

## Вісті Української Католицької Парохії Святої Покрови

### St. Mary's Church Bulletin



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#### **DIVINE LITURGY:**

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

**SATURDAY :** 4:00 pm (English)

**Confession:**

**Baptisms & Marriages:**

**Visitations & Anointing of the Sick:**

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

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

Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

## **December 18, 2016 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle: **Ephesians 5:9-19** see explanation on page 448

Gospel: **Luke 12:16-21** see explanation on page 172

Proper for the Divine Liturgy: *Tone 1 on page 329*

#### **Prayer Intentions: December 19-25**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>+Slawko Hucal, John &amp; Justina Bilowus – S. Hucal</b>
<b>Monday</b>	4:30 p.m.	Feast of St. Nicholas/Муколая
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:30 p.m.	+Karl Pischlar – Sonia Hucal
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:30 p.m.	No Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday</b>	4:30 p.m.	Im. Conception/Непороч. Зач. <b>9<sup>th</sup> Day +Anna Hajduchok</b>
<b>Friday</b>	4:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy - English</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian
	10:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Connie Houle & Family – Fr. Peter

**Cabbage Rolls WORKSHOP:** Monday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome!

**KITCHEN CONVENOR:** We are looking for a volunteer Kitchen Convenor to take charge of St. Mary's kitchen effective January 1, 2017. Anyone interested is asked to submit their name to the Parish Office and you will be contacted with more information. Darlene Shewchuk, Social Committee Chair.

**FURNACE & HOT WATER TANK Replacement:** We appeal to those who have not yet made a donation to please make a donation and support your Church's need for repairs and improvements. Your donation is greatly needed.

**FURNACE & HOT WATER TANK Replacement:** We appeal to those who have not yet made a **FOOD DRIVE:** Please donate non-perishable goods for the Food Bank. The donation box is located at the entrance.



**SINCEREST CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS:** We extend our sincerest condolences & prayers to the Hajduczuk family on the passing away of Anna. May her memory be eternal in God!

**NOVEMBER FINANCES:** Please pick up a copy of the bulletin at the church to view November finances! Thank you very much for your generosity! Жертводавцям складаємо щиру подяку!



**Вічна пам'ят** – Відійшла у вічність наша парафіянка Пані Анна Гайдучок. Родині складаємо наші співчуття. Вічна її Пам'ять!

**TAI CHI EXERCISES:** Exercises for beginners will begin Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 10:15 to 11:30 and they will continue for ten consecutive weeks. These exercises are being sponsored by the Parkinson Support Group of Sudbury and St. Mary's Senior's. Everyone is welcome from seniors to youth. Come join us!

### **What is the meaning of the Parable of the Rich Fool?"**

A certain ungodly tavern-keeper who liked music decided to attend one of John Wesley's meetings to hear the singing. He had resolved however, not to listen to the sermon. He sat with his head down and fingers in his ears. But when God wants to speak to a man's soul, He has His ways.

A Fly flew on the man's nose and when he attempted to drive it away, he heard nine words that changed his life. He heard Mr. Wesley say, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." From that moment he had no rest in his soul. He returned the next night, listened intently and was converted.

**So the point of the Parable of the Rich Fool is twofold.** First, we are not to devote our lives to the gathering and accumulation of wealth. There is an interesting point made in the parable. God says to the man in the story, "And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" This echoes the thought expressed in Ecclesiastes 2:18 ("I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me"). You see it all the time in people who are singularly devoted to the accumulation of wealth. What happens to all that wealth when they die? It gets left behind to others who didn't earn it and won't appreciate it. Furthermore, if money is your master, that means God is not (Matthew 6:24).

The second point of the Parable of the Rich Fool is the fact that we are not blessed by God to hoard our wealth to ourselves. We are blessed to be a blessing in the lives of others, and we are blessed to build the kingdom of God. The Bible says if our riches increase, we are not to set our hearts upon them (Psalm 62:10). The Bible also says there is one who gives freely and grows all the richer (Proverbs 11:24). Finally, the Bible says we are to honor God with the first fruits of our increase (Proverbs 3:9-10). The point is clear; if we honor God with what He has

given us, He will bless with more so that we can honor Him with more. There is a passage in 2 Corinthians that summarizes this aptly (2 Corinthians 9:6–15). In that passage Paul says, “And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that having all contentment in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” We are blessed by God, so we can in turn “abound in every good work” and be a blessing in the lives of others. So, if God has blessed you with material wealth “set not your heart on it” and “be rich toward God.” That is the message of the Parable of the Rich Fool.

Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” The human soul is a priceless treasure; it is the real you. In fact, the Bible teaches that your soul is more valuable than the whole world! And yet, many people “sell their souls” for what surely are petty bargains.

The Bible teaches that we are body, soul and spirit. We also see that a great price was paid for the soul, but not in an earthly sense, (1 Peter 1:18-19). The value of Something is determined by the price paid for it and by whom. Jesus Christ allowed himself to die on a cross for your soul. His death pays the penalty for the sins of those who believe on Him by faith. But just as the man in this parable neglected and lost his soul, it is possible for you to lose your soul forever. I want to share with you three reasons why many people will lose their soul in the end.

### **Молитва 18. 12**

Господи, Ти добровільно дав мені своє тіло на проживу. Ти – вогонь, що палиш недостойних, не спали мене, мій Творче, але пройди крізь мої члени, мої суглоби, нутро, серце. Спали терня моїх провин, душу освяти, думки очисти, суглоби разом з кістями зміцни, мої чуття просвіти. Всього (всю) мене наповни страхом твоїм.

Завжди покривай, бережи й охорони мене від усякого діла та слова душетлінного. Очисти, обмий і прикраси мене, оздоб, врозуми і просвіти мене. Учини мене оселею Духа твого єдиного, а ніколи оселею гріха, щоб, по причастю, від мене, як від дому твого і як від вогню, втікали лиходій усякий і всяка недоля.

На заступників перед тобою кличу всіх святих, чини безплотних, предтечу твого, апостолів премудрих, а з ними і Матір твою пренепорочну, чисту. Молитви їх прийми, Христе мій милосердний, і сином (дочкою) світла слугу твого (слугиню твою) вчини. Ти бо, благий, єдиний еси, і освячення наше, і світлість, і Тобі, Богові і Владиці, належно славу всі возсилаємо повсякдень. Амінь.

*Молитва Симеона Метафраста*

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