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**ЧОТИРНАДЦЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТДЕСЯТНИЦІ  
25 СЕРПНЯ, 2024**

**«БОГ ХОЧЕ, ЩОБ МИ СВДЧИЛИ ПРО НЬОГО В РІЗНИХ  
ОБСТАВИНАХ», – ОТЕЦЬ БОГДАН ГЕЛЕТА**



Наші з о. Іваном переживання не даремні — вони були для того, щоб багатьом допомогти та дати надію, яку дає Господь Бог. Про це сказав о. Богдан Гелета в ексклюзивному інтерв'ю на «Живому телебаченні». Священники-редемптористи Іван Левицький і Богдан Гелета з Бердянська понад півтора року перебували в російському полоні.

28 червня 2024 року їх було звільнено.

Отець Богдан Гелета в інтерв'ю вперше після звільнення поділився глибокими роздумами про пережитий досвід: «Можу вам признатися: перебуваючи тут, на свободі, все одно моя досить велика частина залишилася там. І вона буде там, напевно, дуже-дуже довго... Скільки цього життя ще на землі, вона буде там, із тими людьми, навіть нашими ворогами, — супроводжуватиме мене до кінця мого життя».

Незважаючи на страждання, о. Богдан та о. Іван знаходили силу в молитві:

«Це було дуже просто: я згадував Ісуса Христа, Його хрест, страждання —

*(продовження на ст. 3)*

# 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## AUGUST 25, 2024

### ПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛЖЕНЬ (26го серпня до 8го вересня, 2024) ORDER OF SERVICES (August 26<sup>th</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

Понеділок – Mon. 26	8:00 A.M.	+Hryhoriy, Natalia, Lewko, Vera, Slawko, Dana, Adrian - Luba Lukomskyj
Вівторок – Tues. 27	8:00 A.M.	Peace in Ukraine
Середа – Wed. 28	8:00 A.M.	+Robert Brown; Halth Mary Brown – L Lukomskyj
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctification of clergy
Четвер – Thurs. 29		<b>BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIS – УСІКНОВЕННЯ ГЛАВИ ІВАНА ХРЕСТИТЕЛЯ</b> (strict fast – строгий піст)
	9:00 A.M.	Peace in Ukraine
	7:00 P.M.	Sanctification of clergy
П'ятниця – Fri. 30		<b>ДЕНЬ МОЛИТВИ – DAY OF PRAYER</b>
	8:00 A.M.	Rev Andrii & Natalka Kuzniak (26 <sup>th</sup> wedd. anniv.) – Luba Lukomskyj
	7:00 P.M.	Moleben
Субота – Sat. 31	9:00 A.M.	+Kateryna & Petro Bidiak (P) – Myroslawa Kiekisz Special Intention Sanctification of clergy
Неділя – Sun. 1	8:00 A.M.	Special Intention
	9:45 A.M.	for our parishioners
	11:30 A.M.	Mothers in Prayer
Понеділок – Mon. 2		<b>LABOR DAY – ДЕНЬ РОБИТНИКА</b>
	9:00 A.M.	Intentions of the Mother of God
Вівторок – Tues. 3	8:00 A.M.	Special Intention – Luba Lukomskyj
	7:00 P.M.	Mothers in Prayer
Середа – Wed. 4	8:00 A.M.	For the ill and healing
	7:00 P.M.	Lilah Andres (B-day) – family Special Intention
Четвер – Thurs. 5	8:00 A.M.	Peace in Ukraine
П'ятниця – Fri. 6		<b>FIRST FRIDAY / ПЕРША П'ЯТНИЦЯ</b>
	8:00 A.M.	Special Intention
	7:00 P.M.	In reparation for sins
Субота – Sat. 7	9:00 A.M.	+Patriarch Yosyf (40 <sup>th</sup> anniv.) – Luba Lukomskyj Bohdan & Cheryl Kuzma - family +Slawko Komarynsky – Luba Lukomskyj Peace in Ukraine
Неділя – Sun. 8	8:00 A.M.	Rev. Jose Hazuda – L. Lukomskyj +Rev. Antin, Antonia, Lewko, Natalia, Adrian – Luba Lukomskykj
	9:45 A.M.	parishioners Yuriy & Anna Kuzma - family
	11:30 A.M.	Mothers in Prayer

(продовження з ст. 1)

і вливалася така сила, благодать, що я можу співстраждати з Ним», — поділився священник.

Щодо реабілітації після російського полону, то, за словами о. Богдана, вона полягає зокрема в тому, щоб «продовжувати молитися і служити, помагати людям, постраждалим від війни».

Окрім цього, своїм свідченням о. Богдан Гелета звернувся до родин, матерів, дружин, які мають близьких у полоні: «Не втрачайте надії, молитесь, звертайтеся до Бога — і все буде добре. Господь Бог навіть через ці терпіння всіх веде до себе».

Наприкінці розмови священник звернувся також до всіх, хто перебуває у складних чи трагічних життєвих ситуаціях, із проханням ніколи не втрачати надії.

«Старайтеся віддати себе і ту ситуацію Господеві, щоби Він зміг бути у вашому житті, у вашому серці, — закликав о. Богдан. — Він завжди діє і завжди чекає нашого рішення, щоб ми сказали Йому „так“. Моліться, звертайтеся до Бога, змінюйте себе і світ навколо себе!».

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## LIKE JESUS IN SUFFERING AND HUMILITY

**Meditation:** [October 11, 1933, after a three-hour struggle in adoration, Jesus in His Passion appeared to St. Faustina.]

**The bride must resemble her Betrothed.** I understood these words to their very depth. There is no room for doubt here. My likeness to Jesus must be through suffering and humility.

**See what love of human souls has done to Me. My daughter, in your heart I find everything that so great a number of souls refuses Me. Your heart is My repose. I often wait with great graces until towards the end of prayer** (*Diary*, 268).

**My Prayer Response:** Lord Jesus, bless those who are in struggles with the gift of perseverance in their prayer. May our hearts be a repose in Your agony over those who refuse You. May we be like You through suffering and humility.

**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 Мишкієвич, Анну Назар, Келвина Макмена, Наталію Лісову, Левка Сенечка, Любу Кузьму, Джим МекМен, Мирона Добровольського, Марію Пшола, Кристин Гайардо, Марію Бравн, Марія Сейерз, Анну Антонюк, Дану Добровольську, Малі Вайт 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, Kristin Gajardo, Mary Brown, Mary Sayers, Anna Antoniuk, Donna Dobrowolsky, Molly White and all in need of our prayers.

## **ОГОЛОШЕННЯ**

1. Молимося що тижня за духовенство нашої Епархії. В особливий спосіб молимося цього тижня за отця Івана Лукаса.
2. У четвер 29го серпня припадає поминання Усікновення Глави Івана Хрестителя. Це день строгого посту. Святі Літургії відправлені в 9й рано і 7мі вечора.
3. Надходячі події спільноти Світло Марії  
31 серпня 5-8 рт - Церковний пікнік "Прославлення Пресвятої Богородиці"
4. 7го і 8го вересня відбувається Проща при парафії Успіння Богородиці в Ричмонді. Хто бажає їхати автобусом зголосіться при виході із церкви. Кошт \$25. Автобус виїжджає приблизно в 8:30 неділю рано.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. We pray weekly for the priests of our Eparchy. This week let us pray in a special way for Fr. John Lucas.
2. The feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist fall on August 29th This is a day of strict fasting. Divine Liturgies will be celebrated at 9AM and 7PM
3. Our Light of Mary organization is sponsoring a church picnic entitled, "Venerating the Most Holy Mother of God" on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 8 PM. ALL ARE INVITED
4. An Eparchial Pilgrimage will take place in our parish in Richmond on Sept. 7 & 8. Those who wish to travel by bus on Sunday should sign up as they leave the church. The bus will leave at approximately 8:30 AM. Tickets will be sold for \$25.00

## **DEATH OF A SEER (ARCHIVES): A MYSTERY THAT REMAINS**



The recent passing of a major seer in Japan—on the Feast of Mary's Assumption, at age 93—left behind mysteries.

The immediate one was what will happen to her body: will it be handled with the respect owed to a person many consider saintly (there are rumors it is to be donated for medical research)?

**It was in 1973** that the nun named Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa at a convent run by the Handmaids of the Eucharist in Yuzawadai on the outskirts of Akita in northern Japan heard a voice coming from a statue of the Virgin modeled after yet another apparition, Our Lady of All Nations, that had allegedly begun in the 1940s in Holland (an apparition the Vatican recently rejected).

It was strange enough to hear a voice from a statue—and stranger still that Sister Agnes had been deaf since late winter of that year from gradually diminished hearing that culminated on March 16—ironically, the anniversary date that commemorates discovery in 1865 of descendants of hidden Christians on the site of O'ura in Nagasaki.

Of sorts, a "victim soul" since birth (she was born prematurely), Sister Agnes suffered paralysis at the age of 19 due to a faulty appendectomy, a condition that lasted for sixteen years but from which she was eventually cured—after drinking water from Lourdes, the French apparition site. Her first vocation was in Nagasaki, site of the infamous atomic-bomb blast in 1945.

It was a life not only of suffering but spontaneous mystical experiences.

**During one stay in a hospital,** Sister Agnes lapsed into a coma and when she was given the Sacrament of the Sick, a strange light seemed to encompass her and the priest heard her recite the *Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be* in Latin, although she was still unconscious and had never learned that ancient language. Later, she recalled seeing a "beautiful person in a place which seemed like a pleasant field" during her comatose state.

**After more prayer,** the unconscious nun "saw" a gracious person appear at the side of her bed—a "person" (believed to have been an angel) who taught her to pray: "*Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven and especially those who are most in need of Your Mercy*"—word for word a prayer that had been given to the Fátima children during that famous apparition six decades before—apparitions that also began with an angel. The "person" turned out to be Sister Sasagawa's guardian.

The first extraordinary events at Akita occurred on June 12, 1973, when Sister Agnes saw a brilliant light coming from the tabernacle in the convent chapel. "Seized with emotion, I prostrated myself immediately with my face to the floor," she once wrote. "I remained perhaps an hour in this position."

The light would turn up on subsequent days. So did "something like fog or smoke," which gathered around the altar with the rays of light. The very space around her seemed to open up. "Then there appeared a multitude of beings similar to angels who surrounded the altar in Adoration before the Host," said Sister Agnes, accenting the power of the Eucharist.

**"Absorbed by this surprising spectacle,** I knelt down to adore," she said. "Then I was seized with the thought that there could be a fire outside.

"Turning around to look through the bay window in the back, I saw that there was no fire outside.

"It was indeed the altar which was enveloped in this mysterious light."

Sister Sasagawa also suffered the pain of stigmata in the palm of her hand.

But her most famous experience involved the voice she heard from that "Our Lady of All Nations" statue. "*My daughter,*" it said, "*you have obeyed me well in abandoning all to follow me. Is the infirmity of your ears painful? Your deafness will be healed, be sure. Be patient. It is the last trial. Does the wound of your hand cause you to suffer? Pray in reparation for the sins of men.*"

The nun also had heard this prayer: "*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, I consecrate my body and soul to be entirely one with Your Heart, being sacrificed at every instant on all the altars of the world and giving praise to the Father, pleading for the coming of His Kingdom. Please receive this humble offering of myself. Use me as You will for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls. Most Holy Mother of God, never let me be separated from your Divine Son. Please defend and protect me as your special child. Amen.*" It is a prayer we should circulate urgently.

**As we have reported** a number of times in past years, the messages of Akita also included very apocalyptic ones—a prophecy of coming events that would constitute a "great chastisement on all mankind," including one "greater than the Deluge" (referring to Noah) if men did not repent and "better themselves." Fire, she was told, would fall from the sky and wipe out "a great part of humanity." These words could be tossed aside as overwrought but for the fact that after an initial rejection by a bishop's commission, a subsequent bishop issued a pastoral letter approving her experiences, after consultation with Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (the late Pope Benedict) at the Vatican, which was also initially against the experiences and has not yet issued a final discernment.

"*With my Son I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father,*" Mary told Sister Sasagawa. "*I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His Precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him forming a cohort of victim souls. Prayer, penance, and courageous sacrifices can soften the Father's anger.*"



## Now for the real puzzle.

In the past we have referred to "Mystery Akita" and we call it that because parts of the message are inexplicably similar to a version of the third secret from Fátima that was claimed by a German publication, *Neues Europa*, in 1963—a version that was denounced as a fabrication by Church authorities (including the Fátima bishop, along with seer Lucia dos Santos). It is not known whether Sister Agnes was privy to that report.

## Therein the massive mystery.

For in November of 1980, during a visit to Fulda, Germany, it was claimed (by *another* German publication, *Stimme des Glaubens*) that John Paul II had said, when asked by pilgrims about the third secret of Fatima, that "all Christians must be content with this: if it is a question of a message where it is said that the oceans will entirely flood certain parts of the earth, that from moment to moment millions will die, hearing this, people should not long for the rest of the secret."

By the time she was in her late seventies, Sister Agnes was no longer in Akita. The convent at Akita remains open, for the faithful to venerate the statue. But there still lingers controversy among bishops over the authenticity. Intriguing it is, however: the way one prediction, issued by the Blessed Mother at Akita, definitely materialized.

This had to do with that message that Sister Sasagawa would one day be cured of her hearing disability.

For indeed, on October 13 one year shortly after the experiences, the nun suddenly heard the phone ring and answered it.

On the other end was a shocked Bishop John Ito—who knew Sister Agnes was deaf and was aware of the prophecy that she would one day hear.

It was Bishop Ito, as head of the Niigata Diocese, who later issued the approval of Akita on April 22, 1984, Easter Sunday. Meanwhile, October 13, of course, is the anniversary of the great sun miracle at Fatima.

## OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE, QUEEN OF PEACE

*"Medjugorje is the spiritual center of the world"*

Dear Family of Mary!

I want to share with you the account of the last night (June 24, 2024) of the Novena before the 43rd Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Medjugorje.

**"Maria and Ivan – June 24, 2024**

**At the time of the apparition when Gospa came, Ivan and I offered up this novena. Gospa smiled and she was very joyful, and she thanked us for our prayers and sacrifices and she said "continue!"**

**Gospa came dressed in a golden dress, standing on a cloud with a crown of stars on her head! We recommended to Gospa all of us, all**

**of our intentions, and everything we have in our hearts.**

"Our Lady said only one word to us all that night: "Continue!!!" She was very happy with our response and she asked us to keep going, to continue to pray for her intentions, with our rosaries, on the Hill, in our homes, at our parishes, wherever we could- we needed to continue to pray for Her intentions!"

Our Lady said to us many years ago:

**August 8, 1985 "Dear children! Today I call you especially now to advance against satan by means of prayer. Satan wants to work still more now that you know he is at work. Dear children, put on the armor for battle and with the Rosary in your hand defeat him! Thank you for having responded to my call."**

With the Rosary in our hands, we will pray with you, dearest Mother, for the victory of your Immaculate Heart! Now is the time to continue!!

*In Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Cathy Nolan Mary TV*



Щоб гідно прийняти Святі Тайни парафіянин повинен жити за правилами віри та серйозно приготуватися. 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 Вписалися 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