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The Festival of Candlemas

Luke 2:22-40

22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"),

24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the sight of all people,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:

"This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Father Anton's Words of Wisdom: On January 6th we celebrate the great blessing of Water and the Baptism of Christ. Many parishes will move this Feast to the closest Sunday (as we do at St. John's) giving more people the opportunity to call to mind the importance of this event in the life of Christ and in turn in the life of the Christian. Through the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan water takes on a whole new meaning; it becomes sanctified. Prior to the idea of Baptism promoted by the John the Baptist, no one thought much about water other than that it was necessary for everyday living. Christ lowers himself to be baptized by John, but then he is exalted by God as the Holy Spirit descends on him and a voice declares "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." For you and I water is a part of our everyday lives and we take it for granted. We go to the tap, and there it is; fresh, clean and plentiful. We use it for cleaning, drinking, cooking, washing and cooling, and

don't think much about it. We see its power to cleanse and heal, and we witness its awesome power to destroy. We see it used for Baptism and just take for granted that it will always be there.

What would happen to you tomorrow if all of a sudden your supply of water stopped? How would you wash? What would you clean with? How would you cook and drink? There are those in the world that face this every day, and when they do get a few drops of precious fresh and clean water they cherish it and they do everything they can to preserve it. Perhaps we, too, need to look at water not as a commodity, but as a precious gift. Maybe we, too, should learn to appreciate it more and protect it. Maybe we could try to be less wasteful and appreciate its value for human life. There is another side of water that I think we need to think about, and that is what a powerful symbol it is for the Christian.

The single most important thing that happened to you and me was our Baptism, when we "Put on Christ." Water has washed away the old, and has allowed for the new to be created. We have died with Christ that we may live with him. We have become members of God's family through a Christian Community. So what does all this mean? It means that we need to be more in tune with the spiritual aspect of our daily living. Since we have put on Christ, it's not possible just to take him off like a piece of clothing. No, we are now one with him, in body and spirit; he shares our lives just as he did the lives of those that lived in his time. His gift of life is eternal and it cannot be destroyed. Sadly many have forgotten their Baptisms,

and they have fallen away from the families they were initiated into. Pews are empty in most of our parishes, and the souls that are present are getting up in years. We have created a world where priorities have changed. Life is measured now by "things" and not by "what kind of person I am." Our children grow up with everything we didn't have; thinking that that will enrich their lives. Yet, as they grow they are not satisfied and are searching for something more. They believe that happiness can be found in bigger and better "things," but they are still disappointed. Sometimes they come to the realization that it's time to get off the merry-go-round and search out something more stable and they find it in their spirit. They realize that there is something out there greater than themselves, the world, or the "things it has to offer."

Today everyone is looking for a way to find peace in their lives and a sense that things are okay; that they are unfolding the way they are for a reason. Next Sunday at St. John's we will all have the opportunity to renew the baptismal promises that were made on our behalf so many years ago. Hopefully somewhere along life's road you made the conscious decision to be a follower of Christ; you have accepted and invited him to share your life. If not, it's never too late. There's no time like the present. So as you witness the Great Blessing of Water on this wonderful Feast Day, and recall that even Christ submitted himself to baptism, think of your own calling to serve, and listen somewhere in the quiet as God declares about you the same as he did about Jesus over 2000 years ago... "You are my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased."

Let us pray: Loving Jesus, over 2000 years ago you allowed yourself to be baptized by John, in the Jordan River. You gave us an example of true humility, and as a result were exalted by your Father. We pray Lord, that we may be humble in heart and spirit that we might become one with you. As I sing "All who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ." may its meaning sink deep into my soul; so that every moment of everyday; I am aware of your loving presence. Amen



Grand Knight's Message

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЕТСЯ – СЛАВИМ ЙОГО!

Dear Brother Knights:

On behalf of the executive and myself, I wish all the Brother Knights and their families the very best of health and much happiness in the New Year 2018.

Let's not forget the principles of our order - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Your input is very important. Let's all together make these our resolutions; to attend our monthly meeting, help recruit a new member and take a more active part of our activities in this new year 2018.

A warm, heartfelt thank you to all who attended our Christmas Social this past month. A special thank you to Carol Dushko for setting up the buffet table and to the individuals that helped clean up afterwards.

Tickets are now available for the 33rd Annual Bishop Crosby Charity Dinner Dance which will be held on Saturday, February 10th, 2018 at Carmen's Banquet Centre. Please see me at the General meeting on January 9th, 2018 or call me 905-869-9462 to reserve your tickets.

Membership Dues of \$35 for 2018 are now due. Payment may be made at the next meeting or sent directly to Bro John Mikitzel at 95 Goldenview Court, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H4.

I extend Birthday greetings to all Brothers celebrating their birthdays as well as Happy Anniversary to Brothers celebrating wedding anniversaries this month. Mnohya Lita! May God grant them many years.

Please remember in your prayers our Brothers and their family members who are ill or recovering from an illness. If you know of any Brother or their family that is ill please advise me by phone call 905-869-9462. Please keep Br. Caz Ziolkoski, Br. Joe Szpak and Br. Mitch Kita in our prayers as they recover from their illnesses.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Fraternally yours,
Z Bohom!

Don Krochak
Grand Knight

Story of Inspiration

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, TN. One morning, they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table. "Where you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice. "Oklahoma," they answered "Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?" "I teach at a seminary," he replied. "Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you?" And with that the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple. The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great ... Just what I need ... another preacher story!" The man started, "See that mountain over there? (pointing out the restaurant window) Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, "Hey boy, Who's your daddy?" Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, Who's your daddy?" He would hide at recess and lunch time from other students. He would avoid going in to stores because that question hurt him so bad. "when he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, "Who's your daddy?" But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast that he caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?" The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, "Who's your daddy?" This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy ... "Wait a minute! I know who you are! I see the family resemblance now, You are a child of God." With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it." With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person .. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, 'Who's your daddy?' he'd just tell them, I'm a Child of God." The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, 'Isn't that a great story?' The professor responded that it really was a great story! As the man turned to leave, he said, 'You know, if that new preacher hand't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably never would have amounted to anything!' And he walked away. The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over & asked her, 'Do you know who that man was --

the one who just left that was sitting at our table?' The waitress grinned and said, 'Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's governor of Tennessee.'

Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they're one of God's children.
'The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God stands forever.' -- Isaiah

YOU'RE ONE OF GOD'S CHILDREN, HAVE A GREAT DAY.

True story.

Don't tell God how big your storm is, tell the storm how big your God is!

News Updates and Events

On December 12, 2017 KofC council #7464 held a Christmas social for its members and their families. The evening started with the Divine Liturgy, followed by a short general meeting.





Br. Izidor Nebesny showing the new desk and chairs purchased for the Church of the Holy Resurrection Hall lobby, by our Council #7464. Br. Izidor was instrumental in the purchase and delivery of the furniture.

(Photos courtesy of Br. Bohdan Matwijiw)



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Новорічну Зустріч

з Преосвященним Владикою

Кир Стефаном Хмільаром

у Понеділок, 15 Січня 2018 року Божого молебень о год. 6:00 веч.

Український Католицький Собор Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці
30 Leeds Street, Toronto, Ontario

Привітання та гостина в парафіяльній залі після молебня
Радо приймаємо письмові вітання

Ukrainian Catholic Sobor of the Holy Protection,
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and the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada,
and the Ukrainian Knights of Columbus of the Toronto Eparchy
Cordially Invite

Reverend Clergy, members of religious orders and representatives
from Church and community organizations to the

Bishops New Years Levee

with Most Reverend

Bishop Stephen Chmilar

Monday, January 15, 2018 Moleben at 6:00 pm

Ukrainian Catholic Sobor of the Holy Protection
30 Leeds Street, Toronto, Ontario

A reception in the parish hall will follow the moleben
Written greetings will be gladly received



MONTHLY SMILE

For the devout...with a wicked sense of humour

An atheist was walking through the woods. "What majestic trees!", "What powerful rivers!", "What beautiful animals!", he said to himself. Suddenly, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look ... and saw a 7- foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could along the path. He looked over his shoulder & saw that the bear was closing on him ... He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer ... and then ... He tripped and fell. Rolling over to pick himself up, he found the bear was right on top of him ... reaching towards him with its left paw... and raising the right paw to strike ... At that instant the Atheist cried out, " Oh my God!" Time stopped ... the bear froze ... The forest was silent ... A bright light shone upon the man, and a voice came out of the sky ... "You deny my existence for all these years, you teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident ... Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament?" " Am I to count you as a believer?" " It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now ... but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?" ... a pause ... "Very well," said the voice ... The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed ... And the bear dropped his right arm ... brought both paws together ... bowed his head & spoke ... "Lord, bless this food, which I am about to receive."

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NOTABLE DATES

January 09	<i>Tuesday</i>	Exexcutive Meeting 7:00pm General meeting 7:30pm
January 14	<i>Sunday</i>	2nd degree @ St. Margaret Mary Parish 2:00 pm
January 15	<i>Monday</i>	Bishop's New Year's Levee with Most Reverend Bishop Stephen Chmilar 6 pm @ Ukrainian Catholic Sobor of the Holy Protection, 30 Leeds St. Toronto
January 20	<i>Saturday</i>	Breakfast Session 9:30am Bingo Princess Bingo Matinee Session 12:30pm
January 25	<i>Thursday</i>	Pyrohy-Kobassa-Kapussta sale

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

January 07	Lorne A. Lozinski
January 15	John M. Pawluk
January 17	Dave Paulino
January 20	John Wasilishen
January 26	John A. Mikitzel
January 31	Morris G. Hucal

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА

So Jesus said it again, "With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this: Unless you eat the flesh of the Messiah and drink His blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. But anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him at the Last Day." At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted Him.

(John 6: 53-54,66)

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