

ANNOUNCEMENTS – ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

OCTOBER 5 Parish Picnic: \$507 (after expenses of \$233)
OCTOBER 6: \$1,320; Building Fund: \$100 Coffee: \$90
OCTOBER 13: \$883; Building Fund: \$628 Coffee: \$62
OCTOBER 20: \$580; Building Fund: \$200 Coffee: \$70
OCTOBER 27: \$1,207; Building Fund: \$20 Coffee: \$38
OCTOBER: General: **\$3,990**; Building Fund: **\$1,455**; Coffee: **\$260**

ACCOUNTING: Totals as of Wednesday, October 13: General checking: \$2,196.13; Building fund: \$10,748.35; Coffee fund: \$9,679.60. Thank you for your continued generosity!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR BUILDING: Olga M. will have icons and other religious items available for sale prior to Christmas. ALL proceeds will go towards our building fund!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Our parish will once again host a Christmas Eve Supper (Свят Вечір). Several rehearsals will also take place to cover Christmas carols for the seasons. Details coming soon!

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•THE SOWER OF GOOD SEEDS•



Divine Liturgy:

Every Sunday at 10:30 AM

Temporary Physical Address:

3266 Nutmeg St.
San Diego, CA 92104

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P.O. Box 3116
La Mesa, CA 91941

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30 minutes before or immediately after
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9308 Carlton Oaks Dr.
Santee, CA 92071

Upcoming Services - Розклад Богослужень

November 10th: Divine Liturgy - Божественна Літургія – 10:30 am

November 17th: Divine Liturgy - Божественна Літургія – 10:30 am

O God from before the ages, send down on us from the heights of heaven Your Holy Wisdom. Enlighten our minds through Her. May God's Wisdom lead us along the paths of truth; may She keep us from falsehood and deceit.

A Prayer of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky for Divine Wisdom
Молитва Митрополита Андрея Шептицького за Божу Мудрість

Предвічний Боже, зішли на нас з високого неба Твою Святу Мудрість. Просвіти нею наші уми. Нехай Божа Мудрість поведе нас дорогами правди. Нехай стереже нас від ложі й обману.

Ukrainian Catholic Church faces new struggles, archbishop says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Addressing an audience at Georgetown University Oct. 25, the leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States said the world news in Washington is as “Ukrainian as it ever has been.”

But although he made reference to the current political interest in Ukraine, he also said “no one in Washington would give (the country) the time of day had there not been a July phone conversation,” referring to President Donald Trump’s conversation, now under congressional investigation, with Volodymyr Zelenskiy, Ukraine’s president

The church leader, Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, was not at the college campus to talk politics, but to address the role of Catholic social teaching in Ukraine during Soviet occupation and the church’s continued role both in the country and for the Ukrainian diaspora throughout the world.

“The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has tried to present Catholic social doctrine in a lived way,” he said, in a presentation sponsored by Georgetown University’s Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs and the university’s Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life.

“How this will prevail, we have yet to see; we all have great hope,” he added.

The archbishop, who became leader of the U.S. Ukrainian Catholic Church in June after leading a Paris-based eparchy for nine years, also is founder and president of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. His public lecture wrapped up a weeklong visit of a delegation from the Ukrainian university to Georgetown.

The archbishop said it was tricky to address the group because there were plenty in the audience at the Jesuit residence on campus who could teach him about social doctrine and Ukrainian history.

He spoke of the challenges faced by Ukrainian Catholics during Soviet occupation when church leaders were sent to forced-labor camps in Siberia. He said ethic cleansings before, during and after World War II made the country one of the most dangerous places in the world. “If you lived there, you were most likely to be killed,” he added.

When the Ukrainian Catholic Church was legal again in 1989, its leaders issued pastoral letters and multiple documents on social justice, always emphasizing human dignity.

Now he said there is a “need to go back to basics.” He said the church’s influence peaked with its emphasis on dignity in the ’90s, but now the church there, as in most countries, he said, is “not finding effective language to speak with young people” and is seeing vocations and numbers in general declining.

He has seen the same trend with the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the U.S. where its Philadelphia cathedral that can seat 1,200 but has about 140 people at Sunday Mass.

The archbishop is not by any means throwing in the towel; instead he said the church is being “stripped down to essentials.”

He said when he was leader of Ukrainian Catholics in Paris, he wondered if the church could keep up against all the outside pressure and asked: “What is this all about? Is this a little ethnic museum that will peter out, or is this the church of Christ?”

His answer, then and now, of course, is the latter.

And for now, he told his audience: “Just do your lousy best. Laugh, hold each other by the hand. Never will the gates of hell prevail against the church.” And for added measure, he said: “Let’s be confident and move forward.”

Лк. 8, 5-15. «Хто має вуха слухати, нехай слухає».

Усі добре знають цю притчу про сіяча. Зерна падають у різний ґрунт і по-різному проростають чи не проростають.

Сіяч – це Господь, який також сіє в серці кожного з нас. Бог не перестає сіяти в наше життя – це час, коли Бог щось сіє, щось вкладає в нас, аби проросло.

І ми – ті, які або плодоносять, дають зерну прорости, або ті, які не плодоносять, які заглушують це зерно. Коли Бог покликав нас до буття, то не випадково дав нам певний характер, темперамент, вдачу, таланти. Він нас покликав такими, як ми є, ми ж маємо стати тим ґрунтом, на якому може щось прорости, а саме – щоб сам Бог проявлявся через нас.

Святі – це ті люди, які дали Богові можливість прорости й проявитися в них якнайбільше. Отже, і ми дозволяймо Богові діяти і проявлятися в нас!