

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Commemoration of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council*

**20-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа.**  
*Неділя Святих Отців сьомого вселенського собору*

The Holy Apostle Philip, One of the Seven Deacons;  
Our Venerable Father Theophanes the Branded,  
Composer of Canons (845).

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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### *Daily Divine Liturgies*

**Monday, Oct. 12** \*\* \* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.:  
Thanksgiving for received blessings

**Wednesday, Oct. 14** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's  
blessings & good health for Helen Dmytriw

**Thursday, Oct. 15** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's peace  
in the world

**Friday, Oct. 16** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Mary  
Letwinetz – Sophie Skappak

**Troparion, Tone 3:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

**Troparion, Tone 8:** Christ our God, You are glorified above all,\* You established our fathers as beacons on the earth\* and through them guided all of us to the true faith.\* Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

**Kontakion, Tone 3:** You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,\* and led us out from the gates of death.\* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,\* and the prophets together with the patriarchs\* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion, Tone 6:** The Son who ineffably shone from the Father\* was born two-fold of nature from a woman.\* Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form;\* but depicting it, we revere it faithfully.\* Therefore the Church, holding the true faith,\* kisses the icon of Christ's becoming man.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

**Theotokion, Tone 6:** Undaunted patroness of Christians,\* O steadfast intermediary with the Creator,\* turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,\* but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith.\* Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead,\* for you are ever the patroness of those who honour you, O Mother of God.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 3** - Sing to our God, sing;\* sing to our King, sing.  
*verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 4** - Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,\* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

*verse:* For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

**Epistle: A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (13:7-16):**



Brothers and Sisters, remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about

food, which have not benefited those who observe them. We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Alleluia, Tone 1*

**verse:** The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**verse:** Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him. (Psalm 49:1, 5)

*Gospel: John 17:1-13*

At that time, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak

these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.”

**Communion Hymn** - Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; \* praise befits the righteous.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.



**Тропар (глас 3):** Нехай веселяться небеснії, нехай радуються земляни,\* бо показав владу рукою Своєю Господь,\* Він смертю смерть подолав,\* первістоком з-поміж мертвих став,\* визволив нас із глибин аду,\* і подав світові велику милість.

**Тропар (глас 8):** Препрославлений ти, Христе Боже наш,\* світила на землі – отців наших оснував ти\* і ними до істинної віри всіх нас направив ти.\* Багатомилосердний, слава тобі.

**Кондак (глас 3):** Воскрес Ти нині з гробу, Щедрий,\* і нас візвів із брам смерті;\* нині Адам веселиться і радіє Єва,\* разом же і пророки з патріярхами безустанно оспівують\* божественну могутність влади Твоєї.

**+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.**

**Кондак (глас 6):** Ти – із Отця несказанно возсіявший Син\* – з жени родився подвійний єством.\* Його видячи, не відрікаємося виду зображення\* але його, благочесно написавши, вірне почитаємо.\* І ради того Церква, держачи істинну віру,\* цілує ікону вочоловічення Христового.

**І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.**

**Богородичний (глас 6):** Заступнице християн бездоганна,\* Посереднице до Творця незамінна,\* не погорди молінням грішних,\* але випередь, як Блага, з поміччю нам, що вірно Тобі співаємо.\* Поспішишь на молитву і скоро прийди на моління,\* заступаючи повсякчас, Богородице, тих, що Тебе почитають.

**Прокімен (глас 3):** Співайте Богові нашому, співайте;\* співайте цареві нашому, співайте.

**Стих:** Всі народи, заплещіть руками, кликніть до Бога голосом радости.

**Прокімен (глас 4):** Благословен еси, Господи, Боже отців наших,\* і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я твоє на віки.

**Стих:** Бо праведний еси в усьому, що сотворив Ти нам (Дан 3,27).



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*“My past no longer concerns me. It belongs to divine mercy. My future does not yet concern me. It belongs to divine providence. What concerns me and what challenges me is today, which belongs to God’s grace and to the devotion of my heart and my good will.” St. Francis de Sales*



**Please Pray for health of ...** Carlos Ch., 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.

*On this Special Thanksgiving Weekend we express our gratitude to Almighty God for all His blessings and graces bestowed upon us in the past year. On behalf of Dormition Parish we would like to wish everyone good health, peace, and a joyful thanksgiving celebration.*

**Congratulations! Mnohaya Lita!** – very special God’s blessings to **Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Seyvonne McBride** and their family on the occasion of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation of their son, **Clark Robert**. May you be abundantly blessed by our Heavenly Father.

**Sincerest Thanks** – to everyone who helped with and contributed in various ways towards our last Sunday’s Perogy Dinner. With your very hard work we earned close to \$ 5,000.00.

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

**Next Parish Fundraiser – pre-Christmas Food Sale** – will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for this event we will make cabbage rolls this coming **Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** and perogies on **Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870.

**2015 World Mission Sunday** – is designated for **next Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes for this special collection are available at the church entrance.

**Dormition Parish Council Meeting** – will take place on **Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

**Bible Study – The Bible Timeline** - will continue on **Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Come and join us!

**Dormition Parish Round Table Knights of Columbus Meeting** – will take place on **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Note on Ordinations from our neighbouring Roman Catholic Parishes** - Dominic Trinh will be ordained Deacon tomorrow, **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** at St Pius X Parish at 6:30 pm. Deacon Sylvester has been on his journey towards the Ministerial Priesthood and it is our privilege to announce his Ordination this coming **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** at Immaculate Conception Church. All are invited for the Ordination Mass of Sylvester Ibekwe, which will begin at 6:30 pm, and also to the reception in the Parish Hall after the mass.

**Dormition Parish Stewardship:** Sunday, Oct. 4 - \$581.00

**Resurrection Parish Stewardship:** Sat., Sept. 5 - \$66.00; Sept. 12 - \$103.00; Sept., 19 - \$101.00 ; Sept. 26 - \$97.00.



## **THE METROPOLITAN ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY INSTITUTE**

“Leading from Tradition, Serving for the Future”

### **Reception & Fundraiser**

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:bletwin@hotmail.com) or phone (604) 839-1194 By October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015



## **2015 Federal Election Guide**

### **MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD**

#### **Voting: a right and responsibility**

Canadian Catholics are being called upon as citizens to exercise their right to vote. The Church encourages and reasserts its belief in “the political freedom and responsibility of citizens.” By exercising their right to vote, citizens fulfill their duty of choosing a government and at the same time send a clear signal to the candidates being presented by the political parties.

Political candidates are citizens too. In addition, they assume responsibility for the well being of the public. Their commitment and dedication are a generous contribution to society’s common good. Indeed, the purpose of the political community is the common good.

What is the common good? It is “the sum of those conditions of ... social life whereby people, families and associations more adequately and readily may attain their own perfection.”

#### **Examples of the application of Catholic moral and social teaching**

The following are examples of how Catholic moral and social teaching is to be applied. They do not constitute a political platform but a magnifying glass by which to analyze and evaluate public policies and programs.

#### **1. Respect for life and human dignity: from conception to natural death**

##### **Choosing life means:**

- Demanding the right to life for even the smallest among us – the human embryo and the foetus – since they too belong to the human family, while also providing assistance to pregnant women facing difficulties;
  - Respecting the life and dignity of the dying, accompanying them until their natural death and promoting greater access to palliative care;

- Raising our voices against practices like physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, which deny the intrinsic value of human life, endanger the lives of vulnerable people, and threaten to morally compromise medical professionals;
- Protecting all persons from being exploited by biomedical technologies;
- Rejecting capital punishment;
- Defending and caring for individuals in all circumstances, beginning with the poorest and most vulnerable;
- Supporting and accompanying individuals with disabilities, the elderly, the sick, the poor and those who are suffering.

What do the political parties say about these issues? What positions are the candidates taking?

## **2. Building a more just society**

**The desire to create a more just society includes:**

- Ensuring respect for the freedom of conscience and religion of all, in private, public, and professional life;
- Standing in solidarity and dialogue with Indigenous communities, and responding to the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission by providing adequate funding for Aboriginal education, health and housing;
- Adopting measures to reduce poverty;
- Introducing equitable fiscal policies for companies and individuals;
- Ending excessive, unjustified spending;
- Promoting access to safe, affordable housing for destitute families;
- Coming to the aid of the homeless;
- Fighting child poverty;
- Ensuring a basic income that is sufficient for the basics of food and housing;
- Facilitating access to drinking water for communities that are lacking.

What do the political parties say about these issues? What positions are the candidates taking?

## **3. The person and the family**



**Promoting the integrity of the person and family includes:**

- Promoting a better balance between familial and professional responsibilities;
- Ensuring pay equity between men and women;
- Guaranteeing sufficient basic income for an adequate quality of life;
- Providing access to quality hospital care for all;
- Supporting the reunification of immigrant and refugee families;
- Facilitating the recognition of the skills of immigrants;
- Taking actions against human trafficking;
- Promoting the rehabilitation of criminals through restorative justice and ensuring support for their victims;
- Protecting people from addictions to drugs and gambling.

What do the political parties say about these issues? What positions are the candidates taking?

**4. Canada in the world: providing leadership for justice and peace**

**Believing in justice and peace includes:**

- In developing nations, striving to reduce poverty and hunger and supporting universal primary education and improved health care;
- Choosing policies that promote dialogue leading to peace rather than confrontation among nations;
- Working to eliminate nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and encouraging strict worldwide controls on the sales of small arms and personal weapons;
- Honouring international treaties on human rights;
- Protecting the dignity of immigrants and refugees when handling their files;
- Protecting the rights of seasonal workers from abroad;
- Combating business and industry practices that have little regard for workers' rights and dignity, including holding to account Canadian commercial interests that commit abuses abroad.

What do the political parties say about these issues? What positions are the candidates taking?

**5. A healthy country in a healthy environment**

## **Protecting the environment means, among other things:**

- Implementing responsible stewardship practices for the environment;
- Honouring international agreements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Reducing our dependence on fossil fuels;
- Taking steps to control urban pollution;
- Introducing forms of transportation that are less harmful to the health of citizens and the environment;
- Encouraging companies to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency;
- Developing natural resources without harming the quality of life in communities;
- Protecting water as an essential resource;
- Bequeathing a sustainable and healthy environment to future generations.

What do the political parties say about these issues? What positions are the candidates taking?

### **Voting means using your judgment**

Exercising the right to vote means making enlightened and well-thought-out judgments about the choices available. There are times, however, when these choices may prove very difficult. The Church reminds us that “in this context, it must be noted also that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law in which the fundamental content of faith and morals is replaced by the introduction of proposals differing from this content or opposing it.”

It is a sign of a healthy community when informed and responsible citizens engage in an ongoing dialogue on major social issues with their political leaders. This is precisely the kind of community we should strive to support and develop. No less is expected of us, since we are all called to be truly responsible for one another, especially for the most vulnerable members of our society.

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