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## НЕДІЛЯ МИРОНОСИЦЬ 14 КВІТНЯ, 2024

#### «ПРАВДИВИЙ МИР — ЦЕ БУТИ В ГАРМОНІЇ З ГОСПОДОМ БОГОМ», — ВЛАДИКА МИКОЛА БИЧОК У МЕЛЬБУРНІ

7 квітня, у Томину неділю, владика Микола Бичок, єпарх Мельбурнський, очолив Архиєрейську Божественну Літургію в катедральному храмі Святих апостола Петра і Павла в Мельбурні. У другу неділю по Воскресінні вірні катедральної парафії чисельно зібралися, щоб разом відсвяткувати Воскресіння Христове за символічним Великоднім обідом «Спільне свячене».



Про це йдеться на <u>сайті</u> єпархії. Звертаючись до вірних під час проповіді, владика Микола розповів про значення Неділі після Воскресіння для учнів і послідовників Христа, а також звернув увагу, що в той час зневіри, страху й невідомості Христос приходить до своїх учнів і каже їм усього два слова: «Мир вам». І хоча це всього лиш два слова, та їхній зміст надзвичайно глибокий. «Мир — це не тільки відсутність війни. Правдивий мир — це бути в гармонії з Господом Богом. Коли не тільки на землі панує мир, але передовсім у нашому серці. І це те, можливо,

чого Христос сьогодні хоче нас навчити, щоб ми пам'ятали, що Він є джерелом миру, а ми — тими, хто немовби зобов'язаний передати цей мир іншим», — пояснив єпископ.

Завершуючи проповідь, архиєрей наголосив, що дуже часто від нас залежить дуже багато та закликав вірних задуматися: «Що ми передаємо іншим: неспокій, тривогу, якийсь страх, невпевненість чи все-таки ми є тими апостолами миру, любові, надії, віри і багатьох інших чеснот?».

Після Літургії усі зійшлися до Залу патріарха Йосифа Сліпого на урочисту спільну трапезу, яку розпочав о. Андрій Микитюк, адміністратор катедрального храму. Він привітав присутніх і запросив до спільної молитви. Опісля, священники поділилися з усіма свяченим яйцем, а відтак усі мали чудову нагоду для спілкування за святковим столом.

Департамент інформації УГКЦ

# SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS APRIL 14, 2024

Понеділок – Mon. 15	8:00 A.M.	Marko, Sue, Colby, Hope, Caden, Trevor, Taylor, Jared, Yarko, Sonia – Luba Lukomskyj
Вівторок – Tues. 16	8:00 A.M.	Anna Chorney – N.N.
Середа – Wed. 17	8:00 A.M.	Peace in Ukraine
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctification of clergy
Четвер – Thurs. 18	8:00 A.M.	Orysia Yoder
П'ятниця – Fri. 19	8:00 A.M.	Intentions of Mother of God
Субота – Sat. 20	9:00 A.M.	Peace in Ukraine
		Healing of our the ill
		Sanctification of clergy
Неділя – Sun. 21	8:00 A.M.	Sanctification of clergy
	9:45 A.M.	for our parishioners
	11:30 A.M.	Mothers in Prayer

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

Аргіl 7 / 31 березня – \$4,721.00 Будівельний Фонд / Building Fund (101 Michigan) - \$3,969.00 Кава і вареники / Coffee & varenyky – \$951.00 Оренда церковного залу / Rental of Church Hall - \$1,100.00 Donations can be made on the website or by Zelle <u>email:icukrainianchurchpalatine@gmail.com</u>

# A POWERFUL PRAYER WEAPON

**Meditation:** When I had said the prayer, in my soul I heard these words: **This prayer** will serve to appease My wrath. You will recite it for nine days, on the beads of the rosary, in the following manner: First of all, you will say one OUR FATHER and HAIL MARY and the I BELIEVE IN GOD. Then on the OUR FATHER beads you will say the following words: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On the HAIL MARY beads you will say the following words: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world." In conclusion, three times you will recite these words: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world" (*Diary*, 476).

**My Prayer Response:** Thank You, Jesus, for the powerful prayer weapon You have given us. Help us to use it regularly for mercy not only for ourselves but for the whole world! Thank You for the global consciousness You give us of the world's need of Your mercy. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life (*Diary*, 1225).

**ПРОСИМО МОЛИТИСЯ ЗА:** о. Андрія Чировського, о.Френка і Сузан Авант, о.Богдана, о. Михайла Кузьму, Миколу Гнатиска, Василя Наняка, Мирона і Лесю Куропась, Дебі Плішку, Мардж Матвіїв, Любу Чорну, Любу Лукомську, Євгенію Яхнів, Джекі Мишкіевич, Анну Назар, Келвина Макмена, Наталію Лісову, Левка Сенечка, Любу Кузьму, Джим МекМен, Мирона Добровольського, Марію Пщола, Молі Вайт, Джині Джуп, Кристин Ґайардо, Марію Бравн, Марія Сейерз, Анну Антонюк і за всіх недужих.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, Fr. Frank & Susan Avant, Fr. Bohdan, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mykola Hnatysko, Wasyl Naniak, Myron & Lesia Kuropas, Debbie Plishka, Marge Matviuw, Luba Chorney, Luba Lukomskyj, Betty Jachniw, Jackie Myshkiewicz, Anna Nazar, Calvin McMahon, Nataliya Lisova, Leo Senechko, Luba Kuzma, Jim McMahon, Myron Dobrowolsky, Maria Pszczola, Molly White, Ginny Jupp, Kristin Gajardo, Mary Brown, Mary Sayers, Anna Antoniuk and all in need of our prayers.

## <u>ОГОЛОШЕННЯ</u>

- 1. Молимося що тижня за духовенство нашої Епархії. В особливий спосіб молімся цього тижня за отця Дейміена Гиґинза.
- Свято-Миколаївська єпархія 7 квітня розпочне наше щорічне єпархіальне звернення «Поділіться 2024», і ми розраховуємо на вашу підтримку, щоб допомогти нашій єпархії в усіх її потребах.
- 3. Запрошуємо українську молодь Америки до участі у VI Всеамериканській Молодіжній Прощі, якV а цього року відбудеться під назвою «Молодь між Вірою та розумом» Проща відбудеться 13-16 червня на парафії Покрови Пресвятої Богородиці в м. Парма, в околицях Клівленду за адресою: 6812 Broadview Rd, Parma, OH 44134 Додаткова інформація і реєстрація є на офіційній ФБ сторінці ВМП:

https://www.facebook.com/share/UMM8ieanNTVXvfJB/?mibextid=CTbP7E

- Проща до Меджугорє від 14-23 вересня. Приватні особи повинні самостійно купувати квитки до Спліта, а звідти організатори туру з нашої парафії в Сент-Луїсі нададуть все необхідне. Витрати на готель становитимуть приблизно \$700.00. За додатковою інфор мацією звертайтесь до Юрія за телефоном 636-675-3322.
- 5. Сьогодні при виході з церкви добровільна збірка на наших воїнів.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 1. We pray weekly for the priests of our Eparchy. This week let us pray in a special way for Fr. Damian Higgins.
- 2. St. Nicholas Eparchy will be launching our Annual Eparchial Appeal "Share 2024" on April 7th, and we are counting on your support to aid our Eparchy in all its needs.
- 3. The Ukrainian youth of America are invited to participate in the 6th All-American Youth Pilgrimage. This year the topic of the Pilgrimage will be "Youth Between Faith and Reason" The pilgrimage will take place from June 13-16th at the parish of the Intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos in the city of Parma. Additional information and registration is available on the official Facebook page of the All-American Youth Pilgrimage: https://www.facebook.com/share/UMM8ieanNTVXvfJB/?mibetid=CTbP7E
- 4. A pilgrimage to Medjugorje will be made from September 14-23. Individuals must buy their own tickets to Split and from there the tour organizers from our parish in St. Louis will provide all that is needed. The hotel expense will be approximately \$700.00. For more information call Yuriy at 636-675-3322.
- 5. As you leave church today consider making a donation to support our Ukrainian soldiers.

# HOW INTERVENTION OF MARY IS CHANGING WORLD, CHURCH

How the Intervention of the Virgin Mary in the last 500 years is changing the world and the Church.

500 or 600 years ago, the world was fighting against hunger and disease.

The Muslims had occupied Spain for centuries, and were in control of the Holy Land.

Columbus had discovered America, inhabited by thousands of pagan indigenous people who did not know God and made sacrifices to pagan entities.

A poisonous confusion within the Church corroded the faith of Christians, characterized by internal corruption and the presence of two popes, one in Rome and the other in Avignon.

And Luther launched the Protestant schism, dividing Christendom and opening his Christianity to the influence of the world.

It was a time very similar to ours, from which it seemed difficult to escape. But then we saw the forces of sin retreat before the presence of Our Lady.

Here we will talk about how 500 years ago there was a revival of faith and an unprecedented growth of Catholicism, through the Blessed Virgin, a growth for which we should pray for in our time.

The story begins in the year 711, when Islamic forces arrived in Spain from Africa and conquered much of the Iberian Peninsula as far as France.

# The Muslims, known as Moors or Saracens, reigned over most of Spain for more than five centuries.

But everything changed around the year 1212, when Christian armies began to invoke the name and image of the Virgin Mary on the battlefield.

The many miraculous successes recorded led King Alfonso VIII to take Mary as his patron, fighting under a banner bearing Mary's image.

The Reconquista had begun through a revival of faith through Mary!

It was at that same time that Our Lady gave the Rosary to the Spanish holy man Saint Dominic in the south of France.

With the Rosary, the Dominicans defeated the Albigensians, and their successes reached the crusaders of Spain.

And it served to give more vigor to the Spanish Christians in the fight against those Muslim invaders.

And then they paid homage to Our Lady through splendid paintings, hymns, military banners, and prayers.

As they established themselves in the country, the Spanish kings made it clear that they were Marian kings under a Marian monarchy, starting with Ferdinand III and then his son Alfonso X, both proclaimed saints.

They knew well who was behind their successes and they honored her.

Every time they were victorious, the mosques in the conquered cities were converted into churches and were named after Our Lady.

Stories from the time tell how Our Lady freed chained prisoners and saved those who saw imminent death at the hands of the Moors.

One story tells of a commander who, at the end of the day, saw that the sun would set before he could win the battle.

**And** kneeling, he prayed that Our Lady would "stop the day," so that he and his men could emerge victorious.

And it happened, as with Joshua against the Amorites, that the sun miraculously stood still. **Many miraculous things happened during this period.** 

And around 1326, in a newly liberated area of central Spain known as Extremadura, a shepherd had an apparition of the most beautiful woman dressed in dazzling white,

Who told him that she wanted him to unearth an image of herself where he indicated, and to build a church in the place.

A priest unearthed a box and it contained the image of Our Lady, along with a scroll bearing details of its provenance and illustrious history.

It was a miraculous image painted by Saint Luke, which Pope Gregory the Great had given to the bishop of Seville, Saint Leandro, in the sixth century.

And that when the city was attacked by the Moors in the year 711, the Christians buried it near what was known as the Guadalupe River.

This image was honored under the name of Guadalupe, and more miracles abounded, from one victory after another against the Moors.

To the point that in June 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella went on a pilgrimage in thanksgiving for their victory in Granada, the last Saracen resistance in Spain.

Finally, under the banner of Mary, Christianity had retaken Spain after 781 years of Islamic occupation.

And riding the wave of their successes, the royalty of Spain expanded their evangelical zeal by financing Christopher Columbus's expedition to the new world.

On October 12 of that same year, 1492, Columbus made landfall on the island of Guanahani, in the Bahamas, in the so-called Discovery of America.

**And four** decades later, between December 9 and 12, 1531, Our Lady appeared in what is now Mexico, to the Indian convert Juan Diego; miraculously healed his uncle; produced the miracle of her image stamped on Juan's tilma; and revealed to him her name: Saint Mary of Guadalupe.

Many believe that what Mary said was mistranslated by the Spanish, that she actually said "Coatlallope," which means "she who treads on snakes."

But it does not seem implausible to think that María said "Coatlallope" to associate the Spanish and Mexican apparitions, because Mary also placed symbols of Christian traditions in her image stamped on Juan Diego's tilma, to speak to the Aztecs in their language, allowing their explosive conversion.

On December 12, 1531, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was stamped on the tilma of the Indian Juan Diego.

**And** ever since, scientists have struggled to explain, unsuccessfully, how the image got there and its extraordinary attributes.

For example, the material of the tilma has maintained its chemical and structural integrity for *five* centuries, when replicas with the same chemical and structural composition last only fifteen years before decomposing.

The tilma does not appear to be painted, but rather the colors float above the fabric. And Mary's eyes have the qualities of a living eye, and images of several people present at the moment Juan Diego opened the tilma can be seen in them.

These and other miracles have been the notable source of conversion to Catholicism of nine million or more Aztecs and then of the entire continent.

And forty years later, in 1571, an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe del Tepeyac sailed on the Christian flagship of the Battle of Lepanto.

King Philip II of Spain had given it to his half-brother, John of Austria, supreme commander of the Christian fleet at Lepanto, who placed it on the flagship.

Meanwhile, Pius V had implored all of Christianity to pray the Rosary in that year, so that Our Lady would give victory to the Christians against the Muslim attack.

**And** according to countless testimonies, the Virgin of Guadalupe played an important role, because she appeared in the sky during the battle, inspiring the Christian soldiers and terrifying the Muslims.

And at the same historical time, the Council of Trent managed to contain the advance of Protestantism in what is known as the counter-reformation.

The authority of the Catholic Church was reaffirmed.

The internal life of the Church was reformed, corruption was fought, and the education of the clergy was promoted.

And there was an important Catholic cultural flowering.

At the center of this revival of faith are the words that Our Lady said to the Indian Juan Diego in 1531, which should resonate in our hearts: "Do not be afraid, am I not here, who am your mother?"

Today, more than ever, we should remember those words because her intervention changed history in a radical way for centuries.

And we hope she will do it again in our time, because she promised that in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph.

Well, that's it, what we at Forums wanted to remember about how the growth of Christianity and the Catholic resurgence had the Virgin Mary as the central protagonist, as it will also be in the future.

And I would like to ask you **if you think we are close or not to the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary prophesied in Fatima.** 

## OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE, QUEEN OF PEACE

"Medjugorje is the spiritual center of the world"



Dear Family of Mary!

This has been a big week! We are responding to the call to pray fervently and offer sacrifices for the sake of souls for these 40 days leading up to Pentecost! We are praying for a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all of God's children. The world needs a new Pentecost! We believe that Our Lady wants us to pray this way. In her last message she said to us: **March 25, 2024:** 

Dear children! In this time of grace, pray with me for the good to win in you and around you. In a special way, little children, pray united with Jesus on His Way of the Cross. Into your prayers put this humanity which wanders without God and without His love. Be prayer, be light, and be witnesses to all those whom you meet, little children, so that the merciful God may have mercy toward you. Thank you for having responded to my call.

This message was a definite call to intercede for all humanity! She asked us to pray for the good to win!!! She asked us to pray for this humanity which wanders without God and without His love. She asked us to be prayer, to be light and to be witnesses to all those whom we meet! This is the program we are attempting to live these 40 days.

Knowing this, I was praying with Denis today, and heard the words, "May 8th". I realized Our Lady wanted me to look for a message from her on May 8th. I looked, and discovered there has only been one message on May 8th! It is the May 8, 1986 message. I was blown away by what it contained:

"Dear Children! You are responsible for the messages. The source of grace is here, but you, dear children, are the vehicles transmitting the gifts. Therefore, dear children, I am calling you to work responsibly. Everyone will be responsible according to his own measure. Dear children, I am calling you to give the gift to others with love and not to keep it for yourselves. Thank you for having responded to my call." May 8, 1986

I feel that one of the things we need to do during these 40 days is to share Our Lady's messages with all who will listen. Her messages are filled with grace, just like Mary is. They are filled with anointing for those who read them. They will help people who do not know Our Lady yet, to know her!! We are responsible for the messages. If we don't share them, who will? (Denis wants you all to know that this message was the inspiration for Mary TV!!)

So along with our prayer, we need to share the messages far and wide!! This is a holy war for souls! Thank you for responding to Our Lady's call!!

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Cathy Nolan (c) Mary TV 2024

#### 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