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SAINT NICHOLAS  
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V. Rev. Marijan Procyk, pastor/dean  
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**Rectory:** (716) 852-7566

**Fax:** 855-1319 ~ **Kitchen:** 852-1908

**Confession:** Before Liturgies

**Сповідь:** Перед Св. Літургіями

**Baptism:** By appointment

**Хрещення:** За домовленням

**Marriage:** Contact 6 months in advance

**Вінчання:** Голоситися 6 місяців скорше

**Religion classes – Кляси Релігії**

Saturday, 11:45 AM – Субота, 11:45 р.

**Ministry to the sick - Опіка над хворими**

Family members should call the Rectory  
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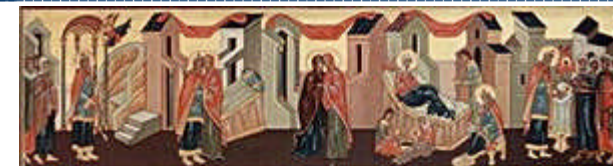
UNDER THE PROTECTION  
OF MOTHER OF GOD



ПІД ОПІКОЮ ПРЕЧИСТОЇ  
ДІВИ МАРІЇ ОДІГІТРІЇ

CHURCH BULLETIN – N<sup>o</sup>27

July 3 – 2011 – 3 Липня  
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК – Ч. 27



St. John the Baptist – Св. Іван Хреститель



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

**July 3: 3 S. Aft. Pent. - 3 Н. По ЗСД** **T2**

**10:00 AM** +Дануся Литвин  
(Влодьо і Ненси)

**12:00 PM** For all sick in the parish

**Mon., July 4 – Понеділок, 4 Липня**

**9:00 AM** **For the Freedom**  
**За волю поневолених**

**Tue., July 5 – Вівторок, 5 Липня**

**9:15 AM** Helene Mysliwec & Anna (Jim)

**Wenesday, July 6 – Середа, 6 Липня**

**9:00 AM** +Helen Maxim (Peter Maxim)

**12:00 AM** +Irene Voychak  
(Norma & Mary Ann Dubois)

**Народж. Св. Івана Хрестителя – (Юл)**

**Thursday, July 7 – Чет., 7 Липня**

**9:00 AM** За здоров'я Орисі Перейма  
(родина)

**Friday, July 8 – П'ят., 8 Липня**

**9:15 AM** +Андрій Войчак (Марія Хом'як)  
як Бергман, Стефанія Хом'як)

**10:00 AM** Moleben – Молебень Хр. Чол.

**Saturday, July 9 – Субота, 9 Липня**

**4:30 PM** +John & Olga Sukmann  
(Mary Beth)

**July 10: 4 S. Aft. Pent. - 4 Н. По ЗСД** **T3**

**10:00 AM** ++з родини Процик:  
Марія, Михайло, Євка, Зофія,  
Гринько, Іван (р. Петришин)

**12:00 PM** За Парохіян-For Parishioners

Eternal Light burns for  
**+Hryhorij Sarachman**  
Requ. Vy. Joanne Bader

In the Beginning . . . (cont.)



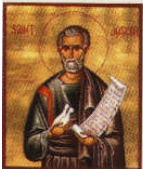
**(week 14)** Chris's taste buds are working! I drink more amniotic fluid and it tastes sweet. My skin is transparent and is very sensitive to pain except for my back and the top of my head. I may be small, but I am growing fast!

Mother enjoys fireworks and celebrates the birth of our nation, but Chris won't hear anything, yet.

*"I set before you life and death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live."* **OR**

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

Вічне світло в честь ПДМ горить за  
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## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Просимо звернути  
увагу на дати:



Sunday Coffee Hours: If any one would like to volunteer to host a Sunday, please contact Elaine, Dora, Emily, Mary (B.) or Anna.

- KITCHEN – is closed for the Summer. Thank you for your help and patronage.
- Coffee Hour - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!
- August 7: Church Picnic. Please help!!!

### TOP'S GIFT CARDS:

Please help us raise money for our Church by purchasing



Top's Gift Cards from us. If you buy in Tops anyway, why not help. You do not lose or gain anything by doing this, but our Church will benefit greatly. We receive back 5% of your spending. To take advantage of this program, see Mary Bodnar or call 655-3810, or call the rectory. Thank you and God Bless!

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CHURCH BULLETIN is published weekly. Deadline for information is Friday Evening.

ЦЕРК. ВІСНИК видається тижнево  
Інформації подавати до четверга вечора.

## SAINT NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА СВЯТОГО МИКОЛАЯ (ПІД ОПІКОЮ ПРЕЧИСТОЇ ДІВИ МАРІЇ ОДІГІТРІЇ)

Please call if you are hospitalized,  
homebound and need a priest.  
Просимо закликати якщо ви у  
лічниці або приковані до ліжка!

Коли плянуєте дату вашого вінчання  
чи хрещення то просимо поговорити  
з парохом, щоб потім не було непорозуміння. Може статися, що в цей день  
буде неможливо відбутися заплановане.  
\* \* \*

If you are planning a Baptism or Wedding, please contact Pastor about the date before making other arrangements.

*V. Rev. Marijan Proyk*

Are you listening "Good Samaritan"  
Ukrainian Radio Program  
on WJLL 1440 AM  
Every Sunday at 2:00 PM?  
Thanks for donations!

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Чи слухаєте нашу радіо передачу  
«Милосердний Самар'янин»  
Неділя, 2 год. на WJLL 1440 AM?  
Дякуємо за пожертви!

## DONATIONS TO 2011 Stamford Bishop's Appeal

Maria Plotycia - \$200.00

Mary Bodnar- \$100.00

Michael & Maria Petryshyn - \$100.00

Mary Beth Sukmann - \$25.00

### Total collected

as of June 13, 2011 - **\$8,215.00**

### 2011 Goal

for St. Nicholas Parish - **\$7,300.00**

We reached our Goal, but if you still wish  
to contribute, you can do so, because  
there is always a need. Thank you!

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## DONATION TO SOBOR IN KYIV

Kateryna Kocaj - **\$1,000.00**

(In Memory of husband Mychajlo Kocaj)

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## DONATIONS TO ST. NICHOLAS

Anonymous - **\$1,000.00**

May the Lord Bless You all!

Хай Господь благословить усіх!

### IMPORTANT!

PICNIC MAILING MEETING, TUESDAY,  
JULY 5, 2011 AT 4:00PM. ----- **HELP IS  
NEEDED IN MAILING OUT THE RAFFLE  
BOOKS. PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP.**

### SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Annual Parish Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 7, 2011

12:00PM - ?

On the Church Grounds  
Volunteers needed to help!

## ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

On Sunday, August 7, 2011 our parish will be holding it Annual Picnic on the Church Grounds beginning at noon.

As always we are asking for your help and support in make this year's picnic a success.

Your help and support is needed in many ways:

- We need Theme Baskets – to donate contact Mary Beth Sukmann 824-1433 before July 24, 2011.
- Items for Kitchen Jar Table such as: paper towels, sugar, flour, kitchen gadgets etc.  
(Make sure items are new and please watch the Expiration dates)
- Help is needed during the week preceding the picnic preparing the food. Contact Anna Melnyk to volunteer your services.
- Baked Goods are also needed, to sell in the kitchen and the baked goods table. It would be nice if each family could donate some sort of baked good.

### Please remember

We DO NOT need items for Attic Treasures, since we do not have this booth at the Picnic. If you have any ideas or can help in any way, Please contact Lesia Petriwsky at 826-7321.

**REMEMBER: THIS PICNIC IS ONE OF  
OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS  
OF THE YEAR. PLEASE SUPPORT US!**

End of the Kitchen Year

## Medical Adult Day Care

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### Програма Дня:

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The Ukrainian Congress Committee of  
America, Inc. – Buffalo Branch Invites  
everyone to attend Our Annual

## UKRAINIAN DAY

On Sunday, August 21, 2011.  
Ukrainian Cultural Center “Dnipro”  
562 Genessee St., Buffalo, NY  
Beginning at 1 PM (Moleben at 1:45)  
Featuring Traditional Ukrainian foods,  
pastries, beverages, music,  
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Ample Parking available.

### For more Information contact:

Dr. A. Diakun: 632-4212;  
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The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil  
the Great are celebrating 100 Years in  
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ving presence. Please mark your calen-  
dars for following Centennial Events:

## Centennial Pilgrimage

October 2nd - Fox Chase

### Closing of the Centennial Year

#### Divine Liturgy and Banquet

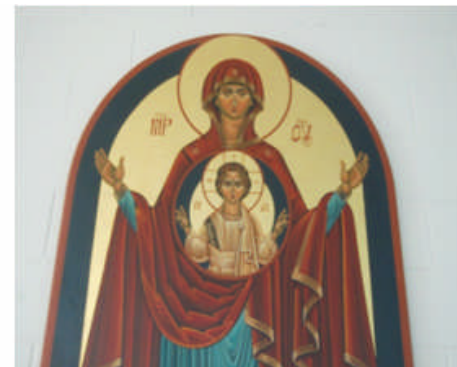
November 6th Cathedral of the Immaculate  
Conception

For more information check out our web-  
site: [www.stbasils.com](http://www.stbasils.com)

### An Evening with Dr. “Bo” Dejneka

Thursday - July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

We would like to invite all families to  
spend an evening with local Ukrainian  
pediatrician, Dr. Bohdan Dejneka, who  
will be present from 6 – 7:30 PM on  
Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, in St. Nicholas  
Church Hall to meet with parents, grand-  
parents, children, and expectant moms.  
Dr. ‘Bo’ is fluent in English and Ukrain-  
ian and able to answer any questions that  
parents or even expectant parents may  
have regarding healthcare issues, pediatric  
health concerns, and any other topics re-  
lated to how we can raise healthy and  
happy children. Hope to see you there.



57<sup>th</sup> HOLY DORMITION (ASSUMPTION)  
PILGRIMAGE  
AUGUST 13 – 14, 2011

ST. MARY'S VILLA/SLOATSBURG, NEW YORK  
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*Theme: Mary Hope of Christians*

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy celebrated by Rev. Kiril Angelov (chapel) - English  
followed by Panakhyda remembering deceased clergy, religious, pilgrims  
Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford

10:00 – 12:00 / 2:00 – 4:00 pm Workshops - Rooms to be announced

### FOOD AVAILABLE AT PAVILION

5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy, Rev. Jody Baran, main celebrant / homilist (grotto) - English  
Choir of St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral, Passaic, NJ.

Blessing of Water (front of Villa)

8:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God with candlelight procession (grotto) - English  
Most Rev. William Skurla, main celebrant / homilist, Eparch of Passaic

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 a.m. Lamentations to the Mother of God – Rev. Edward Young, celebrant (chapel) –  
English

10:00 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy with procession to grotto followed by blessing of  
flowers

Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia, homilist  
Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford  
Most Rev. Basil Losten, Bishop Emeritus of Stamford  
Choir: St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Rochester, New York

12:00 p.m. Youth Liturgy, Rev. Vasyl Kornitsky, main celebrant / homilist (chapel) –  
English

1:30 p.m. Healing Service with Akathist (Villa chapel, grotto steps)  
Blessing of Religious Articles (front of St. Joseph's)

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God (Ukrainian –grotto)  
Rev. Bohdan Danylo, main celebrant / homilist

Blessing of cars and buses

### CONFESSION AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

Reverend Bohdan Danylo, Rector St. Basil Seminary – Pilgrimage Spiritual Moderator

### З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Минулої п'ятниці святкували ми празник Христа Чоловіколюбця. Встановлений він нам на пригадку, що Господь нас полюбив безконечною любовю. Він прийшов задля нас, навчав нас, поради давав, хвороби лікував, чуда творив. Він своє життя віддав за нас, і коли було б потрібно Він не заввагав би ся це знова і знова повторити, хоча б і кожного дня аж до кінця цього видимого світу, до того часу коли сам прийде судити живих і мертвих. Нема любови, що могла б дорівнювати Його любові, нема жертви, подібної до Його жертви на хресті. Розширивши руки на хрест, він обняв нас усіх, відкрив себе перед нами, що б ми могли також себе відкрити перед Ним. Наша відповідь на Його любов може бути двояка, і наша доля буде віддзеркалювати цю відповідь.

Перша з них нагадує повоження розбійника, який був по лівиці який, помимо болів в наслідок розп'яття, підсміхався з Христа: "Синон Божим назвав себе. А чи можеш це доказати. Ану зроби якесь чудо. Спаси себе і нас." Він не бачив несправедливості, яка була зроблена Христові, він не бачив Господньої доброти. Він чув тільки це, що інші про Нього говорили коли Його розпинали.

Як часто і ми готові підсміхатися з інших, тому, що інші нам сказали, щось про них поганого, навіть якщо це і не зовсім так. Як легко інших засуджувати, бо ми переконані, що вони на це заслужили. А любов, а милосердя, а прощення – ми на це постійно забуваємо.

Друга наша відповідь нагадує нам поводження розбійника, що був розп'ятий по Христовій правіці, який став у обороні Господа кажучи до свого судруга: "Та чи ти не боїшся Бога? Ми дійсно засуджені по справедливості, а Він же ніякого зла не зробив."

Цікаво, що цей чоловік дійшов до цього зрозуміння. Ціле його життя перейшло на марно, можливо кривдячи інших, хоча ми цього не знаємо, можливо відбираючи від тих що мали забагато і даючи тим що не мали нічого, цього також нам не відомо. Факт є, що він був розп'ятий разом з Невинним, з Тим, що навіть „надломаної гиялки не хотів відломляти і який похилу травичку піднімав, що криве випростовув", що хворих лікував, а навіть і з мертвих воскресив.

Цікаво, чи він коли небудь чув Господню промову, чи слухав Його цікаві притчі, що частина з них запасані у євангеліях для нашого повчання? Правдоподібно відчув він вищість Христову у тій хвилині, коли то Господь не то що нарікає, але навіть молиться за тих що його розп'яли: "Прости їм, Отче, бо вони не знають, що роблять."

Потиснув би він тепер Його правіцю і з подякою поцілував би її, коли б вона не була прибита до хреста, так як і його. Перед Ним упав би на коліна, якщо б не був як і Він розп'ятий. "Згадай мене Господи; коли прийдеш у царство твоє" – промовив розбійник. Усі провини змиті, усе забулося, і не буде ніхто згадувати брак любови продовж цілого його життя. Одне слово і вистарчить. Одне слово і спасіння приходить. У своїй любові Господь все прощає і каже розбійникові: "Ще сьогодні будеш зі мною в раю."

Що б і ми, дорогі в Христі, могли почувти оці Господні слова у хвилині коли будемо відходити з цього світу, а почуємо їх, оскільки зуміємо вести наше життя дорогою любови, оскільки матимимо милосердя до покривджених, співчуття до терплячих, оскільки будемо в інших бачити Христа і жити по Хресті, і бути Христом для інших...

### From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

July 3, 2011

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

HAPPY Fourth of July, USA! Happy Canada Day! What a beautiful summer weekend! I hope everyone will, as they say, have a 'safe and happy fourth.' The only advice I would give for folks in this area is, "Stay away from the international bridges!" Boy that used to be the dread of our trips to Canada when I was serving at the churches over there! Usually we wouldn't have a problem with the crossing when we went in the morning, but coming home...well, that often was very interesting, especially when the girls were small. ☺ ☺ ☺ On our return home we'd dread our first glimpse of the bridge, grumble a lot, and then, since there was no other choice, just go with the line till it was our turn to get through. Somehow we survived. The Canadian/American border crossings on the long weekends are definitely a place where one can learn patience! So the moral of that story is, "I'm glad I don't have to 'cross the river' this weekend."

God willing, when you read this I will be celebrating Liturgy in Niagara Falls, USA. This Sunday, July 3, is our 'Coffee Hour' following the service. As I write to you on Thursday evening, I'm hoping and praying for a lot of visitors. I'm not expecting any Canadians because of that bridge situation, but I always look for our US visitors. If you weren't able to be with us this month, won't you consider coming and praying with us next month, August seventh? Did I ever tell you how much we enjoy visitors to our little church? I know we all have our parishes, and our parish responsibilities but a visit to another church, if only for a change of scenery, does us a lot of good. So know you always will be welcome whenever you can visit us. I know it'll be worth the trip! ☺

I got a late start on your letter because I have been spending a lot of time in Canada this past week attending the funeral of a priest. Last Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>, just two days after his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, Father Mykola Komar was called to his eternal reward. Many, many people on the Niagara Frontier know of Father, as he was pastor at his last assignment in St. Catharines, the Church of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, for over 37 years prior to his retirement about 11 years ago. Everyone was aware of his great priestly/scholarly work and his funeral was certainly a testament to that fact. His life and work certainly touched many lives and we pray *Vichnaja Pamjat-Eternal Memory* as we send our sympathy and love to his beloved Presbytera and all the family.

A priest funeral is taken over three days. On the first night his earthly remains are brought into the church and there is a "*Parastas for the Priest*" that is sung. Actually the service in its entirety is four hours long, so only half of it is sung on the first night. The second half is taken the following evening, which was Tuesday. Then on Wednesday we served the funeral Divine Liturgy. It was a beautiful and prayerful funeral. Each night and then on Wednesday there were at least 20 priests, four deacons, one subdeacon, many servers, and hundreds and hundreds of family, parishioners and former parishioners who attended the services. The Bishop was also there to preside over the services, show his respect and to give thanks to this good priest of his, who was taken from us.

Father was always very attentive in his services and everyone knew how much he loved the priesthood and our Greek-Catholic Church. It was no wonder then, that his funeral was taken with all diligence and care and not even one "Hospodyj Pomiluy-Lord Have Mercy" was omitted. After the Liturgy on Wednesday and prior to the casket being placed in the hearse for the trip to the cemetery, Father's body was carried three times around the outside of the church by his brother priests. I am honored and blessed to be able to say that I was



one of those chosen for this task, and then to carry him from the hearse to his final resting place. There were several photographers during all the services and in the near future, if they are not already there, you will be able to view the funeral on the computer. Go to Saint Elias.com and if the pics have been posted, you will find them on that site. I know you will find them very beneficial in learning more about Liturgy and prayer. Also maybe you'd just want to be nosy and see who was there. That's ok, too! You'll still be moved by the services and prayers, and as that clothing salesman on TV says, "I guarantee it!"

Serving in the States as I have been for the last ten years or so, there is one aspect of a funeral in Canada that I had forgotten about. And that is whenever a funeral procession is approaching, oncoming traffic pulls to the side of the road and stops. Imagine that in this day and age! EVERY car stopped yesterday, even two police cruisers on different parts of the trip to the cemetery. What a great feeling it was for me to see this great respect for another human being! I'm sure no one knew who was in the hearse; they simply stopped to pay their respects...one human to another human. BEAUTIFUL!

And now it's summer. Last night before I went to bed I was looking out of the window, saying my prayers for you and for all my family and I saw two lightning bugs. They are a treat to see as they signal summer for sure and bring back memories of catching them by the jarful on those great summer nights "in the field." Remember how sad we got if we accidentally squished one? When we were called to come in for the night we opened the lid and set the little guys free to decorate the night with their messages of love and life. Those two the other night might be the only two I'll see around here all summer, but they were most welcome in our backyard.

Our church kitchens are taking a much-needed rest for the summer, but it's only a quick breather. Some of our parishes have had or will soon have their summer picnics and festivals. So everyone is doing or planning, trying to make a few bucks for church or school. St. Nicholas here in Buffalo will have their parish picnic on August 7.

There's always a big one this weekend in Minersville, Pa., soon followed by another in that area called "Seminary Day." The proceeds from that event go to the support of St. Josaphat's Seminary in Washington, D.C. And beside all that activity we are heading to the shore or the mountains for that much needed vacation.

And the best part is we are still free to do those things in this great land, thanks to those courageous Founding Fathers, guided by the Spirit, who wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 only 235 years ago. In thanksgiving to Almighty God and to those who fought and died so we can be free, I leave you with some of their words: *"...all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.....and for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."* We see in these modern times how it is possible to lose the freedom that was won for us with 'blood, sweat and tears.' Now, more than ever, we must stand up for these great ideals that have been America for 235 years! With thanksgiving to Almighty God for the gifts of our Founders and for His innumerable blessings upon this great land let us all pray, "God bless America! Happy Birthday, USA!"

In His Love

Father Ray



From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

...Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky once wrote, "Meditating on the love of Christ, the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit who dwells in her and leads the faithful to the love and knowledge of God, has become more and more conscious of the fact that love is the basic cause of all that Christ has done for mankind, and in accepting this love we become more and more faithful to the teachings of Christ." In St. Matthew's Gospel, Christ reminds us of the need to place our faith and trust in God, Who is the giver and sustainer of all things. For even the birds of the air and the flowers of the earth depend on our Heavenly Father for their every need. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear." Jesus is teaching us that experiencing anxiety over material needs is unspiritual. Perhaps it may seem natural, but it denotes a lack of confidence in the love of God. The question before us today is - How can our confidence and faith be sustained? And the answer Christ gives is simple. Just look at the birds and flowers, they do not worry, because God provides for their every need. Only man has become so dependent on gathering earthly commodities, but money eventually fails. Material possessions can give the illusion of security, and even keep some from depending upon God at all. It is not our lack of material possessions, but rather our lack of confidence in Christ that remains the greatest obstacle in our faith.

The Lord asks us a lot of questions in today's Gospel. If you read scripture carefully you will see He asks many questions: sometimes implied questions and sometimes direct questions like this: "Is not life more important than food and the body more important than clothing" (Matthew 6:25)?" We should be able to answer this question easily. First of

all, what is life? The Lord made us for life to be formed into His image. This is the life the Lord is speaking of. The Lord had in His mind, when He created mankind, that we would know Him intimately. So He made mankind in His Image. Life is for us to see God; to polish that image within us, so that when we seek Him face to face, we will not be afraid, it will not be as through a dark glass; it will not be with terror, it will not be with shame. It will be with great joy and knowledge of God. This is what life is. Life is not what we do in our day-to-day activities; Life is not what we desire that is worldly; or even what we need that is earthly. We need food, we need water, we need clothing, we need shelter, and we need other things. But those things are not life; those things only serve to sustain the body so that we can learn of what true Life is - that is to be conformed to the image of God's Son.

"Seek first, His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33).

## The 73 Annual Convention

of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will be held in Buffalo October 7, 8, 9, 2011 at the Airport Holiday Inn. We ask the support of our local Ukrainian community in this endeavor. We especially ask that our organizations not schedule any events that weekend. Thank you!

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