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PA & Panachyda for deceased
members of K. Echkhart Family
From the Religion classes
+Dmytro Pitolaj with the Family
Visiting with Dora Horbachevska
L.U.C. National Board Meeting



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CHURCH BULLETIN
 Мау 21 Травня – 2017
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Solemn Holy Communion



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CHURCH BULLETIN

May 21 Травня 2017
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

May 21 S. Man b. Blind. – Н. Саліпородж.

10:00 AM +Людмила (Братова)

Торжест. Св. Причастя – Solem Holy Comm.

Monday, May 22 Травня, Понеділок

8:00 AM +Юрко Томашевський
(Анна Матушескі)

Tuesday, May 23 Травня, Вівторок

10:00 AM +Батьки: Софрон і Євгенія, брат
Юрій Ференцевич (Оля Чмола)

Wednesday, May 24 Травня, Середа

10:00 AM +Мирослав Грецишин (Дружина Лідія)

5:00 PM Молебень до Пречистої Диви Марії
Moleben to B.V.M.

ASCENSION - ВОЗНЕСІННЯ

Thursday, May 25 Травня, Четвер

10:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

5:15 PM Health of Cecelia Rusin (Family)

Friday, May 26 Травня, П'ятниця

11:15 AM +Михайло Бельмеґа
(Лесяк, Рабарська)

12:00 PM Молебень до Пречистої Диви Марії
Moleben to B.V.M.

Saturday, May 27 Травня, Субота

8:00 AM В наміренні Мартина Савка
(Стефанія Лемешівська)

4:30 PM Gr. Parents: +Semen & Mychajlyna;
Parents: Lev & Olha; Brothers: Jurij &
Andrij (Roman Voychak)

May 28 S. of Holy Fathers. – Н. Св. Отців

10:00 AM +Станіслав Ващак (Родина)

12:00 PM For all Deceased Parishioners

Вічне Світло в честь П. Д. М. горить
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Solemn Holy Communion Receivers

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Fell asleep in the Lord
+Dmytro Pitolaj



(November 10, 1922 - May 14, 2017)

Beloved husband of Sophia (nee Guntschaar) Pitolaj; dearest father of Stefan Pitolaj and his wife Irena (Michalik) of Macedon, NY; beloved grandfather of Daniel, Julia and Andrew Pitolaj; beloved uncle to Myron Pitolaj of Poland; son of the late Stefan and Ewa (nee Kulczycka) Pitolaj; brother of the late Wasyl, Jurko, Mykola, Juzyk and Maria (Chrin) Pitolaj; also survived by nieces and nephews in Ukraine and Poland; godfather of Myroslawa (nee Szczerba) Bertalan.

Mr. Pitolaj was a member of Ukrainian Home Dnipro, O.D.F.F.U. Organization for the Defense Four Freedoms for Ukraine, Sum-Ukrainian Youth Assn, Ukrainian National Association, Branch #127 U.C.C.A. – Ukr. Congress Committee of America.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends. May he rest with the Lord in Peace!
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So, Dear, There Is No Excuse Sunday!

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100-ліття Церкви Св. Миколая і 125 ліття Парохії швидко наближається. Наступне засідання буде у неділю, 11 Червня.

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## In Memoriam of Dmytro Pitolaj

Dmytro passed away peacefully on Sunday evening, May 14, 2017. He was 94 years old. Dmytro was born on November, 10, 1922 in the small Polish village of Nowe Siolo to late Stefan Pitolaj and Ewa Kulczycka. He was a devoted husband of 64 years to Sofia (Guntschaar) Pitolaj. He was the beloved father to Stefan Pitolaj and his wife Irena and loving grandfather to Daniel, Julia, and Andrew, of whom he was especially proud. His passing has brought some deep sadness to our hearts. Some might say that he has lived a long life or that he is at peace now. Others will say that he is not suffering anymore and he is in heaven with his family and friends in the care of our Lord. Although it is comforting, it does not make us miss him any less. We will have to learn to accept that he is no longer with us. We will cherish the memories, look through the photos, visit his graveside, pray for him and keep him alive in our hearts.

We would like to share a few things about Dmytro's journey that at times was very difficult. Dmytro once had a big family. He was one of five boys and had one sister. His brothers were (oldest to youngest) Wasyl, Jurko, Mykola, and Juzyk. Dmytro was the second youngest of his brothers. His older sister was Maria. The Pitolaj family was very respectable and with all Dmytro's aunts, uncles, and cousins they occupied a large portion of the village. The family owned orchards and large lands growing crops and raising dairy cows. This peaceful life changed with the coming of WWII. This is when the journey got difficult. The Pitolaj family was hit hard by both the Nazis and the Communists. Dmytro's family was devastated. Yurko and Juzek were killed right in the village. Wasyl and Maria, and Dmytro's mother were resettled to the former USSR. The only brother who was left in Poland was Mykola, who as a partisan fought both Nazis and Communists and as a result, was imprisoned for 10 years in the labour camp of Jaworzno, Poland. Dmytro was taken by Nazis to Germany to a forced labour camp.



After the war, Dmytro worked shortly in Belgium in a coal mine. Then in 1952, he immigrated to America with his wife Sofia, whom he met in Germany. They settled in Buffalo, New York and lived there for more than 64 years until his recent illness in January. In Buffalo he worked as a skilled iron worker for Colonial Iron Works. In 1974, Dmytro visited his brother Mykola in Poland. There he met Mykola's son Stefan. In 1976 he sponsored him to America and became his surrogate father. In 1993, Stefan married his wife Irena who is from Poland. Dmytro was able to travel to the wedding in Poland and he had an opportunity to visit Nowe Siolo. The remnants of his house and parts of the family orchards were still there. He also was able to meet with his family from Ukraine who came to the wedding. The year of 1993 was an emotional and happy time for Dmytro.

Dmytro was very involved in the Ukrainian Community of Buffalo. He was an active member of the Ukrainian Home Dnipro, of which he was one of its original founders. He helped to organize many memorable Ukrainian events, including Malankas, concerts, and meetings with officials from Ukraine.

Other memberships included: Organization for the Defence of Four Freedoms of Ukraine, SUM- Ukrainian Youth Association, OSELA Youth Summer Camp, UCCA- Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and Ukrainian National Association, Branch 127. He was very a passionate follower of Ukrainian politics and celebrated when Ukraine gained its independence in August 24th, 1991.

We are very blessed to know Dmytro and to have been part of his life. He taught us a lot about life and the strength of the human spirit. He proved to us that the heart may suffer many losses but one can still recover and go on. He has lost everything and he has built a new life. He was always ready to help and was generous and hospitable. We love him very much and we know that his gentle spirit will always be with us.

**Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamiat!**

## From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Christ is risen indeed He has risen! The Gospel reading today tells the story of a blind man healed by Jesus. People once believed that if someone was handicapped in any way, it was a result of the punishment they received for their sins - but Jesus shows us otherwise. After preaching in the Temple, Jesus was walking with His disciples and saw a blind man sitting in a corner, begging those who were passing by for some help. The disciples ask their Teacher, "Lord, who sinned, he or his parents, so that this man was born blind"? Christ, who knows the hearts of men answered with great compassion and love, "Neither this man sinned, nor his parents. He was born blind for God's work to be made manifest". Jesus then rubbed his spit into the mud and applied it to the man's eyes, and immediately after the man washed his eyes he gained the ability to see. The man went on to tell his neighbors about his healing and eventually he was brought before the Pharisees to account for his behavior on the Sabbath. When the Pharisees asked him how he regained his sight, "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed them, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. Still doubtful, the Pharisees summoned the man's parents to confirm his blindness since birth and whether Jesus did indeed give this man sight.

The Pharisees once again felt threatened by Jesus, because he could perform healings that they could not. Instead of rejoicing that people were being healed and lives were being changed for the better, the Pharisees decided to show outrage that any type of "work" was being done on the Sabbath. Because of their blindness, they did not realize that God never intended the Sabbath to prevent any act of mercy. Unable to shake the blind man's story about his healing, they threw him out of the temple, and when Jesus heard this and found the man, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. This episode illustrates the words of the Prophet Isaiah: 'Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened'. Jesus then said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are

we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains." In today's Gospel account Jesus resolves the physical blindness of the man, but He is also faced with the spiritual blindness of His Disciples, the Pharisees, and the Jews.

We all walk with some form of blindness throughout our lives, we all carry the burden of sin, but from the moment we were first conceived, Jesus has been welcoming us into the light of His knowledge and His mercy. Christ indicates to His disciples that this man was born blind, not because of sin but so the work of God could be revealed through him. We can see this in the lives of many wholesome, yet disadvantaged people. They find their disadvantage to be a challenge, a challenge that may bring out the best in them. We can think for example of certain Downs Syndrome children who are unbelievably kind and loving, far more so than many who are born with no such infirmity. We can also think of some blind people who, having lost one sense, have refined another sense almost to perfection, and show an understanding of the inner self that those with sight do not have. We can all think of examples of incredible courage and love among disadvantaged people, examples where the love of God is made manifest through their lives. Even those who were seriously injured in the bombings that took place during the Boston Marathon a few years ago have spoken out about finding courage to move past their life altering injuries, and thank the Lord for the gift of life beyond their acquired handicap. In the case of this man born blind, perhaps all his life had been a preparation for his meeting with Jesus. Not only was his soul pure enough and refined, but he also accepted Jesus as the Son of God, therefore making the work of God manifest in him.

In today's Gospel reading, we find the physical blindness of the young man, but also scripture paints a picture of the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees, and the Jews, and even our Lord's disciples, who believe that this man's infirmity must be a result of sin. But Christ teaches them to see beyond the disability to what virtue there is in every human life, regardless of the circumstance. He is trying to get His disciples to open their eyes of faith and pierce through their spiritual blindness. The Pharisees condemned this man born blind, even after he was healed. They accused him of being sinful at birth, but so were the Pharisees, and so is each one of us. The Pharisees, by rejecting Christ, showed how blind they really were. The man born blind, witnessed to the

Pharisees that, "One thing I know; I was blind, now I see. If this man Jesus were not of God, he could do nothing". Then the man confessed that he believed Jesus to be the Son of God - one of the first in the Gospels to do so. Sometimes, we need the faith and perseverance of others to help us see what truly matters most in life.

There once was a man who loved his two sons very much. And during the war, they were both drafted into the army. A few months passed by and the man received a telegram that both of his sons died honorably in combat. After the war was over this man neared a nervous breakdown, having to bury both of his sons. So, he went to his doctor, who recommended that he have complete rest and relaxation. Soon the man felt the overwhelming desire to go to the seashore, where he had spent time walking along the beach when his sons were younger. There, he spent his time reading, meditating, and relaxing. He even made a few new friends, and one of these became most endearing to him... a small, blind boy named Timothy. One night this man went with Timothy, and they walked along the beach, as the sun was going down along the horizon of the sea. They listened to the waves, and the man described to Timothy, the great beauty of the scenery that surrounded them. The little boy immediately heard a flapping sound across the breeze, to which he inquired of the man what it could be. The man then noticed there were little flags with stars on them, hanging from the porches of some of the houses along the beach. Once he mentioned this to Timothy, the little boy asked the man to explain what that meant. So, the man said, "It means that in every home where there is a flag, that family sent a son to war. But, some of the stars are silver and some are gold". "What does that mean?" Timothy asked. The man looked out along the water and said, "Where there is a silver star it means that the boy came home safely, but where there is a gold star it means that the boy died in combat." The man felt a weight within his heart, but continued to walk hand in hand with Timothy. They walked a little further and night came softly upon them. The boy looked up and tried to imagine the first evening stars, and he said, "Maybe I can't see them, but my mother tells me they're always there. She tells me God paints the Heavens with stars of gold". The boy turned in the direction of the man and asked, "Are there stars in God's sky, and are they painted in gold?" The man smiled and agreed with Timothy. Then the boy said something to the man that he will surely not forget, "Do you think it means that God sent his own Son

to war and his son died in combat?" The man just stood for a moment in silence, never having made that connection himself, and with a catch in his voice he said, "Yes, son. It means that God sent His Son into war - a war that even I had forgotten about until now". There was a long and tender silence between them, and as the man turned to Timothy... he realized God had given him sight again, through the insight of this little, blind boy.

When the blind man's eyes were opened, he could see the true light in Christ and he "worshiped Him" (John 9:38). The Will of God was made manifest in him, just as God's Will continues to manifest itself in all those we meet that open our eyes daily to the tender mercies of God. Jesus came so that He may shine light in this dark world, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). It has been written, "Clay cannot heal the blind and yet with the breath of God, it gives sight. Water cannot heal and yet the water of baptism bears the Holy Spirit. Bread and wine cannot heal and yet transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, it fortifies our souls." In this way our bodies, mere flesh, bone and blood, can become living containers of Christ. Our souls activated, we can become beacons of the Holy Spirit; seeing the whole of God's Creation as it really is. We see that every blade of grass and every hill, every tree and every ocean, all creatures and all people are miracles of God's handiwork, signs of His sacramental presence among us, and we begin to see that we live not in the ordinary, everyday world, but in potential Paradise; the world as it really is, as God made it to be, and we clearly begin to see God the Creator behind all things and in all people. So, we too, together with the man born blind, can say: "I was blind, Lord, but now I see".

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