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June 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Bishop-Martyr Nykolai (Nicholas) Charnetsky and the Twenty-Seven Other New Blesseds of the Church of Rus'-Ukraine Beatified in 2001; Venerable Father Samson, Host of Strangers (527-65)

Tone 4

Schedule of Sunday & Weekday Services

<u>6.27.21 – 5-ша Неділя після</u> <u>Зіслання Святого Духа</u> 9:30 а.т. - Вервиця і сповідь 10:00 а.т. - Служба Божа

7.4.21 – 6-ша Неділя після Зіслання Святого Духа 9:30 а.т. - Вервиця і сповідь 10:00 а.т. - Служба Божа 6.27.21 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Rosary & Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

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Bishop Charnetsky

Sunday Collections for June 13, 2021:

		•	thers Day: \$30.00
Candles: \$48.00 Paris	sh Dues: \$25.00	Peter's Pence: \$5.00	TOTAL: \$568.00

Sunday Collections for June 20, 2021:

 Envelopes: \$490.00
 Loose cash: \$70.00
 Parish Dues: \$25.00

 Candles: \$94.00
 Peter's Pence: \$3.00
 TOTAL: \$682.00

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!



A Prayer for our Ill and Suffering Parishioners

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, loving Lord. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe

Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield Your joyous ones. Give strength and vigilant awareness for all Your care givers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Парафіяльні Оголошення

- 1. У зв'язку зі на COVID-19 просимо одягати маски, мити руки чи використовувати санітайзер та зберігати дистанцію.
- 2. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні, а також щоб США зібралися разом і намагалися зрозуміти один одного.

Parish Announcements

- 1. Due to Covid 19, please remember to wear a mask, wash hands or use sanitizer and keep social distance from those not in your family.
- 2. We call upon all our parishioners to pray for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine, and that all people in USA come together and try to understand each other.

Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish

Georgia Sosnowski, Stephanie Babij, Myroslava Iwachiw, Finbarr Jones, Olga Wasylowsky, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Natalie Shuya, Rose Adamko, Irene Karpinec, Nadia Kusznir, Oksana Nosyk, John and Natalie Lackhouse, Richard Case, and young Samuel Rocha. Remember also all those who have suffered due to Covid 19 – the ill and deceased, healthcare workers

and those who lost jobs or income.

If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting.

Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at 773-979-4737 to let him know who would like a visit.
О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером 773-979-4737.

Don't take a vacation from worshipping God!

Who are Bíshop-Martyr Nykolaí Charnetsky & hís companíons?

Nykolai Charnetsky was born December 14, 1884 in Semakivka, Ukraine. After studying for the priesthood in Rome; during a visit to Ukraine, Bishop Khomyshyn ordained him October 2, 1909. Fr. Nykolai then returned to Rome, receiving the degree of Doctor of theology. He was professor of Philosophy and Dogmatic theology at the Stanislaviv seminary & Spiritual Director. October 16, 1920, he professed his vows as a Redemptorist. He opened a monastery & a church in Kovel, where he preserved the Eastern Liturgical rite. In 1931, Pope Pius XI appointed him titular bishop of Lebed & an Apostolic Visitor for the Ukrainian Catholics in the Volyn and Pidliashsha regions - where he was missionary, then bishop for almost 14 years. During Soviet occupation of Western Ukraine, in 1939 the Redemptorists were forced to leave the Volyn region, & the bishop moved to Lviv. When the Lviv Theological Academy was revived in 1941, he joined the faculty as a professor of Philosophy, Psychology, & Moral Theology. In 1944 Soviet troops entered Galicia again & he was arrested April 11, 1945. Later he was transferred to Kiev, for another year of suffering until his case was tried. He was sentenced to ten years in prison for the crime of being a "Vatican agent" & served his term with Metropolitan Josyf Slipyi, From his arrest in April 1945 until his release in 1956, he suffered 600 hours of torture & interrogations, & was imprisoned in 30 prisons & prison camps. Despite all these sufferings, the bishop always consoled his fellow prisoners. In 1956 his health declined. To the avoid the blame of causing his death, the Soviet prison administration released him and sent him to a Lviv, where he was hospitalized. Miraculously he recovered. While in Lviv, he supported his confreres spiritually, prepared candidates for the priesthood and ordained more than ten priests. On April 2, 1959 the bishop died in a state of holiness. His last words called for aid from Our Mother of Perpetual Help. After his death many started addressing their prayers to the Bishop and visited his grave to obtain his intercession when praying to God for various favors. A woman, whose arm was to be amputated, applied soil from his grave to her arm and was completely healed. Even now people take soil from his grave to remedy various diseases. Due to Nykolai's virtuous life, and especially his endurance, courage and faithfulness to the Christ's Church during the period of persecution, the beatification process started in 1960. The process was completed March 2, 2001 on the level of eparchy, and was handed over to the Apostolic See. The theological committee recognized April 6, 2001 the fact of his martyrdom, on 23 April his martyrdom was verified by the Assembly of Cardinals. Pope John Paul II beatified June 27, 2001 a group of modern martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, including four Redemptorists: Bishop Nykolai Charnetsky (1884-1959), Bishop Vasyl (Basil) Vsevolod Velychkovsky (1903-1973), Father Ivan Ziatyk (1899-1952), and Father Zynoviy (Zenon) Kovalyk (1903-1941). They all endured sufferings and torture inflicted either during World War II or after it, during the era of Soviet control prior to the independence of Ukraine in 1991. Bishop Nicholas Charnetsky and his twenty-four companions represent a glorious era of martyrdom for the Ukrainian Catholic Church, and their stories give great witness to the strength of their Catholic faith.

Asking Jesus to Leave

Of all the miracle stories of Jesus, the one recorded in today's Gospel reading stands out as unique. In most other occasions when Jesus healed or cured, the result was that more people came and asked to be cured. However, in the case of Jesus expelling demons from the man in the Gadarene territory, the result was that the whole village came out and asked Jesus to leave that area! (Matthew 8:34)

Ingratitude is certainly not the reaction we would expect the townsfolk to have since a member of their community restored to his right mind by the command of Jesus. Previously, he was prone to fits of madness and the source of his madness was understood to be demonic possession. Jesus commanded the demons to leave the man and restored the man to his right mind. Had this been the end of the story, perhaps the people would have been filled with gratitude. However, Jesus sent the demons into a herd of swine, which then jumped over a cliff and drowned.

Why did Jesus send the demons into the swine? According to Jewish law, pork is considered to be an unclean product. Jews were to have no contact with pork. Because of this, the Jews of that town were breaking their own religious law.

By expelling the demons into the swine, Jesus not only healed a man, but also reestablished a forgotten value system in a town. Unfortunately, the inhabitants were not ready to receive this lesson. It is no surprise, then, why they met Jesus with such ingratitude and asked Him to leave their district.

