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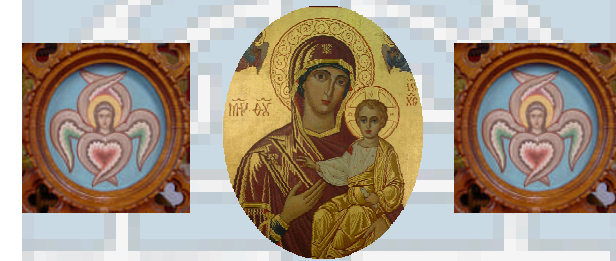
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CHURCH BULLETIN – N<sup>o</sup>47

November 20 – 2011 – 20 Листопада

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК – Ч. 47



"The Year 1933" Victor Gyzal



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

**Nov. 20: 23 S. Aft. Pent.-23 Н. По ЗСД 16**

10:00 AM За всіх постраждалих підчас  
Голодомору 1932/33 і панахида

**Mon., Nov. 21 – Пон., 21 Листопада**

**Св. Архангел Михаїл (Юл.)**

10:00 AM +Михайло і Марія Логазя  
(Оля Чмола)

**Entrance of Theotokos into Temple (Gr.)**

12:00 PM For the beatification of Metr.  
Andrew & Patriarch Joseph

**Tue., Nov. 22 – Вівторок, 22 Листопада**

8:15 AM В нам. Наталії Клочані (І. Гіль)

**Wed., Nov. 23 – Середа, 23 Листопада**

9:00 AM +Рома і др. Мирослав Навроцькі  
(Товариство Святої Софії)

**Thu., Nov. 24 – Чет., 24 Листопада**

9:00 AM THANKSGIVING LITURGY  
ПОДЯЧНА ЛІТУРГІЯ

**Fri., Nov. 25 – П'ят., 25 Листопада**

**St. Josaphat (Jul.) – Св. Йосафат (Юл.)**

10:00 AM В нам о. Міррота Л. Мошара  
Mnohaya Lita Rt. Rev. Mitred  
Archpriest Leon A. Mosko  
(from friends in Buffalo)

**Sat., Nov. 26 – Субота, 26 Листопада**

9:15 AM +Василь Лехновський і ++ з р.  
Гривняк: +Степан, +Юлія, +Антон,  
+Іван, +Марія (К. Лехновська)

**4:30 PM +Maria Sarachman (Joanne Bader)**

**Nov. 27: 24 S. Aft. Pent.-24 Н. По ЗСД 17**

10:00 AM +Тадей Гарнавський  
(Лідія Гарнавська - сестра)

12:00 PM За Парохіян – For Parishioners

### In the Beginning . . . (cont.)

(w. 35) Chris' immune system is really beefing up. Chris will be ready to fight infections and illnesses right after birth. The amniotic fluid has reached its peak so Chris has lots of padding. Chris' skull is pliable and soft, ready for delivery. I'm going to decide when I will be born.

Mom feels she has to go to the restroom frequently – the pressure is on.

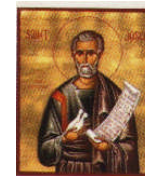
*“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. . . all things were created through him and for him.”  
Colossians 1:15,16*



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Please call if you are hospitalized, homebound and need a priest.  
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Коли плянуєте дату вашого вінчання чи хрещення то просимо поговорити з парохом, щоб потім не було непорозуміння. Може статися, що в цей день буде неможливо відбутися заплановане.

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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 Brygh*

**Are you listening "Good Samaritan"  
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**Чи слухаєте нашу радіо передачу  
«Милосердний Самар'янин»  
Неділя, 2 год. на WJLL 1440 AM?  
Дякуємо за пожертви!**

**Thank you – Сердечна Подяка!**

Thanks are extended to all those who helped during our Bazaar. It was very successful. Clear profit was over 13,500. The report will be next Sunday. God Bless you all!

Хай Господь благословить Вас за Вашу допомогу при Церковному Базарі, що перейшов дуже успішно. Звіт подамо на другу неділю. Прихід був понад 13.500. Дякую!

Сьогодні о 1-й год. по обіді у залі Укр. Православної Церкви при комо Парку відбудеться панахида за померлих в Голodomорі. Просимо всіх до участі!



Today, Nov. 20, 2011 at 1:00 PM, there is a requiem service English and Ukrainian (in Holy Trinity Ukr. Orthodox Church, Como Parl blvd.) to commemorate the 78th Anniversary of Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-33, known as the Holodomor. A program dedicated to the memory of the victims will be performed by the parishioners of Ukrainian churches, children of Ridna Shkola, and others. Please take part!

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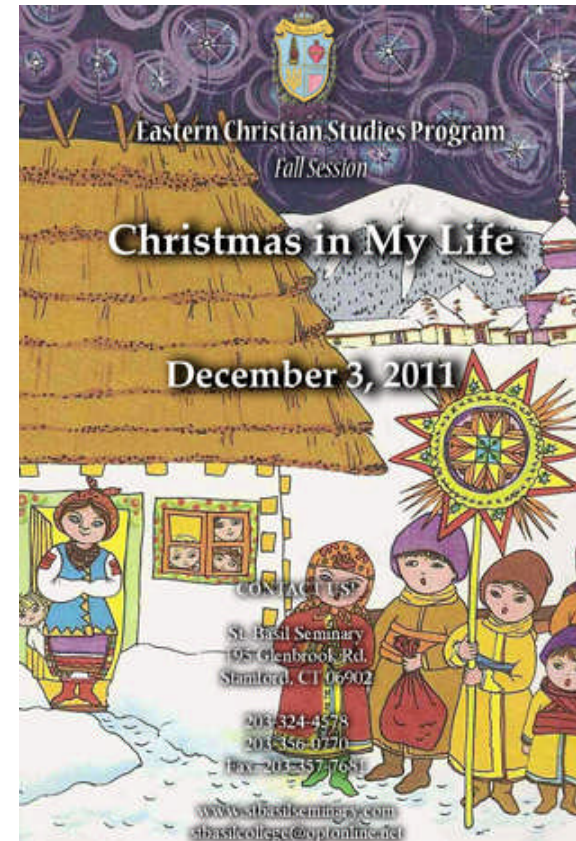
\* Admission \$5.00\*

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\*cash prizes, 50/50 split\*

Note from fr. Bohdan Danylo, Stamford



This seminar will study the meaning and witness to the majesty of Christ's birth from the Virgin, Mother of God! The program is open to all who are interested and wish to deepen their knowledge about the mystery of the Incarnation and our Ukrainian Christmas traditions. I ask the parish priests to please print a copy of the attachments and include them in your weekly parish bulletins. Please also encourage your parishioners to attend this worthwhile program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

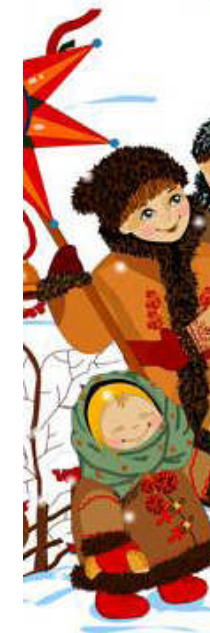
Sincerely,

Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo

This Sunday at 4pm, Fordham University will host the Tribute to Ukrainian Catholic Church Leaders in University Church on the Rose Hill campus. The event will be streamed live and below is a link from the Fordham website that will allow you to watch the ceremony.

Fordham University honors Ukrainian Catholic Church leaders His Eminence Lubomyr Cardinal Husar and His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk. Live webcast:

<http://www.fordham.edu/Media/>



On December 10, 2011, the Eparchy of Stamford organizes a Youth Convention in Stamford on the grounds of St. Basil College. This is a one day event during which our youth will have an excellent opportunity to meet, pray and spend time in spiritual, interesting and entertaining atmosphere along with other youths from various parishes of our Eparchy.

We cordially invite young people from our parishes to come for this event

Taras Chaparin  
Deacon



### З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Майже 80 років тому почалася одна з найжахливіших драм ХХ століття, яка, нажаль, відкрила жахливу серію інших драм. Свідомо, навмисне, з неймовірною точністю та в найбільшій таємниці, Йосиф Сталін, Лазар Каганович, Павло Постишев і В'ячеслав Молотов запускали в хід на повну потужність машину смерті, точний продукт якої і досі не відомий. Цілий регіон України, житниці Європи, разом з Північним Кавказом, втратив усе своє населення. У того, хто мав виробляти зерно, його конфіскували. Якщо вони залишали зерно, то були розстріляні відповідно до зловісного закону про п'ять колосків, який мав захищати майно колективної власності колгоспів. До терору додалося неможливе, нечуване, божевілья: віддати те, що не було вироблене, віддати навіть те, що було необхідним для посіву на наступний рік. Завжди говорять про зерно, але таке ж правило застосовувалося і до худоби: саме тому голод був лютим. Зброя голоду була використана через ідеологію, цю ідеологію, яка робить глухим, дурним і злим. Розум божеволіє, як казав кардинал Люстіже, якщо ціллю дії вже не є людина. Машина для вбивств була запущена, щоб покарати тих, які нічого не могли зробити, але Голодомор – це 1 000 смертей на годину, 17 смертей на хвилину, одна смерть кожних три з половиною секунди. Машина працювала впродовж 9 місяців. Мало хто врятувався, а ще менше тих, які ще можуть розповісти про це.

Ця нечувана трагедія, жертвами якої стали сім мільйонів людей, а можливо і десять, ставить багато питань перед свідомістю людства. Трохи довше, і вже б не було більше питань: Голодомор повністю замовчувався, а ті, хто знав, робили вигляд, що не знають, не насмілювалися говорити і, особливо на Заході, не хотіли говорити. Ці останні втратили пам'ять через комуністичну ідеологію, яка обіцяла новий світ і нову людину. Сталіни, Молотови та їхні прихильники на Заході думали одне:

йде новий світ; і звичайно ж є побічна шкода. Яке це має значення! За жертвами не треба шкодувати; вони були дискредитовані, бо повстали проти неблаганної ходи Історії, вони були проти партії. Тепер ми знаємо. Що думати, що казати, що робити? Як людство може усвідомити це? Навіть більше, що треба зробити, щоб це не повторилося?

У 1936 році митрополит Андрей Шептицький казав: «більшовизм перетворюється у релігію... гноблення бідних, знищення селянства, знищення сім'ї є серед його принципів домінування». Геноциду вдалося вселити у душу страх, який змушує відмовитися від усього, - для чого ж страждати - , він змушує відмовитися від свободи, від демократії. «Голодомор знищив не лише століття демографічних та економічних ресурсів країни. Був знищений увесь український сільський світ у своїй культурній, мовній та філософській тяглоті. А найважливіше – тисячолітній зв'язок українців з землею». Знаєте, хто це сказав? Консул Італії у Харкові 31 травня 1933 року. Це був розумний чоловік. Хто почув його? Хто повірив йому?

Вшанування пам'яті Голодомору не може зводитися до лише економічного та політичного підходу. Його не можна також замовчувати та вдаватися до ганебних угод. Його треба аналізувати з культурної та християнської точки зору. Коли ми думаємо про інші геноциди, вірменський чи юдейський, то бачимо, що ці катастрофи, походження яких є різними і які мають різну природу, породили усвідомлення, яке привело до підсилення ідентичності цього народу-мученика, як народу, який має своє місце серед інших народів. Іншими словами, спроба вбити цілий народ викликає в ньому такий моральний сплеск, що злочин став злочином проти людства і слід визнати, що Голодомор є огидним явищем, яке не повинно повторитися... (Владика Филип Брізар)

**ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ ПОСТРАДАЛИМ!!!**

### From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

November 20, 2011

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

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

In just a few days it'll be Thanksgiving Day already. I'm writing to you on Wednesday November 16 and just realized how close it really is. I can't believe how quickly it snuck up on us. Yikes! One week from tomorrow we'll be celebrating that special day and special meal of love, family and thanksgiving. I know a lot of people are already collecting, and preparing, food for the day; some have already left on their travels to family; some are in schools, "chomping at the bit" in anticipation of going home for that short, but very, very important and beautiful holiday.

I was on the phone a bit ago with our grandchildren, Jonah and Nathanael. They're the guys who live in western PA, and they've already begun "counting sleeps" until it's time to come and see us. You know what 'counting sleeps' is, right? It's very simple: they count how many times they will go to sleep before the day they wake up and finally hear Mom and Dad say, "We go to Buffalo today!" As I write, they have 'six sleeps.' Talk about two excited little kids! Not only do they get to see their 'Aunties' and Grama and Didi, but they are so excited in anticipation of seeing their little cousins once again. They were here in the summer and everyone had a terrific time just being together. And the icing on the cake was indeed a cake and a party and a big parade, and a trip to the zoo. That visit has been kept alive by phone calls and letters and pictures so when they come this time, I'll bet they pick up right where they left off last time.

I remember when our kids were small, Presbytera and I would drive to my hometown of Middleport, PA. Our Laryssa and Chrystyna would jump out of the car as soon as we arrived and run to their cousins. It seemed as if they actually continued a conversation right where they had left off

on the previous trip months before! Those were the days....

All we need now is for winter weather to stay away. About this time we would begin watching "the seven day forecast" and then try to decide if we could safely make the drive. If there was a big snow crossing our route, we played it safe and stayed home. We didn't really miss too many Thanksgivings because of the weather, although there were a lot of years when we went through the days of "should we or shouldn't we."

I do remember one year, when Elaina was about 3 yrs old, because of a sudden lake effect storm we had to cancel our trip at the last moment. Oh, Oh....where are we gonna have Thanksgiving dinner?? ☹ ☹ Fortunately, our dear friends, Carolyn and "ol' Whatizname" (His name's really Ken, but that's what she called him) somehow heard that we would be looking for some turkey and mashed potatoes and invited us to their house. Saved the day!! And as you see, it became a memorable Thanksgiving Day!

I hope you will be someplace nice having your turkey and mashed potatoes and all the rest. So let the snows stay away and we'll pray that everyone who will be traveling will get to their destinations safely and happily and return home with many special memories. We are mindful that the Thanksgiving holiday is the most traveled of the year. Not hard to figure out....everyone wants to "go home" and be together at that special table.

The super markets are wild, exciting places these days, huh? By now we've got all our stuff for "the feast," so it's really a lot of fun to go to Wegman's and pick up some small item, walk casually through the store and simply 'people watch.' What a great country!

Before we get to Thanksgiving Day our deanery and eparchy will be having some special and important days. This weekend-Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> will be filled with activities and events marking Patriarch Sviatoslav's visit to the Stamford eparchy. We all can't be there in New York City, but we certainly can join them in prayer

and in spirit. BTW, did you see His Beatitude speaking to the US Conference of Bishops on EWTN? He is amazing! And I loved seeing him come dressed as a Patriarch, and not with the business suit, Roman collar and with the holy Cross stuck in his pocket. (That drives me crazy when the bishops do that.)

Saturday was the commemoration of the "Holodomor" with the Panachyda service at St. Patrick's cathedral. Sunday will find His Beatitude, many high-ranking prelates of the Latin and Orthodox churches, together with our bishops, clergy and laity, at St. George's for Liturgy in the morning. Later in the day, there will be another important gathering at Fordham University where the unveiling and blessing of the coat of arms of our Patriarch Emeritus Lubomyr will take place. The coat of arms at Fordham is a marble mosaic, which was recently installed in the University Church sanctuary. Patriarch Lubomyr is being honored because he was once a student at that school. Kinda like: "Local guy makes good!" ☺☺ Patriarch Sviatoslav will also be honored at that ceremony with the bestowing of an honorary doctorate by the university.

Besides these "major" events in New York City, locally and around the world, our churches and organizations will be sponsoring gatherings and programs to remember the horrific events and to pray for the victims of the Great Famine in Ukraine in 1932-1933. We pray *Vichnaja Pamjat* to all who perished in that great sin of man's inhumanity to man. We pray that the world will learn the truth of those dark days, and godless governments, and vow that it will never ever happen again.

Monday is the feast day of St. Michael and all the Angels according to the old calendar, while on the new calendar it is the entry into the temple of the most holy Theotokos. I don't know if any of our parishes are named after the "Entry," but we certainly have many, many parishes, and people named after St. Michael or one of the other angels and to these we pray *Mnohaja Lita!*

Looking forward to Thursday and Thanksgiving Day I wish you many blessings and pray that your loved ones will be with you on that civil holiday, made special by our prayers and thanksgivings. My prayer for you comes in the words of St. Paul to the Phillipians (1: 3-4) when he says: "I give thanks to God in all my remembrance of you, always in all my prayers making supplication for you all with joy..." Most Holy Theotokos protect us! Celebrate the day! Give thanks! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Gratefully yours, Fr. Ray

From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

This Thursday is Thanksgiving, and hopefully our minds turn toward all the things for which we should be thankful - the gifts of life and health, the blessing of family and friends, and the unconditional love of our Heavenly Father. Thanksgiving brings a perfect time for family and friends to gather and inspires all of us to give thanks to the Almighty for everything that He has done for our good. On Thanksgiving, families gather to share a little time together, to share the thanksgiving dinner, to express gratitude towards each person who is connected with their lives, to reflect on the past and to create sweet memories for the future. The Bible is the most sacred text, which associates man to God through love, faith, forgiveness, and thankfulness. There are several Bible verses for Thanksgiving that open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. "Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence." (Psalms 140:1) This beautiful verse from Psalms tells us about the power of Thanksgiving. It says that if you are thankful to God then he will always be with us. We can feel His presence by giving thanks. During every liturgy, we recite the following psalm: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to his name, O most High" (Psalms 92:1). In this way, even during liturgy we are reminded of the many ways in which we should give thanks and



praise to the Lord on every occasion. Thanksgiving Day does not only bring us closer to other people, like our family and friends, but it also brings us closer to God. When was the last time we thanked God for all that we do have? In a life of plenty and prosperity we seem to take many things for granted. On Thursday, we will all be gathering together with our family and friends, and hopefully we will remember to do more than eat a meal and watch football or make a mad dash for the mall. The Thanksgiving Holiday gives us the perfect opportunity to transform our lives from those of griping and dissatisfaction to lives of joy and gratitude.

There once was a king that was terribly depressed. His counselor said that if the king were to put on the shoes of a contented man, he would be cured of his depression, and he would also become content. The king's servants searched the entire kingdom looking for a contented man, and when they finally found one, he did not own a pair of shoes. I am afraid that we sometimes get so caught up in our difficulties, aches, and pains that we forget how many things for which we should be giving thanks. Thanksgiving is a perfect time for us to devote more of our lives toward becoming a grateful people. Every day is a gift and that is why we call it the present. God wants nothing more than for us to be people of thanksgiving and gratitude. And a thankful spirit is one of the best distinguishing marks of a Christian. Even the psalmist wrote, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever." (Psalm 118:1) What do we have that we did not first receive from God? The story is told of a poor man who was given a loaf of bread. He thanked the baker, but the baker said, "Don't thank me. Thank the miller who made the flour." So he thanked the miller, but the miller said, "Don't thank me. Thank the farmer who planted the wheat." So the poor man thanked the farmer. But the farmer said, "Don't thank me. Thank the Lord. He gave the sunshine, the rain, and the fertile soil - and that is why you have bread to eat." Everything we own, we ultimately

received from God: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like the shifting sand." (James 1:17)

I recently read that if you awoke this morning feeling healthy than you are more blessed than 1 million people who will not survive the week! If you have never experienced the danger of war, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are more fortunate than 500 million people on earth. If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, twenty dollars in your pocket and a place to sleep, then you are richer than 75 percent of the world. There is a Thanksgiving card that I like very much which reads as follows: 'Be thankful that you do not already have everything you want. If you did, what would there be to look forward to? Be thankful when you do not know something, this gives you the opportunity to learn. Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow. Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement. Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build strength and character. Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons. Be thankful when you are tired and weary, because it means you have tried to make a difference.' My brothers and sisters, on the Day of Thanksgiving may we rightfully pray: Lord, so often times, as any other day when we sit down to our meal and pray, we sometimes hurry along and make fast the blessing. But Lord, on this Thanksgiving let us take a few minute more to really give thanks for what we are thankful for. For family that we hold dear, for friends we have made over the years, we are thankful to be surrounded by those whose lives touch us more than they may ever possibly know. Thankful Lord, that you have blessed us beyond measure, and thankful that your presence is found within our hearts. That you, dear Jesus, reside in that place and we are ever so grateful for your unending grace... +