



# Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community

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## *Special Mother's Day Mass*

Sunday May 25, 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.

## **A Message from the NICC Coordinating Council**

The NICC Coordinating Council writes to thank all those who contributed in many ways to make our 12<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and the hosting of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Igbo Catholic Community, USA (ICCUSA), a success. Having His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Okeke, the Archbishop of Onitsha, as well as all the priests, religious men and women in our midst was a blessing. We pray that the blessing that came with this great occasion, continue to remain with each of us. The event that took place last month, especially the Fundraising Gala Night was a "kick off" of an effort to acquire a \$1.2 Million dollar Igbo Catholic Center in Baltimore. We thank all those who have and continue to sow seed towards this major endeavor and call on others to do the same. With everybody's effort, this dream will come to fruition.

As we celebrate our annual Mother's Day event today, we call on the Almighty God to bless all Mothers, Grandmothers, Mothers-to-be and Godmothers so that the gift of Mother-hood will continue to be an inspiring force in our community.

## Uka ahu na obara Kristi

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** **Ihe Ogugu E wetara na Akwukwo Diuteronomi Ch. 8 vs 2-3, 14-16**

**Aziza:** Psalms (Abuoma) Ch. 147, vs 12-15 - Jerusalem too Onyenweanyi

**Ukwe:** Jigide m, Onyenwe m Jesus.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** **Ihe Ogugu E wetara na Ozi Mbu Ndi Korint Ch. 10 vs 16-17**

**Aleluya:** Aleluya, Aleluya, Onye nwe anyi kwuru si, Abu M achicha di ndu nke si n'eluigwe gbadata. Onye o bula riri achicha nke a ga adi ndu ebighi ebi, Aleluya.

**Ukwe Tupu Ozioma:** Chukwu Muo Nso, Onye Okike

**Ozioma (Gospel): Ozi oma John Ch. 6, vs 51-58**

### ***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**

**Mr & Mrs Uche Nze** –Thanksgiving for God’s mercy, guidance and protection of their family.

**Sir & Lady Simon Nwaigwe**– request a requem mass for the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary death of their father Pa. Alphonsus O. Nwaigwe who slept in the lord on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2000.

**Chief Sir and Lady Hyacinth Nwachukwu** – Thanksgiving mass for their son Chester Chimaroke Nwachukwu who will be graduating from Edgewood High School on his way to the School of Engineering, Morgan State University. Asking God for infinite guidance towards his education and for the entire family.

**Ezinne Esther Opara**- Thanksgiving for his goodwill and blessing on her recent conferment of the Ezinne title. Also asking for God’s blessing on all those who were conferred with the title of Ezinne and for progress on their organization and leadership.

**Mrs Theresa Opara and Family** – Thanking God for his protection on the entire Opara family both here and in Nigeria, for mothers good health and for the repose of the soul of her brother late Mr. Emmanuel Opara

**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.

**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

## **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.
- The NICC 12<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary T-shirts (embroidered) and Jerseys are now on sale at a discount price of \$50 and \$30 respectively. 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.niccchurch.org](http://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.

- NICC would like to get the names of all our sons and daughters (NICC members) who are graduating from high schools, universities and professional schools during the 2008 school year. Please submit names to Dr Frank Okechukwu, Clement Anyadike or Felix Opara by Monday, June 23rd, 2008.

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Wedding is hereby announced for Gabriel U. Ugwu, son of late Ugwokenta Ugwu and Oliefi Ugwu of Obimo Village, Akabuisiyi, Nsukka in Enugu State and Callister Chinelo Ozioko, daughter of late Gabriel Ozioko and Roseline Ozioko of Nsukka Village, Umuezebi, Enugu State.

### **“SOROM CHIA”**

We say Happy Birthday to all NICC members born in May.  
NICC wishes you all many more years of healthy life

### **Please mark your calendar for the following activities**

**NICC Youth Organization Meeting– Sunday June, 8 2008 (3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)**

**NICC Men Organization Meeting– Sunday, June 8, 2008 (3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)**

**NICC Women Organization Meeting – Sunday, June 15, 2008 (3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)**

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

2008 NICC Annual Family Picnic  
Saturday, July 26, 2008  
Honeygo Recreational Center  
Honeygo Blvd, Whitmarsh Maryland

Special Mass with Rev. Fr Emmanuel Edeh, CSSP  
Sunday, July 27, 2008 (tentative)  
Venue and time (TBA)

2008 NICC Annual Pilgrimage  
Sunday, August 10, 2008  
Franciscan Monastery (Holy Land), Washington, D.C  
Igbo Mass at 2 p.m. in the main sanctuary

