



Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community

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Special Anniversary Mass

Celebrated by

His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Okeke

Archbishop of Onitsha Archdiocese, Nigeria.

Sunday April 27, 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.

A Message from Our Resident Priests

In a special way, we welcome to Baltimore, His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Okeke, Archbishop of Onitsha Archdiocese, to officiate at this mass commemorating the 12th year anniversary of the Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community, Baltimore. We also welcome our fellow priests, all the religious men and women, our national delegates, as well as the entire congregation. Today marks a new beginning in the history of this community of faith, and your prayers are ever more needed. As we celebrate this Mass, let us call on the Almighty God to shower all with His abundant blessings, continue to guide and direct this faith community in its mission of cultivating a lasting fraternal community whereby moral and Christian values are cherished. May God continue to bless the Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community Baltimore, the Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Okeke, Most Rev. Dr. Edwin O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore, and His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

*Rev. Fr. Anthony Abiamiri
Rev. Fr. Nelson Ogwuegbu
Rev. Fr. Jude Okoye*

Uka nke Isii N'Oge Ncheta Mbilite N' onwu Kristi

Ukwe Tupu Mbata: Lee Nnukwu Ukochukwu, Lee Nnukwu Ukochukwu ...

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: **The Ogugu E wetara na Akwukwo Oru Ndi Ozi Ch. 8 vs 5-8, 14-17**

Aziza: Psalms (Abuoma) Ch. 65, vs 1-7 - **Ka Uwa Nile Tiera Chineke Mkpu Onu**

Ukwe: Jigide m, Onyenwe m Jesus.

2nd Reading **The Ogugu E wetara na Ozi Mbu Peter Ch. 3 vs 16-18**

Aleluya: Aleluya, Aleluya, Onye nwe anyi Jesu, kowara anyi okwu gi nke oma, me ka okwu gi na – amunye oku ihu nanya n'obi anyi, Aleluya.

Ukwe Tupu Ozioma: Chukwu Muo Nso, Onye Okike

Ozioma (Gospel): **Ozi oma John Ch. 14, vs 15-21**

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)

The 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

Inauguration of NICC Men, Women and Youth Organizations (by His Grace Archbishop Okeke)

Ukwe Mmechi (Closing): Chorus:

MASS REQUESTS AND INTENTIONS

Sir & Lady Felix Opara –Thanksgiving for God’s guidance and protection especially on behalf of their daughter Ijeoma Febechi Christabel Opara.

Dr. & Mrs Patrick Nwakama – Thanking God for His divine favors and for the good health He has given to their entire family here and in Nigeria.

Mr. & Mrs Phillip Ejikemeh – Thanksgiving for God’s guidance and protection of the family of Anaele and Ejikemeh.

Mr. & Mrs. Iyke Okwesili – Thanksgiving for God’s guidance and protection of the husband and children while wife was away, and asking for God’s blessing on all the members of Okwesili and Onugbolu family.

Mr. & Mrs Aloysius Ibe – Thanksgiving for God’s guidance and protection of their family especially for their sons Chinonye and Chidi who are in Nigeria and for special intentions of the family.

Sir and Mrs. Gilbert Chima – Thanksgiving for God’s favor on the family and for blessing on all the well-wishers of the family.

Mr. & Mrs Clement Anyadike – Thanksgiving for God’s protection on their daughter Ojiugo who is in Nigeria and for continuous mercy on the family.

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, Sr. Philo-Cordis, Sr. Bella Mine Ezuma, and other ordained 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 – God’s guidance on her husband- Dr. Ndukwe Adindu, children – Adaeze, Chinedu, Chukwuemeka and Raymonda Okoye/members of the Okoye Okwe family.

Ezi N’uno Mazi Na Odozi Aku Ig. Nwankwo choro ikene Chineke maka ihunanya O nwere n’ebe ha no. Ha na ayokwa ka O gbaa ha ume; ma nata kwa mkpru obi ndi nke ha nwuru anwu na ndokwa.

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

Chief & Mrs Lawrence Ogbuli – For the repose of the soul of their brother late Chief Okey Ogbuli

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NICC welcomes all the individuals who are attending the NICC mass for the first time. Please see one of our contact persons for registration information and on how you can contribute to the NICC mission.
- NICC is thanking the NICC Men, NICC Women and NICC Youth Organizations, the Choir, et al. for their active involvement in the planning of the 12th Year Anniversary Celebration.

- NICC thanks all who supported the 2007 Bazaar, and those who have not paid for their items should please endeavor to do so. Installment payments are also accepted.
- **Sunday May 25, 2008 is NICC Mothers' Day Celebration** – a special day to honor, all the Mothers, Mother-to-be, Grandmothers, etc. All ladies are expected to appear in their elegant uniform on that day. There will be reception in the basement of the church following the mass.
- Please visit our website (www.niccchurch.org) for daily news on our faith community. Pictures from our events including 2007 Mothers' Day Celebration, picnic, pilgrimage and thanksgiving/bazaar can now be viewed and printed from the website.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our brother, Rev. Mr. Cornelius Kelechi Anyanwu invites NICC to his priestly ordination on Saturday, May 17, 2008 (10 a.m.) at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 1400 Farmington Avenue, Hartford Connecticut 06105. Those interested in going are asked to contact the Chairman Dr. Okechukwu or Mr. Anyadike for transportation arrangement.

"SOROM CHIA"

We say Happy Birthday to all NICC members born in April including

Kenny Okechukwu, Ebere Nwanegwo, Ogechi Iwumune, Paschal Abiamiri, Izunna Nnadozie, Chris Iheanacho Jnr, Gabriel Nwokwu, Jerry Nnolim, Michael Nwachukwu, Cynthia Nwanegwo, Udochi Nwanegwo, Chinwendu Chineke, Daniel Eke, Ephraim Nwoga, Jennifer Chukwu, Prince Obiuto Aguguo, Chiamaka Ibe, Chioma Priscilla Tasia, Ikenne Prince Mba, Chinelo Ahamefula, Titus Onuoha, Gloria Nnah, Petrus Nnolim, Rose Peditta Nnolim, Eunice Anisiobi, Patience Ekeocha, Ignatius Udemadu, Bonny Nwabunike, Anthony Nwaiwu, Cynthia Azike, Ngozi Ibe, Chidi Nwaehiri, Wilfred Anokwute Jnr, Basil Ebekonye, Magdalene Anokwute, Chibueze Anyadike, Susan Ejimofor, Ugochi Ebiye (Nee Ekeocha), Ogochukwu Ejimofor, Christine Nnoruom, Chukwuemeka Nwokwu, Ginikachukwu Nwokwu, Lucy Ezeanolue, Daniel Eke, and others that we may have missed.

SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of the Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community, we express our sincere thanks to His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Okeke, Most Rev. Dr. Edwin O'Brien, Rev. Fr. Joe Muth, our past and present resident priests, other religious men and women of God, as well as the entire congregation joining us to celebrate our 12th year Anniversary. As we reflect back on our 12 years of existence, we look forward to a future full of challenges and opportunities. With your prayers, spiritual and financial support, we believe we will excel. We appreciate all your support during our \$1.2 million fundraising event last night for an Igbo Catholic Cultural Center in Baltimore. For those who have not yet made their tax deductible contribution towards the project, your donation is still highly appreciated (check made payable to the Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community).

Our celebration will continue with a reception in the basement of the church immediately after mass. Feel Comfortable, enjoy yourself and as you leave, we wish all of you God's

blessing and journey mercy, in Jesus name, Amen.

The Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community Coordinating Council