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10-ГО ТРАВНЯ 2026

Неділя про Сліпородженого

MAY 10, 2026

Sunday of Man-born-blind

Божественна Літургія 10:00 рано в українській і в англійській мові
Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am in Ukrainian and in English language

МОЛИТВА ЗА МАТЕРЕЙ

Господи Ісусе Христе. Боже наш, Ти вибрав Пресвяту Діву Марію стати Твоєю Матір'ю; благослови всіх матерів, обдаруй їх здоров'ям, наповни їх миром, спокоєм і радістю, а головне - щирим бажанням і прагненням гідно виконувати це своє материнське покликання та Твою волю і заповіді. Допоможи матерям виховати своїх дітей на славу Тобі і для добра Церкви, щоб людський рід пишався святістю своїх матерів на віки віків. Амінь.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

O, Lord, Jesus Christ, as each mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You give life and care for your Church. Bless all mothers, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened in their Christian vocation to holy motherhood, so that their righteous example of faith and love may shine forth to the ends of the Earth! And grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect and love. May the example of the Most Holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and guide their children to faith. Shield them and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their lives. For You are our God and we are Your people, now and ever, and forever. Amen.



РЕЄСТРАЦІЯ ДІТЕЙ до Співучого Ансамблю..

Запрошуємо батьків записувати дітей (вік: початкова школа) до 'Співучого Ансамблю', який зараз формується в нашій парафії. Під цю пору – до кінця шкільного року, репетиції будуть відбуватися **по суботам від 17.00-18.00 в Залі в підвалі Церковного Храму.** По більше інформації будь ласка контакуйте о. Зенона 905-320-3974

REGISTRATION OF KIDS to Singing Ensemble...

We invite parents to register their kids (age: elementary school) to "Singing Ensemble", which is newly forming at our parish. At this time – until the end of school year, rehearsals will take place **on Saturdays, from 5:00 pm-6:00pm at the Church Basement Hall.** For more info, please, contact Fr. Zenon 905-320-3974

Організується Недільна Школа...

Ініціативна група парафіян організує поновлення діяльності недільної школи для дітей віком від садочку до 8-го класу та школярів середніх шкіл. Зайняття заключатимуть навчання про нашу віру, традиції тощо... Потребуємо волонтерів які готові допомагати з цим проектом. Коли ви заінтересовані, контакуйте нас на імейль на парафіяльну адресу: holyprotection-burlington@outlook.com .

Sunday School is being organized....

In initiative group of parishioners is planning to renew the operation of our Parish Sunday School for kids ages from Kindergarten-Gr.8 and for high school students. Activities will encompass discovering our faith, traditions etc... We need volunteers who are ready to help with this project. If you are interested please, reach out to us via Parish Email: holyprotection-burlington@outlook.com .

Парафіяльний Координатор Захисту

*Єпархіяльний Протокол про Захист від Різних Видів Насильства Української (Греко) Католицької Єпархії Торонта і Східної Канади є укладений щоб усі звинувачення щодо фізичного і сексуального насильства та інших форм поганої поведінки розслідувались відповідально, прозоро та з належною турботою і увагою. Свої заяви в таких справах, Ви можете зголосити до Вашого Пароха/Адміністратора або **Парафіяльного Координатора Захисту пані Ліди Нарожняк тел. 365-737-9144**, або Анет Гривни, Єпархіяльного Координатора Захисту на імейл: safeguarding@ucetec.org. Більше інформації можете знайти на Єпархіяльній веб-сторінці: <https://ucet.ca/safeguarding/>*

Parish Safeguarding Officer


The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada's *Eparchial Safeguarding Policy* is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently, and with all due care and attention. To speak to someone about a concern, please contact your Pastor/Administrator, **Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC), Ms Lida Narozniak at 365-737-9144**, or Annette Hrywna, Eparchial Coordinator of Care, at email: safeguarding@ucetec.org. More information is available on the Eparchial Website: <https://ucet.ca/safeguarding/>

Меблі новоприбулим і потребуючим...

Пан Бріан Гоульд, член церковників які вітають вас у храмі, та волонтер добродійної організації **Ротарі Клуб – Північного Бурлінгтону** повідомив нас про можливість скористатися "банком меблів". Ця організація збирає меблі від донорів щоб передати їх потребуючим. Як ви в потребі і потрібно вам якісь меблів будь ласка контакуйте нас через імейль або запитайте о пана Браяна коли ви храмі на недільній богослужбі. Так само як ви хотілиб подарувати меблі просимо нас повідомити.

Furniture for newcomers/those in need...

Mr. Brian Gould, our Church Usher and a member of Rotary Club Burlington North has graciously made us aware of possibility to access a "furniture bank". Among many other noble projects, **Rotary Club Burlington North** collects gently used furniture for the purpose of helping less fortunate in our community. If you are a newcomer or find yourself in acute need, please contact us via email or ask for Mr. Brian next time you are at Sunday Worship. Also, if you would like to donate furniture, please, let us know.

<p>Запрошуємо записуватись в почет парафіян Заохочуємо Вас записатись у почет парафіян до нашої Парафії. По більше інформації щодо реєстрації, щодо переваг бути парафіянином та про забезпечення щодо зберігання Вашої інформації будь ласка контакуйте о. Зенона 905-320-3974</p>	<p>We invite you to register with our Parish We encourage you to register with our parish. For more information regarding the registration, its benefits as well as protocols to secure your information please, contact Fr. Zenon 905-320-3974</p>
 <p>Запрошуємо Вас продовжити Ваш час з нами на недільній зустрічі при каві і солодкому в Парафіяльній Залі – складені там пожертви призначається на допомогу Україні. Ми організуємо групу волонтерів готових печи солодке на цю ж ціль. Листа де записуватись у Парафіяльній Залі або будь ласка контакуйте Парафіяльну Канцелярію 905-634-6598</p>	 <p>Join us at our time-honoured tradition of Parish Sunday Coffee Fellowship at the Parish Hall! Note that income from this activity will be forwarded toward help in Ukraine. You are also invited to join our group of volunteers who share their baking skills and bake sweets for this activity. You can sign-up your name on the List at the Parish Hall or call Parish Office 905-634-6598</p>
<p>НОВИНИ ГРОМАДИ</p>	<p>COMMUNITY NEWS</p>
 <p>НОВИЙ УКРАЇНСЬКИЙ ХОР Під патронатом СУМ – організується новий Український Хор в околиці Гамільтон/Бурлінгтон і ви запрошені прилучитися! Запрошуємо дорослих чоловіків і жінок. По більше інформації, будь ласка контакуйте Марічку Данкен тел. 905-691-2949.</p>	 <p>NEW UKRAINIAN CHOIR Under the auspices of SUM new Ukrainian Choir is being organized in the Hamilton/Burlington area and you are invited to join! Adult men and women are welcome! Please contact Marichka Duncan at 905-691-2949 for more information.</p>



ФІНАНСОВИЙ ЗВІТ - FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Sunday, May 3, 2026

- ❖ Donations at Divine Liturgy in English language were: \$520.00
- ❖ Donations at Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian language were: \$935.00
- ❖ Donations to Parish Building Fund were together: \$670.00
- ❖ Donations at Sunday Coffee Fellowship: \$95.45

❖ We send our thanks to all of you for your kind generosity! God Bless you all!

❖ Щире спасибі усім Вам за Вашу щедрість! Щастя Вам Боже!

 <p>НОВИНИ ЛУКЖК СХОДИНИ ВІДДІЛУ ЛУКЖК Піповідомляємо, що наша наступна зустріч відбудеться 24 травня о 12:30 після Божественної Літургії в українській мові. п. Богдан Тимчишин з Української Католицької Церкви Святого Івана в Сент-Катарінс розповість на нашій зустрічі про те, як їхня парафія бере участь у посилках медичного обладнання до України. Будь ласка, позначте цю дату у своїх календарях та приєднуйтеся до нас.</p>	<p>UCWLC NEWS UCWLC BRANCH MEETING Please note that our next meeting will be held on May 24th at 12:30 following the Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian language. Mr. Bob Tymczyszczyn from St. John's Ukrainian Catholic church in St. Catharines will be speaking at our meeting regarding how their parish is involved with shipments of medical supplies to Ukraine. Please mark your calendars and join us.</p> 
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БОГОСЛУЖБИ НА ТИЖНІ
DIVINE WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK

СЕРЕДА -13.05.2026 – WEDNESDAY

9.30 рано Божественна Літургія в намірені усіх хворих і немічних (Віддання Пасхи)

(Богослужба в англійській мові)

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy dedicated for health and salvation of all sick and disabled (Leaving of Easter Season)

(Divine Liturgy in English language)

СЕРЕДА -13.05.2026 – WEDNESDAY

18.30 ввечір Молебен до Пресвятої Богородиці

(Богослужба в українській мові, читання Св. Письма і деякі молитви в також в англійській мові)

6:30 pm – “Moleben” – Prayer Service to Most Holy Mother of God

(Divine Worship in Ukrainian language; Holy Scripture readings and some prayers in both Ukr. & English language)

ЧЕТВЕР -14.05.2026 – THURSDAY


9.30 рано Божественна Літургія з нагоди Празника Вознесіння Господа, Бога і Спаса нашого, Ісуса Христа

(Богослужба в англійській мові читання Св. Письма і деякі молитви в також в українській мові)

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy on the occasion of Feast of Ascension of our Lord, God & Saviour, Jesus Christ.

(Divine Liturgy in English language Holy Scripture readings and some prayers in both Ukrainian language)

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More Info & Register Here!



ЄПАРХІЯЛЬНІ НОВИНИ

SINGCON 2026 – це запланована шоста щорічна міжконтинентальна конференція українського греко-католицького церковного співу, яка відбудеться з 10 по 14 вересня 2026 року в парафії Святого Пророка Ілії в Брамptonі. Ця конференція прагне об'єднати людей для прославлення Бога через традиційні богослужіння нашої Церкви та надає дякам, диригентам хорів, співакам, духовенству та іншим різні ресурси та досвід минулого, щоб оживити наші богослужіння сьогодні, з надією на оновлення в нашій Церкві в майбутньому. Щоб отримати більше інформації про щогорічну конференцію та зареєструватися, будь ласка, відвідайте: ugccmusic.com/singcon-2026.

EPARCHIAL NEWS

SIGNCON 2026 is the planned sixth annual intercontinental Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church Singing Conference, scheduled to take place from September 10-14, 2026 at St. Elias the Prophet Parish in Brampton. This conference seeks to bring people together to glorify God through the traditional worship of our Church and provides cantors, choir directors, singers, clergy, and others various resources and experiences of the past to enliven our worship today, with hope for a renewal throughout our Church in the future. For more information on this years conference and to register, please visit: ugccmusic.com/singcon-2026.

Course: Choral Tradition of Eastern Christian Churches

(courtesy of Dr Melanie Turgeon and Newman Theological College):

Enjoy a week-long summer intensive course exploring the rich choral tradition of Eastern Christian Churches at Newman Theological College. From July 6-12, 2026, participants will study sacred repertoire, receive individual voice and/or conducting lessons, and sing in evening choir rehearsals in preparation for a concluding concert. If you are a conductor, singer, or teacher, who wishes to deepen their musical skills and experience the beauty of Eastern Christian choral music, apply at www.newman.edu. Participants can either audit the course or take it for credit. Volunteer singers are welcome to join evening rehearsals free of charge and they can apply at the same link. Information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/4bsrnvwx> Additional questions can be sent to: melanie.turgeon@newman.edu

**Perogie & Sausage Dinner
FUNDRAISER**



Menu: Eight (8) Perogies, One (1) Sausage Link,
Cooked Village Sauerkraut, Fried Onions & Sour Cream

FRIDAY MAY 22, 2026
12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Orders accepted until Thursday May 21st

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БЛАЖЕННИШИЙ СВЯТОСЛАВ: «ДЕНЬ МАТЕРІ — ЦЕ ДЕНЬ, ВІДВОЙОВАНИЙ У СМЕРТІ»

9 травня 2026, Департамент інформації УГКЦ

Отець і Глава УГКЦ Блаженніший Святослав привітав українських матерів із Днем матері. Предстоятель подякував їм за дар життя, жертвність і силу любові в час війни, наголосивши, що тепер це не просто день подяки за життя, а символ перемоги над нищенням.

«Сьогодні ми особливо хочемо вшанувати тих матерів, які ціною власного життя захищають своїх дітей і виборюють для них майбутнє; матерів, які як мужні воїни сьогодні боронять Україну на фронті; матерів, які разом зі своїми дітьми стоять перед Божим обличчям у молитві й випрошують майбутнє для України», — наголосив Патріарх.

День матері в контексті війни Предстоятель назвав «днем відвойованим у смерті»: «Мама, яка дає життя, перемагає смерть силою воскреслого Христа. Мамо, дякую тобі за життя! Наша мати-Україно, дякуємо тобі за можливість жити на цій благодатній землі. Боже, благослови матір-Україну. Пресвята Богородице, Мати нашого Спасителя, благослови матерів і дітей України».



ILLUMINATING FAITH IN THE DARKNESS OF LOSS: THE STORY OF THE FALLEN HERO'S MOTHER

Compiled by Vira Valchuk Photo credit: Oleksandr Savrankyi The UGCC Department for Information

Abbreviated version. Full version of this article here: <https://ugcc.ua/en/data/illuminating-faith-in-the-darkness-of-loss-the-story-of-a-fallen-heros-mother-1344/>

On the Alley of Glory of the Brovary Cemetery in Kyiv Oblast, Vira Tkachenko is gently arranging winter flower bouquets on her son's grave. A year ago, 43-year-old Andriy, a volunteer and hero, perished in the war, leaving his mother with lifelong pain and pride.

Vira is a primary school teacher who, every day, by teaching children, contributes to the future of the Ukraine for which her son gave his life. In the UGCC Church of the Three Saints, she finds solace by praying for him. Faith in God became the driving force that kept her going in the most trying moments of her life. Her journey is a testament to how a mother's love and deep faith help her carry on, transforming pain into a source of light.

The pain which didn't break me

My pain... It is impossible to describe through words. But I keep holding on because the war is raging and many people need support now. I realize once the war is over, this pain will break through with a flood of tears shed by mothers, wives, and children. But now we have no right to give up.

I pray. Every day I pray for the soul of my son, for all the men who will never come home. In our school, there is a corner of memory where portraits of the deceased students are placed. Sometimes, when I check the notebooks by the window, I stop and pray for them as well.

My work at the school also helps me cope. I give myself to the children because I believe that through education we shape the Ukraine for which my son gave his life. Singing in the church choir has become another source of strength for me. When I sing, I feel as though my soul communicates with God. At these moments, I feel that He is near.

I am learning to live, to turn my pain into a driving force, not a heavy burden.

I know that my pain is not exceptional. There are so many mothers just like me who have lost sons in wars over the past centuries and are losing them today! I feel their pain because I carry the same cross. But I am learning to live

in such a way that it becomes a driving force, not a heavy burden. I want the people to feel comfortable around me, so that they don't feel burdened by me.

My biggest dream was that my son and all the young men who are fighting for Ukraine would live to see victory, because they are worth it. They deserve to live in the country for which they gave their young lives. Not all dreams come true, unfortunately. But I know that he is a hero. And I take a lot of pride in him.

Silence louder than words

I remember the last conversation with Andriy to the last detail. He told me that those days were especially hard at the front. "Mom, you can't even fathom it," he said, "Everything is burning, tearing, exploding, just like in war movies. They were then in the palm of the enemy's hand. I heard his voice, felt fear, but strength at the same time. He was always driven by hope: 'A few more days, and we will be rotated out, replaced and taken on vacation. I will come home'.

On September 29, I didn't hear his call for the first time...

When I saw a missed call from my son, I immediately called him back and wrote: "Andriy, please text me at least a word". But there was silence in response. Even then, deep down, I knew. A mother's heart... I felt this pain, but I didn't want to believe it.

On September 30, I woke up with a burden. This silence became unbearable. And on October 2, when I received a call from an unknown number, my heart tightened even more. "The military enlistment office is calling," they informed. I already knew what they were going to say. But the words: "This is not a telephone conversation"—sounded like a bolt of lightning.

I immediately realized that Andriy was gone—I had been feeling it for three days, but I tried to suppress these thoughts. However, deep down I knew, and the military enlistment office confirmed my worst fears. Andriy died at night, standing guard. He always said that night battles were the worst. A mortar attack broke out, and shrapnel hit him in the head. But he stood to the last. Then the Russians rolled up on an armored personnel carrier, and their onslaught was too heavy—they killed all of our men who were there.

My first thought was: "God, hold my hand, support me in my grief."

It was the heaviest thing I could have gone through. But, you know, the moment I realized that Andriy was gone, I had no frustrations with God. My first thought was: "God, hold my hand, support me in my grief."

I prayed for Andriy daily, from morning till night, every free minute. I pleaded for him and all our warriors. But when he died, I knew that he was now in God's hands, I realized that it had to be so...

Living a life of prayer

When life hit me like a giant wave, I realized that I could not handle it alone. My heart was full of pain and questions, but I knew where to go. I came to the church because I wanted my Andriy to be buried there, at our parish [the parish of the Three Saints of the UGCC in Brovary — ed.] The priests said: "Anytime you request it, we will do all the necessary things." It was so simple, and yet so genuine.

The church became a place of peace for me. Every morning, I came there to pray for Andriy's soul, and I knew that I would find comfort in the church. There were no superfluous words, only understanding and sympathy. The people who were there for me during these most distressing days became my real family.

The girls from the choir even accompanied me on my errands when I had to go to the military registration and enlistment office or solve bureaucratic issues. I felt that here, among these people, I was safe. Their help was invaluable, though even more so than that was the invisible, spiritual support I drew from my faith.

I especially remember the words of our rector. Earlier, when we were gathering in the church as a community of "Mothers in Prayer," I was deeply moved he spoke about Mary standing by Jesus. He said: "'Look at how Mary remained by Christ's side. See how her eyes met His. How hard it was for her, and what she endured.'"

For me, Our Lady has become an inspiration of how a mother can carry her cross with dignity, despite how heavy it is.

