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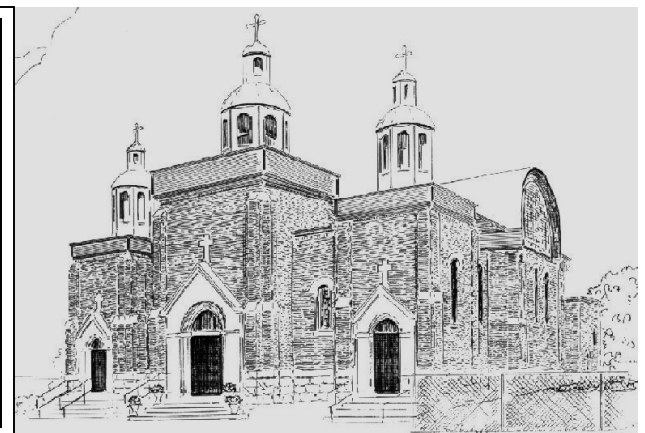


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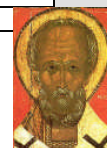
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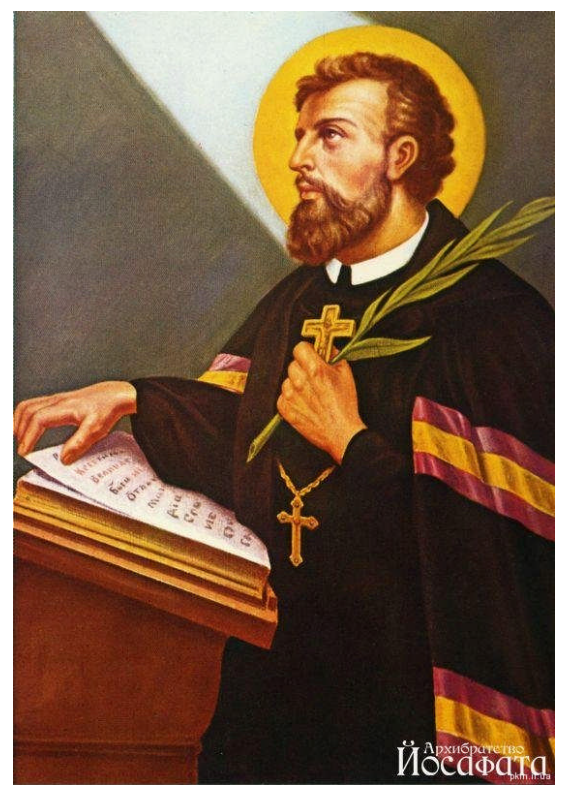
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

Nov. 7: 24 Н. по ЗСД – 24 S. aft. Pent. **17**

10:00 AM +Володимир Ганицький (род.)

12:00 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Monday, Novem. 8 – Пон., 8 Листопада

Св. Влмч. Димитрій (Юл.)

10:00 AM +Василь Мельник (А. Мельник)

St. Michael - Св. Михаїл (Greg.)

6:30 PM Living and Dec. LUC members
(This Liturgy will be in St. John, Kenmore)

Tuesday, Novem. 9 – Вів., 9 Листопада

9:15 AM +Мар'ян Борачок (родина)

Wed., Novem. 10 – Сер., 10 Листопада

9:15 AM +Михайло Блендоногий (З. Бурак)

12:00 PM +Nathanael DuBois req Pat Hughes

Thu., Novem. 11 – Чет., 11 Листопада

9:30 AM +о. П. Івахів–Rev. Paul Iwachiw

Friday, Novem. 12 – П'ят., 12 Листопада

St. Josaphat – Св. Йосафат (Greg.)

9:30 AM Helen & Paul Nowadly (Elaine)

Sat., Novem. 13 – Субота, 13 Листопада

9:00 AM +Bohdan Hanuszczak (M. Glascott)

4:30 PM +Paul & Rosalia Nyznyk (Nalywajko)

6:15 PM For volunteers – За працівників

(Liturgy will be in OLPH, Lackawanna)

Nov. 14: 25 Н. по ЗСД – 25 S. aft. Pent. **18**

10:00 AM +Євген Луковський (родина)

12:00 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

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+Єрея Павла Івахова
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+Fr. Paul Iwachiw

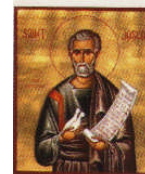
Thursday at 9:30 AM we pray for
+Father Paul Iwachiw



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- KITCHEN – is now open again. Thank you for your help and patronage.
- Every Sunday after Liturgy Coffee Hour - Church Hall. Please attend!
- St. Nicholas Bazaar - November 13-14 at OLPH Church Hall on Abbott Rd. Please help as you can! God Bless

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Квитки в ціні 30,00 дол. можна закупити кожночасно після Літургій неділями, або в парохії кожного понеділка, четверга і п'ятниці, або телефонно на № 867 0981.

On Sunday, November 21st the Parish Family of St. Nicholas will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Ordination of our Pastor, V. Rev. Archpriest Marijan Procyk. The day will begin with Liturgy at 10:00 AM. Following the Liturgy a luncheon will be held at the Creekside Banquet Facility on Union Road. The donation for this luncheon is \$30.00. Tickets will be available for purchase this week after Liturgies or at the rectory on Monday, Thursday, Friday or call 867-0981.

St. Basil College will be offering a workshop on November 12-14th, 2010 entitled

**Ukrainian Christmas
and Winter Traditions.**

The cost for the weekend, including instruction, room, meals, and all materials is \$225 (\$150 if no room is required).

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The 73 Annual Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will be held in Buffalo October 7, 8, 9, 2011

at the Airport Holiday Inn. We ask the support of our local Ukrainian community in this endeavor. We especially ask that our organizations not schedule any events that weekend.

Thank you!

The monthly meeting of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will be held on Monday, November 8, at 7:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church. If interested in learning more about the League of Ukrainian Catholics, you are most cordially invited to join us at Monday's meeting. Preceding the meeting there will be a Liturgy on the occasion of St. Michael Feast day at 6:30 PM in Kenmore. The Liturgy will be for all living and deceased members of LUC as well as all those who help us in any way.

Засідання Ліги Католиків буде у понеділок, о 7 год веч. Св. Літургія за членів Ліги (живих і померлих) буде о 6:30. Гостям раді!!!

Наш Базар буде 12-13 Листопада.
Просимо о Вашу допомогу!!!

Дякуємо всім, що прийшли до
церковної кухні допомогти робити
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REMINDER: 1 Week and Counting

Annual Parish Bazaar

Nov. 13th - 14th

UKRAINIAN HALL
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THEME BASKETS – **THEME BASKETS**
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Our Annual Parish Bazaar is scheduled for November 13-14th. One of the biggest money makers is Theme Baskets. Last year we had about 140 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 order or donate a basket contact Mary Beth Sukmann at 824-1433

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!**

Thank you for helping make Varenyky for the Bazaar, and please continue!!!

Things we still need for the Bazaar!

MISSING FROM LAST WEEK'S LIST OF THINGS NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR WERE BAKED GOODS. PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR BAKED GOODS AND SWEET TABLE!

1. Theme Baskets
2. \$5.00 gifts for the Surprise Booth
3. **BAKED GOODS !!!!!**
4. Kitchen Jar Items
5. Help on Friday to set up and Sunday to clean up. Call the rectory for the time we will be setting up on Friday afternoon, or watch your e-mail. An e-mail will be sent out with the time we will be setting up.
6. Volunteers to help at the various booths during the weekend
7. Help in the Kitchen, both the make the food during the week and to sell on the weekend. Please see Mrs. Melnyk to offer your assistance.
8. Attic Treasures, please make sure the items are usable and not broken. We especially need Christmas items. Please do not bring the Attic treasures to our Church hall. Please drop them off at the Ukrainian Hall on Friday afternoon, Nov. 12th. This way these items do not have to be transported. Please remember this is a parish event and we need the assistance of the entire parish to make this a successful event!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

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If you are planning a Baptism or Wedding, please contact Pastor about the date before making other arrangements.

V. Rev. Marijan Trojch

To All Visitors, Friends And Parishioners:

Welcome to our Ukrainian Catholic parish of St Nicholas. Make yourself at home.

It is strongly recommended that every couple or single person over 18 years be registered with the parish. Attendance and support (according to your ability) is encouraged. We use the system of envelopes. In the case you decide not to use envelopes, you can choose other method of supporting the parish, but your support is appreciated and much needed. May good Lord bless you all!

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Подружжя і самітні особи понад 18 років можуть реєструватися. Якщо ви не бажаєте вживати систему коверт, просимо подати ваші адреси і телефони, щоб могли бути в контактi. Вашi датки просимо вложити до коверту і написати Ваше ім'я, бо в противному пожертви будуть анонімними.



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На початку ХХ-го століття на митрополита Андрея були звернені погляди українців та поляків. Незважаючи на національність і віроісповідання, всіх

хвилювало те саме запитання: "Чи ти є наш, чи з ворогів наших?" Одні і другі потребували його; одні і другі мали жаль до нього; одні і другі хвалили його; одні і другі бажали, щоб митрополит став по одному боці, забувши про інших. Коли вступив на Митрополичий Престіл, Сл. Божий Андрей висловив побоювання, що його не зрозуміють. Одні будуть вважати його зрадником, бо він



залешив Римокатолицьку Церкву і вернувся до своєї, Грекокатолицької, а другі будуть мати недовір'я до нього бо він був у Римокатолицькій Церкві і будуть вважати, що він буде старатися златинізувати нашу Церкву. Мало хто із сучасників 34-літнього Архiepіскопа міг зрозуміти його місію у Вселенській Церкві, Його покликання до служіння святій справі – єднанню православних і католиків у єдиній Церкві Христовій.

Пів - століття на митрополичому престолі... Дві світові війни... Чотири зміни урядів... У важких умовах воєнних та міжвоєнних лихоліть Слуга Божий митрополит Андрей провадив Своєю Церквою, не боячися нічого, будучи добрим прикладом до наслідування, бажуючи навіть вмерти за Христа.

У праці "Der Christliche Osten" (Християнський Схід) митрополит Андрей, говорячи про важливість і довговічність ідей знатних людей, наголошував що: "Дуже часто такі ідеї і думки приносять свої плоди далеко після смерті їх автора чи носія". Так сталося із самим митрополитом. Все, що він старався розбудувати, організувати, здавалося – загинуло, пропало в хуртовині воєн та переслідувань. Але його світлі, далекосяглі ідеї збереглися і здійснюються знову, десятки років після його смерті.

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From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

This month, our Ukrainian Catholic Church commemorates the 66th anniversary of the passing of the Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, into Eternal rest. This year also marks the 52nd Anniversary from the time in which our people initiated the process that would see him formally recognized by the Church as a Saint. Throughout our Churches we continue to remember him in a prayer for his beatification, but does each of us truly know all that Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky accomplished in his lifetime, which leads us to pray for him to be remembered as one among the saints? Today, I would like to share with you

a part of his legacy. Metropolitan Andrew was born on July 29, 1865, in Ukraine, baptized with the name Roman, and raised by a family of noble lineage, but his upbringing instilled in him a deep sense of faith. In 1888, as Ukrainian Christians were celebrating 900 years of Christianity, he entered a Monastery of the Order of Saint Basil the Great and took the name of the Apostle Andrew. He was ordained a priest in 1892. His academic brilliance, leadership qualities, personal dedication and sanctity soon saw him chosen as a Bishop in 1899. Events soon developed where the Metropolitan See of Ukraine needed to be filled. The young energetic Bishop Andrew was the natural choice. He became the Metropolitan-Archbishop in 1900, effectively, becoming head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church - at the age of 35.

Nearly seven feet tall, Metropolitan Andrew was a giant not only in his outward appearance but also among the outstanding figures of his time. He was recognized as a giant of intellect, heart, human understanding, and Christian love. In addition, Metropolitan Andrew was

one of the greatest ecumenists of the Catholic Church in the first part of the 20th century. The Ukrainian people, Catholic and Orthodox alike, loved and respected him as their venerable father. A great benefactor of national culture at a time when our nation was deprived of its statehood, Metropolitan Andrew founded museums, organized libraries, supported schools, initiated the printing of various periodicals, and established the Theological Academy of Lviv. Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky conscientiously undertook his responsibilities as the head of the Church and the Spiritual leader of our



people. He worked tirelessly at what he saw as the tasks of paramount importance: the deepening of the faith of his people; the revitalization of the Eastern-Byzantine Rite which was proper to his Church; and the development of cultural and social awareness among his people. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was fast developing and spreading. As "head and father" of this church he insisted on taking care of the spiritual needs of his people. Metropolitan Andrew traveled to Brazil, Argentina, and twice to North America. Canada and the United States now have Metropolitan Provinces. This is due in no small part to the intervention and support of Metropolitan Andrew at a critical moment in Church History.

In his dedication to God and his people, Metropolitan Andrew knew that the work would be difficult and challenging. Having truly dedicating his life to the Will of God, he was able to welcome any challenge, and with such pureness of heart, he was able to lead our people with boldness. Metropolitan Andrew's position and attitude were at first questioned even by some

of his own. However, his clear vision of what must be done in order for our Church to survive, kept him forging ahead. He never hesitated to come to the defense of truth and justice. Aside from dramatic confrontations with Nazis and Communists during their respective occupations, he was first imprisoned by Moscow just prior to the tragic revolution, from 1914-1917. He even declared his willingness to the Apostolic See to give his life in "martyrdom for the Faith and Church unity in exchange for the suffering of his people" and even requested permission for this should the occasion arise. During the Second World War he remained with his people and openly protested the Nazi mistreatment of Ukrainian and Jews. Metropolitan Andrew saved the lives of many Jewish people of western Ukraine who were under Nazi occupation. The Metropolitan would secretly give them shelter in Lviv's, St. George's Cathedral.

(<http://www.lvivbest.com/en/people/andrew-sheptytsky>)

The Metropolitan, who stood resolutely in favor of Ukraine's independence and shared in the general euphoria of liberation from the Soviets, nevertheless kept a critical vigilance toward German rule. In February 1942, he even dared to lodge a protest against the destruction of western Ukraine's Jewish community. The Nazis told the Metropolitan that if it were not for his age, he would have been shot for meddling in matters which should not concern him. The Metropolitan saw things differently. He persisted with works of Christian charity. He soon mobilized a Christian opposition to Nazi rule in western Ukraine. He also encouraged Christian resistance. Working with his own brother, Klymentii, leader of Lviv's Studite monks, the Metropolitan gathered together a small army of nuns and priests who would risk their own lives in clandestine rescue and sanctuary operations. False baptismal certificates were arranged for more than 200 Jewish children, who were then smuggled to monasteries, orphanages, and convent schools in and around Lviv. All these children's lives were saved; fif-

teen in the Metropolitan's own residence, at a time when sheltering Jews was a criminal offense punishable by death.



Throughout his life Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky was a friend to Ukrainian youth. Like a father, he was concerned with all Ukrainian children. He taught them how to live and work to achieve God's blessings for themselves and their native land, and whenever the need arose, he extended his kindly hands to help the young people find their way. Every Ukrainian child dreamed that just once in their life they would be able to look upon the beloved Metropolitan, the great son of Ukraine, to just once touch his priestly garb, to hear just one word from his fatherly lips, and to receive a blessing from his kindly hands. Metropolitan Sheptytsky saw the need for strong leaders, which is why he became a dedicated supporter of the Ukrainian youth organization, PLAST, whose development of

good leadership skills is one of its main goals. Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky was an excellent role model for youth because he led by his example - cultivating leadership skills in all aspects of life, faith, family, community, and country. Through his actions it is clear that good leadership is not limited to one area or interest, but is interwoven in all aspects of life. He told the youth of Ukraine: "Remember that God gave you the great blessing of belonging to the Holy Universal Catholic Church. Love Her and be faithful to Her. Strive on your own to learn the catechism so that you will not forget your daily prayers and your obligation to receive Holy Communion, and never hesitate to guide others along the true path of our faith".

One of the threads we find sewn throughout all Metropolitan Andrew's endeavors is that of Church unity. Some of his hopes were not realized in his lifetime. Somehow Divine Providence works in such a manner. Moses never entered the Promised Land, and the great Christian "movement" at one point seemed hopeless with its founder left dying on a cross and only his mother and one young Apostle standing below. And so it was with Metropolitan Andrew. However, much of his work is now being fully appreciated and developed. In fact, it would not be an exaggeration to say that most of the various endeavors now in motion in the Ukrainian Catholic Church were either directly or indirectly initiated or reanimated by the efforts of Metropolitan Andrew. He died on November 1, 1944 at the age of 80, after serving our Church for 56 years. His body lies in a crypt beneath St. George's Cathedral in Lviv. The process that would see him formally recognized by the Church as a Saint was officially initiated December 5, 1958. This year marks the 52nd anniversary, as we still eagerly await his beatification.

"Pray that our Lord and his blessed Mother protect our unfortunate Ukrainian nation, which has endured so much in difficult times. May you be strong and courageous in your

faith, and persevere in dedicated service to God our Lord! My voice will now be silent - until the Last Judgment." These were the final words of Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky. And today, we remember his legacy; we remember all that he accomplished for our Church at a time when we needed him the most. And we continue to pray for his beatification:



"Our Lord, Jesus Christ - You always regard Your faithful servants, not only with special gifts of Your love, but also with the Eternal reward of the saints in heaven, and in many cases You grant them the recognition of sanctity by Your Church here on earth. We humbly pray: grant that your faithful servant Metropolitan Andrew be numbered among the saints. Throughout his just life, "full of suffering and trials," he was a good shepherd for his flock and a great labourer for Christian unity. And through his beatification and intercession, grant our entire people the great gift of unity and love. O Lord, in your mercy grant us the favour that we ask for through the intercession of your Servant, Andrew Sheptytsky."

Заповіт Митрополита Андрея

Рим, липень 1923

В мирі! Святіший Отче!

Я виїжджаю з Риму, будучи попереджений, що по моєму повороті до Львова я буду убитий. Я приймаю цю смерть як допуст Божої волі. І я радо віддаю своє життя Господеві за з'єдинення Церков та щоб випросити в Бога Христовий мир між католиками наших країн - на жаль, розділених несправедливостями та віковою ненавистю.

Приготовляючись на смерть, я хочу заявити перед Богом, Який бачить моє сумління, та перед Вашою Святістю - намісником Ісуса Христа, що жодний людський згляд ніколи не привів мене до будь-якого прилюдного вчинку єпископського мого уряду. Від тієї пори, коли з послуху Вселенському Архиєрєві, прийняв я важкий єпископський уряд, зрозумів я, що моїм обов'язком є провадити своїх вірних до вічного спасіння почерез віру католицьку, у любові до Бога та до Його Церкви, - то значить, християнізувати життя, думки, і теж, навіть, патріотизм моїх вірних.

Всяку політику я все лишив іншим, будучи переконаним, що було б це зрадою Ісуса Христа, коли б поклав я між мною й будь-ким з моїх вірних причини для непорозумінь задля дочасних справ, та які не мають відношення до духовного добра моїх вірних. Сповняючи обов'язки любові до ближнього, приставав я з моїми вірними у справедливих їхніх національних аспіраціях, роблячи себе всім для всіх, щоб їх спасти; обороняв я їх також перед несправедливостями.

По довгому іспиті сумління, не бачу я, що міг би я був змінити в своєму розу-

мінні моїх обов'язків пастиря. Ніколи не було в мене ненависти до тих, які мене ненавиділи. Не було в мене ніколи злоби супроти тих, які кривдили моїх вірних і мене самого. Я їм все прощав, і прощаю я їм щиро і широко. Ніколи не апробував я ненависти чи національного шовінізму. Проповідував я все тільки любов до ближнього, любов до всіх, навіть до ворогів. Євангелія Ісуса Христа була одинокою темою мого проповідання. Одинока ж ціль моєї праці - вічне спасіння моїх вірних.

Отож, вмираю я як жертва моїх завдань і обов'язків в надії, що Бог прийме жертву моєї смерті. Ціле своє життя просив я у Бога ласки вмерти як свідок віри католицької. Волів би я вмерти з рук ворогів віри цієї, але я приймаю смерть так, як Господь мені її дає, і я наперед прощаю тим, котрі мені її завдадуть.

Все був я вірний Апостольській Римській Столиці, і намагався я все утверджувати моїх братів у цій вірності. Сердечно жалую за всі свої гріхи, якими я образив Божу доброту. Жалую з причини справедливого Божого суду та із любові до безконечної доброти, мудрости, всемогутності та маєстату Божого. І покірно благаю Бога, щоб милосердився Він над моєю бідною душею, яку я віддаю в Його руки через заступництво Пресвятої і Пренепорочної Богоматері й Приснодіви Марії, через заступництво св. Йосифа Її Обручника та св. Йосафата Мученика. Вірую в усі правди віри католицької і очікую воскресіння мертвих. Амінь.

**Прослав, Господи, Слугу Божого
Митрополита Андрея**

From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

Dear _____,
(Your name here, for your very own personal letter)
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Whew, what a difference a week makes. It's Thursday night, cold, damp and rainy. Just 7 days ago Presbytera Joanne and I were sitting up on the bow of a ship called "Sky" and, with *mojit*os in hand, were watching an exquisite tropical sunset. It was a great few days of "R&R," but we're glad to be home. Sure missed them babies!!!

And speaking of missing things...Yikes! I almost missed the bulletin last week. It was a good trip home, but we were delayed here and there, and got back to 88 Iris two hours later than I had hoped. *Procyk Printing* moved up the usual deadline and I got your letter there just in time, even as the presses were rolling. That's why it was folded inside the bulletin, rather than on a printed page as usual. So I can still say, for every week since I've begun writing your letter: "You've got mail." And that makes me very happy! ☺ ☺

I told you last week that I'd continue with some thoughts about the cruise in this week's letter. What I learned by observing most of the two thousand shipmates and crew on that 'ship of life' was the best and worst of this life is on display....mostly, the best. Perhaps because we are all together, with no other place to go, one immediately experiences an atmosphere of friendliness in all parts of the vessel, whether it's in the dining room, standing outside or just walking down the hallway to the room. Nobody ever passes you by without acknowledging you, or saying hello. It continues in other places when the conversation gets serious and life stories are told. There is also a

strange bonding that occurs whether we sail for 4 days or for more than a week. When it comes time to return to our homes, there is a real sadness of the parting of friends. Actually, very often, many lifetime friendships are made aboard ship because of this.

Even as we were boarding, and then for the rest of the week, I was struck by the fact that, as a people, we really do try to be good and loving. Most of us are GOOD people! I would look at the different families, and it was obvious how much love and care they shared in their lives together. It was clear by the way they took care of their little ones, by a look or by a touch or simply how they treated each other. It was just so easy to see and it gave me such a great feeling. God bless our families who strive to be good and loving! Ya know, it's really true, "We know they are Christians by their love."

The same was true for some of the elderly couples, whose look into each other's eyes, clearly revealed their lifetime of love. The same was true for the man who so lovingly cared for his wife who had no legs below her knees. The same was true for the family who looked after Grandma in her wheelchair, and even made her day by getting her into the hot tub. And there are stories and stories like that...all we had to do was look around us at almost any given moment. The boat was filled with good and loving people, trying to be good and righteous and to be filled with love of each other and of their God. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God...and thy neighbor as thyself." These daily love relationships were, and are, an inspiration and encouragement for us to be sure we have that in our lives.

That was the good. Then there was the bad and the ugly. Strangely enough, the bad and ugly came in the persons of the youngest, healthiest and most attractive people on board. These were the college age boys and girls clearly living godless, sinful lives. About 10 of them were there and they all exhibited much of what is wrong with our society today.

Last Thursday we were on the "private island" of the NCL cruise line. Normally the island is uninhabited, except for when the ships come by. The food and entertainment is brought ashore from the ship, while other goods and services are from the local people, who come from nearby islands to make a buck. Arriving on the beach about 10am, we found ourselves near that group of college kids, immediately noticing their complete disrespect for anything and anybody, except themselves. In a word, they were obnoxious, and shortly after 11am, all of them were exhibiting various degrees of inebriation. One of the girls was bragging about the night before, and how she was "so wasted, I don't know how I got back to the ship." Oh yeah, great time...can't remember a thing you did. In a short time we had to get farther away from the group, but they continued their Mardi Gras revelry all day long and well into the night. They happened to be on our floor and we heard them coming up every morning about 3am. I'm sure they told their parents and friends back home, "Oh, what a great time we had!" Where have all the children gone, we ask? Definitely, this is where many of them are.

"If my people, who are called by MY Name, will...pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear them from

heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

There is no doubt in my mind that this incivility, immorality and disrespect for everything good and holy are the underlying causes of many of the problems in our land this very day. Say a prayer for these kids, and all who have strayed from the true source of Life and Happiness! But as I said, there was far more good, than bad, and there is much to be encouraged about as we see others striving for the Kingdom, encouraging and lifting each other up in true love.

When you read this letter we will already have completed one week of November. Know what that means, don't you? Christmas will be here before you know it! The bigger, and better than ever, St. Nicholas Bazaar has already been advertised for several weeks now, signaling the start of the hustle and bustle of this time of year. Please read your bulletin carefully for the info and needs of this worthwhile event. It is one of the important fund-raisers for the church, and indeed has become part of our pre-Thanksgiving life, year after year. I only hope they will still have those outstanding, "just like Mama used to make," LEMON MERINGUE pies! ☺ ☺ ☺

Please read your bulletins carefully for events in the other churches... St. John's Bazaar, St. Basil's pyrohy, Protection will be selling Christmas wreaths...and so it goes as we do "the Martha stuff" to help pay the bills. Speaking for myself and the other Fathers, we want you to know how much we truly appreciate all your efforts for the Church. May God reward you a hundred fold! And that is for everyone...

the organizers, workers, and to all who donate in any way. You all are always part of these good things, even if you are in your home and you buy a raffle ticket!

Before I go for this week I need to remind you to continue your fine donations to the Franciscan Center. "Don't forget the Frannies!" Please bring in your contributions of non-perishable food, soaps and paper supplies. They are so appreciative of all we do!

This coming week on the new calendar we will be celebrating St. Michael and the Angels, St. Josaphat, and St. John Chrysostom. See you at Liturgy! A week from Monday we will begin our Pylipyka, Christmas Fast.

On Thursday we have "Armistice Day," now known as "Veterans Day." We thank God for, pray for, and salute all who serve and have served to keep our country free. For the freedoms we enjoy, let all of us say, "THANK YOU, VETS and God Bless America!"

And may God bless all of you, especially the sick, the homebound, those in assisted care, those who live alone and all of your family and caregivers. You are never alone or abandoned...we know you and pray for you, but more importantly, our good God and His blessed Mother are always with you to comfort, guide and bless you! "May the Lord, Most High, whose blessing overflows like a river and, like a flood, waters the dry land, be for you health and salvation. Sirach 39:22 May our holy Lady keep you beneath the protection of her heavenly veil.

In His Love,

Father Ray
H. Ray

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday-November 20, 2010

St. John the Baptist

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