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**CHURCH BULLETIN**  
№ 50 – December 12 – 2010



**ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК**  
12 Грудня – 2010 – Ч. 50

Про що нам говорить празник Введення в храм Пречистої Диви Марії? Яку духовну науку він нам дає? Празник Введення говорить про радісну жертву святих Йоакима й Анни. Вони свою, в Бога вимолену, донечку самі приводять до храму на службу Богів. На каноні утрени празника в восьмій пісні читаємо: "Анна колись, приводячи Пречистий Храм (Марію) у дім Божий, голосно закликала і з вірою сказала до священника: "Прийми сьогодні дитину, Богом мені дану, введи її у храм твого Творця і радісно співай йому: благословіть усі діла Господа".

We welcome Fr. Robert Moreno who is substituting me for today. Thank you fr. Robert and may the Lord bless you and your family!

Вітаємо між нами о. Роберта Морено, який сьогодні заступає. Дякуємо о. Роберте. Хай Господь благословить Вас і Вашу родину!

Та не тільки батьки радо приводять свою дитину на службу Богів, але й Марія радо йде за голосом Божим і своїх батьків. Як св. Йоаким і Анна, так і Марія є для нас гарним зразком радісної жертви і служби Богів.

Щораз менше в нас батьків, які за прикладом святої Анни були б готові сказати нашій Церкві: "Прийми дитину, яку Бог мені дав".

Може ще ніколи уся Христова Церква, а втім і наша Церква, не переживала такого великого браку покликань на священників, монахів і монахинь, як сьогодні. Дух матеріалізму й секуляризму щораз більше й більше проникає в наші родини, тому щораз менше й менше маємо молоді, охочої на жертву й посвяту для Бога, своєї Церкви й народу.

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**Dec. 12: S. Forfathers – 29 Н. по ЗСД 14**

10:00 AM +Михайло Коцай

(дружина Катерина)

12:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Monday, December 13 – Пон., 13 Грудня

9:15 AM +Helene Mysliwicz &  
Anna Jusela (Jim)

Tuesday, December 14 – Вів., 14 Грудня

9:15 AM +Богдан Ганущак (А. Мельник)

Wed., December 15 – Сер., 15 Грудня

10:00 AM В нам. Р. Кобрин (р. Гіль)

12:00 PM +Harold Eckhart (Dranka Family)

Thu., December 16 – Чет., 16 Грудня

9:15 AM +Анна, Теодор, Оксана, Олександр, Роман (Люба Цьолко)

Friday, December 17 – П'ят., 17 Грудня

11:30 AM +Іван, Наталя і усіх померлих з родини (Марія Синишин)

Sat., December 18 – Суб., 18 Грудня

9:00 AM +Петро, Іванна, Богдан Хома  
(Богдан Дусанівський)

4:30 PM +John & Olga Sukmann  
(Mary Beth)

**FEAST day – ПРАЗНИК – св. Миколай  
Dec. 10: S. of Fathers – 30 Н. по ЗСД 15**

12:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Вічне Світло в честь ПДМ горить за  
+Михайла Коцай  
Пожертва: дружина Катерина

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+Irene Kordrupel  
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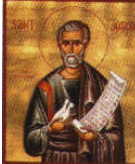
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- KITCHEN – is now open again. Thank you for your help and patronage.
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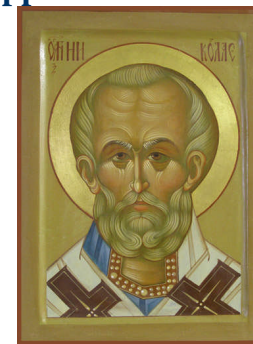
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Sunday, December 19, 2010

**Liturgy at 12:00 Noon**

Dinner in the Church Hall  
Immediately following the  
Divine Liturgy

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Сердечно запрошуємо  
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полуденок, 12-го Грудня, 2010 по  
Св. Літургії. Просимо до участі.

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Saturday, December 18, 2010  
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- Breakfast with St. Nicholas
- Come listen to our children perform.
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Attendance is free  
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The monthly meeting of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will be held on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00PM at St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church. If interested in learning more about the League of Ukrainian Catholics, you are most cordially invited to join us.

Шановні громадяни міста Боффало і околиці Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки - Відділ Боффало пригадує, що цьогорічна Традиційна Осіння Збірка на Український Народний Фонд – УККА, буде проводитися в нашій Українській Громаді міста Боффало і околиці. Просимо ласкаво про Ваші щирі датки.

Централя Українського Конгресового Комітету являється нашим представником перед Американським Урядом. Та його важлива праця потребує фінансової допомоги, яка в основному надходить від української-американської громади та українських фінансових установ.

Заздегідь дякуємо всім, хто підтримує Український Народний Фонд, а тим самим підтримуємо працю централі УККА.

Датки можна складати на руки збіщиків якими є слідуєчі панови:

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- Василь Середюк,
- Володимир Тупіцький і
- Дмитро Пітолай.

## PLEASE SAVE THE DATES

Our Feastday will be Decem. 19.

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Наш Празник буде 19 Грудня.

Our Proshpora will be Jan. 23.

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Наша просфора буде 23 Січня.

We will have 2011 Parish re-treat-mission from April 7 to 9

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Ми будемо мати наші реколєкції-місії 7-9 Квітня 2011. р.

### 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!



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## From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

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

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Well, did you see us on the National News or the Weather Channel last week? That was some snow squall... West Seneca got the top prize for collecting 39 inches. Most in the area! That's a lot of snow!!! If we're not from the place where the storm occurs, such as this one, we immediately go on with our lives and forget about it because the next day it isn't news any longer.

If you live here, or if you saw the coverage on the TV, you know about the fiasco on the NYS Thruway and the closing last Wednesday night that lasted over 24 hours. Those unfortunate people became trapped there and in a short time it became a very serious situation. The storm hadn't really become a problem, even as late as 8pm Wednesday, until a tractor-trailer jackknifed and caused the traffic difficulty. Traffic was halted on all lanes of this major, major highway and all of a sudden the heavy snow began to pile up, pushed around by winds, and before anyone could blink an eye, the cars were stranded and nobody was going anywhere. None of our family, parishioners or even anyone we know was stranded there, which was a very good thing. Proud of our Elaina, who called us from D'Youville, and when we told her about the gridlock, she knew she would stay there. Actually she had to spend two nights in the dorm before it was clear to head home. Lots, lots better than sitting in a car on the Thruway!

The first thing we are taught around here about winter driving is to always be prepared for the worst when we go out, even if

it's for a short distance. Nobody should go on a trip without having at least a half tank of gas; survival kit should be in the car: blankets, extra clothes, food, etc. Because so many did not have those things and were coming home from work, shopping or a concert downtown they were completely ill-prepared and in a short time the traffic delay became a serious situation. Cars ran out of gas, or were about to; children and babies in the cars; people with health issues, especially diabetics became vulnerable. Thank God there weren't any major problems that I know of. Our police, and especially the volunteer firemen from the area did a marvelous job, using snowmobiles and ATV's to get up there and help those most in need of aid. What did we ever do in the old days without that cell phone????!

So the Thruway workers showed up like the US Cavalry the next day with front loaders, plows and those giant snow-blower trucks to rescue all the stranded motorists. Even with all that heavy equipment, almost every car had to be shoveled out by hand because the snow had drifted around and under the vehicles.

The heavy squalls eventually stopped, but we've been having snow almost everyday, with a few inches here, a few inches there. Unless you live here, you probably think it's all over. Well it's not. We're getting around ok as the streets are plowed, but once Mother Nature drops a big snowfall like that, the problems have just begun. Tragedy struck last night when a young man was hit and killed while walking on a busy street because the sidewalks were piled with snow. May the Lord have mercy on the soul of that young man, who died so

suddenly, and, perhaps, unprepared. The other night a roof caved in on a house and an entire trailer park was in danger because of the weight of the snow. Now ice and ice dams on the roofs become an issue. One of the worst possible winter sounds is to hear “drip, drip, drip” as a window or roof begins to leak. Ten degrees outside and water is flowing through the living room! May he deliver all affected by the harsh winter weather and “keep us from all affliction, wrath, danger and need.”

The storm came, but the effects are far from over. I know, it's not even winter yet! As I write it is again Wednesday night, December 8, the 342nd day of 2010. There are 23 days left in the year. But as for me I say, “I saw the first flurries, then the first big snow, and yes it was beautiful, but C'MON SPRING!!! I've had enough winter! And the search for blooming crocuses begins!” ☺☺☺

So next time we here of a natural disaster or storm, let's whisper that little prayer for our brothers and sisters who are being affected by the problem as we hear it, but also in the days following our hearing the news, as they try to go about getting the routine of their lives back in order. One good lesson in all this is that it makes us understand we are all truly members of one family, One Body, wherever we are.

As you read this letter December will be about half way over. Time to get some Christmas shopping done I suppose. Ya know there are two things that people, especially the media, always talk about every year at this time in December. The first is that it is already “last minute shopping.” I happen to think there's lots of time yet. ☺  
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that fruitcake is the worst thing ever invented. I don't think it's so bad. As a matter of fact, I kinda like it. Our Mom had a recipe for a really delicious one that we looked forward to at Christmas time. Maybe one of these years we'll find that recipe (we know it's stashed in one of her cookbooks) and give it a try, although we already know “it won't be like Mom's.”

So I hope you are having a good Philip's Fast and Advent as we prepare to once again be blessed with the coming of our Savior. Hopefully the snows and harsh winter weather hasn't adversely affected you as we go about the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas. Sometimes the things we “think” we've gotta do begin to overwhelm us. When we feel that way it's time to remember that “only one thing is necessary and Mary has chosen the better part.” (Luke 11: 41-42)

Have a blessed week and God willing, many of us will be getting together next Sunday for the St. Nicholas feast day. May God bless you and our holy Lady, whom God has chosen as His dwelling place, protect you!

In His Love,  
Fr. Ray



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...The Christmas Season is also about giving something back for everything that we have received. Just a few weeks ago, a friend of mine who has always been cynical about the Church, told me that she wanted to do more for others. She mentioned how she is blessed with healthy children, a stable job that she enjoys, a genuinely good life, and how it does not seem right to be less than thankful. I told her that we all need a purpose in life, aside from our jobs, our families, and our friends. Something that helps us give back for all that we have received. So she asked me how to get involved in mission work and how to help her children realize the value that exists in every human life. Here was someone who has not stepped foot in a Church in years, someone who would hardly call herself a Christian, and now she is beginning to realize the many blessings that the Lord has bestowed in her life; the things that too many of us take for granted. Here is someone who wants to give something back for all that she has received. It reminded me that our children learn from our example, the lessons we take the time to teach them. Charity begins at home and the Lord needs to be present every day of the year through our words, actions, and deeds – so our children can learn how to love Jesus. Christmas is so much more than a Hallmark tradition; Christmas needs to be about bringing the love of the Christ child to the ends of the world, and our children need to believe in this too.

The following letter certainly helps put Christmas into perspective. Dear Friend: I am flat broke from overspending at Christmas time. But I need to go shopping again soon, because I am completely out of self-respect. I have said things I wish I could take back and I am not feeling too good about myself. I also want to exchange a carton of self-

righteousness for an equal amount of humility. I hear that it is less expensive and wears well, and while I am at it, I am also going to check on tolerance and see if there is any available in my size. I must remember to try to match my patience with the little I have left. My neighbor is loaded with it and it looks quite good on her. I was told the same department has a repair shop for mending integrity. Mine has become frayed around the edges from too much compromising. If I do not get it refurbished soon, there won't be any left. I almost forgot the most important thing of all - compassion. If I see some, no matter what the color, size or shape, I am going to stock up heavily regardless of the price. I have run out of it so many times, looking away from people who need my consideration the most, and I always feel ashamed when it happens. And while I am at it, I think I will pray for a little more Christmas spirit, because God knows I have been lacking in that department all year. I do not know why it has taken me so long to get around to shopping for these items. They do not cost nearly as much as some of the frivolous things I bought this Christmas. And I will get a lot more use and satisfaction from them than anything under the Christmas tree. Yes, I am going shopping today and I can leave my checkbook and credit cards at home. The things I am looking for have no price tags, and they bring me closer to the real meaning of Christmas and the child that made all of this possible. Friend, what a joy!

As we approach Christmas, hopefully with wide-eyed anticipation and wonder at the miracle of the Christ child being born into the world; our duty as children before a loving God is to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless, to clothe the naked, to rebuild the nations, to welcome Christ into the hearts of all...