

Thank You! God Bless You!

Today we honor and thank the dedicated women and men of our Pyrohy Group. These dedicated parishioners devote many hours, especially during the Christmas Season, to help maintain the financial stability of our parish. We thank the extra volunteers who work during the additional days necessary to fill the orders. A very special thank you goes out to Mrs. Dareen Jogan and Mr. Walter Syder for their leadership and dedication. We pray that Our Lord will bless them with good health, much happiness and the strength to continue their work for many years. Mnohiya Lita! We also remember all those dedicated members of the Pyrohy Group who have entered into eternal rest. May Our Lord establish their souls where all the Just repose and may their memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

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Volunteers are needed on January 2nd at 10:00 a.m. to decorate the church Christmas trees. Volunteers will also be needed on Thursday, January 5th, at 9:00 a.m., to arrange the poinsettias.

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Calendar of Events for the week of December 25th:

- Wednesday** - 8:30 a.m., Moleben for sick parishioners
- Saturday** - 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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Thank You to ... Mr. Michael Dobronos, Mr. Hans Harasimchuk, Stephen Dobronos, Hans Harasimchuk and Michael Nakonachny for changing the ceiling lights in the church in time for the Christmas Holy Days. We appreciate this semi-annual project and are glad that our young men are willing to tackle the task of assembling the scaffolding required to reach the lights in the ceiling.

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During 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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Please 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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Throughout the year, our parish's Senior UOL chapter sponsors many activities for the welfare of our parish and youth. For over 25 years, the most commendable project is their sponsorship of the Sviata Vechera (Holy Christmas Eve Supper) on Christmas Eve, January 6th. This year's dinner will be on a Friday evening, at 6:00 p.m. When the first UOL Sviata Vechera was served, approximately 30 people participated. Over the years, the attendance has grown. Last year, over 125 people participated. The Senior U.O.L. once again invites everyone who is not able to prepare their own Christmas Eve Holy Supper to come to the church hall for Sviata Vechera. If you would like to attend, please make a reservation in advance by calling the clergy or the parish office from Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. With the increase in the number of guests, there is also a need for additional volunteers. If you can help, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Every additional hand makes the burden a little lighter. You do not have to be a member of the UOL to volunteer. For more information, please speak to Mrs. Dareen Jogan, chairperson of the dinner.

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

Most sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Senior U.O.L.'s stuffed cabbage sale, either by helping to make them or by buying them. The kitchen opened for sales and pick-up at 3:30 p.m. and all stuffed cabbages were sold by 4:00 p.m. Parishioners support of the many UOL projects is greatly appreciated.

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Our parish will hold its annual Family Night on Thursday, December 29th, 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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As in the past, our parish youth will be participating in the Christmas Eve services on Friday, January 6th, 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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On Sunday, January 8th, 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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The 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 Malanka Time!

All parishioners and friends are invited to the Annual Malanka (Julian New Year) Dinner/Dance, sponsored by St. Vladimir's Brotherhood on Saturday, January 14th, 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 10th. Music will be provided by Fred Ziwich & the International Sound Machine. Please support this annual event and invite a friend to join you.

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For the 24th 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 7th, 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 praisecleveland.com. Let them rejoice with us, celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord God & Savior Jesus Christ.

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On Monday, January 2nd, 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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The Ukrainian Orthodox League, Young Adults Committee, is sponsoring a "Winter Weekend Getaway" in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania from January 13th – 16th, 2012. First 15 registrants will get free housing. For more information, contact Ms. Emily Kominko or the parish clergy.

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On Sunday, January 15th, the Senior U.O.L. will hold its annual UOL Sunday dinner at Dimitri's Restaurant, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact Pani Matka Mary Anne at (440) 885-1509 or nackos3201@gmail.com if you would like more information and to let her know if you plan to attend as the restaurant must be notified in advance of how many people to expect.

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Thank You!!

- ~~ to Mrs. Jan Hlahol and all parents who prepared and served last Sunday's delicious breakfast that was held after the 8:30 a.m. Youth Sunday Liturgy.
- ~~ to Mrs. Mary Ann Sklaryk, Mrs. Donna Kominko, Mrs. Debbie Greaves and Ms. Melanie Nakonachny for preparing the Sunday School children for an enjoyable St. Nicholas Program.
- ~~ to St. Nicholas for taking the time from his very busy schedule to visit and speak to our children.
- ~~ to all parents who supported the St. Nicholas Program and the children who performed.

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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 14th, 21st and 28th, 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 6th - 19th - please fill out the necessary information below. Be sure to write all names in English.

Your Name -----

In memory of -----

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



SCHEDULE OF FAMILY ACTIVITIES

planned for the Nativity Season

Thursday, December 29th: 6:00 p.m., Annual Family Night in the parish center.
Have your child invite a friend to join in the fun.

Monday, January 2nd: 1:30 p.m., Meet at Fr. John & Pani Matka Mary Anne's house to go caroling to our elderly parishioners in local nursing homes.

Friday, January 6th: *Christmas Eve*; 6:00 p.m., Annual U.O.L. Holy Supper. If you are not making the traditional meal, come to our parish family supper. Invite someone to join you.

Children are requested to read in church at the Christmas Eve service on Friday, January 6th at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Melanie Nakonachny.

Saturday, January 7th: *Christmas Day*, 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Encourage your child to invite a friend to join you at the Liturgy.

Sunday, January 8th: 9:00 a.m., One bilingual Divine Liturgy. Following the Liturgy, we will have the annual carol sing-along and readings by our children. Encourage your child to participate. For more information, contact Fr. Michael or Pani Matka Anna Hontaruk.

Make this a memorable Christmas for your family
by participating in the many activities of our parish!

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The 11th Annual Christmas Sing-A-Long will be held on Wednesday, December 28th at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 1900 Carlton Road, Parma. The concert will feature songs sung in Slavonic (Carpatho-Rusyn), English and American traditional carols. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. The Christmas Sing-a-Long is sponsored by the Parma Byzantine Eparchial Choir.

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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.



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

