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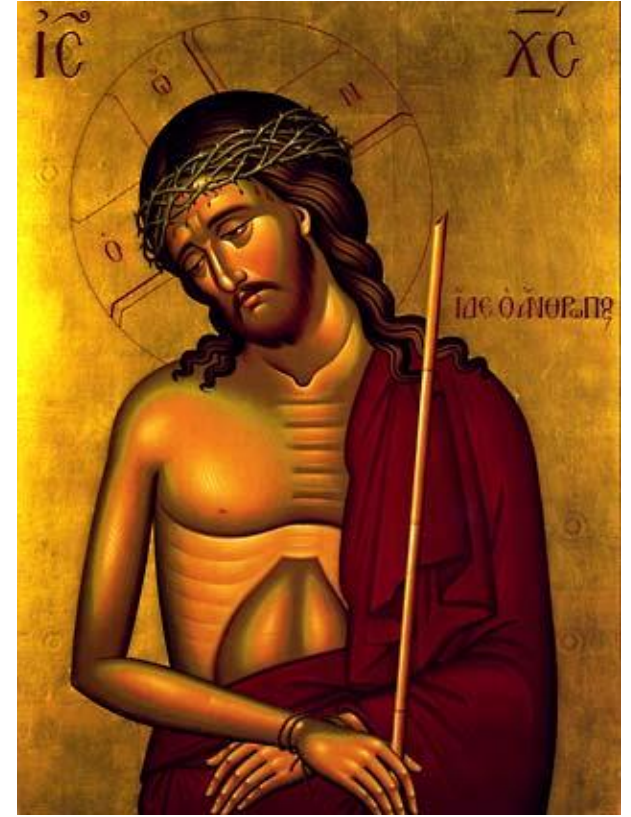


CHURCH BULLETIN
June 2 – 2013 – 2 Червня
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«Якби ти знала дар Божий і хто Той, що тобі каже: Дай Мені напитися, — ти попросила б у Нього, і Він дав би тобі води живої.»



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June 2 – 2013 – 2 Червня

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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)

Monday June 3 – Пон., 3 Червня

9:00 AM Funeral of +Ruth Kulyk
(Today would be 21 anniversary of the passing into Eternal Life of +Alex Kulyk and Ruth requested Liturgy for her husband.)

All priests from our Deanery will meet other priests at Soyuzivka for Clergy Days. Say a prayer for all of us, so that we may have a productive gathering and return safely. Thank You!

Священічі Дні на союзівці триватимуть до четверга. Просимо о молитви.

Friday June 7 – П'ятниця, 7 Червня

8:15 AM +Михайло Іваничко
(мама Уляна)

6:15 PM MOLEBEN - МОЛЕБЕНЬ

Saturday June 8 – Субота, 8 Червня

9:00 AM +Alex & Ruth Kulyk

4:30 PM For Parishioners-За Парохіян

June 9 3rd S. aft. Pent. – 3 Н. по З.С.Д.

12:00 PM +Michael & Olga Leschuk
(Marie Glenn & Nadia Boyle)

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Requ. By Dorothy & Anne Kordrupel

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+Михайла Іваничко (мама Уляна)



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ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

2 Червня Неділя Самарянки

10:00 р. +Ірена Войчак (Роман)

9 Червня Неділя Сліпородженого

10:00 р. +Неоніла Сайкевич
(Бофалівські Пластуни)

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. Hot-dogs 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!

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In Memoriam – Вічна Пам'ять!

Упокоїлася в Господі Св. Пам.

+Рута Кулик (був. Lohde)

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Зі святими упокой, Христе,
душу слугині Твоєї Руті!



+Ruth Kulyk (nee Lohde)

(July 30, 1930 - May 29, 2013)

Beloved wife of the late Alexander; devoted mother of Andrew and Taras (Annette) Kulyk; loving grandmother of Amanda (Todd) Jarczyk. Funeral services at the BUSZKA FUNERAL HOME, INC., 2005 Clinton St. (Corner S. Ogden) Monday at 8:15 AM and at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church at 9 AM. Mrs. Kulyk was a member of Buffalo-Dortmund Sister City Committee and was a former volunteer for Shea's Buffalo and Studio Arena Theatre. Memorials in Ruth's name may be made to Hospice Buffalo Inc. Visitation Saturday from 4-8 PM and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Panachyda services will be held Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 PM.

We extend our sympathy to the members of the Family and friends! May she rest in peace! Eternal Memory!

In Memoriam – Вічна Пам'ять!

Упокоїлася в Господі Св. Пам.

+Ірена Ходань

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Зі святими упокой, Христе,
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+Irene Chodan

(+February 23, 213 at age 93)

Formerly of West Seneca and Orchard Park, NY, beloved wife of the late Stanley Chodan; dear mother of Roman Chodan and the late Omelon Chodan; loving grandmother of Denise (Chodan) Deahl, Mark Chodan, Paula (Chodan) Inches, the late Todd Chodan, Doreen (Chodan) Puzon; great-grandmother of Alexander, Nicholas, Eric, Emily, Nicole, Nathan, Jessica, Austin; sister of the late Jane Osmak; also survived by nieces, Vera (Osmak) Tarapata, Dorothy (Osmak) Donovan, nephew, Nikolas Osmak and many other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Buffalo. Retired from M. Wile Company. Member of Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union of America (ACTWU). The family will be present for a Graveside Memorial on Monday, June 3 at 10 AM at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna (Ridge Road entrance) where prayers will be said followed by a Christian Burial, Rev. Ray Palko, presiding. Friends invited. Roman wishes to thank Hospice of Naples, Irene, Marie, Renalda and many other loving caregivers who helped provide wonderful care during the years of his mother's illness

We extend our sympathy to the members of the Family and friends! May she rest in peace! Eternal Memory!



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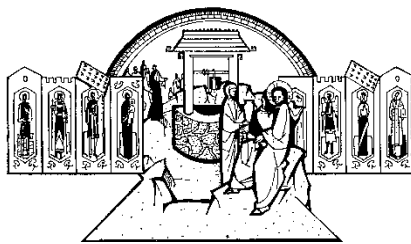
З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

У візантійській традиції жінку-самарянку називають Фотиною (тобто Світланю), – «осяяною світлом», бо її серце було твердим і наповнилося світлом Христа. Як Ісус викликав у неї спрагу світла? Діалог між Ісусом та жінкою-самарянкою багато що відкриває нам.

Ми знаємо, що іноді наше серце затверділо, і не тому, що воно страждає, а тому, що замикається в собі, сповнене розчарування, бунту, гіркоти чи зневіри. Насправді причиною цього є всього лише брак сопричастя, наше відокремлення від інших. Саме з таким смутком на серці жінка-самарянка зустрічає Ісуса.

Все починає змінюватися, коли Ісус просить у неї пити. Ісус першим шукає нас біля тієї криниці, де ми намагаємося втамувати свою спрагу. Він нахилиється до нас, Він спраглий нас. Ця мить дуже важлива. Не відвертаймо від Нього обличчя, слухаймо Його поклик, продовжуймо цю зустріч з Ним, адже в ній Бог іде до нас у своїй безмежній гуманності. Саме тоді, коли приймемо цей погляд Господа щирим серцем, нас почне наповнювати Його світло...

Спаситель знає усі таємниці наших сердець, усі наші добрі чи злі вчинки, шляхотні чи нечесні наміри, і хоче нам допомогти, щоб постійно робити перші а оминати останні. Чи ми готові прийняти Його допомогу. Чи разом з отою жінкою Самарянкою зможемо кожний і кожна від себе сказати: "Господи, знаю що Ти пророк", та



властиво ще краще: "Ісусе, вірю, що Ти Христос, Син Бога живого, що прийшов у світ, що б мене навчити, щоб мене піднести до гідності Божої дитини. Чи ми справді приймемо Христа і станемо Його апостолами через виконання своїх щоденних обов'язків, чи може скажемо йому: "Відійди від мене, бо в нинішньому світі Тебе зовсім не потрібно."

Жнива великі, каже нам Господь. Хто жне заплату прийме і збирає плід на життя вічне. Христос щедро розсипав добро, Він посіяв слово життя вічного, яке стократно зародило.

Ми є ті, що повинні зібрати цей плід, користати з нього і приготувати його до сівби, щоб інші також могли користати.

Скажимо і ми разом з Христом: "Моя пожива є творити волю Того, що Мене післав." Постараймося усі робити це, що Господеві подобається. Проповідувати Його цілим своїм єством. Стати для інших другим Христом. Прийти іншим на допомогу. Продовжувати Його святе діло. У нинішньому світі, коли не пригадується того, що нас відкупив, коли забувається про існування вищого над нами, потрібно когось, що може пригадати, що може показати, що може притягнути.

Самарянка пішла і привела людей, а вони самі побачили і увірували, читали ми у сьогоднішньому Євангелію. Приведемо і ми інших до Христа, покажемо їм вартість християнського життя, а вони самі вже рішать ся чи вибрати Господа. Таким способом ми сповнімо Христове бажання зробити учнями усі народи.

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

June 2, 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)

Hello, My Dear and Faithful Reader! Over these last 5 or 6 years, I've sat down in a lot of different places to write your letter. Usually, it's in front of "ol Mr. Mac," but often enough, I handwrite the letter before I type it for the electronic transmission. I remember writing to you several times from the passenger seat of the car as we zipped along "that ribbon of highway;" I've written to you from Wappingers Falls, overlooking the mighty Hudson River, and from Canandaigua, NY as I contemplated the beauty of the lake and the surrounding woods. Those times at Wappingers Falls and Canandaigua were during our clergy retreats, when I took time out to let you know I was especially remembering you in my prayers.

Several times I recall writing to you from somewhere on the grounds of Soyuzivka, as I gazed up at those incredibly beautiful Catskill Mountains. And then there were the times when I remembered you even when I was on vacation, when I wrote your letter from air and sea. There I was, some twenty-five or thirty thousand feet above the earth, with pen in hand. Now that was some real "zipping," as the airplane was bringing us home. And do you remember when I told you about the porpoises playing around our ship? That was part of a letter written to you as we cruised the Caribbean.

Yep, I have written from a few really neat places, but guess what. Today I'm writing to you from one of my very favorite places in all the world, during one of my very favorite times of the year. It's Thursday, May 30 (the real Memorial Day), and I'm sitting outside at the patio table on the driveway. Somebody once said, "It doesn't get any better than this!" And right now, that's pretty much how I am feeling. I am sure you too, have your very favorite place somewhere, and I'd be willing to bet it also, has something to do with

"Home Sweet Home."

It's been an absolutely gorgeous day today. The chill of last week has once again given way to more seasonable weather. Actually, we now are receiving some real summer weather with those two "yucky 'H' words": heat and humidity. However, neither the heat nor the humidity were oppressive in the least, and there was actually a pleasant breeze all day causing the wind chimes hanging in the tree to play almost continuous tunes. It has been a day of sunshine from morning till now...7:30pm. It has been a day of birds singing from morning till now. It has been a day of "little ones" playing in water, and watching bubbles fly into the air. It's been a day of water balloons, and yes, even a few skinned knees and tears. (One "Cars" and two "Princess" Band-aids and a kiss from Mommy took care of that!) It has been a day of eating red Popsicles and trying to catch those little rivers of the melting ice as they ran down the arms and even to the elbows of the children. Those children whom Jesus loves, and said we should all be like. "For such is the Kingdom of heaven."

Marv Levy, the former head coach of the Buffalo Bills football team, once asked his players before a big, important game, "Where would you rather be than right here, right now?" I can guess how they responded, but I know how I respond: "Right here! Right now!" So, yes, it has been a beautiful day and it still is. The tune of the birds has softened as they, and we, begin to respond to the "Svite Tychy" the "Quiet Light" of the coming evening as we all sing, "Thank You, O Lord, for all the blessings of this day!"

This week has gone by quickly, especially due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday. The coming week is also going to be one that will turn into Friday before we know it. The reason for that is because the priests of our Eparchy must attend our spring clergy days, again being held at Soyuzivka. We are scheduled to be there from Monday afternoon until Thursday afternoon. So the rectories of the Ukrainian Eparchy of New York and New England are going to be quiet this week. The rectories may be quiet, but I've heard tell that there are certain secretaries,

maintenance people and cooks who get a lot of work done during the time of clergy days and retreat over the course of the year. Naaah, it's not because Father is "out of their hair!" Or, just maybe.....Ya think?! ☺☺

The clergy days are a beneficial time for our on-going priestly formation, a job that never ends. This time the focus is going to be on "The Year of Faith" and the completed "Sobor," which was held in Stamford in April. According to the schedule we've received with our registration packet, Bishop Paul will present the outcome of that meeting in the form of the established resolutions, and Fr. Max Kobasuk, O.S.B.M will be the presenter of Pope Benedict's proclamation of the "Year of Faith." By the way, the "Year of Faith" began on October 11, 2012 and continues until November 24, 2013. The "Year of Faith" and the "Sobor" are calls to true renewal of our personal spirituality as well as renewal of the Faith of the Church. I'll definitely let you know what went on at our Clergy Days. It's not true at all that "what happens in Soyuzivka, stays in Soyuzivka." ☺ Actually, you are the reason we are going there; you are the reason we serve. We'll miss you while we are away.

On Monday, Memorial Day, I joined some of our parishioners at the cemetery to offer our traditional prayers for those who gave their lives in the service of our country, and for all our beloved departed. That is such a beautiful custom! I hope it continues to be an important part of our year.

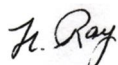
Writing last week about Memorial Day, I said it is the unofficial start of summer. This weekend (May 31 to June 2) our Western NY area will see the kick-off to that in the form of the Greek Festival, now in its 36th year. It is a successful and major fund-raiser for the church and has become a focus for the entire area. The question is often asked, "Are you going to the Greek Festival?" I am sure wherever you are, there are the same kinds of events happening or about to

happen. The weekends certainly begin to fill up this time of year, don't they?! Happy Summer!

I've written mainly about good things in this letter, but I know everything, everywhere "isn't all peaches and cream." Maybe you aren't "feeling so hot" yourself. People grieve, hurt and struggle for many reasons. People carry the burden of illness and the Cross of old age. Tornadoes have caused death and destruction. The members of our government go about openly "Bearing false witness," as they so clearly LIE about serious events in our once beautiful country. Our freedoms are threatened more and more each day. Our governor is still looking for a way to pass his dastardly phony "womens' rights" bill, which is merely another abortion bill. Speaking of that, the killing of the unborn continues in our country and throughout the land.

But there is hope and comfort. Thank God for our Faith which teaches us to continue our walk in "joyful hope for the coming of our Savior." No matter what is going on around us, we must always remember that God is with us and wants to bless us with His Divine Mercy. All we need to do is ask. When things are confusing or bleak or we become despondent it is because we think we can fix it, or we can bring about the solution. This journey of life is certainly a mystery in many ways, but one thing I know, and that is, Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." In Him, and only in Him, will we find that perfect place of the sun shining and the birds singing and the children playing. May He bless you with His everlasting Love and Divine Presence. May our holy Lady the Theotokos protect you, and those you love, beneath the omophor of her heavenly protection! God willing, and the creek don't rise, I'll write next week.

In His Love,



Fr. Ray

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Jesus, in entering this world, let go of equality with God the Father, and He became one of us. As a man, Jesus knew God completely and personally, and chose to live God's way. His relationship with other people was the living image of God's holiness, truth and love. In His very person was the power and presence of the kingdom of God. And what did Jesus do with that power? To fisherman and priests, tax collectors and Samaritans, children and women, lepers and adulterers, He gave. He gave His time, His touch, His love and most importantly, God's forgiveness. Jesus used His power to forgive the sinner, to make the sick well, the blind see, and the lame walk. He communicated with stories that people could relate to and understand, and Jesus gave away his knowledge of God. Though His giving would bring Him great suffering and even death, Jesus continued to use His power to give by pouring out His love for the world. And when He died on the cross, Jesus gave again and broke the power of sin and death. He used His power to die so that we would have the gift of Eternal life. Jesus used His power to give us life, so that we might become the children of God; that we would become filled with God's Holy Spirit, just like Jesus. He gave and trusted that no matter what seemed to happen, God would use the outcome for good. Jesus said: "Follow me and I will make you Fishers of Men." Jesus never promised that the journey would be easy, but He did promise a place in God's Kingdom for all those who believe and follow Him.

One day St. Francis was giving out money which he had collected for the poor. A wealthy man who had done some building work in a Church for St. Francis saw this and was envious. He went up to St. Francis asking for money on the basis that he had been underpaid for his work. St. Francis simply filled the builder's hands full to overflowing with coins and told him to come back if the money was insufficient. The builder left and did not return for some time. He had wanted this money more than anything; he had even planned on how he would use this money for his own benefit. But before the builder could spend a single coin, a tremendous feeling came over him, and he knew right away what he must do. When the builder returned to St. Francis, he had sold all he



owned, he gave the money to St. Francis to give away to those who were truly the poor, and then he joined the religious order. Sometimes giving can seem like giving in, like losing, even like madness, but only God can give us the wisdom and power for this sort of generosity. We will always be amazed by the wondrous things that can happen when we place our trust in the hands of the Lord. We all have those moments when we choose to 'let our conscience be our guide', and truthfully that Guide is the Holy Spirit - living in us and breathing Eternal life into the portions of our heart that need it the most.

Christ's power to give came from His intimacy with God and it is this same intimacy that we believers are offered through the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit dwelling inside of us, we can grow an inner knowledge that God's ways are not only right - but good. Then, knowing by experience the goodness of the Lord, we find we can agree with the will of God much more easily. We too can want to give, see the goodness and righteousness in giving, and be empowered through generosity, if we ask Jesus to transform our hearts and minds for the better. When Nelson Mandela was a political prisoner in South African jails for twenty some years, he discovered even there he had something he could give to others: dignity and respect. The privileges he fought hardest for were things which would give the prisoner's in general, some small amount of dignity and respect. And as a result he became their spokesman. And even when he was taunted, abused and beaten by his captors, he tried with all his might to treat even the abusers with dignity and respect, and encouraged others to do the same. This spirit gave both prisoners and guards hope, and significantly reduced the violence that occurred. It also marked Mandela as a man who could be respected and trusted, a man with whom the government could negotiate the handover of political power with safety. And what an incredible change it made for the people of South Africa.

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