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**32ГА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТДЕСЯТНИЦІ
15ГО СІЧНЯ 2023**

**ГЛАВА УГКЦ У 324-Й ДЕНЬ ВІЙНИ: «ХРИСТОС У РІЗДВІ
ОБ'ЯВЛЯЄ ПРАВДУ ПРО ЛЮДИНУ І ЗАКЛИКАЄ НАС
ДО ГІДНОСТІ»**



Спаситель світу прийшов, щоби прославити людину, піднести її до висот, аби наділити нашу зотлілу людську природу своєю славою, гідністю і честю та вчинити її причасником вічного буття. Ось сенс Різдва! На цьому наголосив Отець і Глава УГКЦ Блаженніший Святослав у щоденному зверненні у 324-й день війни.

Предстоятель розповів про війну в цифрах. Він зазначив, що 97 % усіх ракетних ударів росії по Україні були нанесені саме по цивільній інфраструктурі. Росія зробила найбільше у світі мінне поле — третина території України замінована.

Міжнародні організації офіційно задокументували понад 63 тисячі військових злочинів, однак ми знаємо, що їх набагато більше. Від початку війни Україні вдалося звільнити 1646 військовополонених. Усі вони говорять про звірства, тортури, катування голодом. 50 % усієї критичної інфраструктури пошкоджено.

Блаженніший Святослав нагадав, що в цей день ми переживаємо віддання празника Різдва Христового. Ми пригадуємо, що в Різдві відбулася подія відновлення людини. Людина стала новим сотворінням у Христі. «Бог став людиною, щоб людина стала Богом», — говорили Отці Церкви. «Вічний народився в часі, щоб ми отримали доступ до вічності», — зазначив архиєрей.

Патріарх сказав, що в Різдві Христовому ми бачимо майбутнє, і цим майбутнім є Христос і зустріч із ним у славі. «Як ми сьогодні зустрічаємо Його у вигляді Дитятка на руках Марії, так колись зустрінемо як того, хто прийде у славі судити живих і мертвих. Але це буде той самий Христос, який сьогодні хоче, щоб не боялися Його, але любили».

Ми знаємо, що в людському суспільстві дитина ніколи не є найбільш поважною, зауважив Блаженніший Святослав. Часто дітей зневажають, ними торгують, їх убивають. Однак Христос захотів стати Дитиною, щоб показати її гідність.

Департамент інформації УГКЦ

32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JANUARY 15TH, 2023

ПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ (16го до 22го січня, 2023) ORDER OF SERVICES (December 16th to 22nd, 2023)

Понеділок – Mon. 16	8:00 A.M.	Bishop Benedict – Luba Lukomskyj + Myron Lewytsky (P) – Lewytsky family
Вівторок – Tues. 17	8:00 A.M.	Evash & Denish Kocur – family Special Intention
Середа – Wed. 18	8:00 A.M.	Sanctification of clergy
Четвер – Thurs. 19	8:00 A.M.	БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ - ТЕОФАНІЯ (юліян. кал.)
	8:00 A.M.	ВЕЛИКЕ ПОВЕЧЕР'Я – GREAT COMPLINE
	9:00 A.M.	Свята Літургія – Divine Liturgy For our parishoners
	10:15 A.M.	ВЕЛИКЕ ВОДОСВЯТТЯ – BLESSING OF WATER
	7:00 P.M.	+ Rev. Deacon Mykhailo Horodysky
П'ятниця - Fri. 20	8:00 A.M.	Special Intention
Субота – Sat. 21	9:00 A.M.	Yarko & Sonia Rohowsky – Luba Lukomskyj Special Intention
Неділя – Sunday 22	8:30 A.M.	+ JoAnne Sokalsky – Luba Lukomskyj
	10:00 A.M.	for our parishoners
	11:30 A.M.	Mothers in Prayer

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

7 січня / January 7th – (Різдво/Christmas) \$4,819.00

8 січня / January 8th – \$3,904.00

Будівельний Фонд / Building Fund (carolling) - \$860.00

Кава і вареники / Coffee Hour & Varenyky - \$391.00

Building Fund Box - \$2,097.00

Donations can be made on the website or by Zelle [email:icukrainianchurchpalatine@gmail.com](mailto:icukrainianchurchpalatine@gmail.com)

BUILDING FUND – MONTH OF DECEMBER

12/4 -\$3,600.61 (Bi-monthly Collection); \$522.00 (Coffee Hour & Varenyky)

12/18 - \$4,127.00 (Bi-monthly collection); \$1,066.00 (Coffee Hour & Varenyky)

12/17 - \$2,575.00 Christmas Bazaar

Total COLLECTED: \$11,890.61

Monthly Mortgage: \$10,757.92

12/30 Quarterly Interest Payment on 101 Michigan Loan: \$6,301.37

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, Джекі Мишкієвич, Анну Назар, Келвіна Макмена, Наталію Лісову, Марію Ступень, Роксолянну Козич, Левка Сенечка, Любу Кузьму, Джим Мекмен, Миколу Гнатиско, Анну Черниш 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 Chorney, Luba Lukomskyj, Betty Jachniw, Jackie Myshkiewicz, Anna Nazar, Calvin McMahan, Nataliya Lisova, Maria Stupen, Roxolana Kozych, Leo Senechko, Luba Kuzma, Jim McMahan, Mykola Hnatysko, Anna Chernysz and all in need of our prayers.

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

1. В понеділок в свято Св. Стефана Первомученика за юліянським календарем, Літургія о 9й раго і 7мі вечора.
2. Молимося що тижня за духовенство нашої Епархії. В особливий спосіб молимся цього тижня за отця Івана Шкумбатука.
3. Підтримуйте нашу Єпархію. Зложіть дар на SHARE 2022.
4. Хто бажає шоб отці прийшли поблагословити ваш дім, прошу заповніть анкети на яку столику при вході до церкви.
5. В неділю 29го січня при Катедрі св. о. Миколая відбудеться Фестиваль Колядок о год. 2ій по полудні. Позбирані фонди на поміч нашим захисникам.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. On Monday there will be two Liturgies at 9AM and 7PM.
2. We pray weekly for the priests of our Eparchy. This week let us pray in a special way for Fr. Ivan Shkumbatyuk.
3. Support our Eparchy. Donate to SHARE 2022.
4. If you would like our priests to come bless your home with the blessed Jordan water, please fill out the form found on the table outside of our church.
5. On Sunday, January 29th there will be a Festival of Christmas Carols at St. Nicholas Cathedral at 2PM. All proceeds from the festival will go towards aiding Ukrainian soldiers.

АЛЬФА КУРС В ПАЛАТАЙНІ.

«У нашій парафії 21 січня, 2023 року розпочинається Курс Альфа (українською мовою). Запрошуємо усіх!

Альфа – це курс, що передбачає 12 зустрічей, на котрих розглядатимуться основні питання християнської віри. Це чудова можливість обговорити духовні теми, спілкуватися з цікавими людьми, пороздумувати над тим, яке місце займатиме християнство у вашому житті.

Як мені жити повним усвідомленим життям? Як не заблукати і знайти себе? Чим є християнство? Хто такий Ісус? Як я можу поглибити свою віру?

Учасниками цього курсу вже стали мільйони християн усіх конфесій, він об'єднує людей різного віку та стану, він допомагає зрозуміти християнство та віднайти віру.

У програмі: коротка лекція на цікаву тему, свідчення, молитва, обговорення в групах. Маєш запитання? Розмірковуєш над життям? Тоді приходь на курс Альфа.

Час зустрічей: щосуботи, о 6-ій годині вечора в залі під церквою.

Детальніша інформація згодом.

THE VESSEL OF TRUST

Meditation: The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them (*Diary, 1578*).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, expand my capacity to trust in You! I and so many souls need and want more of Your mercy. Help us with Your mercy to desire more, to ask for more, so we may receive more graces. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving for Your mercy and help us share the graces we receive.

Benedict XVI: It Is The Time Of Antichrist

In 2015, BXVI wrote a letter to Catholic statesman Vladimir Palko, urging prayer against the 'expanding power of the Antichrist'

[Rod Dreher](#)

Jan 10, 2023

In November, I was visiting Bratislava, and had dinner with my friends Vladimir Palko (pictured above), a mathematician and retired statesman, and Jaroslav Daniška, editor of the conservative magazine *Standard*. Vlado was one of my sources for *Live Not By Lies*. We were talking about the ailing Pope Benedict XVI. Vlado mentioned that in 2015, he received a letter from Benedict XVI, as Pope Emeritus. Oh? Vlado, a member of the underground Catholic Church who went on to serve as Interior Minister in one of the country's post-Communist governments, had written a book called [The Lions Are Coming: Why Europe And America Are Heading for a New Tyranny](#), about the rising anti-Christian nature of Western life and politics. The book had been translated into German (the hyperlink under the title is to that edition), and a copy of it found its way to Benedict from an Austrian bishop. Vlado was grave as he spoke of the letter. It was very short, he said, and appreciative of the book. And at the end, the Pope Emeritus spoke of the Antichrist. Vlado did not want to say precisely what Benedict had said. He told us that he would not release the letter until after Benedict died.

Last week, I met Jaroslav for dinner in Rome. We were both there for Benedict's funeral. I asked him if Vlado was preparing to release the letter. He said he wasn't sure, because Vlado was getting cold feet. Vlado is an old-school Catholic, and was afraid of being a stumbling block to the faith of others. I urged Jaro to encourage Vlado to say the truth, because it is important for the world to know how the holy pope who just us read the signs of the times.

Today *Standard* published a short interview that Jaro conducted with Vlado in which he revealed the contents of Benedict's letter. Here is an excerpt from the interview, which I've translated via Google into English:

When you reported the letter for the first time, you decided not to publish part of the text, noting that it was not the right time to do so. The reason was the sensitive content and concerns that the late Pope expressed about the state of the Catholic Church. Could you elaborate on what exactly it was?

Yes, it's like that. The letter is not long, it has twelve lines. In the second half of the letter there is a sentence, about three lines long, in which the Pope Emeritus makes some striking claims.

The sentence reads as follows: "We see how the power of the Antichrist is expanding, and we can only pray that the Lord will give us strong shepherds who will defend his church in this hour of need from the power of evil."

What did you think then? And what do you think about it today?

Concepts such as the expansion of the Antichrist's power, the church in its hour of need, and the need to defend the church from the power of evil are serious and weighty. All the more so because they were uttered by a person in whose expression throughout his life accuracy was combined with the appropriateness of the terms used. He delivered serious public messages even as Pope, but these formulations are several degrees more urgent. The situation of the world and the church troubled the Pope Emeritus very much. He was obviously suffering from it.

I think about it very often, but I do not dare to interpret or interpret his statements. I would consider that presumptuous at this point. I'm just a Christian former politician and I don't feel competent. As a politician, I adhered to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and did not back down in any fight. However, I rarely comment on the church and only on details. To express some fundamental judgments about its state in general requires both a person who is a better example of Christian virtues and a more theologically sophisticated one. It's a job for saints.

Benedict wrote about the Antichrist in his first book about Jesus of Nazareth. It was the part where he discussed the temptation of Christ by the devil in the desert, where "the devil appeared as a theologian", in Ratzinger's words. The Pope also recalled Solovyov's famous Legend of the Antichrist, which is a short fictional prose where the Antichrist received a doctorate from the University of Tübingen, the funny thing is that Ratzinger himself once taught there. The Antichrist appears here as a great humanist, he fights against hunger, he is the author of the book *The Open Path to Well-Being and Peace in the World*, Benedict uses this only as an illustration that even "interpretation of the Scriptures can become a tool of the Antichrist". As a theological scholar, he criticized certain behavior of scholars and theologians. And he reminded that the Antichrist does not have to look hideous, that he does not have to be recognized as evil, but he can appear acceptable, benevolent, as a humanist - who, however, goes against God. What is the figure of the Antichrist for you?

I note with a smile that politicians, even former ones, do not usually use this term. But when you insist, it could be someone with extraordinary influence who pretends to be more merciful than Christ.

What did you take from that letter then, seven years ago?

In that year 2015, I thought that I would certainly not be wrong if I take to heart the words of the Pope Emeritus about the need for prayer. Since then, I regularly prayed for the church on my way to work. Before praying, I always said in my mind that it is "for the Pope, for the Pope Emeritus and for all the pastors of the Church".

After Benedict XVI. resigned, it caused great astonishment and criticism. However, the former pope did not remain completely silent, he published several texts and books, and sometimes statements from private conversations or letters, such as yours, were published. Benedict, in short, from seclusion, but still communicated with the world. Since you were part of it and at the same time you didn't talk about it, but you thought a lot about it, what do you think today, why did the Pope step down, which he felt was more urgent than serving in the Chair of Peter? And what did he try to convey to the believers from seclusion?

Perhaps he honestly no longer believed that he was capable of solving problems and humbly chose to leave. Perhaps he felt other pressures, which we will probably never know. But in any case, it strikes me as the decision of a responsible and humble person. And what did he try to convey to the faithful from his retreat? Well, what he wrote in the letter. That the situation is serious and we must pray to the only Lord of history.

Since you are talking about the end of an epoch, what are the characteristics of the new epoch, how is it different?

I will only say what everyone sees anyway. That the epoch begins with enormous tension in the political and spiritual spheres. Therefore, there is considerable uncertainty. In connection with Benedict's legacy for Christians, but not only for them, four principles come to mind as we enter this epoch. The first is that there are things you can never back down on, and trying to avoid fighting for them is a grave mistake. In Slovak politics, I witnessed this very mistake of many Christians.

The second is that one must examine one's motives and humbly start from oneself, not immediately think of one's neighbor as the culprit. And the third? Benedict XVI he emphasized so many times that faith and reason complement each other. You also have to stick to your mind. And finally, that you need to pray for strong shepherds who can defend the church from the power of evil.

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE, QUEEN OF PEACE

"Medjugorje is the spiritual center of the world"

Dear Family of Mary!

Today's Gospel reading is one of my favorites! Jesus comes home to Capernaum, after ministering elsewhere, and the people stampede the house to get close to Him. Impossible to meet Jesus? Not if you have resourceful friends!!



Mark2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them.

They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to him, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?"

Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"—he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home."

He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

We marvel at the courage of the four men who carried their friend up on to the roof, opened up the roof, and then lowered him down in the midst of the house! And I rejoice at the grace made available to the paralytic! But for me it is a deep reminder that I need to work much harder at getting close to Jesus. In fact, I probably need someone to do the work for me, just like the paralytic did!!

Our Lady is very much like those four men who carried the paralytic to Jesus. She carries each of us to Jesus, but she needs our cooperation. Here is a message in which she asks us to allow her to lead us to Jesus:

May 25, 1992 "Dear children! Today also I invite you to prayer, so that through prayer you come still nearer to God. I am with you and I desire to lead you on the path to salvation that Jesus gives you. From day to day, I am nearer to you although you are not aware of it and you do not want to admit that you are only linked to me in a small way with your few prayers. When trials and problems arise, you say, 'O God! O Mother! Where are you?' As for me, I only wait for your 'Yes' to present to Jesus for Him to fill you with His grace. That is why, once more, please accept my call and start to pray in a new way until prayer becomes joy to you. Then you will discover that God is all-powerful in your daily life. I am with you and I am waiting for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Mother, we want you to bring me to your Son. Please help me to be as dependent upon you as that paralytic was to the four men who carried him to Jesus. I want to allow you to show me the way to Jesus, and even to carry me there! I need your Son! I need healing! I need you to help me!!

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

Cathy Nolan

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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