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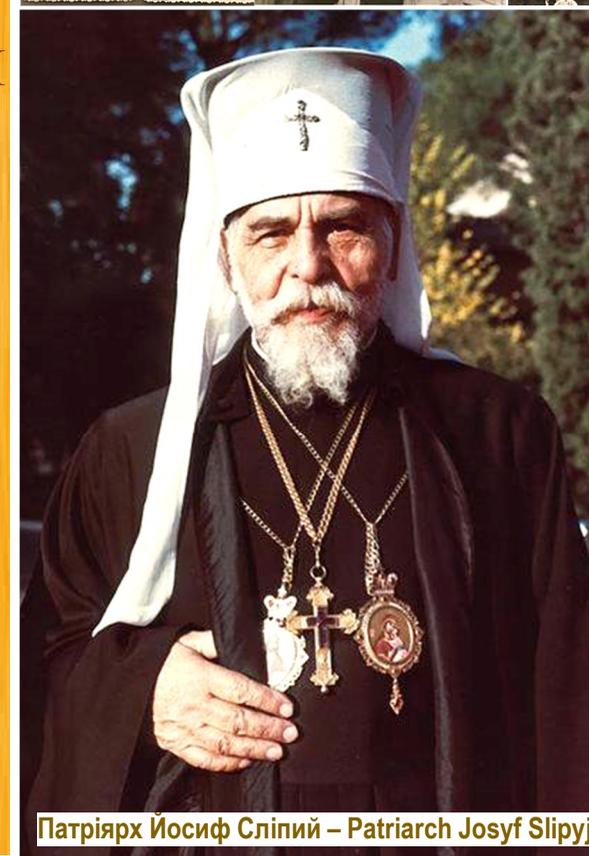
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ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



Молитва за Прославу Патріярха Йосифа

Прийми Господи, молитви наші за Св. Пам. Патріярха Йосифа, якого Ти нам у своїй доброті був післав. Помози нам, Господи, працювати для збереження нашої рідної церкви, для якої все життя невтомно трудився Патріярх Йосиф, та якої права так відважно і віддано обороняв.



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. Church
Церква Святого Миколая
(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)
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4:30 PM +Jerry & Lorraine
Szczyblewski (Susan & John Paul) **STREAMING**

Sept. 10: 15 S. aft. Pent. – 15 Н. по 3. Св. Д.

10:00 AM +Patriarch Josyf Slipuj – (in Ukrainian)
Praying for beatification of Servants of God
Patriarch Josyf & Metropolitan Andrey

Monday, September 11 вересня, понеділок

9:00 AM Remembering 9/11 & war in Ukraine

Tuesday, September 12 вересня, вівторок

9:00 AM +Eva Kowtalo
(Dranka Family)

Wednesday, September 13 вересня, середа

10:00 AM +Olya Czmola – 40 day & Panachyda
+Оля Чмола – 40 день і панахида

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Воздвиження

Thursday, September 14 вересня, четвер

9:30 AM +Paul & Helen Nowadly (Elaine)

Friday, September 15 вересня, п'ятниця

9:00 AM За Боже благословення Софії, Катерини,
Ірини, Дмитра Пронь (Батьки)

Saturday, September 16 вересня, субота

10:00 AM For Parishioners - За парохіян

4:30 PM +Michael Deneka
Kathy Deneka & Family) **STREAMING**

Sept. 17: 16 S. aft. Pent. – 16 Н. по 3. Св. Д.

10:00 AM +Roman Turyk – (in Ukrainian)

10 вересня: 14 н. по 3.Св.Духа **STREAMING**

10:00 р. +Патріярх Йосиф Сліпий
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Шептицького та інших слуг і слугинь Божих

17 вересня: 15 н. по 3.Св.Духа **STREAMING**

10:00 р. Роман Турик (родина)

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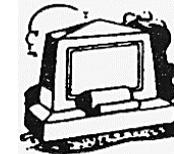
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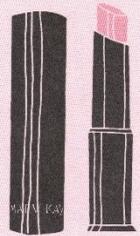
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The Niagara Frontier Council League of Ukrainian Catholics cordially invites members of the Buffalo area Ukrainian community to its 90th Anniversary and 81st Annual Convention Celebration Weekend September 22-24, 2023. Ticket prices for individual events are listed below. The deadline to purchase tickets is September 7, 2023. No tickets will be sold on the day of the event.

Tickets can be purchased from:
Nadia Marc 839-3016, Ann Serediuk 316-1051,
Maria LaPaglia 826-0281, Elaine Nowadly 825-8169

The Convention Hotel is the Country Inn and Suites, West Seneca, NY. The Friday, Welcome Party and Anniversary Banquet will be held at J's White Elephant, at 1404 Abbott Rd., Lackawanna, NY. The Sunday lunch will be in the Church Hall after the Sunday Liturgy at St. Nicholas.

We are pleased to have John Burger author of "At the Foot of the Cross: Lessons from Ukraine" as our featured Banquet speaker.

Convention Schedule:

Friday:
Registration – Hotel 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM \$25.00
OLPH, Lackawanna – MOLEBEN - 6:00 PM
Welcome Party 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM \$40.00

Saturday:
Breakfast 7:30 - 9:30 AM at hotel
Tour St. Casimir RC Ch 9:30 - 11:30 AM at church
Lunch 12:00 - 1:30 PM
WORKSHOP 2:00 – 3:00 PM St. Nicholas
Anniversary Banquet 6:30PM - 11:00PM \$50.00

Sunday:
Pontifical Liturgy 10:00 AM St. Nicholas
Lunch 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM \$20.00

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See schedule on the left

If you would like to become a member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, in this 90th year of its founding, please talk to our pastor, who is the Spiritual Director of the League, or Elaine Nowadly, the President of Niagara Frontier Council of the L.U.C.

Конвенція Ліги Українців Католиків

Відбудеться 22-24 вересня, 2023

З участю владики Павла

Просимо по змозі долучитися.

← Програма у бюлетені

Якщо бажали би стати членами Ліги, у це 90-ліття її існування, просимо зголоситися до пароха, який є Духовним Провідником, або до Елейн Новадлей, яка є Головою місцевого Відділу Л.У.К.

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The Office of Religious Education and Catechesis will hold a catechetical seminar on Saturday, October 7, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Nicholas UCC in Buffalo, New York. Invited to participate are all current and former catechists as well as Deacons in the parish. Please attend!

НАВЧАННЯ РЕЛІГІЇ:

Our Religious Education program for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on November 18th. Listed below are the dates for Religion classes for the year. Mark them on your calendar. Classes are from 10:30AM- 1:30PM on following Saturdays:

November 18, 2023, December 2, 2023
January 13, 2024, February 17, 2024
March 23, 2024, April 27, 2024, May 18, 2024

Solemn Communion, Sunday, May 19, 2024

Торжественне Св. Причастя – 19 травня, 2024

On October 8, 2023, a Liturgy for Peace in Ukraine - Fatima Shrine at 1:30 PM.

Свята Літургія за Мир в Україні у Фатімському Соборі - 8 жовтня, 2023 р. о 1:30

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Anna Hanicki 10
Stefan Korol 11
Billy Serediuk 13
Anna Teluk 14
Mary Hanuszczak 14
Roman Konowka 18
David Marchal 22
Christine Moroz 25
Christine Marchal 25
Sophia Rajca 30

And our children

Bentley James Repeta 1
Marija Helen Procyk 2
Adrian Mazepa 7
Andrew Yevheniy Shcherbakov 13
William Daniel Lepkyj 18
Kalyna Mazepa 21
Ivan David Harasymchuk 27

Many Happy Years!
На Многая і Благая Літа!

O LORD, I LOVE THE PLACE WHERE YOUR GLORY DWELLS

The Church as Our Spiritual Home with God



The Church as Our Spiritual Home with God

The 2023-2024 Catechetical Year's theme focuses in on the Church as the beautiful dwelling place of GOD WITH US.

Catechetical Sunday will be next Sunday, September 17. Liturgy at 10 AM. Please attend!

Катехитична Неділя буде на другу неділю, 17 вересня. Просимо усіх катехиток прийти на 10 год.



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Religion classes – Релігійна Програма

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Пані Оля Чмола

Oliha "Olya" Czmola – Eulogy – Пані Оля Чмола

How do I put into words a lifetime of memories that I have with Mama? I will simply write what comes to mind hoping everyone gets a good feel for her life, her dreams and her strong will.

Mama was born in Lviv, Ukraine on August 31st, 1928. After surviving WWII in Ukraine, she ended up in the American-occupied zone of Germany where she met her husband-to-be, my Tato Ihor Czmola. After a long journey by boat, she arrived in America in 1950. These were scary times - in a new country with no knowledge of the language. Later that year, Ihor came to America and they were wed in October 1950. The family grew with the birth of Bohdan in 1951 and Olena in 1955. They struggled to make good lives for their family by working hard, having strong faith and always, a positive outlook.

Our summers were filled with vacations touring America. My Tato loved to camp and had a passion for National Parks. We headed out on long journeys in our Ford Falcon, loaded with camping gear in the trunk and overhead carrier. The Coleman propane stove always made the trip and was used to heat up many cans of Dinty Moore Beef Stew and Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup. Restaurants were not on the agenda and the occasional stop for ice cream was a treat. We drove through all of America during those hot summer months in a car with no air conditioning and we rarely stayed in one place for more than one night. Tato had the itinerary planned well in advance. Every morning he reviewed it and Mama listened to his plan for that day's trip. He drove while Mama sat with a map giving him directions. Keep in mind that there was no GPS to help us in our travels. Mama was our navigation system. Amazingly, I don't remember ever getting lost. These vacations were often spent with the Dziuba and Horbachevsky families, following each other's cars.

Tato passed away suddenly in 1997. Having lived through the horrors of WWII in Ukraine and the loss of her husband relatively early, Mama's life was not always easy but she was a strong woman who never complained, was always of good thought and kind to everyone.



Mama was very proud of her Ukrainian heritage and saddened by the recent situation in her beloved homeland. She prayed daily for the war to end. Mama dedicated her life to everything Ukrainian, mostly to "Plast", our Ukrainian Scouting Organization, and to the hundreds of children she taught at St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. School from 1962 to 1988 as their kindergarten teacher. Her love for music was expressed by the numerous concerts she organized. Children sang along with her piano accompaniment and recited the Ukrainian poems she taught them. For many years, Mama played a huge role in Buffalo's Ukrainian Saturday School and belonged to numerous Ukrainian organizations. She leaves behind a myriad of her priceless Ukrainian embroideries. Her biggest pride was the book she published titled "Beauty of Ukrainian Embroidery" which contained over 200 photos of my Tato's embroidery. She was also very proud of donating over 15 gallons of blood through the American Red Cross Blood Services Region in Buffalo.



Mama's troubles began seven years ago following two hip surgeries. She was no longer in pain, but one leg was now shorter than the other and she needed a walker to get around. She gifted her old Ford Focus to her grandson Nicholas, realizing she would never drive again. And then came dementia. It was sad to see how it slowly took over her memory. As it progressed, she remembered every word to long poems and songs from her childhood but could not remember if she had eaten breakfast. She struggled to remember people who meant so much to her and the passing of time confused her. Every time my

husband Jim came to visit, which was often, she told me how happy she was because he hadn't been to her home in 20 years.

Music was her life. Mama's happiest times were when friends came over. She sat behind the piano playing her favorite Ukrainian songs and everyone sang. I thank my Teta Irka and Mama's godson, Roman Konowka, for recently coaxing her to play some songs for them on the piano. She always told me how much it meant to her that someone wanted to listen to her fingers making music, which now were struggling to find the correct notes.



As the years went on, Mama had difficulty walking, and her dementia was getting worse. Mama spent hours sitting on her recliner watching the different birds that flocked to her bird feeder. Every time I came to her home, the first thing she asked of me was to fill up the bird feeder with seeds because the birds were hungry. She never worried about what or when she would eat, but making sure the birds were fed was a huge priority.

She also got so much joy from the gift of a red anthurium plant from Father Marijan Procyk and his daughter, Nadia. Because it meant so much to her, this plant is here next to her coffin. There came a time when Mama started telling me that the plant dances and that she loves watching it dance. I could not understand this until one day I saw it for myself. The plant was "dancing, its movement forced by the air coming out of the heat register. I let her believe this was true. Such a small gesture by two wonderful people brought her so much happiness for so many years.



Mama's favorite place on earth was Novyi Sokil, our Ukrainian Plast Scouting Camp in North Collins, NY. She spent years there as children camped every summer. She taught them songs and how to embroider, she taught them about our Ukrainian traditions, and how to be kind to one another. She loved the annual potato bake held there in September, where she made sure everyone sang.

We had a system. When she woke up in the morning and was already downstairs, she called and gave me one ring. That way I knew she was up and her day had begun. In the evening when she was already in bed, she gave me a ring so I knew she was safely tucked away. I would ring her back to let her know I was wishing her a good night's sleep. I already miss my morning and evening rings from her.

Sunday was her favorite day of the week. For years, we went to church every week. Shortly before Covid hit Mama decided that going to church was too difficult. Luckily, Covid brought about the live streaming of our Sunday morning Mass. We never missed a week and Mama was totally amazed that she could go to church in her kitchen! During the last five weeks of her life, we listened to Mass in the hospital and then in the rehab center where she took her last breath. The Sunday before she passed, Mama was still able to sing along with me and cross herself. Somehow, I knew this would be our last Mass together.

Her friends Pani Hreschyshyn and Pani Saldyt were dear to her. They got together every Wednesday to pray the Rosary at noon, taking turns at each other's homes. As they got older and travelling became difficult, they continued the tradition separately from their individual homes, always at noon on Wednesdays. Though her two friends passed away in recent years, Mama still prayed the rosary every Wednesday, doing so a week before her passing.



when my Tato passed away in 1997. It sat in the living room behind her recliner and, over the years, grew to nearly four feet tall. I started noticing that the leaves were constantly falling off and the bark was turning yellow. Even though it was no longer healthy, I let it stay there because she loved it so much. All the leaves fell off

when she went into the hospital five weeks ago. I then asked myself if this, along with the cemetery tree, were signs. The third sign came the day after she went to the hospital. My brother was staying at her house and called me in the morning to say we have a problem. The huge mulberry tree Tato planted over 50 years ago had cracked in half and fallen in the backyard. I now know that these three were signs sent to us from Heaven.

The outpouring of texts and messages I received over the past few days has been overwhelming. To me, she was my Mama. Until now, I did not realize what a huge impact she had on so many people. There are too many to mention, but I'd like to share three of the messages. First is a message from Bohdan Shutka who now lives in Vienna, Austria. He wrote: "Your mother was a mentor for life and an amazing teacher. I remember spending hours talking to her. Now when Ukraine is again being attacked, her stories serve as an inspiration not to give up and to continue the fight." Alya Tkaczuk from Colorado wrote: "Pani Czmola was an amazing woman - soft spoken, sweet, yet strong and, at times, fierce in her beliefs. Her love for Ukraine, its history, pure language, folk songs, textiles, embroidery and culture,

There were three signs that Mama's health was failing. The first was the tree that stood proudly behind the monument at our family's plot at St. Matthew's cemetery for nearly 50 years. Spring came and I noticed that all the other trees in the cemetery were coming to full bloom but not this one. The tree died and was removed. At that point, I didn't think much about the "sign". The second was the plant that my cousin Oleh and his wife Anne gave Mama



nature. Her smile would brighten anyone's day."

Our family thanks everyone that came to visit her regularly. You know who you are! This brightened up her long days and she was so grateful. I know Mama is now at peace in Heaven, playing on a piano and singing. She will be sorely missed by me and all those that knew and loved her. I will always remember her kind and loving ways and hope I can be a fraction of the woman she was.

Mama's suffering ended at age 94. She passed away on August 4th, 2023 at the Garden Gate Nursing Facility. She always told us she would live to be 100, but in recent times she had stopped saying this. Maybe she knew the end was near. She often told me what a great life she had and that she was not afraid of dying. Mama thanked me every day for all I did for her. She worried frantically if I was late by a few minutes, saying she didn't know what she would do without me. I begged her not to worry, telling her I would always be there for her.

Mama was predeceased by her parents, Sofron and Eugenia Ferencevych, her siblings George and Roman Ferencevych and Ivanna Gorchynsky, and by her half-sisters Nadia Huber, Myroslawa Dragan and Maria Lohaza. OIha is survived by her children Bohdan (Lisa) and Olena (James) May, her grandchildren Andrew, Nicholas and Natalie (Mark) Rogers, her sister-in-law Iryna Czmola, and many, many, nieces and nephews.

Olena Czmola-May, Olya's daughter – (August 9, 2023)



resonated in everything she created and taught others. Pani Olya has left a legacy for those who were fortunate to have known her and study under her tutelage." The third was from Danylo Butenko from Chicago, and head of Novyi Sokil's OTK board. He wrote: "Your Mama's presence is always felt at Sokil and it always will be. I will always remember her calming