



Cantor's Program in Stamford, Fall 2014



L.U.C. Sunday, Kenmore, NY – Oct. 26, 2014



Marija Helen Procyk, daughter of Alexander and Sheryl Leane was born September 2, 2014. Christening will be November 15 at noon. Consider yourself invited, but RSVP is needed by November 10. See the invitation inside of this bulletin.



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UNDER THE
PROTECTION OF
MOTHER OF GOD



CHURCH BULLETIN

November 2 – 2014 – 2 Листопада
ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК



Servent of God Metropolitan
Andrew Sheptytsky
(1865-1944)
Слуга Божий Митрополит
Андрей Шептицький

Молитва за прославу Слуги Божого
Митрополита Андрея Шептицького

Господи Ісусе Христе, Ти завжди нагороджуєш твоїх вірних слуг не тільки особливими дарами своєї любови, але й вічною нагородою святих у небі. Покірно благаємо Тебе: зволь прославити свого вірного слугу Митрополита Андрея Шептицького. Він упродовж свого праведного життя, повного терпіння і досвідів, був добрим пастирем свого стада і великим подвижником церковної єдності. А через його прославу й заступництво пошли цілому нашому народові великий дар єдності і любові для спасіння душ та добра Церкви. Амінь.

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Nov. 2 – 2014 – 2 Лист.

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

4:30 PM For the beatification of the Servant of God Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytskyj
За прославу Слуги Божого Митр. Андрея

November 2 21 S. aft. Pent. – 21 Н. по З.С.Д.

12:00 AM. +Jerry Szczublewski (M. & M. Michalow)

Monday, November 3 Листопада, Понеділок

8:15 AM +Sophie Sudyn (Helen Cherwiniak)

Tuesday, November 4 Листопада, Вівторок

No Liturgy – Нема відправи

Wednesday, November 5 Листопада, Середа

No Liturgy – Нема відправи

Thursday, November 6 Листопада, Четвер

9:15 AM +Свящ. Олександр Стеранка
(Maria Malaniak)

Friday, November 7 Листопада, П'ятниця

10:00 AM +Ангелина Пасіка 1 річн.
(родина Правак)

St. Michael the Archangel – Св. Михаїла Арх.

Saturday November 8 Листопада, Субота

9:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

4:30 PM +Pauline Maxim (Peter Maxim)

November 9 22 S. aft. Pent. – 22 Н. по З.С.Д.

12:00 AM. For Parishioners – За Парохіян

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2 Листопада: 21 Н. по З.С.Д.

10:00 р. За прославу Сл. Божого Митр.
Андрея Шептицького (Пласт)

8 Листопада: Св. Демитрій Великомуч.

6:00 в. +Дмитро Дранка (родина) В Лакавані

9 Листопада: 22 Н. по З.С.Д.

10:00 р. +Дозьо Пришляк (Іван Щерба)

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Церковний Базар – Annual Church Bazaar
Як вам відомо наш Церковний Річний Базар буде за тиждень (Суботу і Неділю, 8. і 9. Листопада). Щоб він був успішний Ваша допомога конче потрібна. Просиме не чекати, щоб окремо до Вас звертатися!

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As you know our Annual Parish Bazaar is one week away (Saturday & Sunday, November 8 & 9th). This event is a major fundraiser for the Parish. To make it a success we need your help.

Ways you can help:

- Help is needed next week to prepare the food. Last year we ran out of food, so we have to be prepared this year. Help will be needed this **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to prepare the food. The ladies will be working in the morning on those days. Thank You!**
- Baked Goods are needed for the Baked Goods Table. We need baked goods to sell. If you can bake please contact Luba Dranka Joven, @ 597-7649.
- We are in desperate need of items for the Kitchen Jar game and the surprise booth in the value of \$5.00.
- We will be working on Theme Baskets at the Lackawanna Hall, all next week, from 6-8:30PM. If you would like to drop off Theme Baskets or any donation you can do so at that time. You can also drop off Attic Treasures especially Christmas items if you have them.
- We will need people to help in the kitchen and at the various booths on Saturday and Sunday. If you can help, please offer your services for an hour or two.
- Help will be needed on Sunday to clean up the hall. If you can please help.

We are asking for your help because as you know many of the people we counted on to help are either deceased or through illness are no longer able to help. Our list of volunteers is getting shorter and shorter. If you can help in any way, please come and volunteer your time.

THEME BASKETS – THEME BASKETS

Our Annual Parish Bazaar is scheduled for November 8-9th. 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 200 baskets” Last year we had over 300 baskets. Since this is a parish function, it would really be helpful if each family donated a basket.

This year we are going to try something a little different.

We are going to have one table (about 25 baskets) of items valued over \$50.00. If you would like to donate one of these items, please contact the rectory ASAP.

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або приковані до ліжка!

З радія «Милосердний Самар'янин»

“Я подвизався добрим подвигом, скінчив я біг, віру зберіг. Далі збережено мені вінець справедливості, який мені в той день дасть Господь, справедливий суддя, не тільки ж мені але і всім тим, що полюбили Його появу.” (II Тим. 4,7-8)

Отак писав до свого учня Тимотея, апостол народів, Св. Павло, перебуваючи в римській в'язниці, знаючи, що вже кінець його мандрівки тут на землі наблизився, і твердо віруючи у майбутню нагороду.

Так само міг би був сказати Слуга Божий Митрополит Андрей Шептицький, якого 70 річницю відходу у вічність пригадували ми у своїх молитвах вчора, 1-го Листопада, а й сьогодні по наших церквах ми молимося за Його прославу. Його душу ангели занесли на руках перед престол Всевишнього 1 листопада 1944 року. Він був багач який зумів використати своє багатство для добра нашої церкви. Зі своєї молодості відзначався побожністю. У одному листі, до своєї мами він так писав: “Ви не можете собі уявити, як мені подобається все що мале, старе і німецьке.” Постійно допомагав тим що потребували помочі, не залежно чи були вони одного віроісповідання чи іншого, такої національності чи іншої. Ціле своє боголюбиве життя старався він про єдність нашої церкви. Він бачив її тяжкі страждання але також її майбутній буйний розквіт, який



почався. Ще довго потриває, щоб наша церква стала на свої ноги як слід, і сила ворожа відступить, але за молитвами Слуги Божого скорше чи пізніше до того прийде. І не важне, що він ще не проголошений блаженним, і на це прийде час, але важне, щоб за словами Слуги Божого Патріярха Йосифа, молилися ми не про нього, але до нього, бо якщо ми не будемо визнавати його святим, інші також не будуть. Для нас він є святим. Проголошення блаженним і пізніше святим, нічого не змінить у його єдності з Господом, і в його опіці над нашою церквою і над нашим народом, хоча очевидно ми повинні постійно молитися за його прославу.

Зі спогадів його мами довідуємося, що Роман, це було хресне ім'я Слуги Божого, мав від малку нахил до самовідречення і жертви. Найбільшу силу будучий митрополит черпав у молитві, роздумуючи про Христові страсті. Знаний нам, один його рисунок, з якого багато розуміємо про Слугу Божого. Це рисунок Христа який несе тяжкий хрест, а коло нього багато інших хрестів. Це наші хрести, яких нам Христос допомагає нести.

Митрополит Андрей упродовж 44 роки очолював нашу Церкву в період двох Світових воєн, пережив сім режимів: австрійський, російський, український, польський, радянський, нацистський і знова радянський...

Letter from Fr. Ray Nov. 2, 2014 A.D

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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

“And the Gales of November came early,” as Gordon Lightfoot sang in his stirring ballad, *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*. Yes, my dear one, it is the first Sunday of the month and the gales of November are blowing up and down the east coast and out into the Ohio valley.

For now we can remember the beautiful days of the past few weeks in this little poem, *God Made an Autumn Day* by Neil Hancock:

God took a bit of the sunset
Colors bright and rare
He took from the mountains a hazy blue— —
Gold from a maiden's hair.
From the ocean came a ripple of jade,
From the rivers a misty gray — —
He blended them all together
And He made an Autumn Day!

I expect we'll have a few more of these gorgeous days yet in November, but for now the gales of November are reminding us of the things to come. “Battle Stations, Everyone! Ol' Man Winter is just over the horizon!” The snow shovels are down from the garage rafters, winter survival kits for the cars are being put together, and the snow blower is purring. Ready or not, we are on the verge of the big, cold change. For now, let's get ready, but, also, continue to enjoy the lovely, late fall days still ahead.

Besides the diving temps, the obvious sign of things to come, our church, civil and personal calendars are already marked with the harbingers of winter. For example, next weekend will be the great big, and much anticipated by the community, The Annual St. Nicholas Bazaar. For many in the community this event is now part of their late fall

activity as they come for Ukrainian food and to try their luck at winning one of the many theme baskets. For our people, this bazaar is a bit of a homecoming and reunion of our parishioners as well as friends of our parishes. I don't know about you, but when I hear that announcement of the bazaar, I know it's blast off time to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This week will be a big travel week as we journey to Parma, Ohio for the ordination of the new bishop and his installation as the *Eparch of Parma for Ukrainians*. A lot of people will be on the road from Stamford and downstate to be there, as well as Bishop-elect Danylo's family and friends from various places. Besides all the clergy and people going to Parma, there will be the clergy and laity of that eparchy, who will want to see and greet their new bishop. So I expect a jam-packed cathedral for the service, especially on Tuesday. Hope there will be room for everyone.

BTW, you can get a ringside seat on Tuesday, if you have a computer. The service will be streaming live on <http://stjosaphateparchy.com> You will also be able to see it at a later date when it will be televised on EWTN. That will be shown on Saturday November 15 at Noon. Besides all that, if you would be interested, there will also be video for sale at a later date. Anyway, we're looking forward to being a part of this historic occasion in the Stamford and Parma eparchies. Safe trip to everyone who will be making the journey to Ohio! Hope to see you there!

In less than two weeks we, who pray according to the Gregorian (n.s.) calendar, will be starting our preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord with the beginning of the St. Philip's Fast, known as Advent in the Roman Church. That is another reminder of the days ahead, that's for sure.

Thanksgiving will be soon upon us, and that will signal the start of the Christmas shopping frenzy.

Even though the stores go nuts in August and September with “Christmas sales” and decorations, thankfully, most people still have the Christmas Spirit in November and December. I’m sure your family is like ours and will be much anticipating visiting family, or having family visit us, for the “civil holiday” of Thanksgiving. Soon we will gather around “the Table of Love” and give thanks for all the things we enjoy.

Before we get to those beautiful and spiritual days, however, we have a very serious day, and a very serious obligation this Tuesday November 4, 2014. Yes, it is the day for the making of the new bishop in Ohio, but it is also voting day in the United States. As a priest, I once again must make mention of this. However, lest anyone think Fr. Ray has some kind of political view or agenda when things like that are written, I’m going to finish this letter with words written by some other “guys” who often talk and write about being Christian, voting and politics. And that would be the Pope, the Patriarch and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, among them Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia, and many courageous and holy priests such as Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life.

Because no matter who is elected or what they say they will do “to improve” our lot, the bottom line is, and MUST be: “without life, nothing else matters.” So let’s start with Fr. Frank: “The midterm elections are upon us. Let’s be clear: it is time for clergy to state in the pulpit that the People of God have to elect public servants who know the difference between serving the public and killing the public, and that those who can’t tell the difference don’t belong in public office. To permit abortion, to favor Roe vs. Wade, is in fact a failure to distinguish serving from killing.”

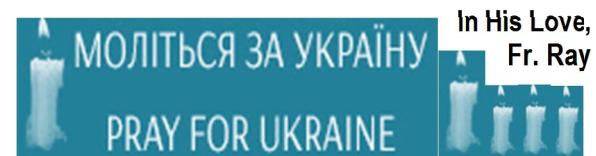
Pope Francis: “Let us remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one’s life.” That means we’ve

got to ‘walk the walk’ by our words and actions. From the US Conference of Catholic Bishop’s: Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching (emphasis Fr. Ray) to examine candidates’ integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens ‘to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or self-interest. (Living the Gospel of Life)

Patriarch Sviatoslav: “All the Churches and religious organizations of Ukraine stood together against the violence of the Yanukovich regime. The important element of the Church’s mission is to care about the truth.....never in the place of God put someone or something else.....We, the bishops... conscious of the responsibility entrusted to us for our flock, raise our voices on behalf of the people of Ukraine and call out to the people of the world.”

Archbishop Chaput: “The ‘separation of Church and state’ does not mean—and it can never mean—separating our Catholic faith from our public witness, our political choices and our political actions. That kind of separation would require Christians to deny who we are; to repudiate Jesus when He commands us to be ‘leaven in the world’ and ‘to make disciples of all nations.’”

Dear Reader, we have an awesome responsibility and mission to truly live our Christian lives, not only in the pew on Sunday, but always and wherever we are! Bottom line is: “Be Catholic!” What a different country and world it would be! May God bless us and protect our land! May our Holy Lady protect us!



З радія «Милосердний Самар’янин»

Слуга Божий Митрополит Андрей народився 22 липня 1865 року в селі Прилбичі на Львівщині. Походив зі стародавнього знатного українського роду, який у XIX столітті зазнав полонізації, члени родини стали франкомовними римо-католиками. Незважаючи на сильну опозицію з боку батька, він вирішує повернутися до свого коріння і стати ченцем Василянського чину, щоб служити “селянській”, як називали в той час, Греко-Като. Церкві.

1899 він стає єпископом Станіславівським, та не довго він перебував у Станіславові, тепер Івано-Франківську, бо 4 травня 1900 року, престол Львівський лишається опорожненим по смерті Митрополита Сас-Куїловського.

Коли 22 жовтня 1900 року кир Андрей з прочанами відвідував Рим, Папа Лев XIII запросив його до себе на аудієнцію і сповістив про своє благословенне рішення – призначити його на Митрополичий престол. 31 жовтня 1900 року у пресі з’явилося офіційне підтвердження про номінацію єпископа Шептицького Галицьким Митрополитом.

Кир Андрей гідно готувався до виконання нелегких обов’язків Митрополита, відчуваючи велику відповідальність перед Богом за український народ. Не можна не згадати про неоціненну заслугу матері Митрополита Андрея Шептицького – графиню Софію вона дає таке благословення своєму синові Андрєві на митрополичий престол у Львові:

„Моя благословенна в Господі дитино! Найбільший скарб, який я отримала від Бога – це є ти. І цей найдорожчий скарб мого життя повертаю Богові. На ту хвилю, коли береш на себе хрест, до якого тебе покликав Господь, – на ціле життя твоє, під Хрестом або ж на Хресті, на всю працю, наміри, терпіння і радість,

на душу твою і розум, серце і здоров’я, на все, що чинити будеш, що постановиш, на цілу працю над будівництвом Церкви Божої і поширенням Царства Його на землі... .. на всі хрести, якими люди тебе обтяжити можуть, і на всю любов, яку ти їм дарувати будеш, посилаю тобі урочисте, Господом випробуване Благословення”. 14.01.1901 р.

Віддати на службу Господу і людям свого улюбленого сина і так благородно благословити його на Митрополичий престол могла тільки справді дуже розумна і побожна мати.

Отже у віці 36 років Андрей Шептицький, обдарований надзвичайними духовними харизмами, стає Главою Греко-Католицької Церкви. Він невтомно трудиться, щоб примирити різні етнічні групи, і залишає по собі багату спадщину творів на тему суспільних проблем і духовності. Розробляє нові методи служіння. Засновує чин Редemptористів та монастирі Студійського Уставу в Україні та інші релігійні згромадження. Він стає фундатором лічниці, Національного музею, Богословської Академії, надає грошову допомогу різним релігійним, культурним та освітнім установам.

Митрополит Андрей був покровителем мистців, студентів, в тому числі і багатьох православних, а також піонером в екуменізмі. Він опанував єврейську мову настільки добре, що міг розмовляти з євреями. Під час його душпастирських візитів у міста єврейські громади зустрічали його з Торою. За роки нацистської окупації він переховував у своїх палатах сотні євреїв. У цей період митрополит пише пастирського листа “Не убий”, який став сміливим протестом проти звірства нацистів, так як він постійно виступав проти більшовицького терору.

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky was born Count Roman Alexander Maria Sheptytsky in 1865 in the Ukrainian village of Prylbychi. The son of a polonized (and therefore latinized) Ukrainian Aristocrat, Jan Sheptytsky and Sophia Fredro (daughter of the Polish literary figure), he was conscious of the fact that his ancestors included some notable bishops and Metropolitans of the Greco-Catholic Church of Kyiv. After many obstacles created by his father, the young Count Sheptytsky was able to enter the Ukrainian monastery of the Order of Saint Basil the Great (OSBM) in 1891 and accepted the monastic name Andrey. In 1900 he was made Bishop of Stanyslaviv and shortly afterwards, at the age of 36, became the Metropolitan, i.e. the ranking hierarch of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church. He remained at this post until his death on 1 November, 1944.

His life was an example of heroic virtue. An extremely active pastor, who used his personal wealth to fund thousands of philanthropic projects, he was also a man of deep prayer. A gifted preacher and prolific writer, he reached out to his people constantly, teaching uneducated peasants the basics of hygiene and agricultural techniques, and dialoguing with the intelligentsia among his own people and the cultured classes of all Europe. He traveled widely, visiting his flock in Western Europe, North and South America, and seeing to it that they would have bishops of their own to take care of them. Never of good health, his last fifteen years were a constant agony of pain and paralysis. Even so, he valiantly led his Church through extremely difficult and oppressive times.

His two great passions in life were the restoration of authentic Eastern Christian Monasticism in his Church, (which he achieved through the creation of monasteries following the Studite Typicon) and the union of Churches. He specifically laboured at Orthodox-Catholic reconciliation, decades before this became fashionable. For this he was often

looked upon as dangerous and insufficiently loyal to Rome. He was, however, a firm believer in a strong papacy, which caused many Orthodox to mistrust this saintly man as well, even though he loved them dearly and stood up for them when they were persecuted. He valued education (having the equivalent of three doctorates himself) and founded the L'viv Theological Academy in 1929, naming Fr. Josyf Slipyj as its rector. This same man would later be Metropolitan Andrey's coadjutor and successor, and a direct heir to many of Metropolitan Andrey's great dreams and aspirations.



Metropolitan Andrey led his flock of some five million faithful through two world wars. He was arrested by the Czarist forces in World War I. Polish and Nazi German authorities would keep him under house arrest in later years. He courageously saved many Jews from the Nazis during World War II. Metropolitan Andrey died as the Red Army occupied his city of L'viv once again in 1944. Before his death, he predicted the annihilation of the

Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church, and its eventual resurrection. Both his predictions came true. In 1946 the Soviet Secret Police, with the assistance of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church staged a pseudo-council of the Ukrainian Church, during which a small group of frightened clergy voted to liquidate their Church and join the Moscow Patriarchate. No Ukrainian Greco-Catholic bishop ever agreed to this. For almost half a century, the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church was the world's largest outlawed religious body. As the Soviet Union crumbled, this Church came out of the Catacombs with over five million faithful, thousands of priests and over three thousand parishes. Many believe this survival of the Church in Ukraine to be a miracle worked by Metropolitan Andrey. The cause for his beatification and canonization is underway.

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Over the years, I have meant many people of all ages and walks of life. When I worked in the hospital, I often meant those who were sick or dying, and the families who were either absent or remained ever vigilant at their bedsides. In the field of education, I have interacted with thousands of students and their parents, and in that time I have witnessed families face divorce, cancer, death, and even abuse. I met a woman the other day, a mother of four children, who just found out that she has terminal cancer and not much longer to live. A friend of mine this past spring lost her only child to a debilitating disease. Friends of mine were expected to attend a wedding reception that ended tragically when the young couple was struck and killed by a drunk driver on their wedding day. And who can forget the twenty innocent children, ages 6 and 7, who were killed by a lone gunman at Sandy Hook Elementary just ten days before Christmas in 2012? It seems that no realm of today's society is free from tragedy, but what concerns me more is how many people either blame God or no longer turn to Him in the midst of their tragedy. If we do not have our faith to cling to in times such as these, what do we have? This often leads many people to ask, in fact, I am sure that we have all asked this question at one time or another: Why do bad things happen to good people? Why does God allow these things to happen? There's illness and abuse, broken relationships and betrayal, sorrow and injury, disappointment and heartache, crime and death. And perhaps it begs us to ask the question, 'Why? Why me? Why now?'

That "why" question goes back thousands of years. It was asked in the Old Testament by Job and the writers of the Psalms, and it was especially relevant during the 20th century, where we witnessed two World Wars, the Holocaust, genocides in the Soviet Union and China, devastating famines in Ukraine and Africa, the killing fields of Cambodia, the emergence of AIDS, the genocide in Rwanda and the ethnic cleansing of Kosovo. And the 21st Century did not start off any better. There was 9/11, horrific shootings in schools and universities throughout our nation that still continue to make headlines even today, the bombing in Boston, the Syrian slaughters, and now ISIS; the list

goes on and on. Many people ask: Why do bad things happen to good people? Why all of this if there is a loving and powerful God? St. Paul addresses this issue in his first letter to the Corinthians: "Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely." So when we ask about specific individual events and want to know why this particular thing happened, we will never be given the complete answer – especially not in this world. Someday, we will see these hardships with clarity, but for now things are foggy. We cannot possibly understand everything from our finite perspective. And frankly, the people who are suffering right now do not need a theological perspective, because any intellectual response is going to seem trite and inadequate. What we all desperately need when bad things happen is the very real and comforting presence of the Lord in their lives.

The Old Testament gives us a great example in the story of Joseph, who went through terrible suffering, being sold into slavery by his own brothers, unfairly accused of crimes and falsely imprisoned. Finally, after a dozen years, he was put in a role of great authority where he could save the lives of his family and many others. This is what he spoke to his brothers: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Genesis 50:20). If we are committed to God, He promises that He can and will take whatever pain we are experiencing and draw something good from it. You might say, 'No, he can't in my circumstance. The harm is too great, the damage too extreme, and the depth of my suffering has been too much. No, in my case there is no way God can cause any good to emerge.' Suffering is a personal problem; it demands a personal response. And God isn't some distant, detached, and disinterested deity; He entered into our world and personally experienced our pain. Jesus is there in the lowest places of our lives. If you feel broken... He was broken, like bread, for us. If you feel rejected... He was despised and rejected by men. Do you cry out that you cannot take any more? Jesus was a man of sorrows and well acquainted with grief. Did someone betray you?

Jesus was betrayed by some of his own Apostles. Are your most tender relationships broken? Jesus loved deeply and still He was rejected by so many during his life here on earth. From the depths of the genocide that took place some twenty years ago in Rwanda a woman wrote these words: "No matter how deep our darkness, Jesus is deeper still." Every tear we shed becomes His tear. It is not just that God knows and sympathizes with us in our troubles. After all, any close friend can do that. Any close friend can sit beside you and comfort you and empathize with you. No, Jesus is much closer than our dearest friend, because if we have put our trust in Him, then Jesus is living in us. And, therefore, our sufferings are His sufferings; our sorrow is His sorrow.

God can use our suffering to draw us to Him, to mold and sharpen our character, to influence others through us and for Him – the Lord can draw something good from our pain in a myriad of ways, but only if we are willing to trust and follow Him, especially in our darkest hour. God's ultimate answer to suffering is not an explanation - but rather the incarnation. So when tragedy strikes, as it will; when suffering comes, as it will; when we are wrestling with pain, as we will – we can then make the choice to run toward the Lord with all of our heart and soul, and here is what we will discover: we will find peace to deal with the present, we will find courage to deal with our future, and we will find the incredible promise of eternal life in heaven. "These things I've written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God in order that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). Yes, sometimes bad things happen to people who seem undeserving of them. But God allows things to happen for His reasons, whether or not we understand them. Above all, however, we must remember that God is good, just, loving, and merciful. Often things happen to us that we simply cannot understand. However, instead of doubting God's goodness, our reaction should be one of trust. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

As to the specific issue of pain and suffering, author and lecturer, C. S. Lewis, who watched his beloved

wife die of cancer, put it this way: "Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world." God's plan is for us to return to him, and to lead the best possible life on earth; sometimes we need to be reminded of our purpose, and pain is a sharp, clear tool to achieve that purpose. A needle may be necessary to prevent disease or infection; nobody welcomes or enjoys the injection, but it prevents a far greater suffering, just as what may seem like even intolerable pain now, will one day lead to far greater happiness later. We must never allow our pain to take away our goodness. An aging master grew tired of his apprentice's complaints. One morning, the master sent the apprentice to get some salt. When the apprentice returned, the master told him to mix a handful of salt in a glass of water and drink it. "How does it taste?" the master asked. "Bitter," said the apprentice. The master chuckled and then asked the young man to take the same handful of salt and put it in the lake. The two walked in silence to the nearby lake. Once the apprentice swirled his handful of salt in the water, the old man said, "Now drink from the lake." As the water dripped down the young man's chin, the master asked, "How does it taste?" "Fresh," remarked the apprentice. "Do you taste the salt?" asked the master. "No," said the young man. The master then sat beside his apprentice, and explained, "The pain of life is like pure salt; no more, no less. The amount of pain in life remains exactly the same. What matters, however, is the amount of goodness we use to dilute the salt. When you are in pain, the best thing to do is to enlarge your sense of goodness to dilute the pain. Stop being a glass. Become a lake."

REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!

On Election Day Fr. Bohdan Danylo is being ordained to the Episcopacy. Our Patriarch Sviatoslav will preside the ordination. It will be Live Stream through the Eparchy of Parma here is the link: www.stjosaphateparchy.com

It is also going to be televised on November 15 at 12 noon by EWTN.



INVITATION FOR BAPTISM

Nov. 15 at noon

Consider yourself invited!!!

RSVP is needed by Nov. 10

At 852-7566 and leave message or write your name and the word "Baptism" and how many people are coming.

Thank you, *V. Rev. Marijan Procyk*
Fr. Marijan Procyk



ЗАПРОШЕННЯ НА ХРИСТИНИ ВВАЖАЙТЕ СЕБЕ ЗАПРОШЕНИМИ!!!

Просимо прийти на христини моєї внучки Марії Галі (Helen) у суботу, 15 Листопада о 12 год. Просимо повідомити до 10 Листопада на тел. 852-7566 або написати на листку паперу слово «Христини» своє ім'я, і кілька осіб буде.

Дякую, *Мар'ян Процик, свящ.*
Мар'ян Процик, свящ.

Це запрошення також від Батьків Шерил і Олесь, Бабці Сузани і Діда Дона



This invitation is also from parents Alexander and Sheryl Leane As well as Grandparents Don and Sue.

Alex takes care of the Church Kitchen and we Are thankful to him. May the Lord Bless a hundredfold! Хай Бог благословить! Олесь тепер взяв на себе провадити церковною кухню, за що йому сердечна подяка!

