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**НЕДІЛЯ ЗАКХЕЯ
30ГО СІЧНЯ 2022**

**«МОЛИТВА ЗА МИР СИЛЬНІША ЗА БУДЬ-ЯКУ ЗБРОЮ»: ГЛАВА
УГКЦ ЗАКЛИКАЄ ДОЛУЧИТИСЯ ДО ВСЕСВІТНЬОЇ МОЛИТВИ ЗА
МИР В УКРАЇНІ**

У середу, 26 січня, в особливий день Всесвітньої молитви за мир в Україні і світі, який проголосив Святіший Отець Франциск з огляду на нові небезпеки, що загрожують Україні, на ресурсах «Живого телебачення» з 9:00 до 21:00 (за київським часом) відбудеться цілоденне молитовне чужання.



У неділю Папа Франциск, з огляду на напружену ситуацію довкола України, [закликав увесь світ, Католицьку Церкву, усіх людей доброї волі молитися за мир](#) і проголосив особливим днем молитви за мир в Україні і світі – середу, 26 січня 2022 року.

Вірні Української Греко-Католицької Церкви вдячно відгукуються на заклик Святішого Отця і приєднуються до

Всесвітньої молитви за мир в Україні.

Отець і Глава УГКЦ Блаженніший Святослав через відеозвернення особисто запрошує всіх вірних УГКЦ долучитися до молитовного чужання.

«Чому нам сьогодні так потрібно молитися за мир в Україні?» – запитує Предстоятель УГКЦ і пояснює: – Коли виникають нові небезпеки й ворог стоїть на порозі, то наші військові перевіряють свою боєготовність, державні мужі працюють над впорядкуванням суспільних механізмів, дипломати працюють над тим, щоб світ підтримував наш народ і державу. А що роблять християни? Християни в цей час **моляться, постять і каються** у своїх гріхах».

На його переконання, молитва за мир є сильнішою за будь-яку зброю. Ба більше, молитва є духовною силою віруючого народу.

«Всесвітня молитва – це момент особливої духовної сторожі, на яку кличе нас сьогодні Папа Франциск, наступник апостола Петра наших часів», – підкреслює Глава УГКЦ.

«Закликаю всіх дітей нашої Церкви долучитися до молитовної духовної сторожі. Хоч би де ви були: вдома чи в транспорті, у дорозі на роботу чи на роботі, у школі чи університеті – прошу вас молитися за мир в Україні. Моліться особисто, а також долучайтеся до молитви спільноти Церкви у своїх парафіях, катедральних храмах, монастирях, де ви перебуваєте», – закликав Глава Церкви.

(продовження на ст. 4)

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

JANUARY 30TH, 2022

ПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ (31го січня до 6го лютого, 2022) ORDER OF SERVICES (January 31st to February 6th, 2022)

Понеділок – Mon. 31	8:00 A.M.	+Luba Schroeder – L. Lukomskyj
Вівторок – Tuesday 1	8:00 A.M.	Roger & Anna Chorney (anniv.) – Luba Lukomskyj
Середа – Wednesday 2	СТРИТЕННЯ	– MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON
	9:00 A.M.	+Rev. Antin, Antonia, Lewko, Bohdan, Vera – Luba Lukomskyj
	7:00 P.M.	for our parishioners
Четвер – Thurs. 3	8:00 A.M.	Rev. Jose Hazuda – Luba Lukomskyj
П'ятниця – Fri. 4	8:00 A.M.	+Paraskevia Kocur (P) – W&M Nalywajko
Субота – Sat. 5	9:00 A.M.	Marianna Babij – Luba Lukomskyj
		Sanctification of clergy
		For the ill
Неділя – Sun. 6	8:30 A.M.	for our parishioners
	10:00 P.M.	sanctification of clergy
	11:30 P.M.	Mothers in Prayer

ВАШ ДАР БОГОВІ ТА ПАРАФІЇ – YOUR GIFT TO GOD & PARISH

23 січня / January 23 - \$1,830.00

Додаткові Зобов'язання / Additional Parish Obligations - \$743.00

Будівельний Фонд / Building Fund - \$2,897.00

ВІДПУСТОВИЙ ХРАМ НОВОМУЧЕНИКІВ SHRINE OF THE NEW MARTYRS OF UKRAINE

Будь ласка віддайте одну годину вашого часу у молінні перед Евхаристійним Христом який перебуває в кивоті. За інформацією дзвоніть до пані Лесі Чернецької на тел. 847-907-1624.

Please sign up for one hour a week to spend time and pray in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Please choose your time and sign up as you exit the church. Remember that our Lord asked the Apostles: "Could you not spend one hour with me?" For more information call Mrs. Lesia Chernetska at 847-907-1624.

В останній п'ятниці кожного місяця маємо ДЕНЬ МОЛИТВИ за інтенції Пресвятої Богородиці. Молитва постійна від 8 раго до півночі.

Every last Friday of the month we have a prayer vigil for the intentions of the Mother of God. You are invited to join us for continuous prayer from 8AM to midnight.

Наступний ДЕНЬ МОЛИТВИ відбудеться в п'ятницю 25го лютого від 8 рано до півночі.

Our next DAY OF PRAYER will take place on Friday, February 25th from 8AM to midnight.

Молимося за отців нашої Епархії – цього тижня молимося за о. Микола Довжук

We pray for the clergy of our Eparchy – this week let us pray for Fr. Mykola Dovzhuk



(продовження з ст. 2)

Він додав, що в молитовному стоянні вірян підтримуватиме «Живе телебачення», яке впродовж дванадцяти годин будуватиме ланцюжок глобальної всесвітньої духовної сторожі, духовного чування нашої Церкви.

«Нехай Господь Бог вислухає наші молитви! Нехай прийме нашу молитву! Нехай разом із постом і покутою вона буде сильнішою за будь-яку сучасну зброю! Нехай Господь Бог збереже мир в Україні і в усьому світі! Нехай наша особиста і спільна молитва цього дня лунає в усьому світі за мир в Україні!» – побажав духовний лідер українців.

Департамент інформації УГКЦ

DEEDS DONE FOR ME

Meditation: The doctor did not allow me to go to the chapel to attend the Passion Service, although I had a great desire for it; however, I prayed in my own room. Suddenly I heard the bell in the next room, and I went in and rendered a service to a seriously sick person. When I returned to my room, I suddenly saw the Lord Jesus, who said, **My daughter, you gave Me greater pleasure by rendering Me that service than if you had prayed for a long time.** I answered, "But it was not to You, Jesus, but to that patient that I rendered this service." And the Lord answered me, **Yes, My daughter, but whatever you do for your neighbor, you do for Me** (*Diary*, 1029).

My Prayer Response: Thank You, Jesus, for teaching us through St. Faustina: **Whatever you do for your neighbor, you do for Me** (see Mt 25:40). Help us, Lord Jesus, to respond with deeds of mercy whenever You appear in the disguise of the needy, as did Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

ПРОСИМО МОЛИТИСЯ ЗА: о. Андрія Чировського, о. Френка Авант, о. Богдана, о. Михайла Кузьму, Джона Панько, Тима Гайдера, Дебі Плішки, Мардж Матвіїв, Любу Чорну, Любу Лукомську, Євгенію Яхнів, Лярису Дас, Джекі Мишкієвич, Анну Назар, Келвина Макмена, Наталію Лісову, Марію Ступень, Роксолянну Козич, Луку Логан, Майк Феста і за всіх недужих.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, Fr. Frank Avant, Fr. Bohdan, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, John Panko, Tim Heider, Debbie Plishka, Marge Matviuw, Luba Chorny, Luba Lukomskyj, Betty Jachniw, Laryssa Das, Jackie Myshkiewicz, Anna Nazar, Calvin McMahon, Nataliya Lisova, Maria Stupen, Roxolana Kozych, Luke Logan, Mike Festa and all those in need of our prayers.

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

1. В середу припадає празник Стрітіння ГНІХ з Симеоном і Анною. Святі Літургії о год. 9 рано і 7 вечір.
2. Просимо усіх на каву, канапки і солодке в нашій церковній залі після св. Літургії.
3. Будемо молитися що тижня за духовенство нашої Епархії. В особливий спосіб молімся цього тижня за отця Миколу Довжука.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. This Wednesday we celebrate the feast of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna. Divine Liturgies will be celebrated at 9AM and 7PM.
2. All are invited for coffee, sandwiches and sweets to our parish hall after the Divine Liturgy.
3. We will be praying weekly for the priests of our Eparchy. This week let us pray in a special way for Fr. Mykola Dovzhuk.

Єпархіальний Заклик 2021 - Annual Eparchial Appeal Share 2021

Підтримаймо нашу Єпархію. Будьмо щедрі. Хто ще не зложив жертву на Заклик 2021 прошу подумайте, помоліться і зложіть вашу жертву. Наші парафіяни до жовтня склали жертву в сумі \$2,795.00

Have you made your donation in support of our Eparchy through our annual Share 2021 appeal? If not please pray and consider making a donation. Our parishioners as of October have donated \$2,795.00

CATHOLIC PRAYER TO BREAK FREE FROM SEXUAL SINS

Ask God to break the chains that continue to hold you down and tied to your sexual sins.

Many men and women today struggle with sexual sin, whether that is pornography, masturbation, or sex outside of marriage.

Whatever sexual sin it might be, it is a long road to break from free that addiction, one that includes practical steps as well as spiritual steps.

Here is a prayer from the *St. Andrew Daily Missal* that can help on the spiritual side of things, asking God to set a person free from such chains.

*Break, O Lord, the chains of our sins;
that we may offer unto you this sacrifice of praise
in perfect liberty and with a pure mind,
restore unto us that which you have granted before;
and save us by your mercy, whom once you saved by your grace.
May our hearts and bodies flourish again
with the vigor of purity and the freshness of chastity.
May we be cleansed by your loving kindness from all temptations.
Through Christ our Lord.*

HIGHEST SAINT AND HIGHEST ANGEL

JOSEPH IS THE HIGHEST SAINT, MICHAEL IS THE HIGHEST ANGEL

I feel called to post about St Joseph on the eve of Wednesday, the day dedicated to him, thus I'm trying to give fresh perspectives on him, well fresh for me at least, I am grappling slowly with the study of the sublime Joseph. This week I felt moved to write about St Joseph and Holy Michael the Archangel as each having a special status in Heaven yet each having similar and complementary roles. It dawned on me that St Joseph is the highest of all the Saints, and St Michael is the highest of all the angels. Saint and angel are in a class of their own. If we understand their rank, we can understand their influence and their power to help us. And having some knowledge of the high echelons that Joseph and Michael hold may elevate them in our hearts and in our minds and increase our love for them.

St Joseph's uniquely high place was revealed to St Gertrude the Great who was given extraordinary visions of Heaven. First Gertrude was shown that the Blessed Virgin Mary is the most powerful after God the Father, most wise after the Son and most benign after the Holy Ghost. While Our Lady is Queen of the Saints, of all her subjects, he who was her husband on earth is the one to whom all other saints defer. Gertrude saw all Heaven enjoy a celebration, a party if you will, of the time Jesus became the foster child of Joseph. At the name of Joseph, all the Saints bowed profoundly before him and Gertrude saw that they rejoiced in Joseph's "exalted dignity".

Of all men and women born with the stain of original sin who have risen to sainthood in

Heaven, Joseph has the highest place in Heaven. Joseph occupies a singular place between the Virgin Mary and all the rest of the company of saints. In accordance with Joseph's exceptional status, we are called to give him a special type of homage that he and only he may be given. This devotion is called "protodulia", and while "proto" means first, "dulia" comes from the Greek word "douleia" for servitude. Every other saint under Joseph may be revered only with "dulia", but not "protodulia" which is reserved for Joseph to signify that he is first among saints. Unlike Joseph, Michael the Archangel is not given protodulia, but nonetheless he is the best in his class.

While St Joseph was born a man, a composite of body and soul, St Michael as an angel was created as pure spirit. In the litany to him, Michael is hailed as "fairest of all angels", and it was foremost expert on exorcism, [Adam Blai who explained that St Michael is acknowledged as the highest angel even by demons!](#) In the book, *The Grandeurs of Saint Michael the Archangel*, we learn that Michael is elevated above all angels because the excellence of his nature, his charity, his cooperation with grace, his extraordinary glory, his faith, his hope, his love towards Mary the Mother of God, his love of God and for the greatness of his care towards his fellow angels who are good spirits like him but are led by him because he is superior. The Grandeurs of St Michael is a wondrous book and champions the beauty of St Michael's nature, "who will be able to comprehend how beautiful is his nature, which surpasses the one of all angels!"

Most importantly, Michael is awarded the top spot among angels because of "his dignity and honors". In that decisive moment, when the angels decided their eternal destiny, and Lucifer rebelled, it was Michael who thrust him out of Heaven. When Michael rid paradise of the infernal spirit who wanted to take the place of God, Michael earned his place as the highest angel.

Both St Michael and St Joseph have great authority over the evil spirits and also complementary roles in waging spiritual warfare against the fallen angels for our sake. St Joseph is the terror of demons while St Michael is "sworn enemy of the servants of satan". St Michael is fighting demons on a different basis; he is the best angel against all bad angels. St Joseph fights them as one who was once a man and a husband, who had to discover them as we discover them, who had to fight them more like we fight them, as the destroyers of peace and the enemies of salvation. St Joseph had to fight the devil and his minions during an entire lifetime, Michael had only one opportunity when he decided his eternal destiny in an instant when he fought Lucifer with all his strength. Michael is both angel and saint, and as a saint he defers to Joseph, as all saints do, but as an angel he is in a category all of his own.

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This post was informed by [The Life and Revelations of St Gertrude the Great](#), [Adam Blai's The Catholic Guide to Miracles](#) and [Father Bouzon's The Grandeurs of Saint Michael the Archangel](#).

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE, QUEEN OF PEACE

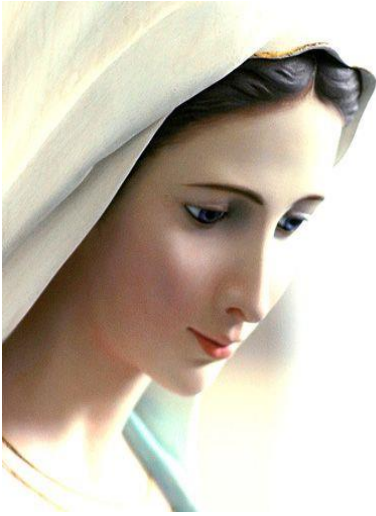
"Medjugorje is the spiritual center of the world"

(St. Pope John Paul II)

Dear Family of Mary!

Our Lady called us back to prayer in her January 25, 2022 Message:

"Dear children! Today I am calling you to return to personal prayer. Little children, do not forget that Satan is strong and that he wants to attract all the more souls to himself. That is why, you be vigilant in prayer and resolute in the good. I am with you and am blessing all of you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call." (January 25, 2022)



I, for one, have been trying to get a good idea of what Our Lady means by "personal prayer". And I found several messages in which she has taught us about personal prayer. These messages may be a help for all of us in responding to this most recent message on prayer:

July 25, 1997 "Dear children! Today I invite you to respond to my call to prayer. I desire, dear children, that during this time you find a corner for personal prayer. I desire to lead you towards prayer with the heart. Only in this way will you comprehend that your life is empty without prayer. You will discover the meaning of your life when you discover God in prayer. That is why, little children, open the door of your heart and you will comprehend that prayer is joy without which you cannot live. Thank you for having responded to my call."

July 25, 2001 "Dear children! In this time of grace, I call you to come even closer to God through your personal prayer. Make good use of the time of rest and give your soul and your eyes rest in God. Find peace in nature and you will discover God the Creator Whom you will be able to give thanks to for all creatures; then you will find joy in your heart. Thank you for having responded to my call."

January 25, 2010 "Dear children! May this time be a time of personal prayer for you, so that the seed of faith may grow in your hearts; and may it grow into a joyful witness to others. I am with you and I desire to inspire you all: grow and rejoice in the Lord who has created you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

August 25, 2010 "Dear children! With great joy, also today, I desire to call you anew: pray, pray, pray. May this time be a time of personal prayer for you. During the day, find a place where you will pray joyfully in a recollected way. I love you and bless you all. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Holy Thursday, April 19, 1984 (To Jelena)

"I'm going to reveal a spiritual secret to you: if you want to be stronger than evil, make yourself a plan of personal prayer. Take a certain time in the morning, read a text from Holy Scripture, anchor the Divine word in your heart, and strive to live it during the day, particularly during the moment of trials. In this way, you will be stronger than evil."

Well, these messages are like clean, fresh air for me! I think I do need to renew personal prayer. The key word for me is to "time". I need to take more time just for my own prayer. My time with the Lord. A time when nothing else matters! A time to really rest with God!

Thank you, dear Mother, for your messages. They are lifelines for us all!

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

Cathy Nolan

Mary TV 2022

ПРИГАДУЄМО УСІМ ПАРАФІЯНАМ

Щоб гідно приймати Святі Тайни парафіянин повинен жити за правилами віри та серйозно підготувитися. Добрі (віддані) парафіяни є ті котрі:

1. В неділі й свята беруть участь в Святій Літургії
2. Жертвують час, таланти і матеріально підтримують парафію
3. Записані до парафії
4. Знають загальні правди й молитви нашої віри

A REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Reception of the Sacraments requires the committed practice of the faith and serious preparation. Committed parishioners are those who:

1. Attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday's and Feast Days
2. Give of their time, talents and financial resources
3. Have enrolled in the parish
4. Know and understand the basic prayer and tenets of our faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

You can leave a lasting legacy to benefit future generations! Please remember our Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Parish when creating your will. Your good works will continue after you have gone! ***Please contact the office for information.***

Згадайте нашу парафію у Вашому заповіті

Ви можете залишити частину своєї спадщини на благо майбутніх поколінь! Ласкаво, памятайте, парафію Непорочного Зачаття Пречистої Діви Марії при створеню Вашого заповіту. Ваші добрі діла будуть продовжуватися після Вашого повернення Додому, до вічного життя!

WHY IS GOD LETTING SO MANY OF US SUFFER?



Courtesy of Tom Hoopes

Tom Hoopes - published on 01/24/22

The crucifix is in the center of human experience, and it transforms everything.

My wife, April, had a stroke that paralyzed her left side and has hospitalized her since December 21, but we will be coming home soon, ready to learn how to live with her new capabilities.

"Do you have any deep thoughts about the meaning of this strange event?" a friend asked. "It seems to me that a shocking number of young and young-ish people are being struck out of the blue with bizarre illnesses and suffering."

I think a few things are going on.

First, I think God is demonstrating the *real* power of prayer.

On Christmas Eve, April and I were alone in the hospital and spoke with a friend on the phone who said, "It's crazy. I can't find a slot to pray for you."

"Find a slot? What are you talking about?" we asked.

That is when we learned that friends had created an online form and people around the country were praying for April around the clock from Christmas to New Year's. It was an *It's a Wonderful Life* moment and I could only read one or two names at a time to April before being overcome with emotion and she was crying like a baby.

I think it's those prayers that transformed this experience for us and made April such a light to others in the hospital.

She has been telling jokes with everyone who serves her, then helping them figure out who their patron saint is. "Did you know you have someone praying for you all the time in heaven?" she asks. She has passed out stacks of her new favorite prayer, the Litany of Trust from the Sisters of Life, and arranged Masses for people she has just met if she heard someone in their life has died.

Oh, and she got three different medical professionals to commit to the Bible in a Year Podcast. They say that prayer is meant to change *us*, not God, and I think that's what prayer did here: It super-charged April's evangelizing efforts.

Second, the suffering is meant to humble us. And we need it.

A few weeks into her stroke, April wrote this in her journal:

"A good friend wrote that she couldn't help thinking that this stroke was a really beautiful Christmas gift from God: a chance to really 'be little.'

"I love that so much. And can't stop thinking about it. I know it's true."

April is a mother of nine, a teacher, a lector, a homeschool co-op organizer, a carpool captain, a confirmation catechist, and much more. "People tell me 'How do you do it all?' 'You're so amazing!'" she wrote. "Over time, that sentiment is not good for the soul. For my soul anyway."

"It certainly doesn't foster the kind of posture we all should have before God where he is everything and I am nothing. Where he is so great, and I am so little. So now, post-stroke, as I have to have people help me dress, eat, toilet, etc... I find myself very little. And it is a truly beautiful thing!"

This is the conclusion God wants us to come to from the crosses in our lives — and in the pandemic, he seems to want it on a worldwide scale.

Third, suffering teaches us how to love.

It's funny. This has been a year of much family turmoil and a year when I realized that my children have learned as much from my mistakes as they have from my wisdom as a parent.

But the stroke has improved everybody, reset priorities, taught us how to love, and forced us to discover abilities we didn't think we had.

My children have sacrificed days helping their mom in the hospital. Adult children with children of their own have sacrificed their own Christmases with their families to be with their siblings while April and I were away.

And I had to learn that a husband's real vocation is to love your wife in exactly the way she needs.

Read more: Why do the innocent suffer? Pope Francis gives this answer

Fourth, God wants witnesses.

"Is God placing us in places we need to be to bring hope and healing to others?" my friend asked. "It's almost as if God wanted a witness in those places."

I think that's true in two ways: Yes, God wants joyful witnesses to Christ in hospitals — but he also wants us to witness of all the potential for good around us.

In a time of so much anger and hostility, and the politicization of everything, it is very comforting to turn off the media and see real-life health care professionals offering nothing but kindness and care.

The crucifix stands in the center of human experience, transforming everything, and there is no better witness than our joy when we get to participate.

ST. PAUL'S SIMPLE FORMULA FOR PRESERVING UNITY



In the Letter to the Ephesians St. Paul lays out a simple yet powerful guide to preserving unity.

It is a praiseworthy endeavor to strive for unity in our world, but not always easy to accomplish. Unity requires cooperation on both sides and this can be a long and arduous task. St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians lays out a simple, yet profound formula for unity. He describes what is required for unity to be preserved and how to go about maintaining it.

*I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all **humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of***

peace: *one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:1-6)*

His words of advice are quite simple, but very difficult to accomplish!

It means that we have to humble ourselves before another and treat others with **gentleness, patience and love**. Too often we don't have one of these key ingredients and each time we let ourselves slip, it threatens that unity.

Above all, we must attach ourselves to Christ and let God unite us together in a bond that nothing can break.

Rather, living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love...be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Ephesians 4:15-16, 23)

If we can follow St. Paul's formula, we will be much closer to unity than we could ever be on our own.