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П'ЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ 21 БЕРЕЗНЯ, 2021

«ПОМОЛІМОСЯ ЗА ТИХ, ЯКІ НАС НИЩИЛИ І ВБИВАЛИ», – БЛАЖЕННІШИЙ СВЯТОСЛАВ В ЕФІРІ ПРОГРАМИ ПРО ЛЬВІВСЬКИЙ ПСЕВДОСОБОР

Я б хотів дещо попросити: помоліться! Помоліться за всіх тих, хто постраждав. Помоліться за тих, які нас нищили і вбивали, за наших недругів і ворогів. Бо Христос казав молитися і за ворогів. З таким проханням Блаженніший Святослав, Отець і Глава УГКЦ, звернувся до слухачів в ефірі програми «Живого ТБ» «Відкрита Церква», темою якої був Львівський псевдособор 1946 року.



«Помолімося і за тих, які стали жертвами радянської машини, хоч би куди їх занесла доля: чи то в православну сторону, чи то в сторону підпільної Церкви», – сказав Предстоятель.

Він попросив помолитися за всіх тих, які ще сьогодні відчувають рани у своєму серці, у своїй душі. «Помолімося за ті села, де сьогодні ще, можливо, існує напруга між православною і греко-католицькою громадами, щоб ми навчилися любити одне одного і як брати вміли шанувати права, поважати думки одне одного і

разом, разом будувати спільне майбутнє», – додав Блаженніший Святослав.

«Нехай Господь Бог, який є Господарем історії, найвищим Суддею, але й милосердним Богом, має милосердя до всіх нас!» – підсумував Глава УГКЦ.

Пригадуємо, що у 2021 році Українська Греко-Католицька Церква спогадує 75-ті роковини драматичних подій Львівського псевдособору, який відбувався 8-10 березня 1946 року у Львові. З цієї нагоди в Києві [заплановано низку подій](#), однією з яких була тематична [передача за участю Блаженнішого Святослава і д-ра Олега Турія](#).

Департамент інформації УГКЦ

5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

MARCH 21, 2021

ПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ (22го до 28го березня, 2021) ORDER OF SERVICES (March 22nd to 28th, 2021)

Понеділок – Mon. 22	8:00 A.M.	Health: Andres & Kuzma families – Magera family
	7:00 P.M.	PASSION SERVICE – ЧИН ПАСІЇ
Вівторок – Tues. 23	8:00 A.M.	+Rev. Bohdan Kocur – family
		Special Intention
Середа – Wed. 24	7:00 P.M.	ЛІТУРГІЯ НАПЕРЕДОСВЯЧЕНИХ ДАРІВ – LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS
		Luc & Aneta Logan (wedd. anniv.) – Shewchuk fam.
Четвер – Thurs. 25		БЛАГОВІЩЕННЯ – ANNUNCIATION OF MOTHER OF GOD
	9:00 A.M.	+Hryhoriy, Natalia, Lewko, Vera, Slawko, Dana, Adrian – Luba Lukomskyj
	7:00 P.M.	Maria Kuzma – family
		Special Intention
П'ятниця – Fri. 26	6:30 P.M.	СОРОКОУСТИ – SOROKOUSTY
	7:00 P.M.	ЛІТУРГІЯ НАПЕРЕДОСВЯЧЕНИХ ДАРІВ – LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS
		Special Intention
Субота – Saturday 27	9:00 A.M.	Rev. Yaroslav Mendyuk – Luba Lukomskyj
		Sanctification of clergy
		Special Intention
Неділя – Sunday 28		КВІТНА НЕДІЛЯ – PALM SUNDAY
	8:30 A.M.	Health: Victoria Kusyk – Kusyk family
	10:00 A.M.	+Bishop Yaroslav Gabro – parish
		+Rev. Thomas Dobrowolski – parish
	11:30 A.M.	for our parishioners

ПРОСИМО МОЛИТИСЯ ЗА: о. Френка Аванта, о. Михайла Кузьму, о. Тому Добровольського, о. Андрія Чировського, Джона Панько, о. Богдана, Тима Гайдера, Дебі Плішки, Мардж Матвіїв, Любу Чорну, Євгена Павліша, Любу Лукомську, Андрею Андрес, Євгенію Яхнів, Лярису Дас, Джекі Мишкієвич, Анну Назар, Келвін Мекмен, Наталію Лісову, Марію Ступень, Джана Панко і за всіх недужих.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Fr. Frank Avant, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Fr. Tom Dobrowolsky, Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, Fr. Bohdan, Johnny Panko, Tim Heider, Debbie Plishka, Marge Matviuw, Luba Chorny, Eugene Pawlisz, Luba Lukomskyj, Andrea Andres, Betty Jachniw, Laryssa Das, Jackie Myshkiewicz, Anna Nazar, Calvin McMahon, Nataliya Lisova, Maria Stupen, John Panko, and all those in need of our prayers.

ВАШ ДАР БОГОВІ ТА ПАРАФІЇ – YOUR GIFT TO GOD & PARISH

Неділя 14го березня / Sunday, March 14th – \$2,472.00

Будівельний Фонд / Building fund – \$380.00

Churst in Eastern Europe – \$1,102.00

Продаж Вереників / Sale of Verenyky – \$516.00 (for Bldg. Fund)

SAINTS' QUOTES PRAISING MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

St. John Paul II

"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's Will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!"

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

1. Просимо приносити суху їду і їду в пушках на допомогу потребуючим.
2. Будь ласка віддайте одні годину вашого часу у молінні перед Евхаристійним Христом який перебуває в кивоті. За інформацією дзвоніть до пані Лесі Чернецької на тел. 847-907-1624.
3. Завтра починається Великий Піст за юліянським календарем. День строгого посту.
4. Великопосні відправи служимо що понеділка, середи і п'ятниці. Запрошуємо усіх.
5. Пироги можна сьогодні закупити в церковній залі.
6. В суботу 20 березня відправимо св. Літургію за усіх померлих від COVID.
7. В Квітну Неділю буде роздача шукток після першої і другої Літургії.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Please sign up for one hour a week to spend time and pray in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Please choose your time and sign up as you exit the church. Remember that our Lord asked the Apostles: "Could you not spend one hour with me?" For more information call Mrs. Lesia Chernetska at 847-907-1624.
2. Please continue bringing dry and canned goods to help the needy.
3. Great Lenten services are celebrated every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
4. Pyrohy are available for sale today in our church hall.
5. On Saturday, March 20th the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for all those who have died from Covid.
6. Pussywillows will be distributed after the first and second Divine Liturgies.



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Palatine

Субота 27-го березня
з 10 год. ранку до 2 год

Saturday, March 27th
from 10 am to 2 pm

ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВЕЛИКОДНИЙ БАЗАР

CHURCH EASTER BAZAAR

В продажі:

-Паски
-Вареники
-Домашня ковбаса, шинка
та інші смаколики
до вашого кошика
-Налисники зі сиром
-Солодке

For sale:

- Pasky
- Varenyky
-Homemade sausage, ham
and other goodies
to your Easter basket
- Crepes with cheese
-Cakes & cookies



OUR LADY'S SEVEN LAST WORDS

All of Christendom shifts to a somber mood during Holy Week which commemorates Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. For the Filipino faithful, Holy Week is filled with tradition and ritual (despite the COVID-19 pandemic). The secular media in the Philippines treats Christ's seven last words (*siete palabras* in Spanish) on the Cross, as observed on Good Friday, as the week's "highlight."

Yet, Our Lady (apart from her seven sorrows) had her own *siete palabras*. She spoke seven times, according to the Gospel narratives. Her words deserve contemplation by the faithful, especially during Holy Week.

1. "How can this be since I do not know man?" (Luke 1:34)

Mary uttered these words at the Annunciation where the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and relayed to her the message that she would conceive and bear a Son.

Mary's utterance of "man" bears reference to a "husband". The angel's message to Mary is somewhat similar to the announcements made to some barren women of the Old Testament who through divine intervention became mothers of important figures in salvation history such as Sarah, mother of Isaac, Hannah, mother of Samuel, and Samson's mother (unnamed in scripture).

Our reflection with regard to Mary's words should perhaps consist of imploring God's help in dealing with the vicissitudes and mysteries of life. Do we take a moment to think that perhaps God has a plan for our lives (especially at this time when the world is gripped with a dreadful virus that has killed many people)? Do we often forget that illness and suffering are part of human existence no matter how much we want to avoid them?

2. "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say" (Luke 1:38).

On the same occasion, Mary expressed total resignation to God's will. The faithful are reminded that while we exhaust all means to solve our problems, we surrender them to God's divine hand.

We ought to ask ourselves often: do we live life the best way we can and let God take care of the rest? Or do we rely purely on our own strengths (limited as they are), forgetting that perhaps God wanted us to take a moment to talk and listen to Him?

3. Mary's greeting to her cousin Elizabeth.

This must have been the usual Jewish salutation *Shalom* (Luke 1:40). On this occasion, Mary, heavy with child, journeyed "into the hill country to a town of Judah" to visit Elizabeth, who was to give birth to John the Baptist. Her journey was not a walk in the park, of course. Those who have made pilgrimages to that hill country attest that it is a steep mountain with rugged terrain, but Mary made haste to help her cousin.

Luke's gospel tells us that "Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home." A noted Filipino priest-columnist once wrote that Mary's example was "Christianity at its best – caring, committed to the welfare of others."

Perhaps, we need to ask ourselves: do we at times act like prima donnas – distant and insensitive to the needs of other people? Have we taken the trouble to visit those in prison, the sick, and our old folks, and listen to their oft-repeated stories? Or do we care only about our bosses and clients? Are shopping, dining in fancy places, and checking the "likes" in our Facebook posts our main pursuits?

4. "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior...."

This first line of Mary's hymn of praise (Luke 1:46-56) known as the *Magnificat* was said at the temple of Jerusalem, when Mary presented to the Lord the Child Jesus in accordance with the Mosaic Law.

In her *Magnificat*, Mary realized how her divine gifts reflected God's mercy, fidelity and generosity. What does her *Magnificat* mean to us Christians? Do we praise and thank God even if we don't get what we pray for? This writer thinks every petition should sound something like this: "Lord, if these projects and plans of mine are in accord with Your will, let them succeed. If not, let me fall on my face."

5. "Son, why have you done this to us? Behold your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow" (Luke 2: 48).

Mary uttered these words when she and Joseph, after searching for the boy Jesus for three days, found Him in the temple where the elders were awed with His wisdom! But there was a mystery to Jesus' reply: "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Mary said "yes" at the Annunciation and therefore she must have thought that she had to let go of the Son she gave birth to so that He could fulfill His mission. This biblical passage is applicable to parents, especially mothers: Do we guide our children in the ways of the Lord – persevering, prayerful, gentle, slow to anger, charitable, compassionate, caring, faithful? Or do we point the way to sloth, vanity and self-centeredness?

6. "They have no wine" (John 2:3).

Mary said these words at the marriage feast at Cana in Galilee, the start of Jesus' public ministry. She called His attention to a human need, and thereafter He performed His first miracle – turning water into the best wine there was.

Mary noticed other people's needs before anyone did, and so it's natural to believe that she senses our needs before we do. This also shows Mary continues to bring our needs to her Son through her intercession. Filipinos are known for their ardent devotion to Mary. But do we cling and pray to her out of love or only to ask for personal favors?

7. "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5).

Mary again spoke, on the same occasion, to those in charge of the wedding feast. She sensed the will of her Son – that He would accede to her request. Jesus' action indicates that He looks favorably on Mary's petition.

Our Holy Week reflection regarding this passage should prompt us to ask ourselves: do we really do what Jesus tells us? Love one another, He admonishes us, but people over the centuries have founded countless religious sects and they all hate each other!

Mary's *siete palabras* as explicitly recorded in the bible, should impress upon the Catholic faithful, especially Marian devotees, that although we have a special sense of Divine Providence in our lives, we are called to live everything her Son has taught us. Her spoken words tell us that our devotion to her should show itself in our good works.

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE, QUEEN OF PEACE

"Medjugorje is the spiritual center of the world"

(St. Pope John Paul II)



Dear Family of Mary TV, Apostles of Our Lady of Medjugorje,

In preparation for St. Joseph's Feast Day I'd like to share an excerpt from our Rosary last Sunday, March 1st. Cathy and I were praying with our shipmates, sailing upon the digital sea.

Denis: "Mary is not just visiting us, she's staying with us."

Cathy: "Well, I have something to say about that. Because it's not just her, deciding to stay with us. She said in the last message, February 25, 2021: '**Dear children! God has permitted me to be with you also today.**' It sounds like it's almost a day by day process with the Lord. 'OK, you can go

back today. OK. You can go back today.'

Denis: "'You can stay!' She doesn't leave!"

Cathy: "Well, listen. I was thinking about that at Mass yesterday, that the Lord has permitted her to be with us also today. OK. And I was thinking about this message too. It's full of hope! And of light. And of life. Everything she says points to hope. Actually it took me by surprise because if I were left to my own devices I would be thinking only about sad, negative, difficult, end times kind of things and it's not such a nice world that we see that way. But it occurred to me after reading that message that she brings heavenly light to our situation. It's like all the colors and the life come back when I look through her. But when we think with our own minds and with our own wisdom it's all black and white and very sad. The life is kind of sapped out of it, because from our perspective we can't see what God is doing, we can only see what we think is going on and it doesn't look so good. But God knows what he's doing.

"So anyway, the fact that the first thing she said was, '**God has permitted me to be with you also today,**' it kind of stirred up in me this wonder at the fact that she is, and we can't take it for granted. So, when I left Mass Sunday, yesterday, we had heard the Transfiguration account, so I was thinking about Moses. I just thought, 'What if we had Moses with us. Wouldn't that be cool. We need some kind of leadership.'" So I just said this prayer. I begged Moses. I said, "Come to our aid. In these days we need you!" I said this to Moses, and I've never prayed to Moses before (it was kind of odd) but as soon as I prayed that way I heard these words in my heart

"You do not need me. Indeed you have someone far greater – of far greater holiness and power with you in these days. She is all you need!"

And then Cathy continued:

"It was like Bang! You don't need me! You have someone much more powerful with you every day. She's all you need. Our Lady! And this gives me such hope...."

Our Lady has been sent to us in these days because she is the only one who can defeat the enemy. She was given that promise by God in Genesis 3: 16. She will defeat the devil and his plan, but she needs her children by her side.

Our Lady has told us from Medjugorje: **"God has placed His complete trust in me,"** (August 31, 1982). **"My children, consecrate yourselves to me completely,"** (March 18, 2012). This is how we will stay by her side, and help her. This is what we want to do! To give ourselves to her completely. But we need help. And she told us as much when she said to us: **Invoke the help of all the saints, for them to be an example and a help to you.** (October 25, 2020)

There is no saint who can be a better example or help to us right now than St. Joseph! St. Joseph had no agenda of his own but faithfully stayed by Mary's side. We are called to help her in this all important mission that God has given her.

So let us pray to St. Joseph as we approach his feast day:

Dear St. Joseph, you were always strong and resolute – in Bethlehem, in Egypt, and in Nazareth. You stayed faithful to Our Lady, never leaving her side. Help us to be strong and resolute now that it's our turn to stay by her side as she gives her Son anew.

Our Mother is calling to us: **"I need you. I cannot do without you my children,"** (January 2, 2013); **"I am calling you because I need you. Accept the mission!"** (September 2, 2012); **"With you, I can realize my plans,"** (June 25, 2016).

St Joseph, help us fulfill our mission! Help us respond to her call!

*God bless you,
Denis Nolan*

ПРИГАДУЄМО УСІМ ПАРАФІЯНАМ

Щоб гідно приймати Святі Тайни парафіянин повинен жити за правилами віри та серйозно підготуватися. Добрі (віддані) парафіяни є ті котрі:

1. В неділі й свята беруть участь в Святій Літургії
2. Жертвують час, таланти і матеріально підтримують парафію
3. Записані до парафії
4. Знають загальні правди й молитви нашої віри

A REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Reception of the Sacraments requires the committed practice of the faith and serious preparation. Committed parishioners are those who:

1. Attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday's and Feast Days
2. Give of their time, talents and financial resources
3. Have enrolled in the parish
4. Know and understand the basic prayer and tenets of our faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

You can leave a lasting legacy to benefit future generations! Please remember our Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Parish when creating your will. Your good works will continue after you have gone! ***Please contact the office for information.***

Згадайте нашу парафію у Вашому заповіті

Ви можете залишити частину своєї спадщини на благо майбутніх поколінь! Ласкаво, пам'ятайте, парафію Непорочного Зачаття Пречистої Діви Марії при створенні Вашого заповіту. Ваші добрі діла будуть продовжуватися після Вашого повернення Додому, до вічного життя!