

Stefan Mychajliw,  
Congratulation!!!



Rev. Fr. Robert Moreno went to visit his family in Puerto Rico. We wish Fr. Robert nice visit with his family and a safe return home.

He sent me an interesting piece of art with this comment:

The priest in the photo is our former pastor, of Mother Cabrini parish, Rev. Fr. Eduardo González. He is also an artist. He crafted the nativity set within a fruit found here in the island called "iguera", the u should have two dots on it so it will be a sounding vowel. Reminded me of our pisanky on Easter. It's a Christmas gift to my mom and brother from him.



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CHURCH BULLETIN  
December 31 Грудня – 2017  
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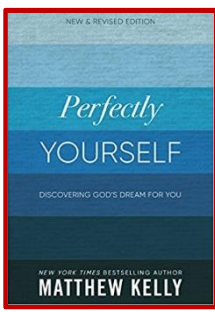
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Нехай новонародженне Диття подарує спокій у наші неспокійні серця. З нами Бог, розумійте народи. І покоряться, бо ось з нами Бог!  
**Христос Раждається! Славім Його!**

The Christmas season is so much more than tinsel on the trees or stockings stuffed with presents; Christmas is more about Bethlehem, and the child born in the manger.

Christmas is about coming to the Church and being part of a wondrous celebration that has been remembered for over 2000 years. It is about our salvation in the making, about a single star that steered the wise men, about a carpenter who took a wife that was filled with the Holy Spirit. About a virgin birth, that would one day lead to a crucifixion - and all because the Lord was willing to humble Himself for you and for me. This Christmas, I pray that each of you feels the joy of knowing that Christ is in your home, in your hearts, among the family and friends that you love, and in the simple things of life that mean so much to you. Christmas is a time for miracles, and stories that capture our hearts. But Christmas is also a time to remember the gift of salvation which the infant Jesus has brought to our lives, and to celebrate this precious gift with one another. Christ is the reason for this blessed and glorious season - May the peace and love of the Christ child, the real gift of this Holy Season, be with you always and with all those you love. God bless us, each and every one! Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



← Matthew Kelly:  
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(Discovering God's Dream for You)

It is our Christmas gift for all of you. Let us read it. I guarantee that it will make us think: Who am I? What am I here for?

Щасливого Нового Року

Please take one!  
Просимо взяти!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## CHURCH BULLETIN

December 31 Грудня 2017

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



Saint Nicholas Church  
Церква Св. Миколая  
(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)

## ПОР'ЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM +Dmytro Ilkiwskyj (Family)

Dec. 31: S. after Christmas (Greg.)  
Неділя Отців (Jul.)

10:00 AM +Михайло Лоза (Дружина Уляна)

→ **NEW YEAR – 2018 – НОВИЙ РІК**

St. Basil – Св. Василя (Greg.)

Monday, January 1 Січня, Понеділок

9:30 AM For God's Blessing – За Боже Благ.

Tuesday, January 2 Січня, Вівторок

9:30 AM +Marusia Procyk (L. Petriwskyj)

Wednesday, January 3 Січня, Середа

9:30 AM +Ярослава Петрівська  
(Анна Мельник)

Thursday, January 4 Січня, Четвер

9:00 AM +Kataryna Staszkiw (W. & A. Kuriy)

Theophany Eve – Щедрий Вечір (Greg.)

Friday, January 5 Січня, П'ятниця

3:00 PM +Metr. Joseph Shmondiuk

St. Basil Liturgy

6:00 PM Great Compline

Sat., Jan. 6: Theophany – Богояв. (Gr.)

9:30 AM +Mytr. Constantine Bohachevsky &  
**Great Water Blessing – Вел. Водосвяття**

4:30 PM +Anna Perhacz (Ms. Dottie Stalone)

10:00 PM Велике Повечеря і

Різдв'яна Літургія (Jul.)

Jan. 7: **РІЗДВО Г.Н.І.Х.** (Jul.)

S. after Theophany (Greg.)

10:00 AM For Parishioners - За Парохіян

→ There will be no noon Liturgy from December 17. Next Noon Liturgy will be January 21, when we host Buffalo Mass Mob. Please consider joining us that day in great number. Thank You! ← ← ←

Недільні коверти приготовані.  
Просимо забрати.

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for pick up in the church by Fillmore side.

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Юліанським, сині за Григоріанським

Calendars are ready.

Red – Julian, Blue – Gregorian

Thank you, Fr. Ray, for preparing  
Prophora for Christmas Eve.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Веселих Свят

Різдва Христового

Христос Раждається! Славимо!

Eternal Light Burns for +Olga Kolotylo  
Requ. by Walter Jagodzinski

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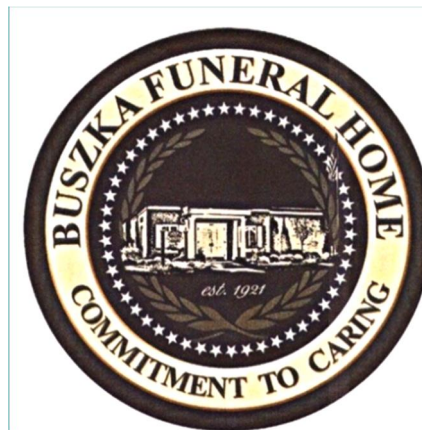
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→ Mark your Calendars! ←  
**Buffalo Mass Mob XXV**  
will be at Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic  
Church on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at Noon.

This will be our 25<sup>th</sup> Mass Mob. We are very  
proud of reaching this number. None of what  
we have accomplished would have been  
possible without the people who come to the  
Mass Mobs. Thank you.  
An interesting part of the history is that the  
Saint Nicholas Church was originally started at  
our last Mass Mob church, Saints Peter and  
Paul Orthodox Church.  
Buffalo Mass Mob is looking forward to our  
twenty-fifth Mass Mob! We will have more  
details in the coming weeks.

→ Зазначіть собі цю дату ←  
**ABOUT CHURCH ENVELOPES**

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The cost per box is \$6.00. If you did not  
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have in 2018, and this may cause your  
donation to be entered incorrectly into the  
computer since most parishioners do not  
put their names on the envelopes.





Recent shows include: the Grazhda Music and Art Center of Green County, Buffalo Botanical Gardens and the Tri Main Center.

Her work is part of both private and corporate collections.

Dianna has created an exclusive line of Fine Arts Handbags based on her paintings and inspirations.

Dianna's original designs are featured on clothing, accessories and home decor products and are available through other websites.

## ART SHOW: Dianna Derhak

January 5, 2018 in Buffalo, NY

Opening from 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
at Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology  
at 1221 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14209

The show goes through February 2.

Dianna Derhak is an American-born Fine Artist and Painter

Her Fine Arts Studios and Art Gallery are located in a light filled industrial space where one hundred years ago Model T Fords were built.

Dianna's work is inspired by the beauty of nature, her Ukrainian heritage and the landscapes of far-off places. Dianna's current body of work focuses on paintings of closely cropped flowers including poppies, sunflowers and seasonals. Her paintings embody both abstraction and realism. Her aim is to capture a moment of beauty.

As a painter, she works predominantly in oils using techniques of the Old Masters. Dianna builds the composition in thin layers until it comes to life. Her approach with acrylics is more experimental.

Dianna is primarily self taught but studied with Brian Davis, Dominic Vignola and Joan Saba.



"Red Hibiscus" Oil on Canvas, 16" x 20",  
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"White Poppy" Oil on Canvas, 40" x 52",  
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**Christ is Born! Glory Him!**

**Христос Раждається! Славте Його!**

- KITCHEN is closed for Christmas till Jan 12.
- Thank you for your patronage.  
Thanks are extended to all volunteers!
- Coffee Hour - Usually Every Sunday after Liturgy in Church Hall, so please join us downstairs. Thank you!

Until we meet next Sunday...

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або приковані до ліжка!**

## З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Завтра вступаємо в новий 2018 рік...

Святий Іван Золотоустий и такий спосіб висловлювався на початку Нового року.

"Християнин повинен святкувати не в признаний час, не в перший день місяця, не тільки в неділі, а все життя проводити в постійному святкуванні. А яке повинно бути воно? Про це послухаймо св. апостола Павла, який говорить: «Святкуймо не у старій заквасці, ані у заквасці злоби й лукавства, а в опрісноках чистоти й правди» (І Кр. 5,8). Якщо в тебе чисте сумління, то ти маєш постійний празник, бо наповнюєшся добрими надіями й радієш очікуванням майбутнього добра. Та коли ти неспокійний у душі й винний у багатьох гріхах, то на тисячах празників і урочистостей ти почуватимеш себе не краще від тих, що плачуть. Яка мені користь зі світлого дня, коли моя душа покрита докорами сумління? Тож якщо ти хочеш мати користь з нового року, то зроби так: наприкінці року подякуй Богу, що Він зберіг тебе до цього часу; пожалкуй у своєму серці за все погане, що ти зробив, полічи час свого життя і скажи собі сам: дні біжать, літа минають, більшу частину своєї дороги я вже пройшов, а що доброго зробив? Чи прощаюся з цим світом без усякої чесноти? Суд перед дверми, остаток життя йде до старості. «Так нехай світить перед людьми ваше світло, щоб вони, бачивши ваші добрі вчинки, прославляли вашого Отця, що на небі» (Мт. 5,16). Таке світло принесе тобі велику нагороду. Не прикрашуй вінками дверей свого дому, але веди таке життя, щоб одержати на свою голову від Спасителя вінець правди". (Пропов. на Новий 387 р.)

Митрополит Львівський Кир Ігор Возняк у своїй проповіді так каже:

«Щира молитва означає вдячність Богу за його великі добродійства, котрі він виявляє нам. Рік має 365 днів, це - довгий період і багато людей протягом року відійде у вічність. Стаємо перед Богом, щоб просити благословення на кожен день цього року, бо розуміємо, що життя – це дар. Прожити день, а навіть годину поза Божим благо-

словенням, поза свідомістю присутності Господа у нашому житті, означає втрату. А закінчення року чи його початок, це – добра нагода, щоб поглянути на своє життя і внести добрі корективи. Щаслива людина, котра кожного дня проживає у мирі з Богом, далека від провини перед ним. І ми з вами можемо проживати у такому щасті цілий рік, якщо тільки цього забажаємо. Поза Богом щастя не існує. Хто далекий від Бога – далекий від правдивого щастя. Ми спостерігаємо у світі великі досягнення науки, медицини, техніки тощо. Це – тішить нас. Разом з тим зростає велика непевність життя кожного дня через забруднення повітря, води, ґрунту. Роблячи поступи людина не завжди зважає на збалансованість у природі, а глядить на близькі та вигідні результати, на особисте збагачення, авторитет, значення у світі... А Спаситель пригадує про Царство Боже, до котрого кличе нас, бо воно близько у кожній хвилині нашого життя. Кожне слово Господнє збудеться, кожна йота вказана ним – виконається. Ми чинимо перспективні плани на кілька років вперед, на найближчий рік, на день...»

Подякуймо Господеві за всі дари, що ми їх одержали в цьому році, що вже проминає. Можливо не все нам подобалося, можливо ми мали труднощі, нестачі, може хворіли, може хтось з членів нашої родини, або наші приятелі постраждали. Все ж таки все проминуло. Нові труднощі придуть, але з Господом ми все можемо подолати. Він нас скріплює, він провадить, він нами опікується. Ідучи за ним ми не будемо спотикатися. Він нам освітлює дорогу.

Бажаємо вам усім, щасливого нового року! Хай Господь благословить щастям здоров'ям і довголіттям, і щоб ми постійно йшли Його стежками, щоб ми завжди були іншим на usługі, щоб труднощі які придуть привели нас до співчутливості з іншими, і до зрозуміння потреби Господа в нашому житті. Амінь!

**ЩАСЛИВОГО НОВОГО РОКУ  
HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

## From "Good Samaritan" Ukr. Radio pr.

Christ is born – let us glorify Him! It is hard to believe this week will already mark the start of a brand New Year unfolding. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good, with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our compassion, and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible - with the Lord's help and guidance to lead our way. It was Pope John XXIII who once wrote in his New Year's address: "May the Lord banish from the hearts of all men and women whatever might endanger peace. May He transform them into witnesses of truth, justice and love. May He enkindle the rulers of peoples so that in addition to their solicitude for the proper welfare of their citizens, they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May He enkindle the wills of all so that they may overcome the barriers that divide, embrace the bonds of mutual charity, understand others, and pardon those who have done them wrong. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters, and may the most longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always among men and women."

On January 1st, we often think of New Year's resolutions, because celebrating the start of a new calendar year for many people, feels like a new beginning or perhaps a start to something better. However, when we speak of New Year's resolutions we should also keep in mind our resolve as Christians to improve our relationships not only with one another - but also with God. I am reminded of the third chapter in the Book of Proverbs, where Solomon, the son of David, begins with: "My child, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity in the Lord. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge the Lord and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your spirit. Blessed is the man or woman who finds wisdom and gains understanding, for this is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundations, by understanding He set the heavens in place. My

child, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back later; I will give it tomorrow,' when you now have it with you". The chapter goes on to teach us many valuable lessons on how we should lead our lives in the sight of God. And in the wake of this New Year, let us resolve to pay close attention and adherence to these principles and see just what the good Lord can do in our lives.

On Catherine's way back from work every evening, more often than not there would be a homeless man standing at the exit of the freeway. He looked to be in his late 40's but was probably a lot younger. He had shoulder length straight black hair, a short beard, and he was of average stature. His eyes were what struck her the most about him, they were blue, and they had a sparkle. Like a beacon of light that was beaming from his soul. His eyes, she thought, represented the man in general. People say they can tell a lot from a person's eyes. It was certainly true in his case. He always waved at every car, he was always happy and smiling, and sometimes moved in such a joyous way that you thought he was almost dancing. Every day after work, Catherine would remember to gather any spare change, and put it aside to give to him if she saw him standing there. A feeling of joy would come over her every time she saw him, as she came off the ramp. He had that effect. Catherine would quickly roll down her window and give him the coins. Occasionally, the red light would be on for a minute and they would ask each other about their day. His answer would always be the same, "I'm blessed!". Even though Catherine knew what his answer was going to be every time, she would still ask. It amazed her that even in his situation of being homeless he was so positive, and his answer would remind her of how blessed she was. A single mother of four amazing kids, with a place to call home and with a job to provide for her family. Then, on the day after New Year's she was called into her boss's office and was told that she might be laid off due to the economy. A feeling of worry engulfed Catherine, and for the rest of that day all she could think of was "How am I going to provide for my kids, how am I going to pay rent, what am I going to do if I lose my job?" Needless to say, that on her way home that day, Catherine was very sad and upset. She didn't remember to look for her spare change and have it ready like she usually did. Catherine wasn't feeling the



joy as she got off the ramp where the homeless man would be. Yet there he was as always, as she came down the ramp. He set his eyes on Catherine, while still smiling and waving at others. She had hoped to catch the green light, but she missed it. While she was waiting for the red light to turn, he strolled over to her car as usual. With a big smile he looked her straight in the eyes and said "Today, I will give you a dollar". He then reached into his pocket and pulled out a dollar bill. Catherine was blown away. She burst into tears. She wanted to jump out of her car and hug him! You see that day just after the New Year, this man gave Catherine more than a dollar bill, he taught her a valuable lesson. No matter what material things are taken from you, no one can take away your choice to be happy and joyful. The remainder of her ride home was smooth sailing, and even though she might be laid off and had no savings, Catherine knew she was blessed and that whatever came of this New Year, whatever challenges she would have to face in the months ahead, this homeless man had taught her a valuable lesson – to live life as you are always blessed.

One of the most comforting thoughts we have to take into the New Year is that Jesus loves us and cares for us. There is not a person upon the earth for whom He fails to love. No matter where we live, regardless of who we are, Christ has a place for each of us in His heart. Place is important to God! The place where you are right now is important to God, wherever you may be: Perhaps a small town, a large city, or even a rural farm community. It may be a city where you barely know your neighbors. It may be a nursing home or even a homeless shelter, far from what you may consider "Home". But, trust our Lord lives there and welcomes your Spirit. For that place, wherever we may be, is always important to God. May you know in these days just after Christmas, and before the start of the coming New Year, that Jesus was born so that God would not dwell in some far-off Kingdom, not in some distant place, but rather here with you and me. Wherever we are, Jesus longs to be born there. This is the Word given to us in the very first chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, when an Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife", the Angel said, "For the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit, and they shall name Him Emmanuel", which means God is with us!

If the New Year were something tangible, some spark of the divine that could speak to us, perhaps it would say: I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time. I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your

opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months. All that you sought and did not find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it out, but with more determination. All the good that you tried for and did not achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires. All that you dreamed but did not dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose. I am your opportunity to renew your faith in the Lord who said, "Behold, I make all things new". St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews reminds us that: "Nothing on earth can separate us from the love of Christ. Not finances. Not disappointment. Not rejection. Not failure. Nothing." (Romans 8:31-39). As we swiftly approach the coming New Year, I pray that each of us will feel the joy of knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus. The Lord is in the place we call home, in our hearts, in the family and friends that we hold dear, and in the simple things of life that mean so much to us.

So today and throughout this coming New Year, I pray you have enough happiness to keep you kind. Enough trials to keep you strong; Enough sorrow to keep you human; Enough hope to keep you happy; Enough weakness to keep you humble; Enough success to keep you thankful; Enough friends to give you comfort; Enough wealth to meet your needs; Enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow, and enough determination to make each day better than the day before. My brothers and sisters, as we will soon celebrate with our friends and family the blessing of yet another New Year, may the peace and love of the Christ child, the gift of this Holy Season, be with you always.

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