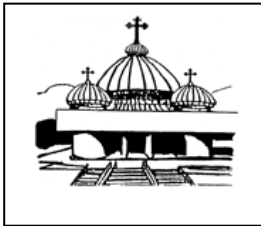


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DIVINE LITURGY:

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

SATURDAY : 4:00 pm (English)

Confession: Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

Baptisms & Marriages: By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

Visitations & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

December 1, 2019 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Martyrs Plato and Roman

Мчч. Платона і Романа

Epistle: Eph. 2:14-22 see explanation on page 442

Gospel: Lk. 8:41-56 see explanation on page 159

Prayer Intentions December 2-8

Monday: 5:30 p.m. +Roman Kolomyjchuk(40th day) – Mr. & Mrs. Szaryj

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. **Entrance into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos**
Вхід у храм Пресвятої Богородиці

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy – English – for Parishioners

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Health of Mrs. Galiarnyk's daughter Marijka
– Mr. & Mrs. B. Zelenczuk

10:30 a.m. Health of Sophie Lemieux – Hrytsak Family

PYROHY WORKSHOP: Thursday, December 5th, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

FINANCES Nov. 24th:

Available in the printed version of the bulletin.

Thank you very much for your generosity! Жертводавцям складаємо щиру подяку!

2020 SUNDAY ENVELOPES: Anyone wishing to be issued Sunday Envelopes is asked to call the parish office or fill out a registration form and submit to the office.

Вхід у Храм Пресвятої Богородиці – обов'язкове свято. Вірні зобов'язані брати участь у Божественній Літургії і утриматися від важкої фізичної праці. Божественна Літургія о год 5:30 вечора.

Entrance into the Temple of the Most Holy Mother of God – Great Feast – Faithful are encourage to attend the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

CELEBRATION: Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Dinner and 110th Anniversary. DATE: Sunday December 8, 2019. Happy hour at 5pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Council 1387 members and wives = \$15. Friends and relatives = \$25. All priests are invited to attend. Filled with socializing, entertainment and prizes. Tony Sottile @ 705-673-2854 for tickets and information.

“Sudbury Singers” Sudbury Singers under the direction of Melody Nemis Henry will present a beautiful program of international carols (incl. Ukrainian carol "Spy Isuse Spy"), and popular Christmas songs accompanied by various instruments. Concert will take place at Our Lady of Hope Church on Brennan St. at 2;00p.m. Refreshments to follow. Admission is by donation with partial funds going to l'Arche.

Нерідко у літургійних піснеспівах Пресвяту Богородицю величаємо як живий одухотворений храм або ж як храм слави Господньої чи Божественну трапезу і кивот. Цими образами Церква намагається представити велич Богоматері. Звемо Її храмом, бо Вона уприсутнює у собі Бога.

Звемо Її храмом одухотвореним і живим, на відміну від храмів, збудованих із тлінних матеріалів і неживих. Звемо Її Божественною трапезою, тобто престолом, бо Вона носить у собі Христа, так як рукотворний престіл служить для предложення Євхаристійного Христа. Звемо Її вресші самим кивотом, бо Вона вміщає Бога, Який зволив у Ній уміститися.

Марія малолітньою дівчиною вводиться до Єрусалимського храму, щоб там послужити Богові. Будучи сама набагато довершеним храмом, Вона не нехтує увійти у храм рукотворний. Будучи набагато досконалішою за старозавітне священство, Вона не нехтує отримати від нього виховання. А вийшовши з храму при досягненні зрілого віку, несе святість храмового благочестя у світ.

Кожен з нас у своєму житті також увійшов у храм Господній. Увійшов у нього, щоб виховуватись у вірі та послужити Богові, будучи охрещеним в Його Ім'я. І кожному з нас Бог дарував у Таїнствах благодать прийняти Його та нести у світ. І кожного з нас Бог покликав бути храмом живим і одухотвореним, бути трапезою і кивотом, наслідуючи Богоматір. **Марія Ярема**

Похвальна пісня св. Германа, патріарха Константинопольського, на Введення у храм Пресвятої Богородиці Суголосно і скільки сили в нашому міцному, немовби молодому, умі заспіваймо Діві: *Радуйся!* Не для того, щоб прославити і без того досконалий Її празник, а щоб, по можливості, втішити нашу слабкість: бо приемним є Богу те, що звершуємо відповідно до наших сил. Однак єдина Діва й водночас Матір перевищує всяку думку, і зрозуміло – чому? Яка ще діва родила або, народивши, зберегла непорушеним дівицтво, крім Тебе єдиної, яка незмінно для нас принесла плоттю Бога, о всеблаженна Діві!

І так, радуйся при нинішньому введенні Твоєму у Свята Святих, у славній і нерукотворній одежі, яка зодягла нас, оголених смертоносним і для душі шкідливим плодом в Едемі, в багрянцеву одягу, тобто послану від Бога одягу відпущення гріхів, яку Бог дав нам, упалим, о Богоневісто! Радуйся, своїм світлим і чесним введенням Ти збираєш нині весь пророчий сонм, який співає Богогласний гімн, немовби на доброгослих музичних органах і кимвалах, і духовно ликує в радості. Радуйся, своїми стопами Ти пододала лукавого й ненависного змія диявола, що був для мене страшним провідником до упадку; зіпсуте ж єство, яке схиялось, здавалося, до упадку, Ти знову з собою ввела в нематеріальну, святу і нетлінну хramину. Радуйся, блиском свого введення світло принесла Ти день радості і веселості затриманим у тіні смертній і в безодні слабкості і свідчиш, що Бог, Який від Тебе має народитись, розганяє темноту, о всечудна Маріє! Радуйся, світла хмарино, що опускає на нас умну Божественну росу, що нині введенням своїм у Свята Святих засвітила всеосвічуюче сонце для затриманих у тіні смертній; Богоплинне джерело, з якого [вітिकाють] ріки Богопізнання, посилаючи ясну і світлу воду православ'я, розганяють численні ересі. Радуйся, найприємніший і найрозумніший раю Божий, нині насаджений, за Його волею вседержительною правицею на сході, що вирощує для Нього прекрасну лілію і нев'янучу ружу для оздоровлення тих, хто випиває душезгубну гіркоту смерті; раю, в якому цвіте дерево життя для пізнання правди, щоб ті, які їдять з нього, отримували безсмертя!

Радуйся, святе, непорочне і чисте вмістилище Всецаря Бога, прикрашене Його величчю, що приймає і таїнственно заспокоює всіх подорожніх; Ти нині утверджуєшся в домі Господньому, тобто у святому храмі Його; в Тобі, нерукотворне і прикрашене вмістилище духовного Нареченого, у Тобі Слово обручило собі плоть, побажавши повернути тих, хто заблукав, і примирити з Отцем тих, хто віддалився з власної волі. Радуйся, новий Сіоне, Божественний Єрусалиме, *великого царя місто; Бог у його палатах явив себе твердинею* (Пс. 48(47), 3-4), заставляючи царів вклонятися перед Твоєю славою і спонукаючи весь світ у радості проводити празник введення Твого; по правді, золотовидний і світлий семисвічний світильник, запалений неприступним світлом і підтримуваний

елеєм чистоти, що сповіщає схід світла серед темноти прогрішень, засліплених тьмою. Радуйся, горо висока (див. Пс. 68(67), 16) і затінена, в якій мисленний Агнець виховався і поніс наші гріхи і болізни; з якої відділився, *без допомоги рук, камінь* (Дан. 2, 34), розбив поганські жертовники і *став головним на розі...*, і *дивне воно в очах наших* (Пс. 118(117), 22-23).

Радуйся, святий Божий престоле, Божественна жертво, доме слави, пречудова прикрасо, вибраний скарбе, повне очищення і небо, що оповідає славу Божу (див. Пс. 19(18), 1); сходе, з якого сіяє світло незахідне. *Від краю неба його вихід, і кругобіг його – до другого краю. І ніщо не сховається від його жару* (Пс. 19(18), 7), тобто від всеурядного промислу Його. Радуйся, народженням своїм Ти розв'язала пута неплідности і віддалила наругу бездітности, усунувши законну клятву і принісши благословення благодаті; своїм введенням у Свята Святих сповнила Ти молитву батьків, заклала основу для відпущення гріхів і довершила радість, даючи початок благодаті. Радуйся, благодатна Маріє, святіша серед святих, вища від небес, славніша від херувимів, чесніша від серафимів і найдостойніша почеси від усього сотворіння; голубко, яка славним і світлим введенням своїм приносиш нам елей – Ізбавителя духовного потопу – і звіщаєш нам спасительну пристань; крила голубки були вкриті сріблом, а її пір'я – золотом жовтим (Пс. 68(67), 14); яка сіяєш світлом всесвятого і просвіщаючого Духа; відерце золоте, наповнене манни, найсолодшої втіхи душ наших, тобто Христа...

Джерело: Празники церковного року, о. Діонісій Дорожинський

That's All There Is to It

St. Paul prayed earnestly that God would “give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, [and] what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints” (Ephesians 1:16-18).

In the course of a workshop he was giving a group of young hopefuls, a professional basketball player offered this advice on how to make a long shot: “Keep your eyes on the basket. Visualize the shot in your mind, then take the shot. That’s all there is to it.”

This basketball player had put in thousands of hours of practice over the years. Shooting a basketball had become almost second nature for him. That’s why he could say, “That’s all there is to it.” His students, however, had far less experience or practice. They had much to learn before they could say, “That’s all there is to it.”

Likewise, it would be unreasonable for us to think that we can recognize the voice of God with little effort. It takes practice, experimentation, patience, and creativity. Prayer is an art, not a science. It’s not something we can simply read about and expect to accomplish perfectly at our first attempt. Each of us has to find the best way to pray and hear from Jesus.

There are many ways to pray, including the traditional formal prayers, intercessory prayer, meditative prayer, centering prayer, praying the psalms, singing hymns, and spontaneous vocal prayer. Different people prefer different kinds of prayer—or even use different methods at different times.

Whatever the method, prayer means talking to Jesus and listening to him. It means opening our hearts to him and asking him to reveal his love and will to us. It means telling him about our

hopes and dreams and our hurts and fears, and it means asking him for his forgiveness, his direction, and his wisdom. When this is at the heart of our prayer, whatever method we choose, we can be sure that we will come to know God's voice intimately. And knowing his voice will heal and change our hearts.

The Fruit of Experimenting in Prayer. When our primary goal in prayer is developing a relationship with Jesus, anything can happen. Some people have sensed Jesus smiling at them or holding their hand or putting his arm around their shoulders. Some have experienced a powerful rush of love from their heavenly Father, and others have been filled with a renewed hope and strength to face difficult situations. Some come to a new understanding of the Eucharist, and others feel moved to go out and serve the poor and needy.

Kevin, a boy in his late teens, is one example of what can happen when we listen for the Lord. Through his church's youth group, Kevin had begun to pray and ask Jesus to touch his life. For a few months, he was growing more confident in God's love for him and began to experience a new sense of peace in his heart.

Over the course of one week that he had dedicated to asking for God's help with his family, Kevin sensed Jesus encouraging him to try to improve his relationship with his father. For years, he had felt distant from his dad, and the distance made Kevin begin to believe that his father was disappointed with him. But that night, he sat his father down and said, "Dad, I just wanted to let you know I love you." Kevin's father looked into his eyes for just a moment and said, "Thank you, son. That means a lot to me." After an awkward pause, the two went about their regular routines and said nothing more that night.

The next evening, however, the father came to Kevin and said, "I love you. I know I don't often say it. I'm not used to expressing my feelings. But that doesn't mean I don't love you." Then he gave Kevin a big hug. Kevin felt as if a great weight had been lifted off his shoulders. For years, he had misinterpreted his father's distance, believing that his father considered him a failure. From that moment on, their relationship grew closer, and Kevin began to feel more free and secure around his father. All this happened because Kevin turned to Jesus in prayer and asked for his help.

Test the Message. As St. Thomas Aquinas observed, we can't always tell whether the thoughts that come to us in prayer are from God or our own minds. Yet, if these thoughts move us to greater love, compassion, forgiveness, or generosity, we can be pretty confident that God is behind them. Remember: the devil is the "accuser" (Revelation 12:10), and the Holy Spirit is your "Counselor," "Comforter," and "Advocate" (John 14:16).

Scripture tells us to "test everything and hold fast to what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

Whenever you have a sense of God saying something to you, write it down in your prayer journal. Examine it. Question it. Use common sense and good reasoning to understand how you should put it into practice. If you feel you have a sense from the Lord regarding something very important or a major decision you are facing, be sure to consult with your spouse, your parents, your pastor, or someone else who can help you discern what you are hearing.

Dealing with Other Voices. Jesus is our Good Shepherd, but he knows that we are the decision-makers for our lives. He knows that it's up to us to decide how we will live and which voices

we will listen to. We all face obstacles—other voices that seek to drown out the voice of the Lord. These “voices” come mainly from the devil, our own selfish concerns, memories of past hurts, and the false wisdom of the world. Jesus wants us to become alert to these voices so that we can distinguish them from his and learn how to seek his protection and guidance.

Satan is a liar. He pretends to be our friend, but he is our worst enemy. Because he can be so smooth and influential, we need to guard our minds. Satan’s main strategy is to draw us into sin. He will whisper thoughts to us that rationalize sin and minimize its effects because he knows that sin will cut us off from God’s voice. This is one of the main reasons why we need to stay close to Jesus during the day.

When our minds are dominated by selfish interest, envy, or greed, we risk losing our sense of God’s voice. Because of our fallen nature, our natural tendency can be to focus all our attention on ourselves. Jesus wants us to be concerned about our responsibilities, but he also wants us to be concerned about the needs and concerns of other people, especially our family and close friends and the poor and needy among us.

Our hurts can also make it hard for us to hear God’s voice. The memory of past pain or sins committed against us can bind us up for years. Sometimes, we blow past situations out of proportion, but many times, the pain that we carry around is very real. If you have been hurt—however deeply—ask Jesus to help you forgive. Ask him to help you let go of any lingering resentment or bitterness. When a painful memory comes up, remember that Jesus was put to death even though he was innocent. He had every right to be angry and get back at his enemies, but he asked his Father to forgive them instead. While some wounds may take years to heal, don’t give up. Jesus is very patient and won’t give up on you.

Finally, the world is God’s good creation, but it does not have the power to redeem us or give us eternal life. God wants us to love our families, enjoy living in this world, and avoid the false wisdom of the world that tells us we can be happy without him. Jesus knows that if we immerse ourselves in this false wisdom, we cut ourselves off from his voice and risk losing the peace and security of his presence.

Prayer takes time and effort. That’s all there is to it. Yet, with ongoing experimentation and with commitment to some “trial and error” sessions, we can learn how to sense the voice of the Lord. There is no magic formula. Prayer is a learning process. However, we can all be encouraged to know that God wants to give us all “a spirit of wisdom and revelation” so that we might know him better (Ephesians 1:17).

https://wau.org/resources/article/thats_all_there_is_to_it/

Has the God whom you serve so constantly been able to save you? (Daniel 6:21)

You can imagine the headlines: “Brave Jewish Man Survives Lions’ Den.” We naturally marvel at Daniel’s courage and composure, but there is another part of this story worth exploring. When Daniel comes out of the den unharmed, King Darius issues a decree stating that Daniel’s God will from now on be honored and revered throughout his kingdom. That’s how powerful Daniel’s witness was.

Of course, Darius' relationship with Daniel didn't begin with the lions' den. The early chapters of this book portray Daniel as a wise statesman. He probably knew all the ins and outs of palace life and interacted at the highest levels of government. And all along, he continued to worship and obey the one true God. Over time, Daniel's faithful witness gained the attention and respect of Darius. It didn't happen all at once; it was the result of Daniel's everyday faithfulness.

Whether you work in a high-level corporate position or on a construction site, whether you are a stay-at-home mom or a powerful government official, you can be a witness just like Daniel. How? By working diligently at your job and witnessing to the Lord when the opportunities arise.

This is how evangelization usually starts. It mostly takes place in the course of everyday life and arises out of our day-to-day interactions. It's hard for people to gloss over the witness of a life of faith. They will see the unique way you treat people—with respect and compassion. They will notice how your faith shapes the way you spend your time, the decisions you make, and even the clothes you wear. It all adds up and points people to the God you worship and his love and grace.

Daniel's night in the lions' den was one more act, albeit a big one, of faithfulness. But he could never have done it if it weren't for all the little acts of faithfulness he had performed along the way. So aim to be like Daniel, wherever you are and whatever you're doing. And if you ever have to face something that feels like the lions' den, know that all your little choices to live faithfully will have prepared you well.

“Lord, help me to be like Daniel, to boldly follow you and be a witness to the world around me.”

(Psalm) Daniel 3:68-74

Luke 21:20-28

Liturgical Calendar Information/discussion session 3— Final session for Gregorian/Julian calendar input. Wednesday, December 4 after the Divine Liturgy.

Літургічний Календар - зустріч 3 останній інформаційний семінар на тему григорянського – юлянського календаря в середу, 4го грудня після Божественної Літургії у церковній залі.



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