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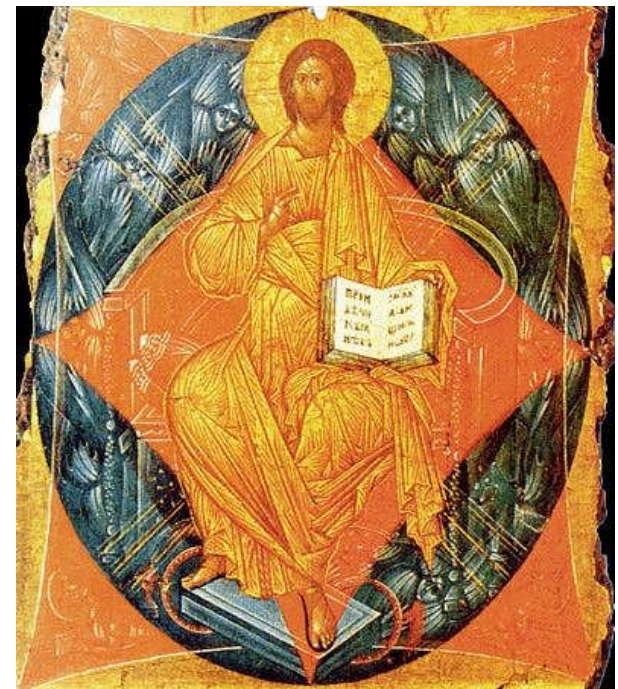
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CHURCH BULLETIN – №11
March 13 – 2011 – 13 Березня
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК – Ч. 11



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE (gr)

March. 13: 1 S. of Lent – 1 Н. Вел. П. 11

12:00 PM За Парохіян – For Parishioners

Tuesday, March 15 – Віт., 15 Березня

10:00 AM Похорон +Петра Стоцуляка
Funeral of +Petro Stoculak

Eternal memory – Вічна Пам'ять!

Wed., March. 16 – Середа., 16 Березня

12:00 AM Літургія Наперед Осв. Дарів
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 17 – Чет., 17 Березня

1:00 PM Video Presentation – Показ відео

6:00 PM +Катерина Сташків – 40 д. і пан
(Михайло Сташків і родина)

Friday, March. 18 – П'ят., 18 Березня

6:30 PM Літургія Наперед Осв. Дарів
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Sorokousty - Сорокоусти

Saturday, March. 19 – Суб., 19 Березня

9:00 AM За Парохіян – For Parishioners
4:30 PM +Phillip Plotycia (wife Maria)

March. 20: 2 S. of Lent – 2 Н. Вел. П. 12

12:00 PM +Olga Leschuk (LUC)

At St. Basil Seminary:

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March 11-13, 2011

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April 30, 2011

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of the New Millenium.**

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ПОР'ЯДОК ЛІТУРГІЙ (юл)

13 Березня: 1 Н. Великого Посту 11

10:00 AM +Михайло Блендоногий
(родина)

20 Березня: 2 Н. Великого Посту 12

10:00 AM +Осип, Гертруда і Галина
(М. Л. Стасюк)

Video Presentation – Показ Відео

**Journeying together through the Lent
(Every Thursday of Great Lent at 1 PM)**

Please take Part!!!

Просимо до участі!!!

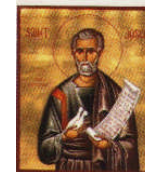
The 73 Annual Convention

of the League of Ukrainian Catholics
will be held in Buffalo October 7, 8, 9,
2011 at the Airport Holiday Inn. We ask
the support of our local Ukrainian
community in this endeavor. We espe-
cially ask that our organizations not
schedule any events that weekend.
Thank you!

Ліга Українців Католиків повідом-
ляє, що Конвенція Ліги відбудеться
тут у нас в Жовтні. Просимо в цей час
не влаштовувати своїх імпрез.

**Вічне Світло в честь ПДМ горить
за +Пилипа Плотицю
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EVENTS**

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увагу на дати:**



Sunday Coffee Hours: If any one would like to volunteer to host a Sunday, please contact Elaine, Dora, Emily, Mary (B.) or Anna.

- **CHURCH KITCHEN** – is open. Thank you for your help and patronage.
- **Coffee Hour** - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!
- Every Thursday at 1:00 PM during the Lent there will be video presentation in the church hall. Please attend.

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CHURCH BULLETIN is published weekly. Deadline for information is Friday Evening.

ЦЕРК. ВІСНИК видається тижнево
Інформації подавати до п'ятниці вечора.

**SAINT NICHOLAS
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(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.

If you are planning a Baptism or Wedding, please contact Pastor about the date before making other arrangements.

V. Rev. Marijan Brogh

**Are you listening "Good Samaritan"
Ukrainian Radio Program
on WJLL 1440 AM
Every Sunday at 2:00 PM?
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**Чи слухаєте нашу радіо передачу
«Милосердний Самар'янин»
Неділя, 2 год. на WJLL 1440 AM?
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Donations toward Coffee Hour

**Olha Czmola
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Anna Zankiw
Eva Kowtalo**

Thank You! Дякуємо!

We Need Care – Потрібна Опіка

We are looking for a female person to do personal care and housework duties for an elderly woman: someone who is gentle, caring and strong: please call 716-901-5646 and leave a message... Thank you.

Шукаємо за ніжною і сильною жінкою, яка могла би опокуватися старшою панею. Просимо закликати на 901-5646 і залешити саписку. Дякуємо!

Загальні Збори – „ДНІПРО”

**Сьогодні: Неділя, 6 березня 2011 року о 2 год по полудні загальні збори членів Укр. Культурного Центру „ДНІПРО” 562 Genesee St. Buffalo, NY
Запрошує всіх до участі,**

*Діюча управа Українського
Культурного Центру «ДНІПРО»*

Meat Raffle

*Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary
Joseph Hriczko VFW Post #6245*

Sunday April 3, 2011 - 1:30 PM
Doors open at 1:00PM

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Admission \$5.00

*Includes Roast Beef, Beer, Pop, Coffee & Snacks
Extra Sandwiches available to purchase*

Raffle for Outdoor Grill

Do Not have to be present for drawing of Grill. Winner will be notified

cash prizes, 50/50 split

SITCH DINNER MEETING

Sunday, March 27, 2011 at Joseph Hriczko Post, Clemo St., Buffalo, NY (After 12:00 pm Liturgy for the reposed and living members of Sitch in St. Nicholas Ukr. Catholic Church, Fillmore & Oneida St.)

COCKTAILS at 1:00 pm

DINNER at 1:30 pm incl. refreshments

Meeting to be held after dinner.

Dinner cost is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for guests.

Membership dues of \$5.00 for the 2011 year must be current and may be paid at the door.

For reservations call:

**Mike Liskiewicz 837-0285 or
Maria Malaniak 668-5105
Reservation deadline is March 20, 2011**



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Після мистецької частини Батьківський Комітет Рідної Школи матиме для присутніх канапки, каву та солодке.

Будемо вдячні за добровільні датки!

Просимо до участі

School of Ukr. Studies “Ridna Shkola”,
UCCA Cordially invites you to a program
in honor of our poet, artist and our
freedom fighter

Taras Shevchenko

to be held on

Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 2 pm

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Church
Hall, 3275 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore, NY

After the concert, the Parents Committee
will be serving Ukrainian sandwiches,
coffee and homemade sweets

Donations will be greatly appreciated!

Please attend and support Ridna Shkola!

Ukrainian & Eastern Christian Studies Seminar

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic
Church - Rochester, NY

March 19, 2011

Program Schedule

Saturday, March 19, 2011

8:30 – 9:00 am *Registration*

9:00 **Come and Discover the Magic
Time of Ukrainian Easter & Learn**

**Easter Ritual Baking - Lubow Wolynetz,
Anna Boychuk, Nataliya Pistun**

10:15 *Coffee break*

10:30 **Easter Ritual Baking II - Lubow
Wolynetz, Anna Boychuk, Nataliya Pistun**

12:00 noon *Lunch*

1:00 pm **Spring Ukrainian Customs &
Traditions - Nataliya Pistun**

**Easter & Spring Dance Rituals –
Lubow Wolynetz**

2:30 **Coloring of Easter Eggs I - Lubow
Wolynetz, Anna Boychuk, Nataliya Pistun**

3:30 *Coffee break*

3:45 **Discover the Magic World of Py-
sanka – Easter Eggs**

**Coloring of Easter Eggs II - Lubow
Wolynetz, Anna Boychuk, Nataliya Pistun**

5:00 **Through the Cross: A Search for
a Spiritual Meaning of Our Life – The**

**Resurrection as Our Icon - Rev. Bohdan
Danylo**

6:00 *Supper*

7:00 **Let us Joyfully Enter into the
Splendor of Easter & Spring – Lubow**

**Wolynetz, Nataliya Pistun, Rev. Bohdan
Danylo.**

**Note: Program's Registration Fee is \$75.00
including all materials, seminar presen-
tations and food payable upon arrival.**

In Memoriam – Вічна Пам'ять!

Упокоївся в Господі Св. Пам.

+Петро Стоцуляк

(26. V. 1922 - 10. III. 2011)

Родині і приятелям складаємо спів-
чуття, а йому хай буде Вічна Пам'ять!



+Petro Stoculak

(May 26, 1922 – March 10, 2011)

We extend our sympathy to wife Irene, son
Jerry and other members of the Family.
May he rest in peace! **Eternal Memory!**

Monday April 11th will mark the **40th Anniversary of the priesthood of Studite Father Ihumen V. Rev. Evtimiy Wolinski**. In order to worthily commemorate this, on the Feast day of the Annunciation, **April 7th, the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God Church in Mississauga (St. Mary's)**, will host a **celebration** starting with a Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Eparch of Toronto and Eastern Canada Most Rev. Stephan Chmilar at 5:00 PM, followed by a reception and banquet in the church hall. **Cost of tickets for banquet is \$50 each**. All are invited. **Call 905-279-9387 for farther info**. Purchase tickets before March 25th.

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 любови дай мені слугі твоєму. **(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)**

Lenten Prayer of St Ephrem the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despondency, lust for power and idle talk. **(Prostration)**

But grant unto me, Thy servant, a spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love. **(Prostr.)**

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see mine own faults and not to judge my brothers and sisters. For blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen. **(Prostration)**

У пон. 11 квітня 2011 року припадає 40-ліття священничого служіння отця студита д-ра Ігум. Євтимія Волинського. **Архисрейська Св. Літургія буде на Благовіщення, 7 Квітня, о 5 год. по обіді в Соборі Успіння Пресвятої Богородиці, Миссисага з участю владыки кир Степана Хмільяра.** По Літургії – святочний бенкет. Білети в сумі 50 дол. можна набути до 25 Березня. Про дальші інформації слід дзвонити на: 905-279-9387.



МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! HAPPY MANY YEARS!

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Нині Перша Неділя Великого Посту. Христос вебирає своїх учнів. Він вже був закликав Андрія, тзв. Первозваного, і його брата Симона, якому змінив ім'я на Петро. Сьогодні кличе Филипа а цей знаходить свого приятеля Натанайла і приводить його до Христа. Натанайл дивується: "А що доброго може бути з Назарету?" А Филип йому на це: "Прийди і подевися." Найкраща порада. Наше є своїм прикладом доброго життя указувати іншим на Христа, а вже вони самі вирішать, чи варта іти за Ним чи ні.

Коли Господь побачив Натанайла Він висловився про нього як про чесну людину, на що цей здивовано питає: "Звідкілля мене знаєш?" "Бачив тебе під смоковницею" відповідає Христос. Натанайл тоді зрозумів, що перед ним хтось більший як звичайна людина і говорить до Нього: "Ти Син Божий, ти Цар Ізраїля."

О, що б і ми могли почути Христові слова похвали в нашу сторону, щоб і ми могли зрозуміти ким є Христос для нас, щоб і ми могли разом з Натанайлом сказати "Ти єси Син Божий!"

Пам'ятаймо, що наш Відкупитель знає нас наскрізь. Він відає усі наші таємниці, навіть оті найбільш скриті, яких так хочемо від інших заховати.

Перед Христом нічого не можна затаїти. Він читає нас наскрізь. Життя кожного і кожної з нас є немов книжка, що цілий час пишиться, якій постійно додаються нові параграфи. Від нас залежить, яке буде закінчення цієї книжки, але коли Господь не буде її частиною, вона піде у забуття, і ніхто її не перечитає, а навіть і читаючи, ніхто нічого не скористає, а ще може мати і нещівний вплив.

Дорогі в Христі! Сьогоднішню неділю називаємо неділею Православ'я, бо 842 року, після собору в Царгороді, у першу неділю посту урочисто повернені ікони до церков, а з тим очевидно і їхнє почитання. Час боротьби проти ікон і їхнє нищення уже позаді. Ті що твердили, що Бога не можна представляти красками – зазнали поразки.

Почитателі ікон так говорили: Наш Господь, Ісус Христос жив між нами, проповідував, навчав, чуда творив, був розіп'ятий на хресті, та й славно по трійох днях своєю силою воскрес із мертвих. З тієї причини ми можемо і повині Його представляти вірним для кращого розуміння і почитання.

Молячися перед святими іконами ми не почитаємо матеріялу, з якого ці ікони зроблені, тільки віддаємо честь тим особам, що на них представлені.

Згідно з вищезгаданим Собором, для нас святі ікони є на тому самому рівні, що євангеліє, хрест чи мощі святих.

Приходимо до церкви, ідемо до тетраподу і з увагою схиляємо свою голову, побожно робимо знак святого хреста на собі, цілуємо ікону та відходимо на своє місце, щоб помолитися.

Використаймо цей час до молитви, щоб подумати про своє відношення до Христа і до інших. До того може нам послужити ікона на тетраподі, чи ікони на іконостасі, у святилищі чи по стінах, як рівно ж і ті ікони, що тримаємо їх у своїх молитовниках. Розважаймо часто над іконами, бо це розважання зробить нас кращими у духовному житті, але постараймося свою увагу звертати тільки на одну ікону, що б ми не розсівалися за багато...

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

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

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Ya shoulda seen it! Spectacular-Awesome-Magnificent-Absolutely Beautiful!!! Last Monday as we were journeying to our retreat, and had been on I-87 South for a bit, somewhere around the Kingston exit, we began commenting to each other about the ice on the trees. Fortunately for us, the roads were dry and the sun was shining and that's what made that part of the trip so amazing.

During the night, or early morning, there had been a freezing rain, just enough to heavily coat the trees, but not enough to break them or cause damage. Going south as we were, we had the soon to be setting sun shining from the blue western sky, sending its rays through those ice encrusted trees. What a sight as that sunlight sparkled and danced and glimmered, giving us a world of silver. At one point we were in a low valley, but the sun was still shining and sparkling and dancing on, and through, those trees on the top of that part of those beautiful Catskills. Kinda like when we see the sun shining on an airplane in the evening sky, even though it is already practically dark here on the ground. It was an incredible sight and a blessing for us to see it. "...fire and hail, snow and ice, mountains and hills, Praise the Lord!" (from Psalm 148)

It was right up there with the rainbows, that's for sure!! And HE speaks to us, as St. Paul says in that first line to the Hebrews, "in many and various ways." And on that first day of the Great Fast as we were praying and contemplating our exile from Eden and the sin of the world, there before us in the sun and ice and beauty of HIS world, HE was giving us direction, consolation and THE answer!

In our Church, the most correct vestment color to wear on Pascha is silver-white. That's

what the world was on the Thruway last week, silver-white. Our Good God was already giving us a vision of the completion of our Lenten journey. Pascha, glorious Pascha, already before us! His victory is already won and even the rocks and trees and sun and ice shout and proclaim that HE is risen! What a picture! What a consolation! There we were, Fr. Bob, Fr. Marijan and myself (all the other Fathers who came that way also commented on seeing this extraordinary beauty), driving in that dark valley, but seeing the glory of the Lord! Life on this earth...sometimes a dark and shadowy valley, but all we need to do is raise our eyes, and there before us, we can see the Risen Lord! Our "Answer!" Our Life, Our Love!! Did I tell you it was an incredibly awesome sight!!!! "Slava Tebi, Bozhe! Slava Tebi! Glory to You, O God! Glory to You!"

Our retreat actually was supposed to end about 10:30am on Thursday morning, but some of the Fathers had things to do at home so Bishop graciously excused us Wednesday night. That means we set off for Western NY about 8pm, arriving home around 3:15am. I am writing to you on Thursday afternoon, after a short power-nap.

Earlier today I joined Fr. Kasiyan and Fr. Procyk as we celebrated the funeral of +Oksana Kaczmaryk, long-time parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help church. As Father Andriy said in his excellent sermon, she was a special, loving and faithful lady for all in her life. The parish and community will miss certainly her. Selfish me, wonders about the beautiful flowers at her house. Her late husband John and she, and then after his passing, she alone, would tend to a most beautiful flower garden along the driveway and around their house. Someone once told me, "These flowers in my yard are as much for others as for me." From time to time, I

told that to +Oksana as Presbytera and I, and sometimes the girls, took our daily walk down Main St. and went by her house. When John was alive she would smile and say "thank you." After he died, she would say, "Oh no, it's nothing like it was when John was here helping me." What flower gardens they must be tending now, in the Kingdom of heaven! Sympathy to the family and to +John and his +Oksana, who recently joined him again, we sing, "Vichnaja Pamjat! Eternal Memory!"

We all had an excellent retreat, led by Father Stephen Wojcichowsky. He told us, if we want to say his name, just think, "Watch a cow ski down the mountain, but don't say the mountain part." And that's the kind of guy he is...a married priest, father of three, priestly, holy, extremely gifted, very intelligent, a great sense of humor. With those beautiful gifts, he took us on a priestly journey to examine our work and ourselves and to help refocus our lives on the Important. At the end, after the journey through the ice forest, the conferences, prayer both public and private, and a good confession, I knew what I would tell you about those days. In the words of the late Martin Luther King Jr. in that famous speech, I, also say to you: "I have been to the mountain and I have seen the Promised Land!" Thanks God for all the great graces of this week! (By the way, all that is available to you during this holy time of Great Fast. Pray and fast as much as your age and health allow. Let's continue to climb that mountain...it's there, it really is! The Promised Land! Pascha, precious Pascha! The empty tomb! Eternal Life!

As I write today, I think about all the kids, and parents helping them, everywhere in our parishes, who are "practicing their lines" for the "Shevchenko concerts" that are coming up. We can see many of our own talented and

very brave young ones this Sunday March 13 at St. John's in Kenmore. Maybe I'll see you there.

As you read this it is already the second Sunday of the Fast. The snow and cold are slowly slipping away into the lengthening sunlight, which also means more activity in and around our parishes. Please check your bulletins and support all the events as best you can, as we show support for those hard working organizations of our church and community.

Time to go for another week. We pray for you often. God bless you and our Holy Lady the Theotokos protect you!!

In His Love,
Fr. Ray



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**TO ALL
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SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2011
AT 2:00 P.M.**

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

A physician was driving home from a meeting that ran late, only to find himself stuck in rush hour traffic. After a few minutes, his car started to choke; he heard it sputtering just before it gave out completely. The doctor barely managed to coast into a gas station, but was grateful that he would not be blocking traffic or causing an even longer hold up for the rest of the commuters. He tried several times to start his car, but the engine would not turn over. As he pulled out his cell phone to call for a tow truck, he saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump. He rushed out to see if she was okay, and when he reached her, it was obvious that she was more overcome by sobs than the fact that she had fallen. The pediatrician noticed that she was a young woman, too young to look so haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as he helped her to her feet, and the doctor picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel. At that moment, everything came into focus for him: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with three kids in the back, and the gas pump reading \$4.95. He asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying, "I don't want my kids to see me crying." So they stood on the other side of the pump behind her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now. The woman said that she kept praying for some turn of luck, but now she did not know if she would even make it to California. The doctor looked at her and said, "God heard you, because I think He sent

me." He then took out his credit card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so the woman could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling, he walked to the next door McDonald's and bought two big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a giant cup of coffee. The woman appreciatively gave the food to her children in the car who attacked it like wolves. She told the doctor her name, and that she lived out east. She was a single mother trying to make ends meet, but due to layoffs at the plant where she worked; she had been out of a job for two months now. She knew she would not have money to pay the next month's rent, and finally in desperation had called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about five years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet again. So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for a vacation, but not that they were going to live there. The doctor gave her his gloves, what cash he had on him in his wallet, a big hug, and said a prayer with her for safety on the road. The woman was very grateful, and thanked him many times over. As they pulled away, the doctor walked back to his car to call for a tow truck. It was an incredible feeling for him to be able to help someone, and to be a part of someone else's miracle. When he returned to his car - amazingly enough - it started right up and got him home with no problem. He took it to the shop the next day, just to have it checked, but as he suspected, the mechanic could not find anything wrong... We never know when God will use our lives to change someone else's circumstance for the better.