

Thank you, the USSA organizers, children and parents, for your caroling last Sunday, January 24. May God bless you and keep you safe and always singing to the Lord! Дякуємо за колядування! Христос Раждається! Славіте Його!



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CHURCH BULLETIN January 31 – 2021 – 31 січня ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



According to Gregorian Calendar this Tuesday is Encounter of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After this feast we go back to our everyday greeting – Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! За Григоріанським Календарем у вівторок, 2 лютого, буде Стрітєння Господа Нашого Ісуса Христа. Після цього свята вертаємося назад до привіту – Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!

CHURCH BULLETIN

January 31 – 2021 – 31 січня

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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

4:30 PM +Andrew Deneka, Jr. (M. M. Joven)

Virtual blessing of the homes

STREAMING at 4:30 PM in English ~

January 31 січня: S. of the Prodigal Son

10:00 – Ukr. (some English) **STREAMING**

Monday, February 1 лютого, Понеділок

9:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Tuesday, February 2 - Meeting in the temple

9:30 AM +Theodore, Ahafia, Nicholas, Paul & Peter
Nowadly (Elaine)

Wednesday, February 3 лютого, Середа

9:00 AM +Pavlina Regula (Bohdan Szorobura)

Thursday, February 4 лютого, Четвер

9:00 AM For Pres. Donald Trump in thanksgiving
for all he did for our country (Mary Ann DuBois) (2)

Friday, February 5 лютого, П'ятниця

9:00 AM +Kateryna Petrovycz (John Riszko)

Saturday, February 6 лютого, Субота

9:00 AM +Dolores Baranuckyj
(Henry & Karen Kozlowski)

4:30 PM +Oksana Saldyt (Pereyuma Family)

STREAMING at 4:30 PM in English ~

February 7 лютого: Meatfare S. – М'ясопусна

10:00 – Ukr. (some English) **STREAMING**

Eternal Light burns for
All unborn children and their parents

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CHRIST IS BORN!
GLORIFY HIM!

31 Січня: 30 Н. по Зісланні Св. Духа

10:00 р. For Parishioners - За Парохіян

По Українськи ~ **STREAMING**

7 лютого: 31 Н. по Зісланні Св. Духа

10:00 р. +Оля Басараб і пок. Членкинъ 49

Відділу СУА – Вічна Пам'ять!

По Українськи ~ **STREAMING**

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We want to thank the UCCA organizers,
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Christ is Born! Praise Him!
→ → [See photos on back cover](#) ← ←

Хай думки і серця нам єднає всеблага
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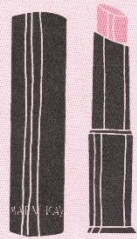
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From the bulletin of Fr. Robert Moreno

Certainly no one in that time and place would have expected the father in the story to do anything like what he did. Even the prodigal son himself asked only to become a servant in his father's house, for he knew what he had done by asking for his inheritance. He had basically told his father that he meant nothing to him but a source of money. And since the old man would not hurry up and die, he wanted his inheritance so that he could have nothing more to do with him ever again. Perhaps the father knew that the son needed to learn from the consequences of his tragic mistakes. So he gave him the money, which the son quickly wasted in partying and immorality. Soon no one treated him like a son, but instead like a lowly servant so miserable that he would have happily eaten the slop fed to the pigs.

At that point, the young man came to himself and realized what he had done and how wretched he was. He knew that he had dealt a fatal blow to his relationship with his father, but maybe the old man would still receive him back as a servant. As he came close to the house, however, the young man was amazed to see his father running out to greet him and then to restore him fully as his son. He did not speak a critical word to the young man, but only showed him love and rejoiced that a lost son had returned home, that one who was dead to him had been restored to life. Notice in the icon the servants bringing a coat (looks like a bishop's vestment...) shoes and a ring on cushions for the prodigal son.

As we prepare for Lent, we must learn from this parable that there are no limits to our Lord's mercy, no restraints on His compassion or forgiveness for those who humbly take the journey home. Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is the Second Adam Who came to restore us as the children of God, as those created in the divine image and likeness. Consequently, we must not avoid repentance out of fear that God will reject us, that we alone are somehow so wicked that He would never welcome us back. Remember that the Father is not a harsh, stern, hateful judge who is out to get us. Likewise, the Son did not come to condemn and punish, but to save. He accepted and blessed everyone who came to Him in humble repentance during His earthly ministry, including corrupt tax-collectors,



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tors, a woman caught in adultery, Gentiles, the demon-possessed, and His own apostles who had denied and abandoned Him. Christ even prayed for the forgiveness of those who nailed Him to the Cross. His mercy will extend to us also if we will turn to Him from the depths of our hearts.



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Звернення Всеукраїнської Ради Церков і релігійних організацій про необхідність протидії домашньому насильству в Україні

Всеукраїнська Рада Церков і релігійних організацій із сумом констатує, що в Україні існує проблема домашнього насильства, яка стосується також і релігійних спільнот та віруючих родин. Під насильством мається на увазі навмисне застосування фізичної сили або влади, фактичне або у вигляді погрози, спрямоване проти себе, проти іншої особи, групи осіб або громади, результатом якого є тілесні ушкодження, смерть, психологічна травма, відхилення в розвитку або різного роду збиток [1].

Окремим різновидом є домашнє насильство, яке є особливо небезпечним, адже скоюється по відношенню до найближчих людей та рідних. Церкви і релігійні організації однодушні щодо необхідності протидії домашньому насильству для всіх громадян, а особливо щодо жінок і дітей, хоча і чоловіки теж часто страждають від нього.

Важливим є визнання наявності цієї проблеми та наміру комплексної профілактики та протидії. Саме тому ми пропонуємо звернути увагу на пріоритетні наступні кроки для подолання цієї проблеми, а саме:

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акцентування цієї проблематики в рамках релігійного служіння та соціальних практик;

психологічна та духовна підтримка як жертв насильства, так і тих, хто його коїть;

продовження практичної роботи через інформування, створення мапи шелтерів, обміну досвідом;

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Релігійні лідери різних конфесій розуміють, що сьогодні існує потреба розвивати нормативно-правову базу України задля спільної безпеки та розвитку культури ненасильницького співжиття, особливо в родинях. Від імені релігійних спільнот, які ми представляємо, Всеукраїнська Рада Церков і релігійних організацій заохочує парламент та уряд розвивати національне законодавство на засадах загальної безпеки, моралі та доцільності, для чого готові надати практичні рекомендації та делегувати фахових представників до міжвідомчої робочої групи у разі її створення.

Позиції церков і релігійних організацій України мають спільний фундамент, а саме розуміння, що кожна людина створена на образ і подобу Божу та має право на життя від моменту свого зачаття до моменту природної смерті. А тому життя та гідність людської особи є непорушною цінністю, яка має бути захищена на найвищому законодавчому рівні.

Всеукраїнська Рада Церков і релігійних організацій визнає, що здоров'я є дорогоцінним Божим даром для кожної людини, і ми усі маємо відповідально дбати про його збереження. Свою роль у протидії домашньому насильству ми бачимо в просвітництві людей, профілактиці, вихованні дітей і молоді, наданні турботливої опіки потребуючим [2]. Саме тому пропонуємо як представникам держави, так і просто небайдужим громадянам долучатись до нашої ініціативи Зупини насильство! (family.org.ua), щоб разом долати нову епідемію насильства.

[1] Визначено Всесвітньою організацією охорони здоров'я.

[2] Резолюція «Мобілізація громади проти домашнього насильства та насильства за ознакою статі» від 29 березня 2019 року.

Ukrainian Catholics in a Divided America

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Patriarch Sviatoslav's statement gave Ukrainian Catholics in the United States warm encouragement at a moment of crisis and uncertainty. But it is not only at such dramatic junctures that they need the advice and support of their spiritual leadership.

On 15 January 2021, Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Major Archbishop Sviatoslav issued a statement in support of Catholics in the United States, citing among other things “the extensive division between citizens, the real danger of civil war, or even military warfare.” The statement was prompted by the events of 6 January, when a mob of supporters of President Trump stormed the Capitol in Washington, DC and disrupted the electoral proceedings in Congress. Five people died in the disorders.

Was it appropriate for the head of a church in a foreign country to comment on these events? Were the comments themselves appropriate?

While Major Archbishop Sviatoslav, popularly regarded as Patriarch, does not have formal jurisdiction over Ukrainian Catholics in America, as the earthly head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church he is the spiritual leader of Ukrainian Greek-Catholics worldwide. As such, he has the right and even the duty to support his people wherever they may reside.

But were Ukrainian Catholics under any threat relating to their religious identity? Like American Catholics as a whole, they were fairly evenly divided in the recent presidential election. The small group of rioters of 6 January had no known connection with Ukrainian Catholics.

One might argue that although neither Catholics in general, nor Ukrainian Catholics in particular, were threatened as Catholics by the Epiphany episode, as American citizens they all were in “real danger of civil war, or even military warfare.” But that was not the case. Certainly any comparison of the current situation in the United States with the events leading up to its Civil War of 1861-1865 – which involved distinct regional interests and

the secession of entire states – would be specious. And the record number of private firearms purchases in 2020 did not translate into the formation of a private army capable of military warfare. The failed putsch did not interrupt the election procedure, invalidate its results, or prevent the inauguration of Joseph Biden – incidentally, a practicing Roman Catholic — on 20 January.

Patriarch Sviatoslav's reference to “the extensive division between citizens,” however, was totally accurate. The principal divide does not run, it is true, between the extremists of the Epiphany putsch and everyone else. It is doubtful that the majority of the 74 million people who voted for Donald Trump, after all, would approve of an assault on the seat of government, even if they do believe that the election was manipulated. Rather, the “extensive division” is between them and the 81 million who voted for Joseph Biden. And while, as noted above, this conflict finds Catholics on both sides, there is one aspect of the divide that concerns them – and Catholic churchmen everywhere – specifically and directly.

The reason has to do with only one part of the Biden agenda. In fact, most of that agenda concerns issues that Catholics, regardless of their party affiliation, agree are important: jobs, health care, racial equality, immigration, climate change and the environment, and so on. Whatever their positions on these issues, on the whole they do not differ markedly from non-Catholics. But there is one set of issues that sets committed Catholics apart from other Americans. It concerns the anthropologically central matter of human reproduction: contraception, abortion, marriage and family. On these complex, difficult, and controversial questions, involving the rights of both individuals and organizations to proclaim and put into practice the ethical requirements of their religion, Catholics and the Biden administration may be on a collision course.

These are not the issues that were at stake in the disputed vote count, the Epiphany putsch, and the presidential succession. But they are issues that the new administration will have to confront. In anticipation of the presidential inauguration, the differing messages from Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, who chairs the



US Council of Catholic Bishops, and Blase Cardinal Cupich of Chicago, demonstrate the desire of the Church hierarchy to support the new president on the one hand, and to address their differences with him on the other.

Patriarch Sviatoslav's statement gave Ukrainian Catholics in the United States warm encouragement at a moment of crisis and uncertainty. But it is not only at such dramatic junctures that they need the advice and support of their spiritual leadership. As American Catholics of all rites enter into dialogue with President Biden's administration on issues of mutual agreement as well as disagreement, Ukrainian Catholics will look to their hierarchy – in Kyiv as well as Philadelphia – for guidance and leadership.



Society is sick with something more than a coronavirus, the Head of the UGCC in an interview with the Polish KAI



With the onset of the pandemic, we became ill, perhaps, with something worse than the coronavirus. The pandemic has fully revealed the selfishness of man and society that has always existed. This was stated by Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church His Beatitude Sviatoslav in an interview with the Polish Catholic News Agency (KAI).

Therefore, the Primate said in the interview with KAI, the mission of the Church in modern society is to help a person remain a human, because he is in great danger of being identified only with the work of his own hands.

"Today, people live much longer in the world of computers than in the world of humans. The Church speaks of human dignity, that man is a being who carries in himself something much more than a machine or a cybernetic organism. Man has an eternal purpose and is called to eternal life. And here the Church is a community of people who believe in eternal life, believe in life after

death and acknowledge the dead and risen Christ the Savior," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

Regarding the apocalyptic sentiments associated with the pandemic that exist in society, the Primate stressed that even when we become ill with the coronavirus, it is not the end of the world. We must do everything possible to recover and live on. "The world will exist after the pandemic. Instead, we must learn to live in the new circumstances and in the world that is dynamically changing before our eyes," said the Head of the Church.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav also noted that the pandemic had exposed many weaknesses in the Church itself. "Another painful crisis related to the pandemic is the crisis of the priest's personality. This is especially true of priests formed in Orthodox seminaries, for whom being a priest means first and foremost taking responsibility for cult-related activities, that is, celebrating Liturgies and other services. It should be recalled that during the Soviet era, evangelization or social diakonia were banned. Nowadays, the priest must first and foremost be a pastor, that is, serve people on many levels. Our faithful in this difficult time need even more contact with the priest and his help in both spiritual and material dimensions," the Head of the Church added.

All-Ukrainian Council of Churches to develop cooperation in countering domestic violence

The issue of preventing and countering domestic violence became one of the main issues of the meeting of the All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations.

Heads and plenipotentiaries of various faiths gathered in Kyiv on January 27, 2021, to summarize the results of cooperation over the past year in the framework of the project "Stop Violence!", as well as outline Current Directions for further joint activities, according to the Institute of Religious Freedom.

Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine Larisa Galadza was invited to discuss this topic. It was with the support of the Canadian Foundation for local initiatives that during July 2020 – January 2021, the Institute for religious freedom,

with the participation of the AUCCRO, implemented the project "Combating domestic violence in Ukraine during the COVID-19 pandemic by attracting the influence of religious leaders and the capability of Churches".

This interfaith project had a strategic goal – to establish dialogue, mutual understanding and interaction between religious communities of different faiths, public activists and authorities for more effective prevention and counteraction to domestic violence.



Metropolitan Epifaniy, Chairman of the AUCCRO, Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, noted that it is especially important that the joint developments of Churches in the field of preventing and countering domestic violence reach the local level – to parish priests, local church departments for family affairs and social service. Therefore, according to him, there is still a lot of joint work ahead in this area.

According to the IRS report, churches and religious organizations have been paying attention to the problem of domestic violence in their own way for several years. Still, thanks to this project, representatives of different faiths can plan joint events, cooperate, exchange experience and educational materials.

The head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Patriarch Sviatoslav stressed that from a pastoral point of view, the problem of domestic violence is severe, which churches should not turn a blind eye to.



"Countering domestic violence is a real step to protect the institution of the family. It is important for us to create a climate of inadmissibility of violence in local religious communities, because thanks to such educational work, we save the family," the head of the UGCC believes.

Oleksandr Zayats, chairman of the board of the Institute for Religious Freedom, Project Manager, informed the heads of Churches and religious organizations present at the meeting of the AUCCRO about the communication strategy developed by the Interfaith working group.



He believes that this interfaith initiative should not stop

there. We should look for opportunities to continue working in the field of countering domestic violence: in particular, to develop the Interfaith Website "Stop the violence" (family.org.ua) and develop methodological materials for pastors and priests.

In December 2020, the All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and religious organizations published an Appeal on the need to counteract domestic violence in Ukraine.

In addition, the heads of various faiths addressed the public with separate video messages in which they called on Ukrainian families to abandon violence in relations between spouses, during the upbringing of children and in relation to elderly parents.

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