

ANNOUNCEMENTS – ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

AUGUST 4: \$953; Building Fund: \$270; Coffee: \$44

AUGUST 11: \$761; Building Fund: \$557; Coffee: \$54

AUGUST 18: \$935; Building Fund: \$300; Coffee: Pending

AUGUST 25: \$1,628; Building Fund: \$220; Coffee: \$65

PARISH MEETING - ПАРАФІЯЛЬНЕ ЗАСІДАННЯ was held last week and updated expenses were presented by Steve Hojsan. Please see him for more information on current financials and for the ballot to vote on a possible loan for the building project. Thanks also to all of our hard-working volunteers on the Finance Council.

SAVE THE DATE for a parish picnic/BBQ on a Saturday in late September at Crown Point Park. Tentative date is Saturday, September 28th.

BAPTISM – ХРЕЩЕННЯ will take place on Sunday, September 15th following the Liturgy, the baby of new parishioners from Orange County. All are encouraged to attend!

FUNDRAISING will begin next week for our building project. Please see Bohdan or Luke if you wish to volunteer!

BALBOA PARK LAWN PROGRAM is today at 2:00 p.m. House of Ukraine will be selling food starting at 11:00 a.m.

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP – ІКОНОПИСНА ШКОЛА to be held at the University of San Diego (USD) on Mondays and Tuesdays from September 9th – September 30th. All supplies will be included. The course fee is \$275. Or more information, please contact 619-574-5706 or email janice@sandiego.edu **THEY ARE CLOSE TO SELLING OUT. CONTACT JANICE ASAP!**

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Divine Liturgy:

Every Sunday at 10:30 AM

Temporary Physical Address:

3266 Nutmeg St.
San Diego, CA 92104

Temporary Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 3116
La Mesa, CA 91941

Confessions:

30 minutes before or immediately after
Divine Liturgy, or by appointment

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Santee, CA 92071

Upcoming Services - Розклад Богослужень

September 8th Nativity of the Mother of God Різдво Пресвятої Богородиці

Divine Liturgy - Божественна Літургія - 10:30 am

O King, You are eternal and remain forever. Receive the petitions of us sinners as we pray for salvation. O Lover of Mankind, grant Your abundance to the earth with temperate and mild weather. Fight with the faithful against all enemy attacks as You helped David; for they have entered the tabernacle and defiled Your most holy place, O Savior. But grant victory over them, O Christ our God, through the prayers of the Theotokos, for You are ever the victory and boast of orthodox Christians!

Зглянься на моління твоїх слуг, Всенепорочна, усмирюючи нападi, якi нас пригнiтають, визволяючи нас вiд усякої недолi, бо в тобi маємо ми мiцну й непохитну охорону i здобули наше заступництво. Тож нехай не засоромимося, Владичице, в нашiм до тебе зверненнi, але поспiшися на наше молiння, бо ми з вiрою кличемо до тебе: Радуйся, Владичице, всiх допомога, радосте i покрове та й спасiння душ наших!

Pilgrims pray for peace in church that survived Centralia mine fire

CENTRALIA, PA.— In a tiny town ravaged by a hellish mine fire, religious pilgrims prayed to the mother of God for world peace Sunday at a service in Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church.

“With the mass shootings that have taken place in recent weeks, we all need to turn to God,” urged the church's pastor, the Rev. Michael Hutsko.

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Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak of Philadelphia led a procession of six bishops into the church sanctuary for a Noon mass. Included were Bishop Alfred A. Schlert of Allentown and Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of Harrisburg, a Schuylkill County native.

Wearing blue and white vestments symbolizing the purity of the Blessed Virgin, Gudziak clutched a crucifix to his breast as he spoke of violence and unrest plaguing America.

“Today much of our society is bewildered and confused. There are shootings in places where people gather to enjoy life,” he lamented. “And this place of immigrants, this country of immigrants, this place of welcome, unfortunately, is becoming a place of eviction.”

When Eastern European immigrants built the Assumption BVM Church in 1911, Centralia was a bustling coal town. Built in a valley, just north of the Schuylkill and Columbia counties line, the town sat atop a vast deposit of anthracite coal. Polish, Lithuanian and Ukrainian miners burrowed deep into the rich veins of anthracite, sometimes referred to as black gold, retrieving fuel that powered America's industrial might during the two world wars.

While embracing the American dream, they retained the rich ethnic culture symbolized by the distinctive blue onion-shaped domes and Eastern rite cross atop Assumption BVM.

Deep mining gave way to mechanized, or strip, mining after World War II. Power shovels removed the remaining coal in the tunnels that honeycombed the earth for hundreds of feet beneath Centralia. Often, after the coal had been removed, the gaping holes left by strip mining were turned refuse pits for garbage, which was periodically set afire. In one of those pits, the fire worked its way into abandoned mine tunnels fed by shafts that once supplied air to miners, the fire smoldered for decades, giving off noxious fumes that seeped into Centralia homes through earthen basement floors.

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Faced with growing pressure from environmental groups, the federal government allocated \$42 million to the state to demolish the entire town and relocate its residents in the mid-1980s.

Though some residents clung to their homes, nearly all of the town's structures have since been demolished. All but one: Assumption BVM Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church.

It, too, had been scheduled for demolition, despite being high on the mountain north of town, well out of the path of the fire.

Done at the insistence of then-Metropolitan-Archbishop Stephen Sulyk, test borings found that the church was built on solid rock. “It was very biblical,” said Hutsko, referring to Christ's mandate to the Apostle Peter to build his church on a rock.

In 2015, Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, primate of the Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide, made a pilgrimage to the Centralia church. “He found that a sense of true holiness pervaded the entire property,” said the Rev. John Fields, communications director of the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. “His desire is for all people of faith to come and experience the same holiness and sanctity.” The annual Marian pilgrimage has been held on the last Sunday in August since the patriarch's visit.

In his homily, Archbishop Gudziak urged pilgrims to embrace the shield of faith. Using the Centralia mine fire as a metaphor, he urged them not to allow the devastation that surrounds the church to cloud their mission in life. “We come together to be whole, to receive the sacraments, to live a fruitful life and serve with generosity,” he said. “Let us go from this beautiful place with a new hope.”
Shared from the Reading, PA Eagle Newspaper.

Роздуми владика Венедикта

Господь очікує від нас, що б ми любили кожну людину, кожну особу, яку Він нам дає. Ми бачимо, як часто ми далекі від цієї любові. Може, відразу нам і не вдасться обдарувати її любов'ю, якщо ми на це ще не здатні. Однак ми зможемо знайти в собі сили приймати їх і буди свідомі, що вони не є випадкові, а їх дав нам Бог.

Вчимося прийняти кожну людину. Розуміти, що нам Бог дає таких їх різних – милих і немилых, приємних і неприємних – осіб. І коли навчимося приймати людей, давати їм місце в своєму житті, бо, зрештою, Бог їх нам дав, вони не є випадком, тоді все більше навчимося любити їх. Бо за кожною особою яка є в моєму житті стоїть Господь!

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