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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Epiphany and the Blessing of Water

Water! What an amazing gift! A few drops lift up a plant's drooping leaves, or refresh a human body. You can wash in it, splash in it, swim in it. You can relish in its sounds - the babble of a brook or the roaring of the sea, or the breaking of the waves upon the sandy beach. Life springs from water. Not just physical life but spritual life as well. For we are born anew in baptism of water and the spirit.

Partly because we take water for granted, partly because of its availability and cost (in most cities it costs about 20 cents per tonne), we use it lavishly. We each draw about 87 gallons a day of which only 2 gallons are used for sustaining life, namely drinking and cooking. But this is just the beginning. An immense amount of water is used for irrigation and industrial use. For example, the eggs you had for breakfast required 120 gallons of water each; a steak for dinner requires 3,500 gallons; a ton of streel in your car requires 60,000 galoons. When we consider these indirect uses of water, our daily need soars to 2,000 gallons for each person per day.

Water has been used as a symbol for Jesus. As Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks the water I shall give him will never thirst, the water that I shall give him wil become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13) Once our physica needs are met, our spiritual thirst remains. We thirst for knowledge, for knowledge, for meaning, to know why the world was created, to know who we are, to know our purpose in life, to know God, to know if there is life after death, etc. If we do not in some way answer these questions, our innter thirst becomes painful like actual physical thirst. It makes us desperate. This painful thirst of the soul causes a great deal of the anxiety which exist in the world today.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the Church calls us to go to the river Jordan to witness the manifestation of God and the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. There we see, with the eyes of our soul, the Lord immersing Himself once again in the waters of the River Jordan, and thus sanctifying the oceans, rivers and the lakes of the world.

On the Feast of Epiphany the priest performs the special Rite of the Blessing of the Waters. He asks our Lord that just as 2,000 years ago He blessed the water in the Jordan River, so today He bless the water that we have before us so that in the words of the prayer: "those who sprinkle and partake in the Holy Waters, may receive it for the cleansing of souls and bodies, for the healing of suffering, for the sanctification of homes, and for every ned. The sprinkling of the people with holy water which takes place during the service has its roots in ancient practices of baptism where it was customary to sprinkle the faithful with the consecrated waters of the baptismal font before the catechumens were baptized. Upon leaving the church we take a container of holy water home to bless ourselves and our homes.

Fr. Stephen Chmilar

Lecturer's Lesson

A Message for the New Year

Dear Friends: As we welcome in this New Year, we have a wonderful opportunity to look forward, rather than behind us, and to commit ourselves to drawing even closer in our relationship with Christ. Our world is still in pain. Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine still suffer oppression in Crimea. Our brothers and sisters in Syria and much of the Middle East wake up to bombing, destruction and death daily. In our own communities we witness homelessness, poverty, domestic violence and much confusion. In the midst of all this darkness there is a light. We proclaimed Christmas Eve "The Light of Christ has come into the world," and "God is with us." This New Year may you seek that light in your own lives. The light of God's love which when we allow it to shine in us, brings to the world hope and peace. There are many this year who will be facing challenges, loss and at time a sense of desperation and hopelessness. It is in times that the light of Christ helps to give us perspective in all our situations. For where Christ is, even in the midst of turmoil, there is peace. We know that we are not alone, and that God is with us at all times to share in our joys and sorrows. Look around and see him in those around you; those who pick up the phone and call to give you encouragement, or to see how you are doing. Those, who take the time to come and visit and share themselves and their time with you. Those, whom we see in our communities reaching out to those in need. This is really the goodness that permeates our world. The light is stronger than the darkness. Love always trumps hate. We are a "new creation in Christ", by virtue of our Baptism we have died with Him that we might rise with Him. As God's children we do not give into despair, we do not allow others negativity to have power over us... we believe that "all things work out for good for those who love God" as Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans.

In this New Year my prayer for you is simple:

Loving God, look upon Your children and in this New Year fill their hearts with Your love, hope and peace. Teach them to stop looking outward to find you, but rather to look inward. As they rediscover You in their hearts, they will see Your face in all. In the midst of the chaos and uncertainty of this world give them peace. For those who are ill and suffering, I pray You be with them, that they may draw their strength from You. For those who sorrow I pray You give them comfort and consolation. For those who are struggling day to day to make ends

meet, I pray You give them patience and hope in better days ahead. For those who have lost their faith, I pray they feel Your presence once again and know that You have always been there enveloping them in Your love. And I pray also for myself Lord, an undeserving servant called to serve, that I may be an even greater witness to Your love and mercy in a world where brokenness seems to be everywhere. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of each other. May we draw strength from one another in times of trial. May we learn to love more in times of challenge. May we be quick to forgive and move on when we are betrayed or hurt, and may we always the mirror that reflects Your light in darkness. Amen.

TO ALL OF YOU MY DEAR FRIENDS... AND BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FILLED WITH PROMISE. GOD BLESS!

With my love and prayers; Fr. Anton

Grand Knight's Message

Христос Раждається! Славім Його!
Christ is Born! Praise Him!

Dear Brother Knights:

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish all the Brother Knights and their families health, prosperity, happiness and God's blessings in the New Year 2020.

On December 13, 2019 our council officially marked its 40th Anniversary. We started with 38 Charter Members forty years ago and presently our membership stands at 70. This is after a high of 120 members. Let us strive to increase our membership in the year 2020. We especially need more young practising Catholic men to join our Council. Let us all work towards the Good of the Order!

As the new year begins, I would like all brothers to reflect on the past year and see if we did our share as Knights of Columbus in supporting our council. Please speak to family members and friends about joining our Council 7464.

A warm, heartfelt thank you to all who attended our Christmas Social this past month. It was a great success A special thank you to Father Andrii for officiating the Liturgy and to Carol Dushko for setting up the buffet table.

Tickets are now available for the 35th Annual Bishop Crosby Charity Dinner Dance. Please see me at the General meeting on January 14th, 2020 or call me 905-869-9462 to reserve your tickets. The tickets for the Ontario State Lottery are also available, please refer to our Brother Izidor Nebesny if tickets are needed. Contact him at 905-335-6534.

Reminder: Membership Dues for 2020 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 you many years.

Brothers, please pray for the health of our Brother Knights Michael Milawski, Stan Sulymka and Casismer Ziolkoski. May God help them in their time of need. Also, if you know of any other Brothers or members of their families that are in need of our prayers, please remember them as well.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Fraternally yours,

Don Krochak
Grand Knight

PS: Please refer to our web site (www.ukofc7464.com) for upcoming events.

Words That Inspire

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eterneal life.' **(John 4:7-14)**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As" the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." Now he said this about the Spirit, which believes in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. **(John 7:37-39)**

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JANUARY 11TH, 2020

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

260 Melvin Ave. Hamilton

Doors Open 6pm | Dinner 7:00pm | Zabava 8:30pm

Live performance by Chaika
Music by Zirka
Catering by Baby Point

Tickets: Adult $100.00
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Semi-formal Dress Required
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Monthly Smile

Smiles For Seniors

Obey the Speed Limit

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies, two in the front seat and three in the back, wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly twenty-two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly. The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error. "But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks. "Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 142."

Nursing Homes

One evening a family brings their frail, elderly mother to a nursing home and leaves her, hoping she will be well cared for. The next morning, the nurses bathe her, feed her a tasty breakfast, and set her in a chair at a window overlooking a lovely flower garden. She seems OK, but after a while she slowly starts to fall over sideways in her chair. Two attentive nurses immediately rush up to catch her and straighten her up. Again she seems OK, but after a while she starts to tilt to the other side. The nurses rush back and once more bring her back upright. This goes on all morning. Later the family arrives to see how the old woman is adjusting to her new home. They ask, "So Ma, how is it here? Are they treating you good?" "It's pretty nice," she replies. "Except they won't let you fart!"

NOTABLE DATES

January 11	*Saturday*	**The U.N.F. invites everyone to attend The Great 2020 Hamilton Malanka @ St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, Doors open 6:00pm, dinner 7:00pm, Zabzva 8:30 pm Tickets $100.**
January 12	*Sunday*	**Sviatanok Choir invites everyone to take part in their annual Ukrainian Christmas Concert, "God With Us" @ Holy Spirit Church @ 2:00 pm Adults $10**
January 14	*Tuesday*	**Exexcutive Meeting 7:00pm General meeting 7:30pm**
January 18	*Saturday*	**Breakfast Session 9:30am Bingo Princess Bingo Matinee Session 12:30pm**
January 30	*Thursday*	**Pyrohy-Kobassa-Kapussta sale**
February 08	*Saturdayy*	**Mardi Gras Dinner Dance @ St. Nicholas U.C.C. Hall Doors open 5:45 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm sharp, Dance 8:00pm to Midnight. Tickets $50.00**

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

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January 15	John M. Pawluk
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