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.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God Our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life - a period of good government, great happiness, prosperity and PEACE...

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN

Українська Католицька Церква Св. Миколая

Слава Ісусу Христу!

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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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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.

6-21-2020 & 6-28-2020
Collections:
Parish - $7,126.00.
Candles - $330.00.
School - $460.00.
TOTAL - $7,916.00

Sunday - July 5th - 5th Sunday after Pentecost - 5-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа **2020**

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8:30 am	+Olga Kuruc (with Panakhyda)	Sharkey Family
	+Anna & Ivan Smolak (with Panakhyda)	Son & Family
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioner	
Monday - July 6th -		
	No services	
Tuesday - _July 7th_		
7:30 am	+George Yacykewych (with Panakhyda)	Marta Swaryczewsky
Wednesday - July 8th		
7:30 am	+Jaroslaw Zazulkewycz (with Panakhyda)	Wife & Family
Thursday - July 9th		
7:30 am	+Maria Zelinski (with Panakhyda)	Family
Friday - July 10th		
7:30 am	+Slawka Skala (with Panakhyda)	Lidia & Ihor Lukachuk
Saturday - July 11th		
8:00 am	+Slawka Skala (with Panakhyda)	Genia Maksymiw
5:00 pm	+Volodymyr Oliarnyk Jr. (with Panakhyda)	Family
	+Volodymyr Diachuk (with Panakhyda)	Wife & Family
Sunday - July 12th - 6th Sunday after Pentecost - 6-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа		
8:30 am	God's Blessings for Daniel Bukalo	Parents
	God's Blessings for Peter & Jody Zielonka & Family	
	God's Blessings for Emily & Olivia Ulczak	Grandparents
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. Парафіяльна родина, коли молиться разом стоїть завжди разом.

PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Most pure Mother of God, Immaculate Virgin, Queen of the World, Intercessor of Christians, refuse and hope of sinners, I, the most miserable of all, kneel before your icon. I humbly bow to you, O my ever-praised Queen, and wholeheartedly thank you for all the graces which you have so abundantly bestowed on me. But most of all, I thank you for saving me from eternal punishment which I have deserved.

I love you, O my Queen, and for the sake of this love I promise to serve you forever and do whatever I can that others may also serve, honor and love you. O Merciful Mother, after God you are my hope and cause of my salvation. Accept me, your servant, under your mighty Protection.

You can obtain everything from God. Pray to Him to deliver me from all temptations and dangers or at least help me to overcome them. Obtain also for me the virtues of a strong faith, firm hope and true, non-hypostricital love. Be with me especially at the last moment of my earthly life.

My gracious Lady, it is not through my prayers, but rather through your love for God that I implore you. Do not forsake me until you see me in heaven where I will forever praise and thank you in the Kingdom of Your Son, to whom, together with His Eternal Father and the Holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, belong all glory, honor and adoration, now and forever and ever. Amen.

(*Closing prayer of the Akathist Prayer to the Mother of Perpetual Help*)

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON :

SALVATION: Page 117, Section 330; Page 139, Section 405; Page 140, Section 407; Page 236, Page 715

GRACE: Page 93, Section 260; Page 94, Section 266; Page 153, Section 449

As we slowly begin to resume our attendance at the Divine Liturgy, we begin to realize how fortunate we are. Many people suffered during this unprecedented time.

If you recall as we began the Great Fast, we set out to meet our concern and service to those less fortunate through almsgiving and began our "Food Drive"…. Then life as we knew it stopped at that point.

As our Church has opened for public services, as we come to worship together, let us remember those less fortunate. Let us again resume our "**Food Drive**" of non-perishable food goods for distribution to the local Food Pantry at St. Michael's parish. We ask that you bring at least one food item each time you attend Liturgy.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST * FEAST OF THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Epistle - Romans 10: 1-10; ~ Gospel - Matthew 8: 28-34; 9: 1

We live in a time in which many people feel lonely and isolated, even if they are around others on a regular basis at home, work, and other settings. Sometimes that is because we hold ourselves back emotionally from the possibility of being rejected or harmed. Such separation is a symptom of the estrangement from God and one another which Jesus Christ came to heal.

The demon-possessed men in today's gospel reading represent Gentiles who were enslaved to the worship of idols and false gods. Their deliverance shows that Christ's salvation is for all people, including those separated from others by the power of evil in their lives. When He set them free from their miserable isolation, the Lord required nothing of them in advance; instead, He graciously liberated them from the degrading forces of evil and restored them to a truly human existence. Here we see an implication of St. Paul's instruction to the Romans: "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." At the very heart of our faith is not a requirement for meeting an objective standard; instead, the unlimited mercy of God is the very foundation of our life and extends even to demon-possessed Gentiles, as well as to you and me.

The Church has many rules, many canons, traditions, and practices. But at the heart of our faith and common life is not the obedience of law, for we are not called to be like the Pharisees of old. Instead, we are called, as St. Paul teaches, to confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus and to believe in our hearts that God has raised him from the dead; if we do so, we will be saved. "For with the heart one believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Of course, there are no magic words that can heal our souls. Instead of creating a new law, St. Paul points to the deep truth of what it means to commend all our life to Christ our God. It means that we trust in Him as whole persons. As we offer our lives to Him, our words, deeds, and thoughts will come to embody the new life that He has brought to the world. That is how we open ourselves to receiving His transforming grace. That is how, like the demon-possessed men in today's reading, we too may become living icons of the mercy of Jesus Christ.

Remember that He did not require the Gergesene demoniacs to earn their deliverance; neither does He require that of us. Instead, the Savior has graciously taken upon Himself the consequences of all human corruption and sin to the point of death, burial and descent to Hades so that He could conquer them all in His glorious third-day resurrection. He has ascended into heaven with full, complete glorified humanity and sent the Holy Spirit to empower His Body, the Church, of which we are members. He lives within our hearts by the Holy Spirit, casting out our demons, forgiving our sins, and enabling us to share in His eternal life even now as healed and transformed persons in relationship with Him and one another. By His grace, Christ restores us to the dignity and freedom of those who bear the divine image and likeness.

Our salvation is a process, an ongoing journey of sharing more fully in the new life that our Savior has brought to the world. We must confess Christ more fully each day as we find greater healing, as we more fully manifest His victory over sin and death in our own lives. Christianity is not about rules and regulations, but instead about growing in relationship with a Person, our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. It is about sharing in His blessedness, about partaking in His divine nature by grace. And because God is eternal and infinite and beyond even our best attempts to define and control Him, there is no upward limit on what it means to unite ourselves to Him.

It is time to embrace our true identity as those created in God's image and likeness and called to become partakers of the divine nature. By sincere faith, honest confession, and genuine repentance, let us accept the infinite mercy of the One who loves us so much that He conquered sin and death in order to bring us from the despair of the tomb into the joy of the Kingdom. Now is the time to turn our backs on the degrading delusions of idolatry and to enter into the unspeakable blessedness to which He calls us. Now is the time to confess and believe in Christ as we offer every dimension of our lives to Him for deliverance and transformation that know no bounds. Now is the time to turn from the isolated misery of sin for the joyful communion of those who have been set free through the mercy of Jesus Christ. (*Fr. Philip LeMasters - Ancient Faith Ministries)*

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Symbolism of the Icon

In the Eastern world, religious art is seen as an extension of God's presence in creation. Icons are much more than beautiful images: they're meant to help us connect directly with God.

The artist who writes the icon strives to illuminate the viewer's soul with divine truth. Above is a photo of the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help—the most widely known icon in the world. This sacred image has special importance for the Redemptorists, who were asked by Pope Pius IX to "make her known throughout the world."

Each element of the icon has a specific meaning:

Mary's eyes, filled with compassion and love, are directed toward us.

Our Lady is clothed in the colors of virgins (red) and of mothers (blue). These are also royal colors. Jesus, depicted as a young boy, wears the colors of a king. The star on Mary's veil reminds us that she is the dawn announcing the coming of Christ.

Our Lady's hands hold her Son securely, and her right hand directs our gaze to Him. The Christ Child grasps his mother's hand as though he is frightened by what he sees. In His hurry to reach his mother, Jesus has almost lost one of his sandals. He became human, like us, in all things but sin. On Our Lady's left and right we see the reasons for the child's fear. On the right is the Archangel Gabriel, holding a cross and four nails. On the left is the Archangel Michael, holding a lance, a pole with a sponge, and a vessel of vinegar. This vision of the instruments of the crucifixion has driven the young Jesus to his mother's protective embrace. Yet Our Lady's gaze is fixed on us, her children on earth. She is our source of constant comfort and hope.

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