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CHURCH BULLETIN

August 8 – 2021 – 8 Серпня

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



Thanks are extended to all of you, who helped in any way for our Church Picnic. We did not expect that success, but you made it so. May the Lord Bless You!
Сердечна подяка Вам усім за Вашу працю на Церковному Пікніку, який був несподівано успішний. Нехай Господь Вас усіх щедро поблагословить!



№ 32 AUGUST 8 2021

Picnic - 8/1/2021	Income	Expenses	Profit
Kitchen	\$2,110.00	\$690.36	\$1,419.64
License		\$36.00	-\$36.00
Slawko's Bar	\$240.00	\$136.12	\$103.88
Outside Grill	\$46.00	\$19.99	\$26.01
Baked Goods	\$354.00		\$354.00
Kitchen Jar	\$325.00		\$325.00
50/50 split	\$385.00	\$200.00	\$185.00
Donations	\$385.00		\$385.00
Theme Baskets	\$1,710.00	\$36.00	\$1,674.00
TOTAL	\$5,555.00	\$1,118.47	\$4,436.53
RAFFLE	\$2,811.00	\$750.00	\$2,061.00
Raffle return	\$100.00		\$100.00
Grand Total	\$8,366.00	\$1,868.47	\$6,597.53

Raffle prizes (\$750.00) were donated by Anonymous donor.

Bar Expenses & License are donated by: Michael & Michelle Michalow IMO their cousin +Slawko Michajliw



Сердечна подяка усім за Вашу працю на Церковному Пікніку, за участь та за пожертви! Гратуємомо тим що виграли Хай Господь благословить!

Thanks are extended to all those who work at our Church Picnic, for coming, for all those who gave their donations! Congrats to the winners! God Bless!

Thank you! Дякуємо!

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ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. Church
Церква Святого Миколая
(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)
ПОРЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM +Andrij Petryshyn (Family)

in English ~ **STREAMING**

August 8: 11 S. aft. Pentecost – 11 н. по ЗСД

10:00 Ukr. & some English **STREAMING**

Monday, August 9 серпня, понеділок

9:00 AM +Marija Dranka (Family)

Tuesday August 10 серпня, вівторок

9:00 AM Int. of Msgr. Leon Mosko (4/9)

Wednesday, August 11 серпня, середа

9:00 AM +Богдан Глинський (внучка Люба)

Thursday, August 12 серпня, четвер

9:00 AM +Hazel DuBois (Mary Ann DuBois)

Friday, August 13 серпня, п'ятниця

9:00 AM За здоров'я Ліди (Маркіян Стасюк)

Saturday, August 14 серпня, субота

9:00 AM +Katherine & Michael Chort

(Marianne Chort)

4:30 PM For Parishioners – За парохіян

in English ~ **STREAMING**

August 15: 12 S. aft. Pentecost – 12 н. по ЗСД

10:00 **STREAMING**

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

I LIVE ALONE, DEAR LORD, STAY BY MY SIDE,
IN ALL MY DAILY NEEDS BE THOU MY GUIDE.

GRANT ME GOOD HEALTH, FOR THAT INDEED I PRAY,
TO CARRY ON MY WORK FROM DAY TO DAY.

KEEP PURE MY MIND, MY THOUGHTS, MY EVERY DEED,
LET ME BE KIND, UNSELFISH IN MY NEIGHBOR'S NEED.

SPARE ME FROM FIRE, FROM FLOOD, MALICIOUS TONGUES,
FROM THEIVES, FROM FEAR, AND EVIL ONES.

IF SICKNESS OR AN ACCIDENT BEFALL,
THEN HUMBLY LORD, I PRAY HEAR THOU MY CALL.

AND WHEN I'M FEELING LOW OR IN DESPAIR,
LIFT UP MY HEART, AND HELP ME IN MY PRAYER.

I LIVE ALONE DEAR LORD, YET I HAVE NO FEAR,
BECAUSE I FEEL YOUR PRESENCE EVER NEAR. AMEN.

8 серпня: 7 Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа

10:00 р +Дмитро, +Марія і +Володимир

(Анна Ганицька)

По Українськи ~

STREAMING

15 серпня: 8 Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа

10:00 р +Paul & Helen Nowadly (Elaine)

По Українськи ~

STREAMING



The League of Ukrainian Catholics is sponsoring a Fundraising Raffle. It has been three years since our last Convention, which was held in

Buffalo. The proceeds of the Conventions are our main source of revenue besides dues. So, for three years, the only source of revenue has been dues and expenses have exceeded income. The raffle will be held on Sunday, August 29th. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 or 6 for \$25.00. For tickets see LUC National Board Members – Father Marijan, Elaine or Nadia

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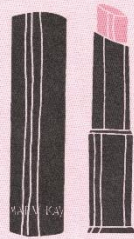
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Iwan Szyryj - \$1,000.00
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(Honoring Kateryna Kocaj in Thanksgiving of
her 100th Birthday)

Mykola & Dorothy Lewczyk - \$100.00

2021 Stamford Bishop's Appeal

Each member of our Parish is also a member of the Eparchy and should support and participate in this fundraiser. We received the contributions:

Maria Malaniak - \$100.00

Total collected
as of July 24, 2021 - **\$9,095.00**

2021 Goal

for St. Nicholas Parish - **\$7,500.00**

We have reached our goal, but
donations are still being accepted.
Thank You for your GENEROSITY!

Our Anniversary will take place Dec. 19

(If for some reason we are unable to have our Anniversary Banquet on December 19, 2021, we will not reschedule. It will be as it will be!!!)

We intend to publish a Jubilee booklet
on the occasion of 100 years of the church

Річниця нашої Парохії буде 19 грудня

На випадок, якщо не буде можливо мати банкет по Св. Літургії 19 Грудня, ми не будемо переносити на другий рік. Так буде як буде!!!

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THANK YOU!!! – ДЯКУЄМО!!!

Thank you all for coming in the church Kitchen to make Varenyky for the picnic. Hopefully this will be the start of getting our Friday kitchen back on track.

Thank you for setting up outside!
Thank you for Theme Baskets, Baked Goods and Kitchen Items for the kitchen jar game.
Thank you for helping at various booths and in the kitchen the day of the picnic.

Сердечна подяка Усім за допомогу!
Дякуємо за пожертви!

We will have Divine Liturgy

In Fatima Shrine

On August 19

At 6:00 P.M.

Fruits blessing.

Please take part.



There will be no dinner afterward,
but we may go as a group to
some restaurant in Lewiston



By the way:

We will remember

The beginning of
the League of Ukrainian
Catholics (Transfiguration 1933)

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Celebrating the 30th Anniversary
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on
Sunday, August 29, 2021
at



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Prayer of Thanksgiving
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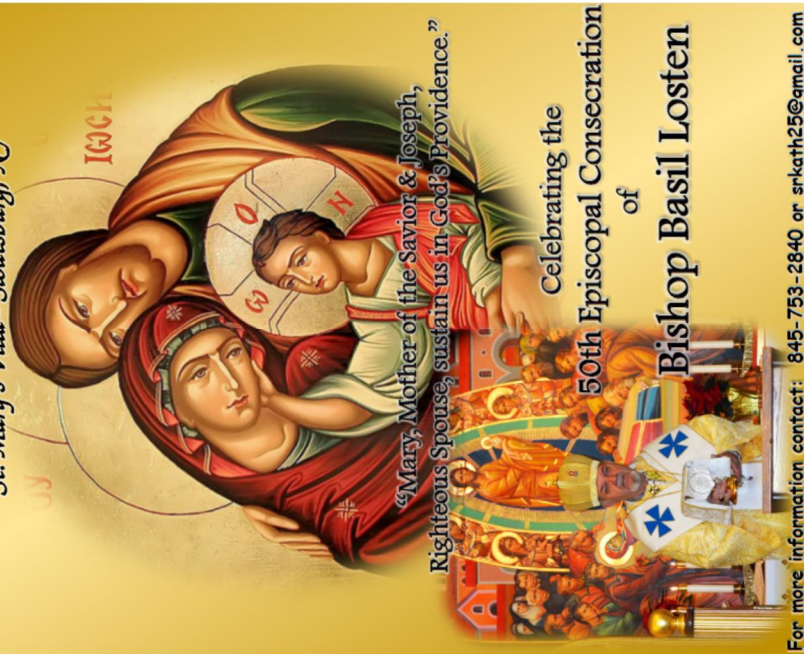
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Liturgy is at 10:30. Moleben is at 3 P.M.

67 Проща до Словтсбургу - 14 до 15 серпня.



- Our CHURCH KITCHEN is still CLOSED Until farther notice.
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УРОЧИСТИЙ КОНЦЕРТ НА ЧЕСТЬ 30-І РІЧНИЦІ НЕЗАЛЕЖНОСТІ УКРАЇНИ! ЗАПРОШУЄМО ВСІХ НА СВЯТКОВИЙ КОНЦЕРТ ЗАСЛУЖЕНОЇ АРТИСТКИ УКРАЇНИ, ВОЛОДАРКИ ТИТУЛУ «ГОЛОС УКРАЇНИ» ОКСАНИ МУШКИ. ВИСТУП СПІВАЧКИ ВІДБУДЕТЬСЯ 28 СЕРПНЯ 2021 О 6:00 ВЕЧОРА В УКРАЇНСЬКОМУ ДОМІ ДНІПРО МІСТА ВУЛГА. ПРИХІД З КОНЦЕРТУ ПРИСВЯЧЕНИЙ НА ЛІКУВАННЯ ПОРАНЕНИХ УКРАЇНСЬКИХ ВІЙСЬКОВИХ. СВЯТКОВИЙ ЛІТНІЙ ВЕЧІР ВИ ЗМОЖЕТЕ РОЗПОЧАТИ З ВЕЧЕРІ, ВІДКРИТІ БАРИ ТА ЗУСТРІЧ З ДРУЗЬМИ О 4:30. БІЛЕТИ МОЖНА ПРИДБАТИ В УКРАЇНСЬКОМУ БАНКУ ТА ДНІПРО. З НЕТЕРПІННЯМ ЧЕКАЄМО ТВОЇХ ПІСЕНЬ, ОКСАНО!

We will be holding a festive concert in honor of the 30th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence performed by an honored artist and current holder of the title "Voice of Ukraine," Oksana Mukha, on August 28th, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Ukrainian Home Dnipro in Buffalo. Proceeds from the concert are dedicated to the treatment of wounded Ukrainian servicemen. Tickets (\$30.00) at the Ukr. Credit Union

The View From Up Here
 August 8, 2021

Time For R & R

To My Dear Fellow Climbers on the Holy Mountain,
 Last time I wrote to you, it was all about the feast days and fast days, with the amazing bounties and blessings of the days of August, flowing from our Church. If we stop, even for a minute, and think about what we have, and can have, it is absolutely awesome and glorious! From day to day, as we climb the Holy Mountain, our Church guides us to, and brings us to, blessing after blessing! If we stop and listen, even for that tiny moment, our breath will be taken away! No kidding! We don't have to be any kind of great saint (although all of us MUST be Saints) to experience in a great way the joys of our God and HIS working among us! Every one of us can have a truly breathtaking



experience when we come to the Liturgy, and other services. I have no doubt that everyone reading this letter has had such an experience during their life. When we come into the presence of the Living God, we are overwhelmed and amazed!

On Friday we celebrated one of the Twelve Major Feasts of our Church, **"The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ."** (second "Feast of the Savior" in August). This celebration continues the blessing upon blessing, the glory to glory, that is ours in the life of the Church. Heaven is revealed, our Lord Jesus showing the disciples, and us, who He truly is! And they climbed the mountain to see all this! Isn't that an awesome message for us! We are always walking, climbing, up the mountain with our Lord, as He prepares us "to see Him!" Our Blessed Lord was nearing the end of His mission on this earth and chose this day to take Peter and James and his brother John up on Mt. Tabor and

allowed them to be witnesses of His glory. *"And He was transfigured before them, His face shining like the sun, and His garment becoming white as snow..... a shining cloud overshadowed them, and voice out of the cloud said, 'This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased: listen to Him!'"* The disciples were filled with fear and trembling at the awesome sight, and were actually overcome by it. Jesus came and touched them and said, *"Arise, be not afraid!"*

They had actually seen the manifestation of God, a Theophany, just as at the Baptism of Jesus! The Holy Trinity is once again revealed! Our Savior's divinity is exploding before them in the dazzling light, the Holy Spirit surrounds them in the cloud, and the voice of the Father is heard saying to listen to Him! Talk about experiencing the awesome God in our lifetime! Talk

about a breathtaking experience! The Holy Fathers tell us over and over in the services of the day that "the disciples beheld His glory as much as they were able." God cannot be fully seen or grasped by people, and so it is said they, AND WE,

can behold only as much as we are able....only as much as we have our souls and bodies prepared for!

The disciples were changed! The world was changed! WE MUST BE CHANGED! God has come to us and revealed Himself and calls us to Him. **"Arise! Be not afraid!"** What happened on that mountain over two thousand years ago, indeed changed the world and us! God, our true God is with us! Jesus invites all of us, just as He invited Peter and James and John! Yes, He invites all of us to come with Him and behold His divinity and allow it to change our lives! He invites us to come to the place where we become like St. Peter, so overwhelmed and awed and joyful, that He says, *"Lord it is good for us to be here."*

He didn't ever want to leave the mountain, for in the Lord He found everything he would ever need!

Trust in the Lord! Remember His call for us to come to Him! Make the vessels of your soul and body to be great caverns that can hold more and more of that glory! That magnificent event on Mt. Tabor wasn't only a one-time affair. The Transfiguration of our Lord is constantly being revealed to us every day! Every day we are called to come to Him and see His glory and be filled with His glory! Come to our God! Let each day be a day of blessings and God-given gifts! Let each day be something new and wonderful in our journey to the Kingdom, in our climb up the mountain.

Once again, Dear Reader, we are all invited to "Come and See." Come to the church (when and if you are able). Let God reveal Himself, as much as you can contain, and let Him speak to you in the prayers and rituals of our beautiful Byzantine Rite. Come and be renewed and excited about the "treasury of gifts" and the doorways to Life! Come and be reminded of the many, many blessings God has bestowed, and continues to bestow upon us! Yes, it is time for "R & R"! No, not "rest and relaxation", but **Repentance and Renewal**. Come to Him "Who takest away the sins of the world." In that great metanoia or change of heart, we set our focus on Him and we take up our renewal. Yes, in Him we are renewed body, mind and spirit.

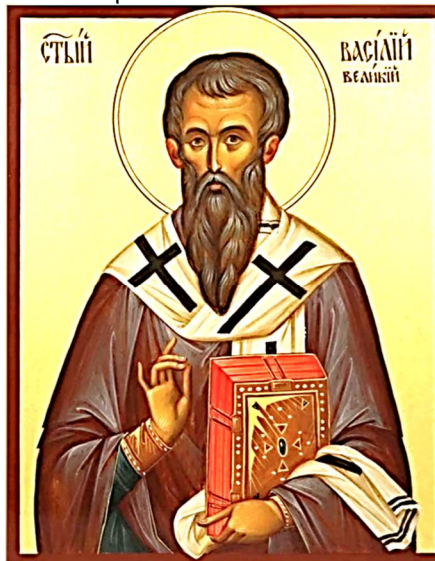
"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest, for my yoke is easy, and MY burden is light." (Matthew 11 28-30) Be repentant and Be renewed!

One might ask the question, "How do we do that? How do we get this "R & R"? It's actually easy....all we have to do is begin. Everything is there, nothing has to be added. All things are prepared for us in the prayers and sacramental life of our church. Right now we are in the middle of the two week fast prior to the Dormition Holy Day, "Spasivka". Just as we do during all the other fasting times of

our Church, we seek our Lord in penance, praying for the renewal of our spiritual life with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All we need do is make that decision to love God above all things and to seek Him in the life of the church, the sacraments, the prayers, the holy days and all that reveal Him to us, and allow us to see His glory. The glory of our God in our lives, but only as much as we are able to behold!

One of the neat things about being a Christian is that we can "begin again" any time we choose. Let today be that day of new beginning for renewed vigor for our "mountain climbing experience." We need only receive what the Church teaches us. We must not reject the call to so many blessings our God continually showers down upon us, through our Holy Tradition and the grace of God!

Our Lord invites us to **"Come and See! Be not afraid!"** Let us hear that call from our Blessed Lord. How glorious is that! One day He said, "Hey Peter, James and John, let's go up the mountain for a bit. There's something I want to show you." And we know what they saw! Today, this very minute, He is saying to us, "Dear Child of Mine, come up on the mountain with ME; there is something I want to show you!" How Blessed we are! So, So many blessings! And this is only part of "The Greatest Story Ever Told!"



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Thank you all, who helped in any way!

Mr. Iwan Szyryj celebrated his 100th birthday on June 28. We are indeed glad that he visited us at our Church Picnic, driving himself... God Bless You!

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