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CHURCH BULLETIN

July 27 – 2014 – 27 Липня
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

Увага! Увага! – Книжка знімок

Ми докінчуємо нашу парафіяльну книжку зі знімками. До неї Ви можете подати знімки, \$20.00 за знімку, найпізніше до нашого пікніку, 3 Серпня. Інформації по Англійськи.

**Attention! Attention!
CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We are in the process of completing the new Church Directory, which will be published this year, we are adding “Memorial Pages” to the book. You have until August 3, 2014, to submit a picture, (pictures) of your loved ones for a cost of \$20.00 a picture. You can put the picture and check payable to St. Nicholas in an envelope and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. If you have any questions, contact Elaine at the parish office Mon. or Thu. from 9:00-1:00.

Help will be greatly appreciated

Help is desperately needed Thursday, July 31st in the kitchen to make varenyky for the picnic next Sunday. Please contact Anna Melnyk to let her know you will be willing to help.

Help is needed on Saturday Morning at 10:00 AM to set up for picnic.



August 3, 2014 from 2 to 3 PM at our Church Picnic - For children of all ages - We will have a friendly clown to entertain. Balloons, etc... All children are invited to attend!!! It is free!!

We will also have a Bounce House for the duration of the picnic. You could bounce, you could slide – come have fun!



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

July 27 7 Sunday aft. Pentecost - 7 Н. по З.С.Д

12:00 PM. +Sophie Sudyn (Peter Maxim)

Monday, July 28 Липня, Понеділок

8:15 AM +Julia Hrynczak (Shewchen Fam.)

Tuesday, July 29 Липня, Вівторок

8:15 AM +Iwan Nyznyk (T. A. Goodman)

Wednesday, July 30 Липня, Середа

No Liturgy – Нема відправи

Thu., July 31 Липня, Четвер

9:00 AM +Параска Міхалів (А. Голуб)

Friday, August 1 Серпня, П'ятниця

9:15 AM +Richard Chutko (Judith Malaniak)

Saturday, August 2 Серпня, Субота

9:00 AM Тарас Сарахман (Анна Телюк)

4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

August 3 8 Sunday aft. Pent. - 8 Н. по З.С.Д

*** Only at 10: 00 AM - No noon Liturgy ***

Eternal Light burns for
+Jerry Szczublewski
Requ. by D. D. Varanyskyj

Вічне Світло в честь П.Д.М.
горить за МИР в Україні.
For Peace in Ukraine.

Господи, Спаси Україну!

Lord, Save Ukraine!

На обкладинці:

Всеукраїнська та Молодіжна Проща до Зарваниці.



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

ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

27 Липня: 7 Неділя по З.С.Д.

10:00 р. +Іван Греґа (Марія Маланяк)

3 Серпня: 8 Неділя по З.С.Д.

10:00 р. +Юлія і Гіларій Головаті
(Михайлінка і Михайло)

У четвер, 31 Липня, просимо
жінок до помочі в кухні, щоб
робити вареники на наш
Церковний Пікнік. Просимо
закликати Пані Анну Мельник.
Сердечна Подяка!

Просимо прийти до помочі у
суботу рано, 1 Серпня, о 10 год,
щоб приготувати шатра і інше
потрібне на Пікнік. Дякуємо!

2014 - 25th Anniversary
Of the Legalization of the
UGCC in Ukraine

2014 - 25 річниця
Легалізації УГКЦ в Україні

*No noon Liturgy in August
(Except, Sunday, August 31)*
Нема відправи у 12 год. підчас Серпня.

On the back cover

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**The 60th Dormition (Assumption)
Pilgrimage will be held on August 9-10,
2014 at the motherhouse of the Sisters
Servants of Mary Immaculate in
Sloatsburg, NY. This year's theme is:
The Holy Family is the Guide for the
Evangelization of our Families – “A Joy
Ever New, a Joy Which is Shared”
(Pope Francis) A special display and
presentation of “The Church of the
Catacombs in the 20th Century”,
conferences, activities for children, our
annual teen camp-out, the beautiful
services and an opportunity to receive
the Sacraments of Reconciliation and
Eucharist, are part of the schedule for
these two days of spiritual renewal for
all who attend. The schedule and
activities will be listed in the diocesan
newspapers, as well being on website:
www.ssmi-us.org**

**The Sisters Servants of Mary
Immaculate cordially invite you to
come to the 60th Dormition Pilgrimage
as a family, as a parish family, to come
together to show that we want to live
our faith more fully in Christ.
If you have any questions, please
contact Sr. Kathleen at 845-642-6143.**

**Donations towards Coffee Hour
Yearly Communication Assessment Fee**

Eva Kowtalo

Onufrij & Halyna Biloholowskyj

Our Coffee Hour Donations Fund, used to
buy food for the Sunday Coffee Hours is de-
pleted. Donations will be gladly accepted.
The cost for food for each Sunday is about
\$50.00. Using the Coffee Hour Fund money
to buy supplies lets us put the entire weekly
profit toward the yearly Communication Fee
of \$3600.00. Thanks for your help!

**Annual
Ukrainian Day
At U. H. Dnipro
Sunday, August 24th
Like every year: food, music,
Ethnic dancing and fun for all.**

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**Український День
24 Серпня, 2014**

**St. Basil
Ukrainian Catholic Church
Lancaster, NY**

**Ukrainian Day Picnic
And BBQ
Sunday, August 17
Please attend!**

**Sunday, August 3, 2014
Annual Parish Picnic**

On Sunday, August 3, 2014 our parish
will be holding its 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
- place donation (checks made
payable to St. Nicholas Ukrainian
Catholic Church) in envelope
marked “Theme Basket” and put in
collection basket, or you can leave
your basket in the church hall, please
put your name on the basket.
- 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. Please contact Anna Melnyk to
volunteer your services.
- Baked Goods are also needed, to sell
in the kitchen and the baked goods
table.

Please remember

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.

IMPORTANT!

We sent raffle tickets to all parishioners. This time we included 3 sheets. It is not a mistake. Bigger prizes need more tickets to be sold.

PLEASE SUPPORT US - REMEMBERING THAT THIS PICNIC IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS OF THE YEAR. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!



76th Annual Convention League of Ukrainian Catholics - October 10, 11, 12, 2014

Holiday Inn – Johnstown, PA
Sponsored by the All Saints Chapter.
Hope to see you this October!

76 Конвенція Ліги Католиків
буде від 11 до 13 Жовтня ц. р.
Просимо взяти участь!

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1914 SAVE THE DATE 2014

The Ukrainian American SITCH is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant corner of Genesee St. & Transit Rd.

Cash Bar 4PM – 5PM,
Dinner/Program 5PM.

The Program will be bilingual.

Included in the entertainment are: Women's Choir MRIYA and award-winning bandurist from Toronto:

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EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Let's show our support for Ukraine with our presence.

Cost per person: \$40.00. Also please consider and "ad" in our program booklet. Full page \$100.00; 1/2 page \$50.00; 1/4 page \$25.00; patrons \$10.00 per line. PHOTOS WILL BE

RETURNED. Tickets are available from: Michael Liskiewicz, Maria Malaniak, Elaine Nowadly, Nadia Marc, Julia Blendonohy. For tickets and ads make checks payable to:

Ukrainian American Sitch

1914 УВАГА! УВАГА! 2014

Даємо до відома, що в неділю, 28-го Вересня, 2014. Товариство Українсько-Американська Січ відмічує 100-ту річницю свого існування!

Ювілей відбувається в ресторані Salvatore's Italian Gardens при роздоріжжю вул. Transit і Genesee.

Бара від 4-5 год.

Програма/обід від год. 5:00.

В програмі беруть участь Хор Мрія і молодий банурист з Торонта Борис Остап'єнко. Просимо усіх.

Вступ: \$40.00 дол. Віс особи.

Також продаємо оголошення/реклами до нашої одноднівки.

Повна сторінка: \$100; 1/2 сторінки: \$50; 1/4 сторінки: \$25; і за одну лініє друку \$10. Фота Вам повертаємо.

Квитки можна купити від:

Михайла Ліскевича,

Марії Маланяк,

Елейн Новадлей,

Надії Марк,

Наді Блендоногої.

Чеки вписувати на

Ukrainian American Sitch



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

- KITCHEN is closed during the summer Thank you for your patronage.
- Coffee Hour - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!
- Church Picnic – August 3, 2014.
- Bible Meeting – Summer Vacation.

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Please note: You can purchase gasoline with this card at Tops Gasoline Station.

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IN EMERGENCY CALL ANY TIME

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Rev. Raymond Palko, visiting priest

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

42nd Annual



August 14-17, 2014

Ukrainian Food

Varenyky (Pierogies), Holubtsi (Cabbage Rolls), Ukrainian Sausage, Borshch

Ukrainian Arts & Crafts

Embroidery, Ceramics, Amber, Easter Eggs, Paintings, Icons, Jewelry

Ukrainian Folk Dancing & Entertainment

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Friday & Saturday, "My Razom"

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Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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Saturday & Sunday @ 3:00pm

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www.RochesterUkrainianFestival.com

(З радіо «Милосердний Самар'янин»)

Із щоденного життя знаємо, що людина складається не лише з тіла і змислів, але також з розумної, свободної душі. Премудрий Архітектор, Творець Всесвіту й людини обдарував її фізичну частину різними змислами, а між іншим – зором. Він подбав також про зір душі людини, тобто про сумління. Сумління! „Що ж це таке? – питаєте -І як воно діє в людині?”

Сумління – це сила душі, що наказує їй прямувати такою дорогою життя, щоб без шкоди і втрати для себе зайти до остаточної мети, яку Творець призначив людині ще при її створенні. Сумління показує не лиш правильну дорогу до мети людини, воно вказує їй ще й прегарні красвиди чеснот, шпилі святих ідеалів, також і пропасті й трясовиння гріха.

Як у всесвіт, так і в душу й тіло людини Господь поклав свої відвічні Божі природні закони. Поклав їх Господь у душу людини на те, щоб як природа світу, так і людська природа ними керувалась і доходила до остаточної своєї мети. А що жодне створіння всесвіту, за винятком розумної людини, не є свободним у відношенні до законів природи, то вони від віків точнісінько виконують їх без найменших відхилень...

Щоб людина могла жити властивим собі життям, щоб вона могла розвиватися згідно з законами і волею свого Творця, необхідно їй ті Божі закони, покладені Богом у серце і душу кожної людини, докладно знати і розуміти. Крім цього, Бог дав людям авторитетного тлумача своїх законів – Церкву. Найближчим, однак, тлумачем і сторожем тих природних моральних законів, вирізьблених у серцях усіх людей, Господнім даром у вигляді снаги є власне сумління! Сумління є тією силою, тими очима душі людини, які читають Божий закон, вирізьблений у наших серцях. Сумління є тим Божим зором, що дає світло зорові душі віруючої і невіруючої людини. Бо кожне діло, що його довершує людина, є згідне або супротивне якомусь закону Божому...

Letter from Fr. Ray July 27, 2014 A.D

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Dear (say your name right here for your very own personal letter),

Good Morning! I'm back again and you've got mail. We've had a very busy start to the week, so I'm only now beginning your letter on Thursday afternoon about 1:30pm. It's an absolutely gorgeous day that has come with a real relief from the very summery temperatures of the early week, as well as a welcome dip in the humidity. I suppose there are people who thoroughly enjoy very warm weather, but I'm not one of them. The only real air-conditioner is God's... clear cool days and starlit nights! It's lovely out there right now, but by the time you are reading this, we should be back to some showers and warmer weather. So far though, it's been great weather, and we'll take it, whatever it is! Be on the lookout for the ol' Polar Vortex. I hear he's beginning to prowl again!

Our local Roman Catholic parish, Queen of Heaven, had been very much concerned about the weather as they had their annual carnival last weekend. Their pastor, Fr. Tom, the "Energizer Bunny" said he wasn't going to worry about the weather. No, all he did was assign the task for good weather to the praying nuns in the convent. In several of his sermons and bulletins leading up to the weekend, the poor sisters were very much reminded of their awesome task. 😊 Even under all that pressure they came through with flying colors. Friday, opening night, was ok, but they kinda blew it on Saturday as it was a very rainy day. However, they recovered for Sunday which was beautiful and spectacular! This particular carnival has grown over the years, now is a noted community event and is part of summer in Western New York. People always ask, "Did you go to Queen of Heaven's Carnival?"

The nuns did a fantastic prayer job as there were excellent crowds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Congratulations to Fr. Tom, all the workers and those who attended, as Father has reported gross income for the three days as \$351, 000!!! I told you it is a big

happening. I guess when you have a parish with 8 thousand plus families, you've got quite a base from which to work. I am very glad I am not a priest in a parish like that. So much of the life of the parish is connected to "the Carnival," and it is really something around which the parish revolves. "It is hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of heaven."

They do put the money to good use mainly to support their excellent Catholic school. Also they have already planned to put in automatic doors as well as a stair lift to assist the handicapped parishioners entering the church. One more excuse disappears as to why I missed Mass on Sunday! "Heh, heh," said the priest. 😊 😊

None of our Byzantine, eastern rite parishes is even in the ball park with those guys, but we, too, are now in the swing of festival season. From coast to coast, there is some kind of summer event going on in our parishes. Locally, there will be several events to choose from each weekend from now until the middle of September. This Sunday is "Seminary Day" in Minersville, another milestone of passing summer. Only one thing for all our churches to keep in mind regarding this picnic, carnival, festival stuff: The old priest once said to his people about fundraisers, "You need to learn to pray before you can flip hamburgers." Maybe I'll see you at one of the picnics or festivals when we are out and about.

Our family is just now coming off a major summertime event. Yep, the Bremers visited home! It was a pure joy to have Matka Laryssa come home with her family. Due to work and church schedules, they were only able to stay a short time, arriving as they did on Monday afternoon, and leaving on Wednesday before noon. However, there was a LOT of activity packed into that time. It was a great visit and the best part, I think, was watching the cousins interact. They are 9, 6, 5, 5, and 3. Especially beautiful was seeing them connect "as family." Even though they live a distance away which prohibits frequent visits and one could say they don't really "know" each other, they connected immediately. They seem to pick up their conversations where they left off last

time they were together. It was so gratifying to see the family bond as the five of them turned into this nonstop movement of energy from morning until the collapse into their beds at night.

Those balls of energy took their toll on the grown-ups who, as you might expect, also were ready for the collapse into the bed at night. It was a whirlwind of hellos, picnics, birthday party, swimming, out for ice cream, and playing and playing. Thank God for them all!

Now that the grownups are recovering from the *Rugrats*, we miss them and are sad to see them go. Our house is once again "the sounds of silence." We now look for the next opportunity to get together and be a family. Grama and Didi hopefully will visit them soon, and God willing, they will come back for Thanksgiving. May our God bless our comings and goings. May He bless you and your family and all your comings and goings. Enjoy their energy, enjoy their love, enjoy their vision of peace and joy which they bring in spite of all that goes on when kids get together. Be Family! "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.' " (Mt. 19: 13-14)

Yes, if only we could be as the little children. The news is full of descriptions of major and serious trouble in the world. Ukraine is still in turmoil with no good end in sight. I suppose it will be a very different Ukrainian Day next month than the previous 23 years. We pray for peace!

Then there is the trouble and fighting in the Middle East. This morning on the TV Patriarch Ignatius Ephrem II was recounting the invasion of Mosul by ISIS, and the resulting persecution of Christians. His Beatitude stated that recently there were 36, 000 Christians... today there are none. The Muslim groups have taken over the city and are in a systematic persecution of Christians. Crosses are being ripped from the churches, icons are being burned and the people are forced to flee or die. Patriarch Ignatius stated that everything is being taken from the homes, money, jewelry, all the

possessions of the Christians. Even the deeds to the homes are being demanded of Christians so they can be voided, hence leaving the people destitute...no home, no possessions.*** The main reason for the interview was to call attention to this outrage and to show how the world community refuses to protest. It seems to me not much different from those days in Germany and other European countries when the Nazis came and began the horrific persecution of the Jews. No good end in sight for that situation either.

Yes, once again we say we must pray for peace. Peace for our personal selves, for our families, for our parish, for our city, for our country, for our world! Do you know that Mosul, Iraq is the old biblical city of Nineveh? Read the book of the Prophet Nahum and the book of Jonah to learn about this. Once again it's about prayer and repentance. Once again it's about Jesus Christ, The Way, The Truth and the Life. May He bless us with His Peace and make us like unto the Little Children so that one day we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. "That's what it's all about, Alfie"...our journey to the Kingdom and Eternal Life! Find Him, Love Him, Be Strong in Him and rejoice and be glad. He is with us and will never forsake us!

God willing and the creek don't rise....See ya next time! Love you, my Family and my extended Family of these letters, wherever you are. May the Lord Most High, whose blessing overflows like a river and like a flood, and waters the dry land, (Sir 39:22) be for you health and salvation. May our Holy Lady protect you beneath her heavenly veil!

In His Love,
Fr. Ray

*** Read the interview in the middle of this bulletin.

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Зі Зарваниці (диви обкладинка)

20 липня Архиєрейською Божественною Літургією, яку очолив Блаженніший Святослав, Отець і Глава УГКЦ, закінчилася Всеукраїнська та Молодіжна проща до Зарваниці.

У Богослужінні взяли участь 16 архиєреїв УГКЦ та близько 300 священників. Разом із священнослужителями молилися Прем'єр-міністр України Арсеній Яценюк, міністр культури Євген Нищук, голова Тернопільської облдержадміністрації Олег Сиротюк, мер Тернополя Сергій Надал і десятки тисяч паломників із різних куточків України та з-за кордону.

Значна частина вірних ішла до Зарваниці пішки. Найбільша група, близько 2000 осіб, традиційно здійснила пішу прощу від архикатедрального собору Тернополя. Найбільше часу у дорозі провели прочани з Хмельницького. До Зарваниці вони йшли майже тиждень. Ішли здебільшого молоді люди, інші – приїхали на автобусах, автомобілях та велосипедах.

Цього року проща була приурочена 25-й річниці легалізації УГКЦ. Також Блаженніший Святослав проголосив блаженного священномученика Василя Величковського покровителем пенітенціарного служіння УГКЦ. Під час зустрічі з молоддю, походу зі свічками до монумента на чудотворному місці, Панахиди за героїв Небесної сотні, Архиєрейської Літургії перед собором Зарваницької Божої Матері Предстоятель УГКЦ постійно закликав вірних до посиленої молитви за Україну.

«На Церкву сьогодні дують супротивні вітри», (Блаженніший Святослав у Зарваниці)

Про це сказав Глава УГКЦ проти ночі на 20 липня після багатотисячного походу вірних зі свічками до монумента Матері Божої в місці її об'явлення. «Ми, як християни, проповідуємо слово надії. Та рятівна, спасительна правиця простягнута до нас. Христос не тільки переведе нас через ту бурю, але Він є тим, хто дасть нам майбутнє».

Блаженніший Святослав підтримав вірних на душі в нелегкий часи війни і сказав:

«Буря може наробити багато лиха, але вона не триває вічно. Вічність належить тільки миру, бо Господь - вічний наш мир».

Аналізуючи євангельський уривком, коли Христос ішов по воді, а на зустріч Йому вирушив Петро, Глава УГКЦ сказав: «Ми зійшлися з різних сторін України для того, щоб разом молитися і просити миру та спокою для нашої соборної незалежної України. Тільки там, де є Христос, там безпечно. Христос разом зі своїми учнями серед найбільшої небезпеки, яку вони тої хвилини пережили, одержали чи не найбільшу науку про те, що їхнє життя, їхнє спасіння лежить у спасаючій десниці Господній... Від віку образом Церкви був човен, який пливе по розбурханому, житейському, чорному від гріха морі. Це човен рятує усіх, хто в ньому, бо в ньому Христос перебуває».

Блаженніший Святослав подякував Господеві за 25 років свободи УГКЦ. «Коли наша Церква вийшла з підпілля, її перемога над злом була офіційно підтверджена. Багато хто сумнівався, чи та Церква зможе вижити, і до всіх них Христос каже: "Чого ти сумніваєшся маловіре?". Ми сьогодні дякуємо Господу Богу за те, що Він у човні нашої Церкви разом із нами пливе нашим житейським морем. Ми дякуємо за тих духовних провідників, якими Господь наділив нашу Церкву».

Похід зі свічками розпочався біля парафіяльного храму Зарваниці, де зберігається ікона Матері Божої Зарваницької. Після Літургії, яку очолив владика Йосафат (Говера), екзарх Луцький, вірні центральною вулицею села несли свічки та в супроводі оркестру співали пісню «Із Києва міста». Відтак на чудотворному місці вдарили дзвони, а прочани наблизилися до монумента, де Глава УГКЦ спільно з єпископами та священниками розпочав Молебень до Матері Божої.

From "Good Samaritan" Ukrainian Radio Program

Before my eighth grade students leave for their summer vacation and move on into high school, I spend the last two days of my science class trying to inspire them to have faith in the people who love them, and faith in themselves to become anything they believe they can be. I start off my lesson asking them to imagine being born without arms or legs. No arms to wrap around a friend; no hands to hold the ones you love; no fingers to experience touch; no way to lift or carry things. No ability to dance, take walks along the beach, run, or even stand. I then ask them: What would you do? How would that affect your everyday life? How much more difficult would life be if you were living without arms and legs? We talk about it for a few moments and then I tell them about a very inspirational young man who is all over *You Tube* and travels throughout the world bringing his message of faith and love to everyone that he meets. I proceed to show them an incredible DVD about the true life story of Nick Vujcic. Born in 1982 in Brisbane, Australia, without any medical explanation or warning, he came into the world without having either arms or legs. When the bell rings to end my class, not a single student moves from their seat, they all stay to watch the very end of the video. I truly believe that as I end school, year after year, the inspiration of this young man continues to move mountains of faith for each of my students. Imagine the shock Nick's parents felt when they saw their newborn baby boy for the first time, only to find he was what the world would consider imperfect or abnormal. How would their son live a normal happy life? What could he ever do or become when living with such a massive disability? Little did they or anyone else know that this limbless baby would one day be someone who would inspire and motivate people from all walks of life! God uses Nick to touch lives and bring the hope of Jesus Christ to people across the globe. If you have not had an opportunity to meet Nick, all you have to do is go online and find his numerous inspirational videos. Throughout his childhood, Nick constantly

questioned why he was different than all the other kids surrounding him; why he was the one born without arms and legs. He wondered what the purpose behind his life was, or if he even had a purpose. According to Nick, the victory over his struggles throughout his journey, as well as the strength and passion he has for life can be credited to his faith in God. His family, friends and the many people he has encountered along the way have also encouraged him, but above all else Nick believes that God gave him this disability for a purpose. After high school, Nick went on with further study and obtained a double Bachelor's degree from Griffith University in Logan, Australia. By the age of 19, Nick started to fulfill his dream of being able to encourage other people and bring them the gospel of Jesus, through motivational speaking and by sharing his testimony about how God changed his life and gave him a future and a faith. "I found the purpose of my existence, and also the purpose of my circumstance. There's a purpose for why you're in the fire." Nick wholeheartedly believes that there is a purpose in each of the struggles we encounter in our lives, and that our attitude towards those struggles, along with our faith and trust in the Lord can be the keys to overcoming the challenges we face. Now in his 30's, this limbless young man has accomplished more than most people accomplish in a lifetime. Nick even made the massive move from Brisbane, Australia to California, where he is the President of an international non-profit organization; and also has his own motivational speaking company; *Attitude Is Altitude*. Since his first speaking engagement back when he was 19, Nick has traveled around the world, sharing his story with millions of people, speaking to a range of different groups such as students, teachers, children, entrepreneurs, and church congregations of all sizes. He has also told his story and been interviewed on various televised programs worldwide. "If God can use a man without arms and legs to be His hands and feet, then He will certainly use any willing heart!" Nick's life is not only an incredible testament of faith, but his passion for the

love of Jesus is profoundly contagious. Hearing Nick's story and seeing his life in action reminds me that God will certainly use any faithful heart to bring His will to new and extraordinary heights.

The blind men in today's Gospel, they believed in Christ! They recognized that Jesus was not just some miracle worker, but was, in fact, the Messiah. They placed their faith in His Hands. They desired a specific result, but were prepared to accept whatever Christ gave. They were relentless in their pursuit of Christ. They received their sight, because they had enough faith in Jesus to believe that He would heal them. We too must exercise the faith that moves mountains, but we must never fail to realize - that it is still God who moves those mountains. Today, we need our eyes opened to Jesus just as much as the early Christians did. We need to accept the love of Christ in our hearts and share the miracle of that love with one another. The miracle of God is that Jesus is still revealed to the eyes of faithful Christians whenever and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed. Jesus is no longer a stranger. He is a friend. He is our friend. Walking in the light of Christ - continually - is a difficult journey. It carries with it certain costs. It can at times be tiring and discouraging. But it has one great reward: it is a journey that we take with Jesus constantly at our side, urging us onward, lifting us upward, and providing for us even when we think we cannot possibly give any more.

The Bible says, "Cast all your cares upon him, for he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Christ can take away our deepest and most festering wounds – if we allow Him to! No matter what the situation in our lives is, there is hope. There is nothing too hard for God and He will help us work through it. There is an old saying, "Jesus may not come when you want him, but he is always on time". My brothers and sisters, be encouraged and be strong in faith. Christ is with us at all times, in all circumstances, even when we cannot see Him. The blind men in today's gospel, they knew without seeing that Jesus was indeed the Son of God. Christ is the source of all things that

make us better Christians each and every day. The strength to carry us through our difficult journeys is found in Christ alone - and as long as we continue to place our faith and trust in Him, just like the blind men continued to act on what they believed - if we do these things faithfully, then the light of Christ will always be present to guide us and likewise shine as a beacon of light for others to see.



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Assyrian Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem II Delivers Message on Crisis in Mosul

Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem II (at podium).(AINA) -- The Patriarch of the Syrian Orthodox Church, His Holiness Ignatius Aphrem II, July 23, 2014 delivered the following message concerning the persecution of Assyrians in Iraq by ISIS.

"The incidents, that have been taking place since "Islamic State of Iraq and Syria" (ISIS) took control of a dear region of Iraq which is the cradle of humanity and the birthplace of our civilization, are considered barbarian and unprecedented acts in the history of the Christian Muslim relations in this region. ISIS systematically forced Christians and some Muslims out of the city of Mosul labeling them with racist signs and symbols, humiliating and luting them. Therefore, we strongly condemn these acts, and assert that this type of actions and this practice of Islam do not represent the Islam we have lived with for more than thirteen centuries.

This kind of Islam does not revere the religious texts nor the human relationships. Thus, we call upon our Muslim fellows and their leadership to take a clear stance against these actions and this phenomenon that contradicts the Qur'anic text. At the same time, we are astonished by the silence of most Muslim religious leaders and civil dignitaries regarding what has been happening in Mosul.

The forced displacement of our people, the taking over of our churches, the destruction of our sacred shrines, and the stealing of the properties and the future of our people will not prevent us from fulfilling our mission in this dear Levant. This injustice, which is against the heavenly and human laws, will not compel us to ask for Western protection or help. It is not out of fear or weakness, but because we believe that we are the salt of this land and the witnesses of the Resurrection till eternity. Nonetheless, we request that our compatriots be faithful to our common religious, cultural and human values and support and strengthen the Christian presence in this part of

the world. Solidarity statements are not enough, they should stand against and stop supporting those who supply weapons and finance ISIS and similar organizations. Such fanatic acts will surely backfire on those who perpetuate them sooner or later.



Moreover, we declare that we are going to address the United Nations and the highest international and the Human Rights Fora to hold them accountable to the Bill of Rights they claim to support. We will ask them to abide by the Bill of Rights with no selectiveness or discrimination based on nationality or social identity.

We insist that what has been inflicted on our people in Mosul is a war crime. Forced displacements on the basis of religious belief, be it Islam or Christianity, is a crime against humanity and requires punishment. Despite what it is going through, we wish to see our beloved Iraq united and embracing all of its components and providing them with their rights. We demand that the Iraqi government protect the rights of the Christians to remain in their land and live with dignity. Moreover, we ask our Kurdish compatriots to work with us to protect the Christian presence in order to preserve the historical and cultural diversity in the region.

On the other hand, we say to our people in Mosul, Nineveh plain and Iraq in general: we will try our best, using all possible means, to provide you with the requisites to have a dignified life through our faithful children in the East and our international relations in an attempt to help you stay in the land of your fathers and forefathers. We will also appeal for the recuperation of your belongings and properties.

Finally, we are working to convene an urgent meeting soon with our brothers the Patriarchs of the East to discuss and take decisions concerning what has happened in Mosul and what is happening to the Christians of the East. We will form a Christian delegation from the East to carry this cause to the United Nations and to other international platforms as deemed necessary..."