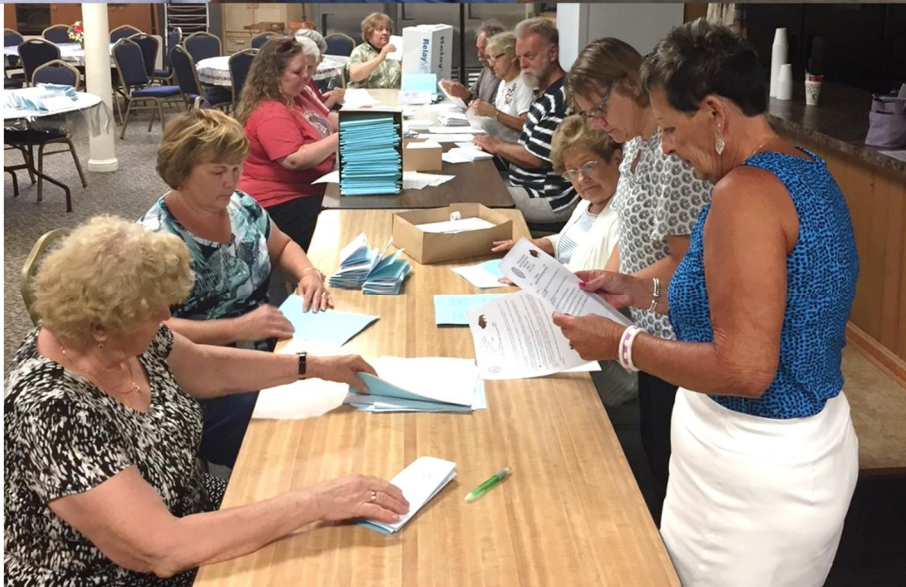


From the Picnic of UNWLA #49



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Photo taken from 2nd mailing, Monday, July 16

SAINT NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CHURCH BULLETIN July 22-2018 - 22 Липня ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

№ 29 JULY 22 2018

Fr. Robert Moreno Preaching last Sunday at the Divine Liturgy.

Thank You, Fr. Robert! May God Bless You And Your Family!



CHURCH BULLETIN

July 22 – 2018 – 22 Липня

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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

[11:00 AM - Liturgy at SUM Camp]
4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

July 22: 9. after Pentecost – 9 Н. по З.С.Д.
No noon Liturgy during the Summer

Monday, July 23 Липня, Понеділок
10:00 AM +Yaroslava Gudziak
(Bishop Borys and Family)

Tuesday, July 24 Липня, Вівторок
8:00 AM For Int. of N. & N. (Mary Ann DuBois)

Wednesday, July 25 Липня, Середа
9:00 AM Congratulations Jack Julian
on your promotion!

~~~ Щаслива Дорога - Save Travels ~~~

Thursday, July 26 Липня, Четвер  
8:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Friday, July 27 Липня, П'ятниця  
10:00 AM +Андрій Петришин (Родина)

Saturday, July 28 Червня, Субота  
[11:00 AM - Liturgy at SUM Camp]  
4:30 PM +Lorraine Szczublewski  
(Fr. Robert & Family)

July 29: 10. after Pentecost – 10 Н. по ЗСД.  
No noon Liturgy during the Summer

Вічне Світло в честь П.Д.М.  
Горить в нам. хворих і немічних

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Bible Meeting: Monday, July 23 at 6:15 PM  
Church, Liturgy and Prayer

Біблійні Зустрічі: Пон., 23 Липня о 6:15 веч.  
Церква, Літургія і Молитва

22 Липня: 8 Неділя по зісланні Св. Духа  
10:00 р. +Олексій Хома (Брат Роман)

Понеділок, 23 Липня  
10:00 р. +Ярослава  
Гудзяк  
(Син –  
Владика  
Борис і  
родина)  
--- 40-день ---



29 Липня: 9 Неділя по зісланні Св. Духа  
10:00 р. +Антоніна Гусейко (Донька)



If you haven't heard yet, Father Robert Moreno has been transferred to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elmira Heights, NY effective September 1st. Fr. Robert has been with us in our parish about 25 years and we are going to miss him. On Saturday, August 25, 2018 after 4:30 Liturgy our Parish Family will have a chance to wish Father Robert and his family well in his new assignment. There will be food and refreshments. We are asking that you RSVP by August 19th to the rectory 852-7566; Elaine 867-0981; Nadia 839-3016 or email [stnbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:stnbuffalo@gmail.com) to let us know if you are coming.

О. Роберт переїжджає до Парохії Св. Миколая в Ельмайра Гейтс 1 Вересня, 2018 р. Ми будемо мати прощання з о. Робертом у суботу, 25 Серпня по його Св. Літургії о 4:30. Просимо нас повідомити до 19 Серпня, чи будете присутними на цій гостині, щоб знати на кілько осіб слід нам замовити. Дуже дякуємо.

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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:

Anna Andruszko - \$200.00

Maria Bodnarskyj- \$50.00

Wasył & Mary Ann Puhacz - \$50.00

Total collected as of July 19, 2018 - **\$8,220.00**

2018 Goal for St. Nicholas Parish - \$7,500.00

We reached our goal,  
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Thank You for your GENEROSITY

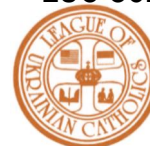
Donations Towards Coffee Hour  
(To pay our Yearly Communication Assessment Fee)  
Dolores Baranyckyj

**Reminder:**  
Our Annual Picnic is only 2 weeks away!  
Help is needed.  
We will be making Varenyky for the Picnic on Tuesday, July 31st at 8:00AM. Hopefully you can come and help on that Tuesday.  
We are also in need of Theme Baskets. If you would like to donate money for a basket, please do so by Sunday, July 29th.

Наш Церковний Пікнік буде за 2 тижні.  
Просимо прийти робити вареники У вівторок, 31 Липня. Сердечна всім подяка.  
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LUC Convention meeting, Monday, July 30, 2018 at 6:30PM in the Church Hall.



Засідання Ліги Католиків  
Понеділок 30 Липня 6:30



The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Inc., Buffalo Branch,

invites everyone to attend

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (Moleben) 1:30 pm.

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79th Annual Convention  
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**October 5, 6, 7, 2018**



The Niagara Frontier Council will be hosting the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics on October 5,6,7, 2018 at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Amherst, NY. This year we celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the League of Ukrainian Catholics in Chicago in 1933. We hope you will be with us at this special anniversary in some way. Either join us at the Convention, or at your homes in prayer especially on Sunday, October 7 when we will be streaming Liturgy from St. Nicholas in Buffalo at 10:30 AM.

Our Council is busily preparing a Convention that we hope will meet the standards of our previous Conventions. Plans for Convention activities and workshops are well underway.

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**Group:** League of Ukrainian Catholics  
 The room rate is \$124.00 per night.  
 The deadline for hotel reservations is  
 September 6, 2018

Other important due dates to remember are:

Journal Ads – September 1, 2018,

If at all possible, please send ads electronically as an e-mail attachment done in Word (not pdf)

Hotel Reservations – September 6, 2018

Convention Registration – September 6, 2018

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 Deadline for information is Friday Evening.

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Кожного разу, коли ми слухаємо у храмі або читаємо вдома Слово Боже - Євангеліє, то маємо справу не тільки з релігійним текстом, а зі зверненням Бога до нас. Бог промовляє до нас через слова Євангелія, і через нього пропонує нам свою поміч. В попередні неділі ми чули в Євангелії події, де розповідалося про різні види оздоровлень хворих Ісусом, а тим самим Божої опіки над людьми. Сьогодні ще одна така нагода. Ісус навчав людей, оздоровив хворих, котрих принесли до Нього, а потім чудесно нагодував п'ять тисяч народу хлібом і рибою.

Чудесне розмноження Ісусом Христом п'яти хлібів і двох риб - це ще одне потвердження того, що Бог справді дбає про духовні і тілесні потреби людей, опікується ними. Коли апостоли запропонували Ісусові відпустити людей, щоб самі знайшли собі харчі, Спаситель не згодився з їх пропозицією і запропонував їм знайти поживу для людей. Цим Христос хотів сказати, що Йому не байдужа доля людини, що Бог ніколи не залишає людину один на один з її проблемами, а завжди готовий пережити труднощі разом з нею.

Чудо п'яти хлібів має подвійне значення. Найперше, це черговий образ і заповідь установлення Христом майбутнього таїнства Євхаристії, цього невичерпного джерела духовної поживи і помочі для християн. По-друге, це запрошення людей до співпраці з Богом через молитву і святі таїнства для ошасливлення свого щоденного життя.

Ісус, оздоровивши хворих, захотів сам нагодувати їх, чудесно розмноживши п'ять хлібів і дві риби. І це сталося не випадково. Бо хліб, це плід праці людських рук, символ людського життя. Розмноживши чудесно хліб, плід людської праці, цим жестом Христос хотів сказати, що Божа поміч людям потребує певної участі людини, щоб вона вийшла назустріч Богу. Бог завжди готовий і хоче помагати людям у житті, але людина повинна зі своєї сторони зробити крок до Бога: просити Його про поміч і бути готовою цю поміч від Бога прийняти. Він хоче, щоб ми приносили Йому в молитві хліб нашого щоденного життя: наші труднощі, клопоти, переживання, а Він прийме і перемінить їх у духовну поживу для нас у вигляді різних ласк і дарів Святого Духа. Які ж умови повинні сповнитися людина, щоб ввєвно отримати поміч від Бога? Це співпраця з Богом через дотримання заповідей, добрі вчинки, побожне життя, тобто надія душі на Бога, це молитва і святі таїнства. Вони свідчать про відкритість людської душі на Бога. Часта молитва християнина і прийняття Святих Тайн є знаком його



готовності прийняти Божу поміч. Це також віра і любов до Бога.

Чому так важлива віра і любов? Ісус Христос зробив чудо п'яти хлібів, щоб ним пробудити і зміцнити віру апостолів і людей у себе як правдивого Месію. Світло віри допомагає людині розпізнавати знаки Божої любові – помочі, а любов дозволяє приймати їх і з них користати. Бажаю всім щедро наповнитися світлом віри і любові, щоб могли Божу поміч щодня відчувати і щедро користати з неї. (о. Михайло Чижович, редемпторист)

Ми сьогодні чули слова Христа, які Він промовив до своїх учнів: «Не треба людям розходитися, ви дайте їм їсти». Мабуть, учні могли сказати, що в них немає ресурсів, можливостей виконати Господне завдання: у них було тільки п'ять хлібин і дві рибини. Засоби і можливості людини завжди невідповідні до завдань, яке ставить перед людиною і Церквою Господь Бог. Однак ми зможемо виконати те завдання, якщо все, що маємо, цілковито віддамо Богові. І тоді Всевишній це помножить, – помножить настільки, що стане ще більше, ніж ми потребуємо...

Ламаючи хліб у пустелі та помножуючи його, щоб втамувати голод п'яти тисяч осіб, наш Спаситель не тільки пригадає своїм апостолам про небесний хліб – манну, яка колись нагодувала старозавітний Божий люд у пустелі. Він сповіщає про укладення Нового Заповіту між Богом і всім людством, – Заповіту, що буде запечатаний у Його Крові хресною жертвою. Тож цей помножений хліб є пророчим знаком Хліба, яким є Христове Тіло, таїнственно присутнє тут для нас у Святий Євхаристії. Цей Хліб, розподілений на спомин про Його Смерть і Воскресіння, живить і підтримує нас, що є Його Містичним Тілом – Його святою Церквою.

Слухаючи ці євангельські слова, відчуваємо велику радість тих, хто пережив це чудо і прийняв їжу. В Євангелії просто написано: «Всі їли до насити...» (Мт 14, 20). Можемо лишень уявити собі духовне насичення, яке пережили ці люди, три дні слухаючи Господню науку! Коли вже не стало і тілесної поживи, Христос задовольнив і цю їхню потребу, підтверджуючи, що «з нами Бог». Справжнім чудом було те, що Божий Син – Еммануїл – став одним із нас і промовив до нас безпосередньо. У пустелі Мойсей говорив про Боже Слово як про їжу: «...не тільки хлібом живе людина, але всім, що виходить з уст Господніх» (Втор. 8, 3). Це його слово сповнилося в радісній присутності вполченого Божого Слова між нами. (З проповідей Блаж. Святослава).

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

We read about some amazing things and extraordinary people in the Bible. Sometimes it is hard to grasp that these were real people who once lived, and not just a bunch of made up superheroes. These people had real struggles and genuine problems in life. They did not have superpowers, they were not superheroes - they were just people like you and me putting their faith into practice. They were super people with super character, but they did not have special powers to live better lives or do anything more fantastic than

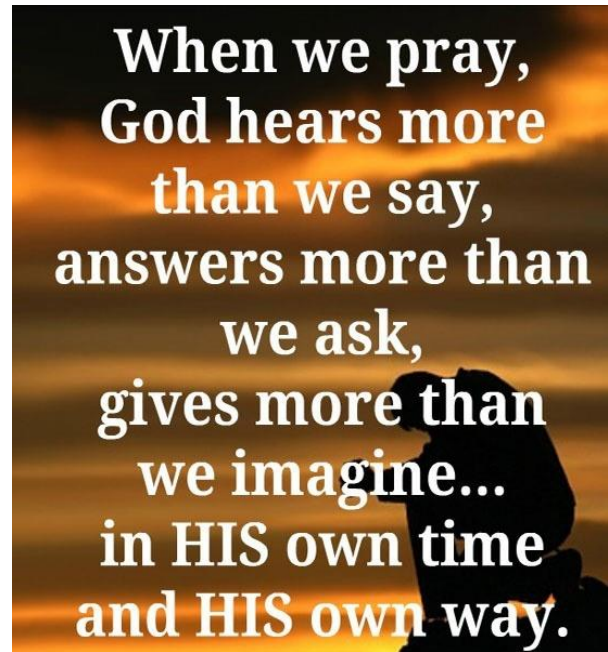
we are capable of doing today – they simply had a special kind of faith. They are examples for us about how we too, can live our lives. When I read of people like Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah, Job, Mary Magdalene, Elizabeth, and Paul, I envy some things about them. I envy the closeness they had with God. They had a special relationship with God; they had a constant communication with Him. I envy what they could accomplish for God. It is amazing how God can take these weak and imperfect individuals and do such amazing things through them that they could so greatly impact other people. I envy their unwavering faith. As we read of these key people in the Bible we can see that many of them differ in personality and specific roles that they were raised up for, but one thing is always the same, they had a strong faith. They trusted God even when it did not make sense to them, and especially when it was not popular and when things were not going their way. They are spiritual giants that we are talking about thousands of years later because of the kind of faith that they had.

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, came to an agreement that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. However, to determine whose prayers should be most effective, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island. The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the island, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren. After a week, the first man prayed for a house,

clothes, more food. The next day, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing. Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island and boarded the ship to leave. Since none of the second man's prayers had been answered, since nothing on his side of the island had been changed, the first man considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, so he decided to leave the second man stranded on the island. As the ship was about to leave, the first man

heard a voice from Heaven above, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?" The man said, "My blessings are a result of my faith and prayers, since I was the one who prayed for them. His prayers were all unanswered Lord, so I figured he does not believe in you or deserve anything." "You are sorely mistaken", said the voice from Heaven, "And you are in greater debt to your companion than you know." "How is that?" The man asked. "It was his great faith that invoked your blessings and gave you everything that you have, because he prayed that all of your prayers would be answered."

I hope today that many of us read through the Bible and sometimes think, "That's the type of person that I want to be" or "that is the type of faith that I would like to have." The bottom line is that we can have that type of faith. Jesus promised that we would be able to have a faith that could move mountains. We can have that type of relationship with God today. Sometimes we are way too easily satisfied with mediocrity in our faith. We are satisfied with being a casual Catholic in name only. We are satisfied with our lack of commitment, excitement, or zeal. One of my favorite characters in the Bible is the Apostle Peter. Peter was a man who was full of zeal for the Lord. When Jesus was on the mountain and was transfigured with Moses and Elijah it was Peter who wanted to stay and build shelters for all three of them. When Jesus told Peter, he was going to be killed it was Peter who said he would die with him. It was Peter who assured Jesus that even if everyone else denied him he would not. It was Peter who drew his sword and cut off the soldier's ear who came to arrest Jesus. It was Peter who ran





to see the empty tomb and left the boat to come to the resurrected Lord. People can fault Peter for some of his overzealous actions, and even for denying that he knew the Lord three times, but overall, Peter had a heart for Jesus and is an example for us all the excitement we should have in following Jesus.

The Gospel reading for this ninth Sunday after Pentecost follows straight on from that of last Sunday. After feeding the multitude, Jesus sends the apostles away. He tells them to get into a ship, and Jesus himself retires to a mountain, alone, to pray. Meanwhile, the ship in which the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee is shaken by the strong waves as the winds blow against them. But suddenly the disciples see Jesus walking out to them on the sea; and

terrified, they think it is a ghost. Jesus reassures them: "Be of good cheer, it is I". To Peter's request: "Lord, if it is you, then bid me to come out on the water". Jesus answers him: "Come". Peter gets out of the ship: 'And when Peter was coming down out of the ship, he walked on the water to go out to Jesus. But when he saw the waves and felt the wind he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried out saying: "Lord, save me"'. Jesus stretched out his hands to him, and saves Peter, but then gently rebukes him for having such little faith. Jesus and Peter get back into the ship and when the wind dies down; the disciples kneel down to worship Jesus saying: "Thou art the Son of God".



This account contains precious information that applies to our own spiritual life. The wind tossed waves on which Peter wanted to walk could be compared to our difficulties and, especially, to our temptations in life. If we look back at our own spiritual defeats, we will see that it was always in the instant when we stopped looking at Jesus and going straight toward him, that we began to sink. Just as Peter became fearful, took his eyes off Christ, and began to sink. As soon as we allow our attention to be so distracted by the events and difficulties of this world, that we no longer notice Jesus, we become lost because we feel defeated inside and we lose sight of our own faith. There will be many storms in life that surround us and threaten us, but if we ask the Lord to bid us to come out on the water toward him and have enough faith to remain focused on the Lord, then we will overcome and defeat any difficulties in life by trusting in the healing grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Immediately following this miracle of Jesus and Peter on the water, Jesus taught the large crowds that had gathered about the Bread of Life. The Bible tells us that the crowds had a hard time accepting Jesus' message and were offended. Amidst the crowds turning their backs on Jesus,

he looks back to his disciples with a broken heart and asks them, are they going to leave him too? Peter is the one that pipes up and says an incredible thing that was no doubt shaped by the incident on the Sea of Galilee just a little while earlier, "To whom shall we go, you alone have the words of Eternal life, and we believe and know that you are the Son of God." Peter is saying; I believe without any doubt that you alone can save. We too should want to be near Jesus because He alone can save us. We should have zeal and a passion about encountering Jesus today. During today's Gospel reading, Peter had this request of Jesus: 'Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water'. Peter wanted to get out of the boat; he wanted to be with Jesus. I am telling you this afternoon that sometimes in order to get to Jesus we need to get out of the boat; we need to leave our comfort zone and place our complete trust in the Lord.

We believe in Jesus for our salvation and for the forgiveness of our sins. The Bible says: "And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a spirit"; and they cried out for fear. But Jesus spoke unto them, saying, "Be of good cheer; it is I - be not afraid" (Matthew 14:25-27). The truth is that, no matter what the storm may be, the storm has a purpose. Our storms in life may be sickness or disease, pain, or even loss; but Jesus is always amid the storm. God can and will use storms to bring us to a higher level of spiritual growth. Jesus told Peter to come out of the boat to Him. Today, he is calling us out of the boat; he is calling us to step out on the raging water in faith. When Peter was called out of the boat the storm was howling greatly and the waves were crashing. We have all learned how powerful of a thing water is. We witnessed on television the hurricane destruction and floods in Puerto Rico, water can destroy anything in its path, we could see in the tsunamis that destroyed parts of the coastlines of India that water is powerful and when waves are crashing hard it can be a scary thing. The water that Peter and the disciples were in was not calm water and still Peter stepped out of the boat and into the water to be with Jesus. And even though his faith wavered, Peter still had the desire to be with Jesus. We all need this faith to step out of our boats because Jesus is calling out to us in faith. We are not called to be superheroes; we are called to be a people with super faith. The storms of life may be great, and the winds may be moving all around us, but let us not forget that it is Jesus who moves the wind. And whenever life seems to throw us a curve ball, just remember the words of Jesus to His disciples – "Be of good cheer; it is I - be not afraid".

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Russell "Russ" Palko, 79, of Orwigsburg, passed away July 12 at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest, Allentown.

Born in Middleport, Dec. 27, 1938, he was a son the late Michael and Anna Nazar Palko.

He was a graduate of the former Blythe Township High School and served in the Army. He was a member of American Legion Post 144 and Nativity BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church, both of Middleport. He retired from Lucent Electric, Reading.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Lutzkanin Palko; son, Russell J. Palko; brother, Peter; sister, Mary.

Russ is survived by his son, Daniel Palko and wife, Lori, Orwigsburg; granddaughter, Lauren; brothers, Michael Palko, Pottsville, Fr. Raymond Palko and wife, Joanne, West Seneca, N.Y., Ted Palko and wife, Patsy, Middleport, and Larry Palko and wife, Lorraine, West West Terrace; sister, Christine Palko, Middleport.

Divine Liturgy was celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, July 16 at Nativity BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church, Middleport, with the Rev. Raymond Palko and the Rev. Paul Makar officiating. Interment was in the parish cemetery.

In memory of Russ, the family requests donations be made to Nativity BVM Memorial Fund, Box 10, Middleport, PA 17953. ([republicanherald.com](http://republicanherald.com))

We extend our sympathy to Fr. Ray and all family members. Eternal Memory! Вічна Пам'ять!



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