# 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 Ґудзяк Архиєпископ-Митрополит Філадельфійський для Українців-Католиків

Welcome to our Cathedral — Bimaємо вас у Соборі Come to your (home) house of worship

VERY REVEREND FR. ROMAN PITULA, CATHEDRAL RECTOR ВСЕЧЕСНІШИЙ 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!** / **BITACMO!**

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: Health & God's blessings for Godfathers, Grandfathers, Dads -- 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

- TO STOP THE WAR AND FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE
- **♦** ALL DECEASED DURING THIS WAR
- FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES





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!

THE SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES — РОЗКЛАД БОГОСЛУЖІНЬ				
Saturday June 17 CATHEDRAL	4:30pm	Vesperal Divine Liturgy For Health & God's blessings for all our parishioners За здоров'я та Боже благословення для парафіян	Engl Англ	Субота 17 червня <b>КАТЕДРА</b>
Sunday JUNE 18 CATHEDRAL	8:30ам 10:00ам	ТРЕТЯ НЕДІЛЯ ПО ЗІСЛАННІ СВЯТОГО ДУХА FATHER'S DAY — ДЕНЬ БАТЬКА THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  Tone 2 Rom. 5:1-10 Gospel: Mt. 6:22-34  +Каzimiera Mykytiuk, 20 yr. — Maria Taney +Казіміра Микитюк, 20 р. — Марія Таней  Health & God's bless. for our parishioners — For Living & Deceased Fathers За здор. та Боже благосл. для парафіян — За живих та померлих батьків	Engl Англ Ukr Укр	НЕДІЛЯ 18 червня КАТЕДРА
Mon. Jun. 19 CHAPEL	8:00ам	Divine Liturgy Божественна Літургія		Пон. 19 чер. <b>КАПЛИЦЯ</b>
Tues. Jun. 20 <b>CHAPEL</b>	8:00ам	+George Fedorijczuk — Oksana & Lewko Strockyj +Джордж Федорійчук — Оксана і Левко Строцький		Вівт. 20 чер. <b>КАПЛИЦЯ</b>
Wed. Jun. 21 CHAPEL	8:00ам	For Health & God's blessings for Yuriy Pitula on his Birthday За здоров'я та Боже благословення Юрія Пітули з нагоди уродин		Сер. 21 чер. <b>КАПЛИЦЯ</b>
Thurs. Jun. 22 CHAPEL	8:00ам	+George Fedorijczuk — Sophie Cifelli +Джордж Федорійчук — Софі Ціфеллі		Четв. 22 чер. <b>КАПЛИЦЯ</b>
Fri. Jun. 23 CATHEDRAL	6:30pm	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (for Sat. June 24th) РІЗДВО СВ. ІВАНА ХРЕСТИТЕЛЯ (за суботу, 24 черв.) Divine Liturgy — Божественна Літургія	Engl Англ	П'ятн. 23чер. <b>КАТЕДРА</b>
Saturday June 24 CATHEDRAL	9:00ам 4:30pm	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PIЗДВО СВ. IBAHA XPEСТИТЕЛЯ  For Health & God's blessings for all our parishioners За здоров'я та Боже благословення для парафіян Vesperal Divine Liturgy  Divine Liturgy — Божественна Літургія	Ukr Укр Engl Англ	Субота 24 червня <b>КАТЕДРА</b>
Sunday June 25 CATHEDRAL	8:30ам 10:00ам	ЧЕТВЕРТА НЕДІЛЯ ПО ЗІСЛАННІ СВЯТОГО ДУХА FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 3 Rom. 6:18-23 Gospel: Mt. 8:5-13+George Fedorijczuk—Anna Makuch Aнна Макух+Джордж Федорійчук—Анна МакухFor Health & God's blessings for all our parishioners За здоров'я та Боже благословення для парафіян	Engl Англ Ukr Укр	<b>НЕДІЛЯ</b> 25 червня <b>КАТЕДРА</b>

## OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEKENDS OF JUNE 10-11, 2023

Basket: \$1550.00; Feast: \$5.00; Candles: \$286.00; Kitchen: \$0.00; Bingo: \$1800.00; Other: \$15.00 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! FOR VICTORY & PEACE IN UKRAINE!

<u>УВАГА!!! ЗМІНИ У РОЗКЛАДІ НЕДІЛЬНИХ БОГОСЛУЖІНЬ:</u> Зважаючи на численні прохання наших парафіян, недільні Божественні Літургії будуть розпочинатися на пів години раніше. Отже, щонеділі, Божественні Літургії в Українському Католицькому Архикатедральному Соборі Непорочного Зачаття у Філадельфії будуть служитися за наступним розкладом:

- Божественна Літургія по англійськи щонеділі буде о 8:30 год. ранку.
- Божественна Літургія по українськи щонеділі буде о 10:00 год. ранку.

Щиро дякуємо всім за розуміння та співпрацю. Нехай Милосердний Господь благословить нас щоб ми могли і надалі продовжувати нашу християнську місію та прямували до Господа нашого Ісуса Христа.

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<u>ATTENTION!!! CHANGES TO THE SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:</u> Due to numerous requests from our beloved Parishioners, the Sunday Divine Liturgies will be moved to half an hour earlier. Therefore, from now on Sunday Divine Liturgies schedule at our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchial Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia will be as follows:

- Divine Liturgy in English will be each Sunday morning at 8:30am.
- Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian, with Choir, will be starting at 10:00am.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. May Almighty God bless us all as we strive to fulfil our Christian mission and to continue our journey with the Lord.

SAVE THE DATE: Flea Market at the Cathedral Hall for THIS Weekend! Saturday, June 10: 9 AM to 4 PM and Sunday June 11: 11 AM to 2 PM. If you would like to volunteer for any of those dates, please call Mary Fedorin 215-539-7645. Thank you! 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

OOOOOPEN WIDE

TIL JESUS IS INSIDE.

WAIT TO CLOSE YOUR MOUTH

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.

<u>ВКАЗІВКА ЩОДО ПРИЙМАННЯ СВЯТОГО ПРИЧАСТЯ</u>. 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.

<u>ПРОСИМО МОЛИТИСЬ ЗА ХВОРИХ</u>: 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. Молімось за здоров'я та одужання *(імена надруковані по англійськи нижче*):

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK</u>: 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.

**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 <a href="https://www.ukrarcheparchy.us">www.ukrarcheparchy.us</a>, 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!

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**FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE LITURGY**: Third Sunday of June we will celebrate Father's Day. We would like to remember our fathers: both living and deceased, in the Divine Liturgy, which will be celebrated on Father's Day, June 18. There is a special envelope marked "Father's Day Mass Remembrance" in your donation envelope box. Please list the names of fathers you would like to have prayed for, and return it as soon as possible.

**СЛУЖБА БОЖА ЗА БАТЬКІВ НАШОЇ ПАРАФІЇ**: Третя неділя місяця червня — День Батька. В цю неділю, у Святій Літургії, яка буде відправлятися у День Батька, 18 червня, ми згадаємо всіх наших батьків: тих що є з нами і тих, що на жаль, вже відійшли від нас у вічність. З вашими конвертками, ви знайдете конвертку, на якій пише "Father's Day Mass Remembrance". Просимо написати імена батьків і повернути цю конвертку якнайшвидше, щоб у цей день згадати живих і померлих наших батьків.



<u>CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTRATION CARD</u>: We have finally received our envelopes for 2023. If you are registered at our Cathedral Parish (if not — please 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 the Cathedral Office at 215-922-2845.

CATHEDRAL ROOF REPAIR (updated): There have been a few roof leaks in our Cathedral for the past several years. In addition there are another leaks at the sacristy area. Total cost for this work is \$90,000.00 (\$65,000.00-roof repair by patching/sealing of the Cathedral dome and \$25,000.00-roof over sacristy). We ask our Parishioners and all the people of good will to support this project and contribute to the specially established fund, which will serve to cover the costs for this repair. Please make your generous donations to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. So far we have received these donations: \$20,704.25- Bazaar profit; \$10,000.00-Nazariy Teplyy (N-Trans Inc.); \$8000.00-Donna & Joseph Dobrowolskyj; \$2500.00-Kowal Family, Nicholas & Maria Denkowycz; \$2000.00-Stephen Lepki & Halyna Zaiats, Olga & Peter Mecznik, anonymous; \$1500.00-Nick & Susan Iwanisziw, Krushevsky family; \$1200.00-Kusznir Family; \$1000.00-Michael Casmer, Maria Wikarczuk, Sonja Wysoczanski, James & Barbara Magura, anonymous, William & Irene Zin, Petro & Lubomira Derewecki, Nasevich Funeral Home, Petro & Maria Kozak: \$840.00-Pysanky workshop: \$750.00-Walter & Mary Fedorin, Lydia Kyndus, Evelyn Chervenic: \$600.00-Helen Romanczuk: \$525.00-John & Paula Finley (in memory of Bishop Walter Paska), John & Donna Sharak; \$500.00-anonymous, John Schpylchak; Michael & Eva Sosnowyi, Roxolana Horbowyi, Marc Zaharchuk, Paul & Doris Sadownik, Daria Zaharchuk, James Magura, Olga Oleksyn; \$425.00-Theodosia & Christina Hewko; \$400.00-Alexander & Alyson Fedkiw, anonymous; \$360.00-Maria & Donald Taney, \$300.00-Barbara Bershak, Izydor & Halyna Kawa, Janie Maloney, Zenowij & Oksana Jarymowycz; \$275.00-Oksana Tatunchak & Jossip Oursta; \$250.00-Kenneth Hitchins, Rita Malinowski, Oleg & Alla Boychenko, Ronald Maxymiuk, Sr.; \$200.00-Arkadij & Julieta Fedkiw, Wasyl Makar, Douglas Nefferdorf, Walter & Anna Chajka, Maria Jackiw, Julia & Olga Jakubowsky, Andrew & Tetyana Mykich, Mary Nimchuk, Patrycia & Lydia Myr, anonymous, Joseph Hatala, Stepan & Tetyana Zayats (Sviachene raffle winning donation); \$170.00-Stephanie Pogas (Temple University student), Olga Ade; \$150.00-Michael Woznyj, Joseph & Mary Ann Wojtiw, Olga Maleczkowicz; \$140.00-Anelia Szaruga; \$130.00-Zdorow Family; \$125.00-Karen Appicciafuoco & Anne Evans, M. A. Martynewycz (Sviachene raffle winning donation); \$100.00-Olga Simeonides, Teresa Siwak, Anna Siwak, Anna Smolij, Irene Harlow, Roma Kohut, Maryann Bramlage, Rita Malinowski, Roman & Lisa Oprysk, Jacqueline Buckmaster, Lubomir Pyrih, Kenneth Rowinsky, Borys & Nila Pawluk, Anna Staszko, Nadya White, Maria Lapiska, Frank & Irene Giuseppini, anonymous; \$70.00-Anna Rad; \$50.00-anonymous, Anna Krawchuk, Anton Tyszko, WJM, Miroslaw & Ava Szwedyk, Maria Jackiw, Olga Hontar; \$40.00-Joseph & Maryann Wojtiw, Maria Lapiska; \$25.00-Walter Wolansky; \$19.23-Gerard Feshuk. Total as of this weekend is: 88,873.48. Only \$1,126.52 left. May our Lord Jesus Christ reward you a hundredfold for your generosity and bless you and your Families. THANK 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 it's an emergency call (908) 217-7202.

<u>СПОВІДІ</u>. 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.

<u>BAPTISMS</u>: 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.

<u>MARRIAGES</u>: 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.

<u>ОДРУЖЕННЯ</u>. 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.

<u>ELIGIBILITY FOR SPONSORSHIP:</u> 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.

<u>ДЛЯ ТИХ, ХТО ХОЧЕ БУТИ ХРЕСНИМИ БАТЬКАМИ:</u> 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.

<u>A SPECIAL REQUEST</u>: 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.

<u>ПРОХАННЯ</u>. По закінченні Богослужінь просимо всі літургійні та молитовні книжечки та брошури поскладати належним чином у лавках. Також прохання не залишати бюлетенів чи інших речей у лавках. Будьмо відповідальними та докладімо також і своїх зусиль, щоб підтримивати чистоту і порядок у нашому Архикатердальному храмі. Дякуємо за ваше вирозуміння та співпрацю.



#### 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.

<u>СПІЛЬНОТА «МАТЕРІ В МОЛИТВІ»:</u> Наступне молитовне зібрання спільноти «Матері в молитві» відбудеться у середу, 5 липня, 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 Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> (instead of on the first Thursday of month) 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.

<u>CHURCH TRADITIONS & ETIQUETTE</u>: 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 worshipers.

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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

A. The Divine Liturgy---the Foundation and Summit of the Christian Community's Life

- 343 "Do this in memory of me; for as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim my death and confess my Resurrection." In Christ, human nature partakes of the divine nature (see 2 Pt 1:4). Christ grants to everyone who believes in him communion in divine life. Christ accomplished this mystery of Communion at the Mystical Supper, manifested it in his Paschal Mystery, and continues to actualize it in the Divine Services of the Church "now and for ever and ever."
- The summit of the Church's liturgical life is the Divine Liturgy (from the Greek *leitourgia*, meaning a *common work*). It is the service of God to his people and of God's people to him. In the Divine Liturgy the Father leads us into the fullness of his life by giving us his Son. The Son then gives himself to us as nourishment, in the banquet of the Word, and in the banquet of the Body and Blood. He does so in order that we might become *one body and blood* with him and partake of his Divinity. Receiving Christ's gift in the Holy Spirit, the Church responds to him by offering herself. She does so in order that he might live and act in her as in his Body. And so, Christ, the head of the Church, together with the Church, which is his Body, brings to the Father in the Holy Spirit praise and thanksgiving for the salvation that has already been accomplished.
- The Divine Liturgy consists of (a) the *Proskomide* (from the Greek, meaning offering) or *Prothesis* (from the Greek, meaning setting forth), that is, the preparation of the gifts; (b) the Liturgy of the Word; and (c) the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the Divine Liturgy the mystery of salvation is accomplished. This salvation is the bringing together of God and humankind in Christ (see Eph 1:10), the "building up of the body of Christ" (Eph 4:12). Just as at the Mystical Supper [Last Supper] Christ first taught the apostles by his word and then led them into the mystery of his Body and Blood, so in the Divine Liturgy Christ teaches the community of the faithful, nourishes it by his Word, and then makes its members partakers of the Eucharistic banquet. The Christian enters into this mystery through listening to the Word of God and partaking of the Lord's Body and Blood.

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