



From "Sitch" Dinner & Meeting - March 17, 2013



Mother's Day Chess Tournament - May 11, 2013



St. Nicholas Chess Group-all 3 medals in their section



LUC Convention Meeting - May 13, 2013



Metropolitan Stefan Soroka preaching - Easter 2013



LUC National Board meeting with Metropolitan-May 15

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CHURCH BULLETIN

May 26 - **2013** - 26 Травня
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

Панахиди - Panachyda Services
(По Св. Літургії о 10 год)

Sunday at 12:45 PM - Неділя 12:45+
Святого Матея - Saint Mathew
Panachydas - @ St. Luke & St. Mark
(На гробі +Братчика Славка)

Будемо відправляти панахиди перше у тій частині. Після того переходимо до інших гробів. Просимо взяти це під увагу, щоб не чекати задовго. Раджу принести крісла або сидіти в авті, якщо я ще далеко від гробів Ваших наймиліших.



Пон., 30 Травня - Mon., May 30+
Кальварія - Mt. Calvary: 9:30 AM

Св. Хреста - Holy Cross: 12:00 PM

Св. Матея - St. Mathew: 2:00 PM
(Пан. - на гробі +Мар'яна Борачка)

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May 26 – 2013 – 26 Травня

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

4:30 PM +Sophia & Antin Kowal (Maria & Michael Petryshyn)

May 26 All Saints - Всіх Святих

12:00 PM **For Parishioners-За Парохіян**

Monday May 27 – **Peter & Paul Fast**

8:15 AM For all who died for FREEDOM
За всіх що згинула за ВОЛЮ

Tue. May 28 – Вівторок, 28 Травня

10:00 AM +Д-р Мирослав Грецишин
(родина)

6:15 PM **MOLEBEN - МОЛЕБЕНЬ**

Wed. May 29 – Середа, 29 Травня

8:15 AM +Ярослав і Мирон Гулик
(діти і внуки)

Thursday May 30 – Четвер, 30 Травня

8:15 AM +Василь Сивенький
(дружина Марія)

Friday May 31 – П'ятниця, 31 Травня

8:15 AM +Марія і Петро Мандзій
(М. Т. Паславські)

6:15 PM **MOLEBEN - МОЛЕБЕНЬ**

Saturday June 1 – Субота, 1 Червня

4:30 PM **For Parishioners-За Парохіян**

June 2 2nd S. aft. Pent. – 2 Н. по З.С.Д.

12:00 PM +Michael & Julia Michalow
(Children)

Eternal Light burns for
+Basilus Sywenkyj (wife Maria)

Вічне Світло в честь П.Д.М. горить за
+Марію і Петра Мандзій (родина)



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

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

26 Травня Неділя Розслабленого

10:00 р. +Станислав Вашак (родина)

2 Червня Неділя Самарянки

10:00 р. +Ірена Войчак (Роман)

Children's Liturgy & Father's Day Picnic

The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday, June 16, 2013, at 10:00 AM. There will be a Father's Day Picnic immediately following the service. Hotdogs with kapusta, hamburgers, tossed salad, potato salad; baked beans, watermelon, and desserts will be served for a suggested minimum donation of \$5 per person. Outdoor activities weather permitting. Donations for desserts would be greatly appreciated. All parishioners and their families are welcome to attend – hope to see you there!



У неділю, 16 Червня о 10 год буде Св. Літургія для дітей і молоді. Тема: Вознесіння і Зіслання Св. Духа, як рівнож Бог - Люблячий Батько. По Св. Літургії буде пікнік з нагоди Дня Батька. Просимо взяти участь, як рівно ж допомогти. День Матері відбувся гарно. Дякуємо всім, що потрудилися взяти участь, а то й допомогли. Маємо надію, що й запланована програма на День Батька увінчається успіхом.

Св. Літургія на День Батька-16 Червня

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Total collected
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2013 Goal
for St. Nicholas Parish - **\$7,500.00**
Amount needed
to reach our Goal - **\$2,580.00**

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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!

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буде в Бюфало, 4-6 Жовтня, 2013

2013 LUC dues are now payable. Please
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Sunday Coffee Hours: If anyone would like to volunteer to host a Sunday, please contact Elaine, Dora, Emily, Mary (B) or Anna.

- **KITCHEN** – is open Fridays 11 AM - 3 PM. Thank you for your patronage.
- **Coffee Hour** - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!
- **We need help in the kitchen.** Thank you!
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або приковані до ліжка!

<h2>"An Afternoon of Ukrainian Culture"</h2> <p>Featuring Victor Mishalow, Borys Ostapienko and Bohdan Shutka on the Bandura</p> <p>Date: June 2nd 2013 Time: 1:00 pm</p> <p>Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church 200 Como Park Blvd. 14227 Cheektowaga, NY</p> <p>Tel: (716) 668.4352 or (716) 684.0738</p>		<p>Admit One</p> <p>Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall 200 Como Park Blvd. Cheektowaga, NY 14059</p> <p>Date: June 2, 2013 Time: 1 pm</p> <p>Fee: \$10.00 at door \$ 7.00 presale</p> <p><small>Reception and Exhibit after the Program</small></p>
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Please support this event. Rectory has tickets.

Просимо взяти участь. Закупіть білети.

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

У сьогоднішньому євангельському читанні чули ми про чоловіка який 38 років пролежав хворим, і яким здається ніхто не цікавився.

Згідно з традицією була в Єрусалимі чудотворна купіль, що називалася Ветезда "Овеча купіль", і час до час Ангел Господній приходив і порушував воду, і хто перший зійшов би до тієї води, ставав би здоровим. Цей хворий чекав на порушення води, але поки він доповзав би, інші вже перед ним сходили, і так для нього не було можливості одержати оздоровлення. Все ж таки він терпеливо надіявся хоч і без надії. І приходять Христос, і питається його: "Чи хочеш бути здоровим?" Що за питання. Та він тільки цього одного бажав. І дивно якось виглядають нам слова розслабленого, який не відповідає на прямий запит Христовий, але зачинає нарікати кажучи: "Господи, я не маю нікого, хто б мене спустив у купіль, коли ото вода зрушиться: бо ось но тільки я приходжу, вже інший переді мною поринає."

"Не маю нікого." Страшне обвинувачення. Розслаблений чується усіма залишений, ніхто ним не цікавиться, ніхто не подасть руку допомоги, ніхто до нього теплого слова не проговорить. Як він нагадує нам старших, хворих, опущених, бездомних. Кілько з них мають своїх дітей, які одначе ними не дуже цікавляться, кілько молодших приятелів, що про них забули, а колись з ними разом працю-

вали, і в церкву, і на різні засідання ходили. Існує приповідка що одна мати може виховати понад десятеро дітей, але понад десятеро дітей не можуть заопікуватися як слід одною немічною мамою. Почасто шукаємо вигод і нам хвороба чи старість інших не по дорозі. Не маємо для них часу, і не думаємо про це кілько вони опікувалися нами, коли ми були маленькими або хворими або у якій небудь потребі.

У стихирах вечірні сьогоднішньої неділі ми так читаємо: "Коли побачив Тебе розслаблений, отой непохований померлий, кликнув: Помилуй мене, Господи, бо постіль стала мені гробом! І навіщо ж мені жити? Не потребую Овечої купелі, бо не маю нікого, хто б поклав мене в неї, коли заворушується вода." А інша стихира додає: "Змилювався спас та й каже до нього: Задля тебе я став людиною, заради тебе я воплотився, а ти кажеш – людини не маю. Візьми твою постіль і ходи!"...

Ми також, до певної міри розслабленими. У нас різні фізичні хвороби, але ще може більші – душевні. Хвороба є не бачити потребу ближнього, не чути їхнього зойку, не прийти їм на допомогу, не сказати доброго слова потіхи чи поради. Хвороба є журитися тільки собою, допомагати тільки собі, обнімати тільки себе. Просім Господа, щоб приніс нам оздоровлення, щоб ми побачили потреби і почули прохання і зрозуміли у чому наші завдання. Щоб ми стали Христом для інших, подібно як інші, що нам допомагають у якій небудь спосіб стали Христом для нас.

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

May 26, 2013 A.D.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

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

Good Morning, and happy Memorial Day week end to you. Here comes summer! Yaaaay! I think it's safe to say we're all ready for the continuation of the nice warm weather, such as we've had the last week. Warm, that is, not hot. I understand some people love it when it's really hot, but I am not one of them. Gimme 72 degrees and low humidity any day. I also want you to know my preference for cool weather has nothing to do with the fact that sometimes our churches are very hot during the summer months and the "poor priest" must wear all those extra vestments. "Angels never sweat!" ☺☺

Happy to say, Presbyteria and I made it to the "Sviachenne" at St. Nicholas last week, although a bit tardy. By the time we talked with our visitors, put out the lights, blew out the candles and closed up our church in Niagara Falls, we finally made our way to Buffalo, but were actually late for the start of the meal. However, in any Slavic household one can be "late for the start of the meal," but "never too late for the meal." The Orynawka family very thoughtfully kept our places open with them so we could have a "Niagara Falls table."

And then as soon as we were seen coming into the hall, the delicious Paschal delicacies began arriving for us. One doesn't normally think of a piece of sausage, a hard-boiled egg, horseradish, some bread and the other foods as a delicacy, but when it is put in the context of the Christian "Agape Meal," i.e., Christians gathered in love, it takes on an entire different taste and meaning. It was an excellent, well-prepared and well-served meal. God bless the kitchen workers at St. Nicholas, and of all our

parishes in all the world. Those people are some of the most dedicated, yet unsung heroes of parishes. Thanks to all here in Buffalo, and in all our parishes, where that love of God's Church, celebrated within the context of our special traditions and customs, makes everything so special. Besides the "ladies in the kitchens" there are many more who privately make those foods and quietly distribute them to our sick and shut in. I know some of them, God knows them all. You make it look so easy, which we know it is not. Having partaken of those excellent "foods of Easter," I can say I am now "sufficiently suffonsified!" That means I'm happy, and that part of the Paschal celebration has now come to an end. God willing, we'll do it again next year!

We are always and everywhere people of Pascha. By that I mean, our belief in the Resurrection of our Lord never ends. St. Paul writes in I Corinthians 15:14, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless, and your believing is useless." The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the fact on which our faith depends and is truly the foundation of all Christian belief. The foods might go away, and the special hymns change, but that message and the great gift from our God, which is nothing less than the promise of eternal Life, never is taken away. Because He lived, died and rose from the dead, now we are His children, people of the Resurrection. Pascha is a holy day that can never be allowed to fade from our conscious prayer life in any way. Indeed, Pascha must be every day!!

As we end the Paschal season (new calendar), last Sunday we had the glorious day of Pentecost. If you love the color of green, that was your day to be in the Church. Pentecost is for us of the Byzantine tradition "the wearin' o the green." Following our tradition of decorating with green branches (preferably Linden) to symbolize the new life of the Church, and of us, the temple was absolutely

beautiful. I always wish more people would come to enjoy the beauty of our holy days. We joined in the prayer of the Liturgy as we called upon the Holy Spirit to come to us. May we shine forth with the fruits of His coming to us.

On Monday we will have the unofficial start of summer as our families gather to enjoy the day with picnics, barbecues or just relaxing and spending time together. We need to remember the real purpose of the day and know that the very freedom we have to celebrate as we do, was won by the men and women who gave their lives in the service of these United States. The true purpose of this civil holiday is to salute, honor and remember our dead, our soldiers, who made that ultimate sacrifice of laying down their life for another. We give thanks and pray for them.

Do you know the part of this special observance that happens at 3 pm? Every Memorial Day at this time all Americans are asked to stop whatever they are doing and participate in a moment of silence, called the *National Moment of Remembrance*. I hope that wherever we are, or whatever we are doing on Monday at 3 pm, we will stop and whisper that little prayer of thanksgiving and hope for eternal life as we remember those who fought and died for truth and freedom. We pray that they haven't died in vain! May their memory be eternal! Vichnaja Pamjat!

And as is the custom here in North America, we will also be visiting the cemeteries to prayerfully remember our family members who have reposed. I will be praying at individual graves in Lewiston on Monday, and our priests all across the country will be with their parishioners in this prayer for these, as well as those warriors for freedom, our service men and women who gave their lives to make us free.

Each week when I end your letter I usually tell you that I will write again next week, "God willing." Those words echoed in my brain many times this week as I thought about the destruction, loss of life and hardship caused in Oklahoma by the devastating tornado. We are certainly in the hands of our God, aren't we? Truly we don't know the day or the hour when we might be called to "the dread judgment seat of our Lord." One minute we can be playing, working, packing our book bags to go home, and the next moment we are on the other side, face to face with our God.

We are extremely saddened by all the reports and photos, and our hearts go out all those who are hurting and grieving. I hope they, and we, can be strong in our faith and know that whatever is going on around us, our God is with us. We believe the many circumstances and happenings of life-*the good, the bad, the ugly*- are all part of the mystery of God's saving plan. We pray for all those who lost their lives so suddenly and unexpectedly. May our prayers assist them, especially those who were completely unprepared to go that day and didn't even give a thought about our heavenly Father, about "God willing," until the winds began to blow.

Let us give thanks for the precious moments of life we have been granted, and not waste one blessed moment. May God bless you! Our Holy Lady protect you! **God willing**, I'll write next week!

In His Love,
J. Ray
Fr. Ray

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This weekend also marks the occasion when we honor the lives of the men and women who serviced our country and died preserving our freedom. Memorial Day is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer – it is a time for celebrating the lives of those who served our country, and especially those who died. It means taking the time to thank God for the people who allowed our ancestors to escape from the grips of Hitler and Stalin, and come to America in pursuit of freedom. When Memorial Day comes around, we try to take extra special care in thinking about those who sacrificed their lives for us. Monuments and memorials throughout our country are erected and maintained to remind us of the perils that were faced by those who came before us. Memorial Day serves as an important reminder of those who died on the battlefield while in service to our country, and all those who have passed beyond the surly bonds of this world to touch the face of God. The custom of placing flowers on graves is an old one that exists in many countries throughout the world. Almost everywhere around the globe, people have a special day to honor not only those who gave their lives in battle, but also family members and friends who have gone to their Eternal rest. Let us remember all of them in our prayers and take the time to visit their graves or monuments, as well as honor their memory.

Leo smiled whenever he called himself a "diamond cutter". The statement, however, was literally correct. Leo pushed the lawn-mower that tidied the baseball diamonds. However, cutting, chalking and raking was only part of his responsibilities at the Town's Parks Department. He also planted and pruned trees and grew and transplanted flowers. But the job he cherished above all was printing panels with the names of local youngsters who entered military service. Leo worked neatly and with a great eye for space. Leo made every name readable, and these names were lettered and tacked into position quickly and with the utmost care. But, sadly, the same day the War Department released its 'Killed in Action' lists; Leo went to the honor roll wall and painted a gold star on the service-person's panel who lost their life, between the hero's first and last name. Each hand-painted star seemed identical in its size and brightness. Leo made sure to keep the downtown memorial quietly beautiful and carefully maintained. In fact, he seemed to keep his job forever – through World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and, just before he retired, the Persian Gulf War. It was more than a job. It was Leo's contribution to the men and women who lost their lives preserving our country's freedom. Leo would call the parents of each new recruit and tell them, "Not to worry. God is on our side. And I will pray for your kid's safe return." To Leo, these young men and women were "kids"- his kids. He

watched many of them grow up through the years, as he saw them compete in team sports on his grass and cinders. And he even watched them work in his hometown – maturing into young men and women. And on those days when he painted gold stars, Leo would visit the families who lost a son or daughter and share in their grief. Leo brought the ceremonial gold star flags to their widows and parents, who displayed them on their front porch or in their front window. Each flag of honor was softly spotted with Leo's own tears. Even though Leo never married, he had thousands of kids, most of who returned home. When he finally retired from the Park's Department, Leo still volunteered to update the honor roll (memorial) wall like only he could - neatly and with great love, talent and affection. When Leo was asked why he still tends the civic honor roll, he said, "It keeps me in touch with my kids. I know each of them by name - all of them."

We stand as one Nation that is strong and united under God. Yet we are humbled, because we remember that the wealth of this Nation's heritage, the strength of its ideals, and the extent of its freedom came with a tremendous price. These treasures were purchased with the lives of American service men and women, a cost borne prominently by several generations. We are humbled because so many bright futures, hopes, and dreams were sacrificed for the abundance of opportunities we now freely pursue. May we stand with diligence and with humility on the broad shoulders of those whose brave deeds and sacrifice we memorialize today. The loved ones we seek to remember on Memorial Day entered reverently into their Eternal rest with God. Those who suffered for our nation's liberty believed in what some people would like to see removed from both our currency and courthouses: that it is "In God we trust". Let us never lose sight of their commitment and their belief in these words, to appease a small few who would take those words of conviction and faith away from us. We must continue their commitment today, not only in remembrance at their graves, but also as a faithful community of God. Let us remember those who rest in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the strong hemlocks, the tearful willows, the embracing vines, and the faithful words that they held to so dearly. On this Memorial Day weekend, let us remember those who have fallen asleep in the Lord and cherish the memories that they have left behind, both in our hearts and as "one nation under God and indivisible".

As we celebrate this Feast of All Saints which likewise coincides with Memorial Day weekend, let us also be cognizant of these words from scripture: "*Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for another*" (John 15:13).