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**УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА
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Taras Shevchenko's influence on Ukrainian culture has been so immense, that even during Soviet times, the official position was to downplay strong Ukrainian patriotism expressed in his poetry, suppressing any mention of it, and to put an emphasis on the social and anti-Tsarist aspects of his legacy, the Class struggle within the Russian Empire. Shevchenko, who himself was born a serf and suffered tremendously for his political views in opposition to the established order of the Empire, was presented in the Soviet times as an internationalist who stood up in general for the plight of the poor classes exploited by the reactionary political regime rather than the vocal proponent of the Ukrainian national idea.

This view is significantly revised in modern independent Ukraine, where he is now viewed as almost an iconic figure with unmatched significance for the Ukrainian nation, a view that has been mostly shared all along by the Ukrainian diaspora that has always revered Shevchenko. (from Wikipedia)

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CHURCH BULLETIN - N°11
March 11 - 2012 - 11 Березня
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК - Ч. 11



Taras Shevchenko -1859- Тарас Г. Шевченко

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Mar. 11: 3 S. Of Lent – 3 Н. Посту **T6**

12:00 AM +Michael Holowaty (Wife Anna)

Mon., Mar. 12 – Пон., 12 Березня

8:15 M +Helen Mysliwicz, Anna Jusela,
John & Florence (Jim)

Tue., Mar. 13 – Вівторок, 13 Березня

8:15 AM +
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Wenesday, Mar. 14 – Середа, 14 Березня

12:00 P
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Thu., March 15 – Чет., 15 Березня

8:15 AM

Fri., March 16 – П'ят., 16 Березня

5:30 P
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Sorokousty - Сорокоусти

Sat., March 17 – Субота, 17 Березня

9:00 AM + ()
4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Mar. 18: 4 S. Of Lent – 4 Н. Посту **T7**

12:00 AM +Halyna Szczerba (Ivan Szczerba
& Myroslava Szczerba Bertalan)

Молитва св. Єфрема Сирина (+373)

Господи і Владико життя мого, духа
лінивства, недбалости, властолюб'я і
пустослов'я віджини від мене. *(поклін)*

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливості і
любви дай мені слугі твого. *(поклін)*

Так, Господи царю, дай мені бачити
провини мої, і не осуджувати брата мого ні
сестри моєї, бо ти благословен еси на віки
вічні. Амінь! *(поклін)*

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

11 Березня: 2 Неділя Посту **T6**

10:00 р. +Осип і Гертруда
(М. Л. Стасюки)

18 Березня: 3 Неділя Посту **T7**

10:00 р. +Пилип Плотиця (Дружна)

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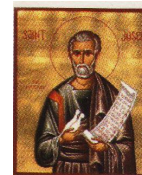
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“What you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me” (Matthew 25:40). The religious education students here at Saint Nicholas Parish will be running an **Open our Hearts** collection of food and items for the Buffalo City Mission. They are asking parishioners to bring in any extra can good items, blankets, or clothing to the Church on Sundays, in order to help those who are in need on a daily basis at the Buffalo City Mission. Religion students /or their teachers will be collecting these items at the end of each Liturgy, throughout the remainder of Great Lent. We ask that you help our Parish Open its Heart to those who are less fortunate, especially during this time of Lent, so that the love of our Savior can reach out to all our brothers and sisters in need. As you know, the City Mission is funded in part by the Catholic Diocese and other agencies, but they are always in need of non-perishable food items, blankets, and clothing. Our religious education students would like to run this **Open our Hearts** collection for the Buffalo City Mission as another church-based community outreach program. It is so important for our youth to know that they can still make a difference, especially during these difficult economic times. With the world changing every day, we want to encourage our Ukrainian Youth to take an active role in spreading the message of Christ throughout the community. Please consider donating any non-perishable items, blankets /or clothing to this worthy cause. Religion students will be collecting every Sunday through April 1, 2012. When we take the time to **Open our Hearts**, our drawers and our cupboards - to Christ - we can and we will make a difference!

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«City Mission».

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SITCH DINNER MEETING

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приятелі розслабленого з нинішнього свангелія, провадить нас до Христа Страсто-терпця, про якого він так пише:

«Що Він зробив їм той святий, той Назорей, той Син єдиний Богом ізбраної Марії Що він зробив їм? І за що Його, святого, мордували, во узи кували; і главу Його честною терном увінчали.»

І на іншому місці у поемі Неофіти: «Тоді вже сходилла зоря над Вифлєсом: правди слово – святої правди і любови – Зоря присвітня зійшла, і мир і радість принесла на землю людям.

Фарисеї і вся мерзenna Іудея заворушилась, заревла, неначи гадина в болоті, і Сина Божого во плоті на тій Голгофі розп'яла меже злодіями; і спали упившись кровію кати – Твоєю кровію!..

А Ти возстав од гробу. Слово встало – і слово правди понесли по всій невольничій землі Твої апостоли святії.»

Його молитва до Пресвятої Богородиці так звучить:

«Благословенная в женах святая праведная Мати святого Сина на землі!

Не дай в неволі пропадати, літа летучі марно тратить. Скорбящих радости, пошли! – Пошли мені святеє слово, святої правди голос новий; І розумом Твоїм святим і оживи і просвіти!

І розкажу я людям горе старої матері, що море сльози святої пролила, так як і Ти, і прийняла в живую душу світ незримий Твого розп'ятого Сина...

Ти матір правди на землі, Ти сльози матері до краю із серця вилила...

Ридаю, молю ридаючи: пошли, подай душі убогій силу, щоб огненно заговорила, щоб слово пламенем взялось,

Щоб людям серце розтопило, щоб по Вкраїні розлилось, як благовоннеє кадило і рідні душі освятило.»

Закінчм уривком з поеми «Марія»

«Все упованіє моє на Тебе, Мати, возлягаю. Свята сила всіх святих!

Принепорочная, благая!

Молюся, плачу і ридаю:

Воззри, пречистая на їх, отих окрадених, сліпих невольників.

Подай їм силу Твого мученика Сина, щоб хрест-кайдани донесли до самого краю. Достойно пітая благаю! Царице неба і землі.»

~ ~ ~

«Молюся, Господи, молюсь!
Тебе хвалить не перестану!»

~ ~ ~

(Вгорі: Пам'ятник Шевченка в Римі)



From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

March 11, 2012

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

Hello, my dear one, and greetings from beautiful downtown West Seneca on a rainy, warm Thursday morning. A few minutes ago the announcers on the radio station were interviewing a local garden expert, who was commenting on the warm winter and early spring. They asked him, "What is going to happen with the plants this spring?" He answered them by saying that so long as we don't get a warm spell in the 70s for a week or two and then get hit with sharp cold, we'll be ok. We've had the mild winter and we should be thankful and enjoy the early spring, if we get one. However, it will be hard on the farmers if the trees begin to bud early, and then a bad freeze comes. So I guess we should be praying for "seasonable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for peaceful times."

It is always very easy to "enjoy the early spring." Last night the kids were going home from our house some time after five o'clock, and Emma and Noah, the three year olds, said, "Hey, it's still daytime." The other morning our kids in Pa. stopped their mother as they were getting into the car to go to school, "to listen to the birds singing." I hope you can see the beauty and hear the sounds of this beautiful world, just a little bit like the little ones! "For such is the Kingdom of God!"

Before I began to write today I checked my e-mail and I had a note there telling me of an upcoming movie. It is named "October

Baby" and will be opening in theatres on March 23. I don't know if it will be easily found or advertised in the main stream media, so that is why I want to tell you about it.

It is a story of an adopted girl who finds out that she is a "survivor" of a botched abortion. I didn't know or hear anything about this movie until I received the "head" on the computer. After checking the trailers, I know it is a film that anyone who cares about life should definitely see. It seems to be a powerful and extremely moving film. Among the trailers, was an interview with the director as he commented on the woman who plays the mother of the adopted child, and how he had offered her this role simply because she looked so very much like the actress playing the role of the "abortion survivor." What was incredible about that particular interview was that the actress called the director, and with sobs of grief, told him how his offer to play this particular woman must be a gift from God. She said it was her life that was being portrayed in the role, for she had had an abortion when she was in college. Just reading the script had brought her healing for the first time since her abortion. The director said there were parts of the film where it was obvious that this woman was not acting, but her real life was pouring out in the words of the movie. It is certainly on my list of "things to do," and I want it to be on your list also. I'll be sure to tell you more about this new movie as more information becomes available.

I want you to know that we prayed for you yesterday. I try to have a Liturgy once

a month for all the names on our parish prayer list (and you are listed there). At the Wednesday Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts we took prayers for the sick, and I was thinking of you. May God strengthen and heal you! May our holy Mother carry our petitions as bouquets of roses and present them to her Son and our God, and grant you all you need unto salvation.

Thanks and glory to God our Lenten journey with the people in Niagara Falls continues to be reverent, special and hopeful. We gather on Sundays, of course, for the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, and then again, on Wednesday and Friday for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Usually there is a Liturgy on Saturday morning for the reposed. It is a beautiful experience, for me as priest, to see our small, but devout group, struggling to shut out the world, albeit for these short hours of service, and continue on the road to Jerusalem with the Master. We are walking hand in hand as we journey to the terrible, but saving days of Great and Holy Week, and then on to look into the empty tomb, and later to truly, and without a doubt to see Him, who was crucified, now ALIVE! May the Lord bless your fast and lead you to His holy resurrection!

Love this e-mail thing! Today there was a note to check out the Byzantine Forum site where they were commenting about a fire in a rectory in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. It was one of those sad, but incredible stories. What happened was, the priest and his family were attending Liturgy at St. John the Baptist Orthodox church in the Hanover section of Nanticoke, Pa., this past Sunday. During the Liturgy one of the priest's sons entered the Altar and whispered to his Dad

that the family home was on fire. Without blinking an eye, Father replied, "Go tell your Mother. We're having Liturgy right now." From other posts regarding the fire, we learn that Father Adam "is that kinda guy," completely faithful and joyful in the Lord. Later in the Liturgy as he was speaking to the people he said, "The ruckus outside is the parish house burning down. Please pray for those courageous firemen who are risking their lives because they love me." (Fr. Adam is chaplain to the fire dept.) There was extensive damage to the home and Father and his family are now in a hotel. Many groups and individuals have come forward to offer help and I'm sure that out of this great hardship, much good will blossom. (You can find this story on the Byzantine Forum in the Church News section. You will also find info there as to how one can donate to help the family should your heart be so inclined).

The war against life and freedom is still raging. It is most encouraging to see so many of our bishops and faithful speaking out against the outrage attacking our society. The bottom of the page is rapidly approaching so I will leave you with these few words: "...the spirit of wickedness in high places is now so powerful and many-headed in its incarnations that there seems nothing more to do than personally refuse to worship any of the hydras' heads." J.R.R. Tolkien

May you find rest in the shadow of the Cross this Sunday and the following week. Be Blessed! Our holy Lady protect you!

In His Love,

Fr. Ray

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

...On this Third Sunday of Lent, we come face to face with the cross Christ died upon to save us from our sinfulness. The Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross teaches us to understand the great significance the Cross has for us, not only during Lent, but also throughout our whole life. We read scripture describing it, every time we celebrate Liturgy; we face it on the altar. Lent is a reminder to us that the cross Jesus took signified the choice He made in giving His own life as a ransom for many. The cross was the ultimate sacrifice that Christ bore for each of us, that we may one day know our Heavenly Father. Lent is a time of reconciliation, prayer, reflection, and becoming reminiscent of our baptism and confirmation in Christ as we prepare for the glory of Easter. Lent is therefore the time of year whereby we turn our attention to the cross. We focus on that which God has given us, and we are challenged to go forth and do likewise. Lent is about losing our lives by giving them over to Christ, about receiving Eternal life by finding Christ within us. "For whosoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whosoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel will save it" (Mark 8:35). Today, having reached the middle of our Great Fast, we take this time to commemorate the precious, life giving cross of our Lord and Savior!

We are reminded that as Christians, we employ a very powerful proponent among our daily struggles and hardships. Particularly, on this Sunday, the cross is raised before us as a sign of strength, salvation, and triumph. The Life-Giving Cross is presented to us by our holy fathers as a source of refreshment and assurance, and for remembrance of our Lord's Passion as we continue through the remainder of our Lenten journey. The services of this Sunday almost make

no mention of the Cross as being a symbol of suffering, penance, or humiliation, but rather extol the Holy Cross as a symbol of joy and triumph. Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, in his pastoral letter on the Veneration of the Holy Cross stated: "The essence of the veneration of the Cross cannot be more clearly and gloriously expressed than it is in the service of the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross. Our Rite has always joined this veneration of the Cross with the commemoration of the Resurrection. Bowing before the Cross, we pray: 'We adore Your Cross, Lord, and we glorify Your Resurrection.' This is the true Christian meaning of the Cross, and beyond the Cross we see the glory of the Resurrection and the joy of everlasting bliss."

In today's Gospel reading, Christ not only asks his disciples, He is also asking each of us, to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. "Then Jesus called the crowd to Him, along with His disciples and said: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" (Mark 8:34-35). The disciples could not possibly understand what Christ meant by taking up the cross, they did not know it would become the symbol of His victory over death. They would not know until much later. But what does the cross mean for each of us listening today? We, who are well aware of Christ's love and the tremendous sacrifice He made for us, we claim the Lord comes first in our lives, but how much of our daily actions are devoted to Him? The cross is not some ordinary symbol of triumph - but rather our Lord's promise of the Kingdom to come. On the cross, Christ gave us His final message, as He made the ultimate sacrifice for our salvation - He promised there would be a renewed joy waiting for each of us on Easter morning. So during the most difficult times of our

lives, we can always look to the cross with hope. Jesus never sought to lure men to Him by the offer of an easy way. He came not to make life easy, but to make the hearts of men great. Jesus never calls upon us to do or face anything that He was not prepared to endure Himself. But how easy is it for us to recognize Christ in the people we meet and encounter every day? How distracted are we by the hustle and bustle of the work day to appreciate the genuine beauty of Christ in others?

A man sat at a metro station in Washington DC and started to play the violin; it was a cold December morning. He played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, since it was rush hour, it was calculated that a thousand people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. Three minutes went by and a middle aged man noticed there was musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried up to meet his schedule. A minute later, the violinist received his first dollar tip: a woman threw the money in the till and without stopping continued to walk. A few minutes later, someone leaned against the wall to listen to him, but the man looked at his watch and started to walk again. Clearly he was late for work. The one who paid the most attention was a 3 year old boy. His mother tagged him along, hurried but the kid stopped to look at the violinist. Finally, the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk turning his head to look back all the while at the musician. This action was repeated by several other children. All the parents, however, without exception, forced them to move on. In the 45 minutes the musician played, only 6 people stopped and stayed for a while. About 20 people gave him money but continued to walk their normal pace. He collected \$32 in all. When he finished playing and silence took over, no one noticed it. No one applauded, nor was there any recogni-

tion. No one knew that this violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the best musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written with a violin worth 3.5 million dollars. Two days before he played in the subway, Joshua Bell sold out at a theater in Boston and the seats average \$150. This is a true story! Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station was organized as part of a social experiment about the perceptions and priorities of people. Do we stop to appreciate beauty in the world? Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context? What else do we fail to notice as we move through our day? One of the possible conclusions from this experience could be: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing? This story makes me think about our own relationships with Christ. How many times in life have we crossed paths with Jesus in the people we meet, or listened to His Word in Church - and then gone about our day ignoring it? Perhaps, we were too hurried to receive the message, too engrossed with our jobs or our interests to take the time to stop and listen. How much of Jesus have we missed out on in our lives? What if where we spent Eternity was solely based on how well we listened to Christ today - would that change our perceptions of how we choose to live tomorrow?

Each of us, in our own personal way, needs to actively build a genuine relationship with Christ - because He is always there, reaching out to us in love - but many times, we fail to see Him. The good news of today's Gospel tells us that wherever we find the Cross, there we will find our strength, our victory, and our salvation. Today, as we celebrate the veneration of the cross, we acknowledge the sacrifice and the glory of the Son of God.

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