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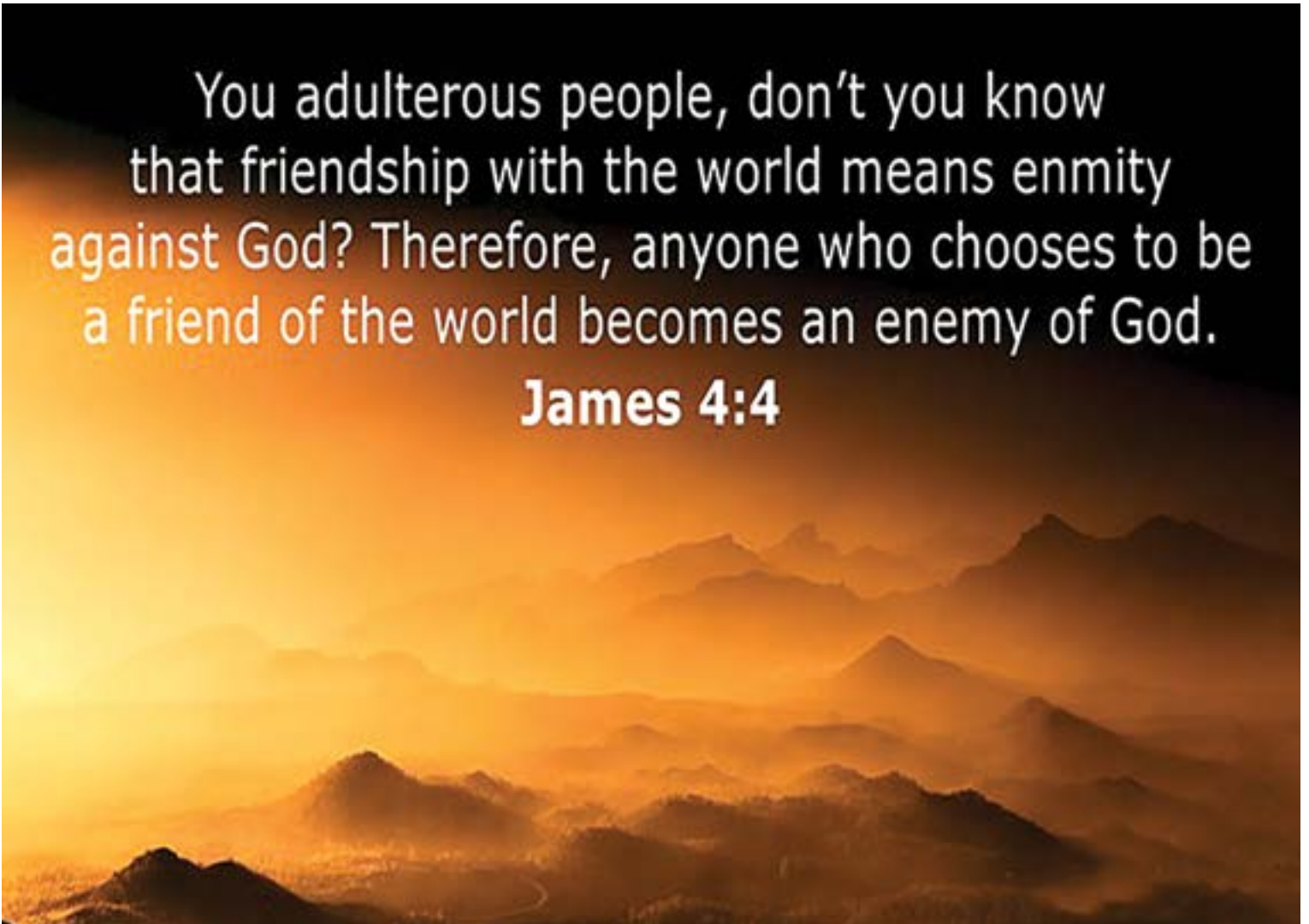
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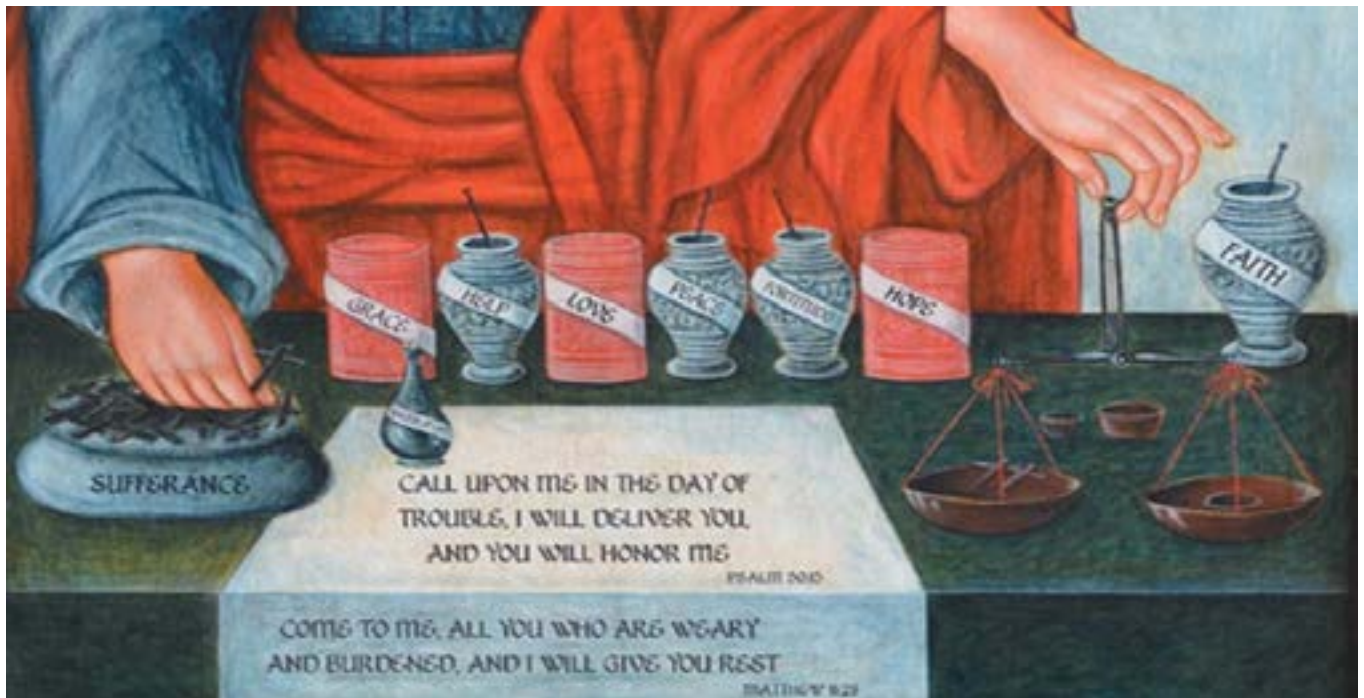
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You adulterous people, don't you know
that friendship with the world means enmity
against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be
a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

James 4:4



Chaplain's Words of Wisdom



FATHER ANTON'S WORDS WISDOM: The readings that follow Easter Sunday are to prepare us for that wonderful feast of Pentecost when we will celebrate the birth of the Church. Before Jesus left, he promised the disciples that his Father would send them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew that the disciples would struggle without Him, but he also knew that for them to grow and for the Church to develop, He would have to let go. In a practical way of thinking, it isn't unlike parents who, once their children have reached a certain age, have to let go so they could spread their wings and find their own way in life. The early Church was on fire! The Resurrection was such a current event that faith was strong, hope was everywhere and the disciples and leaders of various Christian communities were doing wonderful things. One would have to ask: What happened? Where is that strong faith today? Where are God's hope-filled people? How have we as Church in our modern society responded to the fire of the Holy Spirit? In the reading from the Acts, we hear how Peter went to the leader of one of the early Christian communities to heal them. The disciples name was Tabitha and we are told that she lived her life in service to the poor and in good deeds. The people continued to experience resurrection! John in his gospel relates to us a story of the healing of a paralyzed man. If you listen carefully it was the man who came to Jesus, and Jesus asks him if he wants to be well. The man then relates how he has no one to put him into the pool of water known for healing powers, so Jesus simply says: "Take up your mat and walk." Immediately he does and it was the Sabbath Day. Admonished by the religious leaders because the man was carrying his mat on the Sabbath, the man relates what happened to him. Jesus, upon seeing him again reminds the man who was healed: "Look, you are well, do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse may happen to you." In other words; "You have been made whole, see to it that you keep a healthy balance in your life and that you nurture the Spiritual as much, if not more, than your physical and emotional needs. In this way you will always be in tune with who you are as God's child, and you will never feel abandoned in your time of need." It was not the water in the pool that healed this man, it was his faith. The water was just a catalyst to remind him of God's mercy. It is so important for us to understand that while this story related to us another of the healing miracles of Jesus, there is another

very important message between the lines. It is easy for us to see through our “physical eyes” when all is going well, but in time, in all of our lives something will come that will cloud that vision. These events or situations may be physical illness, relationships that are broken, a crisis in faith, or hard times that befall us for one reason or another. At these times in our lives if we rely only on the “eyes of our mind” to guide us, we too, will suffer from blindness. It is in these situations that we need to pray “Jesus, give me spiritual eyes that I might be able to let go of what was, accept what is and start to heal; so that I can experience fully and with joy what is yet to come. Jesus, give me your eyes so I can see beyond my pain and experience God’s presence and faithfulness.” Prayer is nothing more than talking to our loving Saviour and admitting our helplessness at times. It helps us to understand our humanity and to embrace it so that we can experience God working and acting at every moment and in every situation. It is true that all of us experience suffering, and at one time or another we have been deeply hurt or allowed ourselves to wallow over petty things to the point where we become paralyzed. We cannot be free unless we let go of the past and learn the true meaning of forgiveness. We must let go of the past that we wish we had, in order to live in the present. Living in the present we must step back in every situation so that we can see the “whole picture” and understand that today is all we have. We can choose to live it holding on to grudges and past hurts, or we can let them go so that we can be free. The healing stories of Jesus are about understanding that illness is not a result of sin, but rather our hopelessness is. It is about understanding that our emotions affect our physical and our spiritual health more than we think. When we can’t let go, when we refuse to forgive, physically our blood pressure rises, the stress can affect our heart, our mental health, and can even be a contributor to cancer, migraines, and other diseases. Spiritually we are dead. Our attitudes, wallowing in self-pity and often our choice to live in anger affects our relationship with God, and therefore, with each other. We cannot experience forgiveness if we refuse to forgive, we cannot experience love unless we are willing to love. You and I must have faith and trust there is nothing that we cannot handle. Life can throw us many curve balls, but we are able to catch them and throw them back. Even if we miss and one of those balls hits us again, we will not despair, because our God will help us to heal and to become even stronger through our trial.

LET US PRAY:

Loving God, heal me of all those things that prevent me from experiencing and embracing your love and mercy. And through me heal others who need to know that life is more than our past, it is a gift that is to be lived NOW. I will from this day forward let go of what was, accept what is, and live my life with and through You – Amen.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and you do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is nothing that the scripture says, 'God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us'? But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

James 4:1-10

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

Happy Easter by the Julian Calendar to brothers and families celebrating on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Хресмоc Воскрес! Воісмину Воскрес! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

The Hamilton Trident Charities will be holding our monthly bingo on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Princess Bingo Hall on Fennell Avenue. Bingo starts at 9:30 am., please support our council's fund raiser.

Br. Ernie Bablak and I attended the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Convention that was held in Niagara Falls, Ontario on April 27, 2024. We had the opportunity of voting to either approve or reject on the 25 Resolutions that were proposed by various councils throughout Ontario. One being that Brother Knights should verify their municipal tax forms and make sure that their municipal tax forms support separate school education as opposed to public school education (always used by default). Another was that the Ontario State Board writes to the Minister of Education on behalf of the Ontario Knights, expressing support of the province's new Holodomor-related educational initiatives. For more information on the resolutions I will send a copy of these resolutions by separate email.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Knights Room at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church on Melvin Avenue.

Please remember and support our next Perogie & Sausage Dinner to be held on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

I wish to extend Birthday greetings to Brothers celebrating in the month of May: Br Andrey Dusanowsky; Br Boris Dusanowsky; Br John Hucal; Br Steve Pronek; Br John Storozinski; Br Joseph Szpak and Br Alex Zahachewsky. 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. May God bless all the ill for their quick recovery. Please keep Ukraine and its people in your prayers. Slava Ukraini! Heroyam Slava! Lets also pray for the soul of our District Deputy, Br David Stokes who passed away on April 14, 2024. May He Rest in Peace!

<p>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 and +Br Daniel Kolubinski. May They rest in peace! Vichna Pamyat!</p>
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Thanking you for your continued support.

Fraternally Yours,

Don Krochak, Grand Knight

News Updates & Events

Just a remainder; the month of June elections will be held for a new executive for the 2024-2025 season if you are a 3rd degree member or are planning to obtain your 3rd degree in the upcoming season either consider to run for a position on the executive, by either nominating yourself or being nominated or nominating someone you think would do well in that position. All positions are open except for: Financial Secretary, Chaplain, and 2 Trustee positions. Come out and participate in your council's future.



*Celebrating 125 years
of service in 2025!*

State Bursary – Final Notice

May 1, 2024

Worthy Grand Knight,

The Ontario State Board offers five bursaries valued at \$1,000.00 each. The deadline for applications is June 1st so please mention the State Bursary program over this next month to your members at the membership meeting, in your parish bulletin announcements and your council email correspondence.

Do you have a council chairman who could deliver a copy of the bursary to your local high school to make them aware of our annual bursary? Any efforts you do will be appreciated by those students that become aware of this State Bursary and apply for it.

Full details are found on the application. Applications can be downloaded here:

<https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/faith-in-action/community/bursary/>

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joseph Bodnar'.

Joseph Bodnar
State Treasurer





***KofC Council #7464
& Ukr Catholic Church
of The Holy Resurrection***

***Ladies are holding
Perogie & Sausage Dinner
Take Out Only***

Thursday, May 30, 2024

**Menu: *Eight (8) Perogies, 1 Link Sausage,
Cooked Sauerkraut & Fried Onions***

for \$15.00 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 - **Pre-Order Early**

For Pre-Orders: email - hamiltonperogie@gmail.com

or call Mary-Anne 905-385-9462

>>>>STAND WITH UKRAINE<<<<



I was eating breakfast with my teenaged Granddaughter and I asked her, "What special day is it in Canada tomorrow?"

Without skipping a beat she said, "It's Prime Minister Day!"

She's smart, so I asked her "What does Prime Minister Day mean?"

I was waiting for something about the Trudeaus or Harper etc.

She replied, "Prime Minister Day is when the Prime Minister steps out of the Prime Minister's Mansion, and if he sees his shadow, we have 4 more years of Bull Shit."

You know, it hurts when hot coffee spurts out your nose.

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NOTABLE DATES

May 04

Saturday

Bingo
Princess Bingo Hall
9:30am

Grand Knight
Don A. Krochak
905-385-9462

Chaplain
Msgr. Anton Szymchalski
905-397-3393

May 09

Thursday

**The Ascension
of Our Lord
Jesus Christ**

Deputy Grand Knight
Morris Hucal
905-512-5424

May 12

Sunday

Mother's Day

Chancellor
Orest Gulka
905-563-3589

May 14

Tuesday

Council meeting
@ St. Nicholas Church
7pm

Recorder
Mykhaylo Furtak
647-219-3457

May 20

Monday

Victoria Day

Financial Secretary
John A. Mikitzel
905-689-0858

May 30

Thursday

Perogie and Sausage Dinner
Church of Resurrection Hall
3pm-6pm
Take-Out only

Treasurer
Don P. Segodnia
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Lecturer
open

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

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May 19

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May 27

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Steve Dushko
905-664-5549

May 30

ALEX J ZAHACHEWSKY

May 30

ANDREY DUSANOWSKY

May 31

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