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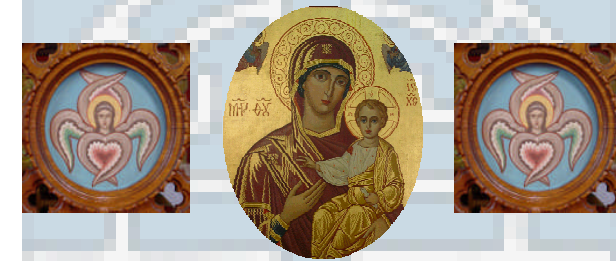
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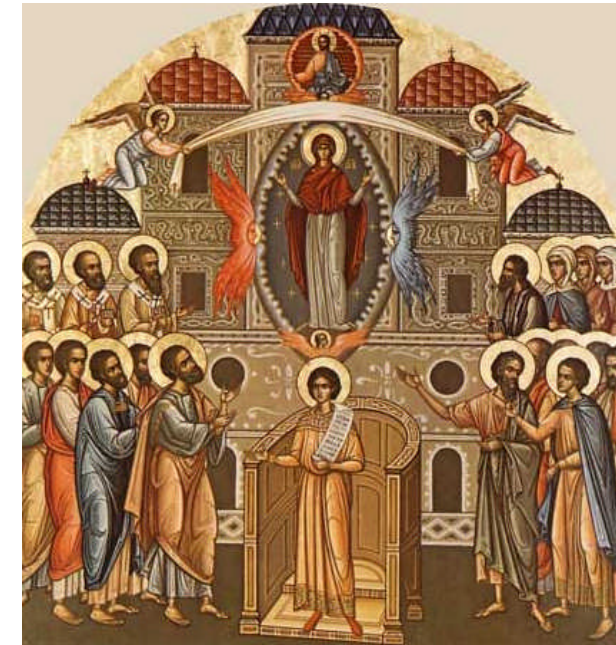


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CHURCH BULLETIN – N^o42

October 16 – 2011 – 16 ЖОВТНЯ

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК – Ч. 42



Покров Преч. Діви Марії - о. Ювеналій Мокрицький, студит

"Богородице чиста, ти велике заступництво для печальних. Ти скоро помічниця, спасіння й укріплення світу. Ти глибина милости, джерело Божої мудрости, для світу покров." (Стихиря Великої вечерні)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

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)

Mon., Oct. 17 – Понеділок, 17 ЖОВТНЯ

8:15 AM +Іван, Параскевія, Ігор Чміли
(Оля Чмола)

Tue., Oct. 18 – Вівторок, 18 ЖОВТНЯ

9:15 AM +Fr. Demetrius Laptuta (3 years)

Wednesday, Oct. 19 – Середа, 19 ЖОВТНЯ

8:00 AM +Michael Holowaty
(Michelle Michalow - goddaughter)

Thu., Oct. 20 – Чет., 20 ЖОВТНЯ

9:15 AM +Малина Дзюба (Христя Бравн)

Fri., Oct. 21 – П'ят., 21 ЖОВТНЯ

8:15 AM +Michael Chort (Marianne)

Saturday, Oct. 22 – Субота, 22 ЖОВТНЯ

6:15 AM У нам. Лариси Білоголовської і
Randy Bumgarner (батьки)

4:30 PM За Парохія – For Parishioners

Oct. 23: 19 S. Aft. Pent.-19 Н. По ЗСД 12

10:00 AM +Михайло і Марія Заньків
(Анна Заньків)

12:00 PM +William & Zenia Maroczkanycz
(Yaroslawa Bobenchyk)

Eternal Light burns for
+Irene Voychak
Requ. By: Joanne Bader

Вічне світло в честь ПДМ горить
за +Малину Дзюбу
Пожертва: Христя Бравн

In the Beginning . . . (cont.)

(w. 29) Chris has doubled in size over the last 4 weeks and is getting cramped in the womb. I don't have as much room to do my exercises. My muscle tone is getting much better and my body is filling out with baby fat. Hair is growing on my head – nice fine hair. I can recognize my mom's voice.

The third trimester is filled is aches and pains and general discomfort for mother but she knows that soon she will see her baby.

“Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward.” Psalm 127:3
St. Gerard Majella, pray for expectant mothers!

Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation,
and Holy Eucharist

Was bestowed October 8, 2011, upon:

Lukas Michael Popadyn

Son of George & Ashley (nee Meredith).

May our good & loving Lord
grant His blessings of peace, health, and
happiness upon Lukas Michael as we
welcome him into our Church of faith!

Congratulations! Mnohaya Lita!

Лука Михайло Попадин

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- **KITCHEN** – is open Fridays 11 AM - 3 PM. Thank you for your help and patronage.
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Інформації подавати до четверга вечора.

**SAINT NICHOLAS
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V. Rev. Marijan Brogh

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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, яка відправиться за Слугу Божого Метрополита Андрея відбуде святочний апель в річницю Першого Листопада. Запрошуємо усіх до участі.



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Української Католицької
Церкви на період до 2020 року**



Дорогі в Христі брати і сестри!

Церква розглядалася, як «народ створений у єдності з Отцем, Сином і Святим Духом». Господь Ісус Христос встановив її, проповідуючи Добру Новину про прихід Царства Божого, яке протягом віків було обіцяно у Св. Письмі: “Сповнився час і наблизилося Царство Боже” (Мк. 1:15).

(Догматична Конституція про Церкву, Lumen Gentium, п. 1.5)

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Церква, заснована Ісусом Христом, продовжує свою місію протягом двох тисячоліть. В той час, як Христос закликає чоловіків і жінок іти за Ним протягом століть, кожне покоління зустрічає унікальні виклики, щоб жити та проповідувати Добру Новину. Довколишній світ постійно змінюється, але ми є завжди покликані іти за Христом та будувати Царство Боже.

Нещодавно, Єпископи Укр. Кат. Церкви, зібрані на синоді в Куритибі, Бразилії, знову закликають нас роздумувати над нашим поклоненням у Церкві, нашим служінням у наших парафіяльних спільнотах та в суспільстві загалом. Нам усім відомо, що жива парафія є місцем зустрічі з живим Христом.

Тому, звертаюся до духовенства та богопосвячених осіб Стамфордської Єпархії розпочати приготування до Єпархіального Собору, запланованого на квітень 2013 року. Стамфордський Єпархіальний Собор, наше власне зібрання священників, богопосвячених осіб та вас, дорогих вірних, надасть нам можливість роздумувати над нашим християнським поклоненням та завданням у сьогоденному світі.

Для належного приготування до цієї важливої події у житті нашої місцевої Церкви, я щиро прошу вас цього осіннього сезону, коли ми розпочинаємо нашу мандрівку до Празника Різдва Христового, роздумувати над нашими обітницями хрещення. У день Різдва Христового, ми усі радісно співатимемо під час Божественної Літургії: «Всі ви, що в Христа хрестилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Алілуя». Проте, щоб ці слова втілити у наше життя, ми повинні роздумувати над значенням “хреститися у Христа.”

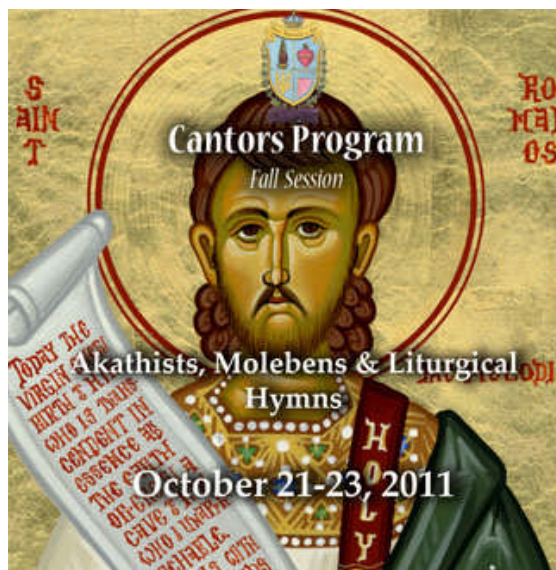
Я молюся та сподіваюся, що ми зможемо проголосувати Добру Новину нашого Господа і Спасителя Ісуса Христа та бути свідками Його люблячої присутності для усіх тих, хто шукає та бажає іти за Ним!

Бажаю всім вам благословенної мандрівки до празника Різдва нашого Господа Ісуса Христа!

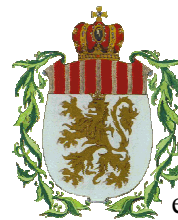
Щиро з Вами у Христі,

+ Павло, ЧСВВ

Преосв. Владика Павло Хомницький,
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**“Vibrant Parishes Places to
Encounter the Living Christ”
Ukrainian Catholic Church Vision
for the Year 2020**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church has been seen as “a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit”. The Lord Jesus set it on its course by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Kingdom of God, which, for centuries, had been promised in the Scriptures: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mk. 1:15).

(Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium, п. 1.5)

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The mission of the Church, founded by Jesus Christ, continues for over two thousand years. While Christ calls men and women to follow him down through the centuries, every generation faces unique challenges to live and proclaim the “Good News.” The world around us is constantly changing, but we are always called to follow Christ and build the Kingdom of God.

Recently, the Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church while gathered for their synod in Curitiba, Brazil, once again ask us to reflect on our vocation in the Church, our service and ministry in our parish communities and in society at large. We all know that a vibrant parish is a place to *encounter the Living Christ*.

This is why I am asking the priests and religious of the Stamford Eparchy to begin preparations for an *Eparchial Sobor* which is scheduled for April, 2013. The *Stamford Eparchy Sobor*, our own gathering of priests, religious, and you the faithful, will

give us the opportunity to reflect on our Christian calling and mission in today’s world.

In order to prepare for this important event in the life of our Local Church

well, I humbly ask, this autumn, as we embark on our journey towards the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Jesus Christ, that we reflect on our own baptismal promises. On Christmas Day, we will all joyfully sing in the Divine Liturgy: “All who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia”. But in order to make these words a living expression in our life, we must meditate upon what it really means “to be baptized into Christ.”

I pray and hope that we may proclaim the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and be a witness of His loving presence to those who search and wish to follow Christ!

Wishing you a blessed pilgrimage toward the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I am,
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Paul, OSBM

Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Eparch of Stamford

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СВЯТОСЛАВА**

<p>Holodomor Observance St. Patrick Cathedral</p> <p>November 19, 2011 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Pontifical Divine Liturgy St. George's Church</p> <p>November 20, 2011 10:00 am</p>	<p>A tribute to the Ukrainian Catholic Church Leaders Fordham University</p> <p>November 20, 2011 4:00 pm</p>
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In November His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk, 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 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 Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manhattan.
- 3) Later the same day at 4:00 pm he 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 a vespers service in the church during which he will unveil and bless a mosaic reproduction of the coat-of-arms of His Beatitude, Lubomyr Husar, a graduate of Fordham University (1966),

which has been placed in the sanctuary wall. He will also be presented with an honorary doctorate from Fordham University at this time.

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 like 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, 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

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

October 16, 2011

Dear _____,

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

The 73rd convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is now history. And what a convention it was! Congratulations to President Elaine Nowady and EVERYONE else who had ANY part in that important and successful event. From the planners to the workers to the attendees and to anyone else who gave of their time, talent and treasure, we salute you and thank you for all your efforts. We prayed for a successful, prayerful, safe and beneficial convention. I would say our prayers were indeed answered. Super job! Great weekend!

The LUC has some of the nicest people in the world and it was simply a joy to be among that crowd. We say in the Liturgy, "Let us love one another so that we may be of one mind..." I think everyone who attended any, or all the events, experienced that love and oneness of mind, sharing the presence of God for the good of our Church, which was foremost in all of the comings and goings. It was just such a pleasure to meet everyone again and renew friendships and even to look forward to the future. I pray that all the members will come to realize what a great force for good they are and CAN BE for our Church. Conventions are supposed to inspire, create enthusiasm and then send the delegates back to their individual councils and parishes to continue their work. Let us pray this will continue to happen for this special and excellent organization. Our parishes need you! Our Church needs you! Our country needs you! Next convention will be down there in God's country, Wilkes-Barre, PA, where I hope it will be an even stronger and

more vibrant group working "for God and country."

With the close of the convention our focus in the Eparchy and Buffalo deanery now switches to a few upcoming and annual events. Next Sunday Fr. Robert has invited everyone to come out to St. Basil's in Lancaster to support them in their "All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner." Please check your bulletins for details. Hope to see you there.

Then in two weeks from today the Niagara Frontier Council will be celebrating LUC Sunday when they will gather for Liturgy at St. Basil's. Following that Sunday morning Liturgy, everyone will then journey to "Alton's" for brunch and continued fellowship. Once again, please check your bulletins for the info such as times, prices etc.

Today immediately following our Liturgy in Niagara Falls I will be "crossing the river" and driving to Welland, Ontario. At St. John the Baptist Hungarian Greek-Catholic Church we will celebrate the 50th ordination anniversary of Mitered Archpriest Stephen Bodnar. When I served in Welland I was a deacon and would serve Liturgy in St. Michael's, the Ukrainian Catholic parish, and then go to the other side of town for a second Liturgy at St. John's. Over the years we came to know, love and be friends with the Hungarians, among them "Father Bodnar and his Presbyteria." So we will be looking forward to joining them on this special milestone in their lives, as well as the joyful gathering of that Hungarian Greek-Catholic community. God grant them many years!

Besides all of this local activity, our eparchy, and indeed the entire Metropolia, will be entering some very busy, memorable, important and even historic times. Our new Patriarch Sviatoslav has been in the USA for several weeks already, beginning his visitation in Chicago with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of that eparchy. There are several

major events scheduled for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and our Stamford eparchy. After his formal visitation to Philadelphia in November, our Patriarch will then do the same in our eparchy when he will preside at the annual *Remembrance of the Great Famine in Ukraine* (St. Patrick's Cathedral), a Divine Liturgy the following day at our church of St. George in NYC, and then he will be a special guest at Fordham University in the Bronx where he will unveil and bless the coat of arms of our dear Patriarch Emeritus Lubomyr (Husar), who graduated from that school. Patriarch Sviatoslav will also receive an honorary doctorate from Fordham at that time. All of our faithful are encouraged to attend any or all of these events as their circumstances permit. Watch your bulletins and diocesan papers for updates and stories of this historic visit.

A message for the folks on the Niagara Frontier: The Doucette family sends their regards to all. I spoke with Ronda, my little buddy John, and big Gregory a few days ago and they asked me to let everyone know they are settled in Indiana, now living closer to family, and all are doing well. You may recall that Robert had some very serious health issues, and many of us have been praying for him. Thanks God, "Uncle Bobby" should be returning home from his very long journey from the ICU, hospital room and rehab in the next two weeks or so. Glory to God for this great blessing and healing! We sure miss them around here, especially at the Noon Liturgy in St. Nicholas, which has gotten sparser and sparser since they left.

As I read over what I've just written to you I noticed I haven't spoken of many, or any, things of the world, or of the many problems, struggles and battles out there. I haven't written much lately about those serious issues that threaten our way of life. It's all still there, of course... the Evil One still prowls

and we must be strong, faithful and always on guard. All I wrote about so far today was about good things, good people and our good God! What a peaceful letter, don't you think!? Do you see how beautiful our life can be if we truly live God-filled lives and strive to love Him and our neighbor? When we do that, the devil is defeated along with his legions in the world. No matter what our state of life is; no matter what problems we have; no matter what health issues we have; no matter who is attacking us...if we have our God, His holy Mother and the saints in heaven and here on earth, we have everything! We certainly are wrapped in those loving arms! Here comes Padre Pio again: "Pray, Be Happy and Don't Worry!"

So my dear saint here on earth, I leave you again till next week, God willing. Thank you for your loving arms and for showing the Lord to me! God bless you and show His face unto you! Most Holy Mother of God, protect us!

In His Love,
Fr. Ray

If there is anyone interested in attending the festivities in New York with the PATRIARCH, please contact the rectory. Would there be enough interest to get a bus???

REMINDER: 4 Weeks and Counting

ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR
NOVEMBER 12TH AND
NOVEMBER 13TH
UKRAINIAN HALL
1219 ABBOTT ROAD
LACKAWANNA, NY

Important

A Bazaar meeting will be held on Monday, October 17th at 6:30PM in the Church Hall so that Bazaar information and Raffle Tickets can be sent out.

Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

THEME BASKETS – THEME BASKETS-THEME BASKETS
Our Annual Parish Bazaar is scheduled for November 13-14th. One of the biggest money makers is Theme Baskets. Please start thinking of putting one together or donating money for one. We want to advertise "Over 100 baskets" Last year we had about 150 baskets. Can we top that this year? Since this is a parish function, it would really be helpful if each family donated a basket. Then we would really have no trouble reaching our goal.

TO DONATE A BASKET CONTACT MARY BETH SUKMANN AT 824-1433, PLACE YOUR DONATION IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "THEME BASKET" AND PUT IT INTO THE CHURCH COLLECTION BASKET.

We also need \$5.00 items for the Surprise Booth, Kitchen items, Homemade Baked Goods and help in the Kitchen to both make and sell food. Any help you can give is gratefully appreciated. It is not too early to start planning. Please volunteer and don't wait to be asked.
We need your help!

A big thank you from the LUC Convention Committee for your support in attending last week's Convention activities.

Christmas with the KYIV CHAMBER CHOIR will present two concerts in the vicinity of the Buffalo area.

St. Catherines, Saturday, November 26, 2011, 7:30PM, Cathedral of Ste. Catherine, 3 Lyman St. (at Church St.), Tickets \$40 (incl. all sales taxes) TicketWeb (division of TicketMaster) @ www.ticketweb.ca or call PCI toll-free at 1-877-266-2557

Rochester, Sunday, December 4, 2011- 4:00PM, St. Josephat Church, 940 East Ridge Rd (at Carter Street), \$40 (incl. sales taxes) TicketWeb (division of TicketMaster) @ www.ticketweb.com or call PCI toll free at 1 877-266-2557

We will be placing an order for the concert in Rochester on Sunday, December 4th this week. If you are interested see Elaine today. If there is enough interest, there might be a possibility of getting a small bus.

Lystopadovyj appel after 10AM Liturgy October 30th in the church hall. Plast will also take care of coffee hour.
All are invited.

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Поміж Богородичними празниками нашого церковного року на осібну увагу заслуговує празник Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці, що його святкували ми у їятницю. Культ Божої Матері як Покровительки нашого народу тягнеться золотою ниткою від княжих часів аж по сьогодні. Секрет того постійного, улюбленого й ревного культу Богоматері як Покровительки, лежить, мабуть, в тому, що тут ідеться не про земське і людське, але небесне й могутє заступництво. А такого заступництва й опіки хоче кожна людина, родина й народ. Від самого початку існування нашої держави ми стало мали великих і сильних ворогів. Тож нічого дивного, що наш народ шукав такої помочі й опіки, проти якої не може встоятися жадна людська сила, а тією поміччю був якраз покров Преч. Діви Марії. Тому празник Покрова завжди був і є для нашого народу днем великого вияву любови і вдячності для Богородиці, днем радісної про слави і звеличення її покова й заступництва.

Головний мотив, який причинився до установлення цього празника, це видіння св. Андрія Юродивого. Царгород, столицю Візантії, облягали сарацени. Ціле місто й народ у великій тривозі. В храмі Пресв. Богородиці на Влахернах, де переховувалася її риза, правиться всеночне. Розмолений народ виповнив церкву по береги. Між народом ревно молиться про охорону міста св. Андрій Юродивий зі своїм учнем Епіфаном. Відправа кінчиться. Втім св. Андрій бачить, як від головних дверей йде світлом осяяна Прес. Богородиця у супроводі Св. Івана Христителя і св. Івана Богослова та при співі великого хору Святих. Божа Мати підходить до престола, вклякає, довго молиться і заливається сльозами. Відтак встає, здимає зі своєї голови преясну хустку-покров- з грецької мафоріон, і широко простирає її над народом у церкві. Видіння зникає. Св. Андрій і Епіфаній, які бачили це видіння, зрозуміли, що Пресв. Богомати прийшла, щоб рятувати місто. Подія чуда блискавкою розноситься по всьому місті.

Вороги відступають. Місто врятоване.

Від тієї хустки-покова і празник дістав свою назву. Покров-мафоріон стали символом опіки і заступництва Преч. Діви Марії.

З прийняттям християнства у 988 році, наші люди зрозуміли, що на небі є не тільки наш люблячий Батько: Бог у трьох Особах, а що там разом з Ним є і наша любя ненька - Пречиста Діва Марія, яка найбільше спішить з допомогою до всіх знедолених, полюбив її і найбільше плекає до неї сердечну побожність, як до своєї Опікунки, Покровительки і Заступниці. Наш народ завжди з великим довір'ям прибігав до Неї і ззивав її помочі чи то в справах особистих, чи родинних, чи в часах всенародного лиха, пам'ятаючи історію встановлення цього свята.

Празник Покрова Божої Матері був особливим празником славної Української Повстанської Армії.

Ми всі потребуємо її підтримки. Перше чудо, яке Ісус зробив на землі було переминення води у вино на весіллі в Кані Галилейській. Це чудо зробив Ісус Христос на прохання Божої Матері.

Свято Покров у нашому народі святкується особливо вчисто. Багато храмів освячено на честь Покрови Божої Матері, в яких в той день народ молиться і в молитві виливає і виспівує свою дитинну любов, беззастережну довіру в її могутчу опіку і скору поміч, в її роль у наших спасінні та превелике материнське милосердя: "Богородице чиста, ти велике заступництво для печальних. Ти скоро помічниця, спасіння й укріплення світу. Ти глибина милости, джерело Божої мудрости, для світу покров"

(Стихура Великої вечірні).

У кожній Українській хаті повинна бути ікона Пресвятої Богородиці...



From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

The Parable of the Sower, which is the Gospel reading for this 21st Sunday after Pentecost is perhaps one of the best known scripture reading. The parable of the Sower shows us that there are different responses people make toward the same gift – that gift being the Word of God. It also tells us how the Divine Word is like a seed, and how differently people receive this, depending upon the disposition of their souls. In every Gospel reading, the Word of God is being scattered throughout our lives, but that should not lead anyone to believe that we will all be affected in the same way. Jesus says there are four different kinds of responses that people make to the Word of God. And before He even begins telling us about the different types of people, Jesus lets us know that the "seed" is scattered to all, the Sower does not scatter only the ground that looks promising or productive - He scatters the seed on all of the ground. The Sower is our Lord, Jesus Christ and the ground is our heart, where the Word of God tries to take root and produce fruit of the spirit. Now imagine the day Jesus taught the Parable of the Sower. The people were accustomed to Jesus teaching in parables about the kingdom of God, so they would automatically compare themselves to the characters in the parable and see whom in the parable they were like. Everyone knew that some seed always fails and that some seed produces a good crop. But what did Jesus mean by the Parable of the Sower?

Jesus was sowing seed when teaching about the kingdom of God. Some people took his message to heart and produced fruit. Others did not take his message to heart at all and produced no fruit, or they took his message to heart for a while and then gave up and so produced only a little fruit. It even happened to his disciples. Judas betrayed Jesus and then took his own life. We would expect better from someone who had been personally taught by Jesus for three years and had shared Jesus' company. Not all of the seed that Jesus sowed bore fruit as it should have or

as we would expect. The same could happen in a family. One sibling goes on to achieve great things, while the other breaks the law and ends up in prison. They are raised in the same household under the same rules, love, and guidance, so why then do some produce fruit for the kingdom and others apparently not? It all depends on whether we take Jesus and his message seriously. But before we can decide that, we must first understand what this 'fruit' that Jesus speaks of really means. In Saint Paul's letter to the Galatians (5:22), he tells us that the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the same fruits of the Spirit that we learned through our religious teachings. Think of how beautiful our world would be if we all produced these fruits 100% of the time; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. We would have heaven on earth! Jesus had a plan for our world, that we would form a new society where these fruits would be practiced by everyone, a new society which would be a most beautiful society in which to live. That society has not yet come into existence because none of us is yet producing those fruits 100% of the time. But if we are fortunate though, the roots will grow deep within us and continue to produce a good amount of fruit throughout our lives.

Jesus then goes on to tell us why we do not always produce fruit when seed is scattered to all. Some people allow the temptations of this world to take the word of God from their heart. These are the people who receive the seed on the edge of the path. They hear the word of God but do not believe its promises. They have heard the teaching of Jesus but do not take them seriously. They are the people who forget the meaning of life, who live as if God does not exist, people who forget that in this life we are only passing through. I have yet to see a hearse pulling a U-Haul behind it. In St Paul's letter to the Ephesians (1:18), we read the following prayer, "May the Father

enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit..." If we forget what hope God's call holds for us, or what rich glories God has promised us, then we will not produce fruit and we will be like the seed sown at the edge of the path. This makes me think of an article I once read about two neighbors who quarreled for 30 years, and now they are buried only thirty feet apart in the same cemetery. That is an example of forgetting the hope God's call holds for us and the glories he has promised. In his first letter John wrote, "Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children, and that is what we are." (1 John 3:1) If we do not believe with all our hearts that we really are children of God since the moment we were baptized, then we will not produce the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. In South America it is apparently common for healings to take place during Mass. It is a rarity here in the United States. Could it be that in our country of plenty, we do not believe strongly enough in the promises of God? We are like the seed sown on the edge of the path, and we allow temptation to carry off the Word of God from our hearts.

The path, the rock, the thorns and the fertile soil are meant to represent the different conditions in which the Word finds our heart. Jesus explains to His disciples that sometimes the seed falls by the side of the road, but the passers-by tread on it and the birds eat it; those who are by the roadside receive the Word but their hearts ignore it. Sometimes the seed falls on rock, and from the lack of moisture it dries up and withers; so are the hearts of those who receive the Word but have no root when temptation comes. Sometimes the Word falls among thorns, and the thorns choke it; much like those who place their need for worldly possessions before the Word of God. And there are those occasions where the Word falls on "good

soil" and it produces fruit; so are the hearts of those who receive God's Word with sincerity and cling to it with patience. But Jesus reminds us that it is not enough for the Word to fall on "good soil". We must share what has been divinely sown with one another. The ground on which the seed falls must also have moisture in it, it must be frequently and regularly watered; this means that we must have constant and regular recourse to prayer and to other sources of grace. We must not allow the thorns, that is to say the attractions or distractions of the world, to suffocate the message of God. But even when "good ground" exists, no spiritual life is possible without daily and patient effort, without repressing certain desires, without meditation and examination of conscience, without a certain regularity and stability, without love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. Therefore, the seed of God's Word cannot bear fruit in us without a certain foundation; the Word will not take possession of our hearts if we have not cultivated the ground, watered it, and cut back the thorns.

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 зали 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!

The 97th branch of UNWLA

