



Marta Kasiyan's diploma. Congratulations, Marta! Mnohaya! Lita



Mrs. Julia Blendonohy with granddaughters. Congratulations! Mnohaya Lita!



Adriana Scheidle with her diplomas from Niagara Wheatfield Senior High, from 6/26/2021. She also completed a 2 year Film & Animation program at Orleans Niagara BOCES. Congrats Mnohaya Lita!



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**OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP**

Тропар, глас 7: Богомати і Діво,* твою славу величаємо,* твоєї помочі благаємо,* твою чудотворну ікону почитаємо.* Ти – Мати благодати,* ти – надія світу,* нашими молитвами не погорди в наших нуждах,* і від усіх бід ти нас звільни.

Кондак, глас 6: Мати наша, Неустанна Помоче,* дай нам в турботах довір'я, в болях – полегшу,* в скорботах – потіху, в боротьбі – поміч.* Подай християнам з'єднання, церковним служителям – ревність,* грішникам – прощення, праведним – витривалість,* вмираючим – спасіння,* душам в чистилищі очищення і вічну славу випроси.

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НЕУСТАЮЧОЇ ПОМОЧІ**

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(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)
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4:30 PM +Michael Borowiec
(Sally Barone & family)
in English ~ **STREAMING**

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July 4: 6 Sunday aft. Pentecost – 6 н. по ЗСД

10:00 Ukr. & some English **STREAMING**

Monday, July 5 липня, понеділок
9:00 AM FOR OUR NATION – ЗА НАШУ КРАЇНУ

Tuesday July 6 липня, вівторок
10:00 AM +Pawlyna Regula (Family)

Wednesday, July 7 липня, середа
10:00 AM See Julian

Thursday, July 8 липня, четвер
9:00 AM +Гілько Процек (родина)

Friday, July 9 липня, п'ятниця
9:00 AM +Ева Ковтало – 40 день і панахида

Saturday, July 10 липня, субота
9:00 AM +Mary A. Petryshyn (Mary, Melissa Obermiller)

4:30 PM +Lubomyr Pereyma (Family)
in English ~ **STREAMING**

July 11: 7 Sunday aft. Pentecost – 7 н. по ЗСД

10:00 Ukr. & some English **STREAMING**

→ Banns of Matrimony (3) ←

Melissa Maria Obermiller, daughter of Patrick &
Mary (Popadyn) and
Nigel Ramsey Young, son of Martin
& Christine (Bove)

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4 липня: 2 Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа
10:00 р +о. Володимир Вербицький (Анна Мельник)
По Українськи ~ **STREAMING**



7 липня: Народж. Св. Івана Хрестителю
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(Бабуся Леся Савка і хресаний Мартин)

11 липня: 3 Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа
10:00 р +Дануся Литвин (Влодьо і Ненсі)
По Українськи ~ **STREAMING**

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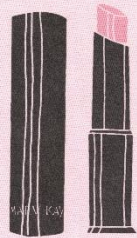
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- Ihor Makuch - \$250.00
- Pereyma Family - \$250.00
- Larry & Marilyn Glascott - \$100.00
- Nina Palmeri - \$100.00
- Ulana Scheidle - \$100.00
- Ihor Gill - \$50.00
- Roman & Lyuba Khoma - \$50.00

Total collected
as of July 1, 2021 - \$7,045.00
2021 Goal

for St. Nicholas Parish - \$7,500.00
Still needed to reach our goal - \$455.00
Thank You for your GENEROSITY

SAVE THE DATE!

At the present time we are planning to have our Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 1, 2021 on the Church grounds. As it stands now, we are expecting to have most picnic activity outside. Hopefully the weather will co-operate. We will need the help of our parishioners to prepare food and set up tents/tables/ chairs for the picnic. We are still planning to have our picnic raffle and theme baskets. Donations for theme baskets will be greatly appreciated.

Наш Церковний Пікнік буде 1 Серпня,
2021 з виграшою і кошиками.
Просимо о пожертви.

WE ARE BACK!!!!!!!
Coffee Hour resumed after the 10:00 Liturgy.
По Святі Літургії будемо мати сніданок.

→ IMPORTANT – ВАЖНЕ ←

It is time to think about coming back to the church. Just remember: We observe whatever is a guidance from the State.

Час вертатися до церкви.
Зберігаємо усі Стейтові закони і поради.

Our Anniversary will take place Dec. 19

(If for some reason we are unable to have our Anniversary Banquet on December 19, 2021, we will not reschedule. It will be as it will be!!!)

Річниця нашої Парохії буде 19 грудня

(На випадок, якщо не буде можливо мати банкет по Св. Літургії 19 Грудня, ми не будемо переносити на другий рік. Так буде як буде!!!)

Presently, we are expecting to hold our November Ukrainian Bazaar as usual with theme baskets, baked goods and food.

Надіємося, що цього року у листопаді зможемо мати наш Церковний Базар.

Please remember, all parish fundraisers are very important for the financial stability of our parish. We hope we can count on your ample support and help with all parish activities.

Просимо підтримати наш церковний пікнік, базар, тощо бо це додатковий спосіб, що б отримати фонди на потреби Парохії Св. Миколая у 125-ліття її існування.



Дякуємо – Thank you!

Глава УГКЦ привітав папу-емерита Венедикта XVI з ювілеєм священства

29 червня папа-емерит Венедикт XVI відзначив 70-річний ювілей священничого служіння. У своєму вітальному листі Блаженніший Святослав, Глава і Отець УГКЦ, охарактеризував служіння 265-го папи як «цілковиту довіру до Бога, реалізовану в служінні Його Церкві».



«Ваша цілковита довіра до Бога, смирення у служінні Його Церкві та усвідомлення, що все належить тільки Богові, вчать нас, що покликання до Священства виходить із серця Бога і шукає свого шляху до серця чоловіка», - зазначив у своєму листі Глава УГКЦ.

«Радість Вашого ювілею є для нас доброю нагодою подякувати Господеві за дар Вашого вселенського служіння Христовій Церкві. З цієї нагоди бажаю висловити Вам визнання і вдячність усієї Української Греко-Католицької Церкви, просячи Ваших молитов за мир в Україні», - звернувся з проханням до папи-емерита Блаженніший Святослав.

Папа-емерит Венедикт XVI отримав священничі свячення 29 червня 1951 р. разом зі своїм рідним братом в катедральному храмі м. Фрайзинг. З нагоди цього ювілею вийшла у світ його біографія «Бенедикт XVI. Життя і виклики» авторства Луки Карузо під редакторською опікою Ватиканської фундації імені Йозефа Ратцингера - Венедикта XVI.

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May the Lord bless you all! Нехай Господь благословить!

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Holocaust Commemoration: A Public or Private Matter?

The dangers of private control are compounded when all or part of that control comes from foreign sources, particularly sources in a hostile country engaged in aggressive war against the country where the historical site is located.

The Ukrainian Catholic University has issued a statement supporting government control of the Babyn Yar commemorative site in Kyiv and opposing its subjection to private Russian interests (RISU, 15 June 2021). According to the UCU document, the conception of the memorial should be determined by the state and civil society. The Kyiv-born American historian Prof. Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern of Northwestern University has warned of the consequences of Russian businessmen controlling the Babyn Yar memorial, and Prof. Uilleam Blacker of University College London's School of Slavonic and East European Studies has called this a national security issue. Earlier, the All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations also emphasized the importance of maintaining international scholarly standards, as well as respecting the religious sensibilities and traditions of the confessions represented by all those whose remains rest at the site.

Babyn Yar, a ravine near Kyiv, is the site of a series of massacres by the German occupation forces of over a hundred thousand Jews, Soviet prisoners of war, Communists, Ukrainian nationalists, Roma, and others during World War II. The most notorious mass killing, which took over thirty thousand lives, occurred on 29-30 September 1941. After the war, the Soviet government ignored the site. In 1961, Yevgenii Yevtushenko wrote a poem protesting against its failure to commemorate the victims of the crime, and the following year Dmitri Shostakovich wrote his Thirteenth Symphony to the poet's text. In subsequent years, various memorial projects were discussed. In the last five years, two rival projects have emerged: one private, funded by Russian oligarchs, and one public, funded by the state.

The issue raised by the UCU statement is whether the creation, development, and maintenance of a national historical memorial site should be in the hands of (1) private interests, (2) foreign interests, (3) the state, (4)



civil society, or (5) some combination from among the above.

It is obvious that an historical event of especially a national tragedy like Babyn Yar is a matter of national importance and should not be subjected to the interests of private persons, however well-funded or well-intentioned they may be. Babyn Yar concerns the people of Ukraine and, indeed, of all humanity. There would be insufficient public control of the memorial site if it were handed over to private business.

The dangers of private control are compounded when all or part of that control comes from foreign sources, particularly sources in a hostile country engaged in aggressive war against the country where the historical site is located. Manipulation of history for propaganda purposes is especially where (as today) the propaganda is part of multi-vector aggression is too likely a consequence.

State control is desirable because the state is responsible for preserving the historical memory of its citizens, particularly with regard to events of public concern like wars and occupations. At the same time, state control could pose dangers too. Governments come and go. A government with an unfavorable attitude towards the aims of the historic site could neglect or even harm it. A favorably disposed government could indulge in excessive glorification or vilification of historical actors or other distortions. Nevertheless, in a democratic state, government policy is subject to popular monitoring and control as well as to the critical oversight of professional historians.

In other words, state control of a historic memorial site should always be answerable to civil society. For it is historians, architects, and museum personnel, as well as the general public, who have the right and the obligation to ensure that the state creates appropriate memorials to historical persons and events. In the case of Babyn Yar, civil society should also participate in the development and maintenance of the memorial in a manner that serves not only to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and its victims, but also to interpret it objectively for the citizens of Ukraine and foreign visitors, and to ensure that its lessons are broadly disseminated at home and abroad.

Only a partnership of the state and civil society can ensure that these goals are met.

(RISU)

The View From Up Here

(July 4, 2021)

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Hello Dear Climbers of the Holy Mountain,

As we make our journey towards the summit, every year we all have the amazing celebration of our life, our birthday into this world. When we are young, and down near the base of the mountain, our family usually marks the day of our birth for us by making it very special and often very unforgettable. I well remember my sixth birthday when my brother Mike, an All-Star center, brought the other stars of the Blythe Township High School football team, with whom he played, to my party. WOW! It could have been Jim Kelly and the Super Bowl teams the way I felt! Yep, it was a special and unforgettable birthday and as I would come to find out, all birthdays are special, especially when we are so far up the mountain.

Early on, our birthdays are all the exciting, present-getting kind, but as time goes on, and we come to understand some things about this mountain we are climbing, we begin to look at a birthday in a different way. We know where we have been and easily remember our past, present and future.

We celebrate the day, just as we did when we were younger with the presents, and special cards and food and the wonderful birthday cake (yellow cake with chocolate frosting and walnuts and sliced bananas on top and between the layers, please)! We pause in prayer on the day of our birth and thank God for the gift of Life He so richly has bestowed upon us! As we go onward and upward, a very important part of our birthday is to stop and remember the past, give thanks for all the gifts and people of our life, especially those who can say, "I'm

glad you were born!" We look to the days gone by, the good days and bad days, the happy days and the sad days and realize how they formed and fashioned us and made us who we are today. Yes, we celebrate the past and rejoice in the present moment as we remember! Then we look forward to the future and pray and wonder what will be. Again we stop and thank God for bringing us here....

In case you haven't guessed all these words about a birthday are to remind us of one special birthday we have on this day, July 4.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

Today this God-blessed land is 245 years old as a country! Sometime this day, let all of us, from the youngest to the oldest, take a moment and ponder the past, present and future of our beloved country. Let us take a moment and fall on our knees to give thanks to Almighty God for the blessing of allowing us to

live and work out our salvation in such

a great country as this United States of America. Without a doubt, we all realize that living in this country has never, always been "smooth sailing." From that July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania right to the present time of July 4, 2021 we know there have been hardships, struggles, doubts, wars, and even war among ourselves. As I write this on July 1, 2021 we can't help but recall the beginning of the 3-day Battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 1863. It was an horrendous, blood-gushing part of that Civil War when American fought American. All of this happened and continues to happen because we have been given, by the grace of God, the great gift of Freedom! There is only one phrase that can be written after that: "Freedom is not Free!" Freedom does not "just happen." It requires constant vigil, dedication, effort



and placing ourselves in the hand of our Creator! It requires that we stand up to EVIL and pledge, as did those great signers, *“And for the support of this Declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred honor.”*

The authors and signers of the Declaration of Independence were indeed blessed with a keen understanding of who they were, what they were doing, and how they had to stand up and fight against the tyranny and evil. They would begin to sign their names when one of the delegates, Richard Henry Lee, a delegate from Virginia, reminded them saying, *“Why then sir, why do we longer delay? Why still deliberate? Let this happy day give birth to our American Republic. Let her arise not to devastate or conquer, but to reestablish the reign of peace and law.”*

Once again, as so many times before, our very way of life is being threatened! Once again, the power of the Evil One is being felt in all of our lives...the halls of Congress, our schools, our local governments, and yes, sad to say, **even our churches!** Here is not the time nor the place to delve into “what is going on in this country”, but it doesn’t take the proverbial ‘rocket scientist’ to figure it out! We are as surely threatened this day, even as were our country’s founders in the days of King George III.

On this “Birthday of our Nation” let us look to the past, give thanks for the present, and look with hope to the future. And for the good we all desire, there is only one answer and that is to be like our ancestors who put everything in the hands of Almighty God! We fall on our knees in prayer, trusting in our good God, and pray for the Peace and Freedom only He can bring! **“Freedom is not Free!”** So we also need to pray for the courage to stand up and be part of the warriors going forth to battle! ***“Who is so Great a God as our God?”***, the psalmist asks. St. Paul reminds us: **“If God is for us, who can be against**

us?” (Romans 8:31) Going forth to battle we trust in Almighty God, the Holy Warrior Angels, especially Michael and Gabriel, all the Holy Saints, and especially our Most Holy Mother of God, under whose Perpetual Help we constantly are!

Today in our parishes we remember our heavenly Mother on her “Feast of our Mother of Perpetual Help”, as written on the famous icon of “Our Lady of Perpetual Help.” The icon, while reminding us of the Passion and Death of our Lord, also tells us of the Victory of the Resurrection. Through the Cross joy has come to the world. In the face of the evil and trouble of the world let us once again run to our God in repentance, “in sackcloth and ashes” and beg forgiveness and protection. Let us surround ourselves with the Holy Ones. Let us run to the arms of our Heavenly Mother and pray her to wrap us in the protection of her holy veil and keep us free from evil and lead us to heaven, to the top of the Mountain!

From the beginning of the Declaration of Independence: “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 them are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The last line of the Declaration of Independence: “And for the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred honor”.

From his Gettysburg Address, President Lincoln: ...”we highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.”

Dear God, we thank you for the past blessings of this God-blessed country! We thank You for present blessings! We pray for that the Evil attacking us will be overcome! Most Mother of God, protect us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1. How long will we stream church services? (Now that things seem to be getting back to normal during this pandemic, I believe it is time to discontinue the streaming of Liturgy í ”)



I asked those who are praying with us online and got some answers (will not mention names):

I am enclosing money for May and June as well as Motherø and Fatherø Day. I think some do not realize that elderly people watch the liturgy. My dad and I watch both Saturday and Sunday. Please keep streaming as my dad looks forward to the liturgy.

Again, a beautiful Mass today. I think you know that we support streaming the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass. í We so appreciate what you, Father, have done for your faithful, and I know you will take into consideration of all aspectsí thank you for everything you do, and God Bless.

Дуже прошу залишити live-streaming неділішню Службу Божу. Я що неділі на це дивлюся. Покищо не можу приходити на Богослуження бо ще не є здорова...

(Please leave live streaming Sunday Service. I look at it every Sunday. For now, I can't come to the service because I'm not healthy yetí)

We know that this a very difficult time with parishioners not being able to attend mass in person. However, for us it is a blessing as we are able to participate in the Saint Nicholas Saturday afternoon mass via live stream from our home in Savannah. We want to let you know what a joy and comfort it is for us. To be able to participate in the mass remotely is truly remarkableí We hope that in-person mass will be open to all soon but will be saddened if the Live Stream is no longer used. Regardless, we will enjoy it while we can! í

For what it's worth, my mom has been very thankful you have provided this service. It isn't particularly easy for her to get around these days (she doesn't really drive anymore) and having the ability to watch the services has been very comforting to her.

2. Is Liturgy too long? Or does it seem unnecessarily long?

Our liturgies should be sung, but we cannot do it all the time. I do not have singing ability, and especially on Saturday evening we cannot do it. We sing some parts.

I was considering using incense on Saturday also, because that would be normal, but since it is not really singing, I dismissed that idea and the Liturgy is much shorter. Liturgy has to be served with dignity, it has to be prayerful and we do not rush to finish as soon as possible. Saturday Liturgy lasts about an hour, and we will try not to go over. We start at 4:30 and we will try to end at 5:30.

As for Sunday we are fortunate that we have singing possibility. Thank you Yurii and all those who are taking part. During the summer, we will try to limit the duration of the service to about an hour and half, as it was before when we had noon Liturgy. (Maybe I should talk shorter!)

When we started Saturday Liturgy, as per request of Fr. Robert Moreno, many years ago, it was singing and using both languages since he wanted to learn some part in Ukrainian, but now I simply do not use Ukrainian on Saturday, since Sunday is Ukrainian only (although with part of a sermon in English), and there is no noon Liturgy, which was in English only.

Any concern – please talk to me.

Свята Літургія нормально у нашій церкві повинна бути співана. Нажаль я не володію добрим слухам, і якщо нема тих, що співають, мусимо рецитувати. Тому у суботу вечір нема співаної Літургії, окрім певних частин.

У нас два каляндарі і дві мови. Тому у суботу є за григоріанським і по англійськи, а в неділю за юліанським і по українськи.

Головно підчас літа постараємося у неділю не мати довшої відправи як годину і пів. Літургія починається о 10 год а закінчується о 11:30. Зачнемо співати пару хвилин перед дисятою, а коли замкну Царські Двері можна виходити з церкви навіть коли співаємо додаткові стрічки.

Якщо є додаткові застереження, просимо поговорити зі мною. Дуже дякую!