



# Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community

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Special Thanksgiving and Bazaar Mass  
Sunday, October 26, 2008

## Our Resident Priests

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Mission Statement: The NICC shall provide an environment for all Igbos in the Baltimore Metropolitan area to worship in their native language, Igbo, and to cultivate a lasting fraternal community whereby moral and Christian values are cherished. The organization shall also provide spiritual guidance to Igbo children and facilitate the assimilation of newly arrived Igbos into local parishes.

Community Worship: Last Sunday of every Month

Place: St. Matthew's Church, 5401 Loch Raven Blvd., Maryland 21239, Time: 1:30 P.M.

NICC Coordinating Committee Meeting: The committee meets on the Friday preceding the mass from 9 p.m and is open to all registered family members of the NICC. For venue of the meeting, please contact one of the committee members.

Uka Nke Iri Ato N'oge Na- Adanyeghi N'Emume

## A Reflection from Our Resident Priests

Thanksgiving - an obligation we owe to God

The practice of giving thanks to God for favors received has a very old and very sound biblical basis. When we read the bible, we find numerous instances of people giving thanks to God for favors received. In Genesis 4:3-4, we read the following " ...Cain brought some of the produce of the soil as an offering for Yahweh, while Abel for his part brought the first-born of his flock and some of their fat as well". After the flood and the destruction that

followed, Noah gave thanks to God. This is how Genesis 8:20 puts it : Noah built an altar for Yahweh and choosing from all the clean animals and all the clean birds he offered burnt offering on the altar".

In the bible, we read about the patriarch, Abraham making several offerings to God. But the greatest offering that Abraham made was when he was prepared to offer even his son Isaac to God. In the New Testament, our attention is drawn to the presentation in the temple where the parents of Jesus offered in thanksgiving to God a pair of turtle doves as required by law. My brothers and sisters, our thanksgiving today and always should be done in the same spirit as the thanksgiving in the bible. As we read the instances of thanksgiving in the bible, the first thing that strikes us is that the gifts that were offered to God had to be of the highest quality. For instance, God accepted Abel's offering because it was of higher quality than Cain's. We are told that Noah offered clean animals and clean birds to God. Then in Leviticus 3:1, God decreed as follows: If a man's sacrifice is a communion sacrifice, and if he offers an animal from the herd, male or female, whatever he offers before Yahweh must be without blemish". My brothers and sisters, if God has blessed us with much, he deserves a substantial offering in return from us. Remember, "God loves a generous and cheerful giver" .The lord will be very pleased with us, and bless us abundantly for the gift of ourselves to him today and everyday.

To him be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

Ukwe Tupu Mbata: Anyi na akwado maka Aja Misa...

Ukochuwku: Umunna m Ka Anyi Kwado Onwe Anyi Nke Oma Maka Emume Nke Yukaristia.

Onyenweanyi Mee Ebere ...

Gloria: Otito Diri Chineke N'Elu Kacha Elu

1st Reading: Ihe Ogugu E wetara na Akwukwo Opupu Ch. 22 vs 20-26

Aziza: Psalms (Abuoma) Ch. 17, vs 2-4, 47, 51 Az 2  
Onyenweanyi, I bu ikem. A huru m Gi n'anya.

Ukwe: Jigide m, Onyenwe m Jesus.

2nd Reading Ihe Ogugu e wetara n'Akwukwo Mbu Pol di aso degara Ndi Tesalonika.  
Ch. 1 vs 5-10

Aleluya: Aleluya, Aleluya! Ngozi diri eze ahu na-abia n'aha Onyenweanyi. Udo dikwara uwa, ebube dikwara igwe, Aleluya

Ukwe Tupu Ozioma: Chukwu Muo Nso, Onye Okike

Ozioma (Gospel): Ozi oma Matiu Ch. 22 vs 34 - 40

## OKWU CHUKWU (HOMILY)

Ekwem N'Otu Chineke

Ekpere Maka Ndi Kwere Nu (Prayer for the Faithful):

Chorus: Chukwu afo Oma, Oseburuwa, Umu gi n'ayo enyem aka gi

Ukwe Offertory: (see Onyinye choruses)  
Ihe imere di nma

Aja Di Nso, Aja Di Oke Onu...

Consecration: \_Jesu Kristi, Bia Ka-Iburu Achicha Na Mmaya

Nso, Nso, Nso

Nwaturu Chukwu

Communion (Oriri Nso): (a) Jesu, Onye Okike Nke Uwa...

Announcement

Ukwe Mmechi (Closing): Chorus:

## MASS REQUESTS AND INTENTIONS

The Family of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Nwakama – is thanking God for his many blessings and for the safe arrival of Sir and Lady Martin Ebirim. May God grant them journey mercy as they return to Nigeria.

Mr. & Mrs Phillip Ejikeme – Thanksgiving for God's guidance and asking for speedy recovery of their mother Mrs. Florence Anaele.

Mrs Stella Maris Adindu – For God's guidance on Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Okeke, Rev. Frs. Emmanuel Edeh, Nelson Ogwuegbu, Anthony Abiamiri, Camilius Ugwu, Ejike Mbaka, Jude Okoye, Abel Agbulu, Joe Muth, Augustine Okwuzu, Paul Anekwe, Ignatius Okoronji, Sr. Philo-Cordis, Sr. Bella Mine Ezuma, Sr. Patrice Nsionu, Sr. Philomena and other religious men and women of God. Also praying for NICC Council leadership, NICC women organization, NICC Catholic Prayer Ministry and entire NICC membership.

Mrs Stella Maris Adindu – Thanksgiving for God's guidance on her husband- Dr. Ndukwe Adindu, children – Adaeze, Chinedu, Chukwuemeka and Raymonda Okoye/members of the Okoye Okwe family.

Mr. & Mrs. Achike Oranye – For the repose of the soul of their Mother and Mother-In-law Late Mrs. Patricia Nwanyanwu Oranye and Late Mrs. Veronica Omigie

**The family of Chief Patrick & Lolo Chika Nwakuba** – are requesting mass for the repose of the soul of their sweet Mother, Grandmother and Mother-In-law late Madam Loveline Ekpewerechi Ukaeje who slept in the lord on May 27, 2008.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NICC welcomes all the individuals who are attending the NICC mass for the first time, especially on the occasion of our annual thanksgiving and Bazaar. Please see one of our contact persons for registration information and on how you can contribute to the NICC mission.
- The NICC 12<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary T-shirts (embroidered) and Jerseys are now on sale at a discount price of \$45 and \$30 respectively. In addition the anniversary video is now on sale for \$15 for a pack of 3 CD's. Please see Dr. Patrick Nwakama to purchase yours.
- While the NICC thanks all who supported the 2007 Bazaar, as well as, the past fundraising effort, we are reminding all those with outstanding balance to please endeavor to make payments or redeem their pledges. Installment payments are also accepted.
- Please visit our website ([www.nicccchurch.org](http://www.nicccchurch.org)) for daily news on our faith community. Pictures from our events including NICC 12<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary, 2008 Mothers' Day Celebration, picnic, pilgrimage and thanksgiving/bazaar can now be viewed and printed from the website.

**NICC Men and NICC Youths Meeting – Sunday, November 9, 2008 (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)**

**NICC CWO Meeting – Sunday, November 16, 2008 (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)**

**All meetings are held at St. Anthony of Padua (Meeting Room behind the rectory or basement of the church), 4414 Frankford Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21206.**

### **"SOROM CHIA"**

We say Happy Birthday to the following NICC members born in October:

Mr. Wilfred Anokwute, Adureh Onyekwere, Mrs. Amaka Egbunine, Kemeju Opara, Mr. John Iheoma, Mr. Christian Egbunine, Mrs Joy Uwandu, Queen Julia Ogbenna, Mr. Lawrence Iwu, Mary Claret Nwachukwu, Chikodi Nwanegwo, Mr. Deamian Chukwu, Precious Chidinma Azike, Amanda Eke, Jeff Iweh, Jerry Iweh, Clement Onyebadi, Rex Chijoke Anuforo, Mrs. Uloma Chukwu, Dr. Patrick Nwakama, Mrs. Susan Okuzu, Ugonna Anyadike, Amarachi Nwokwu, Mr. Charles Elendu, Mrs Eunice Emecheta, Enuma Ngene, Mr. Vincent Onwubuariri, Dr. Felicia Okereke, Emmanuel Duru, Mrs. Angela Onukwugha, Dirichi Nwanegwo, Paris Madueke, Mrs Juliet Egbujonuma, Mrs. Priscilla Njoku, Mrs Francisca Oguamanam, Mrs Angela Onyebadi, Stacy Uwandu, Mrs Grace Anyadike, Princess Monica Oleh, Brian Njoku, Chioma Okere, Dr. Frank Okechukwu, Mrs. Stella Maris Adindu, Mrs Nwakaego Egwom, Mrs Elias Osefoh and other that we may have mistakenly omitted.

NICC wishes all of you God's blessing and many more years of healthy life

Following this thanksgiving mass, we will be convening in the basement of the church to continue with the Bazaar celebration.

NICC is counting on your support to make this event a success.