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ДІВИ МАРІЇ ОДІГІТРІЇ**

CHURCH BULLETIN – N^o28

July 10 – 2011 – 10 Липня
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК – Ч. 28



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

July 10: 4 S. Aft. Pent. - 4 Н. По ЗСД **13**

10:00 AM ++з родини Процик: Марія,
Михайло, Євка, Зофія,
Гринько, Іван (р. Петришин)

12:00 PM За Парохіян-For Parishioners

Mon., July 11 – Понеділок, 11 Липня

8:15 AM +Анастасій і Івана Горчинські
(О. Чмола)

Свв. Апостолів Петра і Павла – (Юл)

Tue., July 12 – Вівторок, 12 Липня

10:00 AM +Марійка Петришин
(чоловік, діти і внуки)

Wednesday, July 13 – Середа, 13 Липня

9:15 AM +Домка Завадівська
(р. Пашковських)

Thursday, July 14 – Чет., 14 Липня

9:00 AM За здоров'я брата Іллі

12:00 PM +Marusia Procyk
(Norma & MaryAnn DuBois)

Friday, July 15 – П'ят., 15 Липня

9:15 AM+Diana (Hawryluk) Burns
(Joseph & Judith Hawryluk) 40d & p

Saturday, July 16 – Субота, 16 Липня

9:00 AM За Парохіян-For Parishioners
4:30 PM +Olena & Wasyl Horhota,
+Anna & Panko Sukmanowsky
(Mary Beth Sukmann)

July 17: 5 S. Aft. Pent. - 5 Н. По ЗСД **14**

10:00 AM В нам. Анни Яцишин (родина)
90-ліття – Многая Літа!!!

12:00 PM +Walter Osadciw
(R. L. Kuzminskyj)

In the Beginning . . . (cont.)

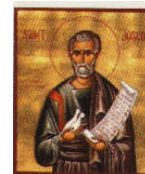


(week 16) Soon I will be able to grasp with my hands. What will I grasp? My other hand! Did you know that I have my own unique fingerprints now? My fingernails and toenails are growing. I also have an adult's taste buds. My eyebrows and hair on my head are sprouting. But it will probably change color and texture after birth. I'm kicking, twisting, and flailing really hard. But, mother can't feel Chris moving in the womb, yet.

"Did you not . . . clothe me with skin and flesh, and weave me of bone and sinew?"

**Eternal Light burns for
+Mary Petryshyn
Requ. By. Tekla Moczerniak**

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UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Просимо звернути
увагу на дати:



Sunday Coffee Hours: If any one would like to volunteer to host a Sunday, please contact Elaine, Dora, Emily, Mary (B.) or Anna.

- KITCHEN – is closed for the Summer. Thank you for your help and patronage.
- Coffee Hour - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!
- August 7: Church Picnic. Please help!!!

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Інформації подавати до четверга вечора.

SAINT NICHOLAS
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Please call if you are hospitalized,
homebound and need a priest.
Просимо закликати якщо ви у
лічниці або приковані до ліжка!

Коли плянуєте дату вашого вінчання
чи хрещення то просимо поговорити
з парохом, щоб потім не було непорозуміння. Може статися, що в цей день
буде неможливо відбутися заплановане.

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If you are planning a Baptism or Wedding, please contact Pastor about the date before making other arrangements.

V. Rev. Marijan Brygh

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Dr. Ulana Loza

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SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Annual Parish Summer Picnic
Sunday, August 7, 2011
12:00PM - ?

On the Church Grounds
Volunteers needed to help!

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Наш Церковний Пікнік
відбудеться у неділю 7 Серпня
на площі коло церкви.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

On Sunday, August 7, 2011 our parish will be holding it Annual Picnic on the Church Grounds beginning at noon.

As always we are asking for your help and support in make this year's picnic a success.

Your help and support is needed in many ways:

- We need Theme Baskets – to donate contact Mary Beth Sukmann 824-1433 before July 24, 2011.
- Items for Kitchen Jar Table such as: paper towels, sugar, flour, kitchen gadgets etc. (Make sure items are new and please watch the Expiration dates)
- Help is needed during the week preceding the picnic preparing the food. Contact Anna Melnyk to volunteer your services.
- Baked Goods are also needed, to sell in the kitchen and the baked goods table. It would be nice if each family could donate some sort of baked good.

Please note:

We DO NOT need items for Attic Treasures, since we do not have this booth at the Picnic.

If you have any ideas or can help in any way, Please contact Lesia Petriwsky at 826-7321.

REMEMBER: THIS PICNIC IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS OF THE YEAR. PLEASE SUPPORT US!

We already sent letters as well as raffle tickets.

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Просимо допомогти при нашому церковному пікніку 7 Серпня.

Ми вже вислали листи книжочки на виграшу.

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everyone to attend Our Annual

UKRAINIAN DAY

On Sunday, August 21, 2011.
Ukrainian Cultural Center “Dnipro”
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For more Information contact:

Dr. A. Diakun: 632-4212;
A. Belmega: 674-4916;
W. Serediuk: 821-0711;
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dars for following Centennial Events:

Centennial Pilgrimage

October 2nd - Fox Chase

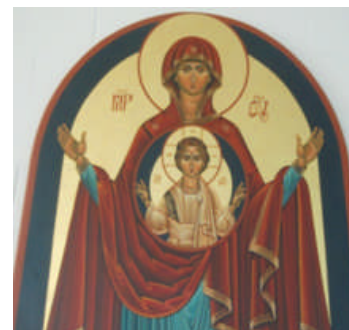
Closing of the Centennial Year
Divine Liturgy and Banquet
November 6th Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception

For more information check out our web-
site: www.stbasils.com

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An Evening with Dr. “Bo” Dejneka
Thursday - July 21st, 2011

We would like to invite all families to
spend an evening with local Ukrainian
pediatrician, Dr. Bohdan Dejneka, who
will be present from 6 – 7:30 PM on
Thursday, July 21st, in St. Nicholas
Church Hall to meet with parents, grand-
parents, children, and expectant moms.
Dr. ‘Bo’ is fluent in English and Ukrain-
ian and able to answer any questions that
parents or even expectant parents may
have regarding healthcare issues, pediatric
health concerns, and any other topics re-
lated to how we can raise healthy and
happy children. Hope to see you there!

The 57th Holy Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage



57th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage will take
place August 13-14, 2011 at St. Mary’s
Villa, Sloatsburg, NY. The theme for this
year’s pilgrimage hosted by the Sister
Servants of Mary Immaculate will be
‘Mary Hope of Christians’. Divine Liturgy
will be celebrated on Saturday at 9:00
AM followed by Panakhyda service. A
variety of religious workshops will be
available from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM for
participants to attend. Pontifical Divine
Liturgy will take place on Sunday at
10:00 AM with a procession to the grotto
followed by the blessing of flowers. Con-
fessions will be available throughout the
entire weekend. For further information,
please contact the rectory.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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Проца до Слотсбургу
Проца на Успіння Преч. Діви Марії до
Слотсбургу відбудеться 13-14 Серпня.
Просимо взяти участь!

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Проца до Сестер Василяник
Проца на Факс Чейс з нагоди 100-літ-
тя Чину Сестер Василянок у Америці
буде 2 Жовтня. Просимо до участі!

From the archives – 3 Архівів



On the way to Sloatsburg 2004 – Подорож на Процу



Holy Dormition Pilgrimage - Sloatsburg 2004 - Проца



Holy Dormition Pilgrimage - Sloatsburg 2004 - Проца

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

„Як плід чудесний твого спасительного засіву, Господи, земля наша приносить тобі всіх святих, що просіяли в нашій землі. Їх молитвами збережи наш нарід, Много-милостиний. Усі святі нашого народу, мо-літь Бога за нас!

Слава наша і похвала ти єси, свята Ольго, бо через тебе ми від поганства освободились. І тепер молися за людей, що їх до Бога привела єси.

Радуйся, слуго Христовий, княже великий, святий Володимире. Ти, пізнавши Єдиного в Тройці Бога, нарід хрещенням повів до стіп Христа.

Святі страстотерпці Борисе і Глібе, мо-літься за нашу вітчизну. Голод і злобу від-женіть, міжусобиці й ворожнечу поборіть і викореніть їх з нашої землі, та від гріхів охороняйте нас.

Світло Євангелія проповідують преславно Лавра, святий Антоній Печерський, і всі на-ші монастирі, які від тебе прийняли поча-ток. Молитвами твоїми утверджуй у народі віру в Бога.

Величаємо тебе, святий Теодосіє Печер-ський, угодниче божий. Молитвами твоїми проси, щоб сини й дочки нашої Церкви вели богоугодне життя.

Заступниками будьте, святий священному-чениче Йосафате та всі мученики, перед Бо-гом за нашу батьківщину, яку ви прослави-ли мученицьким вінцем.. Навчіть вірних нашої Церкви відважно віру ісповідувати.

Усі святі угодники божі, мученики і свя-щенномученики, наша земля веселиться і небо радіє, величаючи подвиги ваші! Ви землі нашої утвердження, ви стовпи і краса нашої Церкви! Живучи в невечернім світлі царства божого, моліться за нас, за спасення душ наших. Просіть благословення боже на нашу батьківщину, щоб утвердилася в нас віра і правовір'я, мир і благочестя. Сонце правди Христос послав вас, як лучі, які про-свічують нашу землю, угодники божі, народу нашого світила. Душу нашого народу мо-литвами вашими осіяйте.

Радуйся, Пресвятая Богородице, За-ступнице нашого краю, що своїм благово-лінням вінчала батьківщину нашу під дав-ніх літ і посилаєш їй свою благодать! Не відійми від нас, Владичице, і нині милости твоєї. Поглянь на потреби наші і поможи своїм заступництвом. Пресвятая Богоро-дице, Покрове нашої землі, спаси нас!

Святий апостоле Андрею, святий Ми-колаю чудотворче, святі Кириле й Ме-тодіє, моліться за нас.

Свята Ольго, святий Володимире, святі Борисе і Глібе, святі Антоніє й Теодосіє Печерські, святий Йосафате і всі мученики за віру, моліться за нас і захороняйте нас від зла, від усякого гріха, від наглої і несподіваної смерті, від закаменілости сер-ця, від незгоди, ненависти і злої волі, від хвороби душі і тіла, від сует цього світу, від усяких спокус гріховник.

Дай нам, Боже:

щоб, молитвами святого апостола Ан-дрея, цвіло християнство в нашій бать-ківщині на радість і спасення наше;

щоб, молитвами святих Кирила й Ме-тодія, ми завжди мали добре священство, яке вело б нас до Христа;

щоб, молитвами святого Миколая, наш нарід жив у справедливості й любові;

щоб, молитвами святої Ольги, наші ро-дини росли у праведності;

щоб, молитвами святого Володимира, провідники нашого народу були обдаровані щедрістю і справедливістю;

щоб, молитвами святих Бориса і Гліба, братня любов і згода володіли в нашому на-роді;

щоб, молитвами святих Антонія й Теодо-сія Печерських, жили ми в нашій землі у мирі й достатку та блага вічні завжди цінили вище від земних;

щоб, молитвами святого Йосафата й усіх мучеників, ми правдивим каяттям змивали наші гріхи та зберегли єдність віри...”

(Молитва до свв. Українського Народу)

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

July 10, 2011

Dear _____,

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

“...A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance... (Ecclesiastes 3: 4). It's been a while since I had to begin your letter with sad news, but once again I must write to you of the tears of our parish community here and in Rochester. Roman Bucierka, aged 50 years, wife of Anna nee Kurlak, father of Tanya and Sonia, brother to three sisters and having many, many relatives and friends, passed away last Saturday, July 2 after a short, sudden and unexpected illness. The funeral was served in Epiphany church in Rochester, NY on Tuesday July 5.

It is an understatement to say that a sudden passing is certainly a trying, difficult time. We struggle when anyone in our family becomes ill and passes away. It is even harder when the person is of a young age, and we think, ‘not supposed to die.’ Our hearts go out especially to his wife Anna, their daughters and the Kurlak family here in Buffalo. We pray they will be consoled and comforted in their faith and belief in our Lord Jesus who calls us all to Eternal Life. May they be consoled and comforted in realizing that our God has a saving plan for each of us, and Roman's part in that plan was finished and he had to go home. It's hard... Life is indeed a mystery... Sometimes seemingly so unfair..There is so much we don't understand... so many questions that will be unanswered till that day we enter the Kingdom and “all things are revealed.” For now, we go forward loving, trusting and serving the Lord. Remember Pascha..XPUCTOC BOCKPEC! BOICTUHY BOCKPEC! Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Over and over we said that, and sang that, and underscored our belief that for us there is no death, but only Life Everlasting. He told us, “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” (Mt. 25: 13). And again, “I am

the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11: 25-26). And so we pray “Vichnaja Pamjat! Eternal Memory!” to Roman. And to Anna, Tanya, Sonya and all their family and friends, we pray that He will soon dry away all the tears. It is now the time to weep, but may you soon have your time to laugh again....It is the time to mourn, but may you soon have your time to dance again.

When I have the opportunity to write to you, not only about “bad” things, but also the good things of our life I am awed when I think of how together we all are. We are truly ‘one body.’ For us who are following Christ, we are indeed part of His Mystical Body. All of us are affected by the comings and goings of each other in our trials and tribulations, our joys and successes. And that is pretty much why this letter is written letting others know about us, and most importantly, to let everyone know we are still and always together. It doesn't matter if it's miles that separate us or a physical infirmity no one is forgotten, but each one remains part of the community for sure, but more importantly part of the Body of Christ. It's very humbling when we stop and ponder this, I think. Often we very casually use the term, “Brothers and Sisters,” but having God as our Father, that's exactly what we are! We may not even know (or like) some of “the parts of the Body,” but each has his or her role and function in God's plan and we wish only the best for each other, i.e. Salvation, as we come to understand that “we're all in this together.”

Speaking of all that, I returned from serving Liturgy in Niagara Falls a little bit ago before I began to write. Once a month we offer the Holy Liturgy for “all the names listed in our 90th anniversary booklet.” It is always a very beautiful Liturgy as we continue celebrating our 90th year and remember our founders, benefactors, family and friends each by name. We are the small parish, but as we pray for all the people listed in the book, it is another opportunity to

meditate on the fact of how closely all of us are united and how much we depend one another. We intend to continue that monthly Liturgy until our Praznyk on October 2, when we will turn ninety-one. So if you are part of our booklet, please know you and those names of your family and friends which you submitted are continued to be remembered each month.

I hope you enjoy your mail. Thanks to all who drop me a line from time to time, either "snail mail" or on the computer. I always like to get mail. This week the only thing the mailman brought me was a 'Geico commercial, two offers for credit cards, and an ad for bibles. But with this letter I can say, "You've got mail."

Our coffee hour was super last Sunday. Thanks to our visitors we had the largest attendance (30 adults and 6 children) since the Bishop was with us last year. Remember you also have a standing invitation to visit us anytime. And it doesn't have to be on that first Sunday of the month. The "Lord's Day" Liturgy is always at 9:30am. Our weekday Liturgies are at noon, but you need to call me or check our bulletin as the days change from week to week. Please come and pray with us! It's worth the trip!

Before I go I want to pay tribute to one of my heroes, Henry "Kelly" Fesniak who reposed last Sunday. Kelly is the Dad of Father Mark Fesniak, pastor of St. Nicholas in Minersville and Nativity of the Theotokos in Middleport. I never met Kelly, but I know he was special. He was a US Marine who served in the Pacific during WW II. His unit was the first to enter Nagasaki after the dropping of the atomic bomb. That's all I need to know about him for him to be my hero, but I also know he was a good man who loved his Church (daily Mass-goer) and his family. What more needs to be said: a Marine, a good American, a good father, a part of His/our Body, and another Hero of "The Greatest Generation" who leaves us. May God grant his servant Henry eternal life! *Vichnaja Pamjat!*

And now I must leave you for another week. God willing and the creek don't rise, you'll get

mail again next week. If things are good, sing a psalm and rejoice in thanksgiving to the Lord. If things are not so good, hang in there, stay faithful and trust the Lord and hear Him say: "*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest...My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*" (Mt. 11:28 and 30) May God bless you and our Holy Lady the Theotokos protect you! Talk to you next week...

In His Love, Father Ray

In Memoriam +Roman Bucierka

Fell asleep in the Lord July 2, 2011 at age 50. Predeceased by his parents, Alex and Anna Bucierka; brother-in-law, Walter Ostapiuk.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anna and daughters, Tanya and Sonya; sisters, Luba (Victor) Cap, Daria Ostapiuk; niece, Christine (Walter) Tupyckyj; nephews, Andy (Manya) Chwesik, Mark (Teresa) Cap, Terry (Shari) Cap; relatives in Ukraine, and many friends. He was a member of CYM and proud supporter of Chlodnyj Yar Oselia. Funeral Liturgy was at the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Epiphany. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Epiphany Renovation Fund. Eternal Memory!

Our sympathy to the Family!

Співчуття родині а покійному Романові хай буде ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ!

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.



Today is also a very special day within our Churches where we honor the lives of all the Ukrainian Saints. Those, who through the centuries have been faithful to God; devout to the Ukrainian Catholic Church; and in many cases martyrs or confessors of our faith - the Saints are Holy as God is Holy. The Feast of Pentecost continues to be extended with this celebration of our Icons of the Holy Spirit, our beloved Saints. They led very zealous lives in pursuit of their faith and extravagant love for God, and they converted many people to Christ, ultimately leading to the freedom of Ukraine. The Saints have learned to bear a fruit of the Spirit, and they have learned to be in a unity with God and with all people. And this very love does not allow them to forget about us, living here. In Heaven, everything is living and moving by the Holy Spirit, but on earth too - we have the same Holy Spirit. It lives in our Church; the Holy Spirit lives in the Sacraments; it lives in the Holy Scripture and among the souls of the faithful. While we honor all Saints, those who lived and worked and were glorified in Ukraine, occupy a special place in the hearts of all Ukrainians. Our choir of Saints confirms the holiness of our Eastern Church and our Christianity.

In our Eastern Rite, a celebration of all the Ukrainian Saints was deemed appropriate to especially honor the many Saints of our culture and traditions who intercede for us in Heaven. The Saints of Ukraine affirm that our Christianity is what it says it is. For our Ukrainian Catholic Church, this is the way of glorifying God in the Holy Trinity while rejoicing in the Resurrection of Christ, the Holiness of the Mother of God, and the Saints through the Pentecostal Action of the Holy Spirit. The Saints of Ukraine knew suffering, but they differ from us in their exuberance. The Saints are holy, and holiness is more than righteousness. Holiness is that utter devotion to God, the profession of Christ before men, the taking up of one's cross and following, to which Christ will bear witness before His Father in Heaven. Saints are those who honor God's call to respect the dignity of

every human life and therefore speak up in the face of bigotry. Saints are those who hear the call of Christ and follow Him. Saints are those who heal and exemplify the teachings of our scriptures through the actions of their own lives. The Ukrainian Saints knew suffering, famine, sickness, communism, and all the other hardships our people of Ukraine have faced over the centuries - and they continue to make our Church a holy and sacred tabernacle of God...

In a world that changes so rapidly, where the moral fiber needs cleansing, we become neglectful in what matters the most - our relationship with Christ. I can still remember as clear as day my first impression of St. Sophia's Ukrainian Seminary just outside of Rome, which I had the great pleasure of visiting in June of 2004. This Church is absolutely breathtaking and the iconostas glows with images of Christ, the Theotokos, the Gospel writers, and beautiful mosaics of gold that stretch outward above the altar like the wings of Heavenly Host. Various Icons of Ukrainian Saints adorned the side altars, radiating a sacred and solemn vigilance, as protectors of Ukraine before God's Almighty Throne. I was moved by depictions in the back of the Church, where mosaics of Patriarch Joseph Slipyj and Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky adorned the right and left sides of the entrance leading into the Church. Such great men, who undoubtedly fall among the Ukrainian Saints, were looking out upon the altar as if reminding us of where our focus should be in the Church. It was then that I realized just how much we need these images, these places like St. Sophia's and St. Peters, as well as our own churches and parishes, to bring us back to our faith and rejuvenate our personal relationship with Christ. The Saints knew Christ and they followed Him unconditionally. Can the same be said about you or me? We need to build our relationship with Christ; we need to follow His teachings and to love all others in Christ...