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НЕДІЛЯ М'ЯСОПУСНА

20ГО ЛЮТОГО 2022

**«ВІРЮ, ЩО МОЛИТВА БУДЕ ПОЧУТА І В УКРАЇНІ БУДЕ
МИР», – БЛАЖЕННІШИЙ СВЯТОСЛАВ**

Щодня у нашій Церкві о 20:00 за київським часом ми молимося вервицю за мир в Україні. Ми беремо приклад з Австрії, яка була включена до радянської зони відразу після Другої світової війни.



Про це в інтерв'ю для [Католицької інформаційної агенції \(КАІ\)](#) розповів Блаженніший Святослав, Глава УГКЦ, відповідаючи на запитання про молитовну єдність України і світу цими днями.

Після Другої світової війни Австрія, як і Німеччина, була поділена на так звані зони окупації. Частина Австрії була окупована радянськими військами, зокрема й Відень. «Австрійці добре знали, – зазначив Глава УГКЦ, – що коли совети кудись увиходили, то забували повернутися додому».

Як відомо, у 1947 році отець

францисканець, на ім'я Петро Павлічек, заснував Братство вервиці, яке молилося за мир у світі та за визволення Австрії. Він їздив зі статуєю Фатімської Богородиці від єпархії до єпархії, від громади до громади, від парафії до парафії і невтомно закликав до молитви на вервиці. Люди щовечора молилися і у своїх рідинах. Через вісім років безперервної молитви, 15 травня 1955 року, у Відні було підписано державний договір, який проголошував незалежність Австрії та звільнення від окупації. **Люди вірять, що це зробила можливим спільна молитва.**

«Ми бачимо, яка сила вервиці. Тому запрошуємо також поляків до спільної молитви на вервиці за мир в Україні та світі... Якщо хтось не зможе промовити всієї молитви, то просимо принаймні помолитися «Отче наш» і «Богородице Діво». Вірю, що молитва буде почута і в Україні буде мир», – сказав Блаженніший Святослав.

Департамент інформації УГКЦ

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

ПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ (21го до 27го лютого, 2022) ORDER OF SERVICES (February 21st to 27th, 2022)

Понеділок – Mon. 21	8:00 A.M.	+Paraskevia Kocur (P) – Mykola Hnatysko
Вівторок – Tuesday 22	8:00 A.M.	+Luba Shrodzinska – Luba Lukomskyj
Середа – Wednesday 23	PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY – ЛІТУРГІЯ НАПЕРЕДОСВЯЧЕНИХ ДАРИВ	
	7:00 P.M.	Rev. Mike Bonner – Luba Lukomskyj health of the ill
Четвер – Thurs. 24	8:00 A.M.	health of the ill
П'ятниця – Fri. 25	ДЕНЬ МОЛИТВИ – DAY OF PRAYER	
	8:00 A.M.	PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY – ЛІТ. НАПЕРЕД. ДАРИВ +Nataalka Bilos
	7:00 P.M.	Moleben - Молебень
Субота – Sat. 26	9:00 A.M.	Anna Kuzma (B-day) - family Eric, Rebecca, Joy, Caleb, Tolya (B-days) – Vitali Basiourski sanctification of clergy
Неділя – Sun. 27	8:30 A.M.	sanctification of clergy
	10:00 P.M.	for our parishioners
	11:30 P.M.	Mothers in Prayer

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

13 лютого / February 13 - \$2,500.00
Будівельний Фонд / Building Fund - \$1,036.00
Кава / Coffee - \$688.00

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 дзвонить 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. Даміяна Гигенз

We pray for the clergy of our Eparchy – this week let us pray for Fr. Damian Higgins



AT THE HOUR OF DEATH

Meditation: I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, specially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (*Diary*, 48).

My Prayer Response: Jesus, I rely on Your promises as I venerate Your image — that You will defend me in the battle of life and especially at the hour of my death. I pray for a special grace of Your mercy for all those who are in spiritual peril and for those who are dying.

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 Мишкіевич, Анну Назар, Келвина Макмена, Наталію Лісову, Марію Ступень, Роксолянну Козич, Луку Лоґан, Майк Феста. Левка Сенечка, Любу Кукзьму 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, Leo Senechko, Luba Kuzma and all those in need of our prayers.

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

1. Великий Піст починається 28 лютого. Почнім вже приготуватися до глибшого посту, молитви і добрих діл. Підчас Великого Посту, за зарядженням Владика Венедикта не будемо мати від понеділка то п'ятниці Літургію Напередосвячених Дарів.
2. Хто бажає особливі молитви за упокоїлих з ваших родин прошу виповнити листки з іменами покійників.
3. Владика Венедикт відвідує нашу парафію від 3го до бго березня.
4. Великопосні Реколекції від 24го до 27го березня. Наступна ПРОЩА – 27го березня.
5. Просимо усіх на каву, канапки і солодке в нашій церковній залі після св. Літургії.
6. Будемо молитися що тижня за духовенство нашої Епархії. В особливий спосіб молимся цього тижня за отця Даміяна Гигенз.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The Great Fast begins on Monday, February 28th. We should already be preparing for this wonderful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord. Let us increase and deepen our fasting, prayer life and almsgiving. During the Great Fast we will celebrate daily the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
2. Who would like special prayers for their deceased loved ones during Great Lent please fill our the forms provided with the names of the deceased to be commemorated.
3. Bishop Benedict will be visiting our parish from the 3rd to 6th of March.
4. Our Great Lenten retreat – 24th to 27th March. Our next PILGRIMAGE – March 27th.
5. All are invited for coffee, sandwiches and sweets to our parish hall after the Divine Liturgy.
6. We will be praying weekly for the priests of our Eparchy. This week let us pray in a special way for Fr. Damian Higgins.

Зустріч «Посиденьки з Владикою» на тему «Виховання/асиміляція молоді» відбудеться в суботу 26-го лютого о 7-ій годині вечора в церковній залі катедри Св. Миколая (перед зустріччю бажаючі можуть долучитися до вечірньої і утренні які розпочнуться відповідно о 5-ій і 6-ій год. вечора)

В програмі: * доповідь Владика * Запитання/відповіді * Кава/солодке * Спілкування в малих групах. (На протязі всього часу ваші діти матимуть змогу спілкуватися і гратися в дитячому куточку). Ласкаво просимо всіх до участі!

Комісія у справах родини і мирян епархії Св. Миколая УГКЦ.

THE TRUE VOICE OF LOVE

Fear is the great enemy of intimacy. Fear makes us run away from each other or cling to each other, but does not create true intimacy. When Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, the disciples were overcome by fear and they all "deserted him and ran away" (Matthew 26:56). . . . Fear makes us move away from each other to a "safe" distance, or move toward each other to a "safe" closeness, but fear does not create the space where true intimacy can exist. . . .

To those who are tortured by inner or outer fear, and who desperately look for the house of love where they can find the intimacy their hearts desire, Jesus says: "You have a home . . . I am your home . . . claim me as your home . . . you will find it to be the intimate place where I have found my home . . . it is right where you are . . . in your innermost being . . . in your heart." The more attentive we are to such words the more we realize that we do not have to go far to find what we are searching for. The tragedy is that we are so possessed by fear that we do not trust our innermost self as an intimate place but anxiously wander around hoping to find it where we are not. We try to find that intimate place in knowledge, competence, notoriety, success, friends, sensations, pleasure, dreams, or artificially induced states of consciousness. Thus we become strangers to ourselves, people who have an address but are never home and hence cannot be addressed by the true voice of love.

Henri

Nouwen

TRUST IN GOD ALWAYS AND IN ALL THINGS

FR. NNAMDI MONEME, OMV

Lorenzo Scupoli said that in the spiritual life we must have distrust in self and complete trust in God. He describes this distrust in self in this way: "Although in our selves we are nothing, we are too apt to overestimate our own ability and to conclude falsely that we are of some importance." We cannot have trust in ourselves, our strengths, our knowledge and abilities, our intentions and ideas, and still trust in God at the same time.

In addition, the quality of our distrust in self determines the quality of our trust in God. When we do not have this distrust in ourselves, then we settle for a convenient trust in God. This means that we choose the things and times in which we will trust in God and the things and times in which we will trust in ourselves. We thus trust in Him only when it is convenient to do so. We do not trust in Him when things become inconvenient or when unfavorable or challenging outcomes are imminent. In short, we refuse to trust in God always and in everything.

Jeremiah 17:5-8 highlights the terrible consequences of such a convenient trust in God that comes from trusting in ourselves, "Thus says the Lord: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in his flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord." Our hearts turn away from God when we trust in ourselves. Consequently, we cannot receive from Him all the good things that He wants to give to us.

The self-trusting person, who trusts God only conveniently, becomes spiritually lifeless and hopeless like a "barren bush in the desert." Such a person cannot experience any growth or inner renewal because he is like a tree that "enjoys no change of season." The person also cannot be spiritually nourished and fruitful because he is like a tree that "stands in a lava waste." Such a person will have numerous excuses for not being spiritually fruitful.

On the other hand, those who trust in God and not in themselves are able to receive inner renewal, encouragement, strength, and fruitfulness from God. They are like trees "with roots stretching out to the streams," "they do not fear the heat when it comes," "their leaves stay green, and they bear fruit even in the time of drought." No external or internal condition prevents them from being spiritually fruitful and renewed.

One of the priceless gifts that God offers to us and which only those who trust in Him while distrusting themselves can ever enjoy is the gift of His own happiness. The truth is that God

wants us to be truly happy more than we even desire to be happy. But the happiness that God desires for us is a happiness in Him and through Him and not in ourselves or in any other creatures.

In Jesus Christ, God is offering to us His own happiness now and in the life to come. Jesus invites us to share in His truly happy life through the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the poor...Blessed are you who are hungry now...Blessed are you who weep now...Blessed are you when people hate you." These Beatitudes are the attitudes of Jesus and He embodies them all perfectly.

In themselves, there is nothing good or praiseworthy in being poor, hungry, weeping, or hated by others. However, these are situations and conditions wherein God invites us to distrust ourselves more, trust in Him completely, turn our hearts to Him, and receive from Him the things that lead to true happiness. We are invited in those moments to let go of self-trust and share in divine happiness through complete trust in God.

We thus have a duty to cultivate this distrust of self. We must do so if we are going to move beyond trusting God only conveniently and enjoy the enduring and fulfilling happiness that God is offering to us.

These are some steps in cultivating this distrust of self:

Firstly, we must meditate on the word of God always, "Blessed is the man who delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on his law day and night." (Ps 1) The more we ponder the words of scripture, the more we realize and accept our nothingness before God's majesty. As we also realize His undying love for us through His words, we begin to distrust ourselves more and trust in Him more.

Secondly, we must beg God sincerely for this gift of complete self-distrust. He alone can deliver us from the illusion of trusting in ourselves. True self-distrust is not something psychological but the fruit of prayer from a heart that is honest before God of its tendencies to trust in itself.

Thirdly, we must cultivate a grateful heart. When we sincerely thank God for whatever goodness that we see in ourselves, we grow in that conviction that God gave it to us and He alone sustains it in us. We thus distrust ourselves more and depend on Him more to maintain His gifts in us.

Fourthly, we must examine ourselves on our past failures. Don't these failures show us how we tend to trust in our strengths and holy resolves? We are so much like St. Peter who so trusted in himself that he boasted, "Even if everyone falls away, I will never fall away." (Mk 14:29) We all know how that ended! We can also see our own patterns of self-trust behind all our failures and accept those failures as God's gentle invitations to distrust ourselves the more so that we can trust in Him more.

Fifthly, we must seek to live by faith and not by our feelings. Our life of faith diminishes when we trust in our feelings so much and let our feelings dictate our choices in life. We cannot live in faith and trust in God while giving free reign to every emotion and feeling. To distrust ourselves, we must allow our faith in God to be our guide in all things, no matter how we may feel.

Sixthly, we must also be wary of human praise, "Woe to you when all speak well of you." (Lk 6:26) The praises and accolades that we receive from others bolsters our trust in self to the point that we fail to credit the working of divine grace in us for every single good that we do. Lastly, let us cultivate a true and filial devotion to the Mother of God. She will teach us to be like little children who have no basis for self-trust. Mary had an unconditional trust in God whether it was convenient for her or not. She trusted Him in all things and always. She is the first human person to renounce completely any trust in herself in order to trust in God completely and receive the gift of God Himself in her womb, "How can this be since I have no husband?...The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Lk 114-15) She trusted Him in trivial things like begging Him for wine at Cana as well as in dark moments of watching Him die on the cross on Calvary. We practice true self-distrust in our spiritual life when we approach Jesus through Mary and with Mary.

Because of the hope given to us in baptism, we can trust in God as He deserves in all things and in all aspects of our lives. The only thing that hinders us from this complete trust in God is our continued trust in ourselves. It is this trust in self that keeps our trust in God purely conven-

ient with disastrous consequences.

Every Eucharist is an increase in hope and thus a greater ability to trust in God. Our God comes to fill with amazing blessings those who trust in Him completely and distrust themselves completely. Let us begin today to distrust ourselves the more so that our hearts will be turned towards Him in trustful expectation ready to receive the beautiful things that He wants to give to us, especially His own happiness.

Glory to Jesus!!! Honor to Mary!!!

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 is a wonderful teacher. We can know this because God chose her to be the first teacher of His Son, Jesus! We can only imagine the wonderful conversations they had together from His earliest childhood. She with her Immaculate Heart sharing all she knew in her gentle and kind manner with Jesus. And Jesus, with His perfect though childlike intellect, asking the most amazing questions! It must have been so beautiful!

And now, Our Lady is with us to teach us as well. She is our Mother, and we need her gentle and wise guidance and direction in our lives. Our Lady wants only the good for us. Always she addresses us with such kindness and gentleness.

Let me share some examples of her gentle and wise direction:

"Dear children, learn to give thanks in little things and then you will be able to give thanks also for the big things." (10/3/85)

"In prayer, learn to love everything that is holy." (10/25/04)

"My children, if you desire to walk with me towards the peace of God's love, you must learn to forgive and to ask for forgiveness." (9/02/10)

"Through prayer and fasting, you must learn to listen with the heart and to learn to keep submitting yourselves. You must learn to keep rejecting everything that distances you from God's word and to yearn only for that which draws you closer to it." (9/2/13)

"Dear children, with a motherly heart filled with love for you, my children, I desire to teach you complete trust in God the Father. I desire for you to learn by an internal gaze and internal listening to follow God's will. I desire for you to learn to boundlessly trust in His mercy and His love, as I always trusted." (3/18/16)

These directives are simple but incredibly powerful. Those who learn them will find their way to heaven for sure. May we follow our Mother's call, and learn to give thanks in little things, learn to love everything that is holy, learn to forgive and ask forgiveness, learn to listen with the heart and yearn for all that draws us closer to God's will, and learn to trust God the Father. We will find ourselves resting in the peace of Christ if we do!

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 підготуватися. 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, пам'ятайте, парафію Непорочного Зачаття Пречистої Діви Марії при створеню Вашого заповіту. Ваші добрі діла будуть продовжуватися після Вашого повернення Додому, до вічного життя!