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Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці

*Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Parish*

*The No. 1 priority for ... the church is evangelization:
preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world.*

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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

Funerals by arrangement in the Parish Office

оо. Василян/ Basilian Fathers
serving this Parish

Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor
Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM
Bishop Emeritus

19-а Неділя Після Зшестя Святого Духа

Лука 6:31-36



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 6:31-36

**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.**

7 Жовтня, 2012

19-а Неділя Після Зшестя Святого Духа Неділя

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

Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Жовтень

Загальний намір: "Щоб нова Євангелізація поступово зростала в давніх християнських країнах."

Місійний намір: "Щоб святкування Всесвітнього Дня Місії зроджувало плід в новому зобов'язанні євангелізації."

- Тропарі і читання в фіолетовій книжці на стор. 1 і 2.

- 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 допоможім, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

СЬОГОДНІ, Неділя, 7 Жовтень:

- Спільна Вервиця – 10:00 рано в церкві перед Службою Божою у 10:30 рано.
- 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 за подяку всіх даних ласк.
- 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Середа, 10 Жовтень:

- 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

П'ятниця, 12 Жовтень:

- 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Субота, 13 Жовтень:

- 9:30 ранку Сходина Л.У.К.Ж.К. піchnуться молебнем до Пречистої Діви Марії а відтак засідання у вітальні під церквою.

Неділя, 14 Жовтень:

- Спільна Вервиця – 10:00 рано в церкві перед Службою Божою у 10:30 рано.
- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.
- Сніданок після Служб Божих в Авдиторії. Улаштує ЛУКЖК. Вступ \$8 для дорослих. \$3 для дітей нижчи 12 років. Вступні нагороди.

Понеділок, 15 Жовтень:

- 7:00 веч. Спільної Вервиці – НЕ БУДЕ СЬОГОДНІ.
- 7:00 вечора Сходина Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

Середа, 17 Жовтень:

- 8:00 am. Pyrohy making in the Hall kitchen – men and women are invited to help
- 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

П'ятниця, 19 Жовтень:

- 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

October 7, 2012

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Papal General Prayer Intention for October: *“Pray that the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.”*

Mission Intention for October: *“Pray that the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelization.”*

- Tropar, Kondak & readings for today in the purple booklet pages: 1 & 2.

- 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, 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.** We encouraged your participation.

- 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Wednesday, October 10:

- 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Friday, October 12:

- 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Saturday, October 13:

- **UCWLC Meeting begins at 9:30 am with Moleben** to the Mother of God followed by the monthly meeting in the Fellowship Room.

Sunday, October 14:

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

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

- **Pancake Breakfast** in the Auditorium following each Divine Liturgy. The cost is \$8 for Adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. Door Prizes. Hosted by the Parish Branch of the UCWLC.

Monday, October 15:

- **7:00 pm – There will be NO Communal Rosary today Only.**

- 7:00 pm – Parish Council meeting in the Board Room.

Wednesday, October 17:

- 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Friday, October 19: - 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 28, 2012

Our Parish Annual Meeting is fast approaching and our Nominating Committee is in need of assistance.

Are you interested in making our Parish a better place of worship and Fellowship? Are you interested in assisting our fellow Parishioners to be more conscious of the need for Stewardship? Are you interested in encouraging your fellow Parishioners to take an active part in the life and welfare of this Parish?

These are very good qualities that would help you to be a member of the Parish Council.

To be named to the Parish Council, or one of the committees, or to nominate a Parishioner please call one of the Parish Nominating Committee Members listed below.

The Parish needs your input! You can do this by: 1. Praying for the good of the Parish. 2. Offering your time and talents by serving on Parish Council. 3. Supporting the members of the Parish Council by participating in Parish events.

The Nominating Committee consists of:

Chair: Dr. Michael Myckatyn – 604-277-0828

Adam Kozak – 604-929-2581

Bill Humenny – 604-574-5777

Eugene Lupynis – 604-274-8631

Verle Kaweski – 604-224-3785

PICK UP YOUR ANNUAL REPORT IN CHURCH ON OCTOBER 21, 2012. Please note that all Financial questions must be in writing and handed in to the Parish Office by October 24. Financial Questions raised during the Meeting will be addressed at the next Parish Council Meeting – most likely on Dec. 17, 2012.

A Ukrainian Catholic young Adult male from Saskatchewan, attending a nine month Fine Arts program, in the downtown area, is looking for an apartment or basement suite to rent or for Room and Board. Call Simon at 1-306-862-7949.

PRAYER OF JOHN PAUL II when he visited the Greek Catholic Church of St. Nicholas – TO OUR LADY OF ZARVANIZA – Saturday, 23 June 2001

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Zarvaniza, I thank you for the gift of my visit to the 'Kyivan Rus'. From where the light of the Gospel spread through this whole region.

Here before your miraculous icon, kept in this church of Saint Nicholas, I entrust to you, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, my apostolic journey to Ukraine.

Holy Mother of God, spread your maternal mantle over all Christians and over all people of good will who live in this great nation.

Lead them to your Son, Jesus, who is for everyone the way, the truth and the life.

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.

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



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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Request for Prayers: for you, your family, or friend – please submit the name to the Parish Office or write note and place 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; the shut-ins or those in hospital; those seeking God's guidance or rejoicing with God's favour; or for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; or have been called to their eternal reward or 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.

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

If there are Persons you visit requesting our prayers, please call the Parish office.

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

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.

| *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.

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I have gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can not remember a single one of them. So, I think I am wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I have been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I can not recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals, but I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

BAZAAR NEWS - PARISH BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 24, 2012

Наш Парафіяльний Базар зближається чим-раз ближче. Базаровий Комітет ласкаво просить Вас, якщо Ви приготівляєте консерви цього літа, то просимо зробіть 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 needed before and during the bazaar**. For more information, call Pat Oleksiew at 604.278.1429. 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: 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.

- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars, and a substantial tax cut saves you thirty cents?
- In the 1960's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

Vancouver “Life Chain”

The Vancouver Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 7, at BC Women's and Children's Hospital along Oak Street at West 29th Avenue, from 2 to 3 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to participate and allow your Love for God and your fellow human being shine through you! Bring a lawn chair if necessary for the elderly and infirm. Please bring signs from previous Life Chains, if possible. Custom signs on the theme of thankfulness are welcome on this Thanksgiving Day weekend especially: “I thank my Mom and Dad for conceiving me and keeping me!”

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Life Chain is always held on the first Sunday in October and therefore has always, in my experience in Vancouver, coincided with the Sunday on which St Mary's parish normally observes its parish feast day. Since I returned to Vancouver, I have always meant (but have always neglected) to ask about the possibility of “Life Chain” at least being mentioned in our parish bulletin, since there would be time for interested parishioners to join it after our parish banquet.

This year, since our praznyk has been kept on the last Sunday in September, there is nothing hindering members of St Mary's parish from taking part in “Life Chain” today, Sunday, 7 October.

As may be known, “Life Chain” involves persons (largely members of Catholic parishes and Evangelical congregations, although all are welcome) standing silently along streets near hospitals or clinics where abortions are carried out with only signs authorized by “Life Chain”, to be seen by passing motorists. The signs read, as I recall, “Abortion kills children”, “Abortion hurts women”.

This year's Life Chain will take place on Sunday, 7 October, from 2 to 3 p.m. on Oak Street, spreading out from West 29th Avenue.

As I say, I hope some mention can be made of the event in the 7 October parish bulletin. Each year that I have spoken with Mrs Green, the chairman of Vancouver Right to Life, to find out details about Life Chain for that year (because it receives so little publicity or none in our parish), she has expressed a certain disappointment not only that St Mary's does not take part in “Life Chain” as a parish, but even more that it is not publicized or even mentioned at our parish. My former parish in Toronto, Holy Eucharist, always took part in Life Chain (ironically, I never joined their platoon but always joined the group from the University of Toronto, which was closer to where I lived), so I hope that this year our parish can publicize “Life Chain” among our parishioners, in the hope that some may be moved to add a few more persons witnessing in support of the right to life of defenceless unborn children.

Richard Toporoski

**40 Days for of prayer Life – from September 26 to November 1, 2012
A Pro-Life Prayer For Our Prime Minister And Public Officials**

We encourage you to add this prayer to your daily prayers for the duration of these forty days, joining with other like-minded Catholics.

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life,

Move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our Prime Minister, to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and to all those entrusted to their care.

Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn, whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society.

Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents.

You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, a society that upholds the values of life, freedom, and the ability to pursue our true life's goals.

Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect us against the wickedness of the devil, and protect those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image – as well as theirs – made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Our Heavenly Father and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

- Since it is the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- When everything is coming your way, you are in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.
- Save the earth! It is the only planet in the Solar System with chocolate!

Lessons from the piano

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted an old friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her.

Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE." When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing.

Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit." "Keep playing."

Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience.

The audience was so mesmerized that they could not recall what else the great master played. Only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Perhaps that is the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results are not always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work can truly be beautiful.

The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit." "Keep playing."

May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces. Remember, God does not seem to call the equipped, rather, He equips the 'called.'

Life is more accurately measured by the lives you touch than by the things you acquire. May God bless you and be with you always!

A Link in the Chain of Peace

"Act like an angel," we tell our children, when we could do well to act as such ourselves. Living angelically often means setting aside our anxieties, angers, and frustrations so that we can interact with others with love, patience, and tolerance.

To act like an angel, we must become a link in the chain of peace. After all, it is peace we desire in our own lives, but in order to have peace, it must begin with us. When we become as serene and calm as a mountain lake, even the mighty storms above us cannot shake us to our very depths.

There is a wonderful song sung in many churches that proclaims, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." We are that first link, and what we say and do reflects on those around us. Reflect anger and we get back anger. Reflect peace and joy and that is what comes back to us.

So when we tell our children to act like angels, we must make sure we are doing so first and foremost. Are we moving about our day in a state of chaos or with an inner peace that keeps us centered? Only when we begin to glow with a

positively charged energy will others react to us in the same way. It's as if we are a tiny sun warming and giving life to everyone with whom we come in contact.

Being at peace, like the angels that move about us with grace, patience, and kindness, assures us of a more peaceful family, a more peaceful community, and even a more peaceful planet. Imagine what the world would look like if everyone took the time each day to pray for peace, beginning with themselves. We might all become angels.

A GLASS OF MILK

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry.

He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door.

Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You do not owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness."

He said, "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many years later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled! They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease.

Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room.

Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case.

After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words. "Paid in full with one glass of milk." Signed, Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands."

The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again at least you will have made the world a better place – And, after all, this is what true life is all about?

Heart warming

He almost did not see the old lady, stranded on the side of the road. But even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so ... was he going to hurt her? He did not look safe, he looked poor and

hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you.

He said, "I am here to help you, ma'am. You can wait in the car where it is warm. By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson."

Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She could not thank him enough for coming to her aid. Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped.

Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way. He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, "And think of me." He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day could not erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.

After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin. There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: "You do not owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I am helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you."

Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills. Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, she knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, "Everything is gonna be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson."

There is an old saying, "What goes around comes around". I am asking you to pass it on ... Let this light shine. Please pass this on to a friend. Good friends are like stars... You do not always see them, but you know they are always there.