



Above:  
From the Liturgy  
at the end of 81<sup>st</sup>  
Conventiun and  
90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the League of Uk-  
rainian Catholics.  
May the Lord bless  
the members of  
the L.U.C.!!!  
at left:  
In front of St.  
Casimir Church  
with Fr. C. M. Krysa

Хай Господь  
благословиуть  
членів Ліги  
Українців  
Католиків.  
На Многая і  
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UNDER THE  
PROTECTION OF  
MOTHER OF GOD



CHURCH BULLETIN

October 1 – 2023 – 1 ЖОВТНЯ

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



Fr. Cyslaw Michael Krysa received icon  
of Mother of God from LUC. He wrote:  
No words can express the stirrings of my  
soul only praise and thanks to God  
through His Mother for all of you! СБ!  
And sending photo he added:

**Our Mother is at home.**

Хай Господь благословиуть Вас,  
Отче Михайле! Многих Вам Літ!



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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 За Парохіян  
For Parishioners

STREAMING



ПОКРОВ БОГОРОДИЦІ – PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS

October 1: 18 S. aft. Pent. – 18 Н. по 3. Св. Д.

10:00 AM +Dolores Baranecky (Serediuk Family) ukr  
Monday, October 2 жовтня, понеділок  
7:30 AM Intention of Nadia Marc  
В намірині Надії Марк

Tuesday, October 3 жовтня, вівторок

Священічні Дні – Просимо о Молитви  
Clergy Days – Please say a prayer

Wednesday, October 4 жовтня, середа

Thursday, October 5 жовтня, четвер

10:00 AM В наміренні давших

Friday, October 6 жовтня, п'ятниця

9:30 AM +Стефанія Хомяк  
(Богдан і Людмила Ковальчук)

Saturday, October 7 жовтня, субота

8:00 AM +Yurko Voychak (Terech Family)

4:30 PM За Парохіян  
For Parishioners

STREAMING

October 8: 19 S. aft. Pent. – 19 Н. по 3. Св. Д.

9:00 AM +Анна Jecyszyn (Family) ukr

1 жовтня: 17 н. по 3.Св.Духа STREAMING

10:00 р. +Долорес Бараницька (р. Середюк)  
Панахида за всіх поляглих в Україні

8 жовтня: 18 н. по 3.Св.Духа STREAMING

9:00 р. +Ганя Яцишин (родина)  
1:30 PM – FATIMA SHRINE: For Peace in Ukraine  
ЗА МИР В УКРАЇНІ

Просимо звернути увагу, що Св. Літургія на  
неділю, 8 жовтня буде о 9 год.

Це день коли ідемо до Фатіми і Св. Літургія за  
мир в Україні, за скору перемогу, буде о 1:30.  
Просимо взяти участь.

Next Sunday, October 8, the Divine Liturgy will be  
at 9:00 am.

That afternoon we will have Divine Liturgy for  
Peace in Ukraine in Fatima Shrine at 1:30 PM.  
Please consider taking part.

Eternal Light burns for the Intention of  
Mary, Kami and Carl (Elaine Nowadly)

Вічне світло в честь П. Д. Марії  
горить за МИР в Україні.

За скору перемогу – For VICTORY  
Eternal light honoring Mother of God  
burns for the Peace in Ukraine.

Plast Scouting organization, Buffalo chapter  
celebrating autumn with Annual Potato Roast  
event October 1, 2023 beginning at 1:00 pm at  
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in North Collins, New York.



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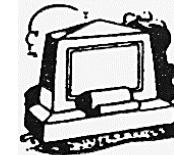
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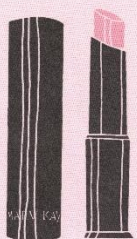


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Our Religious Education program for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Listed below are the dates for Religion classes for the year. Mark them on your calendar. Classes are from 10:30AM- 1:30PM on following Saturdays:

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

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!

Solemn Communion, Sunday, May 19, 2024  
Торжественне Св. Причастя – 19 травня, 2024

On October 8, 2023, at 1:30 PM.  
we will have Divine Liturgy  
for Peace in Ukraine  
In Fatima Shrine



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

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Asking all Ukrainian Community and friends to donate gift cards, items for Basket Raffle, bake cakes for sale during event.

All proceeds will go toward helping Ukrainians defeat evil.

If you would like to become a member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, in this 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

Якщо бажали би стати членами Ліґи, 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.





«Ну, що б, здавалося, слова... Слова та голос – більш нічого. А серце б'ється, ожива, як їх почує... Знать, од Бога і голос той, і ті слова йдуть меж люде...».

**Тарас Шевченко**

Учні та вчителі «Рідної Школи» щиро запрошують усіх шанувальників українського слова взяти участь у щорічному відзначенні Дня писемності та української мови.

Свято відбудеться 8 жовтня о 10.45 год., після закінчення служби Божої, у залі церкви св. Миколая. Присутні зможуть посмакувати ранковою перекускою та кавою. Вартість частування – добровільна пожертва на підтримку «Рідної Школи».

**“Warm the heart of a child in need 2023”**

Ukrainian Youth Association (CYM) – World Headquarters is asking their National and Local branches to take part in the annual “Warm Hearts” Campaign. Due to the war in Ukraine the need is greater and will focus not only on school supplies but also basic needs for the children.

CYM Buffalo Branch will be participating and sending 48 backpacks to children in Ukraine. The age of the children ranges from birth to 14 years.

This year gifts will be given to the boys and girls for Christmas (which is being celebrated in Ukraine on December 25<sup>th</sup>). For the past 9 years, over 18,000 children in Ukraine received backpacks sponsored by all CYM branches throughout the world.

We are asking the Buffalo Hromada to help CYM with this project and consider donating to this worthwhile project.

Please contact Ann Serediuk (716) 316-1051 by October 22nd. We will be mailing the backpacks to Ukraine by November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your help.



Грамоти та подяки від дітей та родичів, які отримали від нас рюкзаки.

**«Теплом зігріємо серця»**

Спілка Української Молоді щороку успішно проводить благодійну акцію «Теплом зігріємо серця». Цього року ми продовжимо цю казкову традицію, щоб звеселити серця дітей українських воїнів. За минулі 9 років, завдяки Вашій доброті було передано 18,000 подарунків.

Завдяки Вам кожна дитина відчула магію Різдва, і кожна дитина, яка отримала ті рюкзаки, своєю посмішкою та втіхою на знак подяки зіграла й наше серця. Отже, закликаю Вас активно долучитися до акції й цього року. Її мета – морально підтримати та допомогти дітям в Україні у період Різдвяних Свят. Вона покликана допомогти дітям-сиротам та дітям, чий батьки сьогодні воюють на війні у лавах ЗСУ. Таким чином наші діти зі США можуть “зігріти” серце потрібним подарунком дитини в Україні. Оскільки наша акція – благодійна, то головне у ній Ваша підтримка. Тому кількість витрачених коштів – особиста справа кожної родини.

З питаннями та допомогою просимо звертатися до п. Гані Середюк (716) 316-1051 до 22 жовтня. Пакунки в Україну будуть надіслані до 4 листопада.

Дякуємо за допомогу.

**Просимо долучитися до цієї благодійної акції Спілки Української Молоді!!!**



- **CHURCH KITCHEN is now CLOSED** Check with us later.
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Religion classes – Релігійна Програма  
See bulletin for scheduled dates.

**Ministry to the sick – Опіка над хворима**  
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**There will be an organizational meeting of anyone willing to help with the upcoming annual Parish Bazaar on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00PM in the church hall. Even if you can only help for a few hours, please still come to this meeting. The Bazaar is our biggest fundraiser, we need a lot of help to make this a success.**

**У середу, 4 жовтня о 6 год. веч. у залі під церквою відбудеться засідання у справі Парафіяльного Базару. Базар являється одним з найбільших подій зберання фінансів для потреби церкви. Просимо прийти, щоб допомогти зорганізувати.**

Here are a few community updates:

**Dnipro:**

Bar and Kitchen open every Friday night from 6pm. We started a Live music series with multicultural music; playing Polish, German, French, and Ukrainian of course. A basket raffle each week will be drawn at the end of the month. 50/50 raffles on band nights. Kitchen open 6-9. Bands 7-10pm.

**Event Calendar:**

(more info on [www.UkrainiansofBuffalo.com](http://www.UkrainiansofBuffalo.com))

**October 6 Uke-tober fest- music by "The Frankfurters"** @Dnipro music 7-10pm. Kitchen open 6-9pm. Enjoy Ukrainian and German drinks and food while dancing the night away to Buffalo's own German band.

**October 7 Virtual Reality Museum of War in Ukraine-War Up close** @Dnipro Library. 20 minute presentation. Drop in program from 6-9pm. Interactive virtual reality presentation using a headset. Sponsored by Ukrainian-American Community Foundation and Ukrainian Federal Credit Union.

**October 7 Pig Roast** -Ukrainian American Youth Association Camp@Oselia CYM Cholodnyj Year 11517 Lapp Rd. Hume, NY 1-9pm \$30 advance sale, \$40 at door, Kids 13 and under free.

**October 13 Sviato Pokrovy** program@Dnipro Library 7:30pm. Ukrainian Youth Association Buffalo concert for remembrance and protection for freedom fighters of Ukraine

**October 15 Pierogi and Soup fest** @St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church hall 3275 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore. 11-5pm soup, pierogies, cabbage rolls, Sauerkraut and sausage, cakes, cookies, basket raffles. All proceeds for Aid for Ukraine.

**October 21 Ukrainian Congress Committee of America general meeting** @Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall, 200 Como Park Blvd, Cheektowaga. 3pm meeting, 5pm Program and dinner. Keynote speaker The Honorable Brian Higgins. Tickets \$50 Dinner, \$40 members. [uccabuffalo.org](http://uccabuffalo.org). Ticket info: Akacia 716-674-4916

**October 27 Halloween Party- music by Cap'n Tom and the Hooligans** @Dnipro Music 7-10pm. Kitchen open 6-9pm. Wear your costumes and enjoy some festive drinks while dancing to Buffalo's famous Polish band.

**November 3 Music by French ConeXion** @Dnipro 7-10pm Playing tangos, jazz, new musette, and brazilian choro music

**November 11-12 St. Nicholas Ukrainian Bazaar**@ Matthew Glab Post 1965 Abbott Rd. Lackawanna 10am-5pm Raffles, baskets, Ukrainian food and more.

**November 17 80's night** @Dnipro with DJ Konrad playing your favorite 80's songs

**November 17 Prayers for Peace Collaborative Choral concert**@Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo 695 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo 7:30-8:30pm, reception to follow. Choirs from Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, University at Buffalo Choir, Mriya Ukrainian women's choir and St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church choir

**November 18 Grand opening of restored Grand Ballroom** @Dnipro details to follow

**November 25 Zirka zabava/dance** @Dnipro, Toronto's famous Ukrainian band playing traditional Ukrainian folk music. Details to follow

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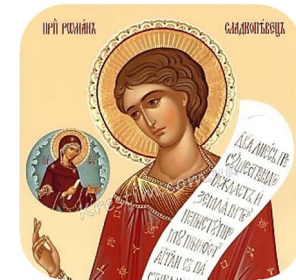
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**The View From Up Here - October 1, 2023  
They Were Held in Great Regard in the Church**

Dear Fellow Climber on the Holy Mountain,  
**October First:** Along with the Holy Resurrection, on this first day of October, our Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church celebrates the beloved, special and important Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God. Praying this blessed Marian Feast we relive and receive the graces of that momentous night when she appeared in the Church in Constantinople as the Mohammedan hordes were attacking the city. The church was filled with the citizens crying and praying for safety and protection. After the night of fervent, unceasing prayer, about dawn the Mother of God appeared holding her veil over her outstretched arms showing to all the mercy of God and assurance of her prayer and protection. Indeed the invaders were overcome and turned back and the city saved. "Most Holy Mother of God, keep us under your heavenly protection and bring us to your Son, our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ!"

Besides remembering the Holy Resurrection and this beautiful Feast day of our heavenly Mother, our Church calendar also notes October 1 as the commemoration of one of the Seventy Disciples, Saint Ananias, and also our venerable Father Roman, the Sweet-singer. Today I want to remind you of a group of men in our Church who are our fellow climbers and are always there to help us and guide us to our goal of heaven. These are the deacons in our church. I make special note of the deacons today because St. Roman the Sweet-singer was a deacon and as I noted, is remembered this day. His image is found on many icons of the Holy Protection.

Our Eastern Church holds the deacon in a very special regard. One ancient tradition says that our Lord Jesus Christ, the great High Priest Himself, served as deacon when he began to preach and said: "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand". Mt. 4:17; and when at the



Mystical Supper He proclaimed: "I am among you as the one who serves" Luke 22:27. Further, our Church sees the deacon as the earthly representative of the six-winged seraphim of Isaiah: "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory'. Isaiah 6:1b-3. In fact, at his ordination Liturgy the ordaining Bishop presents the new deacon with a special sacramental fan or *ripidion*, on which there is an icon of a six-winged seraph. The deacon uses the ripidion to fan the Holy Mysteries during the Divine Liturgy. Often the "oracion" or deacon's stole, has icons of the seraphim as well as the words "Holy, Holy, Holy" embroidered on it. (Deacons are indeed "angels of the altar"! (ed.)

St. John Chrysostom even compares the deacon to God the Holy Spirit! In his "Homily on Romans 8:26" ("Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words"), he writes: "Spirit then, is the name that (St. Paul) gives here to the grace of this character, and the soul that receives the grace, and intercedes in this way. Standing with much compunction, and with many mental groanings, falling before God, he asked the things that were profitable for all. And of this the deacon of the present day is a symbol when he offers up the prayers."

Every man who becomes a priest is first ordained deacon. Thus there have always been deacons in the history of our Church. Some deacons, however, have chosen to remain deacons without ever being ordained priest. Among the famous deacons of the Eastern Church are St. Stephen Protomartyr and first deacon; St. Roman, the Sweet-singer; Saint Lawrence the Archdeacon of Rome; Calpurnius, the father of the great Saint Patrick; and Saint Francis of Assisi. The office of "permanent" deacon, however, all but disappeared from



the Latin Church until its revival after the Second Vatican Council. This council mandated the renewal of this important office in the Church. Since then we refer to “transitional deacons” i.e., men who are studying for the priesthood and will be deacons only for a short time and “permanent deacons”, i.e. men who will most likely remain deacon all their lives. In our Eastern Churches the so-called “permanent” diaconate always existed. Since traditionally almost all parish priests are married men, being married was not seen as an impediment to advancement to the priesthood. Despite this, many men chose to remain deacons all their lives.

In parishes blessed to have a deacon you know he intones the petitions, reads the Gospel (even when Bishop is present), carries the holy bread during the Great Entrance, incenses, and always is the “link” between the people and the priest...the priest and the people. He goes from earth to heaven...from heaven to earth. Though not traditional, in our time now the deacon is blessed to preach and also distributes Holy Communion. Additionally, the deacon serves the Church and parish in a variety of other ministries of charity and teaching.

The deacon **does not** participate in the Liturgy without the blessing of the Bishop or priest; he may not “celebrate” the Liturgy, hear confessions, anoint the sick, or bless people or objects. Don't worry about these “nots” because there is more than enough for him to do! (Most of the above was taken from an article in “The Sower” edition of February 9, 1992. It was written by Archpriest Charles A. Mezzomo. (Eternal Memory,

Father “Charlie”! Your words are alive and still teaching after 31 years!!)



My dear Friend and sojourner on the Holy Mountain of our life, we are SO blessed in our Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church to see so many deacons serving worldwide. Their service at the Holy Table enhances our prayer life to an amazing degree! After attending Liturgy, especially on a regular basis with the service of a deacon, don't we feel the big absence when there is not a deacon serving??!! The Liturgy is made for a deacon and if he is not there, something VERY, VERY important is missing.

We are extremely blessed to have our Father David serving in the local churches of St. Basil, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. John the Baptist and St. Nicholas. Additionally, if it is God's will, we have Sub-deacon Derek in St. Basil's and Sub-deacon Dennis in Our Lady of Perpetual Help who one day may be ordained to the Major Order of Deacon! Please God! We pray for them and their continued vocation!

And the topic that brought all this to mind today... Happy Anniversary to Father David! He was ordained on September 27, 2020 in the Church of Holy Protection in Niagara Falls. I always say that in a way the entire family of a priest or deacon are also in some way ordained so we pray: “To the servant of God, the Deacon David, to Presbytera Michelle and all their family, God grant you many happy and blessed years! Mnohaja Lita!

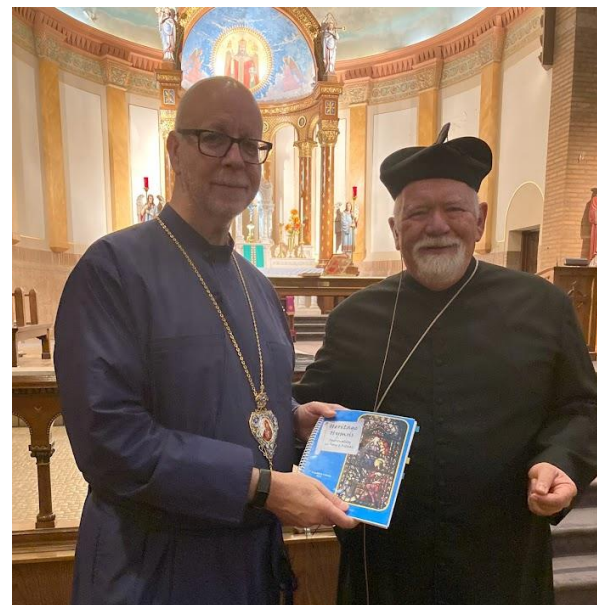
Axios! Axios! Axios! Thank you all for your service!! You all are help, a guide and a blessing to all of us! God bless your holy work among us!!!!

In His Love, fr. Ray

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