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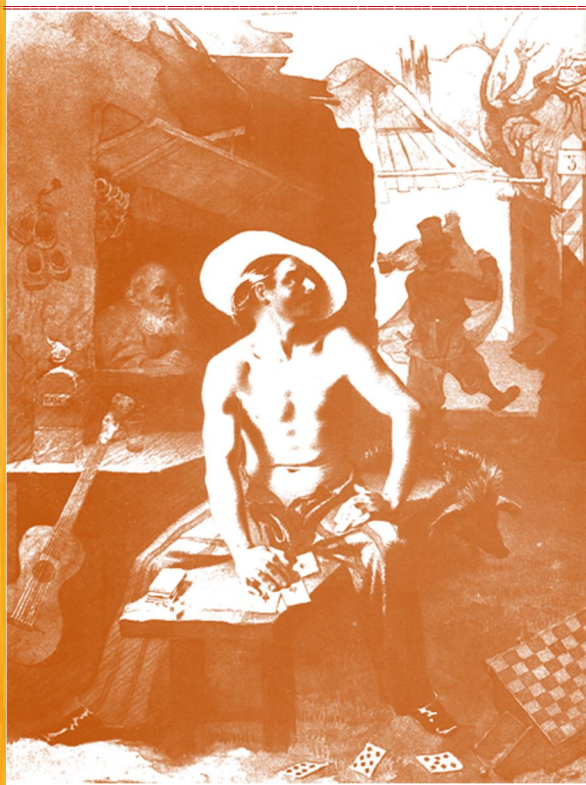
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CHURCH BULLETIN February 8 – 2015 – 8 Лютого ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



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Тарас Шевченко: Програвся в карти (3 серії «Притчі про блудного сина (1856-1857)»)



"Глянь, Христе, на печаль мого серця, глянь на моє навернення, глянь на сльози, Спасе, і не відкинь мене!"

Блудний син повернувся Рембрант ван Рйін (1606-1669)

**CHURCH BULLETIN**  
 February 8 – 2015 – 8 Лютого  
**ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК**  
**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**      **ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ**



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

4:30 PM +Tekla Moczerniak (Family)

**Feb. 8 Meat-Fare Sunday – М'ясопуста Неділя**

12:00 PM За Парохіян – For Parishioners

Monday, February 9 Лютого, Понеділок

9:00 AM +Mary Bumbar – 40 day (Family)

Tuesday, February 10 Лютого, Вівторок

8:15 AM Int of Norma DuBois

Wednesday, February 11 Лютого, Середя

9:00 AM +Dorothy Kordrupel (~40 day)

Thursday, February 12 Лютого, Четвер

9:00 AM +Mary Beth Sukmann  
 (Michelle, Michael Michalow)

Friday, February 13 Лютого, П'ятниця

5:00 PM Intention of donor

Sat. January 14 Лютого Субота

9:00 AM +Katherine & Michael Chort  
 (Marianne)

4:30 PM +John & Mary Colomon  
 (Alex & Nadine Burkholder)

**Feb. 15 Cheese-Fare Sunday – Сиропуста Неділя**

12:00 PM За Парохіян – For Parishioners

The Eternal Light burns in mem. of  
**+Mary Beth Sukmann**  
 Requ. by Janina (Yanka) Everett

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**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – One Liturgy at 10 AM**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**

**Річне Парохіяльне Засідання**  
**22 Березня, 2015**

8 Лютого: Неділя Блудного Сина

10:00 р. +Ольга Басараб (49 відділ СУА)

15 Лютого: М'ясопуста Неділя

10:00 р. +Федір Папіж (дружина Галя)



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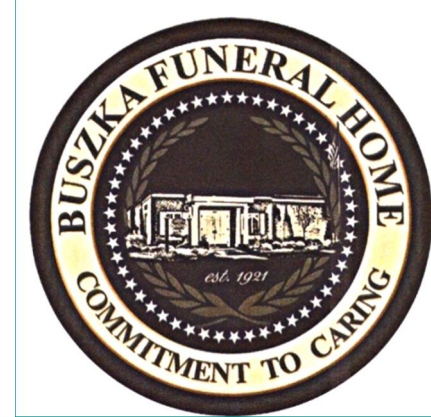
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Let us look around us – in this world there is so much tragedy and poverty, so much loneliness and sorrow, pain and suffering! All the challenging circumstances of our life on earth – these are for us an invitation to active love, which is an expression of living faith. The Lord wants to open our eyes to the suffering world so that we might learn to truly love and to express God's love to our neighbor – by our attention to them, by our sincere sympathy, support, by our words of encouragement and good cheer, but mainly, through acts of mercy. It is only then that we can consider ourselves vibrant Christians and our parishes can become places where care is given to the orphan, protection for the widow, help for the poor, and where the suffering of the sick is shared. Thus we will reveal to the world the maternal face of the Church and will become the living sign of the presence of God among humankind, according to the words of St. Augustine: "If you see charity, you see the Trinity." (To be cont.)

## З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Батьки тішаються своїми дітьми. Стараються завжди виховувати їх у страсі Божім, вивести їх, так би мовити, в люди. Вчать їх завжди чесно працювати, Богові повсякчасно молитися, поважати старших і молодшим давати добрий приклад. Нікого не кривдити, шанувати чуже і свого не цуратися. Використовувати добрі нагоди щоб добро робити. Не тратити часу на непотрібні речі. Знати ким вони є.

Сьогодні так звана неділя блудного сина. Мова тут про доброго батька та двох його синів.

Старший син ішов постійно правильним шляхом, гарував на полі від рана до вечора. Він знав свої завдання і, відповідно їх виконував. Батьки ним в дійсності раділи, тішилися його успіхами і передбачали для нього світлу майбутність.

Молодший син не розумів у чому його завдання, та що має робити у житті. Порішив він, що не буде рабом інших, щоб його використовували. Пощо йому слухати, навіщо працювати. Та ж його батьки багаті. Усе мають, що душа забажає, а здається такі скупі. Колись то він бажав повисилитися зі своїми товаришами, і просив грошей, а батьки чомусь не хотіли дати. Казали йому, щоб він сам собі заробив на свої розваги, якщо він їх конче потребує. Завжди їм мало, хай самі на себе трохи попрацюють...

І зажадав свою частину майна, він чужого не хоче, але тільки то, що йому належить. Очевидно, ніколи не подумав би про це, що він того не заробив, але добрий батько вдовільняє його бажання, і син радісно відходить від свого дому, у якому він не був вдоволенний, бо йому здавалося, що ніхто його

там не любив. Всі хвалили старшого брата, а про нього немов забували, нарікали на нього, бо він ніби то ледащий. Нарешті визволився. Може робити що захоче. Відійшов у далекий край, гроші має і приятелів з'явилося багато.

Усі його тепер хвалять, поважають, не цураються з ним випити. Чується він як у небі, і не жаліє нічого. Він вільний. Він щасливий. Він знає що робить, і не має чим турбуватися, бо сьогодні він іншим дає, а завтра, якщо буде потрібно, вони йому від дадуть і все буде гаразд. І так поволі, гроші відходили і відійшли, а з ними і його приятелі, і вже нікого

не залишилося, що міг би чи хотів би йому допомогти, коли голод запанував у цій країні. Звертався він до багатьох, але ті, що його перед тим хвалили тепер насміхалися з нього, ті що до тієї самої чарки заглядали разом, тепер відвертаються, не мов би його ніколи й не бачили, а інші коли б й хотіли допомогти не мали звідки.

І зрозумів нещасний, що сталося. Пригадав як йому було добре в домі його батька, а він того не завважував. Його любили там, а він не це не звертав уваги. Тепер роз'яснилося, але вже може бути запізно. Він вже в тому домі нічого немає. Та ради не було і молодший син рішається вернутися назад, перепросити своїх батьків і попросити в них якоїсь роботи, щоб вижити. Може батько змилюється над ним. Він знаний зі свого милосердя.

І вирушає в далеку дорогу назад, до свого рідного села. Плянує, як приступити до батька, що йому сказати. Як перепрошувати, щоб на добро вийшло. Скаже він батькові: «Згрішив я проте неба і проти тебе. Не гідний називатися більше твоїм сином, але прийма мене, якщо твоя ласка, до себе у найми»...



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Stewardship meeting

Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> after 12:00 Liturgy



February 21<sup>st</sup> - Religion (10:00 candle blessing, Panachyda, talk about lent)



February 26<sup>th</sup> LUC MEETING 6:30pm

## Homes Blessings Благословення Домів

I will attempt to bless as many homes as possible this year. If for some reason he does not make it to your home and you want your house blessed, or if you would like a certain time of day, please let me know.

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Постараюся відвідати з благословенням домів. Якщо не буду у вас а хотіли би, що б я прийшов, або є проблема часу через працю – просимо дати знати і постараюся прийти у відповідний час.



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## Sacraments of Confirmation, Baptism, and Holy Eucharist

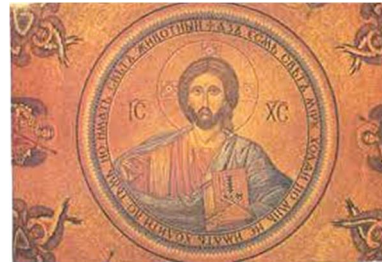
Was bestowed January 24 upon:

### Anna-Maria Darmograi

Daughter of Marian & Kateryna (Balanovych)  
May our good & loving Lord grant His blessings of peace, health, and happiness upon Anna Maria. Congratulations! Многая Літа!

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Донька Мар'яна і Катерини (Баланович) прийняла в суботу 24 Січня тайни хрещення, миропомазання і Пресвятої Євхаристії. Хай Господь благословить щастям і здоров'ям! Гратулюємо батькам! На Многая і Благая Літа!



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Was bestowed January 25<sup>th</sup> upon:

### Emilia Anna Petri

Daughter of Jeffrey & Khristina (Kashuba)  
May our good & loving Lord grant His blessings of peace, health, and happiness upon Emilia Anna. Congratulations! Многая Літа!

### Емілія Анна Петрі

Донька Джефрей і Христини (Кашуба) прийняла в суботу 25 Січня тайни хрещення, миропомазання і Пресвятої Євхаристії. Хай Господь благословить щастям і здоров'ям! Гратулюємо батькам! На Многая і Благая Літа!

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The Gospels we have read over the past two Sundays have given us great comfort. The Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee shows us that whoever we are and whatever we have done, God's mercy is sufficient to save us as soon as we humbly beseech the Lord. The Parable of the Prodigal Son shows us that God is more than ready to welcome us home. He is even out there searching for us, a loving Father waiting for His children to return to Him. But looking at today's parable about the sheep and the goats in the Gospel of St. Matthew, we are forced to consider the Day of Last Judgment. Here we see Jesus in a different role than the one we normally like to portray. Jesus is our Lord, He is our Savior - but he is also our judge. "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory" (Matthew 25:31). A further understanding of the scripture is that all roads lead to judgment, but only one leads to salvation. God will separate all people, one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats - placing his sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Therefore, we will all be divided into two groups based on our actions here on earth – judged by how we chose to lead our lives. "Verily I say unto you, in as much as you have done unto one of the least of my brethren, you have done unto me". (Matthew 25:40).

God does not cause judgment at any time. God is love and by His very nature cannot do anything evil, hateful, or destructive to anyone. Each of us makes a choice about which road we will travel down, about the way we will treat others, and about how much love and energy we will put into our own relationship with God. From this perspective, Jesus' conversation with St. Peter takes on new meaning, and shows us how to prove our love for God, and secure our Eternal life with Him: "When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon

son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep." (John 21:15-17)

The goats in today's Gospel did not help those who were in need, they did not feed the sheep of Israel, they failed to recognize Christ in the people around them, and they were judged by the Lord because of it. According to scripture: "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20) If we had known it was you, God, we would have given the beggar on the corner a dollar, we would have cooked a casserole when you had surgery, we would have given you some new clothes, we would have carried you to the doctor, and we would have visited you in prison. If the Bethlehem innkeeper had known that Mary was about to deliver the long awaited Messiah, he would have made room for them in the Inn. If the Sanhedrin had known it was God they were arresting on that fateful night in Gethsemane, they would have followed Him instead. If the Roman soldiers had known it was our Savior they were flogging, they would have knelt at His feet instead of driving a nail through them. If we do a kind act simply because we think that it will assist us in getting to Heaven, then it was not the love of God that motivated us, but rather our own selfishness. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may recompense for their deeds in the body, according to what they have done" (Corinthians 5:10).

Of all the beautiful Churches in the world, the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City is one of the most well-known and admired. It is also the place where all of the Cardinals gather to elect a new Pope to lead the Church. But what you may not know is that one

entire wall of this chapel, directly behind the main altar, is devoted to Michelangelo's fresco of the day of Last Judgment. Several years ago, while visiting Rome, I spent hours just admiring the sheer beauty of Michelangelo's many frescos, but none are as powerful as his Last Judgment, because it compels

us to really consider how the Lord will judge us. What will our merits be? Where did the roads lead us that we traveled down? Are we among the goats or the sheep? I imagine that while all the great religious leaders of the Catholic Church have at one time or another passed through those walls, none could do so without contemplating their own life's course and wondering if they will one day find a place in the Kingdom of God. "Christ will



separate His people, one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats - placing his sheep on his right and the goats on his left" (Matthew 25:32). Surely, it is our love or our lack of love by which we will one day be judged.

As I faced my Maker at the seat of last Judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with the other souls. In front of us, laid our lives like the squares of a quilt, in many piles. An Angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that was to represent our life on earth. But, as my Angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares really was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I had faced. I saw hardships that I had endured, which were the largest holes of all. I glanced around me. It seemed as nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the brightest hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My Angel kept sewing the ragged

pieces of my cloth together, threadbare and worn, like binding air. Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose, each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My Angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I had not had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. I had taken the time to help others along the way. But there had also been trials of illness and death, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the

strength to pick up and begin again. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully; each time offering it up to the Lord in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the critical gaze of others. And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it had been. I rose slowly and lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. Suddenly, an awe-filled gasp permeated the room. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with eyes wide. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded my many holes, creating an image - as I looked closer I could hardly believe my eyes - it was the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time you gave over your life to me, it became my life, my hardships, and my struggles. Every time you reached out to someone in need, you were reaching out to me in love and kindness. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let me shine through, until there was more of me than there was of you."

My brothers and sisters, it is my prayer that all of our quilts will be threadbare and worn, allowing

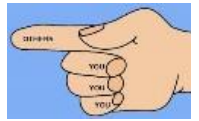
more of Christ to shine through each of our lives here on earth. The Lord will assess the reality of our faith and judge us on that basis. Jesus is with us every day; showing love toward others and taking care of their needs is the way we allow Christ to shine through us. There once was a man who was sick and tired of all the horror he saw in the world. Day after day, he heard stories of holy wars, violence, and hatred. He asked God if he could have a talk with Him face to face. God said, "Yes, of course, my child." The man said to God, "I can't believe you! This world you created is filled with senseless violence. People kill and torture one another. They hate each other and declare war on one another in the name of money, power, religion, and intolerance. There is famine all over the world. Our environment is on a collision course with disaster. There are innocent people suffering from all kinds of diseases, and our streets are filled with thieves, rapists, child abusers, drug dealers, murderers, you name it. Why don't you do something about it? Why don't you send someone down here to make this world of yours a better place?" God looked at the man calmly and said, "I did, my child - I sent you." My brothers and sisters, our Lord's question to us on judgment day will not be whether we have acknowledged Him as our Savior, but rather, 'Having acknowledged Christ as our Savior, what did we do with our life?' St. Paul warns us, "No one makes a fool of God. A person will reap exactly what he sows" (Gal. 6:7). On the final Day of Judgment, when Christ turns to his sheep in the fold and says, "You have gained a place with me forever," it will be proven through our actions here on earth. Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, for as long as you can. Each of us makes a choice about our Eternal destination - by the roads we choose to travel down and the way in which we live.

## Thoughts on Judgement

But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD." So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14,10-12)

"If you succeed in judging yourself rightly, then you are indeed a man of true wisdom."  
— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince

"When you judge others, you do not define them, you define yourself" — Earl Nightingale



"Once in a golden hour, I cast to earth a seed. Up there came a flower, the people said, a weed."  
— Alfred Tennyson

"No one truly knows what they will do in a certain situation until they are actually in it. It's very easy to judge someone else's actions by what you assume your own would be, if you were in their shoes. But we only know what we THINK we would do, not what we WOULD do." — Ashly Lorenzana

"We should live our lives as though Christ was coming this afternoon." — Jimmy Carter

"Read it with sorrow and you will feel hate.  
Read it with anger and you will feel vengeful.  
Read it with paranoia and you will feel confusion.  
Read it with empathy and you will feel compassion.  
Read it with love and you will feel flattery.  
Read it with hope and you will feel positive.  
Read it with humor and you will feel joy.  
Read it with God and you will feel the truth.  
Read it without bias and you will feel peace.  
Don't read it at all and you will not feel a thing."

— Shannon L. Alder

~~~ DO NOT JUDGE!!! ~~~