

19th Sunday after Pentecost

19-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа.

Venerable Father Francis of Assisi (1181-1226);
The Holy Priest-Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of
Athens; Ammon the Anchorite (350); Vladimir,
Prince of Novgorod and his mother, Anne (1051).

Sunday, October 4th, 2015

Daily Divine Liturgies

Monday, Oct. 5 ** * 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Volodymyr
Artymenko – Maxim Artymenko

Wednesday, Oct. 7 *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's
blessings & good health for Sharon Bulych

Thursday, Oct. 8 *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's
blessings for Prystupa family

Friday, Oct. 9 *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: +David
Devonshire – Lidia Devonshire & Family



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Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 11:31-12:9)

Brothers and Sisters, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, “Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”



Тропарі і Кондаки, глас 2 – ст. 90

Апостол: До Коринтян Послання Святого Апостола Павла Читання: (2 Кр. 11:31-12:9) -

Браття і Сестри, Знає Бог і Отець Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, а Він благословенний навіки, що я не говорю неправди. У Дамаску намісник царя Арети стеріг місто Дамаск, щоб схопити мене, але по мурі мене спущено в коші віконцем, і я з рук його втік! Не корисно хвалитись мені, бо я прийду до видінь і об'явлень Господніх. Я знаю чоловіка в Христі, що він чотирнадцять років тому чи в тілі, не знаю, чи без тіла, не знаю, знає Бог був узятий до третього неба. І чоловіка я знаю такого, чи в тілі, чи без тіла, не знаю, знає Бог, що до раю був узятий, і чув він слова невимовні, що не можна людині їх висловити. Отаким похвалюся, а собою хвалитись не буду, хіба тільки своїми немочами. Бо коли я захочу хвалитись, то безумний не буду, бо правду казатиму; але стримуюсь я, щоб про мене хто більш не подумав, ніж бачить у мені або чує від мене. А щоб я через пребагато об'явлень не величався, то дано мені в тіло колючку, посланця сатани, щоб бив в обличчя мене, щоб я не величався. Про нього три рази благав я Господа, щоб він відступився від мене. І сказав Він мені: Досить тобі Моєї благодаті, бо сила Моя здійснюється в немочі. Отож, краще я буду хвалитись своїми немочами, щоб сила ристова вселилася в мене.

Євангеліє: (Лк. 6:31-36):

Сказав Господь: бажаєте, щоб вам люди чинили, так само чиніть їм і ви. А коли любите тих, хто любить вас, яка вам за те ласка? Люблять бо й грішники тих, хто їх любить. І коли добре чините тим, хто добро чинить вам, яка вам за те ласка? Бо те саме і грішники роблять. А коли позичаєте тим, що й від них сподіваєтесь взяти, яка вам за те ласка? Позичають бо й грішники грішникам, щоб одержати стільки ж. Тож любіть своїх ворогів, робіть добро, позичайте, не ждучи нічого назад, і ваша за це нагорода великою буде, і синами Всевишнього станете ви, добрий бо Він до невдячних і злих! Будьте ж милосердні, як і Отець ваш милосердний!



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“All creatures on earth feel as we do. All creatures strive for happiness as we do. All creatures on earth love, suffer, and die as we do, and

therefore they are equally with us works of the almighty Creator – our brethren.” St. Francis of Assisi



Please Pray for health of ... Cory R., Sharon B., Sofia B., Verna H., Mike W., Kathleen B., Anne B., Walter G., Isabelle W., Patricia U., Sophie S., Martin & Rose O., Yvette U., Lily-Ann S., Myron G., Peter D., Elizabeth P., Peter S., Ann M., and all other parishioners and family members who need God’s healing at the present time.

Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

No coffee today after both Divine Liturgies

Life Chain 2015 – annual pro-life event will take place today **Sunday, Oct. 4th** from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the corner of HWY 97 & Gordon Ave.

Parish Perogy Supper – will take place today **Sunday, October 4th**. This event will run from **4 to 7 p.m.** Please plan to come and help us in this event. Many volunteers are needed!

Bible Study – The Bible Timeline - will continue tomorrow, **Monday, Oct 5th** starting at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Come and join us!

Sacraments of Christian Initiation – will be celebrated during 1st Divine Liturgy next Sunday, October 11th, 2015.

Children’s Catechism – we will have our 1st class for children preparing for First Solemn Communion, next Sunday, October 11th after the first Divine Liturgy.

2015 World Mission Sunday – is designated for October 18th. Envelopes for this special collection are available at the church entrance.

Annual Fall Eparchial Clergy Conference – will take place in New Westminster from **Tuesday, Oct. 27th, to Thursday, Oct. 29th, 2015.**

Thank you for your generosity – we have received the following donations towards the “Building Fund” – **Penticton parish** - \$1,000; **Dr. Nadiya Popil** - \$500 & **Anonymous** donations of \$500; \$200; \$200; \$100; \$100; \$75; \$200; \$100; \$50; \$100; \$200; \$500; \$100 & \$100 (total **\$4,025.00**). God bless you all!



Dormition Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Sept. 27 - **\$605.00.**

Resurrection Parish Stewardship: Sat., July 4 - \$65.00; July 11 - \$192.00; July 18 - \$75.55 ; July 25 - \$121.00; Sat. Aug.1 -\$75.00; Aug., 8 - \$210.00; Aug., 15 - \$95.00; Aug., 22 - \$50.00; Aug., 29 - \$170.00.



THE METROPOLITAN ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY INSTITUTE

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Reception & Fundraiser

Sunday, October 25th, 2015 * 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Holy Eucharist Cathedral Hall

501-4th Avenue, New Westminster, BC, V3L 1S2

His Excellency Ken Nowakowski, Bishop of New Westminster, and the Directors of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute Foundation invite you to a special afternoon encounter with the Founder of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies (Saint Paul University, Ottawa), the Right Reverend Andriy Chirovsky, S.Th.D., Peter and Doris Kule Chair of Eastern Christian Theology and Spirituality.

Father Chirovsky hopes to share with you exciting new developments in the life of the Sheptytsky Institute and ask for your support.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

Admission is free, but to secure a place for you at this very special reception please RSVP to confirm your attendance Bradley Letwin at bletwin@hotmail.com or phone (604) 839-1194 By October 20th, 2015



Pope simplifies annulment process, asks that it be free of charge

While a juridical process is necessary for making accurate judgments, the Catholic Church’s marriage annulment process must be quicker, cheaper and much more of a pastoral ministry, Pope Francis said.

Rewriting a section of the Latin-rite Code of Canon Law and of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, Pope Francis said he was not “promoting the nullity of marriages, but the quickness of the processes, as well as a correct simplicity” of the procedures so that Catholic couples are not “oppressed by the shadow of doubt” for prolonged periods.

The Vatican released Sept. 8 the texts of two papal documents, “*Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*” (“The Lord Jesus, the Gentle Judge”) for the Latin-rite church and “*Mitis et misericors Iesus*,” (“The Meek and Merciful Jesus”) for the Eastern Catholic churches. The changes, including the option of a brief process without the obligatory automatic appeal, go into effect Dec. 8, the opening day of the Year of Mercy.

The rules for the Latin and Eastern churches are substantially the same since the differences in texts refer mainly to the different structures of the hierarchy with Latin churches having bishops and Eastern churches having eparchs and patriarchs.

Pope Francis said the changes in the annulment process were motivated by “concern for the salvation of souls,” and particularly “charity and mercy” toward those who feel alienated from the church because of their marriage situations and the perceived complexity of the church’s annulment process.

The reformed processes were drafted by a special committee Pope Francis established a year earlier. Among the criteria he said guided their work, the first he listed was the possibility of there being “only one executive sentence in favor of nullity” when the local bishop or judge delegated by him had the “moral certainty” that the marriage was not valid. Previously an appeal was automatic and a declaration of nullity had to come from two tribunals.

Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto, dean of the Roman Rota, a Vatican court, and president of the commission that drafted the new rules, told reporters Pope Francis asked for updates throughout the year, sought a review by four “great canonists” not involved in the drafting and, in the end, adopted the changes with “great seriousness, but also great serenity.” The changes made by Pope Francis, particularly the responsibility and trust placed in local bishops, are the most substantial changes in the church’s marriage law since the pontificate of Pope Benedict XIV in the mid-1700s, Msgr. Pinto said. Even with the 1917 and 1983 new Codes of Canon Law, the process for recognizing the nullity of a marriage remained “substantially unchanged,” he said.

“Putting the poor at the centre is what distinguishes the reform of Pope Francis from those made by Pope Pius X and Pope Benedict XIV,” Msgr. Pinto said.

In fact, Pope Francis ordered that the “gratuity of the procedure be assured so that, in a matter so closely tied to the salvation of souls, the church -- by demonstrating to the faithful that she is a generous mother -- may demonstrate the gratuitous love of Christ, which saves us all.”

Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio, president of the Pontifical Commission for Legislative Texts, who also was a member of the commission, insisted the pope's new rules were not about "annulling marriages," but about recognizing and declaring the nullity of a marriage, in other words, declaring that it never existed as a valid sacrament.

Although the new rules remove the obligation that a declaration of nullity automatically be appealed, he said, it does not remove the right of one of the parties to appeal the decision. However, he said, "and this is a great innovation," if the appeals court believes the appeal is "obviously a delaying tactic," the appeals court can issue a decree confirming the nullity of the marriage without a full process.

Msgr. Alejandro Bunge, secretary of the commission and a member of the Roman Rota, said the new processes are motivated by recognition of the church as a "field hospital," as Pope Francis has described it. "For those who have special injuries -- a marriage null from the beginning -- we will have intensive care" in the form of more rapid annulment procedures. While many marriage cases will continue to require time in order to arrive at the truth, he said, the longer procedure will be reserved to those cases in which it is not obvious that the marriage was null from the beginning and in which the couple does not agree that a real marriage never existed. *(catholicregister.org)*

Laudato Si' by Pope Francis (continuation) –

IV. THE MESSAGE OF EACH CREATURE IN THE HARMONY OF CREATION

84. Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places, which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good. Anyone who has grown up in the hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighbourhood square; going back to these places is a chance to recover something of their true selves.

85. God has written a precious book, "whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe".^[54] The Canadian bishops rightly pointed out that no creature is excluded from this manifestation of God: "From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a

continuing revelation of the divine”.[55] The bishops of Japan, for their part, made a thought-provoking observation: “To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God’s love and hope”.[56] This contemplation of creation allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us, since “for the believer, to contemplate creation is to hear a message, to listen to a paradoxical and silent voice”.[57] We can say that “alongside revelation properly so-called, contained in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night”.[58] Paying attention to this manifestation, we learn to see ourselves in relation to all other creatures: “I express myself in expressing the world; in my effort to decipher the sacredness of the world, I explore my own”.[59]

86. The universe as a whole, in all its manifold relationships, shows forth the inexhaustible riches of God. Saint Thomas Aquinas wisely noted that multiplicity and variety “come from the intention of the first agent” who willed that “what was wanting to one in the representation of the divine goodness might be supplied by another”.[60] inasmuch as God’s goodness “could not be represented fittingly by any one creature”.[61] Hence we need to grasp the variety of things in their multiple relationships.[62] We understand better the importance and meaning of each creature if we contemplate it within the entirety of God’s plan. As the Catechism teaches: “God wills the interdependence of creatures. The sun and the moon, the cedar and the little flower, the eagle and the sparrow: the spectacle of their countless diversities and inequalities tells us that no creature is self-sufficient. Creatures exist only in dependence on each other, to complete each other, in the service of each other”.[63]

87. When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them. This sentiment finds magnificent expression in the hymn of Saint Francis of Assisi: *“Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom you give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of you, Most High. Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful. Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through whom you give sustenance to your creatures. Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste. Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong”*.[64]

88. The bishops of Brazil have pointed out that nature as a whole not only manifests God but is also a locus of his presence. The Spirit of life dwells in every living creature and calls us to enter into relationship with him.[65] Discovering this presence leads us to cultivate the “ecological virtues”. [66] This is not to forget that there is an infinite distance between God and the things of this world, which do not possess his fullness. Otherwise, we would not be doing the creatures themselves any good either, for we would be failing to acknowledge their right and proper place. We would end up unduly demanding of them something, which they, in their smallness, cannot give us.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. *You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Communion);*
 2. *You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;*
 3. *You attend Divine Services regularly;*
 4. *Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;*
 5. *You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water & medicine does not break the fast).*
 6. *You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.*
 7. *To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.*
- If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*

*****A Reminder about appropriate reception of Holy Communion - when approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, the faithful are reminded to open their mouth wide and tilt their head back. Also, please avoid licking the spoon. *****