

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School News

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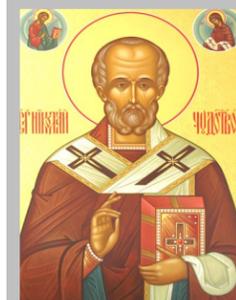
Weekly Eastern Catholic Faith Formation (ECF) 2020 -- 2021 Religious Catechetical Classes for Public School Children, preparing for their First Penance with Solemn Holy Communion will begin in early October. Due to the Coronavirus-19 Pandemic, classes will be online. Please email Sr. Cecelia Sworin, SSMI at ecf.njsnucc@gmail.com to register your child (ren) as soon as possible during September. You will need to have, or make, a gmail.com email account, because the ECF classes will be conducted online using Google Meet and Google Classroom.

Further ECF details will be given to those who register. During this challenging time, we need to work together with patience, good-will, and most importantly, with hopeful trust in God's loving care while we adjust to new ways of living.

Please note that our Ukrainian Catholic children receive their First Holy Communion when they are Baptized and Chrismated. Then upon reaching the "age of reason" a child's conscience needs to be well prepared to receive the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation in preparation to responsibly receive Our Eucharistic Lord in Holy Communion. Therefore, 3 years of dedicated Religious Instruction is now required at our parish -- NO EXCEPTIONS.

If you have any concerns or questions about this year's ECF class, please contact Sr. Cecelia either by ECF email or the convent phone at 973-778-0208.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. God bless you!



Українська Католицька Церква Св. Миколая Слава Ісусу Христу!



Pastor: Rev. Andriy Dudkevych



Pastoral Care:

In emergencies, please call Fr. Andriy directly - mobile 267-269-4990 if you, a family member, or someone you know who cannot attend church, is homebound, hospitalized, or gravely ill and will need the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. **DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE.**

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Anatoli Dolyk - Ukrainian
Jerome Mykietyk - English

СВЯТІ ЛІТУРГІЇ:

Неділя: 8:30 р., [АНГЛ].

10:30 р., [УКР]

На будні: 7:00 р.,

Субота:

8:00 р., і 5:00 пп.

Свята: 9:00 р., і 6:00 пп.

DIVINE LITURGIES:

Sunday: 8:30 am, [ENG]

10:30 am, [UKR]

Weekday: 7:00 am,

Saturday:

8:00 am, & 5:00 pm.

Holy Days:

9:00 am, & 6:00 pm.

СПОВІДЬ:

Перед Св. Літургіями - в Суботу вечером.

Неділі - Святочні дні.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Liturgies - Saturday evening.

Sundays & Holy Days.



ЗАПРОШУЄМО НА КАВУ

Sincere Thank You!

Thank you very much, Oleh Visnyak, for donating an electronic money counting machine to help with counting our weekly donations.

Also, heartfelt thanks to an Anonymous donor for their generous gift of \$1000.00 for the support of our church. May God in Bless you and your families with His many graces!



A gentle reminder that our Parish expenses will continue during this difficult time. Kindly mail your weekly contribution to the St. Nicholas parish office at 60 Holdsworth Court, Passaic, NJ 07055.

Announcement from the Pyrohy Ladies: A reminder to all parishioners. The Pyrohy Ladies continue to collect gently worn clean clothing - men's, women's, children's, as well as towels, sheets, blankets, quilts etc. As you are doing your Summer cleaning of your closets and drawers, preparing for the Fall, consider donating for their project that benefits the Parish. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Thank You! Any questions, please phone Oksana Hrubec at 201-587-1343.

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Collections:

Parish - \$9,747.00.

School - \$490.00.

TOTAL - \$9,784.00



St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Prayer FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;

Give wisdom and knowledge to

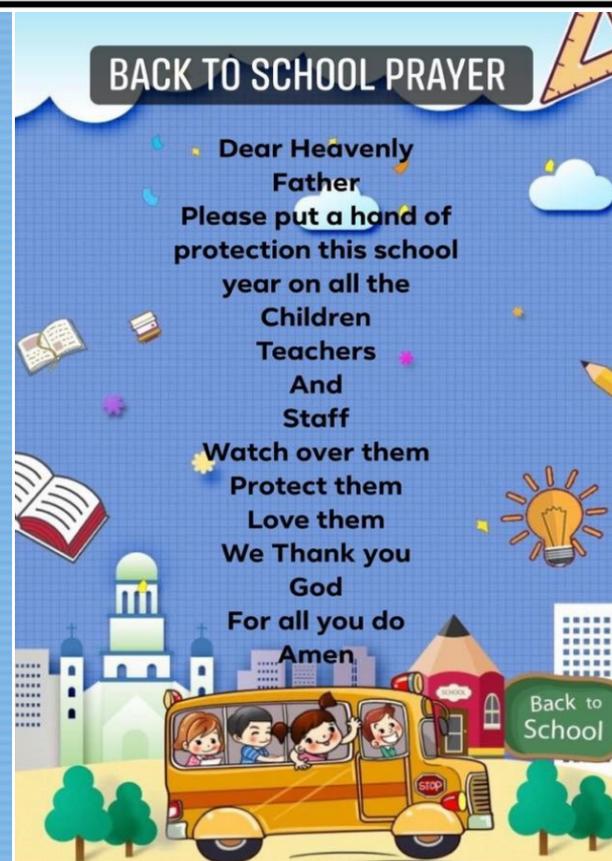
their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father
Please put a hand of protection this school year on all the Children Teachers And Staff

Watch over them
Protect them
Love them
We Thank you God
For all you do
Amen



September 6th -14th Sunday after Pentecost - 14-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа 2020

Sunday - September 6th	-14th Sunday after Pentecost - 14-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа	
8:30 am	+Eugenia Dziubinski (with Panakhyda)	John & Julia Karlicki
	+Olga & Paul Kuruc (with Panakhyda)	Trudy & Charles Insel
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioners	
Monday - September 7th	No services	
6:30 pm	МОЛИТВА НА ВЕРВИЦІ І БІБЛІЙНЕ КОЛО	
Tuesday - September 8th	- Birth of the Theotokos - Різдво Пресвятої Богородици	
	School Begins - Початок Навчання	
9:00 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioners, Students & Teachers	
7:00 pm	+Irene Nina Prymak (with Panakhyda)	Helen Lymycz-Moore
Wednesday - September 9th		
7:00 am	+John Gres (with Panakhyda) - 40 day	Family
Thursday - September 10th		
7:00 am	+Bohdan Lesiw (with Panakhyda)	Irene Lesiw
	+Stefan Kapitula (with Panakhyda)	Petro Gres
Friday - September 11th		
7:00 am	+John P. Skala (with Panakhyda)	Irene Lesiw & Family
Saturday - September 12th		
8:00 am	+Hedwig Djatschenko (with Panakhyda)	Richard & Musia Jachens
	+Ostapiak Family (with Panakhyda)	Walter Ostapiak
5:00 pm	+Maria Borbych (with Panakhyda) - 40 Day	Family
	+Nenci Chomko (with Panakhyda)	Daughter
Sunday - September 13th	-15th Sunday after Pentecost - 15-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа	
8:30 am	God's Blessings for Cati Bukalo & Rick Russell	Parents
	God's Blessings for Stefan Kosciolk	Family
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioners	



ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Invites everyone to join us in the recitation of the rosary every Sunday, immediately after the 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy. Let us ask the Mother of God to intercede for us before Her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Parish family that prays together, stays together.

МОЛИТОВНА ГРУПА запрошує всіх молитися на вервиці кожної неділі після першої Служби Божої. Просімо у молитві Матір Божу, щоб заступалася за нас перед Ісусом Христом. Парафіальна родина, коли молиться разом стоїть завжди разом.



**“The Vibrant Parish - A Place to Encounter the Living Christ”
“Жива Парафія - Місце зустрічі Живого Христа”**

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 ~ Gospel - Matthew 22:2-14

It is entirely possible to view participation in the life of the Church as a burden, as just another obligation that we have to fulfill. When we think that way, just about everything else in life seems more appealing than worshipping God. Of course, the more we neglect the spiritual life, the less interest we will have in it. Before we know it, we can easily shut ourselves out of the joy of the Kingdom because we think that we have more important things to do. (Fr. Philip LeMasters. Ancient Faith.com)

This morning we hear our Lord's parable of a wedding. The parable is told as a word about the kingdom of heaven—the parable begins, “the kingdom of heaven is like...” (v2). This image Christ uses in the parable becomes one of the most prominent images for the kingdom of heaven in all of Scripture. The wedding of a Son to His Bride. A beautiful image used extensively in the Church to illustrate the joining of Christ with His Holy Church, the Head with the Body, the Bride with the Bridegroom. “Behold the Bridegroom cometh in the middle of night,” we sing in Great Lent. We also have the parable of the wise and the foolish virgins waiting for the Bridegroom. St. Paul uses the image of marriage for our relationship with Christ and the kingdom on several occasions.

This image is so ideal because it helps express to us the potential intimacy of man's relationship with His God. And even this simile of marriage is but a pale image of the reality of Christ's union with His people. In the wedding service, we quote the Scriptures, “and the two become one flesh.” This is the image given of the kingdom of heaven; we're to be joined to Christ even more fully than a Bride to her Bridegroom.

So in the parable, the Father has prepared for His Son a wedding, and the Father sends out servants to invite people to attend this great occasion. He sends out servants with invitations not just one time, but three times, and He's even forced to send out the army to punish those who have mistreated some of those servants. To understand this persistency we skip to the last verse of the parable—“for many are called, but few are chosen” (v. 14). The Father has made provision for the Church to be the Bride of Christ. And many are called to the wedding—the Orthodox Study Bible has a footnote that explains that the phrase “for many” is an Aramaic expression meaning “for all.” Our understanding here is that the Church is established, and all mankind is called to be a part of the Body and Bride of God. God desires that “all men be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). So the repeated sending out of servants to call guests to the wedding shows the Father's desire to have His people with Him in the Heavenly Kingdom (the whole parable is told to demonstrate this). God loves us, and wants us for His own.

When the Fathers comment on these three groups of servants, they immediately see the stages of God's dealing with mankind. The first group represents Moses and the law, who the Jews essentially ignore (since their lives aren't transformed by God through the following of the law). The second group represents the prophets, also sent to the people of Israel. The prophets were beaten and abused and killed—the messengers sent from God to man were again not heeded. Finally Christ Himself is incarnate, and the third group is sent out—the Apostles are sent to share the Gospel of God's salvation with all mankind (no longer only the Jews).

We find ourselves, obviously, to be in the final group. But even among those who respond to the King with this final invitation, we end with a warning, as many of Christ's parables do. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness’” (vv. 11-13). The king has called everyone, but even then, to attend, there are expectations! The guests are expected to be properly attired.

This one man had not worn his wedding garment. The Father's tell us this lapse is so terrible because the Host/the King had provided the wedding garments for his guests to wear. He has no excuse for not be dressed and ready for the wedding. The wedding garment is our baptismal robe, and all that goes with it. The purity of our lives, having died to the old man and being clothed in the new man, being clothed in Christ. Once we say “yes” to Christ, there are expectations. If you love Me, Christ says, keep My commandments. We're expected not to just continue doing whatever we want to do, but we're expected to take up our Cross and follow Christ wherever He may lead us. If we just keep doing whatever we want, if we're still the master in our lives, then we'll be just like this man who arrived at the wedding but didn't have his wedding garment. It would be a horrible thing to discover that the invitation was open to all (as it is), but that we had not prepared ourselves to be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom. (Taken from the homily of Rev. Matthew Jackson at word press.com)

SEPTEMBER 8 - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“Magnify, O my soul, glorious nativity of the Mother of God” – (Matins)
The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, belongs on the list of the Twelve Major Feasts of the Byzantine rite liturgical year (cf. Gospel of Sinai, 715 A.D.) We usually do not celebrate the birthday of the Saints, but rather their “birthday to heaven,” that is, the anniversary of their death, considered as the beginning of their blessed life with God. Nevertheless, there are two exceptions, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist, since we commemorate not only their birthday to heaven, but also their nativity, their coming to this earth. The nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was not accidental, it was well prepared by God from the very beginning of sacred history. Already in the Garden of Eden, God promised our first parents, Adam and Eve, to send them a Savior through the providential Woman, whose “seed will crush the head (power) of the serpent” (Gen. 3:5). In other words, the Savior of the human race was to come as the “seed,” the offspring of the Woman.



SEPTEMBER 9 - FEAST OF Ss. JOACHIM AND ANNA - PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN - GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS

St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The Eastern churches, however, celebrate Sts. Joachim and Anne on a different date, Sept. 9. The Western church celebrates on July 26.

Pope Benedict in July 2009 spoke about the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. He then asked the faithful to pray for grandparents, “who in families are often the witnesses of the fundamental values of life.”

“The educational role of grandparents is always very important and becomes even more so when, for various reasons, parents are unable to dedicate an adequate amount of time to their children. I entrust to the protection of St. Anne and St. Joachim all grandparents of the world, imparting a special blessing.”

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY !



VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE !!! HELPING FLOOD VICTIMS IN WESTERN UKRAINE!

The Hierarchy of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia have issued an appeal to the faithful in the United States, to help people in flood areas in Western Ukraine, as have the Bishops of other Eparchies in the US and abroad. Monetary donations can be made through FACEBOOK, private donations, and through parish collections.

Here at St. Nicholas, we will also be **collecting gently used clothing, home goods (linens, towels, etc.) that will be forwarded to CARITAS-UKRAINE or directly to the local parish,**

for distribution to those who have lost so much in these devastating floods—many had their homes washed away, their farms and fields destroyed and much more. Know that there is a great need for children's clothing. As you are cleaning out your closets, drawers etc., consider this donation of clothing and if you are able, a monetary donation to help defray the shipping costs would be greatly appreciated.

Please know that your donations of used clothing etc. can be placed in black plastic bags and delivered to the rear of the building at 212 President Street, Passaic, NJ.

Check out the Facebook page of the Archeparchy for photos of the devastation and also of the help being given in the villages from the funds already raised in the Archeparchy: <https://www.facebook.com/archeparchyphilly/>

