

SAINT NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЄРКВА СВЯТОГО МИКОЛАЯ



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GHURGH BULL€TIN July 8-2018-8 Липня Ц€РКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК





Bible Meeting: Church, Liturgy and Prayer Monday, July 9 at 6:15 PM

Біблійні Зустрічі Церква, Літургія і Молитва Пон., 9 Липня о 6:15 веч.

#### CHURCH BULLETIN

July 8 – 2018 – 8 Липня ЦЄРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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

4:30 PM +Andrij Petryshyn (Maria Plotycia)

# July 8: 7. after Pentecost – 7 H. по 3.С.Д.

#### No noon Liturgy during the Summer

Monday, July 9 Липня, Понеділок 8:00 AM В Нам. Ігора Гусака і родини Tuesday, July 10 Липня, Вівторок 9:00 AM +Olga Belmega (Maria Kozar) Wednesday, July 11 Липня, Середа 9:00 AM За шасливу долю Михайла; За зд. Демяна, Любові, Михайла, Івана, Марії, Анни Thursday, July 12 Липня, Четвер 10:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян 5:30 PM Int of Roman & Olga (Pawziuk) Turyk

– 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Congratulations!

Многих і Благих Літ!

Friday, July 13 Липня, П'ятниця 9:00 AM +Betty Wujcik (Peter Petryshyn) Saturday, July 14 Червня, Субота [11:00 AM - Liturgy at SUM Camp] 4:30 PM +Anna Nowicky (Kathryn Eckhart)

July 15: 8. after Pentecost – 7 H. по З.С.Д. No noon Liturgy during the Summer

Вічне Світло в честь П.Д.М.

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### 8 Липня: 6 Неділя по зісланні Св. Духа

10:00 р. +о. Андрій і Емілія Стасюк (М. Л. Стасюк)

## 12 Липня: Свв. Апп. Петра і Павла

10:00 р. For Parishioners – За Парохіян 5:30 в. В нам. Ольги і Романа Турик – 60-ліття Вінчання (родина) Бажаємо Божого Благословення На Многая і Благая Літа!



15 Липня: 7 Неділя по зісланні Св. Духа 10:00 р. +Анна Яцишин (родина))

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#### **Buffalo Branch**

Ukrainian Home Dnipro 562 Genesee Street Buffalo NY 14204 (716) 847-6655

# www.ukrainianfcu.org Business Hours

Closed Wednesdays, Зачинені по середах Mon., Tuesday, Thursday | 9:30 ат - 5 рт | Пон., вівторок, четвер Friday / П'ятниця | 9:30 ат - 7 рт | Saturday / Субота | 9 ат - 1 рт |

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# http://www.ukrainiansofbuffalo.com

Is the the web-page to find More information and events In our Ukrainian Community.

### **DONATIONS TO ST. NICHOLAS**

# 2018 Stamford Bishop's Appeal

Each member of our Parish is also a member of the Eparchy and should support and participate in this fundraiser. We received the additional contributions:

Gary & Kacy Plotycia - \$500.00 Elaine Nowadly - \$200.00 Nadia Marc - \$150.00 Mary Hanuszczak - \$150.00 Julia Blendonohy - \$100.00

Halyna Pryshlak - \$100.00 Akacia T. Belmega - \$100.00

V. Rev. Marijan Procyk - \$100.00 Michael & Mary Ilkiwskyj - \$100.00

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Ihor Gill - \$50.00 Luba Joven - \$50.00

Anna Hanicki - \$25.00

Joseph & Larisa Chojnacki - \$25.00

Total collected as of July 5, 2018 - \$7,595.00 2018 Goal

for St. Nicholas Parish - \$7,500.00

We reached our goal, but donations

are still acceptable.

Thank You for your GENEROSITY

Reminder: Our Annual Picnic is only 4 weeks away! Help is needed

LUC Convention meeting, Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:30PM in the Church Hall.

We will send out the second Convention mailing.



The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Inc., Buffalo Branch, invites everyone to attend

#### **UKRAINIAN AMERICAN DAY**

Celebrating the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence on Sunday, August 26,2018 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

at the Ukrainian Cultural Center "Dnipro" 562 Genesee Street, Buffalo, New York.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Moleben) 1:30 pm.

Authentic Ukrainian food, live vocalists and musicians, Ukrainian dancers/ art displays/ crafts/ vendors/ full selection of Slavic beer/ huge basket raffle and Bounce House for children/ Free Admission/ Ample Parking.

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#### Сон (На основі Л. Толстого (Розкаяний Грішник)

Приснилося грішній людині, що умерає, але в останній хвилині він прошептав "Зглянся наді мною, Господи, і помилуй мене, так як Ти помилував розбійника на хресті." І помер він і опенився перед райськими дверима. І постукавши почув голос: "Що це за душа, і що доброго вона зробила перебуваючи на землі." І вечеслині були усі гріхи,



але ні одного доброго діла не знайшлося. І почувся знова той сам голос. "На рай треба заслужити, а ти нічого доброго не зробив." І сказав чоловік: "Господи, чую твій голос, але тебе не бачу. Як тобі на ім'я". І відповів голос: "Я є апостол Петро."

І сказав чоловік: "Прости мені, св. Петре, і згадай людську слабість і Боже милосер-

дя. Хіба ж ти не був Христовим учнем. Чи ти не слухав його навчання і не бачив його приклад. Чи пригадуєш, як Учитель просив тебе, щоб ти був з ним на молитві, але твої очі були отяжіли, і він тебе 3 рази знайшов сплячим? Так само зі мною.

І чи не пригадуєш, як ти чванився, що навіть як всі Господа залишать, то ти не залишиш, а відрікся його аж три рази сказавши, що його не знаєш. Подібне і зі мною сталося. І пригадуєш, як тобі півень заспівав, а ти вийшов і заплакав гірко. Так само і я. Ти, отже, не мо-

І зник голос, і човік постукав знова і попросив увійти.

жеш мене не впустити.

І другий голос з другого боку запитався: "Що це за душа, і що доброго вона зробила." І знова були вечеслині усі гріхи, і що жодного доброго діла не було. І почувся знова той самий голос. "Відійди, бо ти нічого доброго не зробив." І сказав чоловік: "Господи, чую голос, але тебе не бачу. Як тобі на ім'я". І відповів голос: "Я є апостол Павло."

I сказав чоловік: "Прости мені, св. Павле, і згадай людську слабість і Боже милосердя. Тебе

Христос покликав як вибрану посудину. Чи не пригадуєш, як ти переслідув перших Християн а тим самим ішов проти Христа. Так само і я робив.

І чи не пригадуєш, ти сам навіть про це писав, яку ти колючку у тілі ти мав, що навіть тричі Христа просив, щоб її забрав від тебе, а Христос тобі відповів: 'Вистарчить тобі моєї благодаті, бо моя сила виявляється у твоїй безсилі'. Подібне і зі мною сталося.

І пригадай собі що Господь тобі простив і винагородив тебе хоча ти сам нагадував у своїх посланнях, що ти не повинен навіть називатися апостолом, бо переслідував церкву Божу. З тієї причини, ти не можеш мене не впустити."

I голос більше нічого не сказав.

І постукав чоловік знова з тим самим проханням, щоб увійти. І третий голос запитався: "Що це за душа, і що доброго вона зробила." І знову ж вечеслині тільки гріхи, без жодного доброго діла. І голос промовив. "Відійди, бо грішники не зможуть ніколи увійти у Царство Боже." І сказав чо-

ловік: "Господи, чую твій голос, але тебе не бачу. Як тобі на ім'я". І відповів голос: "Я є апостол Іван, улюблений Христовий учень."

І зрадів чоловік і сказав: "Тепер я знаю, що увійду до раю. Святі Петро і Павло мене впустять, бо вони розуміють людську слабість і Боже милосердя, а ти не можеш мене не впустити, бо ти є сповненей лю-

бовю. Хіба ж то ти Іване не написав у своїй книжці, що Бог є любов і ті, що не мають любови не знають Бога. А як ти постарівся, хіба ж ти постійно не повтор'яв: "Дітоньки, любіть один одного". Як після всього того ти міг би ненавидіти мене і не впустити. Або відклич усе це, що ти там написав, або впусти мене до середини."

I відкрилися двері, і святі прийняли розкаяного грішника розшириними руками.



- KITCHEN closed for the Summer
- Thank you for your help and patronage!
- Thanks are extended to all volunteers!
- Coffee Hour Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!

Until we meet next Sunday...
HAVE A BLESSED DAY!!!

#### **TOP'S GIFT CARDS:**

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Також пригадуємо, що цією карточкою можна купувати бензину.

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## SAINT NICHOLAS

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#### From the Letter of Fr. Robert:

First I would like to thank everyone who helped us for our Picnic last Sunday. It was a successful one.

Thank you to all those that help with our Chicken and Ribs BBQ: From our generous donors who donated baskets and door prizes and cash, to those that came to clean and organize everything, to those who came and ситли його відійти. А це тому, бо побоялися, щоб часа-

brought someone with them, to those that serve the food, those that paid for the portable toilets and donated deserts, coffee and drinks. Thank you! Lenny sent me the final numbers: We brought in \$5329 which leaves a total profit of \$3031, Big help was the Ukrainian Credit Union donation of \$500 that Sue Hocko procured and \$200 from Mr. William Burda.

One of the reasons I love Vespers is the readings of the Old Testament taken. They

are always very insightful. One such reading is about Jacob. As you might remember his brother wanted to kill him. So Jacob is trying to escape him. He falls in love with Rachel. Now the only kiss of passion ever mentioned in the scriptures is the kiss of Jacob and Rachel.

However he was shortchanged, fooled and working for 7 years for his relative thought he would end up marrying Rachel. Well he was duped, he ends with Leah who he has to married so that Rachel eventually be married to him. But another monkey wrench is thrown! He has to work for another 7 years in order to marry Rachel.

Now Jacob chose to trust God. He chose to see God working through everything that is going on. He does not blame God for the wickedness of his relative that forced him to work 14 years for him. He rather sees the blessing God is bringing in spite of the evil that surrounds him.

The Lord asked the two blind men today: "Do you believe I can do this?" We look at so many things going wrong around us. Just take the war in Ukraine for example. Crimea is taken unlawfully from Ukraine and the rest of the world does nothing while Ukrainians are killed every day defending their land, freedom and patrimony. And yet we are to challenge ourselves to see God working through all of these circumstances. If we believe, we will see the hand of God doing great things.

So next time that you feel people, life or God is not fair, when you feel abandoned or duped like Jacob remember the secret to go through it all: faith in God. The blind men answered Jesus: "Yes Lord!" as He asked them: "Do you believe I can do this?"

Yours as always,

Fr. Robert

#### З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

У Євангелії сьогоднішної неділі, 6-ій по Зісланні Св. Духа. (від Матея 9,1-8) чули ми про подію коли то ХС поміг розслабленому. Сталося це після того, коли він у Гадаринському краю вилікував двох біснуватих, і коли мешканці з цієї округи прийшли до нього і попро-

> ми, після втоплення свиней, ще якоїсь втрати їм не довилося перенести. І Христос послухав їх, і пішов. Здавалобся, що його місія не увінчалася успіхом. Але воно не так, бо Христос пришов для всіх, і як одні не пренимають, то другі одержують можливість зустріти Його, послухати, і навіть зцілитися. І бачить Христос розлабленого і каже йому: "Прощаются тобі твої гріхи."

> Отим Він показує, що часто буває пов'язання між гріхом а хворобою людини.

Здоров'я тіла це безперечно великий Божий дар, який може нам здаватися, що нам належиться, про якого ми багато не думаємо, аж поки воне не буде від нас відібране. Тоді щойно зрозуміємо, що ми посідали, і що втратили, і стараємося його по всяку ціну назад одержати.

Здоров'я душі це велика ласка Божа, і коли маємо його ми уповні свідомі цього велико дару, а коли втратемо його, то ми про нього забуваємо, не думаємо, що воно важне, хіба що Господь у свойому милосерді зверне нам на це увагу, через читання і слухання Слова Божого, та через приклади тих, у яких душа не хворіє.

У порівняні до фізичних терпінь гріх (що властиво є терпіння душі – нераз невиразне і не вповні свідоме) не виглядає людині такий страшний, але слід нам пам'ятати, що на суді Божім все міряється любовю, а гріх якраз є браком тої любови. Позбутися гріха означає превирнути любов. Любов до Бога. любов до наших найблищих, любов до Божих створіннь. Зрозуміти, що Христос, з любови до нас зазнав ненавість, і наругу, та перетерпів смерть на Хресті. Господь взяв на себе усі наші провини, превернув нам гідність називатися дітьми Божими. Він готовий нам завжди простити усі наші провини, якщо ми рішаємо змінити своє життя, і замість невідповідною, іти доброю дорогою, так як простив розбійникові на хресті, коли той звернувся до нього словами: "Згадай мене, Господи, коли прийдеш у царство Твоє", а Господь йому відповів: "Ще сьогодні будеш зі мною в раю. ...

Господи, Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий, Помилуй нас грішних!

#### From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio or.

Genuine faith enables us to believe with great certainty that we are known by the Lord; and even more so to trust in the fact that we are loved by the Lord. In today's Gospel reading for the seventh Sunday after Pentecost, St. Mathew illustrates the way in which Christ requires faith to work His Grace through each of us. The blind men in today's Gospel were accepting of something very special - their faith in Christ to heal them! They would have followed the Son of God to the ends of the earth, even though they could not see Him, but rather because of their faith in Jesus - they believed that Christ would heal them. How many of us share their kind of faith? We say we love God, but in times of difficulty, why do we find Him so hard to seek? A pilgrim set foot on a perilous journey, and came upon a gate where a wise man stood. He said

to the man, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And the wise man replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than my light and safer than any way known". These men in today's Gospel could not see Christ, they could not see the way

that was known or the beauty of our Lord in the world around them, but they had enough faith to seek out the healing power of Christ. Faith levels those who can see from those who cannot, groups those with sight and those with insight, and enables our Lord to work His healing grace through each of us! Appealing to our Lord's Mercy is the first step, but faith is still the personal step that every one of us must be willing to take - the subsequent and only pathway to God. "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Jesus tested the faith of both the blind men, by asking them: "Do you believe that I am able to do this? Do you believe that I am able to heal you?" Faith grows by example and trust. The Spirit of our Lord was working in the hearts of these blind men, calling out to their faith. But why did Jesus test them? Without their faith our Lord would have been unable to heal them. Jesus wanted to know if they believed in His power to open their eyes. He wanted to know if they knew that He was not just the Son of David - but also the Son of God. And these men believed: "According to your faith be it done unto you." Jesus did not just heal them proportional to their faith; He healed them completely and of all infirmity because they had faith in Him. Jesus placed his hands on them and gave them sight; further opening the eyes of their souls. Immediately they could see. They would now carry about with them in their restored vision, a seal of their own faith combined with Christ's genuine love for humanity. This miracle of Jesus is a wonder. It is a sign of something extraordinary. It is an important piece of evidence that helps to point us directly to God, because miracles do not create faith, they presuppose it.

Before my eighth grade students leave for their summer vacation and move on into high school, I spend the last two days of my science class trying to inspire them to have faith in the people who love them, and faith in themselves to become anything they believe they can be.

I start off my lesson asking them to imagine

being born without arms or legs. No arms to wrap around a friend; no hands to hold the ones you love; no fingers to experience touch; no way to lift or carry things. No ability to dance, take walks along the beach, run, or even stand. What would you do? How would that affect your everyday life?

Then I ask them, 'How much more difficult would life be if you were living without arms and

legs'? We talk about it for a few moments and then I tell them about a very inspirational young man who is all over You Tube and travels throughout the world bringing his message of faith and love to everyone that he meets. I proceed to show them an incredible DVD about the true life story of Nick Vujicic. Born in 1982 in Brisbane, Australia, without any medical explanation or warning, he came into the world with neither arms nor legs. When the bell rang to end my class, not one student moved from their seat, they all stayed to watch the end of the video and I truly believe that faith moved many mountains that day in each of their young hearts. Imagine the shock Nick Vujicic's parents felt when they saw their newborn baby boy for the first time, only to find he was what the world would consider imperfect and abnormal. How would their son live a normal happy life? What could he ever do or become when living with such a massive disability? Little did they or anyone else know that this limbless baby would one day be someone who would inspire and motivate people from all walks of life! God uses Nick to touch lives and bring the hope of Jesus Christ to people across the globe. If you have not had an opportunity to meet Nick, all you have to do is go online and find his numerous inspirational videos on You Tube. Throughout his childhood, Nick constantly questioned why he was

different than all the other kids surrounding him; why he was the one born without arms and legs. He wondered what the purpose behind his life was, or if he even had a purpose. According to Nick, the victory over his struggles throughout his journey, as well as the strength and passion he has for life can be credited to his faith in God. His family, friends and the many people he has encountered along the way have also encouraged him. After high school, Nick went on with further study and obtained a double Bachelor's degree from Griffith University in Logan, Australia. By the age of 19, Nick started to fulfill his dream of being able to encourage other people and bring them the gospel of Jesus, through motivational speaking and by sharing his testimony about how God changed his life and gave him a future and a faith. "I found the purpose of my existence, and also the purpose of my circumstance. There's a purpose for why

you're in the fire." Nick wholeheartedly believes that there is a purpose in each of the struggles we encounter in our lives, and that our attitude towards those struggles, along with our faith and trust in the Lord can be the keys to overcoming the challenges we face. Now at 27 years old, this limbless young man has accomplished more than most people accomplish in a lifetime. Nick recently made the massive move from Brisbane, Australia to California, where he is the President of an international

his own motivational speaking company; Attitude Is Altitude. Since his first speaking engagement back when he was 19,

non-profit organization; and also has

Nick has traveled around the world, sharing his story with millions of people, speaking to a range of different groups such as students, teachers, children, entrepreneurs, and church congregations of all sizes. He has also told his story and been interviewed on various televised programs worldwide. "If God can use a man without arms and legs to be His hands and feet, then He will certainly use any willing heart!" Nick's life is not only an incredible testament of faith, but his passion for the love of Jesus is profoundly contagious. Hearing Nick's story and seeing his life in action reminds me that God will certainly use any willing and faithful heart to do His will.

The blind men in today's Gospel, believed in Christ! They recognized that Jesus was not just some miracle worker, but was, in fact, the Messiah. They placed their

faith in His Hands. They desired a specific result, but were prepared to accept whatever Christ gave. They were relentless in their pursuit of Christ. They received their sight, because they had enough faith in Jesus to believe that He would heal them. We too must exercise the faith that moves mountains, but we must never fail to realize that it is still God who moves those mountains. Today, we need our eyes opened to Jesus just as much as the early Christians did. We need to accept the love of Christ in our hearts and share the miracle of that love with one another. The miracle of God is that Jesus is still revealed to the eyes of faithful Christians wherever and whenever the Gospel is proclaimed. Jesus is no longer a stranger. He is a friend. He is our friend. Walking in the light of Christ - continually - is a difficult journey. It carries with it certain costs. It can at times be tiring and discouraging. But it has one great reward: it is a journey that we take with

Jesus constantly at our sides, urging us onward, lifting us upward, carrying us when we are weary, and providing for us

when we think we cannot possibly

give any more.

The Bible says, "Cast all your cares upon him, for he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Christ can take away our deepest and most festering wounds – if we allow Him to. No matter what the situation in our lives is, there is hope. There is nothing too hard for God. He will work it out. There is definitely a light at the end of the tunnel and his name is Jesus. There is an old saying, "Jesus may not come when you want him, but he is always on time". My brothers and sisters,

be encouraged and be strong in faith. Christ is with us at all times, in all circumstances, even when we cannot see Him. Christ is the joy of hearing our child's first words, Christ is the compassion received through a helping hand, Christ is the love found in our family and friends, Christ is the hardships we face, Christ is the suffering we endure, because Christ is all things that make us better Christians each and every day. There is a great source of strength to carry us through our difficult journey, and that source of strength is found in Christ alone - and as long as we continue to place our faith and trust in our Savior, just like the blind men in today's Gospel continued to act on what they believed - if we do these things faithfully, then the light of Christ will always shine through us for others to see.



June 13, 2018

Dear Reverend Clergy and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2018, the Stamford Eparchy is observing the sixtieth anniversary of its establishment by the Holy See. This summer, it will celebrate a special event – the Pastoral Visitation of His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, beginning in Stamford on August 9 and ending in Sloatsburg on August 12.

It is fitting to begin this noteworthy stay with a Welcome Reception and Dinner in honor of His Beatitude, which will take place at the Sheraton Stamford Hotel on Thursday evening, August 9. This event is also intended to financially support the pastoral needs of the Primate of our Church.

We cordially invite the priests, religious and faithful of our Eparchy, as well as all civil organizations within its territory, to take the opportunity to greet and assist His Beatitude.

The pertinent information about this gathering is contained on the enclosed form. Please fill it out for you and/or your group and return to our Chancery Office as soon as possible, but no later than July 25, as seating is limited.

Thank you, in advance for your presence and support of this anniversary event. Let us fittingly welcome His Beatitude through our efforts to support the needs of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world.

May God bless you! In hopes of greeting you on the evening of the ninth of August, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Paul, OSBM Eparch of Stamford

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