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CHURCH BULLETIN - N°09
February 26 - 2012 - 26 Лютого
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК - Ч.09



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Feb. 26: 1 S. Of Lent – 1 Н. Посту **14**

12:00 PM +Wasył Zielonka – 40 d. & pan.
(sister Hanyа Kurlak & Family)

Mon., Feb. 27 – Пон., 27 Лютого

7:00 PM+Florian Majchrzycki 40 d. (Cheryl,
Daniel, Audrey, Roman Kuzminskyj)

Tue., Feb. 28 – Вівторок, 28 Лютого

9:15 AM +Janina Kuzminskyj (Roman)

Wednesday, Feb. 29 – Середа, 29 Лютого

12:00 PM Літургія Наперід Осв. Дарів
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Thu., March 1 – Чет., 1 Березня

9:15 AM +Іван – 40 д. і пан. (р. Середюк)

Fri., March 2 – П'ят., 2 Березня

5:30 PM Літургія Наперід Осв. Дарів
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Sorokousty - Сорокоусти

Sat., March 3 – Субота, 3 Березня

9:00 AM +Jim Davidson 40 d & p.
(Mary Ann Dubois)

4:30 PM +Jaroslawa Petriwskyj (Mary
Beth Sukmann)

Mar. 4: 2 S. Of Lent – 1 Н. Посту **15**

10:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Parish Meeting After this Liturgy
Парохіяльні Загальні Збори

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26 Лютого: Сироопусна Неділя **14**

10:00 p. +Осип Чіп (дружина Ірена)

4 Березня: Сироопусна Неділя **15**

10:00 p. ЗА ПАРОХІЯН

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«Μεγάλα αἰτεῖσθε!» ВЕЛИКОГО БАЖАЙТЕ!»

Так писав світлої пам'яті Слуга Божий митрополит Йосиф Сліпий, будучи в'язнем, перебуваючи у неймовірно важких умовах існування, в далекім від рідного краю місці.

Що ми знаємо про цю знакову постать, яка була чітким послідовником митрополита Андрея Шептицького, яку, всупереч традиціям, вітали оплесками на II Ватиканському Соборі, якій, знову ж таки всупереч традиції, цілував руку Папа Іван Павло II.

Йосиф Сліпий-Коберницький-Дичковський народився 17 лютого 1892 р. в с. Заздрість на Тернопільщині. Він навчався у Тернопільській гімназії, у Львівській греко-католицькій духовній семінарії, в університетах у Львові, Інсбруку та Римі. Сліпий вільно володів грецькою, латинською, французькою, італійською, англійською та німецькою мовами. У таборах, де він пробув 18 років, вивчив російську. У двадцять шість років він здобув учений ступінь доктора богослов'я, а його праці з богослов'я та історії церкви склали 13 томів. У різні роки Йосиф Сліпий видавав у Львові журнали «Богословія», «Дзвони», «Нива», «Мета», був ректором Львівської семінарії та Богословської академії.

У двадцять п'ять років Сліпий був висвячений митрополитом Андреем Шептицьким на священника, наприкінці 1939 року – на архієпископа, а



після смерті Шептицького у 1944 році він очолив Українську Греко-Католицьку Церкву. За три тижні до завершення Другої світової війни у Європі співробітники радянської держбезпеки заарештували Сліпого разом з усіма єпископами церкви і

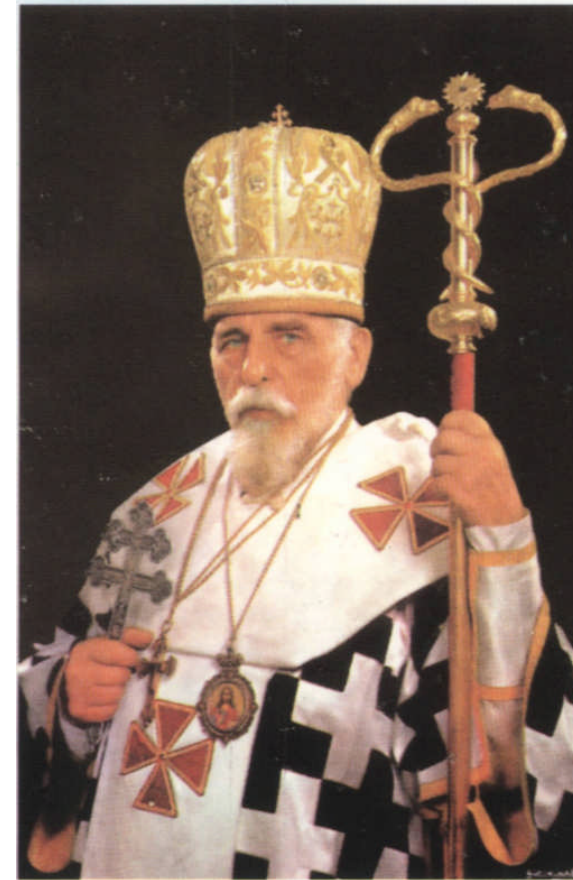
вивезли його до Києва, де митрополит провів два роки у в'язниці. У Києві військовий суд звинуватив його у «ворожій діяльності проти УРСР та співпраці з німецько-фашистськими окупантами» і засудив на 8 років ув'язнення. Ось, як пізніше згадував глава Української Греко-Католицької Церкви Йосиф Сліпий про обставини свого арешту:

«11 квітня 1945 року настала хвиля арештів. Того вечора вийшов я на балкон подивитися на планету Марс, що був тоді найближче до Землі і найясніше світив. Нагло приїхало кілька канадцять самоходів, повних війська. Заарештували мене, а водночас і інших єпископів та деяких священників. Найважча тюрма в совєтах була саме київська. Щоб видержати її, треба було великої ласки Божої, бо фізичної сили не було...».

Очевидно, влада сподівалася, що суворий присуд змусить Сліпого зламатися й піти на компроміс. Але цього не сталося. Згодом митрополит був засуджений ще тричі і загалом провів у мордовських і сибірських концтаборах та на засланні майже 18 років... (Зі статті Вісника Місії...

Лютий 2012 р.Б.)

Per aspera ad astra Від трудностей до зізд



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Блаженніший Йосиф Сліпий не пішов до офіційної церкви, хоча йому пропонували високі посади – скажімо, Київську митрополичу кафедру. Він не зламався. Саме тому («Він не зламається!») назвав його своїм наступником митрополит УГКЦ Андрей Шептицький. Будучи в'язнем, кир Йосиф не тільки не зламався, він підтримував і вів свою паству, з далеких в'язничних таборів пишучи і закликаючи:

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Велике не затемнює погляду маловажними речами, але поширює його... Не кожний вродився генієм і не кожному дав Бог довершувати спасенні діла і повертати умовинами часу, немов коловоротом, але кожному дано бажати «великого», молити Бога про те, помагати посилено у великих духовних будовах, бо з дрібних цегол виростає гігант. Кожний може чинити добре, а в кожному доброму є і велике... Кожний людський чин – часовий і переминаючий, а Христова програма – це програма на вічність, яка підносить людину так високо, що вище ніхто вже її не може підняти... Держись вічного життя! (Флп. 6, 12)»

1957 рік, Маклаково,
Красноярський край.

(Зі статті Вісника Місії “Постуляційний центр беатифікації й канонізації святих УГКЦ” №2 . Лютий 2012 р.Б.)

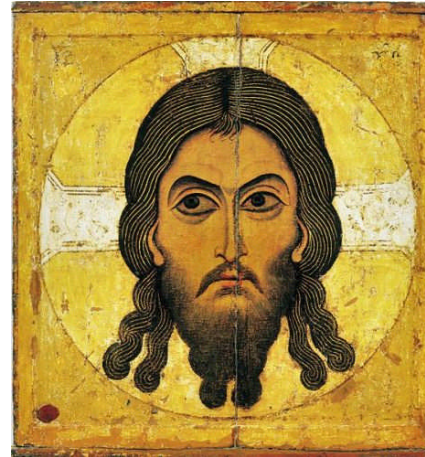
From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

In today's gospel St. John tells us about the 'call of the disciple' Nathanael. When Phillip told Nathanael of Christ, and said 'Come and See'; Nathanael responded much like we do today? "*Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?*" At first, he was not willing to see. Now this can be understood in a historical sense in that Nazareth was a city of no account and unimportant. Could anything good come out of Nazareth? But the spiritual meaning of the text is that Nathanael asks, 'Can anything good come out of my Nazareth, out of my Heart? Can I be changed? Can I be made whole?' This is the question that Nathanael asks for each of us as well, because we inevitably ask it of ourselves. Will anything good come out of my life, out of my hopes and dreams? And the Lord says... 'Come and See'. As Nathanael approaches Christ, Jesus says to Nathanael: "*Before Phillip called thee, when thou were sitting under a fig tree, I saw thee.*" Nathanael, overwhelmed by this revelation, declares: "*Rabbi, thou art the Son of God*". To Nathanael's credit, it does not take very long for him to realize who Christ is. His exclamation is brief, but tells all. He calls Jesus "rabbi," meaning "great teacher." He then professes Christ as his redeemer. He is both the "Son of God" and "King of Israel."

Jesus was pleased that Nathanael had believed so easily. He promises them "greater things than these". Nathanael did not realize the journey that he was about to begin. He did not know that he would see Jesus preach great messages, show unconditional love and compassion to the poor, heal the sick, and raise the dead. Jesus implies that Nathanael will see even greater things than these powers of long distant sight; he shall also see heaven open up and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man. "Thou shall see greater things than these." We must al-

ways be prepared for new grace and new vision; for the life of a disciple, if it is authentic and clear, will rise from a dim light into a much greater light. And after meeting Christ, Nathanael and the other disciples probably wondered how they could possibly witness and even be a part of something as extraordinary as Christ's earthly ministry. Today, we too, should wonder how a great and mighty God could make use of us. We are all unworthy of God's blessings and benefits, and yet the world around us is full of discipleship, inspiring stories of encounters between ourselves and the Divine.

For a good part of my life, I had played first violin in an orchestra. In fact, I have played the violin since I was in 2nd grade. The same year I made my first communion. For me, the violin is like an extension of the soul, an outpouring of sound that resonates through the air and inspires the human spirit. Sometimes, the sound is fluid and smooth, and other times it still needs tweaking, but much of what we endeavor to do in life is just like that. There are things that come easy, and then there are sacrifices or hardships that require some fine tuning. I have often thought that life is like playing in an orchestra. First, God gives you your instrument and some music, and you sit down to play, but you say, "God, I've never played this piece before! Look at all of those notes! I'll never be able to do it!" Then the Lord approaches the pedestal and holds His baton in His hand. He winks at you and says calmly, "Just follow me." As members of an orchestra, a type of discipleship forms, you must work together under the direction of your Conductor in order for



music to take its proper form. Sometimes, you still say, "But God, that will be too hard for me... can't we play another song?" We look around and see other opportunities in life that appear to be easier and more to our liking, but God says, "No, follow MY lead. I will show you even greater things than these." Sometimes, we decide that it does not matter what God is trying to tell us, so we play another tune, we follow the beat of another drummer, and we lose sight of the music and the rhythm all together. And just as the Lord raises His baton and begins to conduct, we ignore Him and begin wailing away at the piece we wanted to play the part of life we desire more. However, it does not work quite as well as we had hoped. The music does not sound beautiful at all, because it is not the way God intended us to play. After a little more playing and a whole lot more frustration, we realize that it would be better just to listen to our Conductor. So we take a deep breath and we silently search for the piece God wants us to play. Perhaps we even complain about our circumstance and wonder how anything good can come from us. We might argue with God, saying: "But it looks too hard, it is impossible!" And again, God smiles with a thoughtful grin and taps the baton on His stand, saying: "No matter what, just follow Me and I will show you how to play greater things than these." So, then we begin to play. In the beginning, it seems as though we will never be able to keep up, all we can see are those notes rushing by. Then we remember what God said, "Follow me, take my lead"... so we look up and see God carefully counting out the beats for us, and if we listen, I mean really listen to what lies deep in our soul, we can even hear His Voice humming our part. And we slowly begin to realize that this song,

this part we are now playing is the most beautiful melody that we have ever heard, and we find that as long as our eyes are fixed on the Conductor, we are able to play along. All we have to do is follow Him. And yes, some parts of life are really challenging, and there are times when we just want to stop playing and give up, but as long as we follow the Lord and listen to His steady rhythm, we will make it through. All we have to do is Follow Jesus and we will see greater things than this.

Discipleship is never easy, it is a personal choice of the heart to lead a life that is pleasing to God, and sometimes it even requires us to lead the way for others. Nathanael knew Phillip and he trusted him when he said that Christ was someone worth following, someone that he should 'Come and See'. Phillip had already chosen to follow Christ, and he was already leading the way for Nathanael and encouraging him to make his own personal choice which would change his life forever. Why are you and I here today? We are here because someone once said to us, what Phillip spoke to Nathanael - "Come and See." Perhaps when you were only a tiny infant, your parents brought you to the Church for baptism and in that way acted out the meaning of those words. Perhaps you became a member of our faith, because a friend or neighbor invited you to "come and see". This invitation is a life-long process. God is still working miracles in our lives every day. God is still answering prayers and using us in many new and wonderful ways - ways that even we may never know! Deep in the heart of Philip and Nathaniel, something authentic, clear, and expanding was received. They heard the calling of Christ, and were willing to receive their invitation to discipleship. It was the psalmist who best wrote: "*As a heart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, my Lord*" (Psalms 41:1).

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!

February 26, 2012

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

One of the neat things about your letter, I think, is that you never know where it's going to be coming from. I've written from here before, but this week your letter is coming from the beautiful Catskills and the Franciscan Retreat Center of *Mt. Alvernia*. The retreat is our time to pray and meditate, but since there won't be much time for the writing and printing of the bulletin this week upon our return, I'll just include you in my praying and meditating as I write to you today.

Come to think of it, I really do a lot of praying and meditating every week when I write to you. You certainly make me think about many things of our day to day life. More often than not, when I think or write about our world, and our journey through it, prayer definitely becomes a priority. So I guess what I'm trying to say is that I'm still keeping the retreat as I write to you and keep you in my heart during these sacred days.

Today is Tuesday, the first full day of retreat. Because of parish commitments we arrived late last night and missed the opening service, conference, and even supper. We weren't eating anything anyway on the first day of Fast, so that part wasn't such a big deal. Today was a full day of prayer, quiet time, and conferences, all very nicely scheduled around three meals and a bit of free time.

After lunch I went for a long walk and found myself in a beautiful park right on the banks of the Hudson River. I came

over a little hill and upon seeing the water, said to myself, "Hmm, I wonder what that lake is called." Almost immediately an *Amtrak* train went by and I realized it was going along the bank of the Hudson River. DUH! They talk and write a lot about the "Mighty Missisip" or the beautiful Dnipro, but our Hudson is right up there with the great rivers of the world. I know some sections of it aren't so nice, PCB contamination and all that, but right there in Wappingers Falls, it was singing of the glory of God's creation!

Retreats, Clergy Days and conferences are ok, but there's no place like home. I always miss everyone and can't wait to get back to good ol' "home sweet home." These gatherings remind me of our time in the seminary when we lived our days according to "the schedule." It has to be of course, but I don't really like being told when, where and how I have to do things. Is that a grumpy old man, or just a real curmudgeon?? ☺ ☺

And then there's the "closeness" of everyone. For example, our first "event" of the day is Morning Prayer, which is held in a very small chapel. If you've never been in a room with 35 or 40 guys at 6:30 in the morning, you've missed out on one of life's great experiences. There is more grunting, groaning, coughing, sniffing, sneezing and other bodily noises than a zoo! And this week, since we've added "poklony" (bending knees and touching forehead to floor), the grunts, creaks and moans have increased at least ten-fold! Ohhh, *starist ne radist* (no joy for the old one)!. ☺ ☺

Our retreat is being led by two of the resident priests here at Mt. Alvernia, Father Roch and Father John. The name "Roch" may sound a bit unusual to

us, and truthfully, the only place I ever heard anyone called by that name was in the monastery. We often hear of it in our Italian families when they name a child "Rocco." That's the same name. Father Roch is named after a French saint who lived in the 13th century and was known for healings of skin diseases and even cholera and the plague. BTW, he is also patron of bachelor's, dogs and dog lovers and his feast day is August 16 on the Roman calendar.

Father John's claim to fame is his nephew, Mark Bavaro. Sports fans will remember Mark as #89, as an outstanding tight end for the NY Giants in the late eighties, who completed his career with Super Bowl XXV. Recognize that Super Bowl number?? It was the Bill's vs. Giants in 1991, the game ending with the famous and heart breaking call of "Wide Right!" Mark was, and is, a faithful practicing Catholic. Whenever he scored a touchdown he would go down on one knee, bless himself and give the ball to the referee. He was "Tebowing" before Tebow. Mark is now very active in the war against the "culture of death." He was once a sports warrior, but now, as he did in his playing days, takes up the armor of salvation and fights against the powers of darkness as he fights for the dignity of life and the "touchdown" of the end to abortion.

Both priests are excellent speakers and will be reminding us of who we are as priests and what we should be doing and renewing. We will hear sermons about how the Lord is our treasure (we are the vessels of clay); knowing, finding and loving God; renewing our ministry; and prayer. May we all be blessed with this wonderful opportu-

nity as Fr. George Maloney puts it, "to be alone with the ALONE."

With the beginning of the Great Fast all of us now enter into the desert of our hearts and minds and seek our God. For us on this retreat, for you in the churches or in your homes or in your nursing homes, or in the hospital or upon whatever bed of pain you find yourselves on, we all must go to Him as the Prodigal, wearied, starving, broken, but with the desire and prayer only to be allowed to stay in His house forever. HE will see us far down the road, run to meet us. We will fall at HIS feet and tell HIM of our sorrow for abandoning HIM for the far away land. Then HE will put HIS arms around us and hold us and bless us, telling us that we must come inside, celebrate and live with HIM forever. This is "Lent." This is our life. Our Abba, our Daddy, our Tato, our God is waiting for us to come home.

I look forward to continuing the journey of the Great Fast with you, as together we seek the Ever-living God. May your "Fast" be a holy and blessed one. May you truly encounter our awesome and great God. May you make it home and live with HIM forever! May you too find the delight in being "alone with the Alone"!

God bless you! Our Holy Lady the Theotokos protect you!

In His Love,

Fr. Ray