

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN; MOTHER'S DAY

May 8, 2022

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

DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 9th

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, May 10th

9:30 AM + **Vira Shevchuk**

Wednesday, 11th

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, 12th

9:30 AM **H/B for Luba Malanij** – by Annette Dressler

Friday, May 13th

9:30 AM + **Wasył Soduk** – by Sandy & Ted Trebonik

Saturday, May 14th

5:00 PM + **Demko & Kateryna Schmeida** – by Maria Schmeida

Sunday, May 15th

SUNDY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Holy Ghost Parishioners**

The Church was a mother to you in life, providing for your spiritual needs; please remember the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma in your last will and testament. The wording to do this is as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio, _____% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$_____]." Thank you!

Parish Festival June 25th

DONATIONS May 1st:

Last Sunday: \$1,414
Pyrohy Sales: \$1,976
Loose candles: \$283
Relief for priests: \$50
Easter Dinner: \$428
Ukraine Relief: \$947.75
Total: \$5,463.75

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Stephen Schwager (5/10)** celebrates his birthday. **Tom & Patricia Lehner (5/15)** 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.

We need Subscribers: We need over 50 subscribers to our YouTube channel in order to live stream liturgy and other events directly to our web page so no Facebook account will be required. Please search for our channel on YouTube by using "Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Akron" and subscribe.

OUR SYMPATHIES:

Please remember in your prayers the soul of parishioner + **Anna Chrapko**. May perpetual light shine upon her and may our Risen Lord console her family and friends. *May her memory be eternal!*

Next Pyrohy project – June 18th

DEAR MOTHERS...

Today our hearts rejoice as we celebrate your special day. We thank you for giving us life and for nourishing us. We thank you for your selfless love, kindness, care, dedication, support, and guidance. We pray that our Lord will continue blessing you with love, hope, courage, joy, and health. We honor you today with profound respect and gratitude and we wish you, from the bottom of our hearts, a very happy Mother's Day. Mnohaya Lita!

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE UKI STORE

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

REFUGES FROM UKRAINE

PRESENTATION:

On Sunday, May 22nd, 2022, at 12:30 PM, at Pokrova Parish, 6812 Broadview Road, there will be a presentation to the Ukrainian Community by Attorneys from Migration and Refugee Services of the Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Charities on the possibility of bringing Ukrainians fleeing the war to the United States. They will provide information and procedures to bring Ukrainian refugee families to America. All are invited to attend the meeting.

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.



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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

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