



## Attendance at Lenten Services

Lenten Services are conducted for our spiritual renewal here at Assumption each and every Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. during the Great Lent. On Saturdays, we celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Souls enrolled in the Sorokousty Listings at 9:00 a.m. All parishioners are urged to resolve to make their best effort to attend at least 3 of these services during the Great Fast, especially those in which we remember our deceased loved ones. All are obliged to attend the Divine Liturgy on Sundays.

We should not feel as though we can excuse ourselves from these services as we find excuses for other things. We **MUST** make every effort to be present at these services so that we can better prepare ourselves to understand the meaning and significance of the Joy of Easter. Jesus said: "He who will come after ME, let him deny himself, take up his cross and then follow me!" Remember these words of our Lord? Let us put them into action and stop making excuses. Someday he will ask us, and accept no excuse!

Since ancient times, Christians have been challenged to practice: **FASTING – ALMSGIVING – PRAYER – AS A WAY OF LIFE AND A WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE.** Please try your best to make the effort to observe these Lenten Disciplines and Practices during the GREAT FAST 2011.



## The Symbolism of Priest's Vestments

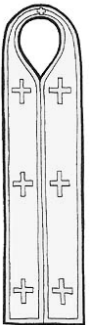
Visitors to our church service may ask why it is that our clergy wear such seemingly peculiar garments. Accustomed to the sight of a priest in his Sunday vestments, we Christians are rarely able to give a satisfactory explanation and our response is often limited to something about "the beauty of the Church." While it is not necessary for us to become experts on this subject, we could benefit from a closer examination of church vestments-their historical origin and their significance-not only to be able to answer questions, but also to help ourselves enter more deeply into the services

Today, I want to teach you about priest's vestments, so you can learn their names, meaning, use and the prayers that priest is saying while putting them on. Priest's vestments serve to hide and submerge the personality of the priest so that worshippers, seeing Christ through the vestments, may know that it is He, Jesus, who teaches and sanctifies through the priest.

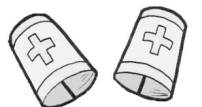
- **Sticharion** - all orders of the clergy wear a special outer garment a robe called a sticharion. This white robe represent the baptismal garment in which every Christian is clothed on his day of baptism. It also signifies the white robe of the angel who announced to the myrrh bearing women the glad tidings of the Lord's Resurrection (Mark 16:5). The clergyman recites the following prayer when he puts on the sticharion: "My soul shall rejoice in the Lord, for He has clothed me with the garment of righteousness and has covered me with a robe of gladness...." (Isaiah 61:10)



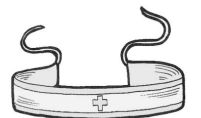
- **Stole or Epitrachelion** -the second fundamental vestment for clergy is the stole or epitrachelion which goes around the neck and shoulders. It is the sign of the pastoral office. this vestment symbolizes the grace of the Holy Spirit that flows down abundantly upon the officiating clergy. Adorning the Epitrachelion are two set of tassels; the set on top represents the souls of the living which the priest is responsible for and the set on the bottom represents the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. The following prayer is recited when this vestment is put on: "Blessed is God who pours out His grace upon His priests, as myrrh upon the head that ran down the beard of Aaron, which ran down to the helm of his garment." (Psalm 133:2)



- **Cuffs** - are worn around the wrists of the priest. Symbolically they represent the creative power of God. The clergyman recites the following prayer when he puts the cuff on his right hand: Your right hand, " O Lord, is glorified in strength. Your right hand, has crushed the enemies. In the fullness of Your glory You have shattered the adversaries." (Exodus 15: 6-7) While he places the cuff on his left hand he prays: "Your hands have made me and have fashioned me. Grant me understanding and I shall learn from Your commandments." (Psalm 119:73)



- **Belt** - was added as well to hold the vestments in place. This is a belt worn around the waist over the Sticharion and Epitrachelion. It is a sign of the strength given to the priest by the Holy Spirit to lead the community in prayer. The symbolism of the belt is signified by the following biblical passage which the celebrant recites while he fastens it over the Sticharion and the Epitrachelion: "Blessed is God who girds me with strength and makes my way blameless." (Psalm 18: 32-33)



- **Phelonion** - This is a type of sleeveless cloak in the shape of a cone with an opening for the head. It represents the red tunic with which the Romans dressed the Savior before his Crucifixion, and denotes that the priests are invested with truth and should be ministers of the truth. The prayer that the priest says as he puts on the Phelonion is: "Your priests, O Lord, shall clothe themselves with righteousness, and Your saints shall rejoice with joy...." (Psalm 132:9)



- **The Pectoral Cross** - is worn by both priests and bishops as a reminder that they should not merely carry Christ in their hearts, but also confess Him in the face of all men.



## METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP STEFAN SOROKA WILL HOLD HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE IN OUR PARISH

Pontifical Liturgy with Vesper, Chrism Blessing and Washing of Feet of 12 Priests,

**Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

This solemn ceremony is the commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of his 12 disciples, just before his betrayal and crucifixion. Archbishop Stefan will wash the feet of 12 priests, in imitation of Christ and the 12 Apostles. The myrrh (chrism) will be consecrated on this day, made from olive oil (for mercy), wine (for Christ's Blood), and many kinds of herbs for the manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit).

*This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the service that in the past was done only at the cathedral in Philadelphia. All are invited.*

## The Last Impression



- An elderly couple was watching television one evening. The wife said, "I am going to get a dish of ice cream now." Kindly, the husband offered to get the ice cream for his wife. "I'll write it down so you don't forget," she said. "I won't forget," the old gent said. "But I want chocolate syrup and nuts on it, so I'll write it down," she replied. "I will get you the ice cream. Don't you worry," replied the gentleman. A few minutes later, the old man returned with bacon and eggs. His wife said, "See, I should have written it down because you forgot the toast"
- Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, one day a student nurse was working, and found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need any help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let the student nurse wheel him to the elevator. On the way down, she asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

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Pan. + Bishop Jaroslav Gabro

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No Liturgy scheduled

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8:45 AM Lit. + Luigi & Italia Iacuzio

r/by Ralph & Cathy Iacuzio and Family

6:30 PM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Bible Study

**Saturday, April 2, 2011**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Pan. - Lenten Commemoration of the Dead

5:00 PM Lit. + John Diakun (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

r/by Wife, Jeanette

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, April 3, 2011**

*Epistle - Heb 6:13-20, Gospel - Mk 9:17-31*

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**First Friday Sick Calls**

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**Generations of Faith** committee will meet on Tuesday, March 29, following Stations of the Cross.

**Bible Study** class this week will be held on Friday, April 1, following the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.

**Important Meeting**

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**Holy Name Society** will meet on Tuesday, April 5 at 8:15 PM following the Bible Study class.

**Broadway Show Trip**

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**A REQUEST** - we are currently looking for used wheelchairs for children and poor families in the Stebnyk area of Western Ukraine. If you or anyone you know has one that is no longer needed, please consider donating it for this worthy cause.

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We welcome the following newly registered parishioners into our parish family:

VIKTORIA KOVALCHUK

JULIA REVA

**New Head of Our Church Elected by the Synod of Bishops**

Bishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, till now the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of the Protection of the Blessed Mary in Buenos Aires, has become the new head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. The Election Synod of the UGCC, which was attended by 40 bishops from Ukraine and abroad (Western Europe, USA, Canada, Brazil, Argentina and Australia), elected him on March 23. The Holy See approved the choice of the Synod of Bishops.

Bishop Sviatoslav is the third youngest of the world's 5,207 Catholic bishops. Bishop Sviatoslav was born on May 5th 1970 in the city of Stryj, Western Ukraine. In 2002 he completed his doctorate in moral theology at the Angelicum University, Rome. From 2002-2005 he worked as head of the Secretariat and private Secretary to his beatitude Lubomir Husar, head of the patriarchal Curia in Lviv. Then from June 2007 he was a rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary in Rydno, Ukraine. Bishop Sviatoslav was ordained as bishop on April 7, 2009, in Lviv. On 10 April 2010, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Sviatoslav Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of the Protection of the Blessed Mary in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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**Family Bowling Event**

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## Парафіяльний Вісник

### ОГОЛОШЕННЯ, ПОДІЇ, НОВИНИ

**Кава і Солодке** - по закінченні Богослуження всі запрошені до церковної зали для товариської розмови біля кави.

**ПРОХАННЯ...** Чи у Вас або у ваших рідних/знайомих/сусідів може є вживаний/новий, але вже не потрібний інвалідський візочок? Якщо так, просимо подарувати його для дітей-інвалідів в околицях міста Стебник в Україні. У цій справі просимо звертатися до о. Івана.

#### Вітаємо до Нашої Парафії!

Двері завжди тут для вас відкриті. Подружжя і особи після 18 років повинні зареєструватися у парафії. Якщо ви хочете зареєструватися до парафії та уживати конверти, просимо узяти аплікацію для реєстрації при вході до церкви, подати вашу адресу і телефон, і аплікацію повернути до о. Івана або переслати до офісу. Ваші грошові-датки на церкву просимо вложити до коверта і написати ваше ім'я та суму, бо в протинному пожертви будуть анонімними.

#### Пам'ятна Книга

Ювілейна Пам'ятна Книга Присвячена Святкуванню 100-ліття Нашої Парафії є у продажі за \$70. За книгою дзвоніть у парафіяльний офіс.

#### Парафіяльна Web-Сторінка.

Просимо зайти на нашу Web-сторінку [www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net) Там можна перечитати найновіший бюлетень, переглянути фотографії та почитати парафіяльні події.

#### Одна Св. Літургія

**Наступної Неділі є тільки одна Св. Літургія - о 10 год зранку. Після Літургії, усі парафіяни та гості які записалися у формі при вході до церкви, є запрошені до зали у школі, де розпочнеться Катихетично - Євангелізаційна Програма про Великий Піст. Перед програмою будемо мати смачний бескоштовний обід, лекцію та дискусію про Великий Піст. Буде дуже цікаво. Запрошені ВСІ, що записалися або запишуться сьогодні.**

#### Важлива Нарада

Комітет із приготування «Свячене» (яке відбудеться у Неділю 1 Травня) просить членів зустрітися в Понеділок, 4 квітня о 7:00 вечора у церковному залі, щоб обговорити деталі приготування пасхального обіду. Всі церковні організації просимо направити своїх представників на цю нараду. Всі зацікавлені парафіяни також запрошуються.

#### Хто про нас пам'ятає

У склянній посудині жили дві червоні рибки. Ліниво пересуваючись попри скляні стінки, вони мали досить часу, аби собі пофілософствувати. І якогось одна рибка спитала іншу:

- Чи ти віриш у Бога?

- Звичайно!

А звідки ти про Нього знаєш?

- Хто ж тоді, на твою думку, щодня міняє воду в акваріумі?

*Немов спокійна ріка, плине у нас життя, і це чудо. Але ми звикли до чудес. Кожен день є новим даром, чистою сторінкою, на якій можемо щось записати. Бог щоденно міняє нам воду. Коли ми переставмо у Нього вірити, Бог не закривається від нас у своїй божественності; це ми умираємо в той день, коли наше життя робиться закритим на світло, що безнастанно променить і щоденно оновлює чуда, які перевищують будь-який розум.*



## Главою УГКЦ обрано Єпископа Святослава Шевчука.

Єпископ Святослав народився 5 травня 1970 року у місті Стрию на Львівщині, а священником став 21 травня 1994 року. Навчався у Папському Університеті св. Томи Аквінського (Рим, Італія). Де здобув ступінь доктора Богослов'я. З 2002–2005 працював главою секретаріату і особистим секретарем Блаженнішого Любомира (Гузара), керівником Патріаршої курії у Львові. З Червня 2007 – ректор Львівської духовної семінарії Святого Духа. 14 Січня 2009 року Святіший Отець Венедикт XVI поблагословив рішення Синоду єпископів про призначення отця Святослава Шевчука єпископом-помічником єпархії Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці в Буенос-Айресі (Аргентина). Єпископську хіротонію Владика Святослав прийняв 7 квітня 2009 року у Львові з рук Глави УГКЦ Блаженнішого Любомира. Інtronізація нового глави УГКЦ відбудеться 27 березня о 10.00 у Патріаршому соборі Воскресіння Христового у Києві.

**Найвідповідальніше служіння в УГКЦ випало нести наймолодшому. Ну що ж, хай Бог допомагає а ми Вірні Вітаємо нововибраного Отця і Главу, Блаженнішого Святослава!!! На многая Літа!**

## Запитання до о. Івана!

- Питання:** Який хрест є правильним для УГКЦ - "прямий", як у римо-католиків, чи з нижньою косою-перетинкою, як у православних? Чому на греко-католицьких храмах немає одинакового зображення хреста? Який хрест буде стояти на Патріаршому Соборі у м. Києві?

**Відповідь:** Кожний із видів хресного розп'яття, які Ви згадуєте, як рівно ж і інші видоформи хреста, прийняті пізніше та закорінені традиційно у вжитку тих чи інших помісних Церков у знак певної культурної спадщини світосприйняття та розвитку віри у Христа-Спасителя того чи іншого народу, є однаково цінним з огляду на віру – адже він є певним символом, через який та чи інша віруюча людина долає шлях усвідомлення та зросту власної віри.

Що ж стосується безпосередньо фізичної форми хреста, як воно було історично, маємо всі підстави, щоби ствердити наступне: - найправдоподібніше, хрест, на якому був розп'ятий Христос, був специфічним – на ньому, принаймні, на відміну від двох інших хрестів, які височили в той день на Голгофі, була прибита таблиця із написом у трьох мовах, на якій римляни мали звичай вказувати особу засудженого та причину такого жорстокого його покарання; цей напис містився над головою Хреста, тому хрест Христовий не мав Т-подібної форми, як це деколи траплялося, а був повним (так званий «римський» хрест), причому над поперечиною, до якої були прибиті руки Ісуса, була ще маленька поперечина із написом; - окрім того, для продовження мук страждуючого засудженого римляни традиційно давали йому можливість дещо опиратися ногами на саме древко хреста, адже в протинному випадку смерть засудженого наступала би дуже швидко – тіло би провисало під власною вагою, і засуджений в скорому часі помирав би від задухи; з огляду на цей факт, маємо всі підстави припустити і існування маленької підніжної поперечини, котра слугувала би подібним опертям. Старовинне передання говорить про те, що в момент Христової смерті саме ця поперечина і перекосилася, вказуючи таким чином напрям уверх, до Божого Царства, розбійникові, який покаявся, і вниз, до пекла, тому, хто злословив Ісуса. Саме цей момент віри і є інтерпретованим через форму хреста, який традиційно використовується, зокрема, Російською Православною Церквою.

Натомість, УГКЦ віддавна використовує так званий «патріарший» хрест, де ця історична ймовірність цілком збережена без будь-якої догматичної інтерпретації: трираменний хрест, із поперечками «напису» вгорі та «опертя ніг» внизу. Думаю, що саме такий хрест буде височіти і над куполом нашого головного собору у Києві.