



Christmas Card to support our Mother Church in Mukachevo, Ukraine



November 29, 2015  
27th Sunday after Pentecost  
Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17



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**SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday:**

Rosary 8:30 am  
Festal Matins 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am  
Tuesday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am  
Wednesday  
OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm  
Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm  
Friday, Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm  
**Saturday:** Great Vespers 4:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Thursday OFF

**Parish Advisory Board Members:**

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,  
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

**Parish Finance Council Members:**

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

**Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):**

9:15-10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday  
Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in advance.  
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning:**

Must be arranged six months in advance  
(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Sick and Shut-Ins:** It is the family's responsibility to  
notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the  
hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old  
age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy  
Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that  
one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major  
surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that  
someone is ill!

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:**

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

**Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm**  
**O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those**  
**who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their**


**Today** 8:30 am **Primitives, that they may glorify Your might divine!**  
 9:00 am Festal Matins  
 9:15 am Confessions  
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends  
 ECF Classes after Liturgy  
 Fr Chris: 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Blessings on dad, Henry  
 Eternal Lamp Sven & Barbara Svensson 26<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Monday** **Andrew Apostle**  
 November 30 *Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Gospel: John 1:35-51*  
 9:00 am Divine Liturgy; +Keenan Alan Wofford by Jilek Family  
 6 – 8:00 pm OLPH Women's meeting

**Tuesday** **Nahum Prophet**  
 December 1 *Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4; Gospel: Luke 19:45-48*  
 9:00 am Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Tiana Sevachko  
 6:15 pm CAFE meeting at UNM  
 Moleben (Prayer Service before exams), Party

**Wednesday** **Habakkuk Prophet**  
 December 2 *Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:9-22; Gospel: Luke 20:1-8*  
 5:30 pm OLPH Devotions  
 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Angels Lynn Fazio  
 by M/M Lorcan MacMurchadha

**Thursday** **Zephaniah Prophet**  
 December 3 *Epistle: Titus 1:5-2:1; Gospel: Luke 20:9-18*  
 6:00 pm Pot luck dinner  
 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study; Matthew Chapter 10

**Friday** **Barbara – Great Martyr**  
 December 4 *Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-2 & 8-18; Gospel: Luke 19:12-28*  
 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Daniel Fogg

**Saturday** **Stephen Venerable Martyr**  
 December 5 *Epistle: Galatians 5:22-6:2; Gospel: Luke 10:19-21*  
 4:00 pm Great Vespers  
 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Robert Hasaka

**Sunday** **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 December 6 *Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17; Gospel: Luke 18:10-17*  
 8:30 am Rosary  
 St. Nicholas Visit 9:00 am Festal Matins  
 9:00 am Confessions  
 Canned goods collection for Friars 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends  
 Fr. Chris: +James Murray by Ann Rajala  
 Eternal Lamp Open

Fr. Julian Gnall  
Fr. Anthony Romero



Roy Smith  
Sven & Barbara Svensson  
Michele Koetter  
Abraham Haddad  
Lillian Murphy  
Jenny Ford  
Marilyn Fore  
Robert Hasaka  
Frank & Martha Arden  
Pricilla Hughes  
Sharif Rabadi  
Threima Leech  
Stephen Horner  
Demetrius Yackanich

Paola Terlaza  
Henry Zugger  
John & Margie Disque  
Phillip Fall  
Walter Jakymiw  
Olga Bodnar  
Frances Brannan  
John Deflice  
Kristoff Rajala  
Jordan Smith  
Maggie Batsel  
Katrina Anderson  
Tony Lucero  
Chris Overlin

Laura Dominguez  
Robert Zadel  
William Frank  
Joseph Koetter  
Mary Nell Preisler  
Jackie De Paolis  
Donny Terry  
Mary Murphy  
Jack & Lorraine Hubbell  
Quintin Santamaria & Family  
Heather Mattax  
Larry Bennett  
Mary Ellis  
Mike Harahuc

*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing.*

Glorious Mysteries are recited on Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday; Joyful Mysteries on Monday & Saturday; Sorrowful Mysteries on Wednesday & Friday.

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group*



#### ***Intentions of the Rosary***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

#### ***Holy Father's Intentions for November***

**Universal:** That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

**Evangelization:** That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

Our weekly Gift to the Lord—  
 May the Lord Bless your kindness  
 and generosity to His House!



Vocation Icon  
 Today: Svensson  
 Next Sunday: Jilek

**Attention Ladies!**

"Our Lady of Perpetual Helpers" is having our final organizational meeting. We will be firming up our plans & scheduling events.

Thank you so much for your support, please continue to add your beautiful voices & ideas as we build a strong, Christ-centered women's community.

Our meeting will be held in the OLPH Social Hall on Monday, November 30th from 6 - 8pm. There will be a potluck of light supper foods & snacks & lively discussion.

**Congratulations** to Jeff & Jana Brewer on the birth of their son, Nathaniel Jerry, on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Please make a donation to our Toys For Tots box in the back of the Church!**

**Mission Society Christmas Cards**

Christmas cards to support our mother church in Mukachevo, Ukraine (where Father Artur came to us from) go on sale **today**. Proceeds will help build two parish houses that will serve as permanent homes for the priests, catechetical rooms, a library and a gym for the youth.

A packet of 5 cards sell for \$10 including envelopes. Fill out the slip with the names of the recipients and return by mail or drop them by the parish office.

All names will be sent to Bishop Milan Sasik in the Ukraine. On January 7<sup>th</sup> (Old Calendar Christmas), the Bishop will place all of these names on the altar and pray for each individual.

The last day to purchase cards will be December 20<sup>th</sup>. **May the Lord bless your kindness and generosity!**

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST	COUNTER
Dec. 6	Sven Svensson	Sarah Brewer	Dorothy Curl Melinda Fitzpatrick	Riley	Rafael Plut Dorothy Curl

**Barbara's Hall Report:**

Thanks to Sven for making two big roasters of his chili. He is calling it "Fireman's Chile" seeing as we set off the smoke alarm while we were cooking down at Church, and a fire truck showed up! It was very delicious served with fritos and cheese. Plus a cake decorated in purple all to celebrate our 26th Wedding Anniversary. May God grant us many more happy and healthy years together!

Thank you to all who helped clean up.

**To celebrate the Feast of St Nicholas** the Wonderworker, each family is asked to take one grocery bag today and fill with items from the Friars' List and return them next Sunday, December 6.

This is a wonderful way to honor St Nicholas and his devotion to the poor. The bags will be taken to the Friars to help feed the poor and homeless. Hopefully, this will become a tradition every year in our parish. Each bag, located near the entrance of the church, has a St. Nicholas holy card for you to keep.

**Friar's List:**

Rice  
Beans  
Pasta  
Canned pasta sauce  
Canned or boxed soups  
Canned vegetables and/or fruit  
Canned meat and/or fish  
Chicken, beef or vegetable broth.

**SAINT NICHOLAS AWARD—Sunday, December 6**

Every year in our parish since 1985, the advisory board recommends someone to receive this award. The requirements are simple: that the recipient(s) be *practicing Catholics*, that they engage in *charitable work inside and outside of the parish quietly*, not looking for applause, as an act of love for Christ. Also, the board looks for someone who other parishioners recognize as being good souls who exemplify this. An icon of the holy bishop is given to the recipient(s) on the Sunday closest to December 6th

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, ANAHEIM, CA.**

The largest Religious Education Congress will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center from February 26-28, 2016.

Our Eparchy will have an exhibitors booth in the Convention Center during which Bishop Dino will be present, displaying and distributing materials of our Byzantine Catholic Church. Very Rev. David M. Petras will be a co-presenter with Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith on "***The Importance and beauty of the Eastern Catholic Churches***".

This workshop will be held on Friday, February 26th. In addition to our presence as Eastern Catholics, on Saturday, February 27th at 5:15pm, Rt. Rev. Aphram Mushe will celebrate the Syriac Divine Liturgy. Let's make a concerted effort to witness our Byzantine Catholic Church and our Eastern Catholic presence by attending this Religious Education Congress.

You can register online: Google: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, ANAHEIM, 2016**

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Monday, November 30	6 – 8:00 pm OLPH Women's Meeting
Thursday December 3 & 17	6:00 pm Pot-luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study; Matthew Ch. 10
Sunday December 6	Saturday, 4 pm Great Vespers; Blessing of Litija Saturday, 5 pm Divine Liturgy
Feast of St. Nicholas	Sunday, 9 am Festal Matins; 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by a visit of St. Nicholas

## Office of Evangelization & Education November 2015

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."-Matthew 6:33  
Last month we discussed the importance of prayer. This second lesson in our 3-part series on seeking the Kingdom of God focuses on how to live out an active Byzantine Catholic faith by

### READING SACRED SCRIPTURE

You may say to yourself, "Who, me? I don't know how to interpret Scripture! Bishops, priests and people who study theology are supposed to do that." While this is true, each individual Catholic must also know the teachings of Christ as revealed by the Holy Spirit in Sacred Scripture.

St. Jerome in the 4th Century taught that, "Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." St. John Chrysostom wrote, "...but when you are at home, persevere continually in reading the Divine Scriptures."

In prayer, you communicate with God. Through Sacred Scripture, God communicates Himself to you. This is why so many great Saints of the Catholic Church stressed its importance.

You do not have to be afraid of being unable to interpret Scripture. The Holy Spirit guides you as you read thoughtfully and prayerfully. Begin with the New Testament. Read a small portion of the Gospels daily. Take a few moments at the beginning to ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive God's Word, to love God's Word, and to live God's Word. In addition, there are numerous great resources that can help you understand God's Word and how to apply it to your daily life.

**If you have a Bible, read it. If you do not have a Bible, purchase a good Catholic version, such as The Catholic Study Bible or The Ignatius Study Bible. Both of these have excellent footnotes, maps, charts and useful commentaries to help with your understanding and application.**

For further study, The Bible and the Holy Fathers is a patristic commentary that follows our Church's daily scripture readings. In addition, The Catholic Bible Dictionary by Scott Hahn is a wonderful resource.

You may ask, "What will reading Scripture do for me in the long run?" If you persevere in prayerful meditation on God's living Word in Sacred Scripture, this will happen:

- **During difficult trials, the Holy Spirit will remind you of stories in Sacred Scripture that can help you decide how you are to react and respond.**

- **Your prayer life will change. The words of Scripture will enrich your daily prayers and you will begin to pray more for others.**

- You will grow in holiness and in mercy.

Sacred Scripture reveals the hidden, incredible mystery - that God became man, fully human and fully divine, one person without confusion. It instills the truths of the human condition and how much God loves you in spite of your weaknesses and failures.

- You will be reminded that sin is to be avoided at all cost. It is very easy to lose focus on God in the middle of daily activities, and to fall into sick behaviors. The soul responds to whatever it receives. Just as you need good food and exercise for your body to be healthy, the same goes for your soul. By feeding your soul with Sacred Scripture each day, you open your heart to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, and gain the strength and wisdom to live a life of love and virtue.

- **You will have the desire to share your faith in Jesus with others, so that they too can experience His love and mercy.**

Next month we will conclude our lessons on seeking the Kingdom of God by learning "How to live a Holy and Eucharistic

*We celebrate today, the memory of your Prophet Nahum, and we implore You, O Lord, to save our souls through his intercession.*

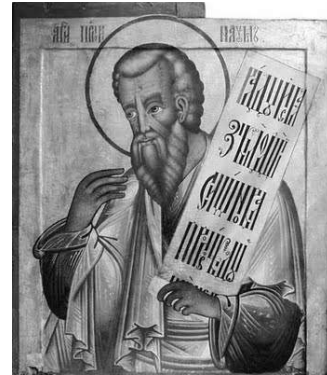
-- Troparian, Second Tone

*Thy pure heart, illumined by the Holy Spirit, was a sacred vessel of resplendent prophecy, for thou didst see things far off as close at hand. Hence we revere thee, blest Nahum most glorious.*

-- Kontakion, Fourth Tone

Nahum's prophecy of the destruction of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire, was issued in 612 BC. He exults in the coming fall of an empire which had ruled by cruelty and terror for nearly 300 years.

But Nahum is not a prophet of unrestrained revenge. God's moral government of the world is asserted. God is the avenger but He is also merciful, a citadel in the day of distress. Nineveh's doom was a judgment on the wicked city. Before many years passed, Jerusalem too was to learn the meaning of such a judgment, due to its failure to follow God's laws, as we see in Habbakuk's book.



**Prophet Nahum  
December 1st**

### **Prophet Habakkuk December 2**

*Thou plainly beheldest the sacred disciples of Christ as horses that troubled the deep sea of ignorance, plunging error into the depths with their godly teachings, Habakkuk, God-proclaimer; hence, as a true Prophet, we acclaim thee, while asking that thou shouldst intercede that we find mercy with God the Lord.*

-- Kontakion, Fourth Tone

*Divinely eloquent Habakkuk, you announced to the world the coming forth of God from the south, from the Virgin. Standing on the divine watch, you received a report from the radiant angel: "You proclaimed the Resurrection of Christ to the world!" Therefore in gladness we cry out to you: "Rejoice, splendid adornment of the prophets!"*

-- Troparion, Fourth Tone

Habakkuk devotes his book to the issue of God's justice in a sinful world. He complains about the corruption and sinfulness of Jewish society in Judah, and then of the violence of the Chaldean army used by God to punish the Jews. In chapters 2 and 3, the prophet writes eloquently, showing that God can always be relied on, and for Man to reply with fidelity.

He wrote when Judah faced disaster: first the Chaldeans of Babylon destroyed the Egyptians in 605 BC and then in 587 BC the holy city itself fell to Babylon and Jerusalem was destroyed. The prophet writes to answer the questions of the Jewish survivors pondering their future after such cataclysms.

In chapter 3, he uses a theophany in which God will judge the pagans and bring peace and restoration to His faithful people.

## Saint Andrew the Apostle November 30

Andrew was St. Peter's brother. He was also a fisherman, and shared Peter's house in Capernaum. He had been a disciple of St. John the Baptist, until John sent his followers to join up with Our Lord. Andrew realized that Jesus was the Savior, the long-awaited Messiah, and brings Peter to Jesus.

Like the other apostles, Andrew left Jerusalem after Pentecost to undertake missionary work. Early Church history has him preaching in Achaia and Thrace in Greece and along the northern Black Sea coast. From there, the legends say, he preached at the little town of Byzantium, which later became Constantinople and heart of the Byzantine Empire, and atop the Ukrainian hills looking down on the Dnieper river valley and the future site of Kyiv.

In the Latin Church, the Sunday closest to this feast day begins Advent, the four week penitential season for Christmas. Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Greece, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Ukraine, and the Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

There is a legend that St. Andrew was crucified at Patras in northern Greece, on an – X – cross, instead of the Latin one on which Jesus died.

This saltire cross is called St. Andrew's symbol, and is the Scottish flag. Our former pastor, Bishop Kurt Burnette, put this on his coat of arms, as a sign of his Scottish heritage.

**There is another legend** that St. Andrew went up the Dnieper River from the Roman colonies that once stood on the shores of the Black Sea, and standing on a hilltop there, he predicted that a great city would arise. This is Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. The beautiful Church of St. Andrew marks the spot where this supposedly occurred, and has fortunately survived the barbarism of the Communists who destroyed so much of Christian Kiev.

