

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School News

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Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory to Jesus Christ!



This last Friday, Oct. 23, with God's graces and blessings and with all the care we are able to take, we finished our 7th week of In-Person Learning with everyone safe and healthy.

We hope we can continue this way for a long time.

We could not do this without the support of our pastor, Fr. Andriy, of our parents, parishioners, and alumni, and without the hard work and sacrifice of our faculty and the good behavior of our angels (students).

We want to express our sincere gratitude to our alumni families and parishioners for the generosity shown, especially during this difficult time for all.

May God bless and reward you and your families with His blessings and graces and years filled with good health and God's care.

Великомученик Димитрій народився в місті Солуні в Греції.

Батьки, таємні християни, хрестили його і наставили у вірі. Батько його, римський проконсул, помер, коли Димитрій досяг повноліття. Імператор Максиміан Галерій, що вступив на престол в 305 році, призначив Димитрія на місце батька володарем і воєвудою Фессалонії.

Головним обов'язком Димитрія було захищати свою область від зовнішніх ворогів, але імператор зажадав від нього також, щоб він винищував християн. Димитрій замість цього став викорінювати язичницькі звичаї, а язичників наvertати до Христової віри. Звичайно, імператорові незабаром донесли, що проконсул Димитрій - християнин.

Повертаючись з походу проти сарматів (племен, що населяли тоді північнопричорноморські степи), Максиміан зупинився в Солуні. Готуючись до смерті, Димитрій роздав своє майно бідним, а сам віддався молитві й посту.

Імператор заточив проконсула в темницю і почав розважати себе й жителів Солуня гладіаторськими боями в цирку. Християн розшукували й тягли на арену. Відомий серед гладіаторів задержуватий Лій легко долав лагідних християн у бою і, на радість озвірілому натовпу, скидав їх на списи воїнів.

Юнак Нестор, з християн, відвідав Димитрія у в'язниці, і Димитрій благословив його на єдиноборство з Лієм. Зміцнюваний Богом, Нестор здолав гордого гладіатора й кинув його на списи воїнів. Нестора повинні були нагородити, як переможця, але замість цього його стратили, як християнина. Великомученика Димитрія Солунського

За наказом імператора в'язничними сторожами було пронизано Димитрія списками в 306 році. Тіло великомученика Димитрія викинули на поживу звірям, але солуняни таємно поховали його. Слуга Димитрія Лупп взяв криваву ризу і перстень мученика та почав ними зцілювати недужих. Його теж стратили.

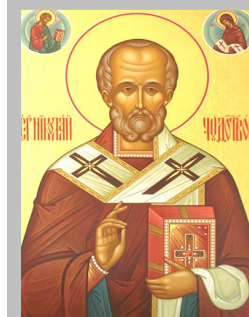
Під час правління імператора Костянтина Великого (324-337 pp.) над могилою великомученика Димитрія спорудили храм, а через сто років були знайдені його нетлінні мощі. При гробі великомученика Димитрія відбувалися численні Божі чудеса та зцілення.

За правління імператора Маврикія авари, що в тогочасі жили на Дону, осадили місто Солунь. Святий Димитрій з'явився на міській стіні, і 100-тисячне військо облягаючих кинулося навтьоки.

Іншим разом святий врятував місто від голоду.

Життя святого Димитрія оповідає, що він звільняв полонених від ярма невірних і допомагав їм досягти Солуня.

З VII століття із ковчега з мощами святого Димитрія почало витікати западне і чудотворне миро, про що писали сучасники. У XIV столітті Димитрій Хризолог писав про нього: миро «за своєю властивістю - не вода, але густіше за неї і не схоже на жодне з відомих нам речовин... Воно дивніше всіх пахоців не лише штучних, але і по єству створених Богом». З цієї причини великомученика Димитрія називали мироточивим.



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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СВЯТІ ЛІТУРГІЇ:

Неділя: 8:30 p., [АНГЛ].

10:30 p., [УКР]

На будні: 7:00 p.,

Субота:

8:00 p., і 5:00 пп.

Свята: 9:00 p., 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

Clothes for the Needy in Ukraine

Thank you with our whole heart to New Ukrainian Wave volunteers who came to sort and pack 35 boxes of clothes. These clothes for men, women, and children will be put to good use in Ukraine, especially in those areas devastated by flooding this past spring-summer. We also want to thank all those parishioners who donated their gently worn goods for this project. It is our biblical obligation to "clothe the naked and feed the hungry" among us.

God bless you all for your generosity of time, effort, and goods.



CLOCKS GO BACK NOVEMBER 1, 2020




Collections:



Parish - \$2,434.00.

Candle- \$151.00.


TOTAL - \$2,585.00



Sunday - October 25th - 21st Sunday After Pentecost - 21-ша Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа			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. 
8:30 am	God's Blessings for Brandon Nutile, Alissa Zimer & Madison Ulczak - F		
10:30 am	God's Blessings for Sofia Szwedyk Godfather Mykola		
Monday - October 26th			
No services			
6:30 pm МОЛИТВА НА ВЕРВИЦІ І БІБЛІЙНЕ КОЛО			
Tuesday - October 27th			
7:00 am	+Slawka Skala	Tynio Family	
	+Walter Smoliak	Wife & Family	
Wednesday - October 28th			
7:00 am	+Joseph Skorupka (with Panakhyda)	Family	
	+Stefan Klapacz (with Panakhyda)	Family	
Thursday - October 29th			
7:00 am	+Myron Domaradz (with Panakhyda)	Hyra Family	
	+Anna Kowalczyk (with Panakhyda)	Maria Kapitula	
Friday - October 30th			
7:00 am	+Wolodymyr Rudakewycz (with Panakhyda)	David & Lydia Cley	
	+Petro Rusynko (with Panakhyda)	Andrach Family	
Saturday - October 31st			
8:00 am	+Hedwig Djatschenko (with Panakhyda)	Irene Lesiw	
5:00 pm	+Myron Domaradz & Seniors Club (with Panakhyda)	Seniors Club	
	+Ivanna, Arsentiy, Yuriy, Petro, Angelina (with Panakhyda)	Family	
Sunday - November 1st - 21st Sunday After Pentecost - 21-ша Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа			
8:30 am	+Maria Bilogan (with Panakhyda)	Filewicz Family	
	+Stefan Kapitula (with Panakhyda)	Helen Newmerzyckyj	
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioners		

It's time to change your clocks. Set your clocks **BACK one (1) hour.**
Fall time starts Sunday morning, November 1st.

THE FEAST OF ST. DEMETRIUS OF THE SSA-LONIKI
FEASTDAY - OCTOBER 26 ~ Born: 270
Martyred : 306




Great Martyr Dimitrios, the Myrrh-flowing and Wonderworking Saint, was a Christian and the son of the military commander of Thessalonica in the early fourth century. St. Dimitrios was the only son and was, because of this, most carefully cherished and educated. When his father died, Dimitrios was appointed by Emperor Maximian to take his place. Maximian was an opponent of Christ and charged Dimitrios to persecute and to kill the Christians in that city.

Instead, Dimitrios disobeyed Maximian and openly confessed and preached Christianity. Hearing of this, the Emperor was furious and on his way back from battles against the Sarmathians he went to Thessalonica to look into the matter. He summoned Dimitrios and questioned him about his faith. Dimitrios confessed his belief as well as his disgust for idolatry (and thus openly criticizing the Emperor himself). The enraged Emperor cast him into prison, and Dimitrios, knowing his fate, had his servant Lupus give his wealth to the poor (being glad that suffering for Christ was to be his lot). During the Middle Ages, he came to be revered as one of the most important Orthodox military saints, often paired with George of Lydda. Demetrius was also venerated as patron of agriculture, peasants and shepherds in the Greek countryside during the Middle Ages.

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED

Almighty Eternal God, in Your fatherly goodness, be kind to the soul of Your servant, (Name).
Cleanse him/her whom You have called from this world of all his/her faults, take him/her into the Realm of Light and Peace and into the Community of Your Saints, and give him/her his/her share of Eternal Delight in Your Kingdom. God, You Creator and Saviour of all the faithful, forgive all the sins of all Your servants' souls. Let them receive forgiveness through our pious prayer, for which they have always been yearning. For this we pray through Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.



BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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

TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Epistle - St. Pauls letter to the Galatians 2:16-20 ~ Gospel - Luke 16: 19-31
Homily on the Epistle Reading for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost and the 6th Sunday of Luke (Galatians 2: 16-20)
“It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” (verse 20)
Faith in Christ, Not our works

There is a story about a monk who despaired of the cross God had given him and complained of it constantly. God finally relented and offered him a chance to select a different cross. He led the monk into a room filled with several crosses from which to pick. The monk was appalled at what he saw: huge crosses, bloody crosses, crosses with nails. He wandered through the room and finally spied a lovely small silver cross tucked away in a corner. He picked this cross and held it up saying, "I'll take this cross!" God simply replied, "But that is the cross you already had!"

We should ask ourselves: Do I embrace the cross God has given me? Or do I try to take my salvation or as St. Paul says, my justification, into my own hands? Am I trying to get to heaven without God’s help or guidance? In the gospel from the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Precious Cross (Mark 8:34 ? 9:1), Jesus says, “*Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me*” (v.34). Like the monk we may not want the cross we’ve been given or we may “think we know a better way than the way Jesus is leading us”.

This relates to St. Paul’s words from today’s Epistle (Galatians 2:16-20) where he says, “a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ” (v.16). Let us take a closer look at this verse. Whenever we hear the word “justify” in the scripture, we should think of the more accurate translation “righteous”... So to be justified is to be made righteous which means to act in an upright, moral, virtuous way. When we hear “works of the law” we should think of the Mosaic Law, the Tablets of the Law given to Moses by God (Exodus 20). This Law gave commandments for life that instructed the Israelites on how to relate to God and to each other. This law revealed the difference between good and evil and functioned as a tutor that would lead them to the Messiah, Jesus Christ (Gal.3:24). In this particular verse “faith in Christ” should be translated “faith of Christ”. The faith of Christ is the absolute trust and obedience He placed in God the Father demonstrated throughout His life but especially leading up to and including His Crucifixion and Death. Reflected in many of his epistles, St. Paul was addressing the problem of Judaizers in the early Church. Judaizers were those Christians who demanded that new followers of Christ must be circumcised and follow the Jewish dietary laws.

So how does all of the above relate to us 2,000 years later? We no longer have the problem of Judaizers but we still have the problem of people thinking that their righteousness apart from Christ can do them good. How often do we think, “I did a good deed yesterday, I don’t need to pray today. I went to Liturgy last week, I can probably skip Liturgy this week. I confess to God in my personal prayer, I don’t need to go to the Sacrament of Confession with the priest. I received Holy Communion last year during Holy Week so I’m all set until next year.” Even worse may be “I did something good for someone or I attended Liturgy or I received communion, so now I can sin a little bit. I deserve it or I earned it.” It’s kind of like some people approach dieting or fasting. Unfortunately, what we’re doing in these situations is taking our spiritual life into our own hands instead of continually placing it in the hands of God.

In order to be made righteous by the faith of Christ, we must seek to imitate as best we can, the absolute trust in and obedience towards God the Father. Bargaining with God using our righteous actions as leverage is making the same mistake as the ancient Judaizers and that is to place our faith in our works rather than in God. To think or try to become righteous before God in order to get to heaven without living in the life of His Church, the Body of Christ, is to be ashamed of Christ and His words (Mk.8:38).

Hopefully, we can now understand better that to lose our life for Christ and the Gospel is expressed when we deny ourselves from what we want or what we think is best (Mk.8:34-35). That taking up our cross is to be crucified with Christ. And finally, that to place our complete trust in God is to have the faith of Christ. Thus, “*it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me*” (Gal.2:20). (*Excerpt from <http://www.stgeorgegoc.org/Fr.Rickssermons>*)

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY’S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :
RIGHTEOUS: Page 75, Section 208; Page 83, Section 231; Page 112, Section 321; Page 220, Sections 677, 678
VIRTUE: Page 266, Sections 831, 832

“Imagine what God could do with just a few righteous men and women today to help bring new life to a parish, to a campus, or to an organization. Will the way that you live your life find favor in God’s eyes?”

Let us venerate Demetrios, who by a lance inherited the saving grace of Christ’s side, which was pierced by a lance, from which the Savior caused to flow for us the waters of life and immortality. Crowned by most wise teachings, this martyr ran the perfect race of his passion by his blood, and he shines with miracles throughout the whole world. He is the imitator of the Master, the friend to the poor, the defender of Thessalonica from all dangers. Celebrating his annual memorial, we glorify Christ our God who works healing for all through him.

Stikhos at Orthros, October 26

Quote taken from Curtis Martin and Edward Sri's *The Real Story*