

# 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



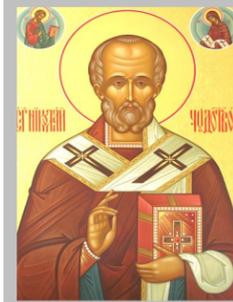
### Announcement:

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, Zakarpattya, 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.



# 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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### Parish School:

Sr. Eliane, SSMI - Principal

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### Cantors :

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**

«Де двоє або троє зберуться в ім'я Моє, – там і Я посеред них» (Мф. 18:20)  
Єднання з Христом необхідне для нашого спасіння. Про це чітко говорить Ісус Христос у притчі про виноград: «Я – виноград, а ви – галуззя. Хто не буде перебувати в Мені, той буде відкинутий геть. Без Мене робити нічого не зможете». Отож, хто віддаляється від Церкви, а отже від Господа, той позбавляє себе спасаючої благодаті Божої. Тільки будучи членами Божественної установи, можна мати живу віру, звершувати подвиги християнського життя. Святі отці та вчителі Церкви завжди закликали християн цінувати свою належність до неї і ніколи не віддалятися від неї. За словами св. Кипріяна Карфагенського, той, хто лишає Церкву, позбавляє себе нагороди Христової. Той, кому Церква не мати, тому й Бог не Отець. Як ніхто з тих, хто перебував поза ковчегом Ноя, не врятувався від потопу, так ніхто не врятується поза Церквою. Бо сама думка про таке є гординя.

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.



**THANK YOU**

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

**Sunday - July 26th - 8th Sunday after Pentecost - 7-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа 2020**

<b>Sunday - July 26th - 8th Sunday after Pentecost - 7-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа</b>		
8:30 am	+Maria Petruk (with Panakhyda) +Rozalia & Stefan Wolosko (with Panakhyda) +Anastasia Zielonka (with Panakhyda)	Family Family Anna Znak
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioner	
<b>Monday - July 27th -</b>	No services	
<b>Tuesday - July 28th</b>		
7:30 am	God's Blessings for Brooke, Isabella & Nicholas Zazulkewycz Baba Luba	
<b>Wednesday - July 29th</b>		
7:30 am	+Bohdan Petruk (with Panakhyda)	Luba Fedun
<b>Thursday - July 30th</b>		
7:30 am	+Olga Kuruk (with Panakhyda)	Family
<b>Friday - July 31st</b>		
7:30 am	+Myron Domaradz	Wife & Family
<b>Saturday - August 1st</b>		
8:00 am	God's Blessings for Christian & Hanna God's Blessings for Maria Macko	Family Family
5:00 pm	+Slawka Skala (with Panakhyda) +Jakob Zelinsky (with Panakhyda)	Walter & Lecia Peltyszyn Family
<b>Sunday - August 2nd - 9th Sunday after Pentecost - 9-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа</b>		
8:30 am	+Walter Smolak (with Panakhyda) +Antin Hryckowian (with Panakhyda)	Anna & Stefan Kosciolek Family
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioner	

**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.



**PLEASE READ!!!**

When you die and you have it guaranteed from the day you were born 100 % Guarantee!!!  
So when you die --- don't worry about your body..Your relatives will do whatever it takes according to their capabilities.  
They will take your clothes off, They will wash you They will dress you up They will take you out of the house and take you away to your new address.  
Many will come to your funeral to say goodbye ".  
Some will cancel the engagement and even leave work to come to the cemetery and see your coffin slowly drop down.Your stuff, even what you didn't like to borrow, will be sold, distributed or burned:  
Your keys, Your tools, Your books, Your records, Your shoes, Your clothes...  
And be sure that the world will not stop and cry for you.  
The economy will continue its run, the Earth will continue to revolve around its axis.  
Someone else will replace you at your job.  
Someone with the same or greater abilities will take your place.  
Your fortune will go to your heirs...  
People who only knew you from sight will say: Poor guy!  
Alb o:,, pity the guy, he could still be alive! ""  
Your welcoming friends will cry few hours or few days,  
But then they will laugh living their own life. Your pets will get used to the new owner.  
Your photos will hang on the wall for a while or still be on some furniture but then they will be hidden down drawers. Someone else will sit on your couch and will eat at your table.  
Deep pain in your house will last a week, two, a month, a year... Then you will become a memory  
And then your story ends. Ended up among people, ended here, ended in this world.  
Now you will start your story in a new reality... in a new, second life after death.  
Value lost: Body body, Appearance, Surname Comfort, Money, Credits, State of possession,  
Bank accounts, Homes, Cars Businesses, Titles Diplomas, Medals, Trophies, Places Travel...  
In your new life you only need one-Love that you have gathered in your heart and hearts of people and the proximity of God. This will be the only fortune you can count on there.  
That's why try to live and be happy where you are, because as he said... st. Francis of Assisi;  
" You won't get what you have from here. You will only take what you gave ".  
So for now: It's your life, enjoy it fully and spread Love, Love, Love.  
Always search for God, live God and God.  
Make God yours The plan, The road, Target!  
Live as if it was your last day.....  
Because maybe it is!!!

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

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST \* Epistle - Corinthians 1: 10-18; ~ Gospel - Matthew 14: 14-22**

In one way or another, we are all pretty good at letting ourselves off the hook. There are pressing matters that require our attention, but we would rather ignore them so that we do not have to go to the effort of actually doing something about them. We easily find ways to justify leaving it to others to do the heavy lifting because we do not want to be inconvenienced.

That is precisely what the disciples tried to do when the Savior had compassion on the sick people in a crowd of thousands in the wilderness. They had not made provision for feeding them and asked Him to send them away so that the people could by their own food. Christ did not let them shirk their responsibility, however, and responded, “*They need not go away; you give them something to eat.*” He was not finished ministering to the people that day and put the responsibility back on the disciples, who complained that they had only five loaves of bread and two fish. It was perfectly realistic for them to wonder how they could possibly provide a meal for so many people with so little food. But when they obeyed His command “*Bring them here to me,*” the Lord blessed their small amount of food such that there was far more than enough to satisfy everyone.

Christ not only fed a large crowd that day, but also revealed His identity as the Messiah by miraculously supplying food for hungry Jews in the desert in a way that is reminiscent of the manna from heaven in the Old Testament. The five loaves remind us of the five books of law in the Hebrew Bible, while the two fish recall the two tablets of God’s commandments received by Moses. From these small amounts of food came such an abundance that twelve basketfuls were leftover, which reminds us of the twelve tribes of Israel. Five thousand men and their families were fed, which again recalls the five Old Testament books of law. The Lord miraculously satisfied the hunger of a multitude in a way that showed He is the Messiah Who fulfills the promises to the children of Israel.

One of the lessons to learn from this prophetic sign is that Christ brings His salvation to the world in way that requires us to make an offering. For Him even to be born, a young Palestinian teenager had to agree freely to become His virgin mother: “*Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word.*” She offered herself fully to God in that moment and held nothing back in such a profound way that we cannot tell the story of salvation without mentioning the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos. She is the first to receive Christ into her life and, upon her death, the first to follow Him—body, soul, and spirit— into the heavenly kingdom.

Likewise, the disciples had to make the offering of leaving behind their occupations and families in order to play their unique role in serving Christ and His Church. Had they refused to abandon their fishing nets in order to follow the Savior, Peter, James, and John would not have been on Mt. Tabor where they beheld the divine glory of the Lord at the Transfiguration. And had the disciples not brought their small collection of loaves and fish for Christ’s blessing, thousands of people would have gone home hungry and been deprived of the miraculous sign that showed He was the Messiah.

We see in these examples the necessity of offering ourselves to Christ in order to become transfigured in holiness through personal union with Him. That requires mindfully turning away from pleasing ourselves by offering our attention, time, and resources to serve Him in His Body, the Church, and in our neighbors. We never earn or deserve the divine mercy, but we must respond to His grace with faith and faithfulness if we want to participate personally in His fulfillment of the human person in God’s image and likeness. It may be tempting to think that nothing we could do could ever have such significance. We know our sins and personal brokenness, and how selfishness has so often kept us from offering ourselves in obedience to the Lord. The problems and needs of the people of our culture and world are so great, and we are so small and limited in our influence.

Before the great problems of our day, anyone with any sense will feel like the disciples with a few loaves of bread and two fish before a hungry crowd of thousands. If left to our own devices, we could not make a difference worth noticing. Thankfully, our trust is not in our own ability to accomplish anything in this world, much less to heal our own souls. It is, instead, in the One Who has conquered death for our sake, offering His own Flesh and Blood in order to make us participants by grace in the eternal life of the Holy Trinity. When we celebrate the Divine Liturgy, we lift up our hearts and offer not only bread and wine, but ourselves, for union with the Lord’s great Self-Offering for the salvation of the world. His Body and Blood strengthen us to offer our loaves and fish, our lives and humble talents, in order to feed those who are hungry both physically and spiritually, and to manifest an icon of the restoration of all people, and the creation itself, in the eschatological reign.

One of the worst things we can do spiritually is to denigrate the importance of the few minutes a day we spend in prayer, of the small acts of self-denial that we perform in fasting, of the seemingly insignificant offerings of a kind word to a troubled person, of a gesture of friendship to a stranger, or the sincere Confession of our sins. It may count for nothing in the eyes of the rich and famous of this world, but small gestures such as simply taking the time to attend the Divine Liturgy, conveying forgiveness to someone who has wronged us, or limiting our greed by putting a few coins in the collection plate may shape our souls in profound ways and become channels for Christ to bring abundant blessing upon others in ways that we could not possibly predict or control. Remember that He can feed thousands with a few loaves and fish and even makes us participants in the Messianic Banquet through our Communion in His Body and Blood in the Divine Liturgy celebrated in this small parish.

Let us never diminish the importance of the seemingly small offerings that we are capable of making in our daily lives. Christ continues to feed the world, both spiritually and physically, through the humble gestures of those who do what they can “*in the fear of God and faith and love.*” Because we celebrate His Liturgy, let us live in Communion with His great Self-Offering for the salvation of the world. Let us offer ourselves to Christ in the service of His Body, the Church, and in all the neighbors in whom we encounter Him every day. (*Excerpt from Ancient Faith Blogs - Fr. Philip LeMasters*)

