



Fr. Bohdan Danylo - MC of the Sobor



Divine Liturgy in the Chapel



Bishop Ken Nowakowski - Keynote speaker



Bishop Paul Chomnucky, our Eparch, preaching



Our delegates: Nadia Marc & Elaine Nowadly and delegate from Yonkers Sophia Schur whom I met in Rome last year.



Entertainment was also provided by quartet "Akords of the Soul" (Акорди Душі): fr. Mykhajlo Domyak, fr. Roman Sedorovych, Ihor Boyko & Fr. Ivan Mazuryk

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CHURCH BULLETIN

April 28 - 2013 - 28 Квітня ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



Entry into Jerusalem - Квітня Неділя

Тріумфальний в'їзд Ісуса Христа в Єрусалим — це велике торжество, в якому народ виявляє спонтанну радість і прославляє Господа Бога. Христові учні та народ вітали Христа з нагоди Його божественної перемоги над смертю — воскресіння Лазаря (Йо. 12, 17). Вони славили Бога також за всі бачені ними Його чуда (Лк. 19, 39).

У цей урочистий момент, всіма оспівуваний та прославлюваний, Христос тримається скромно: так Він поведився завжди і цього навчав інших (Мт. 11, 27-30). Він іде на скромному осляті, як це пророкував пророк Захарія (9, 9).

Ікона передає зворушення народу, який стрічає Христа з пальмами та оспівує Його. Деякі стелять перед Ним, як вияв пошани, свою верхню одягу, інші зрізають пальмові гілки, щоб простелити їх перед Христом (Мт. 21, 8). Часом, щоб не розбивати композицію, люди на деревах та біля Христа зображуються дуже зменшеними.

Урочистість цієї процесії досягнула вершини, коли народ оспівував Христа як царя Ізраїля і сина Давида, який приходить в ім'я Боже. Вони вигукували «Осанна на висоті» (Мр. 11, 8-10; Мт. 21, 8-9). Це було явним визнанням Христа як обіцяного Божого Месії і обурило фарисеїв. Вони наказували Йому стримати ці вигуки. На це Христос відповів, що коли замовкнуть люди, то кричатиме каміння (Лк. 19, 40).

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ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

4:30 PM +Ewa & Wasyl Borowiec
(Family)

April 28 Samaritan Wom. – Н. Самар.

12:00 PM. +Elsie Kobasuk
(Eternal Memory – Вічна Пам'ять!)

Monday April 29 – Пон., 29 Квітня
8:15 AM За зд. і в нам. д-ра Степана
Осадци (С. О.)

Tuesday April 30 – Вів., 30 Квітня
7:00 PM +Dmytro Varanyskyj (Family)
40 days & panachyda

Wed. May 1 - (see Julian)

Thursday May 2 – (see Julian)

Friday May 3 - (see Julian)

Saturday May 4 – Субота, 5 Травня
9:00 AM +Людмила (братова)
4:30 PM For Parishioners

May 5 Man born blind – Н. Сліп.

12:00 PM. Health of John & Rosemary
Maxim (Peter Maxim)

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
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Eternal Light burns for
+Hryhorij Sarachman
Requ. By Joanne Bader

Вічне Світло в честь П.Д.М. горить
за щасливу подорож в Україну
і щасливий поворот
По жертва: Анна Ткалич



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(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

28 Квітня: Квітня Неділя
10:00 р. +Володимир Пасіка (р. Правак)

Середа, 1 Травня:
9:00 р. Наперед Освячених Дарів

Великий Четвер, 2 Травня:
6:00 в. Утреня Страстей

3 Травня: Велика П'ятниця
5:00 р. Виставлення Плащаниці

4 Травня: Велика Субота
3:45 в. Благословення Кошиків

4:30 в Літургія Св. Василя
6:00 в. Благословення Кошиків
Сповідь перед і після благословення

5 Травня **ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ**

7:00 р. Надгробне
7:20 р. Воскресна Утреня
8:30 р. Св. Літургія

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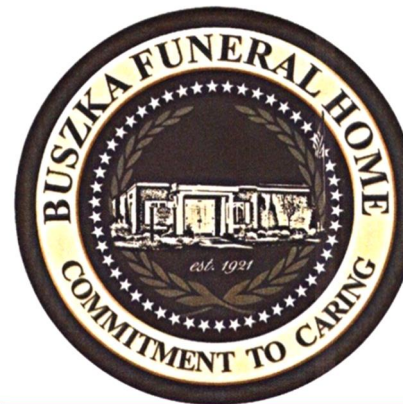
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These rehearsals are open to everyone who may wish to sing with the choir at the celebration of Pascha (Easter) in the church on the morning of May 5. Copies of the liturgy will be available in both Ukrainian and a transliteration.

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49 Відділ Союзу Українок

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SAVE THE DATE

The 75th Annual Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will be held in Buffalo October 4, 5, 6, 2013 at the Airport Holiday Inn. We ask the support of our local Ukrainian community in this endeavor. We especially ask that organizations not schedule any events that weekend. Thank you!

75 Конвенція Ліги Українців Католиків буде в Бюфало, 4-6 Жовтня, 2013

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З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Ми вступаємо сьогодні в страсні дні Господні, в час, коли згустилася темрява і коли піднімається зоря нового світла, зоря вічності, зрозуміла лише тим, хто разом з Христом вступає в цю пітьму. Це – темрява і напівморок, де змішалася правда й неправда, де змішалася все, що лише може бути змішане: Вхід Господній в Єрусалим, такий урочистий, сповнений такої слави, водночас весь побудований на страшому непорозумінні. Жителі єрусалимські зустрічають Спасителя Христа урочисто і радісно, тому що чекають, що він звільнить Свій народ від політичного гніту; і коли з'ясується, що Спаситель прийшов звільнити людей і весь світ від гріха, від неправди, від відсутності любові, від ненависті, тоді від нього відвернуться з гіркотою, розчарованістю, і ті, хто так урочисто його зустрічав, перетворяться на ворогів. І протягом всього тижня, весь час темрява, сутінки чергуються з проблисками світла... (Митрополит Антоній Сурожський)

Перед нами Великий Четвер, коли то Христос на Тайній вечері зі своїми учнями установає Пресвяту Євхаристію.

Перед нами Велика П'ятниця, коли Христа розп'яли і коли Він помер та похований, і здається по всьому. Позбулися його, бо Він видавався небезпечним, бо Він насмілився назвати себе Сином Божим. І приходить Велика Субота. Безрадність. Турбота. Непевність. І надії навіть вже немає.

Але за тиждень буде Великдень, і раптом все змінюється. Христос встає з гробу, так як перед сказав. Він – Переможець над смертю. Він - Живий. Прославлений.

Сьогодні Ісус відчиняє нам двері Небесного Царства. Єрусалим є символом того Царства, його прообразом. Єрусалим – це «ікона миру». Так, це образ Царства справедливості і миру, сопричастя з Пресвятою Тройцею, до Якої Ісус бажає ввести нас вже тепер. Ціною цього миру є боротьба і перемога над поділами, ненавистю, обманом, гріхом, заплата за які – смерть. Син Давидів приходить підкорити своє місто, тобто те заховане місце, в яке Він приносить свій мир. І цим захованим місцем є серця людей, наші серця. Впродовж цього тижня триватиме боротьба нашого улюбленого Царя, боротьба за знищення в нас гріха і смерті. Його воскресення – це перемога Його хреста над нашим гріхом, перемога любові над нашою смертю.

Але все починається сьогодні. Він входить до нашого життя через своє пониження. Смирення Ісуса, Його лагідність – це вузькі ворота до Небесного Царства. Тому ми маємо бути серед тих малих, кому Отець відкриває тайну свого Сина. Саме діти в той час вітали Ісуса лагідного і сумирного серцем, і саме через таку поставу ми також можемо відкрити Ісусові доступ до нашого серця.



From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

April 28, 2013 A.D.

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Dear _____,

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

Hello, my Dear One. Seems God is willing and the creek didn't rise, which means you've got mail again this week. For those of us who appreciate "the letter" in the mailbox, that's a very good thing. ☺ A day or two ago, while touring the neighborhood in my capacity as "Mayor of the Street," I noticed one of the residents checking her mailbox. She put her hand in the box and came up empty-handed. "Not even any junk mail," she said very disappointedly. Obviously, she, too, liked to receive mail, but that day there would be none. Made me thankful for the nice mail we receive.

Oh the ridicule! Oh the mocking! Oh the nasty comments! Every once in a while I receive a note, a phone call or a comment regarding something I've written in this letter. Remember last week I told you I had to write very early in the week in order to have everything printed prior to our leaving for the Sobor in Stamford? Well, that meant the copy of the letter sent on-line was also read very early, and a number of people knew the content well before Sunday. Not really a big deal, except for the fact that in the letter I declared winter to be over. And then the grief began...

The Sobor ended last Saturday evening, April 20. We left St. Basil's and beautiful Stamford on a gorgeous spring day with the world bathed in sunshine and crowned with the many brilliant colors of all the flowers, blooming trees and shrubs. We had a pleasant drive across New York State until we got to Wyoming county, and that's when my persecution began. Oh yeah, it's always those closest to you, who hurt you the most! ☺

We ran into "lake enhanced snow squalls!" Alas, a touch of winter weather and winter driving! There was no real difficulty, but our driver had to be very cautious and alert as there was the slightest accumulation on the highway, making the going a tad slippery. Then, from the back seat, came voices immediately reminding me about "what you wrote in the letter."

"How could winter be over? Look at the snow! Ha Ha, you said there was no more winter!" And then more "Ha Ha's." What grief and persecution we must endure as we go through this valley of tears! ☹ ☹ And it continued for the final 50 or 60 miles right up to our door in West Seneca because it indeed, was snowing all the way. But I will stand my ground and keep to my statement that winter is over! Oh yes, we did see snow, and it was a bit chilly the last few days, but even here in Western NY the grass is growing "like gangbusters," the flowers are in bloom and we even had one day when it was warm enough to spend several hours in the sandbox with the grandchildren. If the forecasters are correct, as you read this note you should be wrapped in springtime warmth and will, without a doubt, be hearing the sounds of children's voices, very happy birds, and lawnmower engines! Happy Spring! It is definitely here now, no matter the comments of those naysayers!

Did you see the beautiful full moon this week? That jewel in the sky is now the announcement of "The Great Day" according to the Julian calendar. This is the full moon they have been so greatly anticipating since the beginning of the Great Fast. Sunday April 28 is "Kvitna Nedila" or "Flowery/Palm Sunday" and the following Sunday May 5, will be Pascha for our families, friends and Orthodox brothers and sisters who pray according to "the old calendar."

If you didn't get enough of the delightful Paschal foods so far, you will be very happy with the big separation of the old and new calendars this year. In a few weeks the people of our old calendar parishes will be gathering for their parish Paschal meal, the *Sviachenne*. I don't know about you, but I won't mind another taste of those very special, and once a year, foods for a second time.

I suppose you are waiting to hear about the much publicized Sobor, held in Stamford, Ct. from April 18 to April 20. It was truly an amazing event! From the afternoon of our arrival at the hotel to the departure on Saturday, it was one interesting and God-filled moment to another. And that was the amazing part of all of it...the presence of God indeed overshadowed all the participants, and it was awesome to realize HE was there among us! Imagine that-there we were, a mixture of over

200 clergy, religious and laity coming in all shapes and sizes, age groups and mind-sets, all gathering for the sole purpose of “getting to heaven”!! It was pretty incredible. What a joy it was to be with all those beautiful, dedicated and faithful people of our Church!

We arrived in Stamford on Thursday afternoon and went directly to the hotel to check in. The good things of the *Sobor* began right there in the lobby as old friends greeted one another and new friends were immediately made. This Christian spirit continued in everything we said and did during the following days of the gathering. It was a very special time for us, who were the delegates, for you who could not attend, and for our entire Greek-Catholic Church throughout the world! It was quite obvious how much time and effort was put into making this Sobor the success that it was. Hotel arrangements were made, press releases sent out, much printing was done, and all the details of hospitality and of the schedule and meetings made our stay comfortable, interesting and very, very worthwhile. Congratulations and thanks to all who worked so tirelessly “to make it all happen.” The Hierarchical Liturgies on Friday and Saturday made many of the attendants repeat those words of the envoys of St. Vladimir after attending the Divine Liturgy in Constantinople: “We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth.” It was that kind of experience in the chapel at St. Basil’s and in the Cathedral where we prayed the first Moleben to the Theotokos.

I don’t want to list the entire schedule here, but I will tell you there were four bishops present and we heard from them all. One priest and two lay people were invited to give talks on three main components of a vibrant parish as listed by our Patriarch Sviatoslav in his pastoral letter. Reflection upon these talks was then the foundation upon which the later deliberations and discussions of the groups were based. Fr. Andriy Onuferko spoke about *the Word of God*; Lesya Muraszczuk (Yonkers, NY) spoke on *the Holy Mysteries and Prayer*; Richard Pucher (Rochester) had his letter on *Serving One’s*

Neighbor read as he could not attend due to illness. These were thoughtful and inspiring talks and the presenters are obviously very special people in the life of our Church.

After hearing the talks, we broke into groups with a moderator assigned and then discussed the content and meaning as we tried to answer questions relating to the topic. This was the “meat and potatoes” of the *Sobor*, for it was in these discussion groups where the various topics for resolution were discussed and put forward. We discussed Liturgy, language, service, pro-life, the mission of our church, who we are and where we are going. All the areas of our Church were discussed, even “the elephants in the room.” Even though those “elephants” still remain, at least in one way or another they were discussed at some point. We know they are there and we gotta do something about them.

We all left for home very satisfied, hopeful, relieved and exhausted, realizing this was only the beginning of the work towards the “Vibrant Parish.” We have so much to look forward to and to work toward as we continue this “Year of Faith,” and await the resolutions of the *Sobor*. There will be much more to come in the days ahead. We were like the disciples on Mt. Tabor at the Transfiguration when they said, “Lord it is good for us to be here!” They had to descend the mountain and do His work; we, too, have come down from the mountain and have pledged to follow Him and do His work.

May God continue to bless us, guide us and allow His face to shine upon us. May we all find protection beneath the heavenly veil of the Most Holy Theotokos.

In the Love of our Risen Lord,

Fr. Ray

Best way to argue – not to argue at all.

You have to make a decision.

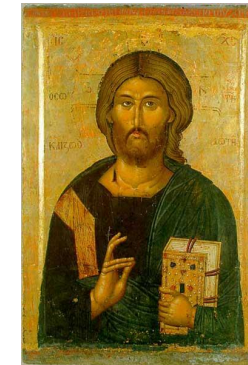
Let’s pray first.

(Mychajlo Deputat “Viewpoint”)

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Did you ever feel like saying or possibly hear someone say, “There must be something more to life.” Whenever we feel in this way or can empathize with others who share similar feelings, then it shows we need more of Jesus in our lives. Having the Lord in the center of our lives makes us feel better. Every day takes on new meaning and things seem to fall into place. There was a father who wanted to read a magazine, but his little girl kept interrupting him with her play. She wanted to know what the United States looked like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, “Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. Come back when you have a complete map of the United States.” After a few minutes she returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. Her father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. “Oh,” she said, “on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I put the pieces of Jesus where they belonged, then our whole country came together.”...

Stories can help us make sense out of our lives. When I was young my parents took my sister and me to see a production of *Mary Poppins*. Later, we even read the book together. I did not know it then, but the themes in this story of being valued and honored for who we are, yet loved enough to be given direction and discipline, helped to shape and form me. Another type of story that shapes and forms us is the story of our own lives, meaning our lifetime experiences and relationships. Christ promises love, glory, honor, and forgiveness to those He died for - you and me and everyone who comes to know Him. Throughout life we may endure abuse, betrayal, loss, and the consequences of our own sin. But we will also experience times, even if it is only moments, of restorative joy and wholeness. We have a choice as to which stories we will allow to have the greater pull



on our hearts. We also have a choice to allow Christ to redeem our pain and re-author our lives. Back in college, I volunteered at a hospital. I once worked with a sixty-year old man in group therapy. His childhood included poverty, multiple foster home placements, abuse, and the deaths of siblings. Due to the effects of alcoholism, he had only three months to live. When asked the question, “What memory, even though very small and perhaps very long ago, may help you to hope again?” he responded with the following: “I remember in first grade I had a very nice Catholic nun for a teacher. I remember her handing me back a worksheet and telling me that I did an outstanding job on it.” I then asked him, “What might your teacher have seen in you that was hard to see in yourself back then?” He responded with, “That I can still be somebody.” In the final months of his

life, this man chose to believe that the memory of his first grade teacher, a Catholic nun, was more important than his other lifetime stories of abuse and neglect, and he lived those last few months with peace in his heart. It testifies to the importance of clergy and sisters among our community who have a positive influence on our faith in Christ. Just last year, I lost a colleague to pancreatic cancer. He had taught for 39 years, when he and his wife were both diagnosed. They had lost their daughter only 9 short years ago in an automobile accident. Jim’s life story was full of many hardships, but in his last few days he made it clear to all of his friends and family that he was at peace. When asked why, he said: “I am at peace with God because I know I have nothing to fear in the end.” A year after his daughter died, a tree was planted in the garden at our school, just outside Jim’s classroom. On the day Jim died, I noticed that his daughter’s tree had fully blossomed over that weekend. It reminded me that we are so much more than our life stories, because we can find peace with God, and even creation rejoices in the fact that there is something more to life.