

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА КАТЕДРА НЕПОРОЧНОГО ЗАЧАТТЯ**

CATHEDRAL PARISH FOUNDED 1886 OLD CATHEDRAL PURCHASED 1909 NEW CATHEDRAL BUILT 1963-1966

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CATHEDRAL LITURGY TIMES

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy for Sunday in English

Sunday morning Liturgies
9:00 a.m. in Ukrainian
11:00 a.m. in English

Daily Liturgies:
please see schedule on next page

ЧАСИ ЛІТУРГІЙ В КАТЕДРІ

У суботу вечером о 4:30 год.
Літургія за неділю по-англійськи

Літургії в неділю ранком:
9:00 год по-українськи
11:00 год по-англійськи

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First Time in our Cathedral? Don't worry!
Just ask anyone of us, "What was that all about?"
We welcome you to our parish community.
Be free to introduce yourself to anyone of our priests, who
are Fr. Joseph Szupa or Fr. Walter Pasicznyk.
We would love to meet you.

Also come to our parish cafeteria after Sunday services for coffee and fellowship.
Still another wonderful opportunity to get to know one another.

We have a simple "Do and Don't Rule" here

Do Come and Enjoy.

Don't Worry.



<p align="center">THE SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES РОЗПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ</p>			
<p align="center">Saturday, April 16 CATHEDRAL</p>	<p align="center">4:30 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Vesperal Divine Liturgy God's blessings on all our parishioners (English)</p>	
<p align="center">Sunday, April 17 CATHEDRAL</p>	<p align="center">9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Sunday of the Paralytic Man—Неділя Розслабленого Festal Tone Acts 9: 32-42 Gospel: Jn. 5: 1-15 God's blessings on all our parishioners (Ukrainian) + Marcin & Walter Katruk Barbara Katruk and family "Pray For Ukraine" Day of Prayer and Concert in Memory of the 30th Anniversary of the Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster</p>	
<p align="center">CHAPEL Monday, April 18</p>		NO DIVINE LITURGY	
<p align="center">CHAPEL Tuesday, April 19</p>		NO DIVINE LITURGY ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE—READING, PA	
<p align="center">CHAPEL Wednesday, April 20</p>		NO DIVINE LITURGY ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE—READING, PA	
<p align="center">CHAPEL Thursday, April 21</p>	<p align="center">8:00 a.m.</p>	<p align="center">Deceased Family members</p>	<p align="center">Slawomira Szpylczak</p>
<p align="center">Friday, April 22</p>		NO DIVINE LITURGY	
<p align="center">CATHEDRAL</p>	<p align="center">9:00 a.m.</p>	<p align="center">FEAST DAY OF THE GREAT-MARTYR ST. GEORGE +Anna Kyndus</p>	<p align="center">Maria Jackiw</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, April 23</p>	<p align="center">4:30 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Vesperal Divine Liturgy Deceased Members of the Vasko family</p>	<p align="center">Mr. and Mrs. John Vasko and family</p>
<p align="center">CATHEDRAL</p>	<p align="center">Sunday April 24</p>	<p align="center">Sunday of the Samaritan Woman—Неділя Самарянки Festal Tone Acts 11: 19-26, 29-30 Gospel: Jn. 4: 5-42 God's blessings on all our parishioners (Ukrainian) +Ronald Maxymiuk, Jr.</p>	<p align="center">Ronald Maxymiuk, Sr.</p>

CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

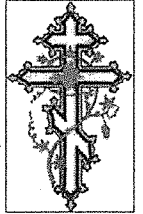
COME TO THE PARISH HALL TO TASTE OUR DELICIOUS FOODS & PYROHY
DEEP THANKS GO TO OUR KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

May God bless Iryna Shpylchak, Sr. Martin MSMG, Luba Cyhan, Katherine Dewedoff, Petro Iwaniw, Ottilia Karpin, Anne Krawchuk, Anna Laluk, Anna Maxymiuk, Vera Sawchyn, Myroslav Shpylchak, Ivan Shpylchak and Anna Slotwinski for your labor of love and support of our parish.

SINCERE THANKS GO TO
LUBA CYHAN, MARY FEDORIN AND ANNA MAXYMIUK
FOR LAST WEEK'S KITCHEN DONATIONS

Pray for the following parishioners for healing and good health

Fr. Ruslan Romaniuk, John Chytruk, Maria Jackiw, Peggy Konzerowsky, Michael Lubianetsky, Julia Maksymchuk, Maria Plekan and Rosalie Senick. If you are admitted to the hospital, or at home and would like the priest to visit you, please call the parish office at 215-922-2845, or in case of an emergency please call 201-741-2292.



Last Sunday's Collection Total: \$6,580.28
Basket: \$1,625.00, Candles: \$284.00; Kitchen: \$0.00; Bingo: \$1,800.00;
Utility Reimbursement: \$116.28; Sviachene Gross Income: \$2,755.00
(Note: the Sviachene Financial Report will be issued in next Sunday's bulletin)

Memorial Candle Offerings

The Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of Olena Pawluk offered by Paraska Zaliwciw
and Anna Czajka

The Candle before Christ on the Iconostas

In memory of +Anna Demianyk and Terri and Michael Rad
offered by the Conway-Rad Family

The Candle before the Mother of God on the Iconostas

God's blessings and health for an ill friend offered by Rita Malinowski

The Candle before John the Baptist on the Iconostas

In memory of + William Malinowski offered by Rita Malinowski

The Candle before St. Nicholas on the Iconostas

In memory of +Bohdan Z. Myr offered by Patricia Myr and Family

The customary donation for a Memorial Candle is \$5.00 per week

"Pray for Ukraine" Commemorative Concert and Religious Service

"Pray for Ukraine" a special Commemorative Religious Service and Concert will be held today Sunday, April 17th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in our Cathedral. "Pray for Ukraine" will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, Ukraine as a Day of Prayer for an end to the war in Eastern Ukraine. All are invited and encouraged to participate in this new and unique event of prayer, music, reflections and hope for peace in Ukraine.

Концерт пам'яті «Молитва за Україну» та Молитовна Відправа

Сьогодні в неділю, 17 квітня 2016 року, о 3 год. дня в нашій Українській Католицькій Катедрі відбудеться Спільна Молитовна Відправа та Концерт пам'яті «Молитва за Україну» з нагоди відзначення 30-ліття Чорнобильської трагедії та день молитви за завершення війни на Сході України. Запрошуємо і заохочуємо всіх до участі в молитві, музичному вшануванні та роздумах з надією про мир в Україні.



MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Alexander Welyczkowski and Natalia Wolchasty were crowned in the Mystery of Marriage this past Friday, April 15th here at the Cathedral. May God WHO-IS-LOVE bless you as you begin your new life together as husband and wife in the community of family with God as Master of your home. May He bless you with many happy and blessed years! Monhaya Lita! Christ is Risen!



SPECIAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN HONOR

June 26 OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS

On Sunday, ~~May~~ ~~15~~, 2016 we plan to honor the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God with a parish celebration to mark their 50th Jubilee Year — 50 golden years of faithful service to our Cathedral parish and community and the Archeparchy! We marked the 50th Anniversary of their Founding in Philadelphia, PA this past September 4, 2015, and now we want to bring the whole Church together to recognize their service and share our memories.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Last Sunday's Sviachene proved to be a joyful parish get together. Sincere thanks go to all who volunteered to make it such a success; especially those who cooked the dinner, those who set up the tables and decorated the hall, those who made donations of baked goods, prizes and monetary gifts and assisted in any way. Because the Cathedral parish is a Christian community, which distinguishes itself with the spirit of unity and mutual care, it is of no surprise that the Sviachene was a great communal meal. The full financial report of the Sviachene will be issued in next Sunday's bulletin.



PENNSYLVANIA MAY LOTTERY SWEEPSTAKES

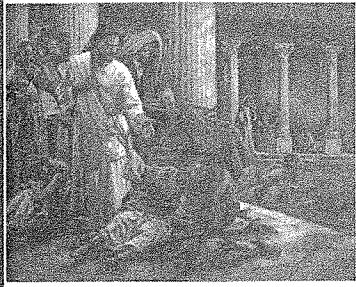
We are selling lottery tickets, which are based on the Pennsylvania Big 4 Evening Game now during all of April for the winning numbers that will be drawn in the whole month of May. The cost per ticket is \$20; and if you sell 5 tickets, you get one free. The proceeds go to defray Cathedral operating costs. Please help us by buying or selling them. Thank you for your anticipated support. Contact Pat and Harry Bittner for any questions or concerns. Good luck!

MARRIAGE BANNIS I

Christian Meekins, a Roman Catholic and Oksana Chupryna, a Ukrainian Greek-Catholic plan to be crowned in the Mystery of Marriage on Sunday, May 8, 2016 here at the Cathedral. If you are aware of any impediments to this Marriage, please contact the Cathedral Fathers at 215.922.2845. Thank you.

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Heartfelt expressions of condolences go out to the family, relatives and friends of the late +Deacon Charles Schultz, who recently fell asleep in the Lord. He was beloved by so many and is sorely missed. We pray that his soul rest in peace in the bosom of Abraham and his memory be everlasting. Vichnaya Pam'yat! Christ is Risen!



Today's Gospel reading recounts when Christ healed a paralytic at the Sheep Pool, called Bethesda. The Sheep Pool was the place where sheep, that were to be sacrificed in the Temple nearby, were washed and inspected to be sure that they were without blemish. Five large marble porches or porticoes surrounded the Pool, in which great numbers of the sick and infirmed gathered, waiting for what was called "the stirring of the water." According to Jewish be-

lief, an angel would come and stir up the waters once a year and the first person to enter the water during the stirring, would be healed.

Some Patristic Fathers wrote that there is a back story about this miraculous event. They taught that when Adam was expelled from the Garden of Eden he took with him two seeds from the Tree of Life. One seed he planted in what was much later to become a suburb of Jerusalem and grew into the Tree that became the Wood of the Cross, which is marked today by an Orthodox Monastery in honor of the Holy Cross. The other seed, however, was dropped accidentally by Adam, and the waters of a spring immediately came to the surface and hid it. In time, this became the Sheep Pool of Bethesda. And so each year, on the anniversary of Adam's having dropped this seed there, an angel from heaven would descend and stir the water into a whirlpool, seeking the seed. This whirlpool was filled with angelic strength and God's grace that would heal someone of even a dire or terminal illness.

This healing reminds us most forcefully that all of us, to one degree or another, and in one way or another are also "paralyzed"—not necessarily physically, but often spiritually, intellectually or mentally. Those e.g. not open to truth and knowledge, often become intellectually paralyzed. This, unfortunately, is experienced at the many agnostic colleges and universities that consider themselves "enlightened", yet have turned their backs on Christ, Who is "The Way-Truth-Life," having closed their minds to Him, the Well-Spring of Wisdom and His Church, which is established on the Faith of the Apostles. The mentally paralyzed sadly often suffer from mental maladies and dementia. The spiritually paralyzed, however, often involve those who make little or no effort to appeal to the Lord to heal the spiritual ills in their souls. They rarely cooperate with God by turning away from Him, or they may confess their sins and then turn right around and do them all over again, revealing a lack of sincere repentance and desire to change. Have we forgotten, or no longer believe that the Lord is SOVEREIGN over all difficulties and illnesses and primarily Sin?

Christ says this man's paralysis is the result of his sins, and that if he continues to sin, an even worse malady will overtake him. Now, not all physical illness is the result of sin, but this Gospel tells us that some illnesses are! Certainly all spiritual illness is the result of Sin. Sins that we repeatedly commit; sins with which we even struggle; sins that we do not seek the Lord's strength to deal with; sins that we justify to ourselves and others – all of these plant a seed of spiritual disease that grows and increases, becoming ever stronger and stronger, and greater and greater in power to corrupt us...unless, that is, we finally humble ourselves in seeking God's healing mercy through sincere deep repentance. Through a direct mature prayer life with God and a broken heart, a heart that realizes, finally, that it can do nothing for itself without Christ. *Jesus asks, "Do you desire to be healed?" We hear in the Psalms, "a broken and a contrite heart, God will not despise."*