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## П'ЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ ЗГО КВІТНЯ 2022

# ПАПА ФРАНЦИСК ЗАЯВИВ, ЩО РОЗГЛЯДАЄ МОЖЛИВІСТЬ ВІЗИТУ ДО СТОЛИЦІ УКРАЇНИ

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Спілкуючись із журналістами під час перельоту на Мальту, Папа Франциск



сказав, що розглядає запрошення відвідати Київ.

На запитання Клаудіо Лаванґа, репортера «NBC NEWS» в Римі, чи Святіший Отець розглядає пропозицію відвідати Київ, Папа відповів, що така пропозиція розглядається. Папа Франциск більше не повідомив жодних подробиць.

Минулого місяця мер Києва Віталій Кличко надіслав листа Папі Франциску, в якому закликав його відвідати столицю, заявивши, що його

присутність буде «ключовою для порятунку життів та прокладання шляху до миру». Президент України Володимир Зеленський наприкінці березня також запрошував Папу Римського Франциска приїхати з візитом до України.

Папа Франциск <u>неодноразово засуджував війну,</u> розв'язану Росією в Україні, і закликав припинити вбивства.

Департамент інформації УГКЦ

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST APRIL 3, 2022

### ПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ (4го до 10го квітня, 2022) ORDER OF SERVICES (April 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

ORDER OF SERVICES (April 4 to 10 , 2022)		
Понеділок – Mon. 4	8:00 A.M.	for peace in Ukraine
	7:00 P.M.	PASSION SERVICE - ΠΑCΙΪ
Вівторок – Tuesday 5	8:00 A.M.	+Stephen & Diane Storkel - family
	7:00 P.M.	Moleben for Peace in Ukraine – Молбень за Україну
Середа – Wednesday 6	7:00 P.M.	PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY – ЛІТ. НАПЕРЕД. ДАРІВ
		sanctification of clergy
Четвер – Thurs. 7 БЛАГОВІЩЕННЯ – ANNUNCIATION (юліян. кал.)		
	9:00 A.M.	for our parishioners
	7:00 P.M.	Mothers in Prayer
П′ятниця – Fri. 8	6:30 P.M.	SOROKOUSTY - СОРОКОУСТИ
	7:00 A.M.	PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY – ЛІТ. НАПЕРЕД. ДАРІВ
		for the ill
Субота – Sat. 9	9:00 A.M.	+Christine McConnell - Samorajski family
		Special Intention
		deceased in Ukraine
	7:00 P.M.	Moleben for Peace in Ukraine–Молебень за Україну
Неділя – Sun. 10	8:30 A.M.	for our parishioners
	10:00 A.M.	sanctification of clergy
	11:30 A.M.	Mothers in Prayer

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

28 березня / March 28 - \$3,951.00 Будівельний Фонд / Building Fund - \$2,427.00 Додаткові Зобов'язення / Additional Parish Obligations - \$1,634.00 Кава / Coffee and (3/20, 3/27) - \$415.00 Pilgrimage Luncheon / Обід з Прощі – \$1,070.00

**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, Роксоляну 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.

### **ADORE MY MERCY**

Meditation: Jesus looked at me and said, Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near (Diary, 965).

**My Prayer Response:** Thank You, Jesus, for Your stern warning about Your gift of the Feast of Mercy. By a sovereign act of Your Mercy, draw mankind to adore Your great mercy — lest they perish for all eternity. Have mercy, O Lord!

# 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 останню п'ятницю 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 29го квітня від 8 рано до півночі. **Our next DAY OF PRAYER** will take place on Friday, April 29th from 8AM to midnight.

**Молимося за отців нашої Епархії** – цього тижня молімся за о. Ришарда Яновича. **We pray for the clergy of our Eparchy** –this week let us pray for Fr. Richard Janowicz

# SATAN WITNESSES TO THE SANCTITY OF THE EUCHARIST



It is typically very difficult to get a fully possessed person to go to Mass. As often as we encourage the person, the energumen (possessed person) feels a preternatural revulsion to the Eucharist. "K" was no exception. We could not get her to go without practically dragging her into the Church. And then, sitting through the entire Mass was painful, if not impossible.

After months of exorcisms, she was much better but getting her into the chapel was still a huge struggle. Finally, we finally were able to schedule a private Mass for her, her father, and uncle. For three days before the scheduled

Mass, she manifested almost constantly. The demons knew what was planned and they went ballistic.

They manipulated her and everyone else, trying to sabotage the event, but no one budged. When the day came, her family, not-so-subtly, all but dragged her into the chapel. She was seated between two large family members who kept her in place. Then the Mass began. As the Mass progressed, she kept yelling, "You're killing me!" She said her stomach hurt and she felt nauseous. She heaved many times. We had a bucket nearby and she wretched a white foam into the bucket. When the Gospel was read, she reacted violently. (I must admit it was difficult for me to concentrate.)

Then, it came time for communion. After much coaxing and finally a command from her father, she opened her mouth. As I approached with the Sacred Host, she screamed, "You're burning me!" I put the host into her mouth. She thrashed and tried to spit it out, but her father held her mouth shut. Later, she said the Host tasted like "ashes."

After the Mass ended, she returned to herself. She said the demons were gone (at least temporarily) and she was at peace. She laughed, joked and smiled.

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Satan, unintentionally, witnesses to all that is holy. He writhes when sprinkled with holy water; he cringes at the sight of a blessed crucifix; but he positively screams when coming in contact with the Eucharist.

We, for our part, also witness to the sanctity of the Eucharist. We genuflect in front of the reserved Eucharist in the tabernacle; we adore the presence of Jesus during Eucharistic adoration; we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass with great reverence.

As St. Thomas wrote: How blessed we are to receive the "bread of angels!" (Panis Angelicus)

#### ДОПОМОГА УКРАЇНІ – AID TO UKRAINE

Over the last several weeks parishioners and many friends of the parish have generously donated to the Aid to Ukraine Fund. This includes a \$25,000 donation from the Lutheran church as well as a \$15,000 donation from Visitation Catholic Church in Elmhurst

Our Kitchen Ladies held a very successful varenyky sale - proceeds from this sale are earmarked to support the Territorial Defense Brigades in Ternopil, Lviv and Ivano Frankivsk.

We have distributed donations to the following Funds:

\$20,000 - Aid for the Church in Need - SOS for the faithful in Ukraine (churchinneed.org)

\$15,000 - Fund Zahystu Heroyiv (stjosephukr.com)

\$10,000 - Revived Soldiers of Ukraine (<u>rsukraine.org</u>)

\$5,000 - Ukrainian American Coordinating Council (<u>uaccusa.org</u>)

\$5,000 - Purchase a car to deliver Humanitarian Aid

\$1,000 - Misto Dobra (misto-dobra.com)

\$1,000 - Purchase Generators for Field Hospitals in Chernihiv (from varenniky sale)

\$3,000 - to each Territorial Defense Brigade (\$9,000 total from varenniky sale)

The Financial committee meets weekly to review the needs, which are numerous and constantly changing, to determine where to best allocate the donations.

Thank you for your support!

#### ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

- 1. Щорічний Єпархіяльний Заклик 2022 має ціль \$200,000.00 щоб прогрми нашої могли нормально функіонувати. Будьте щедрі у підтримці цієї важливої справи.
- 2. Будемо молитися за усі ваші інтенції, за живих котрі страждають і померлих у війні в Україні. Зошити де можете помістити імена на столику при вході до церкви.
- 3. Розпис писанок в неділю 10го квітня в церковній залі від 12 до 5 за спільним зусиллям нашої парафії і СУМ-ом. Зібрані кошти підуть на підтримку України.
- 4. Молимося що тиждня за духовенство нашої Епархії. В особливий спосіб молімся цього тижня за отця Ришарда Яновича.
- 5. Щодня о 7 вечора служиться відправа за мир в Україні. По неділях відправа о годині 5ій вечір.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 1. The annual Eparchial Appeal Share 2022 has a goal of \$200,000.00 Please be generous in supporting this very important appeal which supports the ministries of our Eparchy.
- 2. We will be praying for the living and deceased of the war in Ukraine. Please add names to be commemorated in the notebooks at the entrance to our church.
- 3. Pysanka (easter egg) decorating in our church hall on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 5 PM. All proceeds will go to support Ukraine.
- 4. We are praying weekly for the priests of our Eparchy. This week let us pray in a special way for Fr Richard Janowicz.
- 5. Every evening there will be a service at 7PM offered for peace in Ukraine. On Sundays the service will be served at 5 P.M.

# THE VIRGIN OF VLADIMIR



The icon of Mary I have is not particularly attractive, at least on the surface. It is dark and the look on Mary's face is somber, almost unhappy. I was given the icon years ago and I was going to discard it, but then I felt I shouldn't let it go. So, I kept it. Over the years I have prayed with it daily, as it sits next to the tabernacle. Now, when I am on the road, I miss the icon. If I am gone for a long trip, I will sometimes wrap it up and take it with me; my connection with it has become strong.

Two weeks after the invasion of the Ukraine, I had an inspiration to look at the back of the icon more closely and to investigate its roots. The inscription identifies it as: "Virgin of Vladimir." I looked it up and found that it is likely a 12th century Byzantine icon that was gifted to the city of Kyiv in the Ukraine and then housed in the city of Vladimir in the Ukraine, before it was eventually transferred and resides today in Moscow. There have been many miracles attributed to the icon. Why have I have been praying before the Virgin of the Ukraine for years?

It is also interesting that one of our most difficult cases has involved a young Ukrainian woman. Most recently, she has been almost completely liberated. I have been impressed with her courage and strength. Even the demons said they are surprised she is still alive. She is a strong woman. Does the liberation of one Ukrainian modestly contribute, in some way, to the spiritual liberation of a nation?

And then, before the war erupted, I was privileged to meet Michael Brown, the founder of <u>Spirit Daily</u>. He spoke to me of his Ukrainian friend Josyp Terelya who was tortured for decades by the Communists for his support of Ukrainian nationalism and his ardent Catholic faith, yet never yielded. He was reportedly favored with several Marian apparitions and Michael Brown's book <u>Witness</u> about his life is a must read. It gives a sense of the spiritual importance of the Ukraine and the role of Our Lady. It is interesting that Mariupol, the epicenter of recent humanitarian atrocities, actually means: City of Mary.

I do not know what all this means. But I am convinced of three things. 1. The war in the Ukraine has immense spiritual significance. 2. The faith and strength of the men and women of the Ukraine are astounding. 3. Our Lady is involved intensely with all that is going on and her Immaculate Heart will triumph!

For my part, I continue to pray before the icon of the Virgin of Vladimir. I join in Our Lady's urgent request to pray for peace. I have a strong hope that the days are rapidly coming when Satan and the forces of evil will be definitively crushed under Our Lady's heel (Gn 3:15).

#### **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 Mother speaks to us:

May 25, 2021

"Dear children

Today I am looking at you and calling: return to God because He is love and out of love has sent me to you to lead you on the way of conversion.

Leave sin and evil, decide for holiness and joy will begin to reign; and you will be my extended hands in this lost world.

I desire that you be prayer and hope to those who have not cometo know the God of love.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

It really struck me that Our Lady said: "and you will be my extended hands in the lost world..." Every time I read it, my heart thuds a bit. What does she mean by "lost world?" Is it a world already condemned? Is it a world that has become completely disconnected from the Lord?

I think not. No one is lost eternally until their judgement.

But what does she mean? This story from Luke 19 I think explains it:

He entered Jericho and was passing through.

And there was a man named Zacchae'us; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature.

So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchae'us, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

And Zacchae'us stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold."

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:1-10)

Zacchae'us was lost. Jesus found him and brought him back. Zacchae'us was lost like the lost sheep in the parable of the Luke 15, that wandered away from the 99 and had to be found by the Shepherd. Zacchae'us was a lost sheep and Jesus the Shepherd found him and carried him home.

Our world is lost in that sense. So many of God's children have lost their way. They have wandered off the path and ended up in a thicket, full of sin and sorrow and confusion and anger, and pain. To be lost from the Shepherd is to be alone and afraid. To be lost from the Shepherd is to be vulnerable to the enemy. That is our world today.

So Our Lady has been sent to call us back to her Son, the Shepherd of our souls who can lead us home. And we can help her. If we repent and convert, and follow her, she says: **you will be my extended hands in this lost world.** In other words, we can help Our Lady to lead other lost sheep back to Jesus, if we follow her on the way of conversion.

This lost world may yet find its way back to God.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

Cathy Nolan

Mary TV 2022

#### ПРИГАДУЄМО УСІМ ПАРАФІЯНАМ

Щоб гідно принимати 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 спадчини на благо майбутних 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!