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Служби Божі / Divine Liturgies

В Неділю / Sunday

8:30 am recited – Bilingual

10:30 am sung – Ukrainian

У Свята / Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Щодня / Daily Scheduled

7:30 am Matins/Утреня in chapel

8:25 am in church

First Friday - 8:25 am Divine Liturgy followed by
Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or
Mother of God

Сповіді починаючи десять хвилин перед
Службою Божою

Confessions begin ten minutes before the Divine
Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism by appointment - membership in Parish is
required

Marriages by appointment made at least six
months in advance. Membership in Parish is
required

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**16-а Неділя Після Зшестя Святого Духа
Неділя по Воздвиженням Чесного Хреста
Господнього**

Марка 8:34 - 9:1



**16 Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Of
our Lord**

Mark 8:34 - 9:1

**SPECIAL NOTICE – Do not park in the
RESERVED stalls in front of St. Mary's
Gardens when you come for the Sunday
Divine Liturgy. Your car will be towed.**

16 Вересень, 2012

Неділя по Воздвиженням Чесного Хреста Господнього

Парафія Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та рідних які зедналися сьогодні брати участь в ці Службі Божі. Нехай наш Господь через заступництво Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці благословить Вас і Вашу родину.

Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Вересень

Загальний намір: *"Щоб політики завжди діяли чесно, інтегрально і з любов'ю до правди."*

Місійний намір: *"Щоб християнські спільноти, мали зростаюче бажання висилати місіонерів, священників, і мирян, разом із дійсними ресурсами до бідніших Церков."*

- Тропарі і читання в рожевій книжці на стор. 7, 8 і 9.

- Кава і солодке Сьогодні після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано у вітальні під церквою.

Спеціальне прохання: після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і допоможемо, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

Сьогодні, Неділя, 16 Вересень:

- Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Понеділок, 17 Вересень: – 7:00 вечора Сходина Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

Неділя, 23 Вересень:

- Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Неділя, 30 Вересень:

- Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

- **ПАРАФІЯЛЬНИЙ ПРАЗНИК: Архидієцья Свята Літургія відправиться о год. 10:30 рано.** Після Святої Літургії запрошуємо всіх на Празничний Обід в нашій аудиторії.

Понеділок, 1 Жовтень: – 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Середа, 3 Жовтень: – 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

П'ятниця, 5 Жовтня: Перша П'ятниця

- 8:30 ранку – Служба Божа а від так Молебень до Серця Христового.

- 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Неділя, 7 Жовтень:

- **Спільна Вервиця** – 10:00 рано в церкві перед Службою Божою у 10:30 рано.

Так буде що-неділі в жовтні на честь Божої Матері.

- **Парафіяльна Катехитична програма** під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Понеділок, 8 Жовтень: "День Подяки":

- 9:00 ранку Служба Божа в церкві.

- 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (non-perishable) в першу і третю неділю кожного місяця. Просимо допомагати!

September 16, 2012

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Our Lord

The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary PARISH welcomes all our guests, friends, visiting relatives and Parishioners in celebrating this Divine Liturgy. May our Lord, through the intercession of the Protectress, the Blessed Mother of God, bless you and your family!

Papal General Prayer Intention for September: *“Pray that politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.”*

Mission Intention for September: *“Pray that Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priests, and lay people, along with concrete resources, to the poorest Churches.”*

- Tropar, Kondak & readings for today in the pink booklet pages: 7, 8 & 9.

- Coffee and sweets are available today following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Room. All guests and parishioners are invited.

A SPECIAL Request: At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy, please close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church pews clean and neat. Thank you.

TODAY, Sunday, September 16:

- **Catechism Program** for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Monday, September 17: - 7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting in the Board Room.

Sunday, September 23:

- **Catechism Program** for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, September 27: - “Author's Night” sponsored by St. Mary's UCWLC at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. Launching of Roman Fudchuk's new book “Zhorna”, a different look at the Ukrainian pioneer experience.

Sunday, September 30:

- **Catechism Program** for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

- **PARISH PRAZNYK: Pontifical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30 am.**

Dinner will follow in the Parish Auditorium. Cost per ticket is \$15.00/adult; children 6 to 14/\$8.00. Children under 6 years free.

Monday, October 1: - 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Wednesday, October 3: - 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Friday, October 5: First Friday

- 8:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart.

- 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Sunday, October 7:

- **10:00 am** Communal Rosary in church.

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Monday, October 8: “Thanksgiving Day”

- **9:00 am Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving in Church.** You are encouraged to participate.

- 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Food Bank Donations: We encourage all parishioners to contribute to the Food Bank on the first and third Sundays of every month. PLEASE ADD YOUR SUPPORT.

Це пригадка для всіх вірних. Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдете до Церкви після Великого Входу, Ви пропустили більшу частину Служби Божої, і дійсно не вислухали приписаної Служби Божої на неділю.

Церковна Етика: Будьмо свідомі, що беручи участь у Св. Літургії ми мусимо одержати кінцеве Благословення перед тим як ми залишимо Службу Божу. Ми рівнож просимо не виходити з Церкви перед закінченням Служби Божої. Ми просимо Вас не спілкуватися в Церкві перед, під час і після Служби Божої. Прошу це робити в притворі Церкви або у Вітальні під церквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

A SPECIAL NOTE to ALL PARISHIONERS: Please come on time for the Divine Liturgy. Realize that when you come into the Church proper after the Great Entrance, you have missed most of the Divine Liturgy and have not really attended the prescribed service for a Sunday.

Church Etiquette: Be aware that to have attended the entire Divine Liturgy one must receive the Final Blessing before leaving the Church Service. We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church before, during or after the service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations – leave the Church proper (the Nave) for those that want to pray.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and Merciful God, Inspire those You have chosen To hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witnesses of Your love and care for the world. May they find support and encouragement in our words and in our prayers. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and all the Saints. Amen.



Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Metropolitan

Andrey: Our Lord Jesus Christ, You always reward Your faithful servants, not only with special gifts of Your love, but also with the eternal reward of the saints in heaven, and in many cases You grant them the recognition of sanctity by Your Church here on earth. We humbly pray: grant that Your faithful servant Metropolitan Andrey be numbered among the saints. Throughout his just life, “full of suffering and trials,” he was a good shepherd for his flock and a great labourer for Christian unity. And through his beatification and intercession, grant our entire people the great gift of unity and love. Amen.

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Be ready to begin the Divine Liturgy when Father begins and not try to play catch-up.

Request for Prayers: to pray for you, your family member, or friend – please submit the name to the Parish Office by phone 604.879.5830 or by written note on the collection plate.

Пам'ятайте помолитися: за Вашу родину, за членів Парафії, а особливо за тих які знаходяться в лікарнях, або тих що очікують Божої відповіді на їхні молитви, або радіють Божою відповіддю, або за тих які відзначають уродини, або роковини, або за тих що покликані до їхньої вічної винагороди, або за родину яку вони залишили.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: your family; your fellow parishioners; especially the shut-ins or those in the hospital; those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

Please remember in your prayers especially: Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Vincent Prychidko, OSBM; Fr. Steven Basarab, Joseph Bayduza, Frances Bethune, Mary Earl, Catherine Hladij, Bohdan Karpinski, Karlo Kozy, Victoria Kuzik, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie Lawryshyn, Oscar Lyseyko, Ben Marchinkow, Jason Obuck, Orest Obuck, John Pura, Mary Scott, Wasyl Saik, Kaiya Williams, Leon Woznow, and the Canadian Armed Forces on peacekeeping missions.

PLEASE VISIT our Parishioners or phone those that are confined to their hospital beds or their homes. They need your visits, your phone calls, as well as your prayers.

If there are Parishioners that you visit and we are not listing them for others to pray for them, please call the Parish office with that information, or to request father to visit them.

Please remember to pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

10 September 2012

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Fr. Josaphat and Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish

The celebrations held on Saturday September 1, at St. Mary's was the main celebration of the entire Eparchy of both the visit of His Beatitude Sviatoslav to our Eparchy and the opening of the Eparchial Centre and Library. Our Church throughout Canada is celebrating the appointment of Blessed Nykyta Budka as our first bishop and the formal establishment of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for your kindness and hospitality shown to His Beatitude Sviatoslav while he was in our Eparchy. I am very appreciative to Fr. Josaphat and to all those on the "Visit Committee" who worked so hard to see that all went well. I am so grateful to all who made His Beatitude's Visit such a prayerful and joyful day. God bless you for this.

Currently the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops from around the world have gathered near Winnipeg for our annual Synod meeting. Please keep us in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide our discussions and deliberations as we, your bishops strive to be good pastors of Christ's Church.

With prayerful best wishes, and assurance of my Episcopal blessings, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+Ken

Eparch of New Westminster

BAZAAR NEWS - PARISH BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 24, 2012

Наш Парафіяльний Базар зближається чим-раз ближче. Базаровий Комітет ласкаво просить Вас, якщо Ви приготуєте консерви цього літа, то просимо зробити декілька "екстра" на наш Базар. Ваша поміч буде оцінена.

1. **The Bazaar "Preserves and Baking" Committee** is requesting any extra **preserves** that you will be making over the summer. Please bring as many as you can spare to the Auditorium kitchen on Tuesdays. They will be sold **at our Parish Bazaar**. Your help is greatly appreciated.
2. **They are also** asking for **Home baking** such as brownies, breads and buns, pies, cakes, cinnamon buns, cookies and any other baking that does not include fillings such as cream or cheese or other dairy products.
3. **The Bazaar "Silent Auction" Committee** is asking for **donations** of all things (ie: Hockey tickets, dinners for two, wine box, etc.) to be bid on **at the Silent Auction**. Please bring them as soon as possible to the Parish Office or place them in the "Silent Auction" box in the Church Fellowship Room.
4. **The Bazaar "Paper Lottery" Committee** is asking for **donations of new items for the children and adult "Paper Lottery"**. Your help is greatly appreciated.
5. **The Bazaar "Crafts" Committee** is asking for **items for the Crafts Corner**; such as small wooden ornaments or boards, knitting, home decorated aprons and other such useful items, and things for scrapbooking. Drop them off at the Fellowship Room.
6. **The Bazaar "Rummage Sale" Committee** need items for the **Rummage Sale** such as clean slightly used clothing, clean kitchen utensils (pots and the like), household items (picture frames, ornaments and the like). Drop them off at the Fellowship Room. We will not accept used TVs, electronic devices, big living room furniture, or any other item that can carry unwanted creatures.
7. **Dates for "pyrohy making" for the Bazaar - start on Wednesday at 8 am:** Sept. 19; Sept. 26; Oct. 3 and Oct. 17. For more information, call Henriette Ukrainetz at 604.291.0087.

For any other information call the Parish Office or Dr. Michael Myckatyn, Bazaar Chairperson, so that we can direct your call to the right person.

Bulletin Announcements must be in the office by Wednesday noon. It is your responsibility to notify the office, do not think that 'well they know', Father or the Secretary may know but do not always remember to put it in the bulletin!

Monthly Calendar Announcements for the next two months must be in the office by the 20th day of this month.

Note to All Parish Members: Please be on time for the Divine Liturgy. The Fathers are punctual and start on time at 8:30 am or start incensing at 10:25 am.

Thank You for your Prayers and concern for my son Patrick and for me. May our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God, intercede for all your needs. Emily Kuzyk

Eastern Catholics have much to offer the Whole church, cardinal tells bishops

Bishop Paul P. Chomnycky of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, Conn., concelebrates Divine Liturgy with U.S. bishops from Eastern Catholic churches at the Altar of the Tomb in the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome May 15. (CNS/Paul Haring) **(Note as Cardinal Sandri speaks of the US Church, we should understand that this is the same situation in Canada.)**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – While their numbers are small and their material resources are few, members of the Eastern Catholic churches in the United States have much to offer the country in terms of their fidelity to Christ despite persecution and their deeply religious cultures, said Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches.

Eastern Catholics "are a bridge" supporting Catholics in their homelands with prayers, advocacy and financial support while at the same time enriching the United States with their cultural and religious identity, Cardinal Sandri told U.S. bishops from the Chaldean, Ruthenian, Maronite, Ukrainian, Armenian, Melkite, Syriac and Romanian Catholic churches.

The cardinal met with the 14 bishops May 15 to discuss a wide variety of common concerns at the beginning of the bishops' "ad limina" visits to the Vatican. Earlier in the morning, the cardinal was the main celebrant and homilist at a Divine Liturgy with the bishops in St. Peter's Basilica.

The heads of every diocese or eparchy – as the Eastern Catholic jurisdictions are known – send detailed reports on their eparchy to the Vatican before the "ad limina" visits.

Summarizing what was common in the reports of the Eastern Catholic dioceses, Cardinal Sandri said, "Your territories are enormous, and your communities often find themselves far from each other. Some of the eparchies are young and still in need of adequate structures." Many of the eparchies – some of which cover the entire United States or even the United States and Canada – have few financial resources and the situation has been "exacerbated by the economic crisis," the cardinal said.

The arrival of new immigrants, many fleeing persecution in places like Iraq, have increased the size of several of the Eastern churches, like the Chaldean Catholic Church. But the cardinal said other Eastern churches, whose membership is composed largely of people who have been in the United States for several generations, "are experiencing a dramatic fall" in their numbers.

"You are not immune to the same corrosive effect on morals and family life as are your fellow Latin Catholics," Cardinal Sandri said.

All the churches are hurting for clergy, he said. Even those that have a relatively high proportion of clergy to faithful are stretched by the great distances those priests must travel to minister to the faithful.

The cardinal urged care in helping young people discern their vocation, "maintaining formation programs, integrating immigrant priests (and) embracing celibacy in respect of the ecclesial context" of the United States where mandatory celibacy is the general

rule for priests.

During his homily at the morning Divine Liturgy with the bishops at the tomb of St. Peter, Cardinal Sandri said, "Many people today have come to doubt that there is still holiness or honesty in the church and in the clergy. We must prove them wrong. We can be a true community of saints who shine as models of chastity and charity before a culture in great need of this witness."

The Eastern Catholic bishops formed the last group of bishops from the United States making their visits "ad limina apostolorum" (to the threshold of the apostles) to pray at the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul, to meet with Pope Benedict XVI and to visit Vatican officials to discuss issues of common concern.

As they did with the other groups, seminarians from the Pontifical North American College served as lectors, cantors and servers at the Eastern bishops' Divine Liturgy, but they were joined by Eastern-rite seminarians studying at the Pontifical Russicum College.

Cardinal Sandri told the bishops that sometimes they might feel like the first apostles who, after having spent time with Jesus, were sent out on mission "into a hostile world."

"You, dear Eastern bishops, as representatives of the diverse Eastern churches in the Catholic Church, are living symbols of the apostles who set out in all directions from Jerusalem to establish Christian communities. Like them you have encountered opposition, indifference and ignorance along the way," he said.

Jesus knew the challenges his disciples would face, which is why he promised them the Holy Spirit, the cardinal said.

He urged the Eastern Catholic bishops to join their Latin-rite counterparts in the United States to "fight against the rising tide of religious intolerance. May your courage and confidence convince the multitudes that without God there is no peace, no prosperity, no salvation." By Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

Sand & Stone

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him.

After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him: "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone, why?"

The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can erase it."

We need to learn to write our hurts in the sand and to carve our benefits in stone.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – continued

2. The Rite performed at Mount Sinai

This rite is found in the Sinai Kanonarium of the tenth century and was performed in the following manner: At the beginning, the above mentioned troparions are taken. Afterwards, the archbishop ascends the ambon, takes the Holy Cross, turns to the East, makes the sign of the cross with it three times and silently executes the first elevation by slowly raising the holy Cross above his head starting from his breast.

While he is raising the holy Cross, the people sing "Lord, have mercy" fifty times, and as many times as he lowers the holy Cross. In the same manner the second elevation is performed facing the south, the third facing the west, and the fourth facing the north. At each elevation the people sing altogether one hundred times "Lord, have mercy". After the last elevation, a bow is made before the Holy Cross while the kontakion of the feast "Willingly raised upon the Cross is being sung.

3. The Rite of Elevation at Constantinople

This rite is given in the Constantinopolitan Typicon of the Evergetes Monastery from the twelfth century, and is similar to the Sinai rite with the exception that, before the elevation, only the troparion "O Lord, save your people ... " was sung. The Patriarch raised the Holy Cross not four times but five times, that is toward the four corners of the world, and at the fifth time again toward the East. At each elevation "Lord, have mercy" was sung.

4. Rite of Elevation in our Native Land Rus–Ukraine

This rite was already mentioned in the thirteenth century in the documents of our Church. In ancient times the elevation of the Holy Cross took place only in the cathedrals where there was a bishop and many priests. The Patriarchal Synod of 1276 permitted this rite to be performed in all the churches. Metropolitan Cyprian (1381–1382 and 1390–1406) in his "Instructions for the clergy of Rus" writes: "As regards the elevation of the Venerable Cross, the Cross is raised for glory of the venerable and life-giving Cross" in every church throughout the land where Christians live, even though there is only one priest.

Our documents of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries give a description of the rite of exaltation or elevation. The carrying out of the Holy Cross during the Great Doxology in the Matins service and the petitions of the Fervent Ektenia during the elevation – are the same as today. There were five elevations at each side of the tetrapod, and the last elevation was made again toward the East (or Main Altar). During each elevation the people sang: "Lord, have mercy" one hundred times. The rite ended with a bow and the kissing of the holy Cross while the kontakion "Willingly raised upon the Cross ... " and the threefold 'O Lord, we honour your Cross, and glorify your holy Resurrection" were sung.

Father I. Dolnytsky's Typicon gives the rite of elevation according to the tradition of our Church with only this difference – that in Galicia (Western Ukraine), at each elevation of the holy Cross, they sang "Lord, have mercy" not one hundred times but twenty-four times.

The service of the feast of the Exaltation or Elevation of the Venerable Cross is, strictly speaking, one glorious hymn in honour of the Cross. Here the holy Cross is continuously praised and glorified as the sign of victory, power and salvation: "Hail, O

life-giving Cross," exclaims the stichera at the Aposticha in the Vespers service of the feast, "invincible victory of religion, gate to paradise, fortress of the faithful, defense of the Church. Through you, corruption is utterly destroyed, the power of death is swallowed up, and we are raised up from earth to heaven. You are an invincible weapon, subjugator of demons, glory of the Martyrs, true ornament of the Saints, the refuge of salvation, – grant the world great mercy."

The placing of the holy Cross before our eyes, reminds us of our obligation to venerate, love, confess and profess the holy Cross. "Do not be ashamed of the Cross of Christ," admonishes St. Cyril of Jerusalem in his fourth catechesis, 'even if some hide it, nevertheless, you trace it clearly upon your forehead so that the demons, seeing the royal sign, may tremble and flee far away. Make this sign when you eat and drink, when you sit, lie down, rise or walk, in a word, at every occasion."

St. John Chrysostom, in a sermon on the Cross in a Cemetery, speaks of the significance of the Cross for us: "The Cross is a trophy against the demons, a weapon against sin, a sword with which Christ pierced the serpent. The Cross is the will of the Father, the glory of the Only-begotten One, joy of the Spirit, ornament of the angels, fortress of the Church, the glory of Paul, stronghold of the Saints, the light of the whole world."

[*A Byzantine Rite, Liturgical Year*, Basilian Fathers Publication, 1992, translated by Fr. Demetrius E. Wysochansky, OSBM, pages 219–225.]

This was written by a Metro Denver Hospice Physician:

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about five in the afternoon, stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and the car started to choke and splutter and die – I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It would not even turn over.

Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the quickie mart building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay.

When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95.

I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I do not want my kids to see me crying", so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now. So I asked, 'And you were praying?'

That made her back away from me a little, but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, 'He heard you, and He sent me.'

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling, walked to the next door McDonald's and bought two big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of

coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car, who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little.

She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City. Her boyfriend left two months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she would not have money to pay rent come January 1, and finally, in desperation, had called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about five years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there.

So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, 'So, are you like an angel or something?'

This definitely made me cry. I said, 'Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people.'

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I will take my car into the garage tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic will not find anything wrong.

Sometimes the angels fly close enough to you that you can hear the flutter of their wings ... Psalms 55:22 'Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.'

A Point to Ponder

Billy Graham's daughter, Anne Graham, was interviewed on attacks on Sept. 11).

Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we have been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives.

And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

In light of recent events ... terrorists attack, school shootings, etc. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found recently) complained she did not want prayer in our schools, and we said OK.

Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school the Bible says: "thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbour as yourself." And we said OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we should not spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he is talking about. And we said OK.

Now we are asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they do not know right from wrong, and why it does not bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with "WE REAP WHAT WE SOW."

A young Monk's question – A young monk arrives at the monastery where he is assigned to help the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand. He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up. In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son." So, he goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscript is held in a locked vault that has not been opened for hundreds of years. Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot. The young monk gets worried and goes downstairs to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall. His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably.

The young monk asks the old abbot, "What is wrong, father?" With a choking voice, the old abbot replies, "The word is celebrate."

Apples – A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner.

In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of baskets of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding. All but one. He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did.

The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping, and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them into the baskets, and helped set the display up once more. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$20 for the damage we did. Are you okay?"

She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we did not spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That is our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It is actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit. Let us live like we are worth the price He paid.



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We will be offering a **Parish Young Persons Catechism Program** on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding 10:30 a.m. for children from ages 7 to 14 beginning October 7, 2012 and concluding in May 2013.

Classes for children 3 to 6 will continue to be offered during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy following the reading of the Gospel.

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League - St. Mary's Branch, are the sponsors of this program.

Please hand in this form to the Parish office or the UCWLC Executive

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I would like to register my child (Children) for the Parish Young Persons Catechism Program

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Name of Parents (guardian) _____

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