

Св. Покрови Українська Католицька Церква
St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Ukrainian Church



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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.

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!

May 9, 2021 - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Epistle: **Acts 16:16-34** see explanation on page 307

Gospel: **John 9:1-38** see explanation on page 237



Prayer Intentions May 9

Saturday:	4:00 pm	for health of Lillian Stelmakovich
Sunday:	9:00 am	+Peter Woloshyn (1 st Anniv.) Helen Woloshyn
	10:30 am	for parishioners
Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	+Nadja Slipenky – D. C. Morley
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	Feast of Ascension
Friday:	6:00 p.m.	Moleben - Devotion to the Mother of God
Saturday:	4:00 p.m.	+Ilene Paul Rehaluk
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	for parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Special intention for Fr. Peter – Barbara-Ann Spak

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has its own English-language Facebook page.

The official English-language page of the

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has appeared on the social network Facebook. Its

audience is English-speaking Greek Catholics and those who want to follow the life and

development of the UGCC, in particular in the United States, Great Britain, Canada and

Australia, in English.

<https://www.facebook.com/en.ugcc.ua>

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In crisis situations, I seek the advice of wise people who may know better this or that area of human knowledge. One should never think that we are all-knowing and omnipotent, that we will always be able to help ourselves on our own. Such self-confidence is the first step toward falling. His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the UGCC, who was celebrating his 51st birthday on May 5, told this in an interview with Ukrayinska Pravda.

Answering questions about doubts and crises of faith, the Head of the Church said that he never doubted the existence of God and the truths that the Lord reveals.

At the same time, His Beatitude Sviatoslav stated that doubt as such is not a bad thing, because in doubt a person seeks answers to the questions before him.

"Every believer is a person on a journey. Our path of faith is a path to the fullness of the knowledge of God. As the Apostle Paul says, here on earth we see God as in a mirror and are constantly growing to the fullness of Christ. That is why it is normal for a Christian to doubt, to be constantly in dialogue with God and ask Him how to do the right thing," he said.

The Head of the UGCC said that he experienced various circumstances when he did not understand how to do it right. According to him, new challenges need new answers, and they are not always prepared in advance. Hence, everyone who seeks such answers, he says, experiences a crisis of faith. His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted that, although word "crisis" has a negative connotation today, in Greek it means a moment where one must look for an answer, make a choice.

The Head of the Church shared that in his case the search for answers to the most recent issues is constant because the decisions he makes concern the whole Church.

In addition to asking for advice, the Head of the UGCC also recalled the examination of conscience - the assessment of one's own actions and decisions - a helpful tool in finding the right answers to the current problems.

The UGCC Department for Information

I have called you friends. (John 15:15)

Have you ever thought about what it means to be a "friend of God"? Moses, who received the Ten Commandments, spoke to God "as a person speaks to a friend" (Exodus 33:11). Abraham was called a "friend of God" (James 2:23) because he believed God's promises about becoming the "father of a multitude of nations" (Genesis 17:5). We might think that if all of God's friends are like these two, we'll never make it into such an elite group! But take a look at the disciples. Jesus called them his friends, but most of them had serious flaws and moments of weakness. Peter denied Jesus (John 18:17, 25, 27); Thomas doubted (20:25); James and John were ambitious (Mark 10:37). And the list goes on. Not only that, but Moses and Abraham, as holy as they were, were far from perfect. It seems that our accomplishments might not be what make us friends of God after all.

The truth is, you don't have to do something special or be perfect to be Jesus' friend. You are his friend simply because he has chosen you. Jesus knows everything about you, and still he calls you his friend. He actually enjoys being with you!

Think about the relationship you have with your friends. You want to spend time with them, to hear what they have to say and know what's going on in their lives. Jesus wants that type of closeness with you.

The more you get to know Jesus as a friend, the more you will value that relationship. You will appreciate the great gift of being chosen by Jesus. You'll be all the more eager to please him and to become like him. That's why Jesus says that his friends do what he commands (John 15:14)—not because they are slaves forced to obey, but because they are friends who love and want to be like the one who loves them.

Yes, Jesus chose you first, but you can choose him every day. You can choose every day to respond to the gift of his friendship by loving him and trying to follow in his footsteps.

“Lord, thank you for choosing me to be your friend. Help me to respond to this gift today with my own choices to follow you!

DEVOTIONS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD – will be celebrated every Friday at 6:00 pm during the month of May. We encourage all our faithful to attend.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: On this Mother's Day, we ask for special blessings upon all our mothers to live in Jesus' glory on earth. We pray for their health and salvation! *Happy Mother's Day to all our Mother's Grandmothers, and Great Grandmothers. Wishing you many happy years, Mnohi Lita*

Happy Mother's Day
in Heaven



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