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CHURCH BULLETIN – N^o41

October 9 – 2011 – 9 ЖОВТНЯ
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК – Ч. 41



We welcome Bishop Paul Chomnycky in our midst, as well as all participants of the 73rd Annual Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics! Многая Літа!

Вітаємо між нами владика Кир Павла Гомницького, як рівнож учасників 73. Конвенції Ліги Українців Католиків На Многая і Благая Літа, Владико і Л.У.К!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

Oct. 9: 17 S. Aft. Pent.-17 Н. По ЗСД **18**

9:00 AM За членів Ліги Укр. Католиків
For L.U.C. Members

Mon., Oct. 10 – Понеділок, 10 ЖОВТНЯ

9:30 AM +Severyn Papisz
(Wasylyna Ostaszuk)

Tue., Oct. 11 – Вівторок, 11 ЖОВТНЯ

9:30 AM +Marusia Procyk
(Taras & Anna Dominkiewicz)

Wednesday, Oct. 12 – Серeda, 12 ЖОВТНЯ

8:15 AM +Jaroslawa Petriwskyj
(Emil & Vera Marc)

Thu., Oct. 13 – Чет., 13 ЖОВТНЯ

9:15 AM +Michel & Julia Michalow
(Michael, Michelle)

Fri., Oct. 14 – П'ят., 14 ЖОВТ. ПОКРОВ

9:15 AM За Парохіян – For Parishioners

Saturday, Oct. 15 – Субота, 15 ЖОВТНЯ

9:00 AM +Slawko Michaliv (V. & A. Kurij)
4:30 PM +Harry Swiatkiwsky
(Anastasia Wojczak)

Oct. 16: 18 S. Aft. Pent.-18 Н. По ЗСД **11**

10:00 AM За Український Нарід і
Панахида За поляглих воїнів
12:00 PM +Helen Maxim (Peter Maxim)

**Eternal Light burns for
Health of baby Lexi
Requ. By: Joanne Bader**

**Вічне світло в честь ПДМ горить
за +Ігора Чмолу
Пожегтва: Оля**

In the Beginning . . . (cont.)

(w. 29) I am about 14 inches tall now and growing really fast. I try to stretch out and mom can feel me move about. You could hear my heartbeat if you put your ear on my mother's tummy. If Chris were born now, Chris would have an 85% chance of survival because Chris's lungs have been getting stronger.

Sometimes moms have cravings. Pickles and ice cream make a good snack.

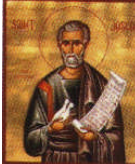
“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thess 5:16-18)

Religion Classes for the upcoming school year will begin Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 11:45 AM in the Church Hall. Any children eligible to receive Solemn Communion should be registered in our program. Stamford Eparchy policy suggests two years of Religious Education before receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Solemn Communion. For more information you can call the rectory on Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00AM and 2:00 PM, or call Elaine at 825-8169. Help is needed. We need Religion teachers to cover all the classes.

Anyone interested in volunteering to work in the Religious Education Program should contact Father Procyk.

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- **KITCHEN** – is open Fridays 11 AM - 3 PM. Thank you for your help and patronage.
- **Coffee Hour** - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall. Please join us!

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V. Rev. Marijan Bryukh

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Marija Dranka

Thank you – Сердечна Подяка!

The League of Ukrainian Catholics, Niagara Frontier Council will celebrate LUC Sunday (Christ the King Sunday) on Sunday, October 30, 2011 with Liturgy at 9:00AM at St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church. A brunch will follow after the Liturgy at Alton's at Transit and Seneca St. in Elma, NY The cost of the Brunch is \$15.00. Reservations can be made to Mary Beth Sukmann, 824-1433 or Elaine Nowadly 825-8169 until Sunday, October 23, 2011.



Пластова Станиця в Бафало після Служби Божої 30-го жовтня, відбуде святочний апель в річницю Першого Листопада.
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Користуючись нагодою, хочу поділитися з вами новиною про перші відвідини новообраного у березні цього року Голови Української Греко-Католицької Церкви Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука до Стемфордської Єпархії, як Патріарха нашої Церкви. У листопаді цього року Блаженніший братиме участь у трьох важливих подіях запланованих у Нью-Йорку:

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2) У неділю, 20 листопада, о 10:00 год ранку, він очолюватиме Божественну Літургію та проповідуватиме в Українській Католицькій Церкві Св. Юра у Нью Йорку.

3) Згодом, цього ж дня, о 4:00 год після обіду, Блаженніший буде почесним гостем на церемонії вшанування провідників Української Кат. Церкви, яка відбуватиметься в університетській Церкві (Rose Hill Campus) Фордгамського Університету на Бронксі. Блаженніший очолюватиме церемонію відкриття та посвячення мозаїчної репродукції герба Блаженнішого Любомира Гузара, випускника Фордгамського

Університету (1966), яка розміщена на стіні у святилищі церкви, та виголосить промову під час цієї події. Блаженнішому Святославу також буде вручено почесний докторат Фордгамського Університету.

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Отож, проявімо нашу видиму підтримку, любов та шану до нашої Церкви та її ієрархів, беручи участь у цих подіях. Катедра Св. Патрікія, Церква Св. Юра, та каплиця Фордгамського Університету повинні бути переповнені вірними нашої єпархії цього вікенду, як свідчення нашої єдності у вірі та молитві з нашим новим Патріархом та нашою поширеною у всьому світі Укр. Церквою.

Щиро з Вами у Христі,

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I wish to take this opportunity to share with you the news that His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk, who was elected and confirmed as Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in March of this year soon will be making his first visit as Patriarch to the Stamford Eparchy. In November, His Beatitude will be attending three important events planned for New York City:

1) **On Saturday, November 19 at 1:30 pm** he will preside and speak at the annual Holodomor Commemoration at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan.

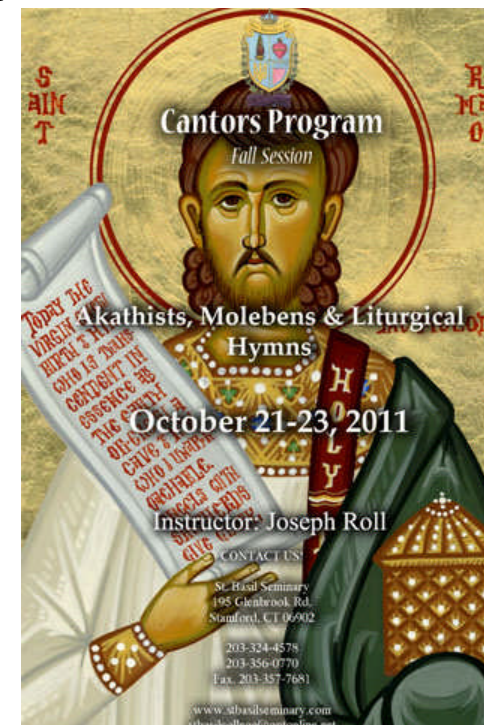
2) **On Sunday, November 20 at 10:00 am** he will be the main celebrant and homilist at the Divine Liturgy to be celebrated in St. George Ukr. Catholic Church in Manhattan.

3) **Also on November 20, later that day at 4:00 pm**, His Beatitude will be the special guest at a ceremony honoring Ukrainian Catholic Church leaders to be held in University Church on the Rose Hill Campus of Fordham University in the Bronx. His Beatitude will preside and speak at the ceremony in the church during which he will also participate in the blessing of a mosaic reproduction of the coat-of-arms of His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar a graduate of Fordham University (1966), which has been placed on the sanctuary wall. At this event, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk also will receive an honorary doctorate from Fordham University.

This promises to be a unique and memorable weekend for the Ukrainian community of metropolitan New York and especially for the faithful of the Stamford Eparchy. We should be rightly proud that American Catholic institutions such as Fordham University have chosen to honor our Church leaders in this extraordinary way.

Let us in turn demonstrate our visible support, love and respect for our Church and its leaders by making every effort to attend these events. St. Patrick Cathedral, St. George Church and Fordham University Chapel should be overflowing with the faithful of our Eparchy on that weekend, as a testimony to our unity in faith and prayer with our new Patriarch and our world-wide Ukrainian Church. Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Eparch of Stamford



**HIS BEATITUDE
PATRIARCH SVIATOSLAV
VISIT TO NEW YORK CITY**

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<p>Holodomor Observance St. Patrick Cathedral November 19, 2011 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Pontifical Divine Liturgy St. George's Church November 20, 2011 10:00 am</p>	<p>A tribute to the Ukrainian Catholic Church Leaders Fordham University November 20, 2011 4:00 pm</p>
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Eparch of Stamford

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!** October 9, 2011

Dear _____,
(Your name here, for your very own personal letter)

Ya never know where your letter is going to come from. It is Tuesday morning October 4 and I can see Lake Canandaigua as I write. It is beautiful sight which many of our people have seen when they have been at this place for retreats. It's been raining since we left Buffalo yesterday to come to our fall clergy days, but there seems to be a brightening outside, so hopefully, today's forecast will come true. And that is: "Sunny and a bit warmer."

We arrived late yesterday afternoon, checked in, prayed Vespers, had supper, then our first teaching session, and before I knew it, I was talking to "Mr. Sandman." I haven't had a chance to checkout this place yet, but at the first opportunity, I'll be off exploring.

Our schedule today began with morning prayer, followed by breakfast, then our second session on St. John's gospel. Then there's Liturgy, lunch, free time (siesta time), vespers, supper, another class, and then a 'get-together' before we call it a day. Operating on a schedule like this reminds us all of the seminary days. The only thing missing is the bell they used to ring prior to any activity there. If you've never been awakened by the sound of a cow bell outside your door, you certainly have missed something in your life. Every priest remembers that bell from seminary!

Our speaker for our meeting is a priest of the Diocese of Rochester, Fr. George Heyman, who is teaching at all the conferences. It is good to hear his words and to be able to tap into his knowledge of Sacred Scripture. Hearing him speak takes me back to my theology days in the seminary when I first studied the Gospel of John. That was a great course there, too, and where I first came to love St.

John's gospel!

Before the talk began today, Bishop Paul stood up and made a sad announcement telling us that Sister Jacqueline, one of our Sister Servants in Sloatsburg, had passed into eternity. Sister was well known by the bishops and priests, as she had been the long-time vestment maker at the convent. Parastas will be Sunday in Sloatsburg and the funeral will be on Monday. "In blessed sleep, grant eternal rest, O Lord, to your handmaiden, the nun Jacqueline, and make her memory eternal!";

Poor Bishop Paul is going to have a busy week... here he is with us these days, then it's off to the LUC convention in Buffalo and then a quick return to Stamford/Sloatsburg for the funeral of Sister Jacqueline. Guess that's part of being the bishop. Take it easy, Vladyko. We want you for many happy years!

Our Liturgy was extra special today as it was served by Fr. Vasyl Behay, newly ordained on August 6, and our newest deacon, Fr. Taras Chaparin, ordained in Stamford just three days ago! They served very beautifully, but I'm sure it was a bit of a nerve-racking experience. I mean celebrating with and for their peers... they just had to know all eyes were on them "checking them out." Fr. Behay even preached to the bishop and all of us, which only adds to the burden. However, he didn't seem too nervous and it was special, reverent Liturgy, followed by a Panachyda for the newly departed Sr. Jacqueline. After that service we then approached Father Vasyl for his first priestly blessing. Thanks God for the gift of this new, young priest and the deacon. Axios! Mnohaja Lita!

It is now about nine pm, which means I stopped writing before and got lost in the day's activities. The teaching part continues to be excellent and the rain finally did stop,

but the skies didn't clear till after supper. I checked out the rest of the building and no longer get lost looking for the chapel, dining hall or my room. It's been a good and beneficial day.

And I also took a long walk this afternoon! This part of New York State is another gift of our good God! I walked for an hour down the country roads and was in awe of the beauty of His creation every step of the way. The retreat house where we are staying is on an escarpment overlooking the lake, much like in the Lewiston area, although the Lewiston view is far more spectacular. The homes also reminded me of those on the Lewiston escarpment. They are beautiful and well-kept with lots of space, flowers, gardens and fields. I couldn't help but think of the many times our Lord gives us that vision of heaven when He sends us His peace, and allows us to experience a bit of the Garden of Eden right here. "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it'... And so it happened: the earth brought forth every kind of plant... and every kind of fruit tree... God saw how good it was.' (Genesis 1: 11 & 12) Glory to our God for His many gifts and consolations to us!

As I walked along, I came upon a crew building a new house. Among the workers was a person, just a bit excited, holding a video camera and filming the activity. Obviously, he was the owner to be and was filming "the new house" for his posterity. I prayed a blessing upon his new house and him and his family as I was sure there was something very special going on there in his life. He was occupied as I walked by and never noticed me, but maybe someday I'll see him in heaven and find out all about him, his 'new house' and his family. "Hey, I know you," I'll say. "I saw you at your new house on October 5,

2011!" Won't that be something!

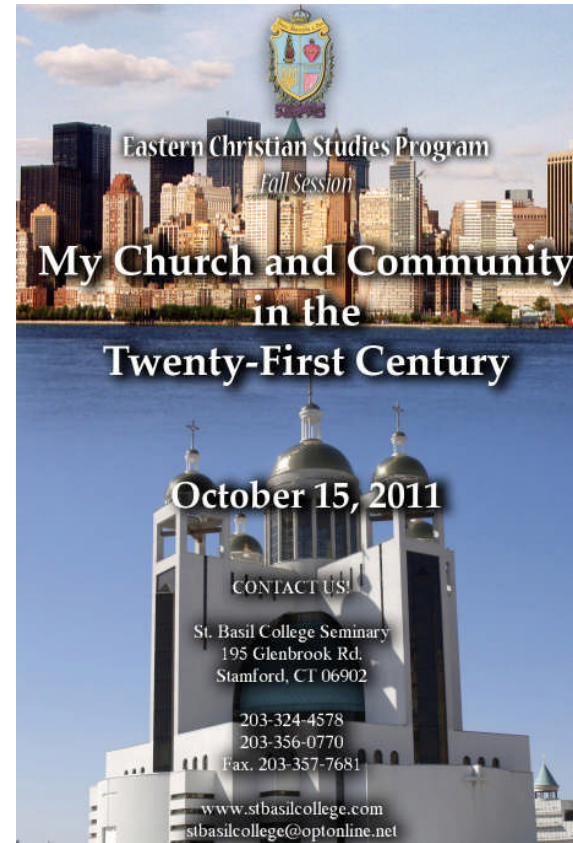
So that's where your priests have been and what we've been doing. We remembered you in our prayers and I think I can speak for almost all of us and say, "We can't wait to get back to "our people." We do love you, you know!

When you read this the LUC convention will be mostly history, but as I write, we still look forward to and pray for a successful, prayerful and beneficial convention. God bless the LUC'ers and grant them safe and happy journeys!

So from down the Thruway, it's time to say good-bye for this week. God bless you and may our holy Lady watch over you and protect you! Till next week, God willing....

In His Love,
Fr. Ray

8:30am Arrival & Registration *Coffee &*
8:55 Welcome Address: *My Church and Community in the Twenty-First Century* – Rev. B. Danylo
9:00 *Ukrainian Catholic Church in the New World – a lesson for the past* – Rev. I. Kaszczak, Ph.D.
10:15 *Coffee Break*
10:30 *Church Community Called to be the Icon of the Holy Trinity* – Rev. Msgr. J. Terlecky
11:45 *Sixth Hour (St. Basil Sem. chapel) - Lunch*
1:00p.m. *Building a Church of Christ in the writings of the Byzantine Fathers of the Church* – Rev. M. Kobasuk, OSBM
2:30 *Coffee Break*
3:00 *Sanctification of Time and My Life* – Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo - 4:30 *Coffee Break*
5:00 *My Church & Community in the Twenty-First Century (Panel Discussion)* – Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo, Rev. Ivan Kaszczak, Rev. Maxim Kobasuk, OSBM
6:00 *Supper*
7:00 *"Local Church and Building of a Domestic Church"* – Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
8:00 *Conclusion & evaluation of the program Fraternity - Departure*
Note: Program's Registration Fee is \$75.00 including all materials.



MY CHURCH & COMMUNITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

St. Basil Seminary invites you on October 15, 2011, for the seminar entitled "My Church and Community in the Twenty-First Century."

With the advent of immigration to the New World, both North and South America, the Catholic Church had to evolve new administrations and confront new challenges. Among these challenges were those of all immigrants: the process of assimilation and efforts at exclusion.

The goal of the seminar is to learn the lessons from the past and apply them to the contemporary issues in our society. We will search for the new opportunities and chal-

lenges facing our Church and community in the twenty-first century.

In addition, this seminar will acquaint one with the richness of Eastern Christianity through the studies of icons, liturgical services and the Byzantine Fathers of the Church.

The program is open for all who are interested and wish to gain knowledge about the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the U.S.A.

Please join us!

In addition, take advantage of St. Basil Seminary campus resources:

The Ukrainian Museum and Library of Stamford is the oldest cultural institution established by Ukrainians in North America. Here you can learn about the richness of Ukrainian culture and heritage, about the Ukrainian ethnic community in the United States.

The Museum's holdings include more than 7,000 folk artifacts; close to 3,000 paintings and sculptures; and over 500 religious items, such as icons, hand crosses, vestments, and various church vessels.

The Ukrainian Research and Cultural Center has a unique collection of Ukrainian, i.e., a collection of some 70,000 volumes devoted to all areas of Ukrainian ethnic studies and civilization; extensive archival, photographic, philatelic, numismatic, and recording; represents one of the largest collections of Eastern European holdings in North America. The Library's resources are available on OCLC (On-Line Catalogue).

For more information and to register please contact us:

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З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Бог у Старому Завіті творив різні союзи зі своїм народом, так як ми чули у сьгоднішньому апостольському читанні (II Кор. (6:16-7,1), де кажеться: *"Я поселюся серед них, і посеред них буду ходити. Буду їхнім Богом, вони ж будуть моїм народом. Я буду Вам отцем, ви ж будете мені синами та дочками – каже Господь Вседержитель."* Ця Божа обіцянка була сказана до Ізраїльтян, і вони думали, що вона відноситься виключно до них. Ізраїль часто провинявся проти Бога, але пізніше виступав з покаєнням, і Бог у своїм милосерді прощав. Позволяв йому знова повернути синівську гідність. Свою обіцянку, що пішли Спасителя, який остаточно направить відношення між Ним а людьми Він часто повторяв через вибраних пророків, що напоумлювали тих які почали ходити дорогами беззаконня.

І приходять Христос. Замість пояснювати закон, так як люди сподівалися, Він говорить про любов. Замість бути приятелем зі священниками, фарисеями, учителями закону, інтелігенцією, Він радше перебуває у товаристві грішників, митарів, блудниць. Очевидно робить Він так не тому, щоб стати одним з них, але щоб повернути затьмарений образ Божий у них, щоб їх наново привести до гідности Божих дітей. Та все ж таки Він немов залишається у рамках Ізраїльського народу.

Аж ось оця жінка хананейка благає полегли для своєї улюбленої дитини.

"Не личить відбирати хліб від синів і давати псам" – говорить їй Господь.

Серця слухачів, почувши ці слова, мусіли радуватися. Отак і вони б сказали.

А жінка, чужинка - чи ж вона ображується? Як з почуттям гідности? Та ж її прозвано згідливим іменем. Чи відійде з нічим?

Ні. Вона, майже з розпукою, звертається до Христа словами: *"Так Господи, але і пси їдять кришки, що падають зі стола їхніх панів."*

На це Господь і чекав. Він хотів побачити її віру, на основі якої уділить оздоровлення.

Оця віра проявилася у скромності і великій надії на Боже милосердя. Її не можна було побачити в тих, що думали, що тільки їм був даний закон, і в першу чергу їм усе належить, бо вони були самотніми праведними, що сповняли букву закону, але не конче дивилися на його зміст. Не було у них скромности, не було виrozumіння. Думаючи що вони досконалі, відійшли від шукання за досконалістю.

Відкинувши задля невірства колишній вибраний нарід, Бог приймає усіх тих, що є готовими співпрацювати з Його благодаттю, що хочуть стати вибраним народом. А в євангелії маємо багато прикладів, де якраз чуженці блистять перед Христом більшими чеснотами ніж його земляки. Так воно було від ясел, при яких поганські мудреці з далекого сходу прийшли поклонитися Новонародженому і дари Йому принесли, через милосердного самарянина, через прокаженого, через жінку хананейку, через жінку самарянку, через сотника, що говорив, „тільки скажи слово і видужає мій слуга”, і через багатьох, аж до розп'яття, коли то римський сотник заявив: *Направду, це був Божий Син.* А священники і фарисеї завжди думали про Нього як обманця, що був під впливом нечистого духа. (по: Лаба „Євангельські крушини)

...Наша молитва має бути постійна, несебелюбна. Стараймося менше просити за себе, а радше молимося за інших. Постараймося завважити інших коло себе, побачити їхні потреби, то й інші нас побачать, і Господь нас не забуде, коли нам щось буде потрібно.

Нічого не одержимо, якщо не будемо просити. Щоправда, Господь знає, що нам недостає, і дає нам, але від нас також вимагає співпраці.

...Навчимося від жінки хананейки отої впертості в доброму розумінні... Коли просячи не одержуємо, коли здається, що Господь нас не чує, коли посилає нам різного роду терпіння, пам'ятаймо, що це є якраз нагода, що б показати свою скромність, і терпеливість і впертість у молитві. Нехай наша надія буде завжди на Христа, хай наша віра буде сильною...

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

A young mother in Oklahoma City once told the following: "It was one of the worst days of my life: the washing machine broke down, the telephone kept ringing, my head ached, and the mail carrier brought a bill I had no money to pay. Almost to the breaking point, I lifted my one-year-old into his highchair, leaned my head against the tray, and began to cry. Without a sound, my son took his pacifier out of his mouth and stuck it in mine." There are those times when life seems absolutely crushing. The cause may be grave and serious, or it may be the result of an accumulation of minor things, but in any case, a person's sorrow can become inconsolable, and the grief overwhelming. And unfortunately, no one has yet perfected a pacifier for adults. So, in such times, we may find ourselves in the ashes of grief with no prospect of joy anywhere on the horizon. The words of Job speak of this condition: *"Oh that my grief was thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances; for it is heavier than the sands of the sea . . . My soul is weary of my life; I will give free utterance to my complaint, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul"* (Job 6:2-3; 10:1). You can almost hear words of a similar sort on the lips of the widow in today's Gospel reading.

As the Lord approached the village of Nain on that day long ago, his eyes landed on the tragic scene unfolding there: a widow attending the burial procession of her only son. Needless to say, he found her weeping: weeping over the loss of a child, her only child - a sorrow greater than which is hard to imagine; weeping, for having lost her husband previously, now she found herself totally alone in the world; weeping, for as a woman without a husband or a son, she had lost all means of support for herself; weeping, we can be sure, because at that point life had absolutely crushed her. What reason could there be for her to carry on? And yet, even as her mind was filled with such sorrowful considerations, in the midst of her moaning and crying, and that of the crowd, she beholds a strange man approaching and hears

him utter these words: *"Woman, weep not."*

When we pull back from this scene to reflect on our own lives in the here and now, it is not hard to recognize her experience in ours. Like her case, it could be the death of a loved one, or it could be a grave or debilitating illness. It could be because of a business enterprise in the throes of near collapse. It could be because of a marriage torn by conflict, betrayal and resentment. It could be because of a child that has wandered far from the pure and holy ways. The possible circumstances are endless, but the result is the same: we find ourselves swallowed up by sorrow, consumed by grief, battered by bouts of sadness. Our hope has faded, our vitality is lost, and joy cannot even be remembered. We read that Job took a piece of broken pottery to scrape his boils and sat down in the ashes – the ashes of grief - and we can identify (Job 2:8). It was at just such a time that this widow heard Jesus announce: *"Weep not."*

Christ touched the boy and the cause of this woman's grief was eliminated instantly, totally, and irreversibly. He touched the bier, the boy rose, and a mother's sorrow was turned into joy. And when the young man rises, St. Luke does not tell us that Jesus spoke to him, but rather we read that Jesus *"delivered him to his mother"*. This miracle is living proof that our Lord is never late or ever distant, but always right there beside us, lifting us up from our circumstances and bringing us into the hope of everlasting life. Does it always happen in such a manner? I wish that were so, but we have all witnessed grief and we all know a funeral procession when we see one. Funerals affect all of us, even the most hardened of hearts. None can fail to be solemnized as the mournful procession lingers along the highway, or the street of a crowded city. But we often think, as a poet once wrote, "How little unconscious wayfarers can gauge the unknown depths of many such sorrows, or measure the yawning chasms in the hearts of those who are thus, in speechless and pensive silence, passing by." But the point of today's gospel is not to teach that

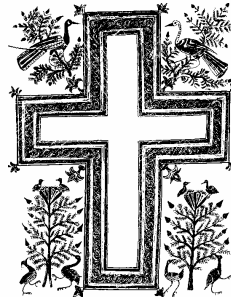
Christ will always instantly appear to take every cause of sorrow away from our lives; it is to illustrate – dramatically and powerfully – that the power of resurrection is still present, even in the ashes of our grief. The widow's five senses told her undeniably that her son was dead. Her emotions confirmed that the situation was hopeless. Her reason verified that nothing could be done about it. But then Christ appeared and overturned the evidence of her senses, untied the knot of her emotions, and undid the connections of her logic. He manifested life and power beyond her wildest expectations and dispersed the ashes of her grief. This is the core message of today's gospel for us, that the ONE who raised the boy is Himself risen. He wields life and power way beyond our expectations as even in scripture it is written, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18). Our Lord's abilities range far above what our senses can perceive; what our emotions will allow, and what our reason can understand. The power of Christ's resurrection is nonetheless there - perhaps subtle and hidden - even when we are least prepared to accept it, even as we sit in the ashes of our grief.

St. Paul once wrote, "Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? Thanks be to God who gives us this victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). The Resurrection of Christ is incontrovertible proof that death is never the end. Even the Gospel tells of three resurrections carried out by Jesus; that of the widow of Nain's son, that of Jairus' daughter, and that of Lazarus. In each of these cases, Jesus shows us that death never has the final word. Jesus sees the heartache, He identifies with the loss, and He is moved to act in such a way that also reveals His own power as the Messiah. Therefore, these three cases of resurrection in the Gospel cover all the successive physical aspects of death. Jesus raises the daughter of Jairus, while she is still lying in her bed; He raises the widow's son, (in today's Gospel reading) while he is being carried to his grave; He raises

Lazarus who is already buried three days in the tomb. This demonstrates to us that Christ's lordship over death is absolute. Only by grasping on to this in faith, only by grasping on to Jesus in faith, do we avail ourselves of the unimaginable possibilities that lie on the other side of grief. There, once again, the light can dawn, hope can arise, and fresh opportunities for joy manifest themselves, beckoning and calling to us, awaiting our response to the invitation to reassume life... because our loved ones are not dead but rather assuming Eternal life with Christ.

The beautiful revelation of today's Gospel is that through Christ's resurrection, death no longer speaks the last word. For the Lord who halted the funeral in Nain and gave back life to this widow's son is also our Messiah, the Word of God, and only He may speak the last word. For "Whosoever believes in me shall live, even though he dies" (John 11:25). It was through the Cross of Christ that God so mercifully dealt with our transgressions from the Garden of Eden, as Jesus carried our 'sting of death' upon Himself. For the Cross, which so humbly crucified Christ, is likewise our symbol of His victory over death. And nothing speaks to us more about the Lord's victory over death than His resurrection.

St. Paul teaches us through his many letters to Christians that those who risk nothing for our Lord's victory, accomplish very little toward building their own relationship with God. Much like today's Gospel reading, God's providence is constantly at work in our lives, but so often we let it go unnoticed. We must be more Christian minded in our daily thoughts and actions, because God is happening all around us; this world holds no limits for the Lord, not even death, praise be the resurrection of Christ, holds any boundaries over what Christ can and will do in our lives.



80th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God – October 2nd



This year's 80th Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2011 on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor (PA). The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "Respecting the Past, Celebrating the Present, Welcoming the Future: 100 Years under the Protection of the Mother of God (Pokrov)".

This year's Pilgrimage is expected to be particularly meaningful because it is the 80th Annual Pilgrimage and because it comes during the celebration of the Sisters' 100th year in America. (see www.stbasils.com)

Christmas with the KYIV CHAMBER CHOIR

Saturday, November 26, 2011, 7:30PM
Cathedral of Ste. Catherine, 3 Lyman St.
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Sunday, December 4, 2011 - 4:00PM, St.
Josephat Church, 940 East Ridge Rd (at
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СУА для СИРОТИНЦІВ

97 Відд іл СУА ім. Марусі Бек в Бофало збирає уживані в доброму стані або нові речі для сиротинця в Україні. (Від немовлят до 18 років.) Просимо по змозі приносити до церковної залі до 31 жовтня.

Дуже вдячні союзанки.

The 97th branch of UNWLA is collecting clothing in good condition for the orphanage in Ukraine. Please bring to the church hall before October 31. May the good Lord Bless You!

Reminder:

Jars of Honey are for sale. The cost per jar is \$10.00 It will be available in the hall during Coffee Hour or in the rectory.



Свіжий мід – можна закупити - \$10

League of Ukr. Catholics

Congratulations to newly elected officers of the National Board of the League of Ukrainian Catholics. God's Blessing upon all of you, so that you may always fulfill His Divine Will for the benefit of us all!



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