

28th Sunday after Pentecost



28-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа.

Our father Among the Saints
Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in
Lycia, the Wonderworker. *[Nativity Fast]*

Sunday, December 6th, 2015



Daily Divine Liturgies

Monday, Dec. 7 *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: Div. Lit.: Good health
& God's blessings for Katherina – Hania Wyshynsky

Wednesday, Dec. 9 *** Feast of the Conception of St. Anna, when she conceived
the Most Holy Mother of God ** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all
parishioners

Thursday, Dec. 10 *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for Prystupa family

Saturday, Dec. 12 *** 10:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: Special Intention – **St. Philip's fast
Mission in Ukrainian**

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 4: The truth of your deeds made you for your flock a rule of faith* and an image of meekness,* a teacher of continence.* And so you gained the heights through humility,* riches through poverty,* father and bishop Nicholas.* Intercede with Christ our God* for the salvation of our souls.

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

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.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 3: In Myra, O holy one, you proved yourself a priest.* You fulfilled the Gospel of Christ, O venerable father.* You laid down your soul for your people* and saved the innocent from death.* And so you were sanctified as a great initiate of God's grace.

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 7 - The just man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. (Psalm 63:11)



Epistle: Colossians: 1:12 – 18

Brethren, we thank God the Father who has enabled us to share in the saints in light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son in whom we have deliverance, the remission of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, those in heaven and those on earth, the seen and the unseen, whether Thrones or Dominations or Principalities or Powers: all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together; and he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that he may be first in all things.

Alleluia, Tone 3 - In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

verse: Your priests shall clothe themselves with justice, and Your venerable ones shall rejoice.

verse: For the Lord has chosen Sion; he has chosen it for His dwelling.

Gospel: Luke 14: 16 – 25

The Lord told this parable, “A certain man gave a great supper, and he invited many. And he sent his servant at supper time to tell those invited to come, for everything is now ready. And they all with one accord began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field and I must go out and see it; please hold me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am on my way to try them; please hold me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ And the servant returned, and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the crippled, and the lame, and the blind.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, your order has been carried out, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and make them come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you that none of those who were invited shall taste of my supper. For many are called but few are chosen.”

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)



Тропар (глас 3): Нехай веселяться небесніі, 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 4): Правилom віри, взірцем лагідности* й учителем триманости* явила тебе твоєму стадові найвища істина.* Тому придбав ти собі смиренням величність,* а вбозтвом багатство,* отче святителю Миколаю!* Моли Христа Бога, щоб спаслися душі наші.

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

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

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

Кондак (глас 3): У Мирах, Святий, показався Ти священнослужителем;* Христове бо Євангеліє, преподобний, сповнивши,* поклав ти душу свою за народ твій* і спас неповинних від смерти,* Тому й освятив ти себе, як великий служитель Божої благодаті.

Прокімен (глас 3): Співайте Богові нашому, співайте;* співайте цареві нашому, співайте (Пс 46,7).

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

Прокімен (глас 7): Возвеселиться праведник у Господі і уповає на нього.

Апостол: До Колосян Послання Святого Апостола Павла Читання – (Кл. 1:12-18)

Братя! Дякуйте Отцеві, який зробив нас гідними мати участь у долі святих у світлі. Він вирвав нас із влади тьми й переніс у царство свого улюбленого Сина, в якому ми маємо відкуплення, прощення гріхів. Він – образ невидимого Бога, первородний усякого створіння, бо в ньому все було створене, що на небі і що на землі, видиме й невидиме: чи то престоли, чи господства, чи начала, чи власті, все було ним і для нього створене. Він раніш усього, і все існує в ньому. Він також голова тіла, тобто Церкви. Він – начало, первородний з мертвих, так, що у всьому він мав першенство.

Алилуя (глас 3): На тебе, Господи, уповаю, щоб не осоромитися навіки.

Стих: Будь мені Богом захисником і домом пристановища, щоб спасти мене.

Стих: Священики твої зодягнуться в праведність, і преподобні твої возраджуються.

Стих: Бо вибрав Господь Сіон, захотів його на житло для себе.

Від Луки Святої Євангелії Читання – (14:16-24)



Сказав Господь притчу оцю: “Один чоловік справив вечерю велику й запросив багатьох. Під час вечері послав він слугу свого сказати запрошеним: Ідїть, усе готове. Тоді всі вони однаково почали відмовлятися. Перший йому сказав: Поле купив я, мушу піти на нього подивитись; вибач мені, прошу тебе. Другий сказав: П'ять пар

волів купив я і йду їх спробувати; прошу тебе, вибач мені. А інший мовив: Я одружився і тому не можу прийти. Повернувся слуга й розповів це панові своєму. Розгнівався тоді господар та й каже до слуги свого: Іди щоскоріш на майдани й вулиці міста й приведи сюди вбогих, калік, сліпих, кульгавих. Пане, – озвався слуга, – сталось, як ти велів, і місця є ще. Сказав пан до слуги: Піди на шляхи та огорожі й наполягай увійти, щоб дім мій наповнився. Кажу бо вам: Ніхто з отих запрошених не покуштує моєї вечері.”

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1).

В пам’ять вічну буде праведник,* злих слухів не убоїться (Пс 111,6-7).

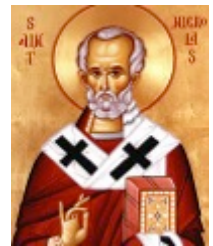
Алилуя (х3).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“Holiness is not the luxury of a few people, but a simple duty for you and me.”

of Calcutta

Blessed Teresa



St. Nicholas was born in Asia Minor of eminent and wealthy parents. Upon the death of his parents, he distributed all his inherited property to the poor and devoted himself to acts of mercy, providing dowry for young women, etc. As Bishop of Myra, Nicholas attended the First Ecumenical Council. He died on Dec. 6th, 343.



Please Pray for health of ... Shirley C., Andriy H., Sandra Sh., Cory R., Sofia B., Verna H., Mike W., Anne B., Walter G., Patricia U., Sophie S., 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.

Pre-Christmas Dinner — with parishioners of Holy Resurrection Parish in Penticton will take place today **Saturday, Dec. 5th** after the Div. Lit. at 4:00 p.m.

Вічная Память! Eternal Memory! — we express our sincerest sympathy to Rose Ostapowich and her family who mourn the death of their beloved **Martin Ostapowich** who died last Monday, Nov. 30th. May his soul rest in peace.

We would like to thank - Mr. Peter Sahaluk for his very generous donation of a china cabinet to our parish residence. May God bless & reward you.



We would like to express our gratitude - to **Dr. Nadiya Popil** for all her work involved in preparation for our Holodomor commemoration last Sunday, Nov. 29th, 2015.

fundraising game. We raised \$172.25 for the St. Nicholas Day celebration.

Thank you – to everyone for your very hard work of preparing for and running our **Pre-Christmas Food Sale. God bless you all!**

Our Gratitude – to Mrs. Marika Martin for her great generosity with donating work and cost of our new altar linens. May God reward and bless you & your family generously.



2015 Nominating Committee — we are now beginning our preparation for the election of the new Parish Council for the year 2016. The following parishioners will be part of the Nominating Committee: **Mr. Lawrence Syrnyk, Mr. Victor Ukrainetz, Mr. Andriy Tomashevskyy & Fr. Andrzej.**



Reconciliation Services & St. Philip's Fast Parish Mission - will take place on **Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13, 2015.** On Saturday, Dec. 12th, at **10:00 a.m.** the mission will be celebrated in Ukrainian with **Fr. Stepan Dovhoshyia** from New Westminster and on Sunday, Dec. 13th at 9:00 a.m. – in English with **Fr. Andre Lalach** from Saskatoon, SK. There will be one bilingual Divine Liturgy on that day.

Children's Catechism – will continue next **Sunday, December 13th.**



Flowers for church Christmas decoration - we will be collecting money for flowers this coming **Saturday, Dec 12th and Sunday, Dec 13th.** Thank you for your support.

Church Decoration for Christmas – will take place on **Saturday Dec. 19 @ 9:30 am.** Please come and help.

Dormition Parish Council Monthly Meeting — will take place on **Monday, Dec. 14th, 2015** in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice –in preparation for our Christmas services we will be holding our choir practices on Tuesdays. The next practice is to take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 15th at 6:00 p.m.**

2015 St. Nicholas Day Celebration – will take place on **Sunday, Dec. 20th**. There will be one bilingual Divine Liturgy on that day.



“Christmas Candle” - “Різдвяна свічка” - as part of a global fundraising program sponsored by Caritas, our parish makes available for sale special Christmas Candles. The Funds collected from this fundraiser will be used entirely to help needy, disadvantaged, disabled and orphaned children in Ukraine. Suggested donation for a candle: \$5.00.

Bible Study – The Bible Timeline - will continue after the New Year.

New Parish Website — to access information about our parish please visit: www.kelowna.nweparchy.ca You can also use the previous parish website www.dormition.ca to access the same site.

Dormition Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Nov. 29th - \$587.00.

Special Petition – *“We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop’s initiatives and programmes, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.”*



2015-16 Christmas/ Theophany Season Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 20th - *Sunday before Nativity / Неділя перед Різдвом (“St. Nicholas Day”)*

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukr./Eng.)

Thursday, Dec. 24th - *CHRISTMAS EVE / НАВЕЧЕРІЯ РІЗДВА*

Penticton **3:00 p.m.** Divine Liturgy

Kelowna **8:00 p.m.** - Great Compline with Litiya

9:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom & Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil

Friday, Dec. 25th - *NATIVITY OF OUR LORD / РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ*

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukr./Eng.) & Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil

Saturday, Dec. 26th - *Synaxis of the BVM / Собор Богородиці*

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukr./Eng.)

Penticton 4:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Dec 27th - Sunday after Christmas - Неділя після Різдва & First Martyr Stephen / Первомученика Стефана

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukr./Eng.)

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Friday, Jan. 1st - The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ - Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia - New Year

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great - Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil

Saturday, Jan. 2nd - Sunday before Theophany

Penticton 4:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Jan. 3rd, 2016 - Sunday before Theophany

10:00 a.m. – Div. Lit. (Ukr./Eng.) After the Service - **Parish Christmas Dinner**

Tuesday, Jan. 5th - EVE OF THE THEOPHANY -

6:00 p.m. - Great Compline with Litiya - GREAT SANCTIFICATION OF WATER

After the Service - Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil

Wednesday, Jan. 6th - FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY / БОГОЯВЛІННЯ (ЙОРДАН)

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukr./Eng.)

Thursday, Jan. 7th - РІЗДВО ГОСПОДА НАШОГО ІСУСА ХРИСТА (Nativity - Julian calendar)

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

Saturday, Jan. 9th - Sunday after Theophany

Penticton 4:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Jan. 10 - Sunday after Theophany

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (English)

11:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

Laudato Si' by Pope Francis (continuation) –

Practical relativism

122. A misguided anthropocentrism leads to a misguided lifestyle. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I noted that the practical relativism typical of our age is “even more dangerous than doctrinal relativism”.^[99] When human beings place themselves at the centre, they give absolute priority to immediate convenience and all else becomes relative. Hence we should not be surprised to find, in conjunction with the omnipresent technocratic paradigm and the cult of unlimited human power, the rise of a relativism which sees everything as irrelevant unless it serves one’s own immediate interests. There is a logic in all this whereby different attitudes can feed on one another, leading to environmental degradation and social decay.

123. The culture of relativism is the same disorder which drives one person to take advantage of another, to treat others as mere objects, imposing forced labour on them or enslaving them to pay their debts. The same kind of thinking leads to the sexual exploitation of children and abandonment of the elderly who no longer serve our interests. It is also the mindset of those who say: Let us allow the invisible forces of the market to regulate the economy, and consider their impact on society and nature as collateral damage. In the absence of objective truths or sound principles other than the satisfaction of our own desires and immediate needs, what limits can be placed on human trafficking, organized crime, the drug trade, commerce in blood diamonds and the fur of endangered species? Is it not the same relativistic logic which justifies buying the organs of the poor for resale or use in experimentation, or eliminating children because they are not what their parents wanted? This same “use and throw away” logic generates so much waste, because of the disordered desire to consume more than what is really necessary. We should not think that political efforts or the force of law will be sufficient to prevent actions which affect the environment because, when the culture itself is corrupt and objective truth and universally valid principles are no longer upheld, then laws can only be seen as arbitrary impositions or obstacles to be avoided.



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. *****