

Celebration of my Birthday, after LUC Virtual Meeting. How old am I? (I guess 39!!!)

 \sim Sorry – 68 \sim (M.P.)

Mnohaya Lita (96) to Katie Eckhart!



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CHURCH BULLETIN June 28 – 2020 – 28 Червня церковний вісник



Великі і преславні угодники Божі, всі святі відомі і не відомі, що в землі Українській в подвигах засяяли! До вас, як до помічників і заступників наших ми грішні з любов'ю вдаємося і смиренно молимо: ублагайте Господа Бога, щоб за вашими святими молитвами, та з Свого чоловіколюбства дарував для України нашої мир, щоб ми тихе і спокійне життя прожили у всякому благочесті і чистоті. Амінь.

All Saints of Ukraine Pray for us!



CHURCH BULLETIN

June 28 – 2020 – 28 Червня ЦЄРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК





St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. Church Церква Святого Миколая (Під Опікою П.Д.М.) ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM +Lorraine Szczublewski – 3 years (Family) STREAMING at 4:30 PM in English ~

June 28 Червня: 4 S. aft. Pentecost – 4 H. 3СД

STREAMING за усіх пострадалих 10:00 - English & Ukr. Liturgy in Ukr. & Panachyda

St. Peter and St. Paul – Свв. Петра і Павла Monday, June 29 Червня, Понеділок

9:30 AM For Parishioners - За Парохіян

Tuesday, June 30 Червня, Вівторок 9:00 AM Health of Curtis (Mary Ann DuBois)

Wednesday, July 1 Липня, Середа 9:00 АМ В нам. Марії Франки Процик і цілої родини

Thursday, July 2 Липня, Четвер

9:00 AM +Klementyna Burda - 40 day & Panachyda

Friday, July 3 Липня, П'ятниця

9:00 AM +Wasylyna Ostaszuk - 40 day & Panachyda

Saturday, July 4 Липня, Субота

9:00 AM +Andrew Deneka, Jr. (Wife & Deneka Family) - 40 day & Panachyda

4:30 PM +Wolodymyr Patriwskyi (Lesia)

STREAMING at 4:30 PM in English ~

July 5 Липня: 5 S. aft. Pentecost - 5 H. 3СД

STREAMING 10:00 – Ukr. (some English)

Вічне Світло в честь П. Д. Марії Горить за здоров'я усіх хворих і немічних

Eternal Light Burns for all those who are affected by Covid-19. May the Lord heal them and Holy Theotokos protect them! За всіх тих, що постраждали і страждають від корони вірусу.

Шоб нарешті прийшов кінець пандемії.

28 Червня: 3 Н. по Зісланні Святого Духа 10:00 р. +Єрей Андрій і Емілія (М. Л. Стасюк) По Українськи ~ STREAMING

5 Липня: 4 Н. по Зісланні Святого Духа 10:00 р. +Дануся Марія Литвин (Влодьо і Ненси) По Українськи ~ СТР В МІНС

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In English - On Saturday: 4:30 PM

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Сердечна подяка всім вам, що вислали свої коверти. Я добре знаю Вашу жертвенність! Хай Господь благословить! Очевидно датки зменшилися, але незадовго все прийде до нормального.

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for St. Nicholas Parish - \$7,500.00

Still needed to reach our goal - \$1,139.00

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Guidelines for Opening Parish Churches and Resuming Public Services

Please read!!!

- 1. The church should be cleaned/sanitized before each service when the public may be present, especially those areas and surfaces that are commonly used and touched (bathrooms, railings, doors, pew backs, etc.).
- 2. Social distancing must be observed by laity. Please consider 1/3 of total church capacity as the maximum number of persons that may be present at any given Divine Liturgy or other service. Be aware that in your area the civic authorities may limit the number of attendees to a specific number.
- 3. Prayer books and liturgy books are to be removed from the pews. The faithful may bring their own personal prayer books from home.
- 4. Social distancing of 6 feet (2 meters) must be maintained: a) between non-family members while in the pews; b) while standing or moving in the aisles.
- 5. Wearing face masks is strongly recommended for the laity. Priests are obliged to wear masks while preparing the holy gifts on the Preparation table and while distributing Holy Communion.
- 6. Veneration of icons and crosses by should be done without touching or kissing them.
- 7. The faithful are not to attend church services if they are feeling ill. They should not greet one another with handshakes and should leave the church immediately following the completion of the service.

- 8. Please remind the faithful that because of the ongoing public health crisis, they are not bound by the Sunday obligation to attend church services. Dispensation from Sunday Liturgy obligation remains valid until further
- 9. When distributing Holy Communion with a golden spoon please instruct those who choose to receive to open their mouths wide, not to touch the spoon, and not to cough or sneeze upon it. The spoon must be sanitized immediately after each communicant by wiping it with a cloth soaked in pure alcohol. A disposable wooden spoon may also be used for distributing Holy Communion. A separate wooden spoon is to be used for each communicant. They should be disposed of following the service by burning. Please remind the faithful that they should not feel obliged to come forward for Holy Communion if they are uneasy about receiving.
- 10. Celebrations of weddings, baptism and funerals are allowed if all the precautions listed above are observed.
- 11. Collections baskets are to be left in designated places where parishioners may leave their offerings.
- 12. Live-streaming of liturgical services should continue for the time being as many faithful might be uneasy in attending personally.
- 13. Please consider other precautionary measures to help ensure that our churches are safe and everyone's good health is maintained.

Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM **Bishop of Stamford**





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в неділю, 28 червня, на усіх парафіях Митрополії у знак солідарності з жертвами коронавірусу і расизму у контексті повернення до наших церков

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Всесвітліші та всечесніші Отці, преподобні Брати і Сестри, улюблені у Христі вірні!

Чотири останні місяці, сповнені неспокою і жахіть, сколихнули нашу країну і весь світ. Коронавірус охопив майже всю земну кулю. Мільйони, що були уражені хворобою, потрапили у лікарні та пережили чимало фізичних та психологічних мук на шляху до щасливого одужання. Безліч уражених вірусом досі боряться з його виснажливими наслідками. Незважаючи на геройські зусилля і віддану опіку лікарів та медичного персоналу, 120 тисяч в США і майже пів мільйона осіб у цілому світі, не враховуючи непідтверджених випадків, померли від пандемії. Серед померлих — члени наших родин, друзі, приятелі та парафіяни. Жертвою коронавірусу став і блаженної пам'яті митрополит-емерит Стефан Сулик. На жаль, багато людей були змушені відходити у вічність у самотності, рідні не могли бути поруч з ними, а священики не завжди могли уділити останні Таїнства. Похоронні відправи скорочувалися, і у них могли взяти участь лише деякі. Серед загиблих від вірусу немало лікарів-мучеників, які ризикуючи своїм життям, допомагали іншим. Їхнє жертовне служіння і любов до ближнього ми завжди пам'ятатимо і ними захоплюватимемося. Бо ж справді «Більшої любові ніхто не має за ту, коли хто душу свою кладе за друзів своїх». (Ів. 15:13). Перед лицем Господа ми сьогодні поминаємо усіх жертв пандемії, молимося за хворих та тих, хто ними опікується.

Рівно ж американське суспільство сколихнуло трагічне та приголомшливе вбивство Джорджа Флойда...

Господь кличе нашу країну до глибокого іспиту совісті, щоб побачити і очиститися від стійких шаблонів фанатизму і ненависті, щоб визнати несправедливість, щоб очистити наші серця від лукавих пристрастей. Господь кличе нас йти в майбутнє з молитвою. Завдяки молитві ми зможемо розвивати справжню солідарність з тими нашими братами і сестрами, що зазнають дискримінації. Лише з Богом, у Ньому, ми можемо перемогти гріховність нашої людської природи. Ми молимося і пам'ятаємо, щоб зростати у справжній цілісності, адже «З одного чоловіка Він створив усі народи, щоб вони заселили цілу землю» (Ді 17,26).

Неділя за неділею ми поверталися до регулярних публічних богослужінь у наших храмах. Уже відкриті майже всі парафії. Радіємо, що можемо нарешті молитися разом. Тому, починаючи заново, будучи під впливом пережитого за останні місяці, ми покликані до глибшої духовної застанови над знаками часу.

У неділю 28 червня запрошуємо духовенство, монашество та вірних згадати у молитві усіх жертв коронавірусу, тих, хто загинув внаслідок расизму чи свавілля, жертв останніх протестів, відслуживши Панахиди наприкінці кожної Божественної Літургії в усіх парафіях Митрополії.

Помолімося за померлих від коронавірусу — наших коханих, родичів, друзів, сусідів, лікарів, медичних працівників та усіх, хто першим відгукнувся на виклик пандемії.

Помолімося за Джорджа Флойда та інших, які загинули внаслідок несправедливості.

Помолімося за тих, хто загинув в кайданах рабства та від інших виявів расової нерівності.

Помолімося за тих, хто став жертвою заворушень і розгнузданих пристрастей. Помолімося, щоб Господь дарував нам усім мир, фізичне і психологічне зцілення, примирення, взаємну терпеливість та істинну справедливість!

+Борис, Митрополит і Єпископи у США

Просимо перечитати в цілості: http://www.stamforddio.org/home/an-invitation-to-remember-and-pray

An Invitation to Remember and Pray



An Invitation to Remember and Pray Throughout our Metropolia on Sunday June 28 in Solidarity with Victims of COVID-19 and Racism as We Return to our Churches

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics and our Beloved Faithful!

The last four months have been tumultuous and tragic, shocking our country and the world. The COVID-19 virus spread globally. Millions who got infected were hospitalized and suffered physical and psychological torment before a thankful recovery. Many corona victims have lasting, debilitating after-effects. Despite the heroic efforts and dedicated care of doctors and nurses, family members, parishioners, friends, and acquaintances succumbed to the pandemic —over 120,000 in the US and one half million globally, not counting unconfirmed cases. Among them was our Metropolitan Emeritus, Archbishop Stephen Sulyk, of blessed memory. Painfully, many persons passed away in isolation from their loved ones who could not be at their bedside, while clergy could not administer the Sacraments. Funeral rites were abridged, and those attending were limited in number. Among the deceased are medical martyrs who put their lives on the line helping their patients. Their sacrificial service and love will always be admired and remembered. Indeed, "no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). Before the Lord we remember all the victims of the pandemic and pray for the sick and their caregivers.

American society was equally shocked by the tragic and appalling killing of George Floyd...

The Lord calls our nation to a deep examination of conscience— to see and purge persistent patterns of bigotry and hatred, to acknowledge injustice, to cleanse our hearts of evil passions. The Lord calls us to face our future with prayer. Through prayer we will move to authentic solidarity with our discriminated-against brothers and sisters. Only with the Lord, in Him, and through Him can we overcome the sinfulness of our human nature. We pray and remember, so that we can grow in authentic integrity since "from one ancestor He (God) made all nations to inhabit the whole earth" (Acts 17:26).

Week by week, we have been returning to regular Sunday services. Most of our parishes are now open. We rejoice that we can finally be together in prayer. Thus, as we begin again, carrying with us the experience of the last months we call all to a deep spiritual reflection on the signs of the times.

On Sunday June 28 we invite all the clergy, religious, and faithful together to remember all the victims of the COVID-19 virus, those who died as a result of racism or acts of brutality, and the victims of recent protests, in all our parishes throughout the country by celebrating a Panakhyda requiem service at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, friends, relatives, neighbors, doctors, nurses, first responders and medical personnel who have died of the virus.

Let us also pray for Mr. George Floyd and others like him who died as a result of injustice, let us pray for those who died in the bonds of slavery or other expressions of racism.

Let us pray for the victims of riots and unbridled passions.

Let us pray that the Lord grant peace, physical and psychological healing, reconciliation, and tolerance and true justice!

+Borys Gudziak, Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the US - And our bishops

> Please read entire letter at: http://www.stamforddio.org/home/aninvitation-to-remember-and-pray

In Memoriam

Author: Dr. Ala Salter (aka Mosijczuk) Idaho Springs, Colorado

Wasylyna Ostaszuk (nee Janyshenko) January 15, 1928 - May 24, 2020

Wasylyna Ostaszuk died at the Williamsville Nursing Home May 24, 2020 at age 92. She was taken by the treacherous and unmerciful COVID-19/coronavirus disease of 2019. Those who knew and loved her believe

that she fought hard and that her last struggle was not an easy one-mimicking her life's journey.

Following the end of World War II May 7, 1945, Wasylyna Janyshenko was only a teenager who at age 17 found herself without a home and Homeland. She had fled her beloved Ukraine where, from a very young age as far back as she could remember, worked on the farms and in the fields as a laborer. She left behind her family and the village she was destined to never see again in Hutzulshyna in the SE Carpathian mountains of Galizia.

Wasylyna's unique experience as a young girl at a turbulent, challenging time in history shaped her character. She was resilient, strong, tolerant, optimistic and fiercely loyal to friends she made at the D.P. (Displaced Persons) camps in Germany, and consequently in her path in life. Refugees like her needed to assimilate in order to survive. Given the choice to return to Ukraine, a majority of the 200,000 Ukrainians located in approximately 80 refugee camps across Germany and Austria, chose to remain in the democratic West and face the uncertainties of the future. Wasylyna and her husband Mykyta Ostaszuk, decided to stay. She also knew that the property of farmers who were branded as "kulaks" were being confiscated and that her choice of returning meant her certain death or exile to Siberia by the Soviets.

Life at the DP camp in the American zone near Augsburg, Germany (somme-kaserne) took on a societal structure which included schools; theater; dance; choirs; women's organization; religious organizations; youth groups; and even political parties. Wasylyna joined

several including the Ukrainian Youth Organization CYM (Spilka Ukrainskoi Molodi, founded 1925) where she met my mother Anna Tkatschuk. They became best friends forever until my own mother's death July 14, 2002. There at the camp, Wasylyna was exposed to a rich cultural life, allowed to practice her Catholic faith, and formed a deeper ideology for an independent Ukraine.

When the United States opened its borders with the Displaced Persons Act signed by

President Harry S.
Truman into law on
June 25, 1948, it
authorized for a limited
period of time the
admission into the
United States 200,000
of certain European
displaced persons
(DPs) for permanent
residence. Aided by the
Ukrainian Catholic
Relief Committee and
the United Ukrainian
American Relief

Committee, Wasylyna and Mykyta

boarded a passenger ship full of immigrants, and departed from Bremerhaven, Germany. They arrived July 12, 1950 in New York harbor, USA. My parents Alexander and Anna Tkatschuk and I also arrived that July, the same year. I was only 4 ½ years old, but vividly remember the Statue of Liberty as we docked.

A year later, we all settled in Buffalo, New York. Wasylyna and Mykyta lived in the same community. Their daughter Anna Lesia was born December 22, 1951. She was named after my mother "Anna", her godmother, and given a middle name "Lesia" after the famous Ukrainian author pen-named "Lesya Ukrainka" (nee Larysa Petrivna Kosach-Kvitka). Wasylyna admired her because she also portrayed Hutzul life in her writings. After my sister Roksolana (Tkatschuk-McFadden) was born, the two young girls also became best friends for life until Anna Lesia's untimely death at age 67, in 2018.

I remember those first years in America and how our parents struggled; working hard as laborers in factories.

Wasylyna made us the best varenyky and volunteered at church. I don't ever remember her being cross. She was always cheerful. Roksolana and I... we loved her as our own mother.

By the time of her recent death at age 92, most of Pani Wasylyna's friends from her generation had already passed away, including her husband and daughter. Left to mourn are the second generation of children of her

friends and "kumy" (godparents) who love

and respect Pani
Wasylyna and what she
stood for: A deeply
passionate and spiritual
woman, from humble
beginning, who, like the
legendary Phoenix--she rose from the ashes
of WWII, and bravely
faced the challenges in
life that God presented
to her.

Marta (Wojtowich) Kowtun said it best, that Pani Wasylyna was the

closest (she) could get to her own

(deceased) mother. The last 2-years, Marta spent a great deal of time at the nursing homes keeping Pani Wasylyna company, uplifting her spirits, and bringing some of her favorite food. Marta's feelings toward Pani Wasylyna describe the sentiment of many of us who have lost their own mothers; and are now left behind to mourn Wasylyna Ostaszuk's passing. Halyna Antonyshyn helped Wasylyna as she could in the past years before she went to the nursing home because she and her daughter were ill. Her parents, Lydia and Adam Antonyshyn, an artist, theater director, folk dance instructor, and scout leader in Plast, knew the Ostaszuk's from the European DP camps. George Smetaniuk, decorated Viet Nam War hero, who often visited Wasylyna in the nursing home, is the son of Paraska and Wasyl who have also passed away. His mother also became best friends with Wasylyna because she was a stellar Hutzulka and they both loved to embroider. Wasylyna and our mother's twin goddaughters from Rochester, Zina Dzus-DeBole and

Lydia Dzus were adored. They are still known as "the Dzus twins". Wasylyna often mentioned other god-children: Mychajlo Hrynchak (Buffalo); and Hanya Ostapiuk (Hamilton), her husband Mykyta's godchild. I'm certain there are many more people who have not been mentioned that deserve to be a part of her "Memoriam". Apologies for any omissions.

Funerals during the Pandemic with large church gatherings have been prohibited or limited in scope. With

airport closures and "shelter in place" laws, this has put an emotional strain on family and friends near and far. However, May 27, 2:00 PM, V. Rev. Marijan Procyk, Pastor (since 1990) of Wasylyna's beloved church- St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, conducted a private service with Prayers of farewell. Present were: Sophia Rajca, Pani Ostaszuk's caregiver and manager of her estate for the past 2-years; her sister Diana Chutko Dmytraz whose light hearted humor always filled a room; and who also played a role as caregiver.

diligently taking care of matters in times of need at the Nursing Facilities; Parishioners; Representatives of Soyuz Ukainok; and her goddaughters Zina and Lydia who angelically sang "Ave Maria" for their dear "Chresna" (godmother). Sadly, none of the faithful could attend the burial at St. Matthews Cemetery.

Wasylyna Ostaszuk was dedicated to her faith and Fr. Marijan Procyk added immensely to her spiritual life. He visited her at Absolute Care Nursing facility; administered Holy Communion; and came to her 90th birthday. She said that his visits, Blessings, and Prayers not only strengthened her emotionally, but also eased her grief over the tragic death of her only child, Anna Lesia Siminski.

She will live forever in our hearts...

Vichnaya Pamyiat!

Wasylyna Ostaszuk, Fr. Marijan Procyk Photo by: Halyna Antonyshyn at St. Matthews Cemetery

