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Jesus answered,

I AM

THE WAY
and
THE TRUTH
and
THE LIFE.

No one comes to the
Father except through me.

John 14:6

Chaplain's Words of Wisdom



FATHER ANTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM: This has been difficult week for us here at St. John's. Over a year ago when Russia started its war on Ukraine, we went into action immediately. There were five young men who came to assist and who we got to know, none of Ukrainian heritage who chose to go to Ukraine and fight for freedom in the Ukrainian military. We just learned that two of these young men lost their lives in Bakhmut. There is a fundraising campaign to assist one of these young men's family to bring his body home and to help with funeral costs. They were very young, just starting out their lives and they sacrificed them for a greater cause. Jesus taught us "No greater love hath no one, than they who would lay their life down for another."

wonder how often we ponder the fragility of life and ask ourselves the hard questions. We spend so many years accumulating things, forgetting that we can't take "things" with us when we are called from this life. Our legacy is what we leave behind, how we touched others, made a difference in their lives and left an indelible mark of good. We have just celebrated Easter and soon it will be time to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit – the Comforter, Spirit of Truth, the Giver of Life, who is everywhere and fills all things. We pray that He dwell among us, that He cleanse us of all that defiles us, that our souls might be saved. To be open to the Holy Spirit is to accept that which we cannot understand nor comprehend, understanding that it is the Spirit that sustains us on this earthly journey.

The death of these young men makes no sense, and neither does the death of children and the innocent, but the only comfort we have is our faith, reminding us that for the Christian, in the words of St. Ambrose "for those who have died in Christ, life is not ended in death, but rather it has changed.

Looking at this icon of Christ the Good Shepherd, it gives me comfort. I picture Christ coming to carry these young men, and all who died for freedom in Ukraine and for justice in our world safely home to heaven. Their journey has ended. There is no more fear, no pain, no suffering, only life in the presence of our Creator.

Jesus has promised us before He ascended into heaven: "and know that I am with you, even unto the end of the world." Jesus fulfills His promises! He journey's with us, but we need to make a conscious effort every day to be aware of His presence. Simple, short prayers throughout the day are a good way to do this. In the morning, "Thank you Lord for this new day. Help me to witness to the power of your love." When things get tense at work or at home, a simple "Lord, help me" reminds us He is there, and in the evening expressing to Him our gratitude for the day, asking for a peaceful rest that tomorrow may come without stress or worry."

As we continue to celebrate this Paschal miracle of the Resurrection of Christ, may all of us ponder the fragility of our own lives and seek to be the best we can each day on this journey. May we not worry so much about collecting "things" but rather memories and a legacy that will leave a positive mark on those we leave behind and on our world. God bless!

Lecturer's Lesson

SAINT JOSAPHAT KUNCEVYC

Saint Josaphat Kuncevyč
Archbishop and Martyr
(1584-1623)



Born in 1584 in Vladimir, a city of ancient Poland, Saint Josaphat was the son of Gabriel Kuncewicz. His was a family of honorable Christians of the Greco-Slavic rite, in use among the Russians. His mother took care to raise him in the fear of God, and in his tender heart formed the first longings for virtue. He was never in any way lightheaded, but separated willingly from the games of his companions to pray. He made excellent progress in his studies, always preferring the sacred branches to the profane, and for thirty years he recited each day, without ever failing even once to do so, a large section of the Divine Office which he learned by heart.

At twenty years of age Josaphat deplored the situation of religion in Poland. In 1596, the Ruthenian Church was divided into two contending parties — the Unionates and those who persevered in schism. He saw divisions growing in the Church, and that few were remaining faithful to the Holy See, to safeguard the true orthodoxy and their eastern rites. He studied philosophy and theology under two famous Jesuits, and decided to enter religious life. When his employer, who was childless and wished to keep him, offered him his commerce as his adopted son, he declined that offer without hesitating, and entered the Convent of the Trinity at Vilna, where Basilian religious submissive to the Holy See were residing. He received the religious habit and was professed in 1604.

Saint Josaphat was ordained a priest and began to preach in various churches of the city, bringing back many dissidents to the Union. He was invited also to preach and govern in various regions of the land; he accepted to become head of a monastery at Bytene. He restored there celebrated sanctuaries, built a convent, and converted, among others, one of the most zealous of the dissidents. In 1614 Josaphat's friend Joseph Routski became Archbishop of the city of Vilna, and recalled his holy former companion to that city, confiding the monastery of the Trinity to him. Saint Josaphat never made harsh reproaches, but corrections warmed by a wholly paternal affection. The conversion of the separated brethren continued through the preaching of the one called by the Uniates. The Scourge of the Schismatics, whereas the latter called him The Ravisher of Souls.

He became the Archbishop of Polotsk in 1617 at the age of thirty-eight, on the very day when, six years later, he would earn the consecration of blood, November 12th. He restored five major cathedrals and several lesser ones; he aided the poor, stripping himself often of the most necessary objects or funds. He maintained total frugality in his residence; he recovered certain properties retained unjustly by powerful lords of the region, through his mildness of language in the law courts, to which he had recourse for that purpose. But he was soon to acquire, in a certain Melece Smotritski, a formidable enemy, who had himself consecrated, in Russia, Archbishop of the same city as Josaphat, with other aspirants to like authority. Despite the opposition of King Sigismund of Poland, who forbade all his subjects to have any communication with the usurper, the latter won adherents. The people of the city of Vitebsk, a little like those of Jerusalem, who in one week's time changed their hosanna's into tolle's, turned toward the newcomers in large numbers, and in an uprising succeeded in giving eighteen wounds to the head of the Archdeacon of the church, and leaving for dead another official, bathed in his blood.

When their Archbishop went there to calm the tumult in 1623, knowing well that his hour had come, in effect he was most cruelly assassinated and his body profaned; he was in his forty-fourth year. His mortal remains were recovered after five days from the waters of a river, and exposed for nine days, constantly emitting a fragrance of roses and lilies. A councilor of Polotsk, where the body was returned, abandoned the.

schism merely at the sight of the archbishop's beautiful countenance. Many of the paricides struck their breasts, and did likewise. The Archbishop had gone gladly to his death, offering his life that the schism might end; he had said as much beforehand. Four years after his death the author of the troubles, Smotritski, the false archbishop, after many combats made a decisive step and consecrated his life to penance, prayer and the defense of the Union. Such changes of heart are indeed the greatest of miracles, won by the sanctity of the true servants of God.

About five years after Saint Josaphat's martyrdom his body was found intact, though the clothing had rotted away. Again in 1637 it was still white and supple. A beautiful silver reliquary was made for it, with a life-size image of the reclining Saint surmounting it. The body was again exposed intact in 1767. It was eventually taken to the Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome. Pope Leo XIII canonized Saint Josaphat in 1867.

Source: www.stjosaphats.org/Church

News Updates & Events

June is election time for our council executive, all positions are open except Financial Secretary. Please consider serving on the executive by putting your name forward or nominate a person. You must be a third degree or plan on receiving the third degree in the fraternal year.

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

In May we show our dedication to Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus. The council extends Happy Mother's Day greetings to all our Mothers. Mnohaya Lita! To those Mothers that are in Heaven, Vichnaya Pamyat! Glory Forever!

This month we are required to cast our nominations for a new executive with the final vote taking place at our last General meeting in June before summer break. One position to be filled is 1st Year Trustee. All other positions except Financial Secretary are open for nominations. Please help our council by considering a position on the executive. Note that nominating yourself is allowed.

We had a successful Perogie & Sausage Dinner on April 27, 2023 at the Ukrainian Resurrection Church Hall. Thank you to all the individuals that helped in making this possible. 331 dinners and 28 perogie only orders were sold as well as extra sausages. We deposited a grand total of \$4,551.10 which included \$218.10 collected as loose donations. Our next Perogie & Sausage Dinner event will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023. If you would like to pre-order your dinner please call Mary Anne at 905-385-9462 or you could also send your request to hamiltonperogie@gmail.com.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:00pm. This is an important meeting as we will cast our nominations for a new executive for the following fraternal year. We need more input and attendance from all Brothers to make our Council more viable. Please attend and fulfill your obligations as a brother Knight.

The Hamilton Trident Charities will be holding our monthly bingo on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Princess Bingo Hall on Fennell Avenue. Please support this important council fund raiser.

I wish Happy Birthday greetings to Brothers celebrating in May: Br Boris Dusanowski; Br John Hucal; Br Steve Pronek; Br John Storozinski; Br Joe Szpak and Br Alex Zahachewsky. I also extend Wedding Anniversary Greetings to Brothers and their spouses celebrating this month. Mnohaya Lita! May God grant you many years.

If you know of any of our Brothers or members of their families that are ill and in need of our prayers, please pray for their recovery. Let's pray for a quick recovery to good health for Br Izidor Nebesny and Br Steve Pronek. May God bless them for a quick recovery. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers especially their military, may God grant victory to Ukraine.

The following Brother Knights passed away during the month of May in past years. Let's keep them in our memory and our prayers as well. +Br Peter Gregorash; +Br Mike Fedyczko; +Br Paul Betz; +Br Mykola Malarchyn; +Br John Kozak; +Br Nicholas Ozimok; +Br Daniel Kolubinski. Vichna Pamyat!

Thanking you for your continued support.

Fraternally Yours,

Don Krochak – Grand Knight

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believed in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.

Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going.

How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him,

'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also.

From now on you do know him and have seen him.'"

John 14:1-7

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The Ladies at the Ukrainian Catholic Church
of the Resurrection



UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FUNDRAISER

*Perogie & Sausage
Dinner
Take Out Only
Thursday, May 25, 2023*

Menu: Eight (8) Perogie, 1 Link Sausage,
Cooked Sauerkraut & Fried Onions
for \$12.00 Cash Only

*Pick Up at:
Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Resurrection
821 Upper Wentworth St.
Hamilton, Ontario*

**Between 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Please indicate time you will
pickup your order so its ready for you)**

**For Pre-Orders: email - hamiltonperogie@gmail.com
or call Mary Anne 905-385-9462**

**Leave name - #of Dinners - Time of Pickup
No pre-orders will be accepted on day of event**



The Devil's Beatitudes

If the devil were to write his beatitudes, they would probably go something like this:

1. Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians – they are my best workers.
2. Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked-I can use them.
3. Blessed are the touchy who stop going to church-they are my missionaries.
4. Blessed are the trouble makers-they shall be called my children.
5. Blessed are the complainers – I'm all ears to them.
6. Blessed are those who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes – for they get nothing out of his sermons.
7. Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own church – for he is a part of the problem instead of the solution.
8. Blessed are those who gossip – for they shall cause strife and divisions that please me.
9. Blessed are those who are easily offended-for they will soon get angry and quit.
10. Blessed are those who do not give their offering to carry on God's work-for they are my helpers.
11. Blessed is he who professes to love God but hates his brother and sister – for he shall be with me forever.
12. Blessed are you who, when you read this think it is about other people and not yourself – I've got you too!

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NOTABLE DATES

May 06	Saturday	Bingo Princess Bingo Hall 9:30am
May 09	Tuesday	In person Council meeting @ St. Nicholas Church 7pm
May 14	Sunday	Mother's Day
May 18	Thursday	The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ
May 22	Monday	Victoria Day
May 25	Thursday	Perogie and Sausage Dinner Church of Resurrection Hall 3pm-6pm Take-Out only

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

May 05	JOHN W STOROZINSKI
May 19	JOHN S HUCAL
May 25	STEVE PRONEK
May 27	BORIS DUSANOWSKY
May 30	ALEX J ZAHACHEWSKY
May 31	JOSEPH SZPAK

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