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**CHURCH BULLETIN**  
July 29–2018 – 29 Липня  
**ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК**

**Dear Friends in the Lord,**

Thank you to all who have expressed sympathy to us whether verbally, in writing, the promise of prayer, or the offering of Liturgies on the passing of our Russell. It is such an uplifting and comforting feeling to see our Christian community react in this way. So beautiful! May God bless your special "Acts of Mercy" as we remember our beloved dead, in particular now, the newly reposed Russell. God reward you a hundred-fold!

**The Palko Family**

**Our Church Picnic – August 5, 2018**  
**We need donations for Theme baskets today!!!**

**Потребуємо кошики вже нині для нашого Церковного Пікніку – 5 Серпня, 2018**



From the Liturgy at Plast Camp After the Liturgy at SUM Camp



At Pulaski Parade



Setup for breakfast



After the Liturgy Thank you Luba



Hriczko Post Meeting



№ 30 JULY 29 2018



Remembering +Andrij Petryshyn – 1 year later





# CHURCH BULLETIN

July 29 – 2018 – 29 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 +Lorraine Szczublewski  
(Fr. Robert & Family)

July 29: 10. after Pentecost – 10 Н. по ЗСД.

No noon Liturgy during the Summer

Monday, July 30 Липня, Понеділок

9:00 AM +Богдан (15 річниця), Любомира,  
Іванна, Андрій (Лідія і Любомира)

5:30 PM За Здоров'я Богдара Маланяк  
(Анна Мельник)

Tuesday, July 31 Липня, Вівторок

7:30 AM В Наміренні Ігора і родини

Wednesday, August 1 Серпня, Середа

9:00 AM +Kateryna Staszkiw (Puhacz Fam.)

Thursday, July 2 Серпня, Четвер

8:00 AM +Маруся Процик (Я.Г. Мочерняк)

Friday, August 3 Серпня, П'ятниця

6:15 PM +Julia & Hilary Holowaty  
(Michael, Michael, Michelle)

Saturday, July 4 Серпня, Субота

8:00 AM +Kathryn Lechnowskyj  
(Mary Ann DuBois)

4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

August 5: 11. aft Pentecost – 11 Н. по ЗСД

No noon Liturgy during the Summer

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

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

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

29 Липня: 9 Неділя по зісланні Св. Духа

10:00 р. +Антоніна Гусейко (Донька)

5 Серпня: 10 Неділя по зісланні Св. Духа

10:00 р. +Tadeusz Ferret  
(Michael Liskiewicz & Nancy Weigand)

Father Robert Moreno has been transferred to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elmira Heights, NY effective September 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Морено 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 присутніми на цій гостині, щоб знати на кілько осіб слід нам замовити. Дуже дякуємо.

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

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**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:

Marie Glenn - \$100.00  
Joseph & Eugenia Pastuch - \$100.00  
Total collected as of July 26, 2018 - **\$8,420.00**  
2018 Goal for St. Nicholas Parish - **\$7,500.00**  
We reached our goal,  
but donations are still acceptable.  
Thank You for your GENEROSITY

Reminder:  
Reminder: Our Annual Picnic is only 1 week away! Help is needed.  
We will be making Varenyky for the Picnic on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM. 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 **T O D A Y!**  
We will need help in setting up tents, tables and chairs. Please come Saturday at 10 AM.  
Thank you!

Наш Церковний Пікнік буде за 1 тиждень.  
Просимо прийти робити вареники У вівторок, 31 Липня. Сердечна всім подяка.  
Бажаю Божого Благословення!  
Просимо до помочі у суботу до шатрів...  
Рівнож потребуємо кошики. Просимо зложити ваші пожертви на цю ціль **СЬОГОДНІ**. Дякуємо!

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 **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.  
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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.

**For Hotel Reservations, you can call:**

The hotel directly at (716) 839-4040.  
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 Reservations can also be made on-line at:  
<https://buffaloamherst.place.hyatt.com/bufzaglouc2018.html>

**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

→ Please consider to be members of the LUC! ← → Ставайти членами Ліги Українців Католиків. ←



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 Deadline for information is Friday Evening.

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 Інформації подавати до четверга вечора.

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 Saturday (check bulletin) - Субота

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## З радія "Милосердний Самаританин"

Розважаємо на основі проповідей Патр. Святослава.

«Маловіре, чого засумнівався?»

У сьогоднішньому Євангелії (Мт 14, 22-34) ми бачимо Ісуса Христа, Який серед ночі іде по воді до човна, в якому знаходяться Його учні. Євангелист Матей, описуючи цю картину буремного нічного моря, настрашених учнів, а відтак Ісуса Христа, Який іде по морю, описує картину всемогутньої Божої присутності. Ісус Христос тут зображений як справжній господар неба і землі, господар усього сотвореного світу, господар над землею і морем. Як відомо, ізраїльтяни ніколи не були добрими мореплавцями, тому для них образ моря завжди був образом хаосу, смерті і небезпеки.

Ось ми бачимо тут Ісуса Христа, Який є господарем і життя і смерті усього сотвореного світу. У присутності Всемогутнього Бога ми бачимо маленький човен і в ньому перестрашених дванадцять учнів. Межі того човна окреслюють межі маленької людини. За межами човна на людей чигає смерть. Той човник є самотньою надією на



якусь безпеку, надією врятуватися серед буремного моря. Безмежний, всемогутній Бог і маленька, обмежена та налякана людина. Але що між ними може бути спільного, між могутнім Богом і обмеженою людиною? Саме те, що Ісус Христос іде до своїх учнів! Цей Всемогутній Бог є не просто присутній як безчасний велетень. Ні! Він своєю всемогутністю іде, скерований до людської обмеженості і немічності. Саме тому, коли Петро побачив Ісуса, каже: «Господи, коли це Ти, повели мені підійти водою до Тебе!» Іншими словами, віра Петра – це мостик, який єднає обмежену людину і Всемогутнього Бога, мостик, який дає можливість переступити власні людські межі. Віра – це особистий стосунок між людським «я» і божественним «Ти», це невимовна можливість бути сильним Божою силою і на межі своєї обмеженості досвідчувати не хаос і смерть, але Всемогутню Божу присутність. Навіть тоді, коли Петро почав сумніватися, коли цей зв'язок «я» і «Ти» між Богом та людиною почав рватися, Ісус не відступається від нього. Подає йому руку, витягає з моря і каже до нього: «Маловіре, чого ти засумнівався?» Тоді Петро разом з Христом іде по воді, входить у човен і буря втихає, бо там, де є присутній Бог, там є мир. У тому людському човнику, якщо є присутній Бог, той човен має певність і може пристати до безпечного берега.

Саме такою пристанню закінчується сьогоднішнє Євангеліє.

Апостол Петро, який прямує до Господа, є для нас образом християнина. Бо покликання християнина – бути не від цього світу, але жити в цьому світі. Сьогодні багато людей запитують себе, як можна бути святим у грішному світі. Ісус Христос показує нам в євангельській розповіді, яку ми прослухали, що означає бути християнином у цьому розбурханому морі життя. Коли Петро дивився на Христа і цілковито Йому довіряв – ішов по воді, тобто чинив Божі діла. А тільки-но засумнівався, – подивився ліворуч і праворуч, побачив великі хвилі і подумав, що йти по воді неможливо, – почав потопати. Так стається з кожним християнином, який серед випробувань своєї віри починає сумніватися, чи можна сьогодні жити похристиянськи, тобто покласти всю свою надію на Бога. Наскільки людина поєднана вінцем віри зі своїм Спасителем, настільки вона здатна перебороти зло добром і бути не причетною до того зла, серед якого живе.

«Маловіре, чого ти засумнівався?»

Сучасна людина, кожен з нас, дуже часто досвідчує свої власні межі. Коли робітником не виплачують зарплатню, він досвідчує межі своєї здатності прогледувати сім'ю. Коли хтось хворіє якоюсь невиліковною хворобою, тоді він досвідчує межі людської можливості і мистецтва лікаря врятувати йому життя. На межі людського можливого і неможливого невірюща людина досвідчує хаос житейського моря та попадає в розпуку і в паніку, бо відчуває себе крихітною, обмеженою і незахищеною. Відчуває, що хвилі житейського моря смерті її запливають і не має для неї рятунку. А віруюча людина на межі людських можливостей досвідчує Божу присутність, Життєдавця Бога, Який простягає до неї свою життєдайну десницю. Навіть тоді, коли віруюча людина сумнівається, грішить та падає, Божа рука від неї не відвертається. Віруюча людина, коли досвідчує межі своєї можливості, зважає до Бога так, як Петро: «Господи, рятуй!» Тоді Господь не мовчить, Він виходить назустріч, бере нас за руку, і дозволяє пережити, можливо, найбільш критичні моменти нашого життя. Господь дозволяє нам разом з Ним прямувати поверх цього моря гріха та смерті і відчувати себе в безпеці, мирі та спокої, будучи вірою інтимно поєднаними з Тим, Хто є господарем життя і смерті, неба і землі, суші і моря...

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

In the Vatican Gallery, hangs Sixteen Century artist, Raphael's rendering of the Transfiguration. It is perhaps

the most breathtaking painting that I have ever seen - so merciful and glorious is the image of Jesus. This masterpiece was Raphael's final painting, which some consider to be his greatest. It best articulates the focus of this week's Gospel reading, where among the Heavens we gaze upon the celestial glory of our Lord, and yet below we recognize the possessed boy from today's scripture, that the disciples could not heal. The uppermost part pictures the transfigured form of Jesus, with Moses on His left and Elijah on His right. On the very next level below, are the three disciples: Peter, James and John, recently awakened and shielding their eyes from Christ's immaculate brilliance.

And on the ground level, waits the poor possessed boy with his desperate father, seeking the healing hand of Jesus. Raphael has brilliantly captured something of the overwhelming contrast, between the glorious mountain where Jesus was Transfigured and the troubled world waiting for Him below.

On this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Jesus speaks to us about having faith in the Lord to remove the obstacles in our lives, the everyday difficulties and hardships we face; the mountains that sometimes seem too great for us to overcome by ourselves. "Amen, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20). Every one of us has a mountain to move. You know what this mountain is in your life, just as I know what the mountain is in my life. This mountain could be a hardship, a debt, an illness, the loss of a loved one, a work-related problem, or even a relationship in trouble? But the beauty of our faith and part of the message in today's Gospel reading is that with faith even the size of a mustard seed; we can still move any mountain in our life. Today's Gospel reminds us of the infinite possibility open to us



through our faith, even if it seems unsteady at times, if it is authentic and clear. As in the case of the centurion at Capernaum, Jesus speaks of faith as being a humble and total trust in the all-powerful goodness of God. If we have but a grain of such faith, we can risk making that faith the basis of our life in all circumstances, confident that God will not necessarily give our difficulties the precise solution we may have in mind, but that He will give them their true, their best, solution – the one He desires us to have. This would be our way of moving the mountains in our lives, those obstacles and hardships that inevitably challenge our faith.

During His time in this world, Jesus took twelve men and made disciples out of them. He instructed them and taught them their mission. In Matthew 10:1, it is recorded that before He turned the disciples loose to go out and minister in His name, He gave them power to cast out unclean spirits and to heal all manner of sickness and disease. What they did not realize is that their power was ignited by their own faith in Christ. If we simply center our own focus on Jesus, then we too can have great faith from even the most meager beginnings. "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done" (Matthew 21:21).

Jesus had been up on Mount Tabor along with Peter, James and John. It was there that Jesus was transfigured before them. While they were on the mountain, there was a problem below. A man was desperate to heal his epileptic son, so he went to Jesus' disciples, but the disciples could not heal the boy. When Jesus, Peter, James, and John came back among the crowd, they were met by this desperate father. He makes a request from Jesus to heal his son. And it was his faith in Christ that moved the man to say, "Lord, help me overcome my lack of faith." With that small grain of faith, Jesus healed the man's son. You see, Faith is our response to God, and Grace is God's response to us. If we are going to respond to God, then we need something to respond to Him with - and that is our faith.



A small congregation at the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, built a new sanctuary on a piece of land willed to them by a church member. Ten days before the new church was to open, the local building inspector informed the pastor that the parking lot was inadequate for the size of the building. Until the church doubled the size of the parking lot, they would not be able to use the new sanctuary. Unfortunately, the church with its undersized parking lot had used every inch of their land except for the mountain against which it had been built. In order to build more parking spaces, they would have to move the mountain out of the back yard. Undaunted, the pastor announced the next Sunday morning that he would meet that evening with all members who had "mountain-moving faith". They would hold a prayer session asking God to remove the mountain from the back yard and to somehow provide enough money to have it paved and painted before the scheduled opening dedication service the following week. At the appointed time, 24 of the congregation's 300 members assembled for prayer. They prayed for nearly three hours. At ten o'clock the pastor said the final "Amen". "We'll open next Sunday as scheduled," he assured everyone. "God has never let us down before, and I believe He will be faithful this time too." The next morning as he was working in his study there came a loud knock at his door. When he called "come in", a rough looking construction foreman appeared, removing his hard hat as he entered. "Excuse me, Reverend. I'm from a Construction Company over in the next county. We're building a huge new shopping mall over there and we need some fill dirt. Would you be willing to sell us a chunk of that mountain behind your church? We'll pay you for the dirt we remove and pave all the exposed area free of charge, if we can have it right away. We can't do anything else until we get the dirt in and allow it to settle properly." The little church was dedicated the next Sunday as originally planned and there were far more members with "mountain-moving faith" on opening Sunday than there had ever been before. "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:29).

Jesus told His disciples that even with faith the size of a grain of mustard seed, mountains can and will be moved. Jesus took twelve ordinary men and made disciples out of them. He instructed them and taught them their mission. But ultimately their power was ignited by their faith. A mustard seed is exceedingly small, but it flourishes as it grows into a very potent plant from only a

few grains. It reminds me of a time when I was on the beach. I knelt and picked up a fist full of sand. I noticed that most of the sand fell off the sides of my hand and some sand even seeped through the cracks between my fingers. But when I opened my hand, in the middle of my palm there was still a little bit of sand. A few grains remained. I still had some left. We need to realize that sometimes when things are going well, we each have a lot of faith. Then, one day, troubles come our way and some of our grains fall to the side. One day, sickness comes along or suffering interrupts our life and our faith becomes like a handful of sand, seeping through the cracks between our fingers. But I also hear the Lord saying that it is ok that some of our faith has fallen off. It is ok that some of our faith has seeped out. All God wants from you and from me is to open our hands and see if we have a few small grains left, to see if we have enough faith to believe that God will move the mountains in His own way and at His own time. In other words, despite all that is going on in our life right now; despite all our trouble; in spite of our fears - Do we still have a grain of faith left? Use that grain against cancer and disease, use that grain against financial debt and stress, use that grain against loneliness and despair, use that grain against all the troubles in the world; use that grain to move mountains. Each of us has the power to move any obstacle because Christ gave us that power when He took the cross and died for our sins. He gave us that possibility through His resurrection. All we need is a grain of faith the size of a mustard seed. Genuine faith is a settled confidence that when we step toward God, His Grace will gladly receive us, and His Love will surely move mountains.

**From the letter of Fr. Robert Moreno**

Doing a search in the internet I came across a forum where participants were



the old ladies of the parish that brought him the wrong food to eat! Yet another complained how the priest's preaching was all about himself... he and his family stop going to church altogether.

Today's portion from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians is a sobering teaching. He speaks of the apostles, not as princes of the church but how they are treated as the scum of the world, and how many sufferings are attached to their ministry. They are like a spectacle, and yet he invites them to imitate him. When Saint Paul speaks about apostles, APOSTOLOS in Greek, he is not pointing to a certain privileged status. He is speaking about "being sent" to proclaim the kingdom. Pope Francis has declared war to Clericalism in the church. I did a quick search on Clericalism: the engine found 279,000 titles under Clericalism and did it in .37seconds. This negative Clericalism is define by Fr. Donald Cozzens: "Clericalism is an attitude found in many (but not all) clergy who put their status as priests and bishops above their status as baptized disciples of Jesus Christ. In doing so, a sense of privilege and entitlement emerges in their individual and collective psyche. This, in turn, breeds a corps of ecclesiastical elites who think they're unlike the rest of the faithful."

complaining about priests. My first thought was that it would end on the theme of priests/bishops pedophiles. But no, it was a number of people telling stories about how some priests have discourage them and others from attending/participating of Catholic worship. For example one person complained that he still remembered how when he had very little and worked very hard, went with a priest to a restaurant. There the priest argue loudly with the waitress that his meat was not properly cooked, but he was so nasty to the poor employee, scolding the worker. The priest refused to eat it, and just sat there. Once the guy finished his plate he proceeded to have the priest's plate, so that it will not go to the waste. That did it for him and the Catholic Church. Another complained that the priest from the pulpit scoured

And if that is true, then we can see how such individuals can be a real discouragement to practicing Catholics. Saint Paul indicates: "To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clad and roughly treated; we wander about homeless; and we toil, working with our own hands. When ridiculed, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we respond gently. We have become like the world's rubbish, the scum of all, to this very moment." This beloved is something to be done not only by clergy but by everyone who calls himself a Catholic.

Yours as always,

Fr. Robert



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