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у людському тілі, та кріпитися присутніс-  
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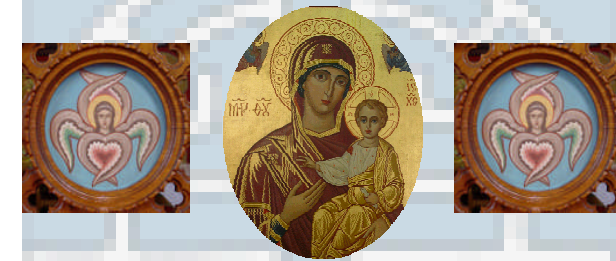
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Усім парохіянам і прихожанам!  
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**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**  
To all Parishioners and Friends!

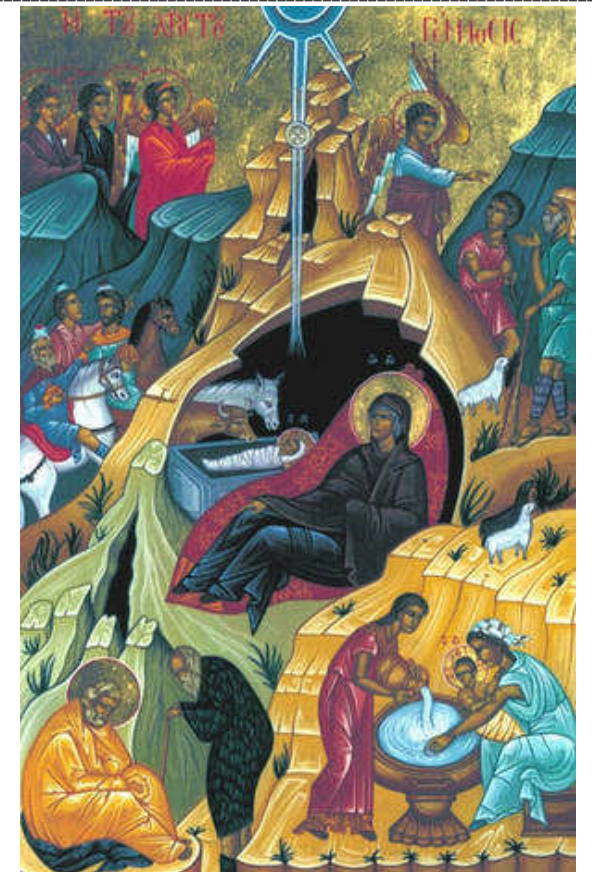
**Merry Christmas**

UNDER THE PROTECTION  
OF MOTHER OF GOD



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CHURCH BULLETIN – N<sup>o</sup>01  
January 1 – 2011 – 1 Січня  
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК – Ч.01



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Jan. 1: New Year - Новий Рік 2012**

Circumcision; St. Basil the Gr. (gr.) **T3**

**12:00 PM** +Julia Hrynczak (M. Hanuszcak)

**Mon., January 2 – Понеділок, 2 Січня**

10:00 AM +Гання Петіль (Іван і Мира)  
+Маруся (Петіль) Процик (родина)

**Tue., January 3 – Вівторок, 3 Січня**

8:15 AM За Зд. Оксани Звінек

**Wed., January 4 – Середа, 4 Січня**

9:15 AM +Walter Hanicki (Shewchen Fam.)

**Thu., January 5 – Чет., 5 Січня**

9:15 AM +Helen Maxim (LUC)  
St Basil Liturgy – Л. Св. Василя

**Fri., Jan. 6: Theophany - Богоявлення**

9:30 AM За Парохіян – For Parishioners

**Great Water Blessing – Вел. Водосвяття**

**Sat., January 7 – Субота, 7 Січня**

10:00 AM (see Julian)

4:30 PM За Парохіян – For Parishioners

**Jan. 8: Sunday after Theophany** **T4**

11:00 AM +Mieczyslawa Hanitzky  
(Emily Swiatkiwsky)

Eternal Light burns for  
+Olga Kolotylo  
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**1 Січня: Неділя Отців (Юл.)** **T3**

10:00 р. За Парохіян – For Parishioners

**П'ят., 6 Січня – СВЯТИЙ ВЕЧІР**

10:00 в. Велике Повечеря і  
Різдвяна Літургія

**Субота, 7 Січня – РІЗДВО Г.Н.І.Х.**

10:00 р. За Парохіян (мировання)

**8 Січня: Неділя по Різдві (Юл.)** **T4**

11:00 р. +Михайло Орос (дружина)



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**Сповідь:** Перед Св. Літургіями

**Baptism:** By appointment

**Хрещення:** За домовленням

**Marriage:** Contact 6 months in advance

**Вінчання:** Голоситися 6 місяців скорше

**Religion classes – Релігійна Програма**

Saturday 11:45 AM – Субота 11:45 р.

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- **Coffee Hour** - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!

**PROSPHORA --- JANUARY 8**

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**ЦЕРК. ВІСНИК** видається тижнево  
Інформації подавати до четверга вечора.

**SAINT NICHOLAS  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА  
СВЯТОГО МИКОЛАЯ  
(ПІД ОПІКОЮ ПРЕЧИСТОЇ  
ДІВИ МАРІЇ ОДІГІТРИЇ)**

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

Коли плянуєте дату вашого вінчання чи хрещення то просимо поговорити з парохом, щоб потім не було непорозуміння. Може статися, що в цей день буде неможливо відбутися заплановане.  
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If you are planning a Baptism or Wedding, please contact Pastor about the date before making other arrangements.

*V. Rev. Marijan Brygh*

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Дякуємо за пожертви!**



Наша Парохіяльна Просфора відбудеться 8 Січня.  
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**Parish Christmas Dinner  
January 8, 2012 (Liturgy at 11).**

**Baked Goods - Солодке**  
Baked Goods are needed for our parish Prospora on Sunday, January 8.  
Donations of sweets would be greatly appreciated.  
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Просимо принести солодке на нашу просфору



**ABOUT CHURCH ENVELOPES  
AND CHRISTMAS:**

If you are celebrating Christmas on the Julian (Old) Calendar, please use the **CHRISTMAS 2012** found at the beginning of your new 2012 box of envelopes. We ask this because in most cases the number you had in 2011 is not the same as the number you have in 2012, and this may cause your donation to be entered incorrectly into the computer since most parishioners do not put names on their envelopes.

**PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!**  
**THIS YEAR DO NOT USE 2011 BOX OF ENVELOPES. THANK YOU!**

**In Memoriam – Вічна Пам'ять!  
ARTYMOWYCZ - Wasyl "Bill"**



(Jan. 14, 1952 - Dec. 26, 2011)

Suddenly December 26, 2011; cherished son of the late Mychajlo and Anna Arty-mowycz; dear brother of Petro (Judy) Arty-mowycz, Maria (Harry) Stobie, Stephan (Paula) and the late Lesia Arty-mowycz; loving uncle of Natalie (David), Eric, Michael (Katie), Meghan, Steven, Lisa, Brandon and Alex.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends. May he rest in peace!  
**Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamiat!**



**Упокоївся в Господі Св. Пам.  
+Василь Артимович  
(14. I. 1952 – 26. XII. 2011)**

Сестрі Марії, братам Петрові і Стрепанові та іншим членам родини і приятелям складаємо співчуття, а йому хай буде Вічна Пам'ять!

Зо святими упокой, Христе, душу слуги Твого Василя, де немає болізни, ні печалі, ні зітхання, а життя безконечне!

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УКРАЇНКИ  
в Бофало Н. Й.  
Влаштовує

## ТРАДИЦІЙНУ МАЛАНКУ

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## The Spirit of Saint Nicholas Lives on in Today's Youth

The religion students from St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Buffalo, New York decided to do something special this Christmas season, by taking a more active role in their faith. The oldest group of religion students spend several hours of their time making ‘no sew’ fleece blankets for ailing children at the *Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo*. They wanted to make a difference in their community by provided some much needed comfort and warmth to children their own age, who were not healthy enough to leave the hospital for Christmas. Along with their catechist teachers, these young and promising adults within the parish went to visit the hospital in downtown Buffalo; right after Ridna Shkola celebrated their ‘Breakfast with St. Nicholas’. Keeping with the spirit and tradition of their Parish's Patron Saint, these young people donated more than a dozen fleece blankets as Christmas gifts to the children in the hospital. Pictured above are the religion students (inside St. Nicholas Church and outside *Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo*), holding several of the blankets they made.



Дякуємо найстаршій групі дітей з релігії, які приготували деки для дітей у лічниці і завезли там після „Сніданку зі Святим Миколаєм”.

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

У старій церкві в Балтиморі знайдено наступний текст. Хай він буде своєрідним дороговказом на Новий 2012 рік.

„Крокуй спокійно серед гамору та поспіху – пам’ятай, який мир може бути у тиші.

Наскільки це можливо, не зрікаючись себе, зберігай добрі стосунки з людьми.

Спокійно і ясно проголошуй свою правду, слухай також те, що кажуть інші, навіть якщо вони говорять не надто розумно, — бо й у цьому є якийсь сенс.

Якщо порівнюватимеш себе з іншими, можеш стати гордим або зневіреним, бо завжди були й будуть гірші й кращі від тебе.

Радій як зі своїх успіхів, так і з планів.

Якою б скромною не була твоя праця, виконуй її самовіддано і добросовісно. Повір: це справжня цінність проти мінливої долі.

Будь обережним у своїх починаннях, бо світ цей сповнений оман.

Але нехай це не заступить тобі справжніх чеснот: багато людей прагнуть високих ідеалів, а життя усюди сповнене героїства.

Будь собою й не опирайся почуттям. Не будь цинічним у любові, бо серед черствості й розчарувань вона єдина вічна як трава.

Приймай спокійно все, що несуть зі собою літа, без гіркоти полишай те, що дарувала молодість.

Зміцнюй силу духа, щоб у несподіваному нещасті стала для тебе щитом.

Лише не віддавай себе на поталу витворам уяви: багато-бо страхів породжують нудьга та самотність.

Дотримуйся необхідної дисципліни, але вмій бути лагідним до себе. Пам’ятай: ти — дитина Всесвіту і маєш право бути тут не менше, ніж зорі й дерева. І чи зрозуміло це тобі, чи ні — повір, що світ цей є таким, яким повинен бути.

Отож, будь у мирі з Богом, що б ти не думав про Його існування, чим би не займався і якими б не були твої прагнення.

У вуличному гаморі, у метушні життя збережи спокій своєї душі. З усіма своїми пастками, втомою і втраченими мріями цей світ усе ж чудовий. Будь уважним і намагайся бути щасливим.”

...Подякуймо Господеві за всі дари, що ми їх одержали в минулому році. І за ці, що нам подобалися, і за ці яких ми радше не хотіли б одержати.

Були ми щасливі, здорові, все ішло як слід у відношенні до інших - Богу дякувати за це.

Мали ми труднощі, нестачі, хворіли, хтось з членів нашої родини, або наші приятелі постраждали. Богу дякувати і за це. Все проминуло. Нові радощі прийдуть але також і нові труднощі, яких з Господом зможемо подолати. Він нас скріплює, Він провадить, Він нами опікується. Ідучи за Ним ми не будемо спотикатися, бо Він нам освітлює дорогу...

Перед нами багато справ до полагодження. Багато є тих, що нас потребують, і Господь якраз нас до них посилає, щоб передати їм Його любов...

Бажаємо вам, щоб цей Рік приніс багато радості і щастя в Христі Господі!

## From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

CHRIST IS BORN!  
GLORIFY HIM!

January 1, 2012

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Your name here, for your very own personal letter)

Happy New Year, my dear one, on this Jan. 1, 2012! It is the first day, the first Sunday and your first letter of the New Year. May we rejoice in the presence and power of our God all the days of the coming New Year!

Even as we celebrate these days of joy, the parish family of St. Nicholas church is once again saddened by the passing of two more parishioners. On December 11 Daria Wojtowych reposed and on Dec. 26 Wasyl Artymowycz went to eternity. We send our sympathy to their families and friends and we lift them up in our prayer as we sing: “Vichnaja Pamjat! Memory Eternal!”

It is still “Merry Christmas” for us. I suppose today marks the ending of the “major celebration” of Christmas and New Year’s, as many people will be heading back to work on Monday, or Tuesday for sure. I realize there were many who didn’t have a long vacation, but were working the whole time, even on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day! But for those students, teachers, vacationers, etc., who enjoyed some time off we say, “It’s back to reality, Guys! The party’s over!” ☺ or ☺

The big days of the cards, presents, visiting, traveling, special and abundant food and drink may be over, but in our prayer life and our spiritual life we are only at the beginning of this glorious celebration. This festal time of rejoicing in these special, beautiful and grace-filled days of Christmas, New Year’s and Theophany continues until February 2, which is the Feast of the Encounter (RC’s say *Presentation*.) I write about the ‘new calendar’ celebration, of course. Those who celebrate

according to the Julian calendar will only begin their special days on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve) and Saturday, January 7 (Christmas Day).

Our Christmas has been a beautiful time, seeing it as we are, through the eyes of Noah, Emma and Natalia, as well as hearing about it over the phone from Jonah and Nathanael. There are still cards coming in the mail and presents here and there to be opened. I myself, am eagerly waiting Aunt Chris’ package from Pennsylvania and the “tastes of home.” She’s my little sister and always adds that great extension to Christmas with her special package of presents, cookies and yes, I’m gonna say it again-FRUITCAKE! I’m tellin’ ya, she makes the best stuff, including the fruitcake, which was Baba’s special recipe. And the kids love that package with the things that “Santa left in Middleport” because Aunt Chris is the best stocking stuffer in the world! I know it will arrive one of these days, and it will make for another special day around here.

One of the highlights of our Christmas day was dinner at Damian and Chrystyna’s. Individually both are great cooks, but when they put their heads together they can really tickle a lot of taste buds! Outstanding as the meal was, I really have to say the best part came after, at dessert time. We’d been telling the kids all month that Christmas is the birthday of “Baby Bozhey.” Well, if you’ve got a birthday, you’ve got to sing “Happy Birthday,” right? So we put the candles in the pumpkin pie and those little ones sang their hearts out! They loved singing so much, they kept asking to sing it again. We did it three times, and then thought it was time to stop or we would have been there all night, or until they went hoarse! ☺ ☺ ☺ There is no doubt in my mind that HE was blessing them from that manger! I wonder if HE ever had a *birthday pumpkin pie* before.

## Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus!

I'm sure there are a lot of people who are just sitting home with their feet up, holding that glass of egg nog, and enjoying the respite after the hectic time. Here I am thinking especially of the Fed Ex and UPS drivers, and our favorite mailman, Russell. Those guys and girls have been on overdrive since Thanksgiving. Did you ever look at their faces when they delivered a package during December, especially late December? They were really on a different planet, weren't they? You could almost hear them mutter as they drove away, "Gotta deliver that package...gotta get those cards in that box...gotta get done before Christmas! Thanks for being such good helpers for Santa! You made a lot of people very happy!

As we celebrate the start of the new year of 2012 we can't help but meditate on our time here on this earth and the gift of life that we have. In one of my stops somewhere I noticed that traditional Christmas gift, a box of chocolates, under the tree. Yep, it made me immediately think of the movie "Forrest Gump" and his famous line, "Mama always said, 'Life is like a box of chocolates...you never know what you're gonna get.'" That got me thinking...oh, oh, Father Ray thinking... this could be dangerous, huh? Did you ever think that our life is like a roll of garbage bags? ☺ We have ours in the closet-a big fat roll just sitting there inside the door. All we have to do is reach in, grab one and off we go. We do this again and again, and even when the roll is getting smaller and smaller, I don't really pay attention to the fact that it may one day run out. But the day comes, sooner or later,

when it finally has run out and there are no more.

I think we live our lives like that, don't you? There's always going to be another day, and another day and another day....But we know that just like that roll of plastic garbage bags sooner or later the days of our life will run out and we will be called to eternity. So what we need to do is never to take this great gift of life for granted. I'll never forget a lady I once visited on her deathbed. She was alert and able to speak, but very sick, and she knew it. But she was watching Vanna White on the television! Don't you think that if you were close to that bridge to the other side you'd be wanting to do something else...like pray? She thought she had a few more bags in the closet I guess.

We never know exactly how many are there though.

On this first day of the year we have the 12 months before us. Today is the first day of the year with 364 remaining....52 weeks, 8,760 hours, 525, 600 minutes, 31, 536, 000 seconds. May God grant us all these days and many happy and blessed years! "*O Lord, our God, who have placed times and seasons under your own authority; who in Your infinite compassion and goodness, have counted us worthy to enter a New Year of your loving kindness, bless it and keep us in peace.*"(from the Priest's Service Book-prayer on the first day of the year).

God bless you and our holy Lady protect you! Happy New Year!

With much Christmas love,  
Father Ray



From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Christ is born – let us glorify Him! Perhaps the most comforting thought we have to bring into today's New Year celebration is that Jesus loves us and cares for us deeply. There is not a person upon this earth for whom He fails to love. No matter where we live, regardless of who we are, Christ has a place for each of us in His Kingdom. As the Angel spoke to Joseph according to the Gospel of St. Matthew - I pray the Angel of our Lord, continues to reveal the light of Christ to each and every one of us. In today's Gospel reading, the idea of "place" seems important for St. Matthew. We read of Bethlehem, the place of our Lord's birth - and Egypt, the place of His refuge. Place is important to God! The place where we are right now is important to God, wherever we may be. Whether it be in our home where we know every neighbor on our street or perhaps a city where we barely know the neighborhood. Place is important to God! It may be a nursing home or even a homeless shelter, far from what someone might consider "Home". But trust our Lord lives there and welcomes us with every measure of the Holy Spirit. For that place, wherever we may be, is always important to God. May we know in this time just after Christmas, and among the start of the New Year, that Jesus was born so that God would not dwell in some far off Kingdom, not in some distant place, but rather here - with you and me. Wherever we are, Jesus longs to be there. This is the Word given to us in the very first chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, when an Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife", the Angel said, "For the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit, and they shall name Him Emmanuel", which means God is with us...

Just imagine for a moment, that we are walking along the road through town and it is a beautiful day. The future stretches out ahead, the past is there too, but today we prefer to walk forward: to live "in the now", and truly see all the good things in the world. The air is wintry and dry. Fleecy clouds float high in the bright blue sky, and the sunlight glitters and shines off the snowy houses and cars that we pass along the way. People are making snow angels, and smiling as they ride their sleds down the hill in the park. They talk and laugh together, as they enjoy the

day off from work. What a beautiful and peaceful scene it makes! Our hearts are suddenly full of joy as we remember that it is New Year's Day. A day to start afresh and to feel overwhelming gratitude for the gift of life that God has given us. We pass by a man and his son, a toddler sitting on the lofty wooden fence by the park, but held safely in his father's arms. His face is a study in pure joy and wonder, as he looks over the snowman they have just made together. It is his first snowman in a brand new world of wonder for every young child. It is the beginning of a beginning, and tears gather in our eyes with the power and sweetness of that simple thought. A man sits on a rock and gazes into the distance. He looks sad and forlorn, as the breeze blows by and makes the white snow fall from the tree next to him, in this lonely scene. We are reminded of those days in the past when sadness and hopelessness were our companions. We say a silent prayer for the man, and profound thanks, to God, for all that we do have. Then we walk on. A young couple crouches next to their toboggan that has plunged deep into the snow. As they look up, we grin and say "Happy New Year!" They wish us the same. It is a simple thing, but for a moment we have become one with the world and a sudden joyful exhilaration takes our breath away. An older woman leans on a fence post, looking into some other time. She does not seem either happy or sad, but just gazes into the past, or maybe the future. We wonder what her ageing, but still lovely eyes have seen, in the time that she has spent in this world. Where has she been? What amazing things has she witnessed? A lifetime lays hidden behind her eyes. A feeling of timeless peace flows through us and all fear of what the future may bring drains away. We thank her with our thoughts, and move onward. As we reach home, we go inside, and close the door; we say another prayer of thanks to God for the gift of "now". It has taken a long time to find it, and although we cannot seem to keep it with us, all of the time, we know how to open the door again, when the time is right. We also know that whatever this New Year will bring, there will be joy, and enough treasures of "now" to help us through the hard times that we all must face. We thank God for the joy of this New Year and we celebrate with our loved ones this gift of "now".