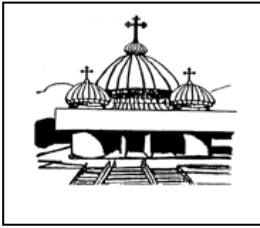


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DIVINE LITURGY:

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.

Sept 12th , 2021

Prayer Intentions

Sunday 10:30 am For Parishioners, Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast

Sunday 9:00 am +Orysia Perchyshyn – Selisnyj family
10:30 am For Pariahioners

No Divine Liturgies on Saturdays at 4:00 pm in the month of September.

Parish Council Meeting – October 13, 2020 at 6 pm in the classroom.

DAILY MEDITATION: JAMES 2:14-18

Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:17)

Think of your faith as a flame in your heart. It is first and foremost a gift from God, but it won't burn brightly unless you feed it. Without a fuel source, it will die out. We all know how to nourish our faith: with prayer, the sacraments, and God's word. But there's another "fuel" we can't do without, and that is good works.

Today's second reading is a stark reminder that our faith isn't just between the Lord and us. We are part of a body, the body of Christ, united through Jesus' death and resurrection. So

when we are loving our neighbor, we are also loving the Lord, and that makes our flame of faith grow larger and burn more intensely.

We know that God calls us to care for our brothers and sisters in need—it's one of the ways we respond to the love he has already poured into our hearts. But in the day-to-day busyness and challenges of life, it's easy to become focused only on our own issues. It sometimes takes a deliberate effort to think beyond ourselves and our immediate families. That's partly because we often don't "see" the poor among us. But that doesn't mean they don't exist or don't need our help.

You are probably already performing many good deeds. Perhaps you are supporting a favorite charity, making meals for a shelter, or reaching out to a lonely neighbor. But whatever you are doing, ask Jesus from time to time if there is something more or different you should consider. As you pray, he may spark an idea for a new way to serve at your parish or move you with compassion to support people suffering in a country half a world away. Above all, he will be pleased that you care for the needs that are on his heart—and that you are doing all you can to keep the flame of faith alive in your own.

"Jesus, put the needs of your people on my heart, and show me how to care for them."



The Head of the Church thanked Holodomor Genocide Museum for organizing the forum the purpose of what is to actualize in Ukrainian society and international community a discussion of Holodomor of 1932 – 1933, massive artificial famines of 1921 – 1923, 1946 – 1947 and unite society for the sake of spreading truth about the crime of genocide against Ukrainians committed by communist totalitarian regime.

The Major Archbishop noted that history of Ukrainian nation is marked with a deep wound caused by Holodomor in Ukraine, - a genocide, what we fairly claim it to be.

Recalling those tragic times, the Head of the UGCC assumes that it is essential to remember those who were trying to be the voice of those who were quietened.

The Head of the UGCC reminded us about his great predecessor Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky who on July 24, 1933 in conjunction with Galician episcopate wrote a letter of

appeal to the world community called “Ukraine in Death Throes”. Besides all the appeals made by bishops of the UGCC concrete affairs were conducted, such as collecting money, grains to save lives.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav brought up a name of another great friend and comrade of Ukraine – Theodor Innitzer, Cardinal and archbishop of Vienna. He was the first among European leaders who responded to metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky.

“Spreading the truth and appealing to people’s sobriety is our first and foremost task, - the Head of the Church emphasizes, - so to not let mass destruction hit us, neither today, nor tomorrow”.

Don’t be afraid: God is not dead. The Eucharist overcomes any loneliness, Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco at the opening of the 52nd Eucharistic Congress

“May the Lord grant us the ability to feel these days that Christ is with us in the Eucharist. He does not leave the Church, people and humanity alone”, proclaimed Cardinal Péter Erdő, Archbishop of Esztergom – Budapest at the beginning of the Mass that opened the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress.

A voice of Europe that embraces whole of humanity

Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco, president of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences prepared the homily for the Mass celebrated in Heroes’ Square in Budapest. The closing Mass Congress will be celebrated by Pope Francis on 12 September.

In his homily cardinal Bagnasco highlighted ringing bells calling for festivity as “a choir that seeks to embrace the whole of humanity”.

“From this majestic pulpit the voice of shepherds, the voice of this moving assembly which craves to knock, humbly and joyfully, at hearts of the peoples of Europe, and to go beyond, to the remotest points of the earth” he said.

No one is lonely

"You are not alone in a hostile universe, you are not alone before the marvelous mystery of life, you are not alone with your thirst for freedom and eternity. Wherever you are, you are not invisible, God observes you with love; you are not an orphan, God is your Father; you are worth the blood of Jesus, Redeemer of the world, and Bread of eternal life. Do not be afraid: God is not dead, the Eucharist overcomes every loneliness, every distance, every indifference."

God is young

Addressing the children celebrating their First Holy Communion and Confirmation, cardinal Bagnasco recalled the simplicity of their hearts that welcome Jesus, a friend who will not betray.

He also reminded the young students in Catholic schools that faith and reason coexist and that "God is not a competitor for your freedom, and faith is not a series of prohibitions, but rather a great 'yes' to joy, even when it is demanding because love is a serious thing."

“Remember the Church needs you, your youth, your enthusiasm, and you need Jesus,” he urged them. “Everything grows old quickly, only God is always young, and the Church is the true youth of the world because it preserves the sacrament of the Body of Christ”.

"The Church," he added, "does not guarantee tranquility, but keeps saying you with Christ, “Do not be afraid”.

Those who feel the burden of the Cross, who are being persecuted or feel like being voiceless or without a motherland, president of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences urged not to lose courage as “God is present in those hearts of those who approaches Him close”.

Note: Please see [St. Mary' FaceBook Page](#) to view the recording of Liturgical Life and Renewal in Your Parish: A Webinar on the 25th Anniversary of Vatican's 1996 Instruction for Applying Liturgical Prescriptions.

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Dear friends,

We wholeheartedly invite you to our next online event that will take place on September 12, 2021

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Instruction for Applying the Liturgical Prescriptions of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, a document promulgated by the Congregation for the Eastern Churches of the Holy See.

The Instruction was intended to guide all Eastern Catholic Churches towards liturgical renewal and a fuller experience of the Mystery of Christ through the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, the Sacraments, and the Liturgy of the Hours according to the ancestral traditions of the Church.

Join this Zoom webinar to learn more about this document from theologians and liturgists, to hear about the successes of its implementation in our Church, and to understand how it can help guide liturgical life and renewal in your parish.

The webinar is organized by the Philadelphia Metropolia and the Paris Eparchy in preparation for a conference of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches on this topic in October.

Date: 12 September 2021 Time: 2:00 pm Philadelphia/8:00 pm Paris,

Note: This event has already taken place. Please refer to the above text box for instructions on how to view the recording of this event.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/srxsrcSksxBZZMJ47>

You will receive an email with the ZOOM link two days prior the event. If you DID NOT receive the link, please, check your SPAM folder!