

ANNOUNCEMENTS – ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

SEPTEMBER 1: \$530; Building Fund: \$215

SEPTEMBER 8: \$1,130; Building Fund: \$1,327 Coffee: \$33

SEPTEMBER 19: \$1,152; Building Fund: \$140 Coffee: \$101

SEPTEMBER 22: \$1,057; Building Fund: \$330 Coffee: \$41

PARISH PICNIC!

Saturday, October 5th from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

At Crown Point Shores on Mission Bay in Pacific Beach

Corona Oriente Rd. (where House of Ukraine goes)

Food! • Games! • Fun! • Face Painting for Kids!

ALL ARE INVITED!

Adults: \$15 | Kids 10 and Under: \$5

Please see Olga Miller or Vayslyna Sas for more info.

Please bring your own chairs!

Однак, нас, християн, радістю сповнює саме те, що ми Бога пізнали не інтуїтивно, не якимось в пошуках вийшли на Нього, але Бог Господь явився нам в особі Ісуса Христа. Це дивне і важке для розуміння Таїнство, непросто для усвідомлення, але це Таїнство Бога, Який приходить до людини.

Важливо над цим Таїнством задумуватись, бо прихід Бога не є безособовий, але до кожного з нас, задля кожного з нас народився Ісус Христос!

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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

Parish Administrator:

Fr. Yurii Sas - о. Юрій Сас

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www.stjohnthebaptizer.org

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9308 Carlton Oaks Dr.

Santee, CA 92071

Upcoming Services - Розклад Богослужень

October 5th: Parish Picnic – Crown Point Shores – 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

October 6th: Divine Liturgy - Божественна Літургія - 10:30 am

By Your cross You destroyed death, You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world. No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

Розрушив Ти хрестом твоїм смерть, створив Ти розбійникові рай, мироносицям плач перемінив еси, і апостолам проповідати повелів еси, що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже, даючи світові велику милість. Вже більше влада смертна не зможе людей держати, Христос бо зійшов, сокрушаючи й розоряючи сили її. Зв'язується ад, пророки согласно радуються, представ Спас, мовлячи тим, що в вірі: **Вийдіть, вірні, у воскресення!**

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

It is with deep appreciation and respect for you, your calling and your desire to do God's will that we, the bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States of America, wish to share with you our thoughts concerning our Church's future and your ministry. We need your help. You are a precious gift. We are grateful for your willingness to serve our faithful in America. With this letter of appeal, we would like to present our Church in the US to you, identify some areas in need of help, and outline the spiritual and pastoral expectations of candidates for the priesthood.

The Metropolia of Philadelphia — which includes the archeparchy of the same name and three eparchies: Stamford, St. Nicholas in Chicago, and St. Josaphat in Parma, the ministry of which the Church has entrusted to us — will need a substantial replenishment of its clergy over the coming years. Thus, the Philadelphia Archeparchy will require about 15 new priests over the next five years to serve its faithful adequately and respond to their needs. Each eparchy, of course, has its own pastoral needs, which are enormous. We are called to reach out not only to the descendants of the first Ukrainian settlers in the United States and children of different historical migration waves, or hundreds of thousands of new migrants from Ukraine, but also to millions of Americans who do not know God. Therefore, the metropolia and its leaders are searching for dedicated and zealous seminarians to serve as deacons and priests, especially those who are young and vigorous.

Our search, in the first instance, is not about quantity, but quality. **We are not looking for workers to simply accomplish a task or fulfill a plan, but for true missionaries and pastors who will care for the faithful with a willingness even to sacrifice their lives for them, from love of God and neighbor.**

Of course, our top priority is to foster vocations to the priesthood and other ministries among candidates from the territory of the metropolia, but we also hope for help and support from other countries, including Ukraine. It will be important to engage the laity — men and women, in particular youth — in our ministry. This is our future. But the issue of lay leadership is so important that we want to address it in a separate pastoral letter.

Pastoral ministry in the West, particularly in the United States of America, is complex and demanding. It is not for everyone. In different ways, of course, this is true of Ukraine and all other countries as well.

Let us, however, focus here on the immediate challenges in America. We have many parishes, a great and long history, and a distinct identity. Parishes are centers of faith, and have also traditionally fostered education, cultural activities, and social service. We need the help of faith-filled, zealous, kind, tireless priests who are willing to preserve and develop these past achievements. But we also need to transcend our traditional settings, especially purely ethnic ones. This is not easy, but at the same time it is an opportunity to reveal God's gifts: spiritual talents, missionary passion, and organizational abilities.

The challenges for today's Catholic pastor are many: progressive secularization; wholesale commercialization that reduces everything to the material and monetary, and makes it ever more difficult to understand symbols and anything transcendental; extreme sensuality and dependence on constant hyperstimulation, in particular regarding communication and information; radical individualism that often leads to alienation or loneliness; subjectivism and deconstruction that undermine for many the very existence of truth; absence of a shared anthropology (who is a person, man, woman, spouse? who has authority over human life and death? what is marriage? etc.); prejudice against the Church and clergy, exacerbated by the undeniable abuse crisis; doubt regarding the basic tenets of the Christian faith; the departure of the faithful, especially the youth, from the Church; a drastic reduction in finances. In the future, one cannot rule out the possibility of direct persecution of the Church, as has been seen repeatedly in modern history—in France during the Revolution, in Mexico and Spain, in Germany and much of Europe under the Nazis, in Ukraine under Soviet rule and, indeed, in all communist countries between Albania and Estonia, China and Vietnam, as well as in Muslim countries and elsewhere.

The dispersion and great distances separating our faithful, the specific and diverse needs of different waves of migration, require selfless labor, mobility, and ingenuity. As bishops looking for dedicated, self-sacrificing, talented and charismatic ministers, we can with frankness promise our future associates sweat, tears and maybe blood. We mean this seriously...

****Continued next week. Please note emphasis in original****

Роздуми владыки Венедикта

Людина, створена на образ Божий, завжди шукає свого Творця. У різні історичні епохи, у різних частинах світу цей пошук серед людства завжди був присутній. Кожна людина, чи вона називає себе віруючою, чи ні, але в складних ситуаціях віра в Бога завжди оживає.

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