



Our prayers and condolences are offered to Mrs. Nadia Mihaychuk and family on the death of their husband, father and grandfather, Jaroslaw who entered into eternity on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 87, following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were conducted from our church on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and burial was in South Bound Brook, NJ

Dr. Mihaychuk was a well-known dentist in Parma for many years. His kind heart was known by many and he frequently helped those who were unable to pay for his services. Following his retirement and Ukraine's independence, he traveled there 19 times, taking with him a total of 37 large cargo containers of dental and medical supplies for hospitals and dental offices. He was a lover of humanity. May Our Lord grant him rest with the Saints and may his memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat!

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Our 60+ Club thanks everyone who contributed food to their annual Food Drive for St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality. May God bless you all for the love and concern you have shown to the needy.

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*Calendar of Events for the week of December 18<sup>th</sup>:*

**Sunday (today)- Sunday School brunch & St. Nicholas Program following the first bilingual Liturgy**

**Monday - Holy Day of St. Nicholas**

- 7:00 a.m., Pyrohy Project (peeling)

**- 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy**

- 12:30 p.m., Pyrohy Project (scooping)

**Tuesday**

- 6:00 a.m., Pyrohy Project (making)

- 10:00 a.m., Pyrohy Project (peeling)

- 12:30 p.m., Pyrohy Project (scooping)

- 5:30 p.m., Pyrohy Project (evening – making)

**Wednesday**

- 5:00 a.m., Pyrohy Project (making)

- 8:30 a.m., Moleben for sick parishioners

**Thursday**

- 8:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m., **Pyrohy Sales ONLY**

**Saturday**

- 9:30 a.m., meet at Fr. John's rectory to go to St. Herman's to serve lunch

(see separate insert)

- 5:45 p.m., Confession

- 6:00 p.m., Vespers

**Sunday**

**- 8:30 a.m., English Divine Liturgy**

**- 10:15 a.m., Ukrainian Divine Liturgy**

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Greetings are extended to all men named Nicholas / Mykola who will celebrate their Name's Day tomorrow. Mnohiya Lita!

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Thank you to the Holowchak Funeral Home for their gift of printing our 2012 Parish Calendars. They were distributed this morning following the Liturgies.

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The tradition of serving lunch to the poor and homeless in our community will continue on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. On that day, young and old are invited to meet at Fr. John's rectory at 9:15 a.m. From there, all will travel to St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality to work in the kitchen and dining room from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and help the needy of our community.

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**Please check out  
our new parish website by going to <http://www.stvladimirs.org>**

**O**n Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, volunteers are needed, especially young men, to set up the Christmas trees in the church. If you are able to assist, please be at the church at 10:00 a.m.

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**D**uring the Nativity Fast, the clergy ask that parishioners who are unable to attend Liturgy and wish to receive Holy Communion at home please call the rectory to request a home visit.

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**P**lease notify the clergy of any sick and hospitalized parishioners, as well as when they have been discharged from the hospital to their homes or gone to a nursing home. This is the duty of the family.

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**M**ay Our Lord's blessings be upon all our parish youth and their parents who, in preparation for Christmas, received the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion this morning. A special thank you goes out to the parents who worked so hard to prepare the breakfast and the St. Nicholas Program.

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**P**lease note the change in dates for making pyrohy this week. There will also be an evening session on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. This is the final week of work before the Holy Days.

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**O**ur parish will hold its annual Family Night on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite games and activities. Food will be provided. If anyone has any ideas for particularly interesting activities for young people, please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Sklaryk at (216)642-9355.

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**A** most sincere thank you goes out to choir director, Markian Komichak and all members of our choirs for the beautiful representation of our parish at last Sunday's Pan Orthodox Christmas Concert that was held at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Parma. Over 30 singers from our Ukrainian and English choirs participated. Ten choirs took part in the program. Our choir's performance was a fitting presentation of the beauty of Ukrainian Christmas music. Pictures may be viewed on the parish web page.

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**A**s in the past, our parish youth will be participating in the Christmas Eve services on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. by reading the special readings. The reading will be done in the front of the church and will be in both Ukrainian and English. Parents – please encourage your child to read. For readings and more information, please speak with Melanie Nakonachny as soon as possible so that your child can prepare for the service.

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**O**n Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be one bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. Following the service, our children will read in front of the Iconostas and we will have our traditional carol sing-along. Please encourage your children to participate. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael or Pani Matka Anna Hontaruk.

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**T**he 2012 parish offering envelopes are now available in the church vestibule. Please pick them up following the Liturgies and be generous in your offerings to our St. Vladimir parish.

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## ***It's Malank̄a Time!***

*All parishioners and friends are invited to the Annual Malank̄a (Julian New Year) Dinner/Dance, sponsored by St. Vladimir's Brotherhood on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Vespers. It will be held in the parish's Grand Hall. Tickets cost \$35.00 per person and may be obtained by calling Walter Syder at*

(216) 661-5646 by January 10<sup>th</sup>. Music will be provided by Fred Ziwich & the International Sound Machine. Please support this annual event and invite a friend to join you.

Our Senior U.O.L. chapter expresses deep gratitude to all parishioners who supported their annual Christmas Craft Fair last Sunday. A tremendous amount was accomplished because of the love, dedication and cooperation of our parish family, working together. It was also very uplifting to see 25 craft fair workers attend the 7:15 a.m. Pro Liturgy before going to the parish center to set up for the craft fair. Sincere thanks also go out to everyone who helped make Holubtsi for their fundraising sale this past Wednesday and Thursday.

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For the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, our parish will reach out to our elderly and shut-in parishioners and everyone of Greater Cleveland by sponsoring our Christmas radio program. On Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Divine Liturgy will be broadcast over radio station WJMO – 1300 AM. Please inform anyone who is unable to be in church for Christmas. Also please note that the Liturgy will be broadcast on the internet at [praisedcleveland.com](http://praisedcleveland.com). Let them rejoice with us, celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord God & Savior Jesus Christ.

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On Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:30 p.m., the youth of our parish and their parents are asked to meet at Fr. John & Pani Matka Mary Anne's house to go caroling to our elderly parishioners in local nursing homes. Please devote a bit of your time on that day to bringing warm greetings and memories to those who are unable to celebrate the Holy Days with family and friends. Such a minimal effort can produce such great rewards. Share of joy of the Christmas season!

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The All Saints Camp Boosters, which are sold annually to help raise funds for camp maintenance, are now on sale. They cost \$25.00 each and make great Christmas gifts. Please see Mrs. Mary Ann Sklaryk for more information about this project and to purchase your boosters.

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*Hospice of the Western Reserve* addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of seriously ill people and their families. Committed and passionate volunteers allow us to care for thousands of patients and their families. A few hours of your time will make a world of difference for our neighbors. Our next volunteer education will take place at St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Road, Cleveland, OH 44109 over three Saturdays: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information or to register for the series, please call Michele Gillum at (440) 892-6680.

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***Poinsettia Tradition Continues at St. Vladimir's***

*A beautiful part of our Christmas celebration is to see over 100 poinsettias decorating the Lord's Temple. These flowers remind us of our departed loved ones who are in our hearts at the Christmas season.*

*If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones with a poinsettia that will be place in church during the Christmas season - January 6<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - please fill out the necessary information below. Be sure to write all names in English.*

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please give this slip and your donation of \$7.00 per plant to  
Pani Matka Ann Hankavich, Ms. Ludmilla Rowinsky  
Mrs. Vera Malysz, parish secretary, Mrs. Irene Pavlyshyn or the clergy  
**Deadline:** Wednesday, December 30, 2011*



**Dear Friends of the Children,**

Over 20 years ago, a number of dedicated parishioners, began assisting needy children in Ukraine. This grass roots effort blossomed and expanded into various outreaches to Ukraine, medical, dental, school for the blind, clothing drives, and scholarship programs, just to mention a few examples. Upon the request of Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund in 2001, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church took on the sponsorship of two (today three) orphanages of severely handicapped children.

Today, ten years after our commitment in 2001, we continue our efforts. Many improvements in the lives of the children and in the institutions have been accomplished. Total support directed to the three orphanages by the Church in America has been over half million dollars.

Locally, we have raised \$115,000 during the last 10 years, which has been given to assist the homes for orphans and to cover expenses for shipments of supplies and equipment to institutions in Ukraine.

The improvements have been substantial and the medical, spiritual and educational level of care is much better today than ten years ago.

In light of our success and your continued support, we have an opportunity in the coming year to expand our efforts to needy children in Buchach and Lviv in western Ukraine, and support of orphans in Poltava and Kharkiv are being presently investigated. We will continue assistance, where needed at the existing three orphanages, and develop outreach to the needy in these new localities.

Your prayers and assistance have Blessed our work to a level no one imagined ten years ago. At the end of the month of December, our next Mission Team from the US will be travelling to Ukraine to volunteer at one of the orphanages bringing joy to the needy and to see the fruits of our efforts. We ask for your continued prayers and financial support.

Wishing all a Joyous Celebration of Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Christ is in our Midst!

Deacon Ihor Mahlay

Director of the Office of Christian Charity, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Donations may be written out to St. Vladimir Parish,

memo noting the Orphanage Fund and deposited in the Sunday Collection



**Have you paid your parish dues for 2011?**

**If you're not sure, be sure to ask at the church office on Sunday morning  
or call the parish office at 440-886-3223 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.**

