

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School News

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Parishioners,

The Parent Teacher Association of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the church and school. As you recall, prior to the Covid-19 lockdown, we were selling 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, our sales were halted. However, abiding with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Committee, we would like to inform you that the 50/50 Cash Raffle drawing scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2020 has been postponed to Saturday, June 5, 2021. Those of you who have purchased tickets are already placed in the June 5, 2021 drawing and there have been no changes to your chances to win. You don't need to do anything other than hold on to your little pink ticket and wait for the new drawing date. In addition, **we will resume selling** our 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets in the upcoming weeks. Please look out for information which suggests how to purchase our tickets. In the event that another lockdown is mandated, we will be in communication via our church and school social media and weekly bulletin. If you have questions or concerns, please email us at the email address listed at the head of our letter. Once again, thank you for your support and may God bless you and your families.

Thank you,
PTA Board 2019-2020

GRAND

50/50

RAFFLE

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School PTA

1st Prize \$5,000 or 50% of the proceeds
2nd Prize \$2,500 or 25% of the proceeds
3rd Prize \$1,300 or 13% of the proceeds
4th - 9th Prizes \$200 or 2% of the proceeds

Donation: \$50
Drawing Saturday, June 5, 2021
NEW DATE!

9 Cash Prize Winners
(based on the sale of 400 tickets)

Tickets will be sold after select Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday



Announcement:

A reminder to all parishioners. The Pyrohy Ladies continue to collect gently worn clean clothing - men's, children's, as well as towels, sheets, blankets, quilts etc. As you are doing your Spring / Summer cleaning of your closets and drawers, 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.

Also, with the terrible news of the floods that have ravaged Western Ukraine - regions of Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi, Zakarpattia, and Lviv, we are looking to gather up clothing for shipment to CARITAS in Ivano-Frankivsk for distribution to those who lost their homes and belongings. For further information on this

project, kindly contact Fr. Andriy.

If you have these items that you intend to discard, be sure to remember these projects and bring your clothing items in black plastic bags to the parish and leave them at the back door of the school auditorium at 212 President St.

Remember not to bring books, shoes or belts.

On July 20 the Church commemorates Prophet Elias/Elijah.

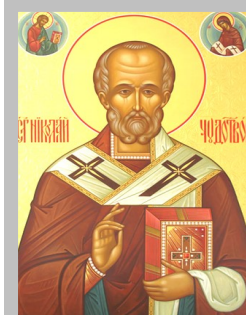
The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

According to the Tradition of the Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.

Catholics and Orthodox Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Kyiv built Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism Saint Olga (July 11) built a temple of the Holy Prophet Elijah in her native region, at the village of Vibuta.

In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.

Today is also the name day of Elias / Elijah.



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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Jerome Mykietyn - 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



A great big thank you to Nova UA
Federal Credit Union for obtaining
Covid-19 relief money from the
government.

The PTA was awarded \$10,000 which
will be used this upcoming school year.

We are grateful for their continued
support especially in these difficult
times and are very proud members of
the Nova Federal Credit Union.



7-5-2020 & 7-12-2020

Collections:

Parish - \$5,747.00.

Candles - \$190.00.

Diocesan - \$225.00.

Renovation - \$490.00.

TOTAL - \$6,652.00



Sunday - July 19th - 7th Sunday after Pentecost - 7-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа 2020


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| Sunday - July 19th - 7th Sunday after Pentecost - 7-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа | | |
| 8:30 am | +Slawka Skala (with Panakhyda) | Steve & Tosia Oliver |
| | +Olga Kuruk (with Panakhyda) | Family |
| 10:30 am | God's Blessings for our Parishioner | |
| Monday | - July 20th - No services | |
| Tuesday | - July 21st No services | |
| Wednesday | - July 22nd No services | |
| Thursday | - July 23rd No services | |
| Friday | - July 24th No services | |
| Saturday | - July 25th No services | |
| 5:00 pm | +Alex Bodnar (with Panakhyda) - 40 dey | Maria Tynio & Family |
| Sunday - July 26th - 8th Sunday after Pentecost - 8-ма Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа | | |
| 8:30 am | +Maria Petruk (with Panakhyda) | Family |
| | +Rozalia & Stefan Wolosko (with Panakhyda) | Family |
| | +Anastasia Zielonka (with Panakhyda) | Anna Znak Family |
| 10:30 am | God's Blessings for our Parishioner | |
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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.



ПРОЧИТАЙТЕ !!
Коли ти помираєш, і це гарантовано з дня твого народження на 100%!!!

Тож коли ти помираєш --- не хвилюйся про своє тіло ... Твої родичі зроблять все, що потрібно відповідно до їх можливостей. Вони знімуть твій одяг, вони тебе помиють, вони одягнуть тебе, вони відвезуть теб з дому і завезуть на твою нову адресу.

Багато хто прийде на твій похорон, щоб попроситися із тобою. Деякі скасують заручини і навіть звільняться з роботи, щоб прийти на цвинтар і побачити, як твоя труна повільно опускається. Ваші речі, навіть те, що ви не любили позичати, будуть продаватися, роздаватися або спалюватися: Ваші ключі. Ваші інструменти. Ваші книги. Ваші записи. Ваше взуття. Ваш одяг ...

І будь впевнений, що світ не зупиниться і не буде плакати за тобою. Економіка продовжить свій рух, Земля буде продовжувати обертатися навколо своєї осі. Хтось замінить тебе на твоїй роботі. Хтось із більшими здібностями займе твоє місце. Твоє майно перейде твоїм спадкоємцям.... Люди, які тебе знали лише скажуть: Бідний хлопець! Або: «школа хлопця, він ще міг бути живим! »

Твої друзі будуть плакати кілька годин або кілька днів... Але тоді вони будуть сміятися, живучи власним життям. Твої домашні тварини звикнуть до нового господаря. Твої фотографії будуть висіти на стіні деякий час або все ще будуть знаходитися на деяких меблях, але тоді вони будуть сховані. Хтось сяде на твій диван і будете їсти за твоїм столом. Глибокий біль у твоєму домі триватиме тиждень, два, місяць, рік ... Тоді ти станеш пам'яттю і тоді твоя історія закінчиться. Закінчився серед людей, закінчився в цьому світі. Тоді ти розпочнеш свою історію з нової реальності ... у новому, другому житті після смерті. Втратиться значення: Тіло - Зовнішній вигляд – Прізвище – Комфорт – Гроші – Кредити – Майно – Кар'єра - Банківські рахунки - Будинки – Автомобілі – Бізнес – Дипломи – Медалі - Нагороди - Подорожі ... У твоєму новому житті тобі потрібна буде лише одна Любов, яку ти зібрав в своєму серці до людей і до Бога. Це буде єдине щастя, на яке ти можете розраховувати. Ось чому намагайся жити і бути щасливим там, де ти є, бо, як сказав ... Св. Франциск Ассізький;

«Ти не візьмеш нічого, що маєш тут. Ти візьмете лише те, що ти віддав »... Тож поки: Ти живеш, поширюй - Любов, Любов, Любов.

Завжди шукай Бога, і живи з Богом і для Бога. Зроби Бога своїм - Планом, Дорогою і Ціллю! Живи так, ніби це твій останній день Бо, може, так і є !!!

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

SEVENTHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST * Epistle - Romans 15: 1-7; ~ Gospel - Matthew 9: 27-35

Today's Gospel from Chapter 9 of St. Matthew concerns the healing carried out by Christ through the expulsion of a demon. What can we learn from this Gospel?

First of all, we should note that the healing performed by Christ in the Gospel is permanent, it is for good and salvation, it is for repentance and thanksgiving. Here we should be cautious. There are many who claim today that they have been healed by all manner of 'spiritual healers' and 'therapists'. However, there is a great difference between the healing given by Christ and the 'healings' of such individuals who will often charge huge sums of money for their alleged healings. Although some such healings may be genuine, the results of a natural psychic ability, others are undoubtedly demonic. For since demonic influence is the cause of all illness, demons are also able to withdraw temporarily from their victim's soul, mind and body, thus giving the illusion of 'healing', in order to increase their hold on their victims. Such 'healings' are always temporary, for the demons always return, unable to resist the soft target of a weak and infected person. Such 'healings' are always destructive, for they are not for the good and salvation and repentance of their victim, but for their further subjection and submission to the powers of the Evil One.

Secondly, today's Gospel informs us of the reality of demons. In recent times, at least since the Second World War, which followed the First World War because there was no repentance after it, when Satan received an almost unheard of power in the world, demons have been appearing more and more often to mankind. The most remarkable thing is that people have been so hoodwinked by the Devil that they have not recognized the demons for what they are.

For instance, both Stalin and Hitler were clearly puppets whose strings were pulled by legions of demons, and yet tens of millions of people blindly followed their monstrous evils and handed over their empty souls to their ideologies, believing in what they preached. But today, if you tell a historian or a journalist that Hitler and Stalin were puppets of the Devil and that all that they did was planned by demons, they will laugh at you.

During the Second World War, large numbers of people began to see lights in the skies ('great signs from heaven', as the Gospel of St Luke calls them). Many began to call these lights 'unidentified flying objects'. Others said that they had seen and met 'aliens'. Of course, in one sense, they were right: the lights that they saw were indeed the lights of 'aliens', the Satanic beings, devils who are the face of Death, which is alien to mankind, who was created immortal by God. Again, people are not able to 'identify' the faces of demons, even when eyewitnesses draw pictures which clearly show demons: they are indeed 'unidentified flying objects' to all those outside Church consciousness.

In recent times, the face of the Devil has been revealed in all sorts of 'magical' tricks, in levitations and much-publicized spiritual frauds, in slavery to drugs, such as the mass-killers of alcohol and tobacco, banes of the last century. Or else in slavery to sex, which for example today has tens of thousands of young girls and boys from Eastern Europe selling their bodies for bread on the streets of Western Europe to depraved men who deny Christ and the Gospel. And the same is going on in every Sodom and Gomorrah on every Continent of the world.

We can also hear the delighted cackling of demons in the face of the terrible so-called 'natural' disasters of flood and drought, earthquake and hurricane, volcano and forest fire, which mankind has recently brought on itself through the abuse of the resources of God's creation. What are we to do? How are we to protect ourselves against this ever-rising tide of demonism, before the face of naked evil?

The world, unfortunately, can do nothing, since it denies the primal cause of all this, it is frightened to take responsibility for its own actions and consequently return to the Enduring Faith of the Church of Christ. That would be asking for humility, asking Western 'civilization' to admit that it was wrong all along. The true measure of all things is not man who wallows in the excrement of his depravity, but Christ, the Perfect Man, the God-Man.

We, however, who know the cause of all this evil, can protect ourselves by asking for the protection of God, Who is the Lord of all and can stop the demons in their tracks and contain them in the confines of hell, if only we ask Him to do this by refusing to let the demons occupy our souls and minds and bodies. In other words we must ask for healing, that selfsame healing that Christ gave in today's Gospel. And this we do through the source of all healing, which is in the Resurrected Body of Christ, the Church. The Church is not a social club, not coffee-time, the Church is not a show for religious amateurs and hobby makers, the Church is not a welfare-State, the Church is the place where we bare our souls to Christ and receive healing from sin and death through the Sacraments and Fasts and Prayers which we accept by making our will conform to that of Christ.

Let us make no mistake: without the Church our fate is awful. Without the Church there are no values, no morals, no spirituality, only the charlatanism of the deluded. We have an old proverb: **‘Без Бога чи до порога’ .. 'If you are without God, you may not enter'**. Without God, some things can't be done. We won't go far without God. God gives us love and strength without which man is unable to move forward. And indeed people do not enter into salvation without God.

Where are we going? Towards the floods of the demons or towards the healing of Christ? It is our choice. Let us decide today. *(Excerpts from website: orthodox-england.org.uk)*

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY’S GOSPEL LESSON :
HEALING: Page 158, Section 466-469
DEMONS: Page 55, Section 142-144; Page 222, Section 684; Page 251, Section 771-773

In Thanksgiving for the graces that we have received during this difficult time, let us be grateful and share with other less fortunate.

As our Church has opened for public services, as we come to worship together, let us remember those less fortunate. We are resuming our “FOOD DRIVE” and ask that as you come to Liturgy, you bring at least one non-perishable food item for the local Food Pantry. Thank you and God Bless each of you.

