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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.

**April 14, 2019**

**5th Sunday of Lent/ 5 неділя Великого Посту**

**Epistle: Hebrews 9:11 – 14** see explanation on page 527

**Gospel: Mark 10:32-45** see explanation on page 110

**Prayer Intentions April 15-21**

<b>Monday/ Tuesday</b>		No Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	<b>Presanctified Gifts</b> +Nellie Yaroschak(40 <sup>th</sup> day)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>Sorokousty</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	+Anna Stupak (Anniv) -Family
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian – for all Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy – English

**CABBAGE ROLL WORKSHOP:** Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

**SUNDAY May 5, There will be only one bilingual Divine Liturgy at 10:30**

Abide in the home of the divine and fatherly goodness of God like his child who knows nothing, does nothing, makes a mess of everything, but nevertheless lives in his goodness.  
—St. Peter Julian Eymard

*You do not know what you are asking. (Mark 10:38)*

The old woman was gravely ill. The family had gathered round the bedside where, ashen and comatose, she breathed shallowly and irregularly. Off to the side, a mother explained gently to her four-year-old daughter that grandma would probably die very soon. After a brief pause, the little girl raised a sober-looking face and asked, “Mom?” Taking a deep breath, the mother steeled herself to answer the difficult question that was sure to follow. “May I have the last popsicle?”

Today’s Gospel reading describes a similarly off-topic response to a grave situation. Jesus had just outlined what awaited him in Jerusalem: arrest, beating, humiliation, torture, and an excruciating death—followed by a resurrection three days later. Alarming, unnerving, and puzzling as his words should have seemed, James and John were focused on one thing: sitting beside Jesus one day in heaven. Everything else Jesus had said was just background noise to them. Or perhaps they simply could not comprehend Jesus’ words just yet. Sometimes we just don’t get it. Or we are so focused on what we are thinking about that we fail to grasp what Jesus is saying to us. But see how Jesus responds to these two disciples. He shifts his attention to what they are focused on and begins teaching, encouraging, and moving forward from there. He gives no criticism, no condemnation, no sharp words. Because he loves them so much, he is patient as he seeks to propel them toward the truth and life that he has for them.

This is how he deals with you as well. Don’t worry about whether you understand everything. Don’t worry if there are days when you aren’t thinking along the same lines as the Lord. Trust that he will meet you wherever you are. He will lead, guide, and steer you in the direction he wants you to go. He loves you always and wants only that you embrace more of the life he has for you.

“Jesus, forgive me for the times you’ve offered me life, and all I want is a popsicle. Open my ears today to hear you and my heart to extend your grace to the people around me.”

## *Blessed are you, O Lord . . . , praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. (Daniel 3:52)*

It makes sense to cry out to God for help when we're struggling. But the Scriptures also show us people praising God when they're in dire straits. In today's first reading, for instance, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego have been thrown into a white-hot furnace because they refuse to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gods. But instead of panicking and crying out in fear, they walk about in the flames, "singing to God and blessing the Lord" (Daniel 3:24). Two things happen as the three men in the fiery furnace praise God. First, they are supernaturally protected—the flames don't harm them. Second, they realize that they are not alone: there is a fourth man in the furnace with them, who "looks like a son of God" (Daniel 3:92).

We all face challenges in life; we all feel at times that we are in a white-hot furnace of our own. Our first reaction is usually to cry out to God to save us. There's nothing wrong with that—God wants us to call on him in our need. But what if we decided to take a deep breath and offer him praise as well?

Like the "fourth man" appearing in the furnace, the act of praising God in some mysterious way makes him more present to us. We know that he might not always protect us from harm in miraculous ways as he did for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We know that he might not take away the challenges we face. But we become more aware that he is with us, and we become more confident that he will never leave us or forsake us.

Something else happens as we step out in faith and decide to praise God: we go from focusing on our problems to focusing on him. That stirs up our hope and confidence in God. We understand in a deeper way that we have a great and mighty God who will love us, not just in our present troubles, but into eternity.

What's the number one challenge you are facing right now? Today, visualize placing it on an altar and lifting your arms and hands in worship. Then use today's responsorial psalm to praise the Lord. Even if your situation doesn't change, your heart will.

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**Яка має бути наша молитва?**

Завдяки псалмам ми відкрили те, що наша молитва має бути щирою. Щоб наше серце не обтяжувалось, ми повинні відкривати його перед Богом, розділяти з Господом всі

наші турботи і клопотання, всі наші піднесення та успіхи. Інколи наше серце може наповнитися страхом, або й розчаруванням від подій в суспільстві чи окремих вчинків людей, саме тоді не закриваймося в собі і не виливаймо негатив на інших, а виказуймо це все Богові, як Доброму Батькові, який вислухає нас, Своїх дітей та утішить. Це чудово, коли наші відносини з Богом не будуть формальними і холодними, а навпаки – близькими та простими. Хто молиться і відчуває холодні відносини з Богом на молитві, той може бути, нажаль, далеким від Бога і Його Царства. Спробуй змінити свої відносини із Богом і це позначиться на молитві.

### **Щира молитва це початок, але не кінець.**

Пригадується приклад одної дитини, яка молилася за котика, за улюблену ляльку і т.д. Батьки тільки усміхалися, бо знали, що така дитяча молитва також має своє призначення і свою цінність. Звичайно, що Бог по-особливому ставиться до такої “дитячої молитви” і цінує щирість, але чи Він спішить, щоб її виконати?

У сьогоднішньому читанні ми зустрічаємо звернення апостолів:

Яків же та Йоан, сини Заведея, підходять до нього та й кажуть йому: “Учителю, хочемо, щоб ти нам зробив те, чого попросим.”

Таке звернення не нагадує нам таку “дитячу” молитву? Вони були щирі з Учителем, але Ісус не відреагував позитивно на їхнє прохання.

Ісус же сказав їм: “Не знаєте, чого просите...”

Так, молитва – це розмова з Богом, але це не є “маніпулятивний інструмент”, завдяки якому Бог має виконувати наші забаганки. Інколи ми можемо бути в чомусь засліплені, або в незнанні і, як мала дитина, із дрібної труднощі робимо велику трагедію. Ось тому, нам потрібно не зупинятися на щирості у молитві, але зростати у вірі та довір’ї перед Богом.

Не так воно хай буде між вами, але хто з-між вас хоче стати великим, хай буде вам слугою, і хто з-між вас хоче бути першим, хай буде рабом усіх.

Спробуймо на молитві думати не тільки про свої бажання і свої потреби, але щоб було добре для інших, для всіх.

Одного разу людина просила в Бога, щоб знайти велику суму грошей і тоді це принесе їй радість. Ангел шепнув на вухо тому молільнику: “але для цього потрібно, щоб хтось згубив їх і це принесе комусь великі сьози” Може і нам потрібно переглянути свої егоїстичні бажання?

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