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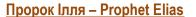


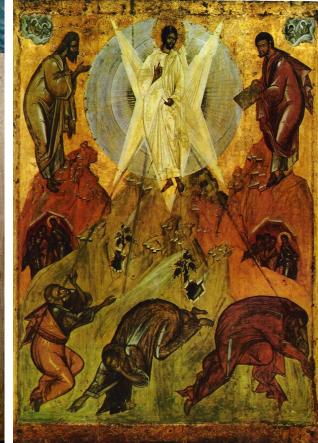
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Saint Nicholas Church Церква Св. Миколая (Під Опікою П.Д.М.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

August 3 8 Sunday aft. Pent. - 8 Н. по 3.С.Д

10:00 АМ. +Юлія і Гілярій Головаті (М., М., М.)

Monday, August <u>4</u> Серпня, Понеділок 4:30 РМ За щасливу подорож Ольги і Антона (Марія)

Tuesday, August <u>5</u> Серпня, Вівторок 12:00 PM + Hichael Hurny (Family Hurny) 6:00 PM + Дмитро Дранка (родина)

TRANSFIGURATION - ПЕРЕОБРАЖЕННЯ

Wednesday, August 6 Серпня, Середа

9:30 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Thu., August <u>7</u> Серпня, Четвер 8:15 AM +John & Mary Colomon (Nadine Burkholder)

Friday, August <u>8</u> Серпня, П'ятниця
10:15 AM +Nathaniel Paul DuBois (Family)
Saturday, August <u>9</u> Серпня, Субота
10:00 AM В нам. Марії Дранка з наґоди 90ліття (родина) – <u>Многая Літа!</u>
4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

August 10 9 Sunday aft. Pent. - 9 Н. по З.С.Д

No noon Liturgy in August (Except, Sunday, August 31) Нема відправи у 12 год. підчас Серпня.

Господи, Спаси Україну! Lord, Save Ukraine!

3 Серпня: 8 Неділя по З.С.Д.

10:00 р. +Юлія і Гілярій Головаті (Михайлінка і Михайло)

Панахида за поляглих в Україні

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

10 Серпня: 9 Неділя по З.С.Д.

10:00 р. За поляглих під Бродами-70 років

Пікнік пічнеться по Св. Літургії, яка, як звичайно о 10 г. рано. Church Picnic starts after Liturgy



Today, August 3, from 2 to 3 PM at our Church Picnic - For children of all ages - We will have a friendly clown to entertain

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Рідна Школа починається у суботу, 6 Вересня. Служба Божа за учнів, учительок та батьків буде того дня о 9 год. р.

Eternal Light burns for for all, who were killed in Ukraine За всіх забитих в Україні.

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Are you listening "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio Program on WJJL 1440 AM Every Sunday at 2:00 PM? Thank you for your donations! We welcome your comments.

Чи ви слухаєте нашу радіо передачу «Милосердний Самар'янин» Неділя, 2 год. на WJJL 1440 AM? Сердечно дякуємо за пожертви.

Please Remember Our Church in Your Will!

Пам'ятаймо про Рідну Церкву та про її майбутність у нашому Завіщанні!

Щоб довідатися більше інформацій про це що дієтьая в громаді, Просимо відвідати веб-сторінку. http://www.ukrainiansofbuffalo.com

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

DONATIONS TO ST. NICHOLAS

"Special Appeal"
On the occasion of her 90th Birthday
Catherine Eckhart - \$1,000.00

<u>Donations towards Coffee Hour</u> <u>Yearly Communication Assessment Fee</u>

*** Are needed ***

Our Coffee Hour Donations Fund, used to buy food for the Sunday Coffee Hours is depleted. Donations will be gladly accepted. The cost for food for each Sunday is about \$50.00. Using the Coffee Hour Fund money to buy supplies lets us put the entire weekly profit toward the yearly Communication Fee of \$3600.00. Thanks for your help!

Annual Ukrainian Day At U. H. Dnipro Sunday, August 24th

Like every year: food, music, Ethnic dancing and fun for all.

Український День 24 Серпня, 2014

St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church Lancaster, NY Ukrainian Day Picnic And BBQ Sunday, August 17 Please attend! Donations for \$25 basket for the Chinese Auction would be greatly appreciated.

Sunday, August 3, 2014 Annual Parish Picnic

On Sunday, August 3, 2014 we are holding our Annual Picnic on the Church Grounds beginning at noon. As always we are asking for your help and support in make this year's picnic a success.

Сердечна подяка усім, що допомагають при Церковному Пікніку. Дякуємо всім за участь!

Слава нашій Україні І її народу Слава мужнім українцям Що цінують волю

А на небі сонце світить Лагідно та щиро А на нашій Україні Всі живуть єдино

Приспів

Українці об'єднайтесь у одну родину Хай всі бачать як ми любим неньку Україну

А земля наша святая Як рідная мати Нагодує і напоїть Всім чим є багата

Розум й силу об'єднаєм Хай світ бачить й знає Нашу славну Україну Бог благословляє

<u>Приспів</u>

Українці об'єднайтесь у одну родину Хай світ бачить як ми любим неньку Україну

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THIS PICNIC IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR
FUNDRAISING EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

76th Annual Convention League of Ukrainian Catholics - October 10, 11, 12, 2014
Holiday Inn – Johnstown, PA
Sponsored by the All Saints Chapter.
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1914 SAVE THE DATE 2014

The Ukrainian American SITCH is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant corner of Genesee St. & Transit Rd.

Cash Bar 4PM – 5PM,
Dinner/Program 5PM.
The Program will be bilingual.
Included in the entertainment are:
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Cost per person: \$40.00. Also please consider and "ad" in our program booklet. Full page \$100.00; ½ page \$50.00; ¼ page \$25.00; patrons \$10.00 per line. PHOTOS WILL BE RETURNED. Tickets are available from: Michael Liskiewicz, Maria Malaniak, Elaine Nowadly, Nadia Marc, Julia Blendonohy. For tickets and ads make checks payable to: Ukrainian American Sitch

1914 УВАГА! УВАГА! 2014

Даємо до відома, що в неділю, 28-го Вересня, 2014. Товариство Українсько-Американська Січ відмічує 100-ту річницю свого існування! Ювілей відбувається в ресторані Salvatore's Italian Gardens при роздоріжжю вул. Transit і Genesee.

Бара від 4-5 год.
Програма/обід від год. 5:00.
В програмі беруть участь Хор Мрія і молодий банурист з Торонта
Борис Остап'єнко. Просимо усіх.
Вступ: \$40.00 дол. Віс особи.
Також продаємо оголошення/реклями до нашої одноднівки.
Повна сторінка: \$100; ½ сторінки:
\$50; ¼ сторінки: \$25; і за одну лініє друку \$10. Фота Вам повертаємо.

Квитки можна купити від:

Михайла Ліскевича, Марії Маланяк, Елейн Новадлей, Надії Марк, Наді Блендоногої.

Чеки веписувати на Ukrainian American Sitch





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

- KITCHEN is closed during the summer Thank you for your patronage.
- Coffee Hour Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!
- Church Picnic August 3, 2014.
- Bible Meeting Summer Vacation.

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<u>Please note:</u> You can purchase gasoline with this card at Tops Gasoline Station.

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<u>Вінчання</u>: Голоситися 6 місяців скорше Religion classes – Релігійна Програма

Cубота - Saturday

Ministry to the sick - Опіка над хворими Family members should call the Rectory Родина повинна повідомити священика

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

42nd Annual



August 14-17, 2014

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Join other men at the Eparchial Men's Conference which will be held at St. Basil Seminary in Stamford, October 4, 2014, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Make Plans Now!

Запрошуємо усіх чоловіків на день віднови та духовних роздумів, який відбудеться 4 жовтня 2014! Реєструйтеся прямо зараз! Просимо зголошуватися через вашу парафію або за телефоном: (203) 324 4578

Letter from Fr. Ray July 27, 2014 A.D

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Dear (say your name right here for your very own personal letter),

first one for August 2014. If you thought July moved by quickly, hold on to your hat because I'm definitely expecting August to be but a blink. We are at the start Nicholas for the next four weeks. On the 2nd and 9th of, in my humble opinion, one of the most beautiful months of the year. These next 27 days or so, will be jam-packed with all kinds of activities which will positively result in causing the days to slip by at a very fast pace. We'll either be preparing for something, or attending the event itself. For the most part, it will be the lawn fetes, concerts, fairs and picnics that are scheduled throughout this land. And I still haven't gone to see our Buffalo Bisons play this year. Don't know when or where we can fit that in. We also have the Erie County Fair to get to this month. Onward and upward!!

crowds to the corner of Fillmore and Oneida in Buffalo for St. Nicholas' annual parish picnic. As I checked out the "receipts" you brought back from your travels, -thank you for that $\odot \odot$ - I am aware that the majority of our parishes, and many of the Roman Catholic parishes, have had, or will have, some sort of picnic/festival fund-raiser in the summer. They require a lot of blood, sweat and tears, otherwise known as 'time, treasure and talent,' but somehow they seem to come out ok in the end. Remember Baba always said, "It's for the Church."

I think one important consequence of the parish event is that it contributes greatly to community building. It is a marvelous opportunity to reach out to the community who live around the church, as well as to the members who have drifted a bit "out to sea" and call them back for a little get together. It's amazing how uniting, therapeutic and invigorating a plate of pyrohy or holubtchi can be! In trying to maintain a "Vibrant Parish" we are instructed to always celebrate that "fourth part of the Liturgy", i.e.,

reach out to our brothers and sisters outside the doors of the church. We don't often think of it as God's work when we have a picnic, or attend a church picnic, but that is exactly, ideally what should be occurring. So with that in mind we say, "God bless These letters just keep on a-comin'. Here's your all the workers, and those who attend, for your service to the Church. God reward you!"

I'm gonna miss "my 4:30 pm People" at St. of August I will be substituting at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic parish in Olean, NY. This little parish is the outermost community in the Eparchy of Passaic and is being served each Saturday evening. Christmas, Holy Week and Pascha by Fr. Robert Moreno. Prior to Fr. Bob's going there, the assigned priest was Fr. Joseph Bertha from St. Stephen's in Amherst. Upon the closing of St. Stephen's church and the transfer of Fr. Joe, an agreement was made between the Bishop of Passaic and our Bishop to have Fr. Moreno care for the spiritual needs of the people there. He's been making the seventy-plus This Sunday August 3 will probably bring the mile trip (that's one way) from Lancaster for quite a number of years. I had on occasion subbed for Fr. Joe and I've been there several times for Fr. Moreno. It's been awhile since I was last there, so I'll welcome the opportunity to return and once again become reacquainted with the devoted parishioners.

> I said I'll be away from my 4:30pm People for four Saturdays. The other two will be the 16th and 23 of August. On the 16th, God willing, Presbytera and I will be starting a week vacation and we will be on an airplane half-way across the country. Then on the 23rd we'll be arriving home late in the evening so as to be with My People in Niagara Falls for the Sunday services. I'll be missing them for Sunday August 17 and that week. I know the change in schedule and routine is going to take away this month of August very quickly. After the subbing work, the vacation and everything else, there will be but one week left to this eighth month once we return from that short, very short, vacation.

> Yes, the month of August is a beautiful month for many reasons but most important is that it is 31 days

filled with some of the most beautiful and meaningful holy days of our church year. Did you know there are three feasts of the Savior during August? The first, the Procession of the Life-Giving Cross, we celebrated already on Friday August 1. The next one is the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration on the 6th and then the Commemoration of the Icon not Made by Hands on the 16th. Then, after we complete our two week fast, we will celebrate the important feast day of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos on the fifteenth and close out the month with the solemn, penitential holy day of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist on the 29th, and on the 31st we honor the miracle and the placing of the sash of the Theotokos. Yep, we love to play, but we also love to pray! Please come to the services when you can! Don't miss the glorious visions of heaven.

Besides all the important feast days of August, we also will commemorate some of our favorite saints. Among them are Lawrence, Myron, Adrian, Natalia and Aidan. Happy Name Day and Mnohaja Lita! As we go through the services for the holy days and the saints we will have occasion to also do a number of blessings such as water, honey, fruit, flowers, wheat, wine, oil and bread. Yes, there is an abundance of great and beautiful blessings being placed on the table for us to have. I hope you will be taking part in at least some of the services, and also partaking of the other foods and water that will be blessed. It is all for our spiritual benefit. What a Church!!

Our Blessed Lord said, "If anyone thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." Jn. 7:37 And, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." Jn. 6:35 He, of course, is speaking of His eternal and heavenly food and drink, His most Pure Body and Precious Blood, but surely He also invites us to the good material things of this world for they have been blessed by Him. When I was "home" in Pennsylvania, the RC's liked to say, "If you go to the Greek Church, take your lunch because they stay in there a long time." Hah, little did they know we already had our lunch in there. Everybody knows

the taste of the blessed bread of antidoron and mirovannia in the church is never experienced anywhere else. And imagine walking out with blessed fruits, honey and flowers! Yep, I said it before....I'll say it again: "What a church!" We certainly have been blessed with a vision of heaven on earth. Glory and Thanks to God!

Father Moreno has a full time job with the Federal Government usually working at a detention facility in the Batavia area. He was called to go to Artesia, New Mexico for at least a two week stay, which is the reason I will be substituting for him in Olean. A new facility opened in Artesia to house and care for the children and their mothers who are part of the horrendous humanitarian crisis occurring at that southern border. Father Bob will be working with the illegal immigrants as they are being processed for their hearings and possible return to their countries. Yesterday on the news there was a story about chicken pox and other diseases there. We should also, especially during this Dormition Fast, raise up those poor, hurting people as well as Father Bob and all who are trying to help. God bless them all!

Here comes that ol' bottom of the page again signaling the end of my allotted space. So I'll close for now and, God willing and the creek don't rise, I'll be talking to you again next week. I pray this note finds you healthy and happy in the Lord. Be strong, faithful and of good courage! Pray for each other; pray for the USA, pray for Ukraine; pray for the Middle East! Let us join hands as we walk hand in hand towards the Kingdom! May God be merciful to us and bless us; may He cause His countenance to shine upon us and have mercy on us. May our Holy Lady Theotokos protect us!

> In His Love. Fr. Ray

Вітаємо на Церковному Пікніку! **Welcome to our Church Picnic**

Ми стали новою нацією

Якщо людина йде до лікаря, то він визначає наслідок яких причин виникло захворювання. Коли суспільство хворе - то необхідно визначити, що заважає його розвитку.

Кожна людина мислить відповідно до свого розумового розвитку. Хід її думок визначається рівнем освіти, релігійністю, рівнем цивілізованості суспільства, де вона проживає. На мислення людини також впливає її Боже Великий, Всемогутній Ти, що нам дав фізичний стан, можливість реалізувати свої вроджені здібності, інформаційний простір, в якому вона знаходиться, її фінансовий стан.

На протязі тривалого часу зовнішній вплив на мислення українців сформував генетичного раба з подвійною мораллю. Недруги дуже добре знали, що знищуючи мову, культуру, національні символи, релігійний розвиток змінюється генетичний код нації. І тому, за правильними заявами, відбувається зовсім інше дійство: брехня, хабарництво, корупція, несправедливий суд, формування в українців викривленої віри в справедливість. І коли сталося так, що виросло нове покоління українців, які вивчили українську мову, культуру під українськими національними символами – суспільство вибухнуло в боротьбі між минулим та сучасним, між добром та злом. Нація далі соромиться показати свої духовні виразки, які прикриваються «гарним одягом». Тому, щоб стати здоровими, потрібно не боятися визнати свої недоліки та побороти їх. Ті, що зараз пішли на смерть не задумуючись і без страху, це ті пасіонарії, яких так давно чекала Україна. Вони своїми подвигами виривають Україну з тумноти і направляють до світла. Добро перемагає зло. Тому здорова самокритика, продовження розширення любові до всього українського: мови, культури,

релігії – буде ще сильніше формувати український здоровий дух, який знищить всю підлоту, що була нам нав"язана. Немає сумніву в тому що сформована нова українська душа вже нікому не покориться. Ми вже перемогли і нова чиста держава дуже швидко історично сформується.

Молитва за мир

свого сина для того, щоб показати шлях до спасіння.

Найстрашніша Твоя кара, це позбавлення розуму. А де немає розуму там пустеля духовна. Ми віримо в Святу Трійцю, признаємо Святого Духа. Саме через Святий Дух Ти, Господи. доносиш до нас розуміння світу цього. Але й існує дух несвятий. Саме він несе розуміння іншого напрямку, те, що призводить до руйнування Твого навчання, до деструкції світу. Шлях до перемоги над негативним впливом ідей духа несвятого лежить у вислові Ісуса Христа: «Люби ворога свого». Тільки любов до свого супротивника принесе перемогу над

В цей важкий час для України допоможи нам українцям і тим, хто любить Україну, заспокоїти свої душі та змінити ненависть на любов. Дай нам розуму і терпіння полюбити ворога свого і змінити його ненависть на любов. Дай Боже нашим недругам миру, добра та благополуччя. Нехай ненависть піде від них, а її місце заповнить любюв. Дай нам Боже сили і терпіння через Дух Святий. Бо Твоя правда і сила на віки вічні. Амінь.

Підготував Зенон Бандрівський

(Тільки любов до ворога принесе перемогу.)

Ukrainian Festival

August 16th and 17th, 2014 Ukrainian Homestead

1230 Beaver Run Drive * Lehighton, PA 18235 * (610) 377-4621 * .www.ukrhomestead.com

Innesa Tymochko-Dekajlo (Lviv, Ukraine) Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble (Schuylkill County, PA) **Dobriansky Brothers &** Karpaty Folk Song and Dance Ensemble (New York)

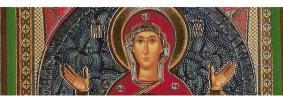
Traditional Ukrainian foods. folk art and exhibitions. Children's games * Swimming Gift & craft vendors **Programs**

Saturday, August 16th 2:00 - 3:30 pm Stage Show 4:30 - 6:30 pm Stage Show Sunday, August 17th 11:00 am Divine Lit. at St. Andrew's Chapel 2:00 - 4:30 pm Stage Show **Festival Admission**

\$5/person- one day \$7/person- both days FREE - Age 14 & under 8:00 pm Zabava (Dance)

Cultural Exhibit: Avramenko - History of Ukrainian Dance in U.S. and Canada

FREE PARKING



The 60th Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage will be held on August 9-10, 2014 at the motherhouse of the Sisters **Servants of Mary Immaculate in** Sloatsburg, NY. This year's theme is: The Holy Family is the Guide for the **Evangelization of our Families – "A Joy** Ever New, a Joy Which is Shared" (Pope Francis) A special display and presentation of "The Church of the Catacombs in the 20th Century", conferences, activities for children, our annual teen camp-out, the beautiful services and an opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and **Eucharist**, are part of the schedule for these two days of spiritual renewal for all who attend. The schedule and activities will be listed in the diocesan newspapers, as well being on website:

www.ssmi-us.org

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate cordially invite you to come to the 60th Dormition Pilgrimage as a family, as a parish family, to come together to show that we want to live our faith more fully in Christ. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Kathleen at 845-642-6143.

From "Good Samaritan" Ukrainian Radio Program

There is a story of a coffee shop in Missouri, where people in their own small way, by serving up a cup of kindness to a complete stranger, have nourished the attitude and atmosphere of an entire community. It all started at the "Steam in' Bean" coffee shop in Blue Springs and only took about two weeks until things really took off and sparked generosity throughout the community. Someone bought coffee for the person next in line, and since then it has kept going. On July 1st, a 32-year-old mother of two pulled up to the drive-through window and did something nice for someone else. She paid \$3.50 for the 16ounce latte ordered by the customer in the car behind her. When that stranger learned about her act of kindness, she did the same thing for days now at the Blue Springs coffee shop. As of this week, more than 2,000 customers have essentially said: 'Thanks for the free cup of coffee, and I would like to buy a cup for the next person in line' - therefore, passing the kindness on. No one wants to break the chain of compassion that was started. Customers have even donated more than \$600 extra, just to make sure the chain of kindness keeps going. This additional fund has been used by the owners of the coffee shop to help out people in others ways as well. \$10 went to a grateful woman trying to buy man pay for groceries. \$80 went to buy a bus ticket for a runaway teenager who had not been home in three years. A sign even went up in the coffee shop that read: "Pay it forward - Your drink is paid for – over 2000 and still counting!" five loaves and two fish, and here we have a gathering and the giving of fragments. community showing a similar kindness in the

modern day setting of a coffee shop on the outskirts of a rural town that has changed so many lives for the better. We cannot perform the miracles of our Savior, but we can mimic his actions every day, just one small kindness at a time. Many customers at the Blue Springs Coffee Shop could have never imagined the snow ball effect their continued kindness has generated. The owner said: "The lady who started it all is happily surprised to see how far it has gone, but is quick to deflect any recognition. "I just paid \$3 for a latte," she said. "It has been everyone else." It may seem like such a small, incidental gesture, and yet one cup of kindness has blossomed into thousands of gestures of kindness which keep on going.

After feeding five thousand people, Jesus told the next customer. And so it has gone for 14 his disciples to pick up the fragments of food that were left and place them into a basket. I often wondered why he did this; aside from the general purpose of having us better understanding the miracle which took place. Why did Jesus have His disciples pick up the fragments of this feast? In the Gospel of St. Mark (8:15), we learn that sometime later Jesus would remind his disciples how he had provided for them time and time again. God always provides for our needs. I am sure that the disciples must have been wondering as they were distributing the food, 'How can we possibly feed thousands with only school supplies for her son. \$50 went to help a five loaves of bread and two fish?' And before their eyes, each one of them received a full basket load of food to distribute to the multitude. Perhaps our Lord also had the disciples pick up the fragments of remaining food to remind them of their mission. And what is the mission of our It was Christ who fed 5000 hungry people with Church? The answer is found in both the

We give to those who are sick and hungry, those who are unclothed and weary, those who are in need of those fragments of love which we give from our heart. Fragments are nothing more than bits and pieces of leftovers. And herein is the first aspect of our mission as a Church. We need to go into our community and gather up the fragments; gather up the pieces of broken lives and weary souls around us, those that have been swept up under the foundation and forgotten. As a Church, we need to gather these pieces and place them into the basket of our Church. It is the purpose of the Church to bring broken lives to Christ. Only He can make them whole again, with the help of our hands. It is also the purpose of the Church to feed the spiritually hungry. A few chapters ahead of today's Gospel reading, St. Matthew tells us about a gentile woman who comes and begs for crumbs from the Jewish table. Before the event of Christ's Sermon on the Mount, before today's Gospel reading, the disciples had nothing to give. But following this event, the disciples learned that they had a full basket to share with others. God did not give us a full basket of our talent and efforts to squander them on ourselves. God wants us to give some of our fragments to those who are in great need of them. In the giving and gathering of these fragments, we learn the true mission of our faith.

Perhaps Jesus had his disciples pick up the fragments of today's miracle to remind them of where this food came from. Just as in the day of Moses, it came from Heaven. When the Israelites were wandering the desert in search of food and wondering how they would survive, the Lord provided them with manna from heaven and they rejoiced in the goodness of the

Lord. Every good and perfect gift comes from above. If we are to receive anything, it will be from the Lord. Jesus lifted his eyes to the heavens and said, "Father, I know that you hear me always..." There is a hungry world all around us that needs to be fed. But are you and I prepared to serve as the disciples once did? By coming to the Church each week, we have shown a willingness to participate in our community of faith. But God requires more from us than that. He requires our total commitment. One day a hen and a pig were talking in the barnyard. The hen was so proud and talking on and on about how glad she was that she and the pig helped the farmer and his family, by supplying them with ham and eggs for their breakfast. The pig, however, was less enthusiastic about it. He replied, "That's easy for you to say. For you it's just a donation. For me it's a total commitment." We read in the letter of St. Paul to the Romans: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship" (Romans 12:10). Here the apostle Paul is telling us to dedicate our lives to God. He uses the word "bodies" in this verse to represent the complete person, and not just the physical body. What he is telling us is to present our lives to God with a commitment to live faithfully. We must desire that our life become a blessing to others and not just for ourselves. We must want that God will use our life to provide for those who are so desperately in need. Jesus is asking each of us to take the fragments from our own baskets and give them to those who are in need. Jesus is asking for our total commitment!

(3 радіо «Милосердний Самар'янин)

Євангеліє 8 н. По ЗСД розповідає нам про умноження хлібів. Пятьма хлібами і двома рибами Христос у чудесний спосіб нагодував більше як 5 тисяч людей. Люди слухали Христову науку, звечоріло, і вони зголодніли. Тоді апостоли кажуть Господеві: відпусти людей, нехай ідуть купити собі щось їсти. Прийшов підходячий для Христа час, щоб повчити своїх учнів і Він їм каже. Дайте Ви їм їсти.

не можемо, нема як, немаємо грошей. У нас тільки 5 хлібів і дві риби. Лигко виправдовуватися. Нехай хтось інший замість мене виконає, це що я мав би зробити.

тодді піднявши очі на небо, благословив, переломив і дав учням хліби, а учні стали роздавати народові. І stalося щось надзвичайного — усі їли і наситилися, і навіть і ще навіть залишилося дванадцять повних кошиків. (Мф. 14, 14-21).

Бог, у Тройці Святій єдиній є Творцем усього, Життєдавцем і Кормитилем нашим. Він Лікарем душевним і тілесним. Він нам посилає достатньо земних плодів в їжу й насолоду. У Ньому ми живемо, рухаємося і існуємо (Діян. 17, 28).

3 нашого боку, користуючись різними Божими дарами, повинні ми кожного дня дякувати Богові за Його щедрість і бути щедрим до інших. Господь нічого від нас не вимагає за всі небесні дари, бо що ж Йому від нас потрібно? Нічого, крім любові і виконання Його божественної волі.

По умноженню хлібів стаює ясно, що і ми можемо наситити голодних, погасити спрагу, потішити. Потрібно тільки троха доброї волі, охоти і відваги.

Коли б ми усі більше думали про інших замість про себе, то і нам би усього було подостатку, й іншим нічого не бракувало б.

Христос використовує наші руки, наші уста, наш досвід, щоб дійти до всіх потребуючих, щоб допомогти, потішити, подати спокій.

Звичайно, в межах можливого. Ми не можемо зціляти чи навіть і воскришати з мертвих, як це Христос робив. Але можемо співчувати хворому, відвідувати його, втішити, допомог-Змістя учні зачинають оправдуватися: Ми ти, нагодувати голодного, напоїти спраглого. Ми зобов'язані ділитися по можливості чим маємо з бідним, бо й мале Господь має силу примножити, тому той, хто подає нужденному, не збідніє. Апостоли мали тільки п'ять Христос звелів подати Йому хліби і риби, а хлібів і дві риби, і ця мала кількість стала великою.

> Важне є завважити, що той, що мав ті хліби і риби був готовий віддати їх щоб допомогти нагодувати людей. Не журився, що йому щось забракне. Оця його доброта у співпраці з Божою добротою привела до того що всі їли і наситилися. Коли б власних тих хлібів сказав: Ці хліби мої, і я виключно маю право на них, то він не був би причетний до великого Господнього чуда. Очевидно Христос знайшов би інакший спосіб нагодувати голодних.

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