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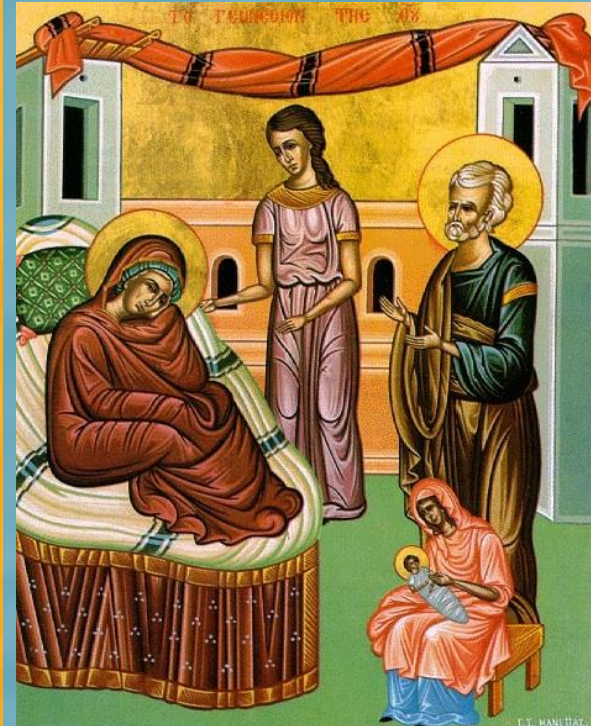
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 UNDER THE  
 PROTECTION OF  
 MOTHER OF GOD



**CHURCH BULLETIN**  
 September 21 – 2014 – 21 Вересня  
 ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

**Народження Пресвятої Богородиці**

Наша Церква в Утрені свята Народження Божої Матері співає отак: "Маріє, пречиста Богородице, чиста Діво, спаси від всяких бід своє стадо, щоб ми прославляли й величали тебе, надіє всіх християн".



Birth of Mother of God  
 Нароження Богородиці

✠ МОЛІТЬСЯ ЗА УКРАЇНУ ✠  
 PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Східній літургійний рік починається у вересні, і тому Церква установила це свято на вересень, щоб підкреслити, що Марія це початок Нового Завіту, бо вона породила Христа, основника Нового Завіту. Це дуже давнє свято, бо вже св. Йоан Золотоустий (†407) згадує про нього. У VII столітті по Христі воно було вже поширене як у Східній, так і в Західній Церкві.

Народження подало Марію землі, а Успіння небу. Як ангели святкували її появу в небі, так ми повинні величати її прихід на землю, бо вона "рання зірниця, яка звістила нам появу Христа і дійсно подала його людству у дні Різдва Христового. Наша Церква співає: "Богородице Діво, твоє народження звеселило всю вселенну" (Тропар народження Божої Матері).

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

4:30 PM +Ihor Zankiw (40<sup>th</sup> day)

Septem. 21 S. aft. Exaltation – Н. по Воздв.

12:00 AM. For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Monday, September 22 Вересня, Понеділок

8:15 AM +Дмитро Ільківський (О. Б.)

Tuesday, September 23 Вересня, Вівторок

8:15 AM +Франя Боднарська (Р. Дранка)

Wednesday, September 24 Вересня, Середа

8:15 AM +Ярослава Петрівська (Анна Телюк)

Thu., September 25 Вересня, Четвер

8:15 AM +Іванка Лонкевич (Т. П.)

Friday, September 26 Вересня, П'ятниця

8:00 AM +Богдан Пашковський (А. Г. Дякун)

Saturday, September 27 Вересня, Субота

10:00 AM See Julian

4:30 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Septem. 28 16 S. aft. Pent. – 16 Н. по З.С.Д.

12:00 AM. +Oleksa Kurlak

(wife, children & grandchildren)

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(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)

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НАРОДЖЕННЯ ПРЕСВЯТОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ

21 Вересня: Неділя перед Воздвиж.

10:00 р. +Любомир (М. і Л. Стасюк)

27 Вересня: ВОЗДВИЖЕННЯ Ч. ХРЕСТА

10:00 р. +Славко Савка (родина)

28 Вересня: Неділя по Воздвиженні

10:00 р. 3 нагоди 100-ліття Січі

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<http://www.ukrainiansofbuffalo.com>

Is the the web-page to find More information and events In our Ukrainian Community.

У 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.

Просимо перечитати інформації по англійськи.

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з кухнею у п'ятницю.

Просимо допомогти



We might start Friday kitchen again. Consider continue to volunteer. With your help we can do it.



## Soaring to New Heights!

Join other men at the Eparchial Men's Conference which will be held at St. Basil Seminary in Stamford, October 4, 2014, 8:30am to 4:30pm. **Make Plans Now!**

Запрошуємо усіх чоловіків на день віднови та духовних роздумів, який відбудеться 4 жовтня 2014! Реєструйтеся прямо зараз! Просимо зголошуватися через вашу парафію або за телефоном: **(203) 324 4578**

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for  
**A SPIRITUAL SPA**

Saturday,  
October 18, 2014  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
at  
St Josaphat  
Ukrainian Catholic Church  
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East Rochester, NY 14621  
Registration in Advance by  
October 6, 2014  
Call the rectory at 852-7566  
Or talk to Elaine  
Email: [stnbuffalo@yahoo.com](mailto:stnbuffalo@yahoo.com)

18 Жовтня від 9 рано до 4 по обіді, в церкві Св. Йосафата в Рочестері буде програма для жінок «Жіночий День молитви». Ми завжди говоримо, що до Стамфорду далеко, щоб взяти участь у різних програмах. Тепер не далеко, і ми повинні постаратися скористати з цієї нагоди. Не пожалуємо. Просимо закликати на ч.г 852-7566 або поговорити з Елейн.



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!
- Ukrainian Day – August 24, 2014.
- Bible Meeting – Summer Vacation.

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**Marriage:** Contact 6 months in advance

**Вінчання:** Голоситися 6 місяців скорше

**Religion classes – Релігійна Програма**

Субота - Saturday

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The St. Nicholas Religious Education Program will begin on Saturday, October 25, 2014 with registration at 9:00 AM. in the Church Hall. Classes will take place, in the hall, 9:00- 12:30 PM on the following Saturdays:



October 25, 2014  
November 22  
January 17, 2015  
February 21  
March 28,  
April 25  
May 16



Children who are in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and are eligible to receive their First Penance & Solemn Communion will be **required** to attend the classes listed above as well as the additional classes on the following Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM



March 12  
March 19  
March 26  
April 16  
April 23  
April 30  
May 7  
May 14



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elaine at the rectory on Monday or Thursday morning between 9:00 -1200 at 852-7566 or any other time at 867-0981

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(Володимир Забаштанський)

Як нема без зірок небозводу,  
Як блакиті без сонця нема,  
Так і мови нема без народу,  
І народу без мови нема.  
Скільки люду і мов на планеті -  
Стільки дива, що й віри не йму.  
Але буду і буду до смерті  
Перед ними схилитись тому,  
Що є мова і мого народу,  
Що народ є і мій серед них.  
Вирви з серця одвічну погорду,  
Мов немає у світі малих.  
Для народу свого велика  
Кожна з мов, як творіння вінець,  
Люд без мови - то глина безлика,  
Без'язика отара овець.

### Letter from Fr. Ray Septem. 21, '14 A.D

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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

Good Morning, my Dear One. Hope all is well at your house and that you had a pleasant week. Today, September 21, is a special and beautiful day on the Julian calendar (o.s.), the great feast of the Nativity of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos. We, on the new (Gregorian calendar), already celebrated this glorious, joyful and hopeful Feast day on September 8, but it is good to remember it again today also.

Yes, on September 8<sup>th</sup> we rejoiced in the good news: "It's a girl!" We rejoiced with the Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, who became the parents of Mary, who, in turn, would give birth to Our Lord. On September 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrated with our brothers and sisters around the world, both Catholic and Orthodox, who are on the new calendar. Today, we rejoice in the fact that once again, in places all around the entire world our Eastern Church is pausing to pray and reflect on this beautiful feast day which is dedicated to our Heavenly Mother. This Holy Day has many theological aspects, but one of the main ones always pointed out by our Holy Fathers is that it signals "the beginning of our salvation." Through Mary's birth and then through her giving birth to Jesus, the Messiah and God-Incarnate, we come to know the One True God and are brought to salvation.

If you ever want to meditate on something, try to set aside some time and ponder our Holy Days. Not so much about their theological meaning, important as that is, but simply about the fact that this special day has been celebrated annually all around the world for centuries! As priest, I am always in awe, first of all, as I remember the antiquity of the feast. This feast of the Nativity, in particular, is one of the most ancient feasts honoring, the Most Holy Theotokos, and that is what is so incredible to me. St. John Chrysostom, St. Augustine, St. Andrew of Crete, and St. Roman the Melodist all of the early

Church, speak of the services and of this great and significant day. Even St. Helena (+330), mother of the Emperor Constantine, built a church in Jerusalem honoring this feast. Think about it, the very same words we are saying, in the Liturgy and in the services for the day, were said by these great ones of our Church. The Holy Day was special and beautiful and sanctifying to them, and it is to this very day special, beautiful and sanctifying to us, almost two thousand years later!

And that goes for all the services and also for our sacraments. Think about it....a person being Baptized, or Chrismated, or Married or Anointed will be hearing those very same words uttered over them as have all those who have gone before us. I think that is so awesome and magnificent to think about that great connection to all those who have followed *The Way* and prayed according to the Byzantine tradition! The celebration of the Feast Days is indeed a uniting of ourselves with our ancestors who once prayed as we now pray. As we celebrate the grace-filled days of our Church year, we cannot but help to remember all who have gone before us and prayed exactly as we are now doing. Think about it....John Chrysostom said the very prayers we say, he moved around the church as we move! In addition to many other reasons, we can say Holy Days are important and meaningful to us in their antiquity. Awesome!

Do you remember when you were a little kid and you were out sledding, or as we called it in Schuylkill County, "sleigh-riding?" You pulled that "American Flyer" up to the top of "Bart's Hill" and got ready to take your turn and zoom down as fast as you could to the sound of the swishing snow beneath the rails and the stinging of the frozen pellets as they hit your face. It reminds me of today, this Sunday, as we are nearing the end of September. Here we are up on top of the hill and ready to go zooming down. In a minute we'll be at the bottom, only to turn around and go back up again.

Our Church, our Eparchy and our parishes all are about to get on a roll, go zooming along as if it were that snow covered hill, and it will be Christmas and

New Year's before we know it. The other day all of the priests met for our Deanery Meeting. One item on the agenda was to review the activities that were already scheduled, or would be scheduled in the parishes and community. It was.. "Wow! It's gonna be Christmas and New Year's before we know it." Check it out: This past Thursday, Friday and Saturday St. Basil's College Seminary hosted the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that venerable institution of learning. I'm sure it was a great reunion for those able to make it.

Today is Catechetical Sunday when we honor, thank and pray for all who teach and pass on the Faith. And that is not only the teachers in our Sunday schools and classes, but it means all who are called to do this. That means all of us, as it is really our mission to know the Faith, to love the Faith and to pass it on.

Today is the Parish Feast Day in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Tuesday is the first full day of autumn. Next Sunday "Sitch" celebrates one hundred years. Then it will be October, Pro Life Month!, and Praznyk in Niagara Falls, NY and Clergy Days in Wappinger's Falls. Then Men's Day in Stamford, Women's Day in Rochester, LUC Convention in Johnstown, LUC Sunday in Kenmore, and then it is November.

November will have Election Day!, the ordination of a new bishop, St. Nicholas Bazaar and then it is December! And I haven't even mentioned other parishes and family things such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and name days! And so on and so forth, we zoom down that sledding trail of life, these days of our life, celebrating, working, relaxing, praying, repenting, rejoicing, crying, as we hear the snow swishing beneath us and feel the exhilarating splash of the cold on our faces. And then we turn around and go back up, God willing. In all these events and the many other parts of our life, we always remember that we have been given this great gift of Life and we are to use it wisely for our salvation. Have fun and hold on! Sometimes the ride gets rough....sometimes the sled upsets....but at

the bottom we turn around and look up and say, "I'm gonna do that again!"

Before it gets to be Christmas time, a period when charity is easy, I need to remind you of our parish outreach to the Franciscan Center. We have been collecting non-perishable foods, hygiene products, \$\$, and other items for the teenage boys who reside there under the care of the Franciscans. Over the years we have donated tons of food to them. It usually happens at this time of the year that donations slow down and we seem to forget the great gift we can bring to them.

I write of good things in our lives, but we all know about so many of the terrible things happening in all parts of the world. Even as I write this, an urgent prayer request came on my e-mail requesting prayer for Christians in Northern Iraq who are about to be overcome by the ISIS killers. The leader of Crisis Relief International said, "We just lost the city of Querogosh. It fell to ISIS and they are now systematically beheading the children....ISIS is within 10 minutes of where our team is. Pray for us!"

The world is beautiful and glorious and awesome, but also incredibly dark and evil. We need to know about this horrible side, and fight it however we can. Let us rejoice and give thanks for all the good things and blessings we still enjoy. Let us pray fervently that this evil in all parts of the world will be overcome. Let us pray for Godless governments who continue to allow bloodshed and tyranny. Let us pray for our fellow Christians in Ukraine, the Middle East and in these United States. Lord have mercy! May our God bless us and shine His face upon us! May our Holy Lady protect us!

In His Love,  
Fr. Ray



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The Gospel for this 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost involves the two great commandments. St. Matthew records how a man with knowledge of the law comes to Jesus, and to test Him, asks which of these are the greatest commandments of the law? Jesus answers: "*Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, with all your soul, with your entire mind. And thou shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" Then Jesus adds - that on these two commandments hang all the laws and the prophets. If we consider these commandments more carefully and the deliberate repetition of the words: '*Thou shall love*', we begin to realize that this precept flows from the very nature of God. St. John reminds us in the fourth chapter of his gospel that '*God is love*' and that is why we must love one another. And to love in every sense of the word means pruning away at everything which is against or not connected with God, and there lies the difficulty many people face with these commandments. We do not want to give up our pleasures or ambitions, we strive to get even with those who have hurt us, and we often want for things which others have. Mankind is innately selfish, and sometimes we desire the things we want more than we desire to love God and our neighbors.

From the very beginning of creation, God has offered us His love. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden was a paradise of love, given to us by God, but destroyed through sinful desires. Today, Jesus makes it quite clear that the priority is love of God. But Jesus, in bringing these two commandments together, gives new meaning to the term neighbor, showing through even the Parable of the Good Samaritan, that there is no limit to who our neighbor can be. A neighbor is ultimately every person God places along our path, and in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us exactly what divine love involves. In order to love God we must be willing to give from our heart. When you see or hear the word heart, what is the first image or thought you envision? To the doctor the heart is an organ in our body. To the poet the heart is the seat of love. To the athlete the heart is the

body's strongest muscle. To the racecar-driver the heart is like an engine. But to God: the heart is the center of our being. 'Heart' is used in Scripture as the most comprehensive term for the authentic person. It is the part of our being where we desire, deliberate, and decide. It has been described as 'the place of conscious and decisive spiritual activity'. The heart is the center of a person, and the place to which we may always turn to God. There is a story about a struggling artist who brought one of his paintings to a world-renowned painter who served as his mentor. The painting was of the face of Christ. The older man studied it for a few minutes, and then said, "If you loved Jesus more, you would have painted Him better." The goal of the Christian life is to paint a picture of Jesus with our lives. When people look at us, they ought to see the love of Christ. And to be filled with the love of Christ means to deliberately turn toward another person in need. We cannot do that by simply following a list of rules; we can only do this by loving God in every possible way.

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1). Author and lecturer, Leo Buscaglia, once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four year old boy whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the boy went into the man's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said: 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.' Pope John Paul II wrote: "The world is loved by God! And, in spite of the refusals of which it is capable, it will continue to be loved to the very end. The Father loves you always and forever: this is the unheard-of novelty, the very simple yet profound proclamation owed to humanity by the Church." In our time, the Church and the world have need, more than ever, for those who are capable of proclaiming by word and example this fundamental and consoling certainty... We must become credible witnesses to Heavenly Father's love...