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CHURCH BULLETIN

May 27 – 2018 – 27 Травня
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



Thank you, all catechists, for this year's teaching religion. Thank you, parents, for bringing your children and thank you, children for wanting to attend our religious classes!



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ЗІСЛАННЯ СВ. ДУХА

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Подія П'ятдесятниці мала дуже велике значення для апостолів і перших християн, і має для нас. Саме після Зіслання Св. Духа апостоли зрозуміли Христову місію та своє завдання іти і проповідувати до всіх народів по всьому світу.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM +Dmytro Baranyskyj (Dolores)

May 27 S. of All Saints – Н. Всіх Святих

12:00 PM For Parishioners - За Парохіян

Monday, May 28 Травня, Понеділок

8:00 AM За всіх померлих парохіян

For all deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, May 29 Травня, Вівторок

9:00 AM +Мілька Дзвіник (родина) – 12 р.

Wednesday, May 30 Травня, Середа

9:00 AM +Kataryna Staszkiw

(Jaroslaw & Marusia Sedlarczuk)

6:15 PM Moleben - Молебень до Богородиці

Thursday, May 31 Травня, Четвер

9:15 AM +Мирослав Грецишин (Родина)

Friday, June 1 Червня, П'ятниця

9:00 AM +Йосиф Процик – 4 роки

12:00 PM Moleben - Молебень до Христа

Saturday, June 2 Червня, Субота

9:00 AM +Roman Nyznyk (Phyllis, Damon N.)

4:30 PM +Michel & Julia Michalow

(Michelle, Michael)

June 3: 2 S. after Pentecost – 2 Н. по 3.С.Д.

12:00 PM +Michael & Olga Leschuk - 79th

Wedding Anniv. (Marie Glenn)

Вічне Світло в честь П.Д.М.

горить за всіх, що віддали своє життя
за кращу нашу долю.

The Eternal Light burns for

All those who died for freedom of United
States and Ukraine deceased members
of St. Nicholas Parish. Eternal Memory!

27 Травня: Зіслання Св. Духа

10:00 р. +Станислав Ващак (Родина)

3 Червня: Неділя Всіх Святих

10:00 р. +Ірена Войчак (Роман Войчак)

Панахиди – Panachydas

Sunday/Неділя 2:00 PM

→ Св. Матея – St. Mathew

Загальна панахида

(На гробі Братчика Славка)

Раджу принести крісла або бути в авті,
якщо я ще далеко від гробів Ваших най-
миліших.

We will start panachyda service by the
Mausoleum. My suggestion is that you bring
chair, in the case of nice weathers or wait in
the car. I will go from grave to grave in
orderly fashion, so please do not ask me to
go from one side of the cemetery to another,
because you have somebody there.

Мон./Пон., May 28 Травня

→ Кальварія – Mt. Calvary: 9:30 AM

→ Св. Хреста – Holy Cross: 12:00 PM

→ Св. Матея – St. Mathew: 2:00 PM

2018 Stamford Bishop's Appeal Time to
start thinking about the 2018 Stamford
Bishop's Appeal. The 2018 Bishop's Appeal
started May 1st . Forms are in front of the
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У середу, 7 Червня о 5:00 по обіді
Просимо взяти участь!

Picnic Meeting

A meeting to organize our Annual Church Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 5 PM in the Church hall. If you can help in any way with the picnic, please plan to attend this meeting.

Проца до Словстбургу

11-12 Серпня. Буде автобус.
Просимо перечитати інформації по англійськи.

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 is organizing a bus trip, for the Buffalo area churches, to the Pilgrimage. A Special hotel accommodation rate of \$115.00 (per room, not per person) for the Fairfield Inn in Mahwah, NJ has been made though Sister Michele. We have already sent in our first list of room reservations and have a bus. The cost of the bus is taken care of. All you will be responsible for is the cost of the room and food. If you are interested, in attending this year's pilgrimage, please let us know as soon as possible. The plans are to leave early Saturday morning, at 7:30AM and return home Sunday evening about 10:00PM. For more information contact Elaine at St. Nicholas Rectory 852-7566 or 825-8169. Contact as ASAP to take part!!! → → →

**Многая Літа!
Many Happy Years!**
Birthday wishes to the following parishioners who celebrate a birthday in June

- Kateryna Petrowycz 1
- Irene Waszczak 1
- Richard Miecycjak 5
- Luda Kowalczyk 6
- Dolores Baranycyk 9
- Mary Ann Puhacz 9
- Christine Harawus 9
- Bill Burda 10
- Ulana Loza 11
- Stephen Moroz 15
- Akacia Belmega 16
- George Paszkowsky 17
- V. Rev. Marijan Procyk 18
- Nadia Procyk 19
- Joanne Bader 22
- Lidia Stasiuk 23
- Halyna Biloholowskyj 24
- Andrew Puhacz 26
- Taras Mazepa 28
- Melanie Chwesik 28

And our children:

- Dmytro Berghold 1
- Deanna Liddell 11
- Sophia Nazarevych 16
- Roman Jude Menclewicz 20
- John Paul Szczublewski 21
- Roman Marusiak 22
- Daniel Michael Darmograi 27



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З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Коли ми роздумуємо про Св. Духа, то переважно пов'язуємо Його особу з тілесними чи духовними дарами. У молитві до Святого Духа наша увага часто затуриється на земних потребах: міцне здоров'я, добра робота, успіхи у житті, спокій, радість, задоволення. Зосередження уваги лише на цих дарах створює певну небезпеку для душі, що людина починає більше цінувати Божі дари ніж самого Бога. Однак для християнина немає більшого дару, крім Бога і Його любові. Тому святий Альфонс висловився про це так: „Бог осуджує численні душі, що випрошують нічого не вартих короткотривалих благ і залишають безконечне Добро (Бога), що є джерелом всякої радості”.

Занецижена земськими розкошами людина слабо розуміє цю правду, і тому, на своє нещастя, любить те, що мала б ненавидіти, і ненавидить те, що варто б любити. Свята Марія Паційська закликає: „Боже, люди не люблять Тебе тому, що не знають тебе!” Свята Тереса висловлювалася з цього приводу так само: „Господи Боже, хто не знає, той не любить Тебе!”

Одного разу до пустельника Макарія прийшов юнак, щоб отримати пораду, як йому стати щасливим. Макарій сказав йому: „Иди на цвинтар і картай померлих. Потім трохи відпочинь, а відтак хвали їх, скільки можеш дібрати слів! Відтак пристав вухо до гробу і слухай, що тобі відповідатимуть на це все. Тоді прийдеш до мене, я скажу тобі, як стати щасливим”. Юнак так зробив, прийшов і говорить: „Я картав, як ніколи”. „І що тобі померлі сказали?” „Нічого! Опісля я їх дуже хвалив!” „А що вони тобі відповіли?” „Нічого! Гробова тиша постійно царювала!” Тоді сказав Макарій: „Тож іди і так роби! Будь глухий на всі похвали, не шукай слави у людей, не зраджуйся прикростями і терпіннями і будеш щасливий!”

Христос зіслав Св. Духа на апостолів не тільки для того, щоб звільнити їх від страху, а щоб відкрити їм розуміння усіх таємниць своєї науки, щоб вони могли відважно проповідувати Євангеліє і продовжували Його діло освячення і спасіння людського роду. Саме через проповіді апостолів і святих Святий Дух просвічував і наvertав поганські народи до правдивої віри і правдивого Бога. З цієї метою наша Церква у молитві Царю Небесний називає Святого Духа спасителем, кажучи: „І спаси, Благий, душі наші”.

Святий Дух своїм сходженням на апостолів і на нас сьогодні хоче відкрити нам найбільший дар – Бога і Його любові. Тому апостол Павло зазначив про це у своєму посланні, що проміне віра і надія, а залишиться навкі любов до Бога.

Святий Дух допомагає нам пізнавати Божу науку, самих себе, пізнавати Бога і провадить до з'єднання з Ним. Він особливо старається допомогти нам відкрити найбільший дар - правду про безмежну любов Бога до людей, пригадуючи слова Христа: „Пізнаєте правду і правда визволить вас” (Ів. 8, 32). А євангеліст Іван доповнив це наступними словами: „Ми пізнали й увірували в ту любов, яку Бог до нас має. Бог є любов, і хто перебуває в любові, той перебуває в Бозі, і Бог перебуває в ньому” (1 Ів. 4, 16). Саме правда про любов Бога до людей може принести нам вільне і щасливе життя.

Віра навчає нас, що Святий Дух – уособлена любов, якою Отець любить Сина і Син Отця. Через це дар Любові, який є найбільшим даром, що Бог може подати нашим душам, приписуємо Святому Духові, бо як пише святий Павло: „Любов Бога влита в серця наші Святим Духом, що нам даний” (Рим. 5, 5). Тому особливо треба молитися, бо Бог обіцяв подати Святого Духа тому, хто покірно благас: „Отець Небесний дасть Святого Духа тим, що у Нього просять” (Лк. 11, 13).

Святий Альфонс у своїх роздумах про таємницю Зіслання Святого Духа, так висловився про це: „Предвічний Отець не зупинився на тому, що віддав свого Сина Ісуса Христа, аби він Своєю смертю спас нас. Він вирішив дати ще Святого Духа, щоб перебував у наших душах і будив у них вогонь любові. Сам Христос стверджував, що прийшов на землю, аби розпалити цей святий вогонь у наших серцях, і що не бажає нічого більше, аніж побачити, що цей вогонь там спалахнув: „Вогонь прийшов Я кинути на землю і як Я прагну, щоб він вже розгорівся!” (Лк. 12, 49).

Божа любов, це був той святий вогонь, що розбудив у святих наснагу до Божих справ, спонукав любити ворогів, зрікатися земських благ і радо йти на муки та смерть. Любов не вмє бути бездіяльною. Вона ніколи не каже „досить”. Чим більше пізнає душа Бога, тим сильніше любить його. Що більше якась душа любить Бога, тим сильніше бажає трудитися, щоб догодити Йому та здобути собі Його любові. „Ми ж відважні й радше воліємо вийти з тіла, щоб жити з Господом. Тому й намагаємося з усіх сил йому подобатися: чи ми в тілі, чи поза тілом” (2 Кор. 5, 8-9) – стверджує апостол Павло.

То ж у сьогоднішній день, у свято П'ятидесятниці, просімо Святого Духа, щоб зіслав на нас свій вогонь любові, щоб спалив у нас всяке зло, а запалив добро, нехай його світло повсякчасно просвічує нам дорогу до щасливої вічності! (о. М. Чижович)



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КУБОК ВЕЛИКИХ ОЗЕР – 2018 – GREAT LAKES CUP

26 і 27 травня у нашому славетному місті Баффало буде проходити свято футболу - турнір дружин копаного м'яча за Кубок Великих Озер. В змаганнях приймуть участь команди з Чикаго, Детройту, Торонто, Клівлянду, Рочестер і звичайно Баффало.

14 українських дружин в суботу 26 травня о 9 год ранку зйдуться на полях Sahlen's Sport Park at 7070 Seneca St. Elma, NY 14059, щоб розіграти право виступити у півфіналах і фіналі у неділю 27 травня. В суботу 26 травня в Українському Культурному Центрі «Дніпро» відбудеться зустріч з спортсменами і о 2 год по полудні перегляд фінального матчу за Чашу Європейських Чемпіонів, що відбуватиметься у Києві між командами Реал-Мадрид і Ліверпуль-Лондон. Після цього забава. Вхід вільний.

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

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Конвенція Ліги Українців Католиків буде від 5-7 Жовтня, 2018 р. Просимо до участі.
Якщо хочете стати членами Ліги звертайтеся до Елейн Новадлей або до Пароха.

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

The first Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to the commemoration of all the Saints. Sanctity is the work of the Holy Spirit and all Christian holiness is a fruit of Pentecost. Therefore, we see a logical link between today's feast and that of last Sunday. The Feast of All Saints completes the cycle of movable feasts. Over four months ago, the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, preceded the weeks of fasting for Great Lent, which led up to the central event of the whole Church Year - the Resurrection of Christ. Since then we have followed the services of Bright Week and the Sundays after it to the Ascension, Pentecost, and now today. The Feast of All Saints is the result of everything that has gone before it. The purpose of all the events in Christ's life, from His Conception to His Resurrection to Ascension and Pentecost - is to better prepare us to lead a life that is virtuous and saintly. That is the purpose of the Church, to make people holy. Today's Feast is the Feast of the identity of the Church, of her sacred personality. On this day the Eastern Church pays particular veneration to all those who are the fruit of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate this feast all over the world. Our holy fathers instituted this feast and directed it to be kept after the feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, to set before us an example of how the coming of the Holy Spirit enabled them to attain sanctity.

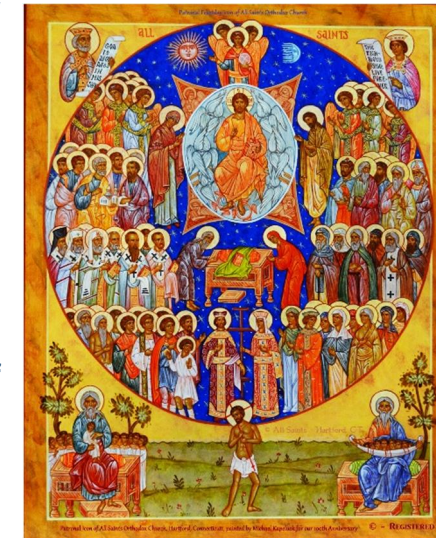
The Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky said: "The veneration of the Saints not only does not oppose in any way the worship that is due God, but eminently contributes to it. We honor Saints as servants of God, as our heavenly protectors who intercede for us before God and obtain from Him, for us, the forgiveness of our sins and Heavenly graces." Holiness is not an achievement; it is a Grace. One of the many teachings of Christ implies: God is closer to sinners than to saints. I was still a youngster in grade school; when a priest explained this to me with such clarity. This is how he elaborated: "God in heaven holds each person by a string. When you sin, you cut the string. Once you show sincere repentance, God ties the string up again, making a knot and thereby bringing you just a wee bit closer to Him.

Again and again your sins cut the string and with each further knot of grace, God keeps drawing you closer and closer to Him." As an adult, that image that was painted in my mind as a child has never left me - God drawing us closer, in spite of ourselves. And there is no greater comforter than the Holy Spirit to remind us of the presence of the Almighty in our lives.

Today, we honor the memory of those immortal flowers, the Apostles, the Martyrs, the Prophets, and all the Saints. Life according to the teachings of the Gospel, lived out in love for God and neighbor, is the way in which each person seeks and aspires to holiness of life. The Saints in Heaven, then, are God's beloved and intimate friends; our protectors, intercessors, and benefactors; our guides and role models on the path to virtue and sanctity. The Saints learned how to bear a fruit of the Spirit, they learned to be in a unity with God and all people, and they learned to love everything in this world. This very love does not allow them to forget about us, still living here. In Heaven, everything is alive and moving by the Holy Spirit, but on earth - we too have the same Holy Spirit. It lives in our Church; the Holy Spirit lives in the Sacraments; it lives in the Holy Scripture and all the souls of the faithful. The Feast of All Saints,

among whom the Mother of God occupies the first and the highest place, is indeed a triumph for our Church. But at the same time it obliges us to ask ourselves in all honesty: How far have we come in our own relationship with God? Are we living a life of virtue and holiness? Are we walking in the footsteps of the Saints?

This weekend also marks the occasion when we honor the lives of the men and women who have serviced our country and those who have died preserving our freedom. Memorial Day is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer – it is a time for celebrating the lives of those who live in service to our great nation. It means taking the time to thank God for the people who allowed our ancestors to escape from the grips of Hitler and Stalin, and come to America in pursuit of freedom. When Memorial Day comes around, we try to take extra special care in thinking about those who sacrificed their lives for us. Monuments and memorials throughout our country are erected and maintained to remind us of the perils that were faced by those who came



before us. Memorial Day serves as an important reminder of those who died on the battlefield while in service to our country, and all those who have passed beyond the surly bonds of this world to touch the face of God. The custom of placing flowers on graves is an old one that exists in many countries throughout the world. Almost everywhere around the globe, people have a special day to honor not only those who gave their lives in battle, but also family members and friends who have gone to their Eternal rest. Let us remember all of them in our prayers and take the time to visit their graves or monuments, as well as honor their memory.

Leo smiled whenever he called himself a "diamond cutter". The statement, however, was literally correct. Leo pushed the lawn-mower that tidied the baseball diamonds. However, cutting, chalking and raking was only part of his responsibilities at the Town's Parks Department. He also planted and pruned trees and grew and transplanted flowers. But the job he cherished above all was printing panels with the names of local youngsters who entered military service. Leo worked neatly and with a great eye for space. Leo made every name readable, and these names were lettered and tacked into position quickly and with the utmost care. But, sadly, the same day the War Department released its 'Killed in Action' lists; Leo went to the honor roll wall and painted a gold star on each service-person's panel, between the hero's first and last name. Each hand-painted star seemed identical in its size and brightness. Leo made sure to keep the downtown memorial quietly beautiful and carefully maintained. In fact, he seemed to keep his job forever – through World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and, just before he retired, the Persian Gulf War. It was more than a job. It was Leo's contribution to the men and women who lost their lives preserving our country's freedom. Leo would call the parents of each new recruit and tell them, "Not to worry. God is on our side. And I will pray for your kid's safe return." To Leo, these young men and women were "kids"- his kids. He watched many of them grow up through the years, as he saw them compete in team sports on his grass and cinders. And he even watched them work in his hometown – maturing into young men and women. And on those days when he painted gold stars, Leo would visit the families who lost a son or daughter and share in their grief. Leo brought the ceremonial gold star flags to



their widows and parents, who displayed them on their front porch or in their front window. Each flag of honor was softly spotted with Leo's own tears. Even though Leo never married, he had thousands of kids, most of who returned home. When he finally retired from the Park's Department, Leo still volunteered to update the honor roll (memorial) wall like only he could - neatly and with great love, talent and affection. When Leo was asked why he still tends the civic honor roll, he said, "It keeps me in touch with my kids. I know each of them by name - all of them."

We stand as one Nation that is strong and united under God. Yet we are humbled, because we remember that the wealth of this Nation's heritage, the strength of its ideals, and the extent of its freedom came with a tremendous price. These treasures were purchased with the lives of

American service men and women, a cost borne prominently by several generations. We are humbled because so many bright futures, hopes, and dreams were sacrificed for the abundance of opportunities we now freely pursue. May we stand with diligence and with humility on the broad shoulders of those whose brave deeds and sacrifice we memorialize today. The loved ones we seek to remember on Memorial Day entered reverently into their Eternal rest with God. Those who suffered for our nation's liberty believed in what some people would like to see removed from both our currency and courthouses: "In God we trust". Let us never lose sight of their commitment and their belief in these words, to appease a small few who would take those words of conviction and faith away from us. We must continue their commitment today, not only in remembrance at their graves, but also as a faithful community of God. Let us remember those who rest in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the strong hemlocks, the tearful willows, the embracing vines, and the faithful words that they held to so dearly. On this Memorial Day weekend, let us remember those who have fallen asleep in the Lord and cherish the memories that they have left behind, both in our hearts and as "one nation under God and indivisible". As we celebrate this Feast of All Saints which likewise coincides with Memorial Day weekend, let us also be cognizant of these words from scripture: "Greater love has no one then this, to lay down one's life for another" (John 15:13).



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From the Letter of Fr. Robert:

As a young driver, with my newly issued driver's license, I loved going to Saint Ignacio de Loyola parish in Puerto Rico. My parish, Mother Cabrini was a hop, skip and jump away from my home. We always walked there. Saint Ignacio was a 15-20 minutes' drive away! It was there that I heard for the first time a priest referring to us, people on the pew, as the "saints of God". "You are also saints..." he proclaimed. I remember thinking: if I am a saint, the Church is in deep trouble! Not long after that I had an opportunity to ask the question in a small prayer group: Should we address each as saints? I explained that I heard a priest saying that. Well the Franciscan leader of the prayer group asked where I heard that, so I said at such and such parish. To that with a great sigh the Franciscan said: "Oh those Jesuits...! Well that was my answer for years.

On the introduction to the First letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verse 2 Saint Paul says: "To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, and called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours." So "Saints", this term, comes from the word sanctified so those whom Jesus died for are the sanctified ones or saints. To be sanctified is to be "set apart for a holy use" and that is what the saints are. We've been called out of the world to go back into the world to call others out of the world. So in such a way we are saints indeed. For in Baptism we were all set apart, for a holy

purpose: God has called us to be holy in this life that one day we may be with God for all eternity.

Today our Ukrainian Catholic Church celebrates the memory of all saints. In this case we are referring to the "great cloud of witnesses" that are already enjoying of Heaven. They are in God. Some are martyrs, others are venerable ones, some where young, some died at a very advance age, others where religious or members of the clergy. Some were well educated, others were ignorant in the ways of the world. However they all follow the way to God set by Our Lord. We know only of a few listed in the "roster of the martyrs", however we understand that there are many more that no one ever heard of, but known to God.

When visiting in Ukraine, there was an older Ukrainian Catholic priest in one of the churches we visited. I noticed he walked with difficulty and one of his eyes looked pretty bad. There was something very holy about him, like a great Peace. It is difficult to explain. As I asked about him, I was told his conditions were not that serious if he had been treated on time, however he was denied assistance by the soviet government. All others not identified as "enemies of the state" would eventually receive some medical care. He was denied the essential help because he was a Catholic and a priest that was asked many times to join the Orthodox Church by the Soviet authorities. Someone pointed to me to see how big his hands were: the reason, I was told was because he did many years of force labor in Soviet Concentration Camps. I think of him when I hear in the gospel today: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge [him] before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

As a parent it scares me to think that I am responsible to instill in my children (now grandchildren too!) faithfulness to the gospel and our Lord. At times the wishy washy religion that surround us comes so short from preparing saints for the kingdom of God. However I cannot forget that the first one I am responsible for is: myself! So lets' often read the lives of the saints, let's invoke their divine assistance as we struggle through this life and let's not get discouraged when we come short of the mark. We do have the MERCY of God to ask for forgiveness and start anew and let's make sure those around us understand that they have a holy vocation to be saints.

Don't forget the Chicken and Ribs BBQ on the 1st Sunday of July here in our parish of St. Basil in Lancaster. We need baskets, door prices and help not to mention help selling the tickets.