise. After preaching in the Temple, Jesus was walking with His disciples and saw a blind man sitting in a corner, begging those who were passing by for some help. The disciples ask their Teacher,

"Lord, who sinned, he or his parents, so that this man was born blind"? Christ, who knows the hearts of men answered with compassion and love, "Neither this man sinned, nor his parents. He was born blind for God's work to be manifested". Jesus then rubbed his spit into the mud and applied it to the man's eyes, and immediately after the man washed his eyes he gained the ability to see. The man went on to tell his neighbors about his healing and eventually he was brought before the Pharisees to account for his behavior on the Sabbath. When the Pharisees asked him how he regained his sight, "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed them, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So, they were divided. Still doubtful, the Pharisees summoned the man's parents to confirm his blindness since birth and whether Jesus did indeed give this man sight.

The Pharisees once again felt threatened by Jesus, because he could perform healings that they could not. Instead of rejoicing that people were being healed and lives were being changed for the better, the Pharisees decided to show outrage that any type of "work" was being done on the Sabbath. Because of their blindness, they did not realize that God never intended the Sabbath to prevent any act of mercy. Unable to shake the blind man's story about his healing, they threw him out of the temple, and when Jesus heard this and found the man, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact,



he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. This episode illustrates the words of the Prophet Isaiah: 'Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened'. Jesus then said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but

now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains." Jesus resolves the physical blindness of the man, but He is also faced with the spiritual blindness of His Disciples, the Pharisees, and the Jews. The man born blind, witnessed to the Pharisees that, "I know not whether Jesus be a sinner or not; one thing I know; I was blind, now I see. If he were not of God, he could do nothing". And finally, he confessed that he believed that Christ is the Son of God - one of the first in the Gospels to do so.

We all walk with some form of blindness throughout our lives, we all carry the burden of sin, but from the moment we were first conceived, Jesus has been welcoming us into the light of His knowledge and mercy. Christ indicates to His disciples

that this man was born blind, not because of sin but so the work of God could be revealed through him. We can see this in the lives of many wholesome, yet disadvantaged people. They find their disadvantage to be a challenge, a challenge that may bring out the best in them. We can think for example of certain Downs Syndrome children who are unbelievably kind and loving, far more so than many who are born with no such infirmity. We can also think of some blind people who, having lost one sense, have refined another sense almost to perfection, and show an understanding of the inner self that those with sight do not have. We can all think of examples of incredible courage and love among disadvantaged people, examples where the love of God is made manifest through their lives. Even those who were seriously injured in the bombings that took place during the Boston Marathon a few years back have spoken out about finding courage to move past their life altering injuries and thank the Lord for the gift of life beyond their acquired

handicap. In the case of this man born blind, perhaps all his life had been a preparation for his meeting with Jesus. Not only was his soul pure enough and refined, but he also accepted Jesus as the Son of God, therefore making the work of God manifest in him.

There once was a man who loved his two sons very much. And during the war, they were both drafted into the army. A few months passed by and the man received a telegram that both of his sons died honorably in combat. After the war was over this man neared a nervous breakdown. So he went to his doctor, who recommended that he have complete rest and relaxation. Soon the man felt the overwhelming desire to go to the seashore, where he had spent time walking along the beach when his sons were younger. There, he spent his time reading, meditating, and relaxing. He even made a few new friends, and one of these became most endearing to him... a small, blind boy named Timothy. One night this man went with Timothy, and they walked along the beach, as the sun was going down along the horizon. They listened to the waves of the ocean, and the man described to Timothy, the great beauty of the scenery that surrounded them. The little boy immediately heard a flapping sound across the breeze, to which he inquired of the man what it could be. The man then noticed there were little flags with stars on them, hanging in the windows of some of the houses along the beach. Once he mentioned this to Timothy, the little boy asked the man to explain what that meant. So, the man said, "It means that in every home where there is a flag, that family sent a son to war. But, some of the stars are silver and some are gold". "What does that mean?" Timothy asked. The man looked out along the water and said, "Where there is a silver star it means that the boy came home safely. Where there is a gold star it means that the boy died in combat." The man felt a weight within his heart but continued to walk hand in hand with Timothy. They walked a little further in silence as the night came softly upon them. The boy looked up and tried to imagine the first evening stars, and he said, "Maybe I can't see them, but my mother tells me they're always there. She tells me God paints the Heavens with stars of gold". The boy turned in the direction of the man and asked, "Are there stars in God's sky, and are they painted in gold?" The man smiled and agreed with Timothy. Then the boy said something to the man that he will never forget, "Does it mean that God sent His Son to war?" The man just stood for a moment in silence, and with a catch in his voice he said, "Yes, son. It means that God sent His Son into war - a war that even I had forgotten about until now". Then Timothy said to the man, "We should say a prayer, because God's Son must have died in that war, since you tell me all His stars are painted in gold." There was a

long and tender silence between them, and as the man turned to Timothy, he realized God had given him sight again, through the insight of this little, blind boy.

It has been written, "Clay cannot heal the blind and yet with the breath of God, it becomes the container for the healing grace of God. Water cannot heal and yet the water of baptism heals because it bears the Holy Spirit. A piece of cloth cannot heal and yet a priest's stole can heal through the grace of Christ at the sincere confession of our sins. Bread and wine cannot heal and yet bread and wine transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, heal and fortify our souls. Wood and paint cannot heal and yet icons can heal by the Holy Spirit, who penetrates their material essence and radiates grace from them. Christ teaches us then that all things can be used for our healing and benefit and salvation, but that they must first be touched by His grace". In this way our bodies, mere flesh and bones and blood, can become living containers of Christ. Our souls activated, we can become lamps of the Holy Spirit; the eyes of our souls, the doors of perception, become seeing, and we visualize the whole of God's Creation as it really is. We see that every blade of grass and every hill, every tree and every cloud, every star, every drop of rain and every ocean, all creatures and all people, are miracles of God's handiwork, signs of His sacramental presence among us, and we see that we live not in the ordinary, everyday world, but in potential Paradise, the world as it really is, as God first made it, for we see God the Creator behind all things and all people. And then we too, together with the man born blind, can say: "I was blind, Lord, but now I see".



**We have
Molebens to the
Mother of God
Wednesday and
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times at other
times. See the
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**Маївка буде у
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Дорогі в Христі! Сьогодні у нас, у Церкві Святого Миколая сьогодні торжественне святе Причастя. Першоприасники прийняли торжественно до свого серця Тіло і Кров Господню під видом хліба і вина. Побажаймо їм щоб кожне наступне приємання Господа у Пресвятій Євхаристії було подібне до сьогоднішнього. Їх Господь запросив на бенкет небесної трапези і вони відізналися. Прийшли, прийняли Господа, і вельми утішилися радістю великою.

Ми також усі запрошені на небесний бенкет. Згідно з книгою приповідок (9,5) усі ми маємо нагоду прийти і їсти хліб і пити вино, що нам приготовано, знаючи що цей хліб і це вино у таїнствений спосіб стали тілом і кровю Спасителя, який задля нас народився, задля нас проповідував і чуда творив, і на хрест дався розпіяти, і задля нас воскрес із гробу.

Чи Божем запрошенням можна знехтувати? Ні! У ніякому разі. Ніколи і з ніяких причин. Господь не тягне нас на силу, але хоче, щоб ми з власної волі прийшли і гідно споживали. Вимога є отже щоб з'явитися. У противному інші придуть і засядуть до стола, а ми відійдемо шукаючи за матеріальними добрими, за славою, за кар'єрою, чи за чим небудь іншим, що остаточно відчужить нас від Господа.

У Івана 6,35 Христос так каже: "Я хліб життя. Хто приходять до Мене не голодуватиме, і хто в Мене вірує не матиме спраги ніколи." (Ів. 6,35)

Що неділі і свята приходимо на Св. Літургію, яка є божественним бенкетом. Святе причастя це пожива на вічне життя. "Хто їсть моє тіло і п'є мою кров", каже Господь, "той живе життям вічним і я воскресу його в останній день."

У своїй книжці "Хваліте Господа" кир Інокентій Лотоцький так пише: "Божественна Літургія – це наш небесний скарб, наше сонце і наше серце, це життя християнської релігії. Ми щасливі, що можемо брати участь у безкровній жертві Христа Спасителя, небесного Первосвященника, який що дня приносить себе "за всіх і за все."

При поганських і старозавітних жертвоприношеннях були жертвенні гостини. Жертводавці споживали частину жертвених плодів або частину м'яса тварин "посвячених Богам", переконані, що така пожива освячує грішну людину. Це була мрія! Ми маємо привілей приймати Ісуса Христа таїнственим способом під видами хліба і вина на життя вічне.

Бог нас так полюбив, що і свого Сина єдинородного віддав для нас. Велике питання стоїть перед нами - Що ми даємо для Нього? Що даємо для потребуючих, у яких постійно повинні бачити Христа?



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Ukrainian Churches call to join on June 2 the All-Ukrainian march for protection of the rights of children and families

On Saturday, June 2, 2018, thousands of citizens will gather in Kyiv to take part in the annual All-Ukrainian March for the protection of the rights of children and families, which will be held under the slogan: "Happy family means healthy Ukraine!"

The goal of the march is to draw the attention of society and authorities to the moral and spiritual foundations of family and marriage as a union of men and women, necessary for the harmonious education and healthy development of children.

In addition, the issue of raising the level of state family policy has long become imminent in Ukraine. After all, the authorities, together with the public, should not stand aside when it comes to such sore issues as:

surrogate motherhood, which devalues the child's life to the level of a product (which is prohibited in many countries of Europe unlike Ukraine);

promotion of abortions, in particular at the diagnosis stage, instead of creating conditions for carrying of each pregnancy;

lack of infrastructure for families with children, and inclusive education for children with disabilities;

Legislative advancement of the ideas of gender ideology that distorts the concepts of sex and gender equality as equal rights of men and women, propagating instead unnatural immorality of same-sex relationships and immoralizing children;

insufficient restrictions on the advertising of beer, soft drinks and alcohol, the abuse of which causes domestic violence and other crimes;

unfriendly family information policy;

increasing divorces and, as a result, incomplete families in which children do not receive adequate love and upbringing.

It should be noted that, according to recent sociological studies, 98.6% of Ukrainians put the family at the forefront of their life priorities. At the same time, the family is the greatest value for Ukrainians among all other social and personal benefits (given by the Razumkov Center). (RISU)