

SUNDAY THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

May 29, 2022

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**
Festival Committee meeting

DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 30th Memorial Day
9:30 AM + **Genevieve Benedick** – by Jeanette Wolansky

Tuesday, May 31st
9:30 AM + **Valentina Kulyk Jesionek** – by Lydia Strileckyj

Wednesday, June 1st
5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)
5:30PM Rosary
6:00PM Moleben in Times of War: For the Suffering Land of Ukraine and her Children
6:40PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, June 2nd
NO SERVICES

Friday, June 3rd
9:30 AM + **Anna, Joseph Sr. & Christopher Skubiak** – by Annette Dressler

Saturday, June 3rd
5:00 PM + **Fr. Ronald Larko** – by Fr. David Misbrener

Sunday, June 5th **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Holy Ghost Parishioners**

FESTIVAL RAFFLE:

Festival raffle tickets for each member/family can be found in the Church vestibule. If you need more books they can be found at each entrance and in the social hall. This can be an excellent method to advertise the date and time to our friends and guests of this joyous parish community event.

DONATIONS May 22nd:

Last Sunday: \$1,009
Ukie Display: \$216.50
Loose Candles: \$86
Pyrohy: \$649
Relief for priests: \$14,220
Ukraine Relief: \$382.22
Total: \$16,482.72

We thank our veterans, past and present, for their service to our country—God Bless the USA!

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Judy Schwager (6/02)** celebrates her birthday. **Joe & Krystyna Szewczyk (5/28)** celebrate their wedding anniversary. May God bless you and grant you **many years, Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

Pray in Church on Your schedule: With the installation of the new locks, parishioners are welcome to spend time in the church anytime between 8 AM and 8 PM. See Dave Griffiths if you need an access code or have any problems.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.” At this hour, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit may inspire an end to the violent Russian invasion and killing in Ukraine. May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles, and religious liberty to their troubled land. And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. Amen.

MISSION DAYS:

Beginning on the feast of the Ascension May 26th to Pentecost, June 5th we will once again pray that the Lord might renew our life through the Holy Spirit. Throughout these ten Mission Days let us pray for our own parish, mission parishes in St. Josaphat Eparchy and our beloved Church in Ukraine. By taking an active role in the spiritual efforts of these ten Mission Days, we are called to better understand that, by their very nature, our parish communities and families (domestic churches) have a missionary character. This missionary spirit is a consequence of the gift of our Baptism, by virtue of which we, as Christians, take upon ourselves the responsibility to believe, live, serve, and share the witness of our faith in Christ, not just among our family members, but with our neighbors, wherever we may live. *Thus, the mission of our parish community is to allow our Lord to enter more deeply into our lives, and to carry the Good News beyond our own community, inviting others to partake in the Kingdom of God and praying for them if they do not respond to our invitation.* From Ascension to Pentecost, as a parish community we pray that the Lord might renew our life in God through the power and action of His Holy Spirit.

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE UKI STORE

. . . Ukrainian flags, 6" X 8-1/2" (\$4.00), and Ukrainian lapel pins, 1-inch size (\$4.00).

Pyrohy project:

June 18th
Parish Festival June 25th
Pyrohy Golf outing August 27th

MEDITATION:

SEEK MY FACE at the beginning of your day. This practice enables you to “put Me on” and “wear Me” throughout the day. Most people put on clothes soon after arising from bed. Similarly, the sooner you “put Me on” by communicating with Me, the better prepared you are for whatever comes your way.

To “wear Me” is essentially to have My mind: to think My thoughts. Ask the Holy Spirit to control your thinking; be transformed by his renewal within you. Thus you are well equipped to face whatever people and situation I bring your way. Clothing your mind in Me is your best preparation for each day. This discipline brings Joy and Peace to you and those around you.

Pyrogy Open:

Date: Saturday, August 27 @1:30 pm. Shot gun start. MUST be at your cart by 12:00!

Where: Loyal Oak Golf Course. Norton, Ohio. 5 minutes west of Akron.

Cost: \$75 per golfer. Riding cart for 18 holes.

Individual 1st & 2nd place Trophies!

Ukrainian delicious dinner, pop, water, beer, and more!

Please support the raffles!

Money is due at the latest by Saturday August 6!

Make check out to Chris Ross or Holy Ghost Church.

Mail to: Chris Ross. 554 Sturgeon Drive. New Franklin, Ohio 44319

Please include the names of your golfers!



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The myrrh-bearing women at the break of dawn drew near to the tomb of the Lifegiver.

There they found an angel sitting upon the stone, he greeted them with these words:

*Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Why do you mourn the incorrupt amid corruption?
Go: proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples.*

Paschal Stikherion

EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHS IN THE USA

Christ is Risen!

Dear Sisters and Brothers!

Great Lent—marked by the inexpressible pain of invasion, war crimes, murder, and lies about our people and our Church on the part of the aggressor—has passed. Now we see the Resurrection. Our Ukrainian people live, unite all people of goodwill, and give new meaning to Europe and the global community. In a sacramental way, we witness a paschal passage from death to life.

Today, we repeat the lofty, joyous Easter troparion: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs giving life.” The crux of our faith and our victory is found in this concise chant. The entire Gospel is a preface preparing the reader for the central story of Pascha. For “...if Christ did not rise” – thus radically writes the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians -- “then what we preach is vain, and vain is our faith” (I Cor. 15:14). Without the Resurrection, what we preach

becomes a set of rules and obligations. Participation in church life sinks to the conservation of traditions and rituals, empty and lacking substance.

But the Lord is risen indeed, that we might live with Him forever!

For this reason, in his Easter sermon St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, author of the Divine Liturgy, which we pray each Sunday, affirms that all are to enter into the joy of the Resurrection – the rich and poor, the continent and careless, those who fasted and those who did not. The feast is so great that this is not the time to get lost in details but to focus on the main thing — Christ is Risen!

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In His love for humanity, the immortal and eternal God entered fully into our lives and took on our trials and sufferings – ultimately death. Yet this is not the end of the story. Drawing near to the tomb with the myrrh-bearing women, we discover that Christ is alive. He has come alive not like a superhero in a film or a computer game, but as the Creator and the Christ – the source of life, who taking on our death, has risen from the dead and given life to all humanity.

Life reigns, and death is vanquished. Defeating death, Christ has made us victors too. Can you believe it? In Christ we are all conquerors of death!

It is crucial to grasp this truth. Our loved ones, whose passing we mourn, are among those to whom Christ has given new life. Among those who live in Christ are the murdered inhabitants of Bucha, Borodianka, Hostomel, Mariupol, and Kramatorsk. Among the living, over whom death has no power, are the fallen soldiers who gave their lives in testimony to the greatest love. The sufferings of the brutal aggressors' innocent victims – executed, trampled, suffocated – have ended. Death, and the fear of death, rule over them no more. With the Apostle Paul they mock death: "Where, O death, is thy sting? Where, O Hades, is thy victory?" (I Cor. 15:55). They have seen death, and in Christ, its ultimate defeat.

Do we believe? Do we realize that the Lord has vanquished death, sin, and the devil, and that our sufferings—however great and painful—are temporary, for death no longer has power over us? Are we ready to announce the good news of God's triumph?

We appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to look at the event of the Resurrection not only through the prism of our beautiful and profound rituals and traditions, but to focus on the essence of the Easter message for each of us who face death: Christ is risen from the dead, with His humble death on the cross He has overcome death, and with His sacrifice, He has given life to each of us.

Let us proclaim Christ's Resurrection and our own!

+ Borys Gudziak
Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA
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