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Jubilarians: Fr. Robert & Fr. Mykola among others



Cantors Program, spring sess., May 17-19, Stamford



After the Liturgy (Holy Trinity, Kerhonkson, NY)



Clergy from Buffalo Deanery at "Soyouzivka"



2013 Spring Clergy Days, Kerhonkson, NY

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UNDER THE
PROTECTION OF
MOTHER OF GOD



CHURCH BULLETIN

June 9 – 2013 – 9 Червня
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



Ascension of Christ - Вознесіння Г.Н.І.Х.
Євангеліє з Рабула, VI ст.
Rabbula Gospels, 586 AD
(Florence, Laurentian Library
Ms.Cod. Plut.I, 56, folio 14v)

"40 годин Христос був у гробі, як доказ, що він справді помер, 40 днів залешився на землі на доказ, що він живе новим життям. Якби Христос воскрес у самий день смерти, то дехто міг би мати сумнів, чи він справді був мертвим. Якби він відійшов на небо відразу після воскресіння, дехто міг би мати сумніви, чи він справді воскрес." (Св. Тома з Аквину)

40 днів по Воскресінні Христос, перед тим заки вознісся на небо до свого небесного батька, Він навчав своїх учнів, приготував їх, просвітлював їх. Помимо того ми бачимо, що учні не розуміють у чому полягає Христова місія тут між ними, і в чому лежить їхнє завдання. Вони питаються Господа, чи нарешті відбудуєш ізраїльське царство?

Очевидно - Христос володар, але не політичний. Він духовний провідник, ідучи за ним ми опануємо себе стаємо провідниками для тих які бажають побачити світло.

За 10 днів буде свято Зіслання Св. Духа. Коли Дух зійде на апостолів, вони уповні просвітляться і зрозуміють. Ми також під впливом Св. Духа розуміємо свої завдання. Бачимо світло і освітлюємо іншим дорогу.

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ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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)

Monday June 10 – Пон., 10 Червня

8:15 AM Health of Michelle Wik &
Michael Fago (Mary Ann DuBois)

Tuesday June 11 – Вів., 11 Червня

8:15 AM +Олена Войтович (+31.П.)
(Лідія Грецишин)

6:15 PM MOLEBEN - МОЛЕБЕНЬ

Wednesday June 12 – Сер., 12 Червня

8:15 AM +Марія і Филип Процик

Thursday June 13 – Чет., 13 Червня

8:15 AM see Julian

Friday June 14 – П'ятниця, 14 Червня

8:15 AM Health of Msgr. Leon Mosko

12:00 PM MOLEBEN - МОЛЕБЕНЬ

Saturday June 15 – Субота, 15 Червня

9:00 AM + Basil Volodymyr Onuferko

+Василь Володимир Онуферко

4:30 PM +Irene Kordrupel (Dorothy & Anne)

June 16 4th S. aft. Pent. – 4 Н. по З.С.Д.

12:00 PM +Jerry Szczublewski

(Maria Bodnar)

Eternal Light burns for +Irene
Requ. By Dorothy & Anne Kordrupel

Eternal Light honoring mother of God
burns for int. of Joseph Procyk
Requ. By: Mary Ann DuBois



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

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

9 Червня Неділя Сліпородженого

10:00 р. +Неоніля Сайкевич
(Боффалівські Пластуни)

13 Червня ВОЗНЕСІННЯ Г.Н.І.Х.

10:00 р. За Парохіян – For Parishioners

16 Червня Неділя Св. Отців

10:00 р. +Людвика і Степан Залеські
(М. Л. Стасюки)

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!

Св. Літургія на День Батька-16 Червня

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 до участі, як рівно ж допомогти.

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2013 Goal for St. Nicholas Parish –

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Sunday, June 9th, 2-5 PM
Have a safe outing!!!**

**A MEETING
for anyone
who is interested
in helping with the
Annual Parish Picnic
will be held on Monday
June 10, 2013
at 4:00 PM
in the church hall.
Your help will be
greatly appreciated.**

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LUC news:

**A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING
of the League of Ukrainian Catholics,
Niagara Frontier Council will be held
on Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:00 in
the Church hall. This meeting will
have an impact on the future of this
organization and therefore we ask
members if at all possible to be in
attendance at this meeting.**

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**A mailing meeting for the 75th
annual convention will take place on
Monday, June 24th at 7:00 in the
church hall. Your help would be
greatly appreciated.**

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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. Просимо не влаштовувати імпрез в той час.

2013 LUC dues are now payable. Please make checks (\$7.00) payable to League of Ukr. Catholics, Niagara Frontier Council. Dues can be sent to:
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If you need somebody to care for elderly or homebound please call Lyubov at: 1-716-603-9300

Страждають ті, хто не вміють любити. Ті, хто люблять, називають це терпінням.

Більше ти молишся, більше ти страждаєш. Власне, що ти не розумієш? Ти – вибраний.

Не рахуй часу витраченого на молитву.

Я згоджуюся, що мудрий президент, конструктивний парламент, працюючі люди – це, цілком можливо, достатньо для процвітання нації, але молитву за цей народ ціну на багато вище.

(Михайло Депутат «Погляд»)



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- 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!
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або приковані до ліжка!

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

(Жан Корбон, Це називається світанком)

Вознесення Ісуса – це образ: наш Бог є вгорі не більше, ніж внизу. Він є. Це ми внизу, і Бог знає наскільки – лежимо, розпростерті, придушені. Його вознесення, той рух догори, відкриває нам ту енергію, ту могутність Його любови, з якою Ісус кожної миті притягує нас, притягує до Отця, до нашої справжньої «землі», хоча ногами ми ще ходимо по своїй землі. Наша істота, наше серце не загублені, навіть, якщо вони зараз занурені в смуток; наша глибинна істота перебуває зовсім близько біля Отця. Разом з Ісусом у Його людській природі ми тепер в Отцеві, а Отець – у нас.

Але якщо ми такі повільні у вірі, такі тверді, що не відчуваємо доторку Отцевої ніжності, то це лише тому, що нам потрібен дар Святого Духа. І тому впродовж тих наступних десяти днів нам потрібно зосередитися в серці і просити Отця разом з Ісусом, щоб Він дав нам те, що так бажає дати. Але якщо ми не проситимемо, то не зможемо прийняти тієї обітничі життя, тієї присутності, що все перемінює, – Святого Духа

Після Воскресіння Господь наш Ісус Христос ще сорок днів перебував на землі. Він мав зійти на небеса відразу, але залишився, щоб переконати всіх в істинності Свого Воскресіння.

Святим апостолам Він «...являв Себе живим із багатьма вірними доказами, впродовж сорока днів являючись їм і говорячи про Царство Боже» (Діян. 1, 3).

Христос возноситься на небо з гори Єлеонської, де так часто проводив ночі в

молитві, де зрадив Його Іуда, звідки починався Його голгофський шлях. Христос возноситься на небо, де належить Йому бути, і де Він приготує місце для нас: «...Я йду приготувати місце вам» (Йо. 14, 2).

Як у Старому Завіті первосвященик входив у святая святих, щоб просити за людей перед Богом, так і Христос возноситься на небо, «...щоб заступатися за них» (Євр. 7, 25). Уже самої Його присутності на небі достатньо для нас, тому що Той, Хто освятив і підніс у Його Особі людську природу, покриє милістю і тих, заради кого Христос прийняв людське єство. Отже, «Хто зійшов, Той же і піднявся вище всіх небес, щоб наповнити все» (Єф. 4, 10).

Христос був піднесений на небо Своєю божественною силою. Хмара, що приховала Його від очей апостольських, була не засобом перенесення, а почесною Божества, як і слава Бога Ізраїлева у вигляді хмари наповняла скинію. «І покрила хмара скинію зібрання, і слава Господня наповнила скинію» (Вих. 40, 34). Місце Його після Вознесення - місце «вище за всі небеса». Чому ж апостоли після Вознесення, розлучившись із Христом, повертаються до Єрусалима без смутку, з радістю? Вони запам'ятали насамперед Христову обіцянку: «Я з вами по всі дні до кінця віку. Амінь» (Мт. 28, 20). Він, Всюдисущий і Всенаповнюючий, завжди з нами Своїм Божественним і людським єством: у світі, в Церкві, в Євхаристії, у житті, в душі.

Вознесення Христове зміцнює нашу віру, яка й полягає в тому, щоб вірити в невидиме. Великою заслугою апостолів було те, що вони через видиме людство Ісуса Христа увірували в Його Божество...

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

June 9, 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)

It is Thursday afternoon, June 6, as I write to you, and we're back from our trip to "Clergy Days." Yep, they sprung us on Wednesday evening after dinner, which allowed us to be on the road about 7:30pm, and to arrive home about 2am. It was great to get home, however there wasn't a whole lot of time left for sleeping last night. The weather today isn't helping very much either, as it is a very cool 58 degrees with a steady, cold "October" rain. You know the kind of day I'm talking about....a day when your body tells you to have a bowl of chicken soup and a nap on the couch!

We arrived at *Soyuzivka* last Monday evening just in time for the opening talk at 7pm. Because that session was led by Bishop Paul, who spoke to us about the *Sobor* we had attended in April of this year, I was glad we made it on time. "Buffalo" is well-known for blowing in at the last minute. Everyone was extremely pleased with the outcome of those special, historic days in Stamford, but as the Bishop said, "Now is the time to put all those good intentions and ideas into practice in order to continue the renewal of our Church." The aim of those scheduled sessions at our clergy days was exactly that, to study and to discuss the continuing development of a "Vibrant Parish." We came home with much information in our brains, as well as a number of packets, forms, fliers, etc. Some we, as priests, will deal with; some we will be sharing with everyone. The *Sobor* is definitely a continuing story!

After the Bishop's talk we gathered for "fraternity," a social time, sometimes called by that other name, "pizza and beer." It is the first opportunity of the session to greet old friends, as well as to meet some new people, who might be there. Since it was a long day, and nobody has ever called me "a party animal,"

I was ready for the crib and didn't stay there very long.

The rest of Tuesday and Wednesday were filled with meetings, prayer, meals and yes, even some well anticipated free time to wander about the paths and roadways around the facility. It was a very busy time and I think, a very constructive time, when we were given a lot of material to discuss, digest and bring home to use and implement in our personal pastoral and spiritual lives, as well as to bring to you. Get ready because it is going to be a busy summer and fall in the Greek-Catholic Church. There will be programs, pilgrimages, festivals and meetings all requiring some of our time, talent and treasure.

I know I've written several times regarding the incredible beauty of that mountainous area of New York State, and this time was no different. I could very easily live in a place like that! As we turned from the highway to "the country road," which leads up the mountain, a nervous coyote caught our attention as he tried to decide what he should do about the car that suddenly invaded his quiet space. He quickly disappeared into a hedgerow. Those hills are abundant with wildlife and we usually see some kind of a creature creeping or crawling or running in the woods and fields as we make our way up the mountain. We also remarked about the welcoming corn fields on both sides of us as they have been for several spring times now. I am happy to report the corn has been planted, is growing lush and green right now, and if all goes well, will indeed "be knee high by the Fourth of July."

Those cornfields are significant because they, like the rest of the growing things there, immediately cause me to think about the "Circle of Life." When we have our spring meeting, the corn has been recently planted, and everything is new, growing, and coming back to life. God willing, if we go again in the fall, that picture will have turned to one of harvest and getting ready for the sleep and death of winter. Life. Death. "The Circle of Life."

For now we won't think about the fall time. As Christians we can't, don't and won't accept the

finality of death. We simply, and very much, rejoiced in the glory of the new life before our eyes, especially aided by the fact that our local parish of *The Holy Trinity* is on the old calendar, and the proclamation and glorious song "Christ is Risen" could be heard echoing throughout the mountains, fields and in our hearts from that church. Definitely, it was a celebration of all that is new-the life of our souls, as well as the new life of the mountains in His holy and radiant Resurrection

I was able to walk twice a day, once in the morning before our communal prayers, and then again in the evening. How glorious is this world of "The Divine Artist!" As I walked I could hear HIS voice coming from the whispering pines, the trembling poplars and the glorious, strong oaks, lindens and other ancient trees of those hills. The brilliant sun, clear skies, refreshing air were beautifully decorated by the many and multi-colored butterflies, birds and other living things of the forest, in which I could clearly see the hand of our loving Creator and God. Indeed a foretaste of the Kingdom, right there before our eyes!

Recall the part of the prayer of our "Panachyda" (short service for the reposed) when the priest prays: "...Now, O Lord, grant rest to the soul of your servant in a place of light, a place of green grass, a place of tranquility..." In these lines we find a limited, earthly description of heavenly delight, of which I certainly believe we often are allowed to get a glimpse, even while still here on this earth. Those heavenly spots of our life, can be the mountains of NY, the volcanoes of Hawaii, or simply our very own backyard and homes, wherever we are living and working out our salvation. God is with us!

In addition to the pastoral planning, "chancery matters," distribution of forms and other necessary items for the proper spiritual and material functioning of the Eparchy, one of the

highlights of "Spring Clergy Days" is the celebration of significant priestly anniversaries. This year there were quite a few of the Fathers celebrating from 50 years priest down to 5. (Bishop Paul is 25 years priest this year.) For all the rest you can see the Sower or go to the eparchy web-site where all the names will be listed.

On Wednesday morning the Jubilarians celebrated the Divine Liturgy with Bishop Paul and then later at dinner, were honored at a special meal when we all celebrate the gift of our priesthood. Since it is such a special event. That is why we had to wait till after dinner last night and get that late start. It was a very nice celebration and "good for us to be there." BTW, food at "Soyuzivka" is outstanding! They told us the chef was a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA), and it really showed in the quality, taste and presentation of the meals. As they say, "not too shabby."

It's almost time for me to say "So long," for this week, but before I close, I need to call to mind the young boys who became the heroes and saviors of our freedom. I write today, June 6, and remember D-Day, that other June 6 of 1944, sixty-nine years ago, when so many thousands of human beings died on the beaches of Normandy and the surrounding towns and villages. Glory to God for this triumph over the evil that was in the world in those dark days. Thank God for the valor, belief in Good, the love and courage of our military. We pray, we pray, may they not have perished in vain!!! We have been free these years largely because of what happened on that day. Thank you, Soldiers! Thank you, Greatest Generation! May those who perished "Rest in Peace." Those who are still with us, we say, "Thank you!"

God willing, and the creek don't rise, I'll write next week. May the Lord bless you, keep you and grant you His Peace! Our holy Lady protect you!

In His Love,

Fr. Ray

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

"Seek first, His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33). Faith in Christ is the very foundation of our Christian life! It is when we lose faith and continue to worry over our wants and situations, that we lose sight of God. Worry immobilizes us. It renders us helpless and ineffective. We are drawn in different directions, and cannot decide which way to go. All too often we are consumed by worry, because we take our eyes away from the Lord. Christ reminds us that the things of this world, our concerns for what we want most in life, should not capture our hearts or afflict our senses with anything other than our desire for God. The Lord is the answer to all our needs, the peace that reconciles all worry. And what should satisfy our hearts and serve as the focus of our prayers: "Every good and perfect gift coming down to us from the Father of Lights". There is no need to place our worries on material wealth, when our highest desire, the most glorious possession any human heart can hope to attain – is knowing Christ intimately and having a place in the Kingdom of God. Our worries and possessions are merely consequential things, when we are willing to desire and accept - that our Lord is the God of all our needs – and that we are made in His image and therefore loved and cared for by God the Almighty.

The Lord works in mysterious ways to provide for our needs, we hear about it every day on the local news or read about it in the newspapers – people living in difficult times who are helped by others at just the right moment. It reminded me of a story I had heard some time ago, about our former mayor, Jimmy Griffin, who was laid to rest this past Thursday near our Basilica in Lackawanna. There are many stories to be told about a man who was Buffalo's longest and perhaps most memorable mayor, but one story in particular pops to mind. I believe it was back in the 1990's when our illustrious mayor was considering running for a higher political office. He was the traditional Irishman, a man who went throughout the city and knew his people well, and was good to his word. One particular day, he was apparently out with members of the police department when they received word that a Buffalo man was holding his three children hostage at gunpoint. Times

were hard throughout the city, several companies had pulled out of the area, and people faced some serious hardships. Well, our former mayor went to the scene of the hostage situation and was able to strike up a conversation with the man who was holding his children hostage. He found out that this man was out of a job and desperate for work. He needed to feed his children and support his family. Mayor Griffin managed to earn the man's trust and entered the facility where he was holding his children hostage. As soon as Jimmy Griffin saw the man changing his youngest child's diaper, he knew this man never intended to harm his children or anyone else, so he struck up a deal with him. He told the man that if he ended this now, he would personally see to it that he was not arrested and he would even help this man find a job. And as good as his word, the mayor loaded up the man and his family in his car, drove them home, and found that man a job. Jimmy Griffin was not always conventional, and like anyone, he had his share of adversaries, but he was a man of his word and he helped people in need. So the next time you wonder how you will overcome a difficult situation, remember that the Lord works through people every day, and you never know who He will send to your door to help you find just what you need.

Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky said, "In the Church where the faithful venerate Christ and place their faith and trust in Him, the whole spiritual life begins to flourish. People flock to the Church, the numbers of those who receive Holy Eucharist increases, vices begin to slowly disappear from among the people, concord and love reign as parents come to learn what a treasure their children are to them, and children learn to love and respect their parents. With Jesus, among the faithful, all things begin to change within the Church, just as when spring arrives and all nature awakens to new life. And the Savior is able to see the fire of love which His heart burns, being born and growing among the souls of the faithful in His Church." When arks are built, lives are saved. When staffs are raised, seas will open. When a lunch is shared, thousands are fed. And when a garment is touched, whether by the hand of an anemic woman in Galilee, or by the prayers of a beggar in Bangladesh - Jesus stops. He stops and responds to all those who believe. So brethren, be great believers and trust in God - little faith will bring our souls to Heaven, but great faith will bring Heaven to our souls.

Letter from Bishop Richard Malone

June 8-9, 2013

My dear diocesan family,

In New York State, where one in every three pregnancies ends in abortion, it's clear that we, as a state, have lost sight of these most vulnerable babies.

Governor Andrew Cuomo has introduced a Women's Rights Bill. The Catholic Church supports nine out of ten points in this bill. However, one of the points contains language that would ease restrictions in state law on late-term abortion and runs the risk of broadly expanding abortion access at all stages of pregnancy, including any child who is not viable as viability is defined by the abortionist. It also allows the State Health Department to decide who may perform abortions, which does not limit it to health care professionals.

This legislation would add a broad and undefined "health" exception for late-term abortion. It would repeal the portion of the penal law that governs abortion policy such as the criminal prosecution of a person who tries to directly cause the death of an unborn child, as found in cases of domestic violence against pregnant women. This lack of clarity also means that medical and non-medical institutions, such as Catholic Schools and charities, could be compelled by state regulators to counsel or refer people for abortion, or risk losing state contracts and licenses that

are necessary for them to continue to operate.

The position of the Catholic Church through every age is clear: Life is sacred. Our focus is to enhance and promote the life and dignity of all human beings from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

Please join me and all the bishops of New York in fully opposing this radical measure. Let's stand together with the leaders in Albany who share our conviction that we have no need for such a bill to become law. We must defeat this serious attempt to expand abortion. We need to respect women and protect the child in the womb.

New Yorkers need to stand together with the leadership in Albany who share our conviction. We cannot stand idle. We must protect our children. We must act now!

Please contact the Governor and your state legislators today, and tell them not to expand abortion in New York. You can send your message through the Catholic Action Network website:

<http://www.nyscatholic.org>

Thank you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

«Люди втомилися від розколів і поділів. Подекуди вони є більше сміливими і відкритими, ніж ієрархи», -
(Блаженніший Святослав)



Глава і Отець Української Греко-Католицької Церкви закликає українських християн наслідувати порозуміння в «глобальному православно-католицькому діалозі». «Ми мусимо перестати тішитися тільки собою, власними інтелектуальними подіями, акціями, ми повинні навчитися тішитися присутністю ближнього», - сказав Предстоятель УГКЦ Блаженніший Святослав 7 червня на круглому столі «Україна в православно-католицькому діалозі» за участю кардинала Курта Коха, президента Папської ради сприяння єдності християн та співголови змішаної Міжнародної комісії з богословського діалогу між Католицькою і Православною Церквами, який зараз перебуває з візитом в Україні.

Блаженніший Святослав переконаний, що «той, хто вважає себе віруючим християнином, не має права не пам'ятати заповіді Христа, яку Він дав своїм учням на Тайній вечері, кажучи: Отче, щоб усі були одно, як Ти в Мені, а Я в Тобі, щоб вони в Нас були об'єднані, аби світ увірував, що Ти Мене послав».

Глава Церкви вважає, що євангелізація може бути успішною тільки тоді, коли між християнами буде «глибока єдність».

«Цього року ми разом із православними братами відзначатимемо 1025-річчя Хрещення України-Русі. Якщо заглянемо в духовну

містичну пам'ять Київської Церкви, то знайдемо пам'ять про неподілене християнство першого тисячоліття. Тому щоразу, коли говоримо про необхідність єдиної помісної Церкви в Україні, пошуку єдності між нами, Дух Святий промовляє в наших серцях та пригадує і цю заповідь Христа, і цей досвід, який мала Київська Церква. Можливо, інші Церкви, дочірні Церкви київського християнства, які постали вже після великого розколу, не мають цієї церковної пам'яті, що її мають спадкоємці київського християнства... І ми сьогодні повинні подякувати Духові Святому, що Він нам пригадує про той наш спільний глибокий спадок», - сказав Глава УГКЦ.

За словами Блаженнішого, коли він з владиками відвідував Блаженнішого Володимира, Митрополита УПЦ, той сказав, що «простим людям сьогодні важко говорити про єкуменізм». «Гадаю, важко саме через те, що єдність як вартість у сучасному постмодерному світі більше не існує. Сьогодні вартістю є толерантність множинності. Часом заперечується навіть сам факт потреби пошуку єдності», - зазначає Предстоятель.

Він вважає, що християни України і загалом Східної Європи останні 20 років «чинили гріх проти єкуменізму, тому що передали вивчення цього питання дипломатам і політикам». «Це певною мірою дискредитувало цю ідею в очах простих вірних. Тому, на мою думку, сьогодні потрібно говорити про єкуменізм, як пошук єдності між християнами в Україні. Тема єдності має стати темою, про яку говорять духовні отці зі своїми духовними дітьми, проповідники, parroхи до своїх вірних», - переконує Глава і Отець греко-католиків.

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Pope Francis met Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople at the Vatican on Wednesday, March 20. Pope Francis has promised to continue the Catholic Church's "fraternal" dialogue with Jews and work with Muslims for the common good. (L'Osservatore Romano via Associated Press) Pope reached out to those who don't belong "to any religious tradition" but feel the "need to search for the truth, the goodness and the beauty of God." He said that attempt to eliminate God and the divine from the horizon of humanity has often led to catastrophic violence but he added that atheists and believers can be "precious allies" in

their efforts "to defend the dignity of man, in the building of a peaceful coexistence between peoples and in the careful protection of creation."

In a passage inspired by the Gospel of Mark, Pope Francis recently said (on May 22): "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! 'Father, the atheists?' Even the atheists. Everyone! And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class. We are created children in the likeness of God and the Blood of Christ has redeemed us all. And we all have a duty to do good. And this

commandment for everyone to do good, I think, is a beautiful path towards peace. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others, if we meet there, doing good, and we go slowly, gently, little by little, we will make that culture of encounter: We need that so much. We must meet one another doing good. 'But I don't believe, Father, I am an atheist!' But do good: We will meet one another there."

Some thoughts of Pope Francis:

Have you thought about God's patience? The patience he has with each of us? That is His Mercy. (March 17, 2013)

Let us never forget that authentic power is service. (March 19, 2013)
Only those who serve with love are able to protect. (March 19, 2013)

Let us not forget that hatred, envy and pride defile our lives. (March 19, 2013)
And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. (April 1, 2013)

Jesus has this message for us: MERCY. (March 20, 2013)

Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking forgiveness, because he never tires of forgiving. (March 20, 2013)

Amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others. (March 20, 2013)

В часі Зелених Свят молимося за спокій душ наших воїнів-Дивізійників, воїнів У.П.А, воїнів О.У.Н., та всіх тих, що віддали своє життя за кращу долю наших Батьківщин:

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