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Вхід в Храм П. Д. М. – Entrance into the Temple

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PROTECTION OF
MOTHER OF GOD



CHURCH BULLETIN
November 17 – 2013 – 17 Листопада
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



Св. Архангел Михаїл – St. Michael Archangel

CHURCH BULLETIN

Nov. 17 – 2013 – 17 Лист.

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

4:30 PM +Nina Serets (Marija Dranka)

Nov. 17 26th S. aft. P. – 26 Н. по ЗСД

12:00 PM За Парохіян - For Parishioners

Monday Nov. 18 – Пон., 18 Листопада

8:15 AM +

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Tuesday Nov. 19 – Вів., 19 Листопада

10:00 AM + () 40 ./

Wed. Nov. 20 – Сер., 20 Листопада

4:30 PM +Nathanael DuBois

(Linda Steeb)

Entrance into the temple – Вхід в храм

Thursday Nov. 21 – Чет., 21 Листопада

10:00 AM For God's Blessing

Friday Nov. 22 – П'ят., 22 Листопада

9:00 AM +Michel Michalow &

Int. of Msgr. Leon Mosko

(Michalow Family)

Sat. Nov. 23 – Субота, 23 Листопада

4:30 PM +Dmytro Baranyckyj

(Kay Eckhardt)

Nov. 24 27th S. aft. P. – 27 Н. по ЗСД

12:00 PM За Парохіян - For Parishioners

Eternal Light honoring Mother of
God burns for +Jery Szczublewski.

Requ by: Dolores Baranycky

Eternal Light burns for
The Int. of Iwanyczko Family
Requ by: Ulana Iwanyczko



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

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

17 Листопада – 21 Н. по З.С.Д.

10:00 р. +о. Богдан Остапович
(О. Чмола)

19 Листопада – Св. Павло Ісповідник

5:00 . + ()

21 Листопада – Св. Архангел Михаїл

10:00 р. За Боже Благословення

14 Листопада – 22 Н. по З.С.Д.

10:00 р. +Юрій Щербак (В. І. Бурда)

BIBLE MEETING

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our meetings on Monday night (and
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Next Meeting: Nov. 18, 6:30 PM

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23 Листопада, 2013 р.

10 рано – 4 по обіді

До Світла Воскресіння крізь терни катакомб

У нас виставлено 20 великих панелів з Історії нашої Церкви у Підпіллі, виготовлені у Львові «Інститутом Історії Церкви». Їх вже можна оглянути під церквою.

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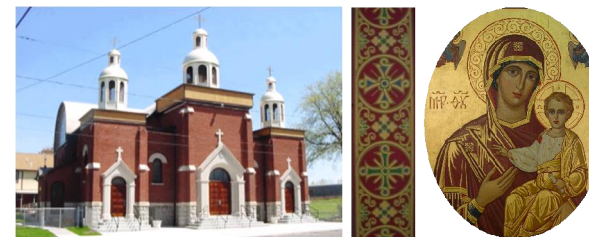
To the Light of the Resurrection
Through the thorns of catacombs

We received 20 pannels about the History of our underground Church, made by the Institut of Church History from Lviv. This Institut is created by now Bishop of France
Borys Gudziak

Exhibit is open downstairs.

Books (\$10.00) are in Ukrainian only. I have English translation, and will share with you soon.

Institute continues to collect materials about persecution of our church, having already many video and audio materials as well as photos and documents. Donation for the Institute are indeed needed.



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

- KITCHEN – is open Fridays 11 AM - 3 PM. Thank you for your patronage.
- Coffee Hour - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!
- We need help in the kitchen. Thank you!
- There is an exhibit downstairs "To the Light of Resurrection through the thorns of catacombs"

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ВЛАСНІ АЛЬКОГОЛЬНІ НАПИТКИ

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

November 17, 2013 A.D.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Dear _____,

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

Brrrrrr! Yep, we were able to use that word over and over again this week. It all began on Monday evening right about 7:30pm when the correctly predicted cold front arrived in Western NY. I was outside getting the garbage cans ready for the next day pick up and it was raining fairly hard. Well, in two shakes of a lamb's tail, it was snowing. Those great big wet flakes, ideal for catching on your tongue (yes I did!), began to quickly cover the ground. It was snowing quite hard, and it was cold, and it was the harbinger of the days ahead, but it was so lovely to see that first snow.

I know, I know, you can say that so long as your bones don't hurt and you're not out driving in it. The storm quickly moved through the area, and all in all, we ended up with about an inch. That's the way to have your first snow of the season. Excellent wake-up call, Mother Nature!

Even though the total amount was very small, the quick change in temperature, accompanied by the frozen precipitation on the ground did cause many problems on Monday night, and then again, on Tuesday morning. I've got a police/fire scanner and it was amazing how quickly "they started wrecking into one another." I know there is that procedure called "acquiring your winter driving skills," but it seemed as if a whole lot of people didn't realize snow makes the driving a bit different. I was thinking about those who were out there, and even saying a prayer for the travelers that night. Fortunately, I didn't have to drive anywhere, and then by the time I hit the highway the next day, the roads were salted, traffic light, and it was a good drive. Get ready, though...O! Man Winter is stirring!

The cold has now passed and we are once again in the 50's. There was a lot of wind today, but it has subsided. As I write on Thursday evening, it has

become an absolutely gorgeous day. The moon is well on the way to its full stage, which will occur on Sunday November 17. Maybe I'll write you a short letter this week and go for a walk to enjoy the sights of the night sky....

As you are well aware, the news reports have been non-stop in the discussion of the disastrous, "obaminable" health care plan, "Obamacare." Today I had a visitor at the church. This gentleman comes by every two years to do an inspection for the insurance company. When I opened the door to greet him he said, "I know you! You were the one who told me what a disaster the health care plan would be when it was implemented. Two years ago I didn't know if I believed you, but boy, were you ever right!" I'm not bragging, or tooting my own horn, because a lot of people, a whole lot smarter than Yours Truly, said the same thing. Isn't it sad to see, how in the name of politics or some ideology, so many millions and millions of people have been so adversely affected by something that didn't ever have to be! Remember how this "law" was passed (read: 'pushed down our throats') on that Christmas Eve night? Bart Stupack, where have you gone? I won't bore you with talking about this anymore tonight. But it will, and definitely must, be talked about until the attacks on freedom of conscience, freedom of religion, and Life itself are stopped. Repeal anyone? Impeachment anyone? Replacement of so-called representatives, anyone?

For sure, it's in print and on the radio, TV and internet. Hearing all the obvious and downright lies regarding this subject, maybe it's time for us to recall that Eighth Commandment of our God: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Definitely a story to be continued...

Our parish prays according to the Gregorian calendar (new) so today as I write we are preparing to leave for the desert of our hearts and begin our preparation to greet the newly born Savior in the cave in Bethlehem of Judea. Our fasting time, "St. Philip's Fast" begins tomorrow, November 15. For those who fast from meat and dairy products, you know what

that means, right? Tonight, throughout all the land, there will be feasting on ice cream, milkshakes and chocolate, which will be no more (except for a break on our Thanksgiving Day/ weekend) until December 25. Have a good 'Christmas Fast!'

"Accept, O Master, Your servants as they bow their heads and bend their knees before You, O Gracious Lover of Mankind and Lord! Bless their comings and their goings; bless their fast! Strengthen them to reach the glorious day of Your Nativity and allow them to hear those voices speaking of the Magi worshipping with gifts, shepherds piping and angels singing, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace good will to men.' "However you choose to make this time holy, know that you are "Preparing the way of the Lord."

We continue to pray for each other here, but also, and especially, for those suffering, and those assisting them, in the Philippines. You know we always say, "There are no coincidences." Last week at our Sunday Liturgy we were blessed to have visitors, 'who were just going down Ferry Ave. looking for a Catholic Church.' The interesting thing about that is they came in at the time of the homily and the priest was talking about the typhoon disaster in the Philippines. The grandmother, young husband and wife and their little baby were Filipino! May the Lord save and protect all those in need over there and all those related to them around the world.

This coming Friday, November 22, we will be remembering the dark day in the history of our country, November 22, 1963, the day President Kennedy was shot in Dallas. There have been many interesting TV programs about this over the past few weeks. For anyone old enough to remember, Friday will definitely be a day of those



sorrowful memories coming to the surface. We know where we were and what we were doing that day, just as those who remember Pearl Harbor and 9-11 also do.

I was a young whippersnapper, just had turned 20 years old and had the answers to everything. Then shortly after morning turned to afternoon and we had finished our lunch in the seminary, we heard the terrible news that our young President was dead. We knew then and there that the world had changed...it would never be the same again. And we knew we did not have all the answers to this appearance of evil on that beautiful November day.

Especially for members of our Church, a little known fact about President Kennedy is that one of our priests of the Archeparchy, Fr. Theodore Danusiar, of blessed memory, and then pastor of Holy Family parish in Washington, D.C., was the president's chaplain, due to his work with the Knights of Columbus. On the day the President's body was moved from the White House to the Capitol, Fr. Ted walked with the family in the funeral cortege through the streets of Washington. Look for him in the footage and photos that are sure to be viewed this week. His epitachil (stole) will surely catch your eye.

Vichnaja Pamjat,

President John and the priest Theodore!

See how nice I am to you...I didn't do a short letter. But now I must say so long for another week, God willing. As always, I pray this note finds you happy and well in the Lord. May He bless you and cause His face to shine upon you. May our Holy Lady the Theotokos keep you beneath her heavenly veil.

In His Love,

Fr. Ray

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З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Насіння що ми одержали слід посіяти в своє серце, дорожити ним, пільнувати його як око в голові, щоб з ним нічого не сталося, опікуватися ним, щоб воно могло відповідно зародити. І пам'ятаймо, що ці плоди не для того, щоб ми їх затримали і тішилися ними, але для інших, для хворих, немічних, бідних, для тих що їх потребують більше від нас. Зрозуміймо, що насправді не ми посіяли і не ми зробили, щоб воно росло і принесло багато плоду. Ми тільки допомогли. Бог є той що сіє, і той, що вирощує, і Він кожного і кожну з нас привів до існування, щоб через нас любов Його далі могла поширюватися.

Любови не будмо посідати, якщо не виконаємо ненависть з наших сердець, і вона зникне, коли не будемо передавати її іншим і в такий спосіб не покажемо, що вміємо любити Бога, який все нам дав і Ближнього, якого Бог поставив на нашу дорогу.

Радістю ми не будемо пересякнені, коли не зможемо прийняти усі труднощі, що на нас приходять, коли не приймемо волю Божу і не старатимимось її постійно сповняти.

Спокій не прийде до нашого серця, коли не викинемо журбу про різні непотрібні речі у своєму житті, і він зникне коли не будемо мати цілковитого довіря до Господа.

Щодо терпеливості, пам'ятаймо, що не мусить завжди бути по нашому. Все у свій час стане на своє місце. Прийде час, що інші нас зрозуміють і ми їх будемо краще розуміти, але важним є, що б тепер залишати можливість до такого розуміння..

Пам'ятаймо, щоб бути уважними до потреб інших. І при тому не важне чи нас хтось образив. Ніколи не думаймо про відплату, а радше стараймося простити. Усмішки не забуваймо, навіть у найбільшому терпінні.

Виявляймо милосердя, так як Господь є милосердний. Кривду заподіяну забуваймо, нікого не відкидаймо у потребах, головні тих

які нас з якоїсь причини ненавидять. Таким поступуванням придбаємо собі приятелів і не будемо вважати інших ворогами.

Віра наша нехай буде сильна. Той, що створив нас і відкупив і постійно освячує є нашим найбільшим приятелем, що ніколи нас не залишить. Сумніви безперечно прийдуть, але розв'яжемо їх молитвою, побожним роздумуванням, духовним читанням.

Будьмо лагідними для всіх. Нехай ніхто не має труднощів прийти до нас по раду, поговорити, просити о поміч. Стараймося нікого не образити своєю нетактовністю. Будьмо помірковані у всьому. У їжі, у слові, у думках. Не возносимося за високо. Скромності не забуваймо. Постараймося завжди бачити інших коло себе, допоможемо їм, щоб вони могли піднятися...

Ми є ті, що примаємо слово Боже – насіння, що сіється тими, яких Христос поставив на нашу дорогу. Але не вистарчить, тільки прийняти посіане і обробляти його, але потрібно далі сіяти, щоб інші могли одержати і обробляти і роздавати. І не важне чи інші принесуть плоди тепер чи за пару років, чи щойно на кінці своєї туземної мандрівки. Важним є, що ми дали їм можливість іти доброю дорогою, що не завели Христових сподівань.

Слово Боже, якого чуємо не є на це щоб було зберігано на полицях покритим порошком, але воно повинно перебувати в нас у серцях. Жиймо тим словом. Даваймо добрий приклад, продовжуймо його сіяти. Таким способом Господь буде нами служитися, щоб дійти до потребуючих. Він чеслить на нас...

Господь любить, а ми стараємося навчитися як любити. Господь любить, а ми намагаємося зрозуміти волю Божу і сповняти її. Господь любить і нам не залешається нічого іншого, як любити, любити, і знова любити. Любити Бога, любити ближнього свого, любити своїх найдорожчих і любити ворогів, бо Бог є любов, і якщо перебуваємо в любові, перебуваємо в Бозі, і Бог перебуває в нас.

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So often we forget that everything we have is on loan to us from God. One day, everything will be left behind, and yet it seems that the greater part of life is consumed by wanting more. It is ours for now, to use or to neglect, but one day it will be taken from us, and we will stand before the Lord and give an account of how we used it. Every day of our lives, we are being pulled in a number of different directions. On one hand, we have family or work responsibilities pulling us one way; our obligations to the Church pulling us another way, and friends pulling us in yet another direction. We are left wondering, "What is really important in life?" The passage in today's Gospel reading according to St. Luke, forces us to make a decision about what kind of life we want? Do we want a life dependent on things of this world, or a life that will always keep us close to God? This passage is very relevant to us today because for most people in America the main priority in life is to attain enough money to live the good life. Today, no matter what one possesses, someone else has something bigger, better or different. The distance between comfortable and envious could be only as far as your neighbor next door. But how much does a person really need?

While Jesus is in the middle of teaching His disciples, a man who was dissatisfied with his brother and his share of property had suddenly interrupted Him. Then Jesus spoke a parable to all of them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' Then Jesus ended by saying: "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." The

rich man of this parable was a farmer, but he represents the part of humanity that is seduced by all kinds of greed. As this farmer looked at his amazing harvest, he did not see the hand of God – he saw only his own effort - and expected to yield more, building bigger and better barns to store all his grain. But then this man's life ended, just when he thought he had everything he needed. There was no time to enjoy what he had gathered here on earth, because he could not take it with him. Jesus also warns us that this man was preoccupied with greed, and because of this he had no treasures stored up in heaven.

With this parable, Jesus is in essence asking us – What is in your heart? In the depth of your soul, in the place that only God can see. When all of your titles are stripped away, when all of our flowery words that we have learned to say in order to gain approval no longer matter, when all of our exterior motives are proven meaningless - what is in the depths of our heart? What is it that we desire more than anything else? For many, the heart will reveal this desire for abundance, this desire to have bigger homes, fancier cars, and better jobs, this desire to accumulate and obtain, and cling to the possessions of this world. A desire for just a little bit more. Maybe we are quick to deny this, but let us think about our lives for a moment. Why do we feel the need to spend extra hours at work instead of extra hours at home? Why do we feel the need to elevate people who have wealth over people who have none? Why do we invest more on things that moth and rust destroy, instead of things which are Eternal? We place our trust and hope in the investments we make and the money we save and the cushion in our checkbook, instead of trusting in a God who knows the very number of hairs on our head. Ask yourself this afternoon, what is in the depths of your heart? What is your desire, your motive? What is it that you truly want in life? We may be able to fool others, but we cannot fool the Lord.

A stonecutter once delivered a slab of stone to a merchant. Seeing all his wonderful goods, he said, "I wish I was a merchant and had such things." In the

twinkling of an eye, his wish was granted. Then one day he saw a parade pass his store window. He saw a prince pass by in splendor and he said, "I wish I was a prince." And immediately he became a prince . . . until the day the hot sun beat down upon him and he said, "I wish I was the sun, greater than any man." And he became the sun and was happy . . . until a cloud came between him and the earth. He said, "That cloud over-shadows me. I wish I was a cloud." And again his wish was granted. He rained down on the earth to his heart's content until he came to a mountain, which wouldn't let him pass. He said, "That Mountain is greater than I, I wish I was a mountain." Instantly, he became a mountain and he thought; now I am the greatest of all. But one day a little man climbed up the mountain and with a hammer and chisel began to tap away at it. The mountain, unable to stop him, said, "That little man is greater than I; I wish I was a man who cut stone." Once again his wish was granted and he became a stonecutter. He lived a long and useful life and everyone marveled at how happy he was.

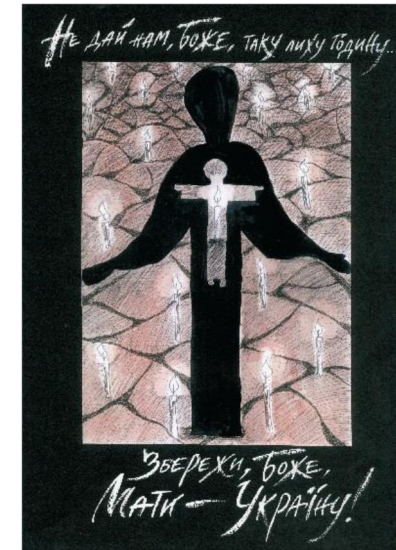
If we really take a moment to think about the many gifts we do have in our life... the gift of loved ones, the gift of health, the gift of salvation, then perhaps we can better understand what Jesus is trying to teach us today. The man in today's Gospel thought of gold instead of God. He thought of pleasure instead of people. He thought of ease instead of Eternity. He spent those final few hours of his life grasping at the things of this world without being thankful to God or even considering the needs of his fellow man. Jesus is telling us not to store up for ourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But rather to store up for ourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. We store up treasure in Heaven when we manage our material possessions with spiritual

goals in mind. Riches have one major weakness; they have no purchasing power after death. The "rich towards God" are those who use what God has given them for the benefit of others. There are numerous examples in Scripture: people such as the Good Samaritan, the Centurion who sought out Jesus to heal his servant, the Father of the Prodigal Son, or even the woman worshipping in temple who gave two pence because it was all that she had. The way we become rich towards God is to invest in His Church and in the lives of His people. Generosity will add richness to our life that we would otherwise miss.

A reporter once asked Nelson D. Rockefeller, one of the richest men in the world, "How much money is enough"? Rockefeller replied, "Just a little bit more." But by the time Rockefeller was fifty-three, his life was a wreck. Throughout his business career he said, "I never placed my head upon the pillow at night without reminding myself that my success might only be temporary." He was the richest man in the world and yet he was miserable in every sense of the word. He was sick physically, mentally, and emotionally. There was no humor, balance, or joy in his life. Then a transformation occurred. Rockefeller was determined to become a giver rather than an accumulator. He began to give his millions away. He founded the Rockefeller foundation, dedicated to fighting disease and funding education around the world. He lived to be ninety-eight years old and was a happy man in those later years, because of his new and revitalized definition of success. He found out that the antidote to greed is generosity – giving to others in need! As we have now entered into our Christmas Fast which began November 15th, let us ponder more closely today's Gospel reading and carefully consider our own relationship with God. The word "give" is used over 1500 times in the Bible. Are we giving to others? Are we rich toward God? The essence of Christianity is giving: "God so loved the world that He gave.

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