

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011**

9:00 AM Lit. For Good Health of Putykewycz,
Zakanycz Family

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Holy Monday, April 18, 2011

7:20 AM Lit. + Joseph and Ann Kopi - Legate

Holy Tuesday, April 19, 2011

7:20 AM Lit. + John and Sophie Terefenko - Legate

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Holy Wednesday, April 20, 2011

6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 21, 2011

10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
Blessing of Chrism, Washing of Feet

7:00 PM Sacred Passion Service

Good Friday, April 22, 2011

9:00 AM Good Friday Vespers and
Procession with the Most Holy Shroud

7:00 PM Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011

6:30 PM Prayer At The Tomb - "Nadhrobnoye,"
Solemn Procession

7:00 PM Resurrection Matins

Resurrection of Our Lord, Pascha, April 24, 2011

Epistle - Acts 1:1-8, Gospel - Jn 1:1-17

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM Lit. Special Intention

Epistle Readers, 11:30 a.m. Liturgy:

Joan Zaleski	4/17/11
Kenneth Bialkowski	4/24/11
Kathy Lis	5/8/11
Peter Baralecki	5/15/11
Nancy Bialkowski	5/22/11

Lenten Confession - Visiting Priest

The season of Lent is a time when an awareness and confession of sins in the Mystery of Repentance (Confession) is especially encouraged. On Saturday evening, April 16 and Palm Sunday, April 17 a visiting priest, Fr. George Worshak, will be available for confessions in English and Ukrainian before and during Liturgies.

Easter Egg Hunt - Today

A special treat for our parish's youngest members will be held on Palm Sunday, April 17, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Liturgies. The children will hunt for eggs around the church and rectory grounds. The eggs will be stuffed with candies and money. The event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Generations of Faith Meeting

A follow-up meeting of the Generations of Faith planning committee will be held in the church hall on Tuesday, April 19 following Stations of the Cross.

Spring Breakfast Buffet - May 15

An "all you can eat" breakfast buffet sponsored by the Holy Name Society will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The menu includes scrambled eggs, omelets made to order, pancakes, bacon, sausage, egg soufflé, hash browns, fruits, juice, coffee, tea, and more. Donation is \$10 per adult, \$5 for teens and children under 12 free. Purchase your tickets in advance after liturgies or call Charlie Boyko at 732-254-3966.

Spring Concert - May 15

A concert sponsored by our parish will be held in the school auditorium at 1:00 PM, following the Breakfast Buffet. There will be performances of song and dance, including Nadiya Dance Ensemble.

Palm Sunday Liturgies - "Myrovannia"

"Myrovannia," which takes place on special holy days, is an anointing and blessing that each person in church comes up to receive - blessed olive oil is used to anoint your forehead. If your hair covers your forehead, kindly push it aside so that Father may anoint you. The greeting in Ukrainian is "Christos po sered nas," to which you should answer "Ye ee bude." In English, the greeting is "Christ is Among Us!" to which you should answer "He is and Always Will Be!"

Sviachene - Easter Dinner

The annual Sviachene, a traditional Easter Dinner, will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 following a 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Only one liturgy will be held that Sunday. (Saturday liturgy remains the same) The dinner will consist of traditional Easter food, such as ham, kobasa, eggs, paska, cold salads, beets with horseradish, etc. The dinner will be held in the church hall. Tickets will be sold following the Saturday evening liturgy and during Coffee Hour on Sunday, or at the rectory during office hours. Please purchase your tickets in Advance! Tickets will not be sold on Easter Sunday. The cost is minimal, \$10 per adult and \$5 for children age 6 to 18. Children under 6 come free.

This event is all about the parish family coming together to enjoy each other's company, and to enjoy an Easter meal together.

Pussy Willow Branches

We thank the Putykewycz and Zakanycz Families for donating the beautiful pussy willow branches for Palm Sunday. This donation is in memory of:

+ PETER ZAKANYCZ
+ STEPHAN PUTYKEWYCZ

Mother's Day

On Sunday May 8, 2011 we will remember all of our Mothers at the Sunday Divine Liturgy. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings, and a requiem service, panachyda, for all our Mothers who have died, that the Lord God remembers them. If you wish to have your living or deceased mother remembered during the Liturgy, please use your yellow Mother's Day envelope and place it in the collection basket. The list of mothers and donors will be published in our bulletin provided the envelopes are turned in by Sunday, May 1.

Please Note: During Holy Week we use different service books. When these books disappear they are difficult to replace. Please do not take these books home, but return them to the church vestibule or leave them in the church pew.

Paska Sale

A Paska Sale sponsored by Choir Boyan will be held on Wednesday, April 20 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM in the church hall. Paskas are \$8.00 each. Any paskas not sold on Wednesday will be sold on Good Friday after Vespers. This is a first come, first served sale. No orders will be taken!

Extra Centennial Books

There are a number of Centennial Books that are available. If you wish to purchase a centennial book, please contact the rectory. The cost is \$70.00 per book. Be proud of the successful history of your Church and give the book as a gift to your children or family for Easter.



Verbna Nedilia - Palm Sunday.

Because of the cold weather in the Carpathian region neither palm nor olive trees are able to thrive, and even other trees rarely blossom in time of the celebration of Palm Sunday. For this reason our ancestors in Ukraine introduced the custom of blessing willow-branches, which, at that time, are already budding (pussy-willows). Pussy-willows also express the liturgical symbolism of Palm Sunday in a proper manner. During the winter the willow tree seems to be dead and yet, with the coming of spring, it sprouts and gives a sign of life. Thus the willow-branches bring to our mind the wood of the Tree of the Cross, while the buds (a sign of new life) remind us of our own glorious resurrection. The blessed branches should be carried home as a sacramental, as a visible symbol of Christ's presence. They should be entwined on the crucifix or used to decorate an icon, and to serve as a "sign of salvation," and a "pledge of protection and blessing" during the coming year. In some regions they place these branches into the hands of the deceased making them joyously ready to meet Jesus on the day of Resurrection.

After the service, parishioners gently tap each other with the willows, in imitation of the scourging of Christ while repeating: (*The willow hits, not I; A week from now will be Easter - Loza bje, ne ja bju, Vid neni za tyzhen' bude Velykyi Den*) The tapping with the willow also signifies the wishes for health, happiness and wealth.



Fr. Ivan's Corner



QUESTION: How To Put Together a Traditional Easter Basket?

The Easter basket is the pride and joy of the family. Among the Slavs the custom of bringing an Easter Basket to Church on Easter Sun is an age old tradition. It stems from the desire of the Christian community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will break the Great Lent and from which they have abstained from during this period. Remember, the basket should contain only a sampling of the foods you are going to eat at Easter time not the entire contents of the refrigerator. The Easter basket should contain:

- **PASKA** – a sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread.
- **CHEESE** (Hrudka or Sur) - a custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things.
- **HAM** (Shunka) - the flesh meat popular with Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter.
- **SAUSAGE** (Kovbasa) - a spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.
- **BUTTER** (Maslo) - this favorite dairy product reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.
- **SALT** (Sil') - a condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.
- **HORSERADISH** (Chrin) - mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter - sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.
- **CANDLE** is inserted into the basket to represent Christ, the Light of the World.
- **A LINEN COVER** - usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the foods when brought to the church.

Funny!

- Funny how we set our clocks to arise at 4:00am or 5:00am to be at the job by 7:30, yet when Sunday comes we can't get to church for 11:00am to praise the one who gave us the jobs!
- Funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to our family.
- Funny how small our sins seem, but how big their" sins are.
- Funny how much difficulty some have learning the gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is to understand and explain the latest gossip about someone else.
- Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.
- Funny how we are so quick to take directions from a total stranger when we are lost, but find it nearly impossible to take God's direction for our lives.
- Funny how people want God to answer their prayers, but refuse to listen to His counsel.
- Funny how we sing about heaven, but live only for today.
- Funny how people think they are going to Heaven but don't think there is a hell.
- Funny how it is okay to blame God for evil and suffering in the world, but it is not necessary to thank Him for what is good and pleasant.
- Funny how when something goes wrong, we cry, "Lord, why me?" but when something goes right, we think, "Hey, it must be me!"

INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the vestibule of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small American flags mounted on either side of it. The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" he asked. The pastor said, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:45?"



From the Pastor

Did you know these facts about our Church? The Eastern Catholic Church

Many people are surprised to learn that there are twenty-two distinct Churches which form the Catholic Church: the Western or "Latin" Church, which nearly all Americans are familiar with, and the Eastern Churches, of which there are twenty-one.

While the Western Church makes up the vast majority of the Catholic Church, there are around 17 million Catholics who are members of an Eastern Church. Some of more well-known of the Eastern Churches include the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Maronite Catholic Church, the Melkite Catholic Church, the Chaldean Catholic Church and the Coptic Catholic Church. The Assumption Parish in Perth Amboy, NJ is part of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

With the exception of the Maronite Church, the Eastern Catholic Churches were formed when Christians who had been members of Eastern churches which had cut ties with the Holy See, once again sought reunion with Rome.

Eastern Christianity took a firm root in Ukraine in 989 when Vladimir, Prince of Kiev, embraced the Christian Faith and was baptized. Soon afterwards many missionaries from the Byzantine Empire arrived, having been sent by the Patriarch of Constantinople to preach the Gospel. When the Church of Rome and the Church of Constantinople severed ties with one another in the 11th century, the Church in Ukraine gradually followed suit and finally gave up the bonds of unity with Rome. When Ukrainian Orthodox bishops met at a council in Brest-Litovsk in 1595, seven bishops decided to re-establish communion with Rome. Guaranteed that their Byzantine tradition and Liturgy would be respected and recognized by Rome, they and many priests and lay faithful were re-united with the See of Rome, while others continued to remain Orthodox.

In the 19th century many Ukrainian Catholics began to emigrate to North America, bringing their pastors, traditions and liturgy to Canada and the United States. Under Communist rule, Catholics in Ukraine were persecuted, with many being imprisoned and murdered; in 1945 all the Ukrainian Catholic bishops were arrested or killed. Today the Ukrainian Catholic Church is the largest Eastern Catholic Church, with about 7 million faithful in 40 countries, 70% in Ukraine and 250,000 in the United States. It is led by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Archbishop-Major of Kyiv (Kiev)-Halych.



Парафіяльний Вісник ОГОЛОШЕННЯ, ПОДІЇ, НОВИНИ

• Вітаємо до Нашого Храму

Щиро вітаємо приятелів та гостей, які моляться сьогодні з нами, та сердечно запрошуємо на всі Богослуження у нашій Церкві..

• ПАРАФІЯЛЬНЕ СВЯЧЕНЕ

Неділя, 1 Травня, 2011 після однієї Літургії о 10:00 год зранку. Старайтесь всі взяти участь у нашому Великодньому Обіді - Свяченому, щоб поділитися свяченим яйцем, скласти собі взаємно побажання і разом заспівати „Христос Воскрес"! Квитки можна придбати при вході до храму або підчас кави. Квитки для дорослих \$10, для дітей від 6-18 років -\$5, діти до 6 років безкоштовно. Купляти квитки заздалегідь, щоб ми могли добре спланувати обід.

• ДЕНЬ МАТЕРІ - Поминаємо Живих і Померлих Матерів

У Неділю 8 травня 2011 ми будемо поминати на Літургії усіх наших живих і померлих матерів. Якщо ви хочете щоб о.Іван молилися за ваших матерів, то зробіть наступне: Коли ви є уже зареєстрованими парафіянами, то між вашими річними конвертами є жовтий конверт на якому написано – “Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance”. Візьміть цей конверт, і на ньому напишіть імя вашої живої або покійної матері. Запхайте у конверт свою датку і киньте конверт у кошик підчас Літургії. Якщо ж ви немає конвертів, то у притворі до церкви на столі лежать білі конверти. Візьміть цей конверт і на ньому, або на листку паперу напишіть імя матері-матерів і дайте конверт о. Івану. Можна також на конверті написати for Fr. Ivan і кинути конверт у кошик підчас Літургії Підчас Недільної Літургії, буде братися ектения за їхнє здоров'я і за те щоб Господь продовжував їх благословляти і щоб ми далі мали їх у нашому житті. За померлих матерів, у кінці Літургії буде відправлена Панахида. Список матерів і жертводавців, буде опублікований в бюлетені. Не забудьте згадати свою маму бо без неї не було б вас.

• **ЗАМОВЛЕННЯ ЛІТУРГІЙ, ХРЕЩЕННЯ, ВІНЧАННЯ, БЛАГОСЛОВЕННЯ ТА ОСВЯЧЕННЯ ДОМІВ** - відбудеться за попереднім домовленням з отцем Іваном. Просимо дзвонити до нього: 732-826-0767 або 202-368-2408

Запитання до о. Івана!

• Навіщо священики під час Пасхальної Утрені у Четвер декілька разів переодягають ризи?

Зміна священицьких риз під час канону пасхальної утрені символізує неодноразові явлення Воскреслого Спасителя своїм учням. У Своїй божественній славі він змінився настільки, що ані Марія Магдалина, яка першою побачила Христа після Воскресіння, ані Лука і Клеопа, на шляху до Емаусу, спочатку не впізнавали Ісуса. Також зміна риз підкреслює велич свята та додає йому урочистості.

• Звідки з'явилася традиція дарувати один одному кольорові яйця та писанки? Що це означає?

Ця традиція сягає апостольських часів. Передання доносить до нас історію, коли в руках святої Марії Магдалини почервоніло яйце, як доказ імператору-язичнику істинності проповіді про Хреста Воскреслого. Пасхальне яйце є символом Воскресіння та вічного життя. Наш боголюбивий народ привніс і в цей благочестивий всерхристиянський звичай свій неабиякий вклад, збагативши спадщину традиції. Із простої приналежності пасхального столу в Україні пасхальне яйце стало витвором мистецтва нашого народу.

• Сучасна людина, що живе у швидкому темпі, що можливо, виховувалася в атеїстичній родині, але має бажання увійти у Церкву, з чого має починати? Як правильно навчитися читати Святе Письмо, поводитися у храмі та ін.?

- Я не знаю універсального рецепту. Всі ми різні, у кожного свій шлях до Бога. Питання про поведінку у храмі навряд чи відноситься до категорії головних та навіть другорядних. Це прийде само собою, в процесі входження до церковної традиції. А ось читати слово Боже потрібно усім. Починати краще з простих книг Нового Завіту, таких як, скажімо, Євангеліє від Марка, написане для вчорашніх язичників-римлян. І поступово читати далі. Помилково думати, начебто достатньо прочитати Біблію один раз. Слово Боже таке, що його треба не прочитати, а читати. Знову і знову повертаючись до начебто вже знайомих текстів, відкриваючи у них новий вимір глибини й мудрості. Слово Боже ми читаємо не для того, щоби задовольнити власну цікавість, а щоби змінювати життя.

• Як довго треба вітати один одного пасхальним вітанням?

Зідно церковного уставу ми святкуємо Пасху протягом 40 днів до Свята Вознесіння. Саме стільки днів Господь перебував серед учнів після Свого Воскресіння, з'являвся їм та повчав їх. На згадку про це ми протягом цього часу і вітаємо один одного пасхальним вітанням: *Христос Воскрес! І чуємо у відповідь: Воістину Воскрес!*



Розклад Богослужінь на Страсний Тиждень та Пасху 2011

Страсний Четвер 21 Квітня

10:00 рано - *Архиєрейська Літургія з Вечірнею, Благословення Мира і Чин миття ніг 12 священикам - Митрополит - Архиепископ Стефан Сорока очолюватиме Богослужіння.*
7:00 веч - Утреня Страсей - (Читання 12 Євангелій)

Велика П'ятниця, 22 Квітня

9:00 рано - Вечірня з виложенням ПЛАЩАНИЦІ
7:00 веч. - Єрусалимська Утреня

Велика Субота, 23 Квітня

2:00 по пол. - Свячення Пасок у Шкільному Залі
4:00 по пол. - Свячення Пасок у Шкільному Залі
Надгробне
7:00 веч. - Воскресна Утреня, Обхід навколо храму
Свячення Пасок у залі після Воскресної Утренні

ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ - ПАСХА, 24 Квітня

9:00 рано - Служба Божа (укр) - співає Хор після Літургії Свячення Пасок, у залі під церквою а якщо буде гарна погода то на вулиці біля церкви.
11:30 рано - Служба Божа (анг)
Після Літургій мирування з нагоди празника

Як правильно скласти Пасхальний Кошик

Великодній кошик - гордість і радість родини. Люди судять господиню дому відповідно до вигляду її Великоднього кошика, що він містить і як прикрашений. Треба пам'ятати, що кошик повинен містити тільки ті продукти які Ви збираєтеся їсти в свято, а не весь зміст холодильника. Великодній кошик повинний містити:



- **Паска** – символ Царства Небесного, хліб вічного життя.
- **Сир і масло** – дари природи, символ жертвності та ніжності Бога.
- **Яйце** – це земля, а жовток – це сонце.; писанка символізує життя, достаток, вічний рух;
- **Крашанка** – побажання усякого добра, оснований на Христовому воскресінні.
- **Шинка-ковбаса** – душевна радість (коли повернувся блудний син, добрий батько звелів заколотити вгодоване теля).
- **Хрін** – символ терпіння Христа. Хрін робить людину міцнішою, як міцнішає християнин, який приймає таїнство Сповіді під час посту.
- **Сіль** – символ мудрості та достатку. У Біблії сіль - символічний засіб зв'язку між Богом і його народом. Христос називає своїх учнів "сіллю землі".
- **Рушничок** – багатство ниток, сплетених любов'ю і розумом, символ життя, а також вічності, бо плетіння нитки – процес, який можна продовжувати безконечно. **Свічка** – світло, яке виносять назовні між людей так, як жертва Ісуса на хресті спричинила відновлення внутрішнього світу людини.

Зі скарбниці мудрості

- Люби людей такими, якими вони є: інших немає!
- Якщо в тебе є серце, то є і людина, якій ти потрібен.
- Хліб, яким ділишся, краще смакує ...
- Ми ніколи не потрапимо до неба, якщо небо не увійде в наші серця.
- Мудрість – це знати, що робити; здібність – знати, як робити; чеснота – це робити.
- Щастя – мов здоров'я: коли його не помічаєш, то означає, що воно є.
- Не закривай рота тому, хто відкриває тобі очі
- Наша любов є тільки тоді справжньою любов'ю, коли вона вибирає Боже перед людським, а вічне – перед дочасними речами світу цього.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



Pastoral Ponderings.

Before you dismiss the Holy Week Services because they're long, remember that you're willing to watch four-hour movies and games that go into overtime. Whatever your motivation, remember that what started well at the beginning of Lent should end just as well.



Velykyi Tyzhden' (Great or Holy Week)



The Holy Week starts with Verbna Nedilia (Willow Sunday – Palm Sunday to others). The willow is used instead of the palm both in the U.S. & Canada as well as Ukraine, because of the similarity of climates – that is – no palm trees! It honors the triumph of Jesus entering Jerusalem. The pussy willow branches have the additional significance of showing life early in the spring, symbolizing the hope of the resurrection.

In some areas of Ukraine the first week of Lent is referred to as Chystyi Tyzhden' or Pure Week. The Great Week was a flurry of activity in Ukraine. Everything had to be done before Holy Thursday as no work was done until after the Easter celebration. House cleaning had to be done, the annual coat of whitewash had to be applied, plowing, planting and the other farm chores. As well, this is when pysanky (meaning to write) would be written (with designs), the food prepared for the Easter basket to be taken to church for blessing and of course the paska and babka had to be baked. The icons would be draped in embroidered linen towels (rushnyky – ritual cloths) in anticipation of Velykyi Den'.

Strastney Chetver (Holy or Passion Thursday), recalls the Passion of Christ. The passion service consists of readings from the twelve Gospels relating the story of the suffering of Jesus. The gospels are read (or sung), along with prayers, prostrations and hymns with bells being rung after each chapter. The bells are then silenced and replaced with either wooden clappers or the striking of a mallet on a board. The bells are not heard again until Easter morning.



Velykodnia Piatnytsia (Good Friday), observes the Lord's Crucifixion. A fast abstaining from meat and dairy products is observed and no manual labor of any kind is permitted.

Conversation is muted and must avoid argument. Good Friday observances include the Veneration of the Holy Shroud. The Holy Shroud is the representation of the sheet that Christ was buried in. There is a procession of worshipers carrying the Crucifix, banners and the Holy Shroud, with the priest carrying the Eucharist and the altar boys carrying lighted candles and the wooden clappers. The congregation circles the church and reenters symbolizing the journey from the Crucifix on Calvary to the tomb. The Holy Shroud is placed on a representative tomb and is surrounded by willows, candles and flowers.



Holy Saturday is when parishioners visit the Holy Shroud to worship and kiss the wounds of Christ. A guard of honor keeps vigil at the Holy Sepulcher. Fasting is continued to prepare the soul for purity of confession on the Great Day.



Velykyi Den' means Great Day and applies to Easter Sunday. Each family will bring the basket to church on Saturday or Easter Sunday to receive the blessing of the priest.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Why do we pray for "Orthodox Christians" in Our Church

During the Divine Liturgy we pray for everyone. Your question undoubtedly is prompted because of some people's understanding or perception of the term "Orthodox". The English term is derived from the Greek Orthodokeo which means to teach rightly. In a passive sense, it is applied to those who had been "rightly taught", hence "true believing". It seems to me that when this Greek term was translated into Church-Slavonic (or ancient Bulgarian), the translator misinterpreted the second half of the verb Dokeo (to teach-Doksia participle) and confused it with the Greek word (to glorify) -- Doksia (glory), so that many have come to understand the word "Orthodox" as meaning "true -- worshipers" or those "rightly glorifying God".

Hence, the word: Pravoslavnyj. Curious, are you confused by now? Who wouldn't be! Be as it may, the word "Orthodox" has been used throughout the history of the church to describe the Faith of the Church. It appears in the writings of the Fathers of the Church, as well as in the Liturgies of both the Eastern and Western Churches. In the old Latin text of the Roman Catholic Mass, the people prayed "pro orthodoxis fidelibus" i.e. for "Orthodox Christians", meaning the faithful who professed the accurate teachings of the Faith. However, since the word "Orthodox" originated in the Eastern Church(es), it was and has been widely used. For us to deny that our Faith is Orthodox, would be negating or re-writing the history of the Church and the terminology which the Church has used and uses.

In modern day Ukraine, many people, not wanting to be confused with the Orthodox Church, especially the Russian Church, argue against the use of the word "Orthodox". The late Patriarch Joseph Slipyi firmly stood on the ground that we must not abandon the use of this word at all costs, because it leads to a correct understanding of our very identity. We can understand that with the gradual estrangement of Eastern Christians from Western Christians, that some misunderstanding can easily arise especially since the term "Orthodox" has shifted in popular parlance from describing The Faith to describing the Church. Nonetheless, we strive to overcome misunderstandings and continue to use the word Orthodox properly, especially in our own day and age to overcome the difficulties of the past and pray for the unity of all the true -- believers in the One Church of Jesus Christ. The communion, in the love of Christ, of all "Orthodox churches" in the Universal Church is the one, holy, apostolic and catholic Church of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the Church. Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has underscored many times that we are "Orthodox in Faith, and Catholic in the bonds of love."

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Never Make Fun of Ukrainians

A Ukrainian walked into a bank in New York City and asked for the loan officer. He told the loan officer that he was going to Kiev on business for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000 and that he was not a depositor of the bank. The bank officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so the Ukrainian handed over the keys to a new Ferrari. The car was parked on the street in front of the bank.

The Ukrainian produced the title and everything checked out. The loan officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest. Later, the bank's president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the Ukrainian for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parked it.

Two weeks later, the Ukrainian returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.07. The loan officer said, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?" The Ukrainian replied: "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return?" Ah, the Ukrainians... See! Kovbasa and Purohy are good for the brain.

