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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!

В історії спасіння бачимо, що через рани Ісуса Христа, через Його страждання, терпіння і розп'яття, що, за людським сприйняттям, неприємне, хтось інший оздоровлюється. Господь терпить, а людина зцілюється. Господь страждає, щоб ми ставали здоровими. Це велика тайна – з одного боку терпіння, а з іншого оздоровлення.

Через терпіння Христа ми стали здоровими, стали цілісними, стали переміненими. У нашому житті дуже часто терпіння і страждання мають сенс саме завдяки можливості оздоровлення. Яке Бог дарував нам через Свої страждання, і водночас дарував нам життя вічне. Спробуймо на всі наші терпіння, страждання і невігоди подивитись як нагоду для нашого зцілення в контексті терпінь і страждань Ісуса Христа!

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Divine Liturgy:

Every Sunday at 10:30 AM

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3266 Nutmeg St.
San Diego, CA 92104

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P.O. Box 3116
La Mesa, CA 91941

Confessions:

30 minutes before or immediately after
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Upcoming Services - Розклад Богослужень

October 20th: Divine Liturgy - Божественна Літургія - 10:30 am

October 27th: Divine Liturgy - Божественна Літургія - 10:30 am

Let us honor today those mystical trumpets of the Spirit, namely the God-mantled Fathers who, speaking of divine things, sang in the midst of the Church a hymn in unison, teaching that the Trinity is One, not differing in Substance or Godhead, refuting Arius and struggling for the true faith. They always intercede with the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

Жезлом ваших повчань, Преблаженні, відігнали ви від Церкви Христової духовних вовків і звідусіль її обгородили духовною твердиною, представивши її Христові цілу й непошкоджену. Тому моліть його, щоб визволив від зіпсуття і лиха тих,* що шанують вашу всечесну пам'ять.

From Heart to Heart: A Letter to Candidates for Priestly Ministry in the Metropolia of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA

****Part 3 of 3* Emphasis in original****

Our metropolia strives for theological and intellectual development, true missionary zeal, authentic ecumenical openness, and, in particular, the engagement of young people of Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian origin. **The youth today expect professionalism and creativity from the pastor, and the ability to address — persuasively but serenely — deep and difficult questions of the present day.** It is of utmost importance that we work ceaselessly to find a common language, a clear, mutually intelligible vocabulary. We need practical thinkers, creative strategists, aesthetic communicators who can share the poetry of the spiritual life and its drama, and do so with humor.

The Lord calls us not to be indifferent to the pain of a migrant separated from his family; the uncertain quests of adolescents who feel unheard by their parents; the unhappiness of spouses beset by marital discord; the tribulations of the childless, the homeless, the addicted, the depressed, those without hope. At the same time, we want to help those among us who are successful, enterprising, affluent — Ukrainians and non-Ukrainians alike — to discover through our Church the depths of happiness in Christ. Following the example of Jesus, we should be all things to all people.

Answering the appeal of Pope Francis, we should and will go outside the gates of our church buildings. A shepherd should follow the scent of his sheep, even those who are now outside the fold. Millions of people on the territory of our metropolia are unchurched, do not know God, do not enjoy the support of a community. Should we consider them “not ours”? All people are God’s children!

Like sport, service must be team-based “for we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus” (2 Cor 4:5) Therefore, the desire and ability to communicate, and openness to others, are essential qualifications for candidates. It is important that there be solidarity and friendship in the presbyterate. We must constantly work at this.

Comprehensive cooperation with laypeople is a prerequisite for church life in the twenty-first century. Our metropolia will foster synodality, a theology of encounter, consensus building, subsidiarity. It will apply the basic tenets of Catholic social doctrine.

We look forward to the candidates’ initiatives, their willingness to respond to spiritual, psychological, and practical challenges in a mature, fulfilling, and completely transparent way. Candidates should work in harmony with the bishops, foster cooperation and brotherly relationships with other priests, and engage with the faithful, avoiding clericalism.

It is difficult to exaggerate the need for multilingualism in our future. Candidates from Ukraine must already have proficiency in English, or at least be ready to master and perfect the language quickly. Candidates from the USA and other countries should be ready and open to study the Ukrainian language and history of the founders of the parishes where they are to serve. Ministry in the metropolia must be at least bilingual, so good oral and written skills in Ukrainian and English are a requirement. It is also useful to know other languages — Spanish, Russian, Polish, Italian, Portuguese.

Candidates from other eparchies will be considered only upon recommendation of their bishop. If you are reading this and currently not a member of the Ukrainian (Greek) Catholic Church, please note: applying for service in our metropolia is not and cannot be an escape from problems encountered in other Churches — whether Roman Catholic or Orthodox, or one of the other Eastern Catholic Churches. The metropolia is equally open to the service of both celibate clergy and married priests with families. Each case will be treated individually.

In view of everything said above, those wishing acceptance in order to improve their material status, need not apply. We also ask that those with personal or family motivations — rather than the priority of evangelization — refrain from applying for service in our Church in the USA. A commitment to serve in our Church must be a commitment for the long haul. It is not for those who are quickly discouraged or disillusioned. True service to the flock entrusted to a pastor requires dedication and endurance — and understanding the realities of the community you serve, in all their unvarnished truth.

A healthy lifestyle and physical fitness are also useful qualities because it will be difficult! However, if pastors are fully committed to the ministry, are ready to pray earnestly, work intensely and creatively, and willing to go beyond their comfort zone, we can achieve many things together, with God’s blessing. A future good priest is for us worth his weight in gold, a special spiritual treasure. This is first and foremost a person, a Christian, whom the Lord has called for special ministry in His vineyard. It is our privilege to appeal to you. We are already praying for you, dear candidates. Pray for us as well. May the blessing of the Lord be upon you!