



Visiting Poland



LUC Convention mailing



Maria's last day of school



After the Liturgy of +Michael Reinard



From the Tryzna of +Michael Balyszak



Girlfriends from St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. School checking out a new restaurant

Ranger Randy, from Adirondack Museum, served 9 months in Ukraine. Just got back a few weeks ago, because he sustained injury to his back. Thank you, Randy! →



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25 UNDER THE PROTECTION OF MOTHER OF GOD



CHURCH BULLETIN

June 18 – 2023 – 18 червня

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

✠ № 25 ✠ JUNE 18 ✠ 2023 ✠

Today, we honor all Fathers and the unconditional and sacrificial love they have shown their children throughout their years. Whenever I look at my own father and the huge role he plays in my life, I am reminded of the words of St. Paul, "And the greatest of these is love". Today, as we honor and pray for our fathers, let us remember all of the love they have shown us; the lessons in life which they have taught us by their own example. I once came across a beautiful passage about a father, which reads as follows: "I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the bottoms of his feet, a man who was uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example." As we remember our fathers and godfathers, our grandfathers and even possibly our great grandfathers, let us consider their shining examples of love. The lessons they have revealed to us in life, those that we have grown from and those which we continue to live by. May the love of our Heavenly Father and the protection of the Blessed Mother be with them always!

Happy Father's Day, Dads, and May God bless you all - Mnohaya Lita!

Сьогодні з нагоди Дня Батька подумаймо про ту дорогу особу, якій ми завдячуємо своє життя, про свого власного батька.

Якщо ми ще підостаємо, ходимо до школи, то пам'ятаймо, що наш батько бажає нам тільки добра, що старається, очевидно разом з нашою мамою, виховувати нас відповідно. Що вони обидвоє нас люблять, і все віддали б щоб нам добре було, щоб нам нічого не бракувало, щоб нам нічого не пошкодило, щоб ми не захворіли, щоб ми не підпали під ворожий вплив.

Коли наш батько ще між живими, а ми вже дорослі, маємо свої родини і свої клопоти, труднощі і здається не маємо часу, все ж таки постараймося зробити щось доброго для нього, відвідати його, головно коли він вже у старшому віці і хворий. Потішити його, коли це потрібно, поговорити з ним, шукати поради...

Оскільки наш батько вже упокоївся, згадаймо його сьогодні незлим тихим словом, пригадаймо його теплі, корисні слова поради у потребах, і розради у смутках, і вияснить у сумнівах. Згадаймо його часто у своїх щоденних молитвах, знаючи, що він постійно згадує нас перед лицем Всевишнього.

Бажаємо Вам усім, Дорогі Батьки, Щасливого Дня Батька. На Многая і Благая Літа!

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June 18 – 2023 – 18 червня

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. Church

Церква Святого Миколая
(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)

ПОРЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

9:00 AM +Marilyn E. Glascott - 40 days (LUC)

4:30 PM +Stefan, Betty, Petro, Roman Wujcik
(Irene Wujcik Murray & Brigitte Wujcik
Simmons) **STREAMING**

June 18: 3 S. aft. Petecost – 3 Н. по 3. Св. Д.

No noon Liturgy

Monday, June 19 червня, понеділок

8:00 AM В наміренні Соломії Ємчук і
Надії Процик – Многая Літа!

Tuesday, June 20 червня, вівторок

11:15 AM ++ Dec. Members of Stasiuk Family:
Rev. Andrij & Emilia, Jaroslaw, Lubomyr,
Mako & Markian (Др. Христина Стасюк
Фаріон і Роксоляна Стасюк Меціяк)

12:00 PM Moleben to Christ the Lover of Mankind
Молебень до Христа Чоловіколюбця

Wednesday, June 21 червня, середа

10:00 AM For blessing of Luke

Thursday, June 22 червня, четвер

8:00 AM За Боже Благословення для Ігора Гусака

Friday, June 23 червня, п'ятниця

11:00 AM Special Intention of Stu & Paula Sue

12:00 PM Moleben to Christ the Lover of Mankind
Молебень до Христа Чоловіколюбця

Birth of St. John the Baptist – Св. Іван Хрест.

Saturday, June 24 червня, субота

9:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

4:30 PM +Michael Deneka **STREAMING**
(Wife, children, grandchildren)

All Saints of Ukraine – За всіх святих України

June 25: 4 S. aft. Petecost – 4 Н. по 3. Св. Д.

No noon Liturgy

Eternal Light burns For our Fathers.
Happy Many Years to all Fathers!
Eternal Memory to our deceased Fathers!



Вічне світло в честь Пречистої Діви Марії
горить за скору перемогу України.
Пречиста, покрий нас своїм Покровом!

18 червня: 2 Н. По 3. Св. Духа **STREAMING**

10:00 AM День Батька – Father's Day



На знімці: Мої батьки Марія і Филип і сестра з братом
Photo: My parents Marija & Filip, and my sister & brother

Сьогодні День Батька. Згадаймо свого батька, так
як місяць тому згадували свою маму. Вони дали
нам життя, вони дали нам приклад як жити. Ста-
раймося наслідувати їх в усьому доброму. Якщо
наші батьки між нами, допомагаймо їх. Якщо вони
відійшли від нас на Суд Божий, молімся за них.

Today is Father's Day. We remember our Father, in
the same way as we remembered our Mother a month
ago. They gave us life. They gave us the way to live.
Let us imitate them in everything good. Let us help
them if they are still with us, and let us pray for them
if they went to the Lord for their eternal reward.

25 червня: 3 Н. По 3. Св. Духа **STREAMING**

10:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

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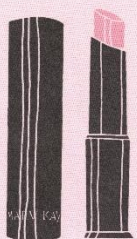
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Total collected
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2023 Goal
for St. Nicholas Parish - \$7,500.00

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September 22-24, 2023



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It is our sincerest honor and privilege to invite you to our 90th Annual Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics to be held September 22-24, 2023 in Buffalo, NY. We are certainly excited at the opportunity to bring you, our dear members, together for an uplifting, enriching weekend.

It is truly amazing, that here we are, in the Year of Our Lord 2023, ninety years since our founders saw the need for gathering together like-minded Ukrainian Catholics. They knew very well there is strength in unity and strength through faith. 1933 were difficult times for Ukrainians and there have been difficult times since. Through the grace of God, our organization continues not only to survive, but thrive and remain relevant in today's world. Save the date and join us this year. It's time to reconnect and celebrate this significant anniversary, the founding of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League, now the League of Ukrainian Catholics. Let's take the example our wise founders set for us; let's stay together, pray together, play together, because together we are stronger.

<https://leagueofukrainiancatholics.org>

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We have old chairs and old tables. If you can use them and you need one or more call me.

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+Michael Balyszak (June 3, 1964 – June 1, 2023)

(Prepared by family)

Michael was the oldest of Mary Bodnar's three children. He received his first Holy Communion and was an altar boy at this church and completed 8th grade at the Ukrainian Catholic School. He then graduated from Iroquois High School.

After some time at Erie Community College, Michael's adventurous spirit had him taking off for Florida with friends where he found work as a car mechanic. Michael was extremely smart and had a knack for understanding the inner workings of things and fixing them with his own hands. During those years, Michael took great pride in working various jobs and diligently earning his livelihood and providing for himself.

Though Michael had a loving family, he found comfort in his own company. He valued his independence and embraced the freedom to live life on his own terms. Yet, deep down, he carried the love and memories of his family within his heart.

In his own unique way, Michael found a sense of belonging within the embrace of nature, he enjoyed time hunting and fishing. As he got older, Michael found comfort in daily walks at area parks and woodlands. He loved animals and enjoyed the love and companionship of a few dogs throughout the years.

Michael was known for his unwavering honesty and integrity. Although Michael's life was touched by hardship, he persevered with resilience and found solace in the wonders that surrounded him.

As we remember Michael, let us honor his memory by emulating his honesty, intelligence, strength, determination, and self-reliance that were evident in everything he did. Let us remember Michael for his commitment to his own path, his unwavering sense of self, and his unwavering love for the solitude he embraced. May we honor his memory by cherishing our own unique journeys, finding comfort in the beauty of nature that God gave us, and embracing the wonders of the world, just as he did.

Rest in peace, dear Michael, as you find eternal peace beneath the starry skies you admired so deeply.



The View From Up Here (June 18, 2023 A.D.)

"Our Father-Abba-Tato-Daddy"

My Dear Companion on the Great Climb,

The title for this week's letter actually comes from one of the shortest epistle readings we hear read during the course of the entire year. The reading from Galatians 4:4-7 is taken at the Christmas Liturgy and Paul, full of excitement and enthusiasm, is rejoicing and telling us we, too, should be the same! Why? Because we, with the birth of Jesus, have become children of God! The Spirit of God is in our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father." (Abba translates as extreme closeness of the child to the Father! Tato, Daddy, yes that close! "God has sent out the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father." So on this particular Sunday, let all of us go, filled with that excitement and enthusiasm, to "Our Father", our Abba, our Tato, our Daddy"!!! To all our living Dads we say, "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!" Celebrate the day and receive the abundance of love coming your way! God bless you! Thank you for choosing Life! It takes a Man to be a Father!

This is, of course, a civil "Hallmark" holiday, but it is such a beautiful, meaningful and spiritual day, that we have taken it into the Church and 'baptized' it. Everything a good Father is, and must be, is always a reflection of our Heavenly Father! Every shortcoming of the earthly Father is a missing of the mark in the quest to fulfill the command: *"Be ye therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect."* (Mt. 5:48) So on this day while we celebrate and remember our Dads, we also are really remembering our good and loving God, our heavenly Father. In these United States we have indeed 'baptized' the third Sunday of June each year and made it something most special and holy. Our God gives us life, nourishment, protection and love! Our earthly Father reflects that awesome and infinite Father in heaven. How incredible, and what a responsibility to be a Father!!!!

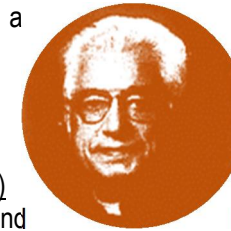
If our Dad has already gone from this world, we will remember him, celebrate his life and thank God for him, and our life through him. No doubt the memories of our youth will flood our minds and hearts as we recall the days with him. The happy days of holding Daddy's strong

hand, and the things we did, and the adventures we had, will come flooding back to us. Maybe in our joy and love and reminiscing it will be hard not to shed that tear of remembrance. And that will be ok. As we each remember our Dad, we also remember "Our Father-Abba-Tato-Daddy, Who is in heaven". The God of all and Creator of heaven and earth has taken us to Himself and allows us to call Him, our Father! We send up thanks and praise on this special day for having given us our earthly fathers, His very reflection.

Having remembered our earthly fathers, both living and reposed, we can't have Father's Day without remembering all those other men we call fathers, our priests, again both living and reposed. Please say a prayer for your Priest-Father today, and remember all



those other priest-fathers who were, or are in your life, and those who have gone to their eternal reward. I have been blessed to have had several amazing "Fathers", the good priests who have been on the Holy Mountain with me and have helped on the climb towards the summit. Thank God for them all! On this



Father's Day I will remember them, and especially Father Bohdan Smyk and Father Basil Stebelsky, both of Blessed Memory. These two priest-fathers were the first

two I ever came to know. Father Smyk had recently come to America and to our parish, and it was he from whom I received my First Holy Communion. He left our parish shortly after, but I never forgot him. (I met him years later after Presbyteria and I were married and had children in Utica, NY, where he was the long-

time pastor. I was Deacon then and had the JOY of celebrating the Liturgy with him! Father Smyk! I pray also today for Father Basil Stebelsky, the pastor who came to Middleport, PA immediately following Father Smyk. He was there many years and actually was pastor still when I went off to Saint Basil's to start my studies for the priesthood. These two men were very good priests and very good Fathers to many people of several churches. Happy Father's Day to one more special one in our lives, who also has been a terrific Father to many, our Father Marijan! Thank You, Father for all you do for us, your children! (Also double greetings today for we also must say, "Happy Birthday! Mnohaja Lita! We're glad you were

born!) To all our Priest-Fathers, as we pray in the Holy Liturgy, "May the Lord God remember your priesthood in His Kingdom!"

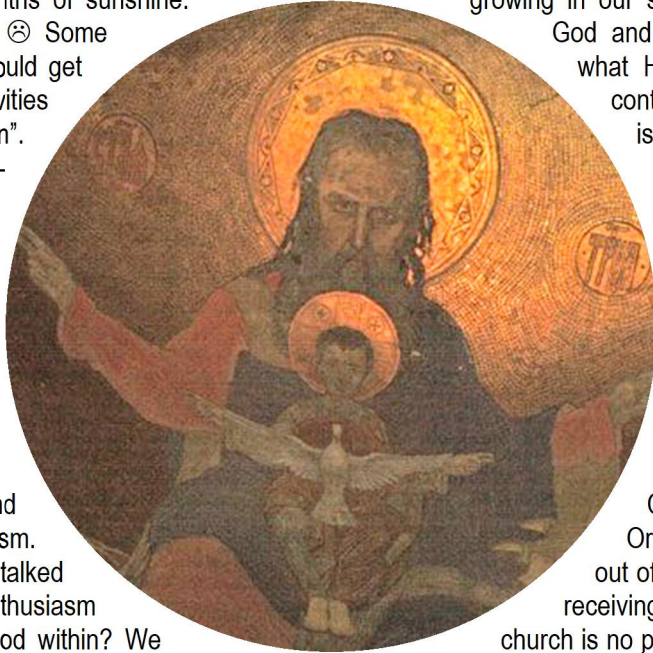
Father's Day is usually the time we "Kiss Summer Hello" as they say on the radio. This coming Wednesday is the first day of summer and we hope everyone can have a blessed few months of sunshine.

Remember winter?!!! ☹ ☹ Some days I didn't think we would get here! Summertime activities are often called "recreation".

In other words, RE-CREATION! We have to be sure to make the most of our days, and we must do exactly that: RE-CREATE. As we climb the mountain we constantly must find those moments to re-create ourselves and be filled with new life and energy, and enthusiasm.

Remember last week we talked about the meaning of enthusiasm as "En-Theos", or the God within? We continue on enthusiastically, living with our Heavenly Father, and being filled with His Divine Life!

As we remember this is a time of recreation and renewing of body and spirit, we all have to do that. It's time to drop back and punt, and indeed allow ourselves to be made new. All of us must be part of our RE-CREATION. It isn't only for young people, or people with families. And neither is recreation all about playing. It's for all of us! Can there be any worse thing than those people who quit living before they die? Ol' Yogi Berra of baseball fame said it best, "It ain't over, till it's over!" Neither is it necessary to go great distances or on expensive trips to find this joy and renewal. Head out to the patio some summer morning perhaps with that first cup of coffee in your hand and just sit there, check out the neighborhood world and give thanks to Almighty God, our Father. Be RE-Created! Maybe say a prayer for those who can't or won't see the beauty and gift of these special and beautiful days of our lives.



In taking advantage of good weather in summer, many hit the road to hither and yon. As happens every year, we have to remind ourselves of that great building block of our spirituality which says, "We do not take leave of our God." This is for every day, of course, but in summer there seems to be more excuses. So we continue growing in our spirituality and "finding our God and learning Who He is and what He wants of us." That is,

continue our spiritual life. There is no break in our life in Him wherever we are, and especially on Sundays. The Lord's Day (that's why they call it SON_day) is still the day we should be at Liturgy, even if we happen to be traveling. Please be reminded that we can attend any Roman Catholic or even an Orthodox parish when we are out of town. If you are prepared, receiving the Eucharist in the RC church is no problem. Orthodox churches generally insist that only Orthodox faithful receive. Don't forget about God! Regular attendance at services, especially the Sunday service, is vital!

One other summertime abuse is to forget about your parish by forgetting to contribute to the financial well-being of the community. Even though you are away, National Grid, The Water Board National Fuel, etc. continue sending in the bills. We must render to Caesar, that which is Caesar's? Know what I mean?

Glory to God, our Heavenly Father! Always remember our awesome God in heaven: **Our Father-Abba-Tato-Daddy!** He is THAT close! Thanks, prayers and blessings to our earthly fathers here; Eternal Memory to those gone ahead, and thanks to God for giving them to us! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! God bless you and our Holy Lady Theotokos protect you!

In His Love, fr Ray

Thank you, Fr. Ray! Happy Father's Day!

«Хто не любить Бога й України, той їх не достойний!»

(Блаженніший Святослав у неділю Всіх святих)

Любов Божа в нас завжди є дуже конкретною. Сьогодні, як би це дивно не звучало, але Божа любов в українцях виявляється як любов до своєї Батьківщини. Хто не любить Бога й України, той їх не достойний! Про це сказав Отець і Глава УГКЦ Блаж. Святослав в неділю Всіх святих, 11 червня.

Глава Церкви зауважив, що в неділю Всіх святих ми запрошені побачити плоди Духа Святого в людському житті. Цього дня згадуємо старозавітних праведників та всіх подвижників християнського життя Нового Завіту. Однак у чому полягає святість, як вона виявляється в житті? Блаж. Святослав пригадав слова Христа зі сьогоднішнього Євангелія: «Хто визнає Мене перед людьми, того і Я визнаю перед Отцем моїм Небесним».

Що означає «визнати»? За його словами, тут не йдеться про знання як акт нашого розуму, але радше про ісповідання Христа перед людьми: «Ісповісти Бога перед людьми означає признатися до Нього, означає посвідчити те, що Бог вчинив мені... Сьогодні для нас, християн, визнати Христа перед людьми означає признатися до Божої любові, яку Він має до нас, означає визнати, що в нас живе Дух Святий, признатися до Божої любові, яку ми носимо в собі».

Цитуючи святого Августина, Блаж. Святослав наголосив, що в цьому уривку йдеться не так про те, щоб ми пізнали Бога, як про те, щоби Він нас пізнав. «Бути „пізнаним“ Богом означає бути „любленим“ Богом. „Знати“ тут означає „любити“», — зазначив він.

Однак любов тут проголошується як любов взаємна, як посідання самого Духа Божої любові. Христос каже: «І я визнаю перед Отцем моїм Небесним». Тобто, я впізнаю того, хто Мене любить, того, хто намащений моїм Духом.

Блаженніший Святослав звернув увагу, що книга Одкровення урочисто описує, як вкінці історії Христос визнає того, хто буде триматися Його імені, і впізнає кожного, хто носить на собі Його печать.

Він пояснив, що коли ми одержуємо дар Святого Духа, то чуємо, як священник, помазуючи нас, каже: «Печать дару Святого Духа. Амінь». Та печать Духа, та Божа любов, яка спочиває у нас, зробить нас

впізнаваними серед множества інших людей і народів укінці історії. І саме за знаком Божої любові, яка спочиває в нас, Христос впізнає, ісповість нас, покаже, виявить перед Отцем своїм Небесним.

Відтак Блаженніший замислився над тим, як бути святим під час війни. «Ми цього тижня пережили страшне потрясіння від підриву Каховської дамби, ГЕС. Ми бачили, як море диявольської злоби розлилося вкотре Україною. Як нам серед моря злоби зберегти в собі силу Божественної любові? І тут маємо дуже цікавий заклик саме в сьогоднішньому Божому слові. Залишитися носіями Божої любові — це дорога до святості», — наголосив Блаж. Святослав.

Тому нині, розповів він, у храмах УГКЦ збирають усе те, що допоможе врятувати людське життя на Херсонщині: воду, продукти, готують нові місця, щоби прийняти людей, чії будинки затоплені чи зруйновані. Ствердивши, що любов Божа в людині завжди має дуже конкретні вияви, Блаженніший Святослав наголосив, що сьогодні в українців вона виявляється як любов до своєї Батьківщини.

«Чи патріотизм може бути дорогою до святості? — запитав він. — Коли ми, українці, говоримо про любов до Батьківщини, нас часто звинувачують у націоналізмі. Коли відстоюємо право на існування свого народу, своєї держави, нас звинувачують, що ми в той чи той спосіб порушуємо плани, навіть так звані мирні плани, глобалізованого людства наших днів. Але святі завжди, в усі часи й народи, були певною провокацією для всіх, хто поруч, бо показували якусь дальшу перспективу людського життя».

«Бо все те, — продовжив Глава Церкви, — що ми маємо в тому житті: батька, матір, поля, дім, рідних, близьких — це лише ікона Божої любові до нас із вами, любові, яка кличе до взаємності, любові, яку нам дарує Господь, закликаючи кожного з нас віддати самого себе їй. І лише тоді, коли ми визнаємо перед сучасним людством Бога як джерело тієї любові, тоді сповнимо своє завдання, дамо своє християнське свідчення».

«Всі святі, моліться за нас, щоб сила, необмежений океан Божественної любові висушив те море людської злоби, яку виливає на Україну російський окупант. Хай Дух Святий перетворить смертоносну війну на оазис Божого життя та миру... Дєп. Інф. УГКЦ