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Celebration of the Holy Mysteries

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS: ½ HR BEFORE DIVINE LITURGY

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE LITURGIES:
SUNDAYS: 10 AM (September thru May) MON THRU SAT: AS NOTED IN WEEKLY BULLETIN
 9 AM (June thru August) HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 7 PM

DIVINE LITURGY AND VESPERS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

Sunday, May 29th – Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Nicene Council and Post Feast of Ascension

Divine Liturgy: 10 AM	Propers: Festal Tones	Vestments: Bright
Epistle: Acts 20: 16-18; 28-36		Gospel: St. John 17: 1-13
Intention: For all Parishioners followed by Moleben to the Holy Mother of God for Peace in Ukraine		

Saturday, June 4th (7 PM): Vespers Service

Divine Liturgy and Vespers Services Schedule and Intentions for June and July

Sunday, June 5th (9 AM): For all Parishioners

Saturday, June 11th: No Services – Day for Ukraine in Enfield, NH

Sunday, June 12th (9 AM): For all Parishioners

Saturday, June 18th (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, June 19th (9 AM): For all Parishioners

Saturday, June 25th (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, June 26th (9 AM): For all Parishioners

Wednesday, June 29th (7 PM): Feast of the Chief Apostles Ss. Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, July 2nd (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, July 3rd (9 AM): For all Parishioners

Saturday, July 9th (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, July 10th (9 AM): For all Parishioners

Saturday, July 16th (9 AM): For the blessed repose of the soul of **+Romana Khrystyna Maksymowych** with Panakhida, offered by the Maksymowych Family

Saturday, July 16th (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, July 17th (9 AM): For all Parishioners

Saturday, July 23rd (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, July 24th (9 AM): For all Parishioners

Saturday, July 30th (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, July 31st (9 AM): For all Parishioners

Saturday Services

Fr. Ihor is celebrating Vesper services every Saturday at 7 PM. All parishioners are invited to attend this beautiful service. Those who wish to have a Divine Liturgy celebrated for a loved one whether living or deceased or for a private intention are still able to do so. Please request your Divine Liturgy by contacting Fr. Ihor at (860) 617-6357 or cantor Jerry Maksymowych at (603) 627-2042. Please note that Saturday Divine Liturgies will now be celebrated only at 10 AM whenever they are requested. If no Divine Liturgy has been requested for a particular Saturday, then none will be celebrated on that day. The Divine Liturgy schedule in the bulletin will only show 10 AM Divine Liturgies on Saturdays when they have been requested. If the bulletin does not show a 10 AM Divine Liturgy for a given Saturday, then this means that particular Saturday is available for your request.

Суботні Богослужіння

Отець Ігор святкує Вечірню кожної суботи у 7-мі годині вечером. Ласкаво просимо усіх парафіян до участі. Парафіяни які бажають замовити Божественну Літургію в суботу для померших або на особисті інтенції можуть дзвонити до о. Ігоря на номер (860) 617-6357 або до дяка п. Ярослава Максимовича на номер (603) 627-2042. Суботні Божественні Літургії будуть відслужені тільки о годині 10-тій ранком коли замовлені. Якщо Літургія в певну суботу не буде замовлена, то в цей день не буде жодна відправлена. Порядок Богослужінь в бюлетені покаже тільки ті суботні Служби Божі які є замовлені. Якщо в бюлетені не відображається Божественна Літургія на дану суботу, то це означає, що ця субота доступна на Ваше замовлення.

Liturgical Propers, Readings and Sermon for Sunday

Liturgical Propers for the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

First Antiphon: from the Feast of the Ascension

VERSE: Clap your hands all you peoples;* sing to God a song of gladness.

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

VERSE: For the most high Lord is awesome;* He is a mighty King over all the earth.

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

VERSE: He subjects many peoples under us;* bringing nations below our feet.

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

VERSE: The Lord God ascends with acclamation,* midst the sound of trumpets.

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Processional Antiphon Refrain: Son of God ascended in glory,* save us who sing to You “Alleluia”.

Resurrectional Tropar: Tone 6

Angelic powers stood by Your tomb.* The guards fell as dead.* Mary came seeking Your most pure body.* You vanquished hell; it was no match for You.* You went to meet the women,* for You are the Giver of Life.* You are risen from the dead.* Glory to You, O Lord!

Tropar for Ascension: Tone 4

You ascended in glory, O Christ-God,* after You filled Your apostles with joy.* You promised to send the Holy Spirit,* and confirm that You are the Son of God,* and the Savior of the world.

Tropar for the Holy Fathers: Tone 8

You are truly glorious, O Christ-God,* for having set our fathers as beacons of light upon the earth.* Through them, You guide us to the true faith.* Glory to You, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Kondak for the Holy Fathers: Tone 8

The apostles’ preaching and the fathers’ teaching* have set the church on a firm foundation.* Vested with truth and robed with the word of God from on high,* the church declares the mystery of faith* with certitude and praise.

now and always and forever. Amen.

Kondak for Ascension: Tone 4

You accomplished what You planned for us.* You united heaven with earth.* You ascended in glory, Christ-God, but did not leave us.* You remained forever, telling those who love You:* “I am with you, and no one can prevail against you.”

Prokimen: Tone 4

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers;* may Your name be praised and glorified forever.

VERSE: You are just in everything You have done for us.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers;* may Your name be praised and glorified forever.

НЕДІЛЯ СВЯТИХ ОТЦІВ (Першого Вселенського Собору у Нікеї)

Апостол: (Ді 20: 16-18; 28-38)

Діянь святих апостолів читання.

Тими днями, Павло вирішив плисти попри Ефес, щоб не баритися в Азії; поспішав бо, щоб по змозі, на день П'ятидесятниці бути в Єрусалимі. З Мілету він послав у Ефес і прикликав пресвітерів Церкви. Коли ж вони прийшли до нього, він до них промовив:

“Ви знаєте, як з першого дня, коли я вступив у Азію, увесь час поводився з вами. Зважайте на самих себе й на все стадо, над яким Дух Святий поставив вас єпископами, щоб пасли Церкву Божу, що її Він придбав кров'ю власною. Я знаю, що по моїм відході ввійдуть поміж вас вовки хижі, які не щадитимуть стада. Та й з поміж вас самих повстануть люди, що говоритимуть погубні речі, щоб потягнути за собою учнів. Тому чуйте, пригадуйте собі, що я три роки, ніч і день, не переставав кожного з вас із сльозами наводити на розум. А тепер передаю вас Богові і слову його благодаті, що може збудувати й дати вам спадщину між усіма освяченими. Ні срібла, ні золота, ані одежі я не вимагав від нікого. Ви самі знаєте, що моїм потребам і тих, які зо мною, служили оці руки. У всьому я показав вам, що, так працюючи, треба допомагати слабосильним і пам'ятати слова Господа Ісуса, що сам сказав: ‘Більше щастя - давати, ніж брати.’” Промовивши це, він упав на коліна і з усіма ними почав молитися.

Epistle Reading for Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (Acts 20: 16-18; 28-38)

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to lose time in Asia, for he was eager to get to Jerusalem by the feast of Pentecost if at all possible. Paul sent word from Miletus to Ephesus, summoning the presbyters of that church. When they came to him he delivered this address:

“Keep watch over yourselves, and over the whole flock the Holy Spirit has given you to guard. Shepherd the church of God, which He has acquired at the price of His own Blood. I know that when I am gone, savage wolves will come among you who will not spare the flock. From your own number, men will present themselves distorting the truth and leading astray any who follow them. Be on guard, therefore. Do not forget that for three years, night and day, I never ceased warning you individually even to the point of tears. I commend you now to the Lord, and to that gracious word of His which can enlarge you, and give you a share among all who are consecrated to Him. Never did I set my heart on anyone's silver or gold or envy the way he dressed. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have served both my needs and those of my companions. I have always pointed out to you that it is by such hard work that you must help the weak. You need to recall the words of the Lord Jesus Himself, who said, ‘There is more happiness in giving than receiving.’”

After this discourse, Paul knelt down with them and prayed. They began to weep without restraint, throwing their arms around him and kissing him, for they were deeply distressed to hear that they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

Alleluia: Tone 1

VERSE: The Lord, God of the divine, has spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Alleluia: Tone 1

VERSE: Let the faithful gather around Him, those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice.

Alleluia: Tone 1

Євангелія: (Ів 17: 1-13)

У той час, Ісус, підвівши очі свої до неба, і сказав: "Отче, прийшла година! Прослав свого Сина, щоб Син твій Тебе прославив, згідно з владою, що її Ти дав йому над усяким тілом: дарувати життя вічне тим, яких Ти передав йому. А вічне життя у тому, щоб вони пізнали Тебе, єдиного, істинного Бога, і Тобою посланого - Ісуса Христа. Я тебе на землі прославив, виконавши те діло, яке Ти дав мені до виконання. Тепер же прослав мене, Отче, у Себе - славою тією, що її мав у Себе перед тим, як постав світ! Я об'явив Твоє ім'я людям, яких Ти від світу передав мені. Вони були Твої, Ти ж передав мені їх, і зберегли вони слово Твоє. Нині збагнули вони, що все Тобою дане мені - від Тебе; слова бо, Тобою мені дані, я їм дав, і сприйняли вони їх, і справді збагнули, що від Тебе я вийшов, і увірували, що Ти мене послав. Молю ж за них: не за світ молю, лише за тих, яких Ти передав мені, бо вони - Твої. І все моє Твоє, Твоє ж - моє, і в них я прославився. Я вже більш не у світі, а вони у світі, і я до Тебе йду. Отче Святий! Заради імени Твого бережи їх, тих, що їх Ти мені передав, щоб було одно, як ми! Бувши з ними у світі, я беріг їх у Твоєму імені; тих, яких Ти передав мені, я їх стеріг, і ніхто з них не пропав, лише син загибелі, щоб сповнилося Писання. Тепер же іду до Тебе, і кажу те, у світі бувши, щоб вони радощів моїх мали у собі вщерть."

Gospel Reading for the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (St. John 17: 1-13)

At that time, Jesus looked up to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come! Give glory to Your Son that Your Son may give glory to You, inasmuch as You have given Him authority over all mankind, that He may bestow eternal life on those You gave Him. (Eternal life is this; to know You the only true God, and Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ.) I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave me to do. Do You now, Father, give me glory at Your side; a glory I had with You before the world began. I have made Your name known to those You gave me out of the world. These men You gave me were Yours; they have kept Your word. Now they realize that all that You gave me comes from You. I entrusted to them the message You entrusted to me. They have known that in truth I came from You, they have believed it was You who sent me.

"For these I pray – not for the world but for these You have given me, for they are really Yours. (Just as all that belongs to me is Yours, so all that belongs to You is mine.) It is in them that I have been glorified. I am in the world no more, but these are in the world as I come to You. O Father most holy, protect them with Your name which You have given me (that they may be one even as We are One). As long as I was with them, I guarded them with Your Name which You gave me. I kept careful watch, and not one of them was lost, none but him who was destined to be lost – in fulfillment of Scripture. Now, however, I come to You; I say all this while I am still in the world that they may share my joy completely."

Sermon for the Sunday of the Fathers of the Nicene Council

Slava Isusu Khrystu! My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Today we commemorate the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, who proclaimed that the One Who brings human beings into the eternal life of God is Himself truly divine and eternal: the only begotten Son of the Father. They recognized that even the best angel, or prophet, or teacher could not do that, for only One Who is divine and eternal can bring us into the divine, eternal life of the Holy Trinity. That is a key reason why the Council of Nicaea rejected the teaching of the heretic Arius, who did not think that the Son was fully or eternally God. That is why the our Church has always disagreed with those who seek to reduce Christ to a great religious teacher or moral example, or who view the Kingdom of God as a mere extension of an earthly kingdom of whatever kind. Our salvation comes not merely through instruction or social change, but through Jesus Christ Who conquers death and ascends to heavenly glory as the God-Man.

Today, when the Church prayerfully remembers the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council – who, inspired by the Holy Spirit, were able to formulate, explain, and transmit to us the truth about God inscribed in the definitions of the Symbol of Faith – a passage from the Holy Gospel of the Apostle John the Evangelist, frequently called the High Priestly Prayer of Christ, is read at the divine service.

The Lord prays for His people. The Lord, like a priest standing before the Holy Table, prays for the little ones of this world. Before willingly ascending the Cross, before accepting horrible torment and terrible shame, our Lord prays for those who will be left orphaned after His departure. He prays for those who will betray Him at the very first sign of danger. The Lord prays for His people because He loves them.

This prayer that Christ offers is often called the High Priestly Prayer because it contains the basic elements of prayer a priest in the Old Testament would offer to God when a sacrifice is about to be made: Glorification - "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth by finishing the work that You gave Me to do. So now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world existed."

Remembrance of God's works - "...since You have given Him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him." and "I have made Your Name known to those whom You gave me from the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything You have given Me is from You. The words that You gave to Me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from You. And they have believed that You sent Me."

Intercession of behalf of others - "I am asking on their behalf, I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom You gave Me, because they are Yours." "And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them in Your Name that You have given Me, so that they may be one, as We are one."

And a declaration of the offering itself - "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son so that the Son may glorify You." "So now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world existed."

Notice that the Lord says, "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent." The eternal life is knowledge of God, that He is only and true, and that God the Father sent His Son for our salvation. Christ ends His prayer with the words, "I speak these things in the world so that they may have My joy made complete in themselves." Everything He said was meant for us to have His joy made complete. If only we would not forget this. If only we would, if only once, hear our Savior's words about perfect joy not just with our ears – which are no longer capable of being surprised by words or astonished by speeches – but with our whole hearts and with all the depths of our souls. Perhaps then joy and truth might return to our lives, as warmth and light returns to the earth wearied from cold and darkness. Amen.

Проповідь на Неділю Святих Отців

Слава Ісусу Христу! Дорогі в Христі браття і сестри!

У неділю перед Зісланням Святого Духа ми побожно і з вдячністю Богові вшановуємо пам'ять Отців Першого Вселенського Собору, що відбувся в Нікеї. Святі Отці, це яскравий приклад плодів Зіслання, дії Святого Духа у житті учнів і послідовників Ісуса Христа. Під впливом Святого Духа вони пізнали науку Ісуса Христа, утвердилися у вірі і любові до Спасителя. Словом і прикладом свого життя вони зміцнювали і розбудовували Церкву – християнські спільноти, поширювали їх серед різних народів, захищали від ворогів фізичних і духовних.

Святі Отці – це учасники першого вселенського собору у Нікеї. Коли над Христовою Церквою нависла небезпека фальшивої науки Арія, яка підривала віру християн в Ісуса Христа і заперечувала Його божество, Святі Отці зібралися разом, щоб зупинити цю небезпеку, відкинувши фальшиве вчення Арія і дали правильне пояснення Євангелія Ісуса Христа, виклавши його у символі віри. Завдяки їм ми поклоняємося в Христі – Живому Богові, завдяки їм ми знаємо, що незбагнений Бог став людиною і все людське прийняв на себе, освятив і очистив з бруду гріха.

Сьогодні, коли сотні років відділяють нас від часу Святих Отців, ми користуємося з плодів їхньої святості, маючи правдиву Церкву і віру. Так само і ми повинні провадити побожне християнське життя, щоб приклад нашого життя приніс комусь промінь Божої любові, ласку освячення і спасіння його душі. Правдиві слуги Божі здатні докорінно змінити світ, зробити його миролюбним і милосердним. Світ без Бога стає жорстоким і немилосердним.

Неділя Святих Отців Першого Вселенського Собору яка завжди стоїть між Вознесінням Господнім і П'ятдесятницею, Церква пропонує нам послухати один з найзмістовніших уривків із Євангелія від Івана, той, який називають часто архиєрейською молитвою Ісуса (Ів. 17:1-13). Син Божий молиться до Отця. Але молиться так, щоб Його молитва була відкрита для всіх довкола Нього. Бо голосно молимося ми з тією метою, щоб і люди, які стоять біля нас, брали участь у цій молитві, чи пошепки повторюючи ці слова, чи сприймаючи їх у своєму серці. І змістовність Архиєрейської молитви Спасителя така, що хочеться зупинитися і міркувати над кожним її словом.

Христос іде до Отця. Він іде, аби нас усіх з Отцем поєднати, аби довершити ту особливу, містичну понадчасову єдність, яка забезпечується єдністю неподільних Трьох Осіб Пресвятої Тройці: Бога Отця, Бога Сина і Бога Духа Святого; єдність, яка буде закріплена у Святій Церкві. Ось уже наступної неділі ми будемо вшановувати цю мить утворення Церкви, коли вона була обдарована благодаттю Святого Духа. І кожен з нас дістав через Христа від Триіпостасного Бога цей неоціненний дар, дар, який наповнює живлющою силою Пресвяту Церкву.

Віра і ревність Отців, вірність Христові зберегли єдність Церкви і впорядкували Христову науку. Вірність є дуже важлива у людському житті. Коли особа приймає Тайну Хрещення, обіцяє зміцнювати свою віру в Ісуса Христа і бути вірною Йому, щоб отримати життя вічне. Лікар, який йде служити людям, складає клятву Гіппократа. Священик, котрий отримує Тайну Священства, дає присягу, у якій обіцяє у всьому слухати свого єпископа і гідно виконувати священиче служіння. Солдат, який йде служити у війську, присягає на вірність народу і державі. Наречений і наречена в Тайні Подружжя присягають одне одному вірність і любов, які мають реалізувати у подружньому житті. Подібно, християнин і християнка, мають своїм життям засвідчити свою вірність Христові.

Христос кличе, щоб ми були всі разом. І разом, у спільноті, Він відкриває нам найвищу спільноту світу – Три Іпостасі Єдиного Бога. Церква стає містичним Тілом Христовим завдяки її єдності. В Церкві ми вчимося бути один біля одного, вибачати один одному, вчитися один в одного, жити життям спільноти, не

відривати себе на молитві від загалу, а молитися разом, єдиними устами, щоб і серце було єдиним. Саме це і є для нас найкращою порадою, яку в цей день дає нам церковний устав, - бути разом, давати приклад життя разом довоколишньому світові. Єднати світ, щоб у цій єдності він умів піти до Того, Хто молиться не за абстрактний світ, а за нас усіх, за кожного з нас, кого Він відкупив своїм життям, - до Ісуса Христа. А разом із Ним – до Бога Отця, до Бога Духа Святого. Підноситися до Пресвятої Тройці, бо вічності без Неї немає, а в єдності із Нею ми і здобуваємо те вічне життя, те Небесне Царство, до якого, возносячись, Христос кличе всіх нас із вами. Амінь.

Communion Verse: *Khvaleet' Hospoda z nebes, khvaleet' Yoho na visotakh. Радуйтеся, праведні, в Господі, правим належить похвала.* Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Exult in the Lord, you just ones, for praise is fitting from the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." and "May our mouths be filled...": **Rise high above the heavens, O God, let Your glory be over all the earth.**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in these Holy Gifts! I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation. I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Молитва Духовного Причастя

Мій Ісусе! Я вірю, що Ти присутній у цих Святих Дарів!
Люблю Тебе над усе і моя душа тужить за Тобою.
Не можу зараз Тебе прийняти в Святій Євхаристії,
тому хоча б духовно прийди до мого серця!
Запрошую Тебе, відчиняючи навстіж двері мого серця, згадаючи Твої слова:
«Ось стою під дверима і стукаю.
Якщо хто почує Мій голос і відчинить двері,
Я ввійду до нього, і буду вечеряти з ним, а він зі Мною».
Я ввесь єднаюся з Тобою. Ісусе, моє найвище Добро й моя солодка Любове!
Торкнись мого серця і запали його,
щоб воно завжди палало любов'ю до Тебе! Амінь.

Parish Announcements

We Welcome You!

If you are visiting our church today, our parish family is delighted to welcome you here! Thank you and God bless you for visiting with us today! We welcome all our visitors and guests who worship at our parish. We invite families and individuals who wish to become members to register by calling Fr. Ihor at (860) 617-6357.

Вітаємо Вас!

Якщо Ви відвідуєте нашу церкву сьогодні, наша парафіяльна громада рада вітати Вас тут! Щире спасибі Вам, і нехай Бог благословить Вас за Ваші відвідини з нами сьогодні! Ми запрошуємо сім'ї та осіб, які бажають стати членами, зареєструватися у нас по телефоні о. Ігоря на номер (860) 617-6357.

Graveside Services on Pentecost Sunday

Father Ihor will be celebrating Panakhyda services at the gravesites of our deceased parishioners and family members on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, beginning at 11 AM at St. Joseph Cemetery. If you would like to have a Panakhyda celebrated at the gravesite of a deceased family member who is interred in a local cemetery, please contact Fr. Ihor or Jaroslaw Maksymowych, the cantor, and provide them with the name(s) of the deceased, along with the cemetery where they are interred. Fr. Ihor and the cantor will meet you at the gravesite.

Pray for NH Volunteers in Ukraine

Please remember David Langlois, Brian Nolen, and John Fitzgerald in your prayers. These Americans from New Hampshire are currently volunteering in Ukraine. May God protect them and everyone around them as they provide humanitarian aid and comfort for the Ukrainian people who are suffering from Putin's war.

Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound Parishioners

Fr. Ihor Papka, Fr. Zbigniew Brzezicki, Oleh and Valentina Babski, Marylou Blaisdell, Ian Brown, Luba Dyky, Adrianna Halloran, Cole Cheney-Halloran, Carmel Horangic, Christine Kolagji, Helen Kucman, Michelle Johnson, Martha Majkut, Karen and Jaroslaw Maksymowych, Jean Mandych, Sherri Martel, Katherine Masso, Jennifer McMillan, Katharine McNaughton, Jackie Morales, Lauren Morales, Tanya and Ronald Morales, Alice Morris, Elizabeth Mozina, Olympia Pasiecznyk, Billie Sheesley, John Terninko, Elisha Wallace, Carol Zelenski, Lauren Zelenski, Greg and Mary. Please contact Fr. Ihor or a Trustee if you would like to add a friend or loved one to this prayer list.

May Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

The following parishioners are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this month:

May 4 – Andrew R.

May 7 – Halyna S.

May 18 – Mykhaylo S.

May 19 – Lucas G.

May 19 – Holden H.

May 25 – Pam and Richard Y. (wedding anniversary)

Our parish community wishes this month's birthday and anniversary celebrants peace, joy, love and good health on their special day as well as throughout the year. May our dear Lord grant all of you many more healthy, happy and blessed years. Happy Birthday and На Многая літа! (Na Mnohaya Lita!).

April, 2022 Financial Summary

Total Income from April Donations: \$6,725.00

Total Expenditures for April: \$4,799.16

Surplus for April: \$1,925.84

Average attendance in April: 60

Thank you and God bless you for your generous support of our parish.

CareNet Baby Bottles: During the next several weeks, the Ladies Sodality is asking parishioners to donate their spare change to the NH CareNet Pregnancy Center. Please pick up a specially marked baby bottle in the church hall and bring it back filled with your change by Sunday, June 19th.

Day for Ukraine

The La Salette Catholic Shrine located at 410 US Route 4A in Enfield, NH will be hosting a Day for Ukraine on Saturday, June 11th. The day will start at 7:30 AM with a pancake breakfast and will conclude with a Catholic Mass at 6 PM co-concelebrated by La Salette and Ukrainian Catholic priests, including our own Fr. Ihor Papka and Fr. James Morris from our sister parish of St. John the Baptist in Salem, MA. Events throughout the day will include a silent auction, bake sale, an interfaith service, Ukrainian crafts, arts and entertainment, a soup and bread lunch, and a barbecue dinner featuring hamburgers and hot dogs. Proceeds from this event will go towards humanitarian aid in Ukraine. For more information, please visit the website lasaletteofenfield.org.

Weekly Reflection

Learning about our Catholic Faith – Jesus Prepares Us

“They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me. I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you.” John 16:2–4

Most likely, as the disciples listened to Jesus tell them they would be expelled from the synagogues and even killed, it went in one ear and out the other. Sure, it may have disturbed them a bit, but they most likely moved on rather quickly not worrying too much about it. But this is why Jesus said, “I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you.” And you can be certain that when the disciples were persecuted by the scribes and Pharisees, they did remember these words of Jesus.

It must have been a heavy cross for them to receive such persecution from their religious leaders. Here, the people who were supposed to point them to God, were wreaking havoc in their lives. They would have been tempted to despair and lose their faith. But Jesus anticipated this heavy trial and, for that reason, warned them that it would come.

But what’s interesting is what Jesus did not say. He did not tell them they should fight back, start a riot, form a revolution, etc. Rather, if you read the context to this statement, we see Jesus telling them that the Holy Spirit will take care of all things, will lead them and will enable them to testify to Jesus. To testify to Jesus is to be His witness. And to be a witness to Jesus is to be a martyr. Thus, Jesus prepared His disciples for their heavy cross of persecution by the religious leaders by letting them know that they would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to give witness and testimony to Him. And once this began to take place, the disciples began to recall all that Jesus had told them.

You, too, must realize that being a Christian means persecution. We see this persecution in our world today through various terrorist attacks upon Christians. Some see it also, at times, within the “Domestic Church,” the family, when they experience ridicule and harsh treatment for trying to live out their faith. And, sadly, it’s even found within the Church itself when we see fighting, anger, disagreement and judgment. The key is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit plays a significant role right now in our world. That role is to strengthen us in our witness to Christ and to ignore any way the evil one would attack. So if you feel the pressure of persecution in any way, realize that Jesus spoke these words not only for His first disciples, but also for you.

Reflect today upon any way you experience persecution in your life. Allow it to become an opportunity for hope and trust in the Lord through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He will never leave your side if you trust in Him. Let us pray: *Lord, when I feel the weight of the world or persecution, give me peace of mind and heart. Help strengthen me by the Holy Spirit that I may give joyful witness to You. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*