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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.

Palm Sunday

Epistle: **Philippians 4:4-9** see explanation on page 460

Gospel: **John 12:1-18** see explanation on page 245

Propers for the Divine Liturgy: 643

Prayer Intentions March 21-28

- Saturday:** 4:00 pm For health Pierret, Carol.
- Sunday:** 9:00 am For Parishioners
- 10:30 For vocations to priesthood and holy orders – B. Spak
- Thursday:** 6:00 pm **Holy Thursday**
- Friday:** 1:00 pm **Great and Holy Friday – Laying of the shroud.**
- Saturday:** 3:00 p.m. **Blessing of the Easter Baskets**
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. For Parishioners
- 10:30 a.m. **Pascha – The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus**

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THANK YOU – to all parishioners who sent their Sunday’s collection either by mail or e-transfer. May the good Lord blesses your generosity.

EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS: Donations for St. Mary’s Easter Flowers may be made, “In Memory,” of your loved deceased family members by using a blue Special Donation envelope. The names will be published, **“In Memory in St Mary’s Easter Bulletin.”** Please indicate “Easter Flowers” on the envelope.

Wherever the gospel is proclaimed . . . what she has done will be told in memory of her. (Mark 14:9)

This is a story of extravagance. The woman chose a very expensive perfume—spikenard—that came all the way from India and poured it on the head of an itinerant rabbi from the backwater of Nazareth. Why?

Jesus gives us a clue: “She has anticipated anointing my body for burial” (Mark 14:8).

Somehow, this woman knew what Jesus was about to go through and why he was going through with it—and she wanted to honor him in the highest way possible. She was so moved by the sacrifice that he would make for her and for the whole world that she felt compelled to pour her most precious possession on him in an act of thanksgiving and worship.

This woman’s action seemed wasteful to the disciples because they had yet to grasp the extravagance of Jesus’ sacrifice for them. Think about what Jesus gave up when he became a man: the glory of heaven, the worship of angels, his place at God’s right hand. Think, too, about what he endured as he taught and ministered: the skepticism of religious leaders, the suspicion of the Romans, the unbelief of his followers, the sleepless nights praying, the endless days preaching and healing, the comforts of home and family. Finally, think about what he suffered in his passion: rejection by his people, the thorns, the scourging, the blinding pain, the agonizing thirst. And he did it for you. He did it so that you could be forgiven and welcomed into heaven. He sought nothing for himself—it was all for you.

Jesus is the extravagant one. He is the one who gives us gifts far beyond what we deserve. He is the one who loves unceasingly and excessively. In light of such love, what could be more appropriate this Holy Week than to give him the most precious gift we can—our hearts?

“Jesus, I am in awe of your love! I adore and worship you for pouring your life out for all of us!”

Духовні науки провадив Протоієрей Петро Жук, Ректор Київської Трьохсвятительської духовної семінарії. Тема реколекцій «Де скарб твій, там буде й серце твоє».

Під час [першої реколекційної науки](#) о. Петро зауважив: «Нехай ці реколекції спонукають та мотивують прожити Великий піст в дорозі до Воскресіння через гору Голгофу. Якщо не перейдемо достойно та гідно час Великого посту, то справді зустріти світле, славне Воскресіння ми не зможемо. Тільки той, хто правильно пройшов Великий піст, зможе не

просто привітати Воскреслого Христа, але й відчутти своє власне воскресіння у Воскресінні Бога.

<https://youtu.be/iJ1I08XpS4s>

Другого дня онлайн реколекцій душпастир говорив про таке: «Зустрівшись з Богом ми можемо тільки здобути. Адже наш Бог не дорікає, не моралізує, Він є просто тихо присутній там, де немовби є смерть і гріх. Приходить туди, де немає життя. Приходить для того, щоб оживити, щоб повернути, щоб повернути повноту спасіння».

https://youtu.be/L_mGXNc3Pq8

Під час третьої онлайн реколекційної науки ректор духовної семінарії наголосив: «Покаяння – це крок назустріч Божій любові. Час Великого посту Святи Отці назвали весною душі. Бо як в природі підіймається температура, яка заставляє оживити дерева, траву та землю, так піст підіймаючи градус духовного життя, застановляє задуматись над своїми вчинками».

<https://youtu.be/oX8g2AkHRBE>

Останнього дня онлайн реколекцій священник закликав усіх задуматись над притчею про сівача, який сіє щедро на різні типи ґрунтів. «Господь залишив нам великий скарб – Своє Слово, щоб ми змогли змінитися, щоб стати кращими, відновитися, освятитися і спастися. Найбільшим скарбом є Він сам, Який присутній у Його Слові».

<https://youtu.be/spH2mseNqw0>

На завершення реколекцій о. Андрій Боднарук, Голова пресслужби Київської Архиепархії висловив слова вдячності о. Петру Жуку за проведений час реколекцій та ділення роздумами над Словом Божим. Відтак священник подякував кожному хто став учасником онлайн реколекцій і цими днями збагачував своє життя духовними науками. Також о. Андрій закликав усіх підписуватись на медійні ресурси Київської Архиепархії та підтримувати працю ЗМІ Київської Архиепархії, щоб у такий спосіб розвивати проповідь Євангелії по всьому світу.

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About the events of ten years ago - the resignation of Lubomyr Husar and election of Sviatoslav Shevchuk

When His Beatitude Lubomyr resigned in 2011, it came as a big surprise to many.

"I also learned about it from the press," says Myroslav Marynovych. – "...there was a feeling of gratitude to His Beatitude Lubomyr for his testimony - how to give away power, not to hold on to it. In a post-Soviet society this was a great testimony."

The next surprise for the general public was the election of a new Head of the UGCC: on March 23, 2011, the Synod of Bishops elected the youngest of the bishops, Sviatoslav Shevchuk.

"Yes, it was also a surprise, and, in a way, a testimony - the youngest bishop becomes the Patriarch. It meant that the Church was confident of herself - she felt her strength and could take such a step. In addition, it was a fantastic testimony for other Churches in Ukraine," recalls the UCU vice-rector.

According to Mr. Myroslav, one of the main arguments for the bishops in choosing His Beatitude Sviatoslav was his excellent theological education, which was reflected in everything - his preaching, attitude, church life. "It was a very strong foundation, and everyone felt it," says Myroslav Marynovych.

On the importance of seeing the signs of the times and "the UGCC in a changing world"

During these 10 years, the UGCC has made significant steps in the development of her structures in Ukraine and the world: the creation of new metropolitanates, eparchies and exarchates, ordination of new bishops, and implementation of programs of various directions and levels. What does such active activity of the Church mean?

"As a layman, I will say: if His Beatitude Lubomyr restored the structures of the Church, then His Beatitude Sviatoslav took the next step, reflecting the new reality in which the Church lives. And this was very important, especially for the UGCC structures in the diaspora.

Myroslav Marynovych emphasizes that the issue of change, in particular, in the church sphere, is global.

"That's why we need to keep track of the signs of the times. And a lot will depend on how quickly we can read these new signs... Sooner or later the time of renewal will come ... If our old habits and traditions were not based on the Gospel, they will fall away by themselves. That's why it's so important to check yourself all the time to see if we recognize those signs of the times," says the theologian.

On the relations of the UGCC with Rome

It is no secret that the Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, and Pope Francis have known each other for a long time. In this connection, at the time of the election of Bishop Sviatoslav as the Head of the Church, there were inflated expectations regarding the relations between Rome and the UGCC. In addition, over the years there have been significant changes in the Orthodox world - the shift of centers of influence from Moscow to Constantinople, and the Vatican must take into account all these factors.

"I can say that this impression - that Pope Francis has long been acquainted with His Beatitude Sviatoslav, and now everything will be easy - is very wrong."

Myroslav Marynovych explains: these are not the times when the Pope can lead the Church alone. And, secondly, the traditions of *Ost politics* in the Vatican are very strong. We need to move away from its erroneous logic. It takes time, but I think we will still see interesting decisions from the Pope."

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