

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
УКРАЇНСЬКИЙ КАТОЛИЦЬКИЙ АРХИКАТЕДРАЛЬНИЙ СОБОР
НЕПОРОЧНОГО ЗАЧАТТЯ**

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THE MOST REVEREND BORYS GUDZIAK
ARCHBISHOP-METROPOLITAN OF PHILADELPHIA FOR UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS
Високопреосвященний Владика Борис Гудзяк
АРХИЄПІСКОП-МИТРОПОЛИТ ФІЛАДЕЛЬФІЙСЬКИЙ ДЛЯ УКРАЇНЦІВ-КАТОЛІКІВ

Welcome to our Cathedral – Вітаємо вас у Соборі
Come to your (home) house of worship

VERY REVEREND FR. ROMAN PITULA, CATHEDRAL RECTOR
ВСЕЧЕСНІЙ О. РОМАН ПІТУЛА, НАСТОЯТЕЛЬ СОБОРУ

CATHEDRAL LITURGY TIMES

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 pm
Divine Liturgy for Sunday in English

Sunday morning Liturgies
8:30 am in English
10:00 am in Ukrainian

Daily Liturgies:
please see schedule on the next page

**РОЗКЛАД БОГОСЛУЖІНЬ
В СОБОРІ**

У суботу ввечері о 4:30 год.
Літургія за неділю по-англійськи

Літургії в неділю зранку:
8:30 год. по-англійськи
10:00 год. по-українськи

Щоденні Літургії:
розпорядок на наступній сторінці

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WELCOME! / ВІТАЄМО!

Come to the Lord's house. You are invited. Come into this house of companionship and compassion. We, the people of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchial and Metropolitan Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia are the Catholic community that worships God, spreads the Good News of Christ, and serves those in need. This Magnificent Cathedral opens wide its doors in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To all who are worshipping with us today — WELCOME!

Ласкаво просимо до Господнього Храму. Ми запрошуємо вас. Прийдіть до Божого дому. Ми, парафіяни Українського Католицького Архикатедрального і Митрополичого Собору Непорочного Зачаття у Філадельфії, є католицькою громадою, котра поклоняється Богові, поширює Добру Новину Христового Євангелія та служить тим, хто в потребі. Двері цього чудового Собору є широко відчинені в ім'я Господа Нашого Ісуса Христа. Отож, всі, хто є присутній та молиться з нами сьогодні — ВІТАЄМО!



SANCTUARY CANDLE OFFERINGS

Candle before Jesus Christ on Iconostas: God's blessing on schoolchildren & all who labor - Malinowski Family

Candle before St. Nicholas on the Iconostas: In memory of +Bohdan Z. Myr by Patricia Myr and Family

Sanctuary Light: In loving memory of Anna & Michael Melnyk by Michael & Claire Melnyk

You can order a weekly Sanctuary candle to burn in our Cathedral. There may be different intentions: in memory, for health & God's blessings, for Thanksgiving, etc. Ви можете замовити свічку, яка буде горіти у Соборі. Замовити свічку можна у різних наміреннях: в пам'ять когось з померлих, за здоров'я і Боже благословення, за подяку чи ін. *The customary donation for a Sanctuary Candle is \$10.00 per week*

**PLEASE
PRAY
FOR:**

- ◆ TO STOP THE WAR AND FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE
- ◆ ALL DECEASED DURING THIS WAR
- ◆ FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES
- ◆ THOSE WHO ARE WOUNDED OR/AND MISSING



ЗАПРОШУЄМО ДО НАШОГО АРХИКАТЕДРАЛЬНОГО ХОРУ: Хто зацікавлений та бажає долучитися своїм співом, щоб возвеличити Богослужіння у хорі нашого Архикатедрального Собору, просимо звертатися до Катедральної канцелярії: 215-922-2845 або до керівника Архикатедрального хору по закінченні Св. Літургії. Пам'ятаймо: хто молиться співаючи - молиться двічі!

JOIN OUR CATHEDRAL CHOIR: We open invitations to join our Cathedral Choir. If anyone is interested, contact the Cathedral Rectory at 215-922-2845 or the choir director after Liturgy services. Remember: to sing is to pray twice!

СПІЛЬНОТА «МАТЕРІ В МОЛИТВІ»: Наступне молитовне зібрання спільноти «Матері в молитві» відбудеться у четвер, 5 жовтня, о 6:30 год. вечора в нашому Українському Католицькому Архикатедральному Соборі Непорочного Зачаття у Філадельфії. Запрошуємо всіх матерів, а також всіх, хто бажає, приєднатися до молитви.

MOTHERS IN PRAYER: Our next prayer gathering of "Mothers in Prayer" will be held on Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 pm at our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchial Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. We invite all our mothers and we welcome all who wish to join us at this special prayer.



THE SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES — РОЗКЛАД БОГОСЛУЖІНЬ

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23 CATHEDRAL	4:30pm	Vespereal Divine Liturgy +Ivan Szaruga — SzarugaFamily +Іван Шаруга — Родина Шаруга		Engl Англ	Субота 23 вересня КАТЕДРА
Sunday SEPTEMBER 24 CATHEDRAL	8:30am 10:00am	17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 17-та НЕДІЛЯ ПО ЗІСЛАННІ СВЯТОГО ДУХА Tone 8 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1 Gospel: Mt. 5:21-28 Divine Liturgy — Божественна Літургія For Health & God's blessings for all our parishioners За здоров'я та Боже благословення для парафіян		Engl Англ Укр Укр	НЕДІЛЯ 24 вересня КАТЕДРА
MON. SEPT 25 CHAPEL	8:15am	Divine Liturgy Божественна Літургія			Пон. 25 вер. КАПЛИЦЯ
TUES. SEPT 26 CHAPEL	8:15am	Divine Liturgy Божественна Літургія			Вівт. 26 вер. КАПЛИЦЯ
Wed. SEPT 27 CHAPEL	8:15am	Divine Liturgy Божественна Літургія			Сер. 27 вер. КАПЛИЦЯ
THURS. SEPT 28 CHAPEL	8:15am	+Michael & Jennie Halabura — Kathryn & Frank DelRossi +Майкл і Дженні Галабура — Кетрин і Френк ДелРоссі			Четв. 28 вер. КАПЛИЦЯ
Fri. SEPT 29 CHAPEL	8:15am	Divine Liturgy Божественна Літургія			П'ятн. 29 вер. КАПЛИЦЯ
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30 CATHEDRAL	4:30pm	Vespereal Divine Liturgy Divine Liturgy Божественна Літургія		Engl Англ	Субота 30 вересня КАТЕДРА
Sunday OCTOBER 1 CATHEDRAL	8:30am 10:00am	18-та НЕДІЛЯ ПО ЗІСЛАННІ СВЯТОГО ДУХА СВЯТО ПОКРОВУ МАТЕРІ БОЖОЇ 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD Tone 1 2 Cor 9:6-11 & Heb 9:1-7 Gospel: Lk 5:1-11 & 10:38-42, 11: 27-28 Divine Liturgy — Божественна Літургія For Health & God's blessings for all our parishioners За здоров'я та Боже благословення для парафіян		Engl Англ Укр Укр	НЕДІЛЯ 1 жовтня КАТЕДРА

OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEKENDS OF SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2023

Basket: \$1943.00; Feast: \$261.00; Candles: \$84.00; Kitchen: \$346.00; Bingo: \$1800.00; Other: \$0.00

May our Lord God bless you for your generosity to our Cathedral and remember that God will reward you.

Нехай Добрий Господь винагородить вас за вашу щедрість для вашої Катедри.

Please remember your Cathedral in your Testament! Пам'ятайте, будь-ласка, про вашу Катедру в своєму заповіті!
We are very grateful to all our Parishioners and donors who've sent in their generous donations to our Cathedral as support in this difficult time of COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to support YOUR CATHEDRAL. Thank you very much for your generosity. May our Lord Jesus Christ reward you and your Families with good health, happiness for many years.

МОЛИМОСЬ ЗА ПЕРЕМОГУ І МИР В УКРАЇНІ!

PLEASE PRAY FOR VICTORY & PEACE IN UKRAINE!

КАТЕХИТИЧНІ КЛАСИ: Просимо зареєструвати дітей у нашій Катедральній парафії для навчання катехизму та катехизмових правд у цьому навчальному році. Навчання будуть проводитися українською і англійською мовами. Хто бажає зареєструвати дитину/дітей на катехизацію, просимо заповнивши реєстраційну анкету, яку ви можете знайти у притворі при вході до нашого Собору. Катехизація розпочнеться у вересні і відбуватиметься щонеділі з 11:15 год. ранку до 12:00 по обіді. Довірте нам своїх дорогоцінних дітей, щоб вони могли навчатися про Господа нашого Бога та вирости добримі і ревнимі християнами. Для більшої інформації та з будь-якими питаннями звертайтеся до настоятеля Собору, о. Романа Пітули або за тел.: 215-922-2845.

CATHECHISM CLASSES: Please register your children for catechetical classes at our Cathedral Parish. Classes are held in English and Ukrainian. If you still desire to have your children be involved please find a registration form at the entrance of our Cathedral and register your child/children for the classes. Classes will start in September and will be held each Sunday 11:15am till 12:00 pm. It is important for parents to have their children attend. Please bring and trust your precious children to us so they can learn about our God and grow as good and faithful Christians. For more information please contact our Cathedral Pastor or call at 215-922-2845.

CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTRATION CARD: If you are registered at our Cathedral Parish (if not — register) please be so kind to use these envelopes with your name for your donations and support of the Cathedral. In your 2023 donation envelope box there you can find a "Registration Card". Please fill in all the required information (same as last year, new or updated) and return it in the Sunday collection basket or send it to the office. The Parishioners Directory List with the correct contact information has to be updated so we need your cooperation in this matter. If you are new to our Cathedral Parish and wish to join and register, please contact Fr. Roman Pitula or call the Cathedral Office at 215-922-2845. **Also, please pick up your envelopes at the Cathedral if have not done it so yet. Thank you!**

РЕЄСТРАЦІЙНА КАРТКА У КАТЕДРАЛЬНІЙ ПАРАФІЇ: Якщо ви є зареєстровані в нашій Катедральній парафії (якщо ні — просимо зареєструватись) ласкаво просимо вживати конверти з Вашим іменем для складання пожертв на Собор. Поміж конвертами для пожертв на цей 2023 рік знаходиться «Registration Card». Просимо заповнити потрібну інформацію та повернути наступної неділі з вашою недільною пожертвою. Ми намагаємось поновити список всіх наших парафіян з правильною інформацією (адреса, домашній і мобільний телефони, електронна адреса) для кращого зв'язку у разі потреби. Щиро дякуємо за виrozumіння та сподіваємось на вашу співпрацю. Якщо ви щойно прибули до нашої Катедральної парафії та бажаєте зареєструватись, просимо звернутися безпосередньо до о. Романа Пітули або зателефонувати: 215-922-2845. **Також, якщо ви ще не забрали свої конверти у Соборі, то просимо забрати. Дякуємо!**

СПОВІДІ: Отримати дар Святої Тайни Сповіді можна до початку Божественних Літургій: з 4:00 год. веч. щосуботи та з 8:30 ранку і з 10:15 щонеділі. Скористаймося цими дарами Божого милосердя для свого духовного оновлення.

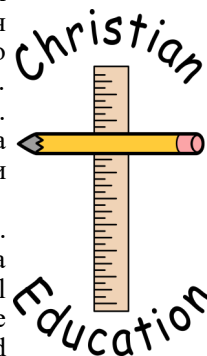
CONFESSIONS: If you would like to receive the grace of forgiveness in the Mystery of Confession, a priest is available to hear confessions every half hour before the Divine Liturgy, i.e. at 4:00 pm on Saturdays and at 8:30 am and 10:15 am. on Sundays. Avail yourself of God's gifts of mercy and spiritual renewal.

FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: Please come forward, tilt your head back slightly, open your mouth wide, (do not stick out your tongue and do not say, "Amen"). After priest gives you the Holy Eucharist, close your mouth, consume the Holy Eucharist, and return to your place.

ВКАЗІВКА ЩОДО ПРИЙМАННЯ СВЯТОГО ПРИЧАСТЯ: Підійдіть, стійте рівно, трохи відхиливши голову назад, відкрийте уста широко (не висувайте язик і не кажіть «Амінь»). Після того, як священник дав вам Св. Причастя, закрийте уста, спожийте Пресвяту Євхаристію і поверніться до свого місця.

ПРОСИМО МОЛИТИСЬ ЗА ХВОРИХ: Просимо подати імена своїх рідних або знайомих, котрі перебувають у стані хвороби та потребують нашої молитовної допомоги щодо швидшого одужання. Також пам'ятаймо у своїх молитвах за тих, хто не може вийти з дому або перебуває у старечому домі чи шпиталі. Молімося за здоров'я та одужання (імена надруковані по англійськи нижче):

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Please submit the names of your relatives or friends who do not feel well so that we may include them in the bulletin. We will pray for them that God restore their health. Also, remember in your prayers all those who are homebound, in care facilities or impeded by illness. Pray for the well being and health of: Maria Jackiw, Michael Lubianetsky, Jack Righter, Marika Borowycka, Bohdan Makar, Dana & Vitalij Karlo Dzindziura, Paul Gerber, Jr, Sr. Evhenia Prusnay, MSMG, Alexander Siomko, Marie Wilson, Joseph Salapata, Gail & Lois Johnson, Annie Opalka, Theodosia Hewko, Irene Foley, Julia Otulak.



Anointing of the sick

DEAR UKRAINIANS AND OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS! Thank you very much each and everyone for your continued prayers and support towards our Beloved Ukraine during this tremendous crisis — full-scaled WAR in Ukraine, which was started by Russian federation on February 24, 2022. These are really difficult times for our Nation, but we believe in God's protection and in our army and all who defend our peace-loving country from Russian aggression. Many of our friends ask how they may help. First, your continued prayers. This is the most powerful weapon that may be used against enemies, and IT WORKS. Second, your donations. Our Metropolia invites you to make donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine. This can be done as follows: 1. Write a check to the "Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia" and send it to the office at 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123. Please write on the check "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine". 2. You can donate on the Philadelphia Archdiocese's website www.ukrarcheparchy.us, and click on Donate through PAYPAL and select "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE". 3. You can donate through the Cathedral by making checks payable to "Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral" with memo "War in Ukraine" and sending to 819 North 8th street, Philadelphia PA 19123. 4. Encourage local financial and other institutions to make contributions. 5. Additionally what can be done is sharing the news and contacting The White House/President, Congress, Senators, appealing to do more sanctions and military assistance to Ukraine. Thank you very much and: May God bless all of You!

CONFESSIONS: If you are admitted to the hospital or are at home and would like a priest to visit you, please call the Cathedral office at 215-922-2845; if that's an emergency, call (908) 217-7202.

СПОВІДІ: Якщо ви потрапили до шпиталю, або вдома і бажаєте, щоб священник відвідав вас, просимо зателефонувати до Катедрального офісу за номером 215-922-2845, або у випадку нагальної потреби телефонуйте за номером (908) 217-7202.

BAPTISMS: The Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation are administered upon a request by the parents, or an adult who wishes to be baptized. Please contact Fr. Roman Pitula to make arrangements at least two weeks in advance.

ХРЕЩЕННЯ: Св. Тайни Хрещення та Миропомазання уділяються на прохання батьків або дорослого, який бажає охреститися. Просимо звернутися до о. Романа Пітули принаймні за два тижні наперед.

MARRIAGES: The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. Couples planning to be married are asked to make an appointment with Fr. Roman Pitula to set a date for the wedding and to begin preparations (including Pre-Cana) at least six months before the wedding.

ОДРУЖЕННЯ: Тайна Подружжя вимагає певного духовного приготування. Тому подружжя, які планують одружитися, мають зустрітися з о. Романом, щоб визначити дату та почати приготування принаймні за шість місяців перед шлюбом.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SPONSORSHIP: Those who are not registered and do not attend church on a regular basis are not eligible to be sponsors for Baptism & Confirmation. The requirements for sponsor are: sponsor must be 16 years old or older, must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation as well as Sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist. If married, marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.

ДЛЯ ТИХ, ХТО ХОЧЕ БУТИ ХРЕСНИМИ БАТЬКАМИ: Хто не є зареєстрованими членами парафії і не приходять до церкви регулярно не можуть бути хресними батьками, і т. д. Щодо хресних батьків, вимагається: щоб людина мала 16 років або старша, повинна бути хрещена, миропомазана та прийняти Святі Тайни Сповіді та Св. Причастя. Якщо одружені, шлюб повинен бути визнаний Католицькою Церквою.

A SPECIAL REQUEST: At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy please close all Liturgy books and/or hymn books/brochures and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or other reading material in the pews. Let us all do our part to be true stewards of our Archeparchial Cathedral by helping to keep the Cathedral pews clean and neat. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

ПРОХАННЯ: По закінченні Богослужінь просимо всі літургійні та молитовні книжечки та брошури покласти належним чином у лавках. Також прохання не залишати бюлетенів чи інших речей у лавках. Будьмо відповідальними та докладімо також і своїх зусиль, щоб підтримувати чистоту і порядок у нашому Архикатедральному храмі. Дякуємо за ваше розуміння та співпрацю.

CHURCH TRADITIONS & ETIQUETTE: Modern culture is rather casual in its approach to worship and sacred space. In our Ukrainian Catholic Church we adhere to long-standing traditions that express the reverence which is due to God, to each other, and to ourselves. Respect for God and His house translates to respect for all of His creation. The following guidelines are customs and traditions of etiquette that we need to be aware of as Catholic faithful. Please read the following information prayerfully and with an understanding for the Church's obligation to shepherd with love and compassion for all the faithful.

PRESERVE AND PROMOTE OUR OWN TRADITIONS: WHEN YOU ENTER CHURCH, it is customary to first go to the Tetrapod Table up front, in the middle of church — we are to make the sign of the cross, bow, and kiss the icon and cross displayed there (we are excused of kissing the cross and/or icons at this time due to the pandemic). We then bow and make the sign of the cross again, and then go to light candles or take our place for Liturgy. In our Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Churches, we make the Sign of the Cross (holding together the right thumb, index and middle fingers) starting with our forehead, then to our mid-chest, then to our **right shoulder first**, then the left shoulder. Also in our churches, we do not genuflect (brief bending of the right knee towards the altar) - instead we make the sign of the cross the Eastern way, and bow towards the altar. And remember that church is a holy place, so try to keep quiet (not to talk or laugh loudly) before, during, or after the church services. Let's preserve and promote our own and beautiful traditions.

Entering the Church. Arrive on Time - The time to arrive at church is before the service starts. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy has begun, try to enter the church quietly and at the appropriate moment. We must not be walking in or around the church when the Gospel is being read, when a procession is taking place, or at any time that the priest is facing the congregation.

Fast before the Liturgy. It is a Church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed, of course. The purpose is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Please be quiet while in church. Once you enter the church — it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk - do so as quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing someone who is in prayer, which is much more important. Sssshhhh.

Cell phones should never be used in Divine Liturgy for calls or texting. The exceptions are emergencies (big ones, not everyday ones) and if you do use one, please walk out of church to do so. Also, if you are using the phone for readings or prayers, this is appropriate, but try to be discreet.

Thank you for your consideration. **Leave quietly.** We encourage you to visit with others, but once you are outside of the church you won't disturb others who want to stay and pray. So, please leave quietly and then visit afterward.

Proper Church Attire - Church is a sacred place with its traditions. When we come to worship we should respect those traditions. Our clothes should be modest and tasteful. Inappropriate attire such as shorts, sneakers, tight pants, mid-thigh dresses and skirts, low cut blouses can be perceived as disrespectful and could be offensive to other worshippers.



A few words of God's Wisdom...

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can, and
wisdom to know the difference.

Кілька слів Божої Мудрості...

Боже! Дай мені душевний спокій
прийняти те, що не можу змінити;
силу змінити те, що можу змінити і
мудрість відрізнити перше від другого.

ПРИТЧА ПРО КАМЕНІ

Три людини рухали камені.

Одного з них запитали:

- Що ти робиш?

Він витер піт з чола і відповів:

- Гарую тяжко.

Підійшли до другого і запитали:

- А ти що робиш?

Він закатав рукава і діловито сказав:

- Гроші заробляю.

Запитали у третього:

- А що робиш ти?

Він подивився вгору і сказав:

- Церкву будую.

Мораль історії: життя наповнене сенсом тільки у того, хто переслідує велику мету.

Нехай і Ваше життя буде наповнене великою метою!

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With this we continue our Catechetical rubric from the Ukrainian Catholic Catechism "Christ is our Pascha". Hopefully our faithful will benefit from this rubric and thus deepen their knowledge of our faith in general and Catechesis in particular.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATECHISM "CHRIST IS OUR PASCHA"

Part II: THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (cont'd from previous weeks' bulletins)

II. THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY.

B. The Three Orders of the Divine Liturgy.

1. The Orders of the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom and of Saint Basil the Great

395 The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom and that of Saint Basil the Great, named after these two great bishops of the Church, are identical as to their structure but differ in their Anaphoras and in some of the other prayers.

396 The Anaphora of the Liturgy of the Saint John Chrysostom is a precious narration of the history of salvation in biblical imagery. A particularity of this Anaphora is the initial prayer of thanksgiving. It begins with praise of God—revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who is "ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, always existing and ever the same." The priest renders thanks to God for all his good gifts: for bringing the human race from nothingness into being, raising it after its fall, leading it to heaven, and granting it the kingdom. He also renders thanks for this Liturgy, which God deigned to accept.

397 In the Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, the community of the faithful praises the Father for his gift of the only-begotten Son, sent into the world so "that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). In giving his Body and Blood at the Mystical Supper for the remission of sins, the Son of God gave himself for the life of the world. In the Eucharistic memorial we become participants of "all that was done for us:" the passion, the death on the cross, the burial, the Resurrection, the Ascension, the sitting at the right hand of the Father, the second and glorious coming. As a sign of this participation, the community offers itself and the gifts to God: "We offer to you, yours of your own." The priest then asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit "upon us and upon these Gifts here present." This is so "that they may sanctify us, that God who sanctified them may sanctify us through them." The Holy Spirit, descending on us and on the gifts, sanctifies all the communicants; and he makes of them one Body, the Church, which embraces the faithful of all generations, living and deceased.

398 In the Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, the Church contemplates the glory of the Most Holy Trinity—the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: "Who can tell of all your acts of power, make all your praises heard, or recount all your wonders at every moment?" All creation, the nine choirs of angels and with them this liturgical community, ministers to the Lord and praises him for his gifts: for the creation of humanity, for paradise, for the promise of immortal life.

399 Further, the Anaphora of Saint Basil mentions that humankind, "led astray by the deception of the serpent," committed the sin of disobedience and thus lost paradise, becoming mortal. Yet the merciful God did not turn away from humankind, but promised the coming salvation. He sent them the prophets, and "gave the law as a help ... appointed angels as guardians." In the fullness of time God spoke through his Son, who humbling himself, took on our human nature from the Virgin. In his flesh he condemned sin and granted new life. In our stead he offered himself unto death, "and rising on the third day and making a way for all flesh to the resurrection of the dead," he became "... the first-born of the dead ... ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand" of the Father. As a memorial of his passion he left us this offering of the gifts. He was the first who took bread and wine, named them his Body and Blood, and gave them to his disciples as food and drink. And he commanded us from that time onward to do the same. Today the liturgical community keeps this commandment, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies the gifts and show them to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

400 The Holy Spirit unites the living and the dead into a single Church. In the Church's prayer, expressed in this Anaphora, we ask the Lord to remember those who have brought offerings, those laboring in spiritual struggles, our earthly nation, the government and the military, couples and families, those in need, those who have strayed from the Church, those troubled by unclean spirits, those travelling, widows and orphans, the imprisoned and the sick, those condemned and those persecuted, friends and foes. The Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil culminates in joyous certitude. It concludes with conviction that the Lord, who gives us his kind gifts and mercies—good weather, rain in due season, and the harvest—will restrain the discord of Churches, the pride of nations, the rise of heresies, and will show us to be "children of the light and children of the day." (will be cont'd in next bulletins)