

# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School News

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Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

## PHILIP FAST PARISH PROJECT - FOOD DRIVE CALENDAR

This year has proved to be a challenging time. As a parish community we have been Blessed through the Grace of God during these difficult days.

Shortly we will begin to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. On November 14, we will begin the prayerful fasting period of the "Philip Fast / Pylypywka". Along with our daily prayer and fasting during the Fast period we should be mindful of those less fortunate, those who continue to suffer during this time. **(Please check out our Bishop's post-synodal message "You will be left with one thing - what you gave to the poor!" at <https://docs.ugcc.ua/1490/>)**

As we have in the past, the parish and the St. Nicholas Chapter of the LUC will co-sponsor a "Philip Fast Food Project", collecting non-perishable foods for the local food pantry at St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral.

This year we will be doing a 'daily' collection, starting with the first day of the Philip Fast, November 15, and following the calendar leading up to a few days before Christmas Eve (December 18). Each day you are asked to put aside an item listed on the attached flyer for the day noted. At the end of each week you may bring your selection to Church where they will be held until we prepare all donations for delivery to St. Michael's the week of the 21st.

Please see the "Philip Fast Parish Project Calendar" posted on Facebook as well as provided in the vestibule.

We sincerely hope each and every one will participate in this daily collection project. If for some reason it is too difficult for your collecting items daily, we ask that you help in any way you can.

### FEAST OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM - NOVEMBER 13

Our father among the saints John Chrysostom (347-407), known as "golden mouthed", Archbishop of Constantinople, was a notable Christian bishop and preacher from the fourth and fifth centuries in Syria and Constantinople. He is famous for his eloquence in public speaking, his philanthropy, his denunciation of abuse of authority in the Church and in the Roman Empire of the time, and for a Divine Liturgy attributed to him.

### FEAST OF HOLY AND ALL PRAISEWORTHY APOSTLE ST. PHILIP - NOVEMBER 14

On the day after Peter's call, when about to set out for Galilee, Jesus met Philip and called him to the Apostolate with the words, "Follow me". Philip obeyed the call. St. Philip, Pray for us! Pray for Vocations!

### NOVEMBER 15 - BEGINNING OF THE PHILIP FAST - PYLYPIVKA

The 40-day period before the Nativity (Christmas), comparable to Advent in the western Church, is also a time of recommended fasting, known as Philip's Fast, begins at the feast of St. Philip, also known as the Nativity Fast. **Note** - The Philip's Fast which begins after the feast of St. Philip, is a 40 day period of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the Nativity/Theophany cycle of the Church year. It was once a period of strict fasting which has now been abrogated in favor of voluntary fasting and works of penance - fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

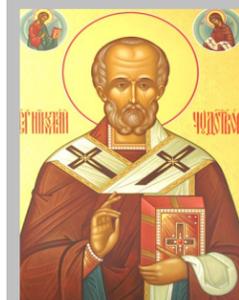
### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - VETERANS' DAY

Veterans Day honors all of those who have served our country in war or peace — dead or alive. Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day founded on November 11, 1918) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces, a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace.

This day is celebrated in other countries as well that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I - "the war to end all wars." President Woodrow Wilson in his message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day remarked "To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations."

Let us not forget all those who have fought for the freedoms we so cherish and enjoy.

Eternal Memory!



# 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 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

## ST. NICHOLAS CHAPTER OF THE LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS AND ST. NICHOLAS PARISH - PHILIP FAST PROJECT

"I am among you as one who serves" (Luke 22:27): to be a Church that goes out to serve the poor.

Our Ukrainian Bishops in Synod have addressed the issue of poverty, and we as a Church have a special mission from God and the task of awakening the remorse of humanity and single persons to take over the disgraceful hunger around us and in the world and do everything to eliminate these sufferings of weak and disadvantaged brothers and sisters, becoming their voice and extending a significant, solidarity hand to them.

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ! We want more and more to be a Church that goes out to serve - this is our program, our dream, our guide. First of all, we must serve those who are closest to us and lack attention, support and comfort.*

In keeping with this task asked of us by our Hierarchy, we will again hold a **FOOD DRIVE** for the poor and needy in our Community, through the Food Pantry at St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral.



### Collections:

Parish - \$2,468.00.

Candle- \$220.00.

Renovation -\$491.00.

TOTAL - \$2,585.00

THANK YOU

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

<b>Sunday - November 8th -23rd Sunday After Pentecost - 23-тя Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа</b>		
8:30 am	God's Blessings for Maria Kapitula & Christina Krul God's Blessings for Alexandra Szwedyk God's Blessings for Olha Ulczak	Family Godfather Children & Grandchildren
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our Parishioners	
<b>Monday - November 9th</b>	No services	
6:30 pm	<b>МОЛИТВА НА ВЕРВИЦІ І БІБЛІЙНЕ КОЛО</b>	
<b>Tuesday - November 10th</b>		
7:00 am	+Walter Rudakewycz (with Panakhyda) +Walter Smolak (with Panakhyda)	David & Lydia Clay Wife & Family
<b>Wednesday - November 11th</b>		
7:00 am	+Michael Ivaniush (with Panakhyda) +Anna Gres (with Panakhyda)	Chaban Family Ulczak Family
<b>Thursday - November 12th</b>		
7:00 am	+Stefan Kapitula (with Panakhyda) +Bohdan & Irene Petryk (with Panakhyda)	Pregner Family Andrach Family
<b>Friday - November 13th</b>		
7:00 am	+Anna Lopiczak (with Panakhyda) +Dmytro Wozniak (with Panakhyda)	Filewicz Family Anna Halaburda
<b>Saturday - November 14th</b>		
8:00 am	+Anna, Maria, Michael, Vasyl Szwedyk (with Panakhyda) +Anna Tybel (with Panakhyda)	Family Michael & Sonia Kosciolek
5:00 pm	+Ostapiak Family (with Panakhyda) +Wolodymyr & Anastasia Andruch (with Panakhyda)	Walter Ostapiak Children & Grandchildren
<b>Sunday - November 15th -24th Sunday After Pentecost - 24-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа</b>		
8:30 am	+Anhelina, Petro, Ivanna, Arsentiy, Yuriy (with Panakhyda) +Anna Diduch (with Panakhyda)	Family Diduch 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.



**TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Epistle - Ephesians 2: 4-10 ~ Gospel - Luke 8: 41-56 - Tone 6**

Sometimes we think that everyone has to approach God in exactly the same way. After all, we are Christians. The Divine Liturgy and other services are set; they don't change and are celebrated in the Church around the world. Our beliefs were defined through ancient councils. Our spiritual practices have been passed down over the centuries by countless generations. The Holy Spirit has preserved our Church in a unity that is unique among Christians. But that unity doesn't mean complete uniformity in the sense that we all must or should do exactly the same thing. We are all distinct, free persons; and it's as such that we will find God's blessing and salvation in our lives.

We read in today's gospel passage about two very different people who approached Jesus Christ in different ways. One was Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue. He was an upstanding man in the Jewish community. His position indicates that he had a good reputation and was thought to be a righteous man. The other person was very different. She was a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years, and had spent all her money on treatments that did not work. Not only was she now poor, she was also considered unclean because of the flow of blood. She was isolated: anyone who had physical contact with her would also become unclean. She could not even enter the Temple or have a normal social life. She had been treated for twelve years as though she was cut off from God and everyone else.

Jairus sought out the Lord and asked Him to heal his daughter, who was dying. But the woman -whose name we do not know - could not bring herself to do even that. She knew her place: a poor, isolated, unclean woman not worthy of the attention of the Messiah. She couldn't ask Him to lay hands on her for healing, for that would make Him unclean also. She was surely embarrassed to discuss her medical condition with Him in the midst of a large crowd. All that she could find the courage to do was to reach out anonymously and touch the hem of His clothing. She had enough faith, enough hope, and enough courage to do that. And when she did, she was healed. She had not made Him unclean; instead, He had made her well.

This story shows the tremendous mercy of Our Lord. This woman had not said a word to Christ and had not even identified herself to Him. She was probably too afraid and humble to do those things. But she did what she could, reaching out to Christ in faith. The Son of God knew who had touched Him, of course, but asked who it was in order to give her an opportunity to confess her faith, to make clear to herself and to those in the crowd that our Lord's healing mercy extended even to her, that His mercy overcomes all the uncleanness and misery of those who come to Him in humble repentance.

At different times in our lives, we will all identify with this woman. Perhaps we have a long-term struggle, a weakness or cross that we have borne for years. Perhaps we wrestle with some deep embarrassment or humiliation in our lives that we are afraid to acknowledge even to God, let alone other people. Maybe we have done or suffered something that makes us feel unclean or unworthy in our relationship. Maybe we can't find the words to express our pain even to God in prayer, much less to others. We may feel cut off from the Lord and separated from family and friends.

Jairus approached Jesus Christ differently, openly asking Him to heal his dying daughter. But his faith is then put to a very hard test. For the girl dies, but the Lord says that she is only sleeping. Everyone ridicules the Savior for this. But Jairus somehow believed the astonishing word of the Lord: "Do not be afraid; ; only believe, and she will be made well." This healing was not as simple as Jairus had hoped. He was probably was used to getting what he wanted. But just as Abraham's faith was tested by the command to sacrifice Isaac, his faith is tested when - to all appearances - his daughter is dead and gone. It is one thing to heal the sick, but quite another to believe that someone can raise the dead. But probably with a great deal of fear and all kinds of doubts going through his head, Jairus believes. He trusts as best he can. And through his faith, the Lord works a great miracle.

People are different. We have distinct personalities, occupations, interests, and spiritual strengths and weaknesses. But we can all have faith. When we open the wounds and sorrows of our lives to Christ as best we can, He will hear us. And He will respond in the way that is best for our salvation, for our growth in holiness. No two people have exactly the same journey to the Kingdom. No two people pray, fast, give alms, forgive, or serve in precisely the same way. Jairus and the woman with the flow of blood were very different people who approached Christ differently. But the one constant factor is the mercy of our Lord, which extends to all who call upon Him from their hearts with humble trust. *(Excerpt of homily of Father Philip LeMasters)*

**CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :**

**FAITH:** Page 74, Section 203

**HOPE:** Page 64, Section 175 - 177, Page 140, Section 407; Page 158, Section 463



**FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL - NOVEMBER 8**

In most Eastern Christian Churches, November 8th is the Feast of St. Michael and all heavenly hosts. The name given to the feast day is: The Synaxis of Holy Archangel Michael and all Angelic Powers. Archangels are God's special messengers during times of great importance in the history of salvation and in events affecting the human race. There are three (3) named archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. The name Michael refers to "Who is like God?" phrased as a rhetorical question, expressing disdain against the prideful angels he fought against. St. Michael will defend all who love God, and defeat all who spread the darkness of evil.

Knowing the assaults on the Church continue from all directions and in many forms, this prayer along with other devotional prayers for protection, such as our Byzantine prayers to our Most Holy Theotokos, are truly needed across all time periods of history. Both the Mother of God and St. Michael hold significant protective roles for all faithful, religious, and our Church.

**Prayer to St. Michael**

St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle, Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, By the power of God, Cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Mnohaya Lita to all named Michael, Michelle, Michalena's et al !**

**FEAST OF ST. JOSAPHAT – BISHOP AND MARTYR - NOVEMBER 12**

On the day of his martyrdom, Nov. 12, Roman Catholics and Eastern Catholics remember St. Josaphat Kuntsevych, a bishop and monk whose example of faith inspired many Eastern Orthodox Christians to return to full communion with the Holy See. Patron of Church Unity, St. Josaphat, pray for us !

