

# 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

## 27-а Неділя по Зісланні Св.

### Духа.

**Our Father Among the Saints Gregory the Decapolite** – Gregory was born in Isaurian Decapolis of devout Christian parents. He was a great defender of the icons. He died on Nov. 20, 842.

**Commemoration of Blessed Josaphata Hordashevska, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (+1919).**

*Fore-feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple. [St. Philip's Fast –Полунівка]*

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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### *Daily Divine Liturgies this week*

**Monday, Nov. 21 \*\*\* Feast of the Entrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the Temple** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all parishioners



**Tuesday, Nov. 22 \*\*\*** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Myron Glowa

**Wednesday, Nov. 23 \*\*** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: Special Int.

**Friday, Nov. 25 \*\*\*** 9:00 a.m. *Moleben to the Emmanuel*

**Saturday, Nov. 26 \*\* 4:00 p.m.** Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all parishioners (Sunday Div. Lit.)

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*Epistle: A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (6:10-17):*



Brothers and Sisters, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

*Gospel: Luke 13:10-17*

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*The Six Precepts of the Church:*

1. *To worship God with the Church every Sunday, and on all holy days of obligation, participating in the Divine Liturgy and abstaining from hard work.*
2. *To fast and practice abstinence on the days appointed by the Church.*
3. *At least once a year, to confess one's sins in the Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession), and to receive Holy Communion during the Paschal season.*
4. *Not to hold weddings or dances during prohibited times.*
5. *To shun immoral publications and internet sites; and to not distribute them, including electronic media.*
6. *To help the Church in her material needs according to one's ability.*

*Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church - "Christ Our Pascha"*



**Please Pray for health of ...** William Sh., Pat S., Lily-Ann S., Kathleen B., Mary D., Nick L., Pauline P., Ray S., Nick K., Helen H., Cameron V., Rose O., Roman D., Bonny H., Ric B., Shirley C., Sofia B., Peter D., Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Yvette U., Peter S., 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, as well as if you would like a name removed from the list.

**A warm welcome** - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed week!

**Thank you to all our Volunteers** – **Дякуємо** – our thanks to everyone who helped with perogy making yesterday and also in all other ways this past week in preparation for our Christmas Food Sale and all the work on the church premises. May God continue to bless you all for your hard work.



**"A Quick Journey Through the Bible"** – presentation of the 1<sup>st</sup> of 7 short sessions on our Scriptures will take place today, Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> after 1<sup>st</sup> Div. Lit.

**Volunteers for Sunday Coffee Clean-ups** – Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>: Irene P.

Please continue putting your name on the calendar posted in the church hall. Thank you to everyone who is willing to help with this project. God bless you.

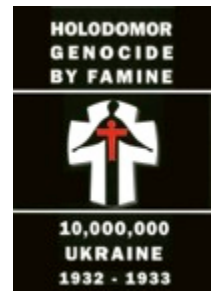
**Dormition Parish Council Meeting** – will take place tomorrow, Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

**“Epic” - the early Church history – Adult Catechism** - will continue this coming Friday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join us!

**Next Sunday, Nov. 27 we will celebrate one bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.**

**Children’s Catechism Program** – will continue next Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**National Holodomor Awareness Week** – November 21-27, 2016 – will mark the 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Holodomor – Famine Genocide of 1932-33. At our parish we will celebrate a special Panakhida service next Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. Also the faithful are encouraged to take a moment of silence on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> at 19:32 (7:32 p.m.), when we will honor the memory of the victims. Additionally, we may light a candle of remembrance at home.



**2016 Grey Cup Game gathering** – will take place next **Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**. As in previous years, our Brother Knights of Columbus are organizing this parish social event. The main meal for the gathering will be chili on the bun prepared by Brother Knights. All those planning to attend please bring salad or goodies. There will be a sign up list to let us know what kind of dish you are bringing. We will be gathering around 3:00 p.m.

**Parish Social Gathering** – it was suggested at our Post-Sobor meeting on Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> that we have a social event for our seniors on a weekday. In response that that request, we are looking for your suggestions as to the format for such a gathering. Please place your suggestions in the box provided at the church entrance.



**Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting - for St. Pius X Parish Council # 7359**– meeting will take place on **Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** at Columbus Villa at 7:30 p.m..

**Next Parish Fundraiser – pre-Christmas Food Sale** – will take place on **Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** (pre-sale) & **Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** (sale). In preparation for this event we will make perogies on **Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** & cabbage rolls on **Friday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870.

**Sausage on Sale** – we would like to let you know that we still have some sausage for sale at \$8.00 per ring.

**Parish Photo Album** – are you a person who enjoys scrapbooking? We are looking for a parishioner who would like to keep our parish events up-dated. For more details, please talk to Mrs. Marika Cacchioni (250-765-3419).

**Reconciliation Services & St. Philip's Fast Parish Mission** - will take place on place on **Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4, 2016**. Our guest priest will be **Fr. Pavlo Myts**, Administrator of the Holy Trinity parish in Kamloops. There will be one bilingual Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.



**ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET – Saturday, Nov. 26, 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** - Gather your friends and family for a Saturday of shopping, refreshments and friendship.

Introducing the St. Joseph Elementary Christmas Market starting 10:00 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> in the new school – this year featuring more space for vendors, more room for shoppers!

Admission is by way of donation of a non-perishable food item, for St. Vincent de Paul, at the door. A concession offering light lunch and refreshments will be available.

Table rental for vendors is \$35 (8' table provided) or \$40 for vendors supplying their own additional display tables or racks. We are kindly requesting vendors also donate a door prize. Special vendor requests (AC power service) by way of first come, first serve, so please sign-up soon!

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the SJE Christmas Market, please contact Ashley Pereira at [ashleypereira3@gmail.com](mailto:ashleypereira3@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!!

**Our websites & email:** [www.dormition.ca](http://www.dormition.ca) or [www.kelowna.nweparchy.ca](http://www.kelowna.nweparchy.ca); [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca) Email: [fr.wasylanko@gmail.com](mailto:fr.wasylanko@gmail.com)

**Merciful Like the Father – Dormition Parish Social Project** – the 2016 “Coffee” proceeds is designated for the support of St. Joseph's new school building fundraising campaign. On Sunday Nov. 13 we collected \$ 52.30. Thank you for your support.



**Food Bank Donations** – as a parish we collect non-perishable food items all year round for those in need. Christmas is not too far off now and the food bank will be getting low, especially in the next few weeks. Please give generously and place your items in the box located at the church entrance. We all tend to have superfluous items in our pantries and if each family gave at least one item per week, what a full box we would have for those less fortunate! Let us be mindful that we have been blessed with so much and by helping others, we are ministering to Christ Himself.

**Sunday Divine Liturgies** – our present regular Sunday schedule consists of three Divine Liturgies: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (English) and Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Ukrainian). If there is a special event taking place, for example Praznyks at other parishes, there will be only one bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**Dormition Parish Stewardship:** Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - \$920.05.

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

**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. \*\*\*\**

**BLESSED JOSAPHATA HORDASHEVSKA**

Michaelina Hordashevskaja was born on November 20, 1869, in Lviv, Ukraine. In 1888, at 19 years of age, she took part in a spiritual retreat, directed by Fr. Jeremiah Lomnytskyj, OSBM, and, feeling called to offer her life to God, sought his direction

privately. With his permission, she made a private vow of chastity for one year, in May of 1889, which she renewed in May of 1890, and then for three years in 1891. By that time, Fr. Jeremiah had also asked if she would consider being the first member of a new congregation of active religious women, which he had arranged to found with Fr. Kyrylo Seletskyj, pastor of the village of Zhuzhel.

On June 17, 1892, Fr. Jeremiah sent her to the Polish Felician Sisters in Zhovkva to experience life in an active religious community. The Felicians would have liked for her to enter their community, but Michaelina knew that belonging to a Polish community would distance her from her Ukrainian people, wounded by political oppression. On August 22 of that year, she returned to Lviv and designed and sewed her own habit, which distinguished this new community as unique.

On August 24, she was officially vested in this new habit, and received the religious name, Josaphata, after the great Ukrainian martyr for unity, St. Josaphat Kuntsevych. She then left for Zhuzhel, where she met seven girls who were to join her in this fledgling community, she as a novice, and they as postulants. On August 27, 1892, the newly-founded congregation of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate was inaugurated in the church in Zhuzhel, and Sister Josaphata was appointed Superior and formation directress. Over her whole religious life, she initiated the educational and health care ministries and oversaw the opening of many new missions, but not without trials. After the initial few years, it became apparent that the two founding priests had different visions for this congregation. Sr. Josaphata was often caught in the middle, defending her Sisters from works that were not in the spirit of their initial mandate.

By 1902, the Congregation numbered 128 Sisters in 26 homes across western Ukraine. They had their first General Chapter on August 26 of that year, at which Sr. Josaphata was elected Superior General, with Fr. Lomnytskyj ceding his position as Commissary/ Procurator of the Congregation. Internal divisions within the congregation led her to resign her position, in a letter to Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytskyj. Under the new Superior General he had appointed, she and her sister, Sr. Arsenia Hordashevskva, were denied permission to pronounce perpetual vows for two consecutive years, and Sr. Josaphata was sent to the most difficult missions.

Without perpetual vows, she was not permitted to participate in the second General Chapter, according to the Constitution of that time. That Chapter saw her elected General Vicarress in absentia, and the delegates petitioned the Metropolitan for permission for her to pronounce her vows. Permission was granted, and the following day, May 11, 1909, she pronounced her perpetual vows and became the new General Vicarress, as elected by the Chapter. Three years later, she began to suffer from tuberculosis of the bone. On March 16, 1919, she predicted that she would die on April 7, the Feast of the Annunciation, on the Julian calendar. She died on that day, as she predicted.

In November 1982 the mortal remains of Sister Josaphata were transferred from the cemetery in Krystynopil, Ukraine, to the Generalate in Rome. Her mortal remains were placed in an urn, which rests now in a small altar in the chapel in the Generalate. Hundreds of visitors to the Generalate have sought her intercession for their temporal and spiritual needs. The Generalate has received numerous testimonials of special graces received through her intercession. The Process of Canonization of the Servant of God Josaphata Hordashevska was initiated in the Eparchy of Przemysl in Poland in March, 1992. Present were Sister Frances Byblow, then Superior General of the Sisters Servants, and Sister Dominica Slawuta, who became the postulator, and later, wrote a biography of Sister Josaphata, "Prayer and Service", which was published in Canada in 1996. It is available in English, Ukrainian, Spanish, and now also in Slovak.

On April 6, 1998, Pope John Paul II read the decree proclaiming the heroic virtues of the **Servant of God** Josaphata Hordashevska, co-foundress of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, and granted her the title of **Venerable**. On April 24, 2001, in the Clementine Hall at the Vatican at 11:00 am, the decree **recognizing a miracle** through the intercession of Venerable Sister Josaphata Horashevska was promulgated. Sister Josaphata was beatified, proclaimed **Blessed**, by Pope John Paul II on June 27, 2001, during his pastoral visit to Lviv, Ukraine, the place of her birth. Over a million witnessed this long-awaited event! Her first class relics -- a portion of her bone - may be venerated in the chapel at the Provincial Home of the Sisters Servants in Toronto.



Blessed Josaphata's Feast Day has been officially assigned as November 20, the day of her birth, rather than April 7, the day of her passing, since the latter was already a major Feast of the Mother of God, Annunciation, on the Julian Calendar. As well, Sisters Servants across the world celebrate smaller "Josaphata Days" on the 7th of every month, a practice begun in anticipation of her beatification.

### **The Head of UGCC concluded the Year of God's mercy**

***Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Sviatoslav summed up the Jubilee Year of God's mercy, which will end on November 20, 2016.***

In an interview for Vatican Radio, the Head of the Church said that this Year of God's mercy for our Church, especially in Ukraine, was extremely necessary and useful. "On the one hand," said the Head of UGCC, "for Ukraine, this year was a year of great pain because Ukraine continues to live in a state of war. We had a large number of victims, the wounded, the number of immigrants again. We observe a new wave of emigration from Ukraine ... as well as some deterioration of social status. And during the pain and suffering of the Holy Father, the Jubilee Year of God's mercy was proclaimed. It was really a great healing to the wound, which is now Ukraine, on his body. "

"If we talk about the dynamics of the Year experienced in our Church, I think we experienced it rather well," - said Sviatoslav. He said that at the Synod of Bishops the committee to coordinate the various events of the Year was established. "Bishop Bohdan Dziurakh, the secretary of the Synod, was appointed head of the organizing committee, who, I believe is tremendous for this job. Our Church in Ukraine and around the world joined in the experience of God's Year of Mercy. Additionally, the symbol of the Ukrainian way of experiencing God's mercy, is the figure of the Virgin Mary, especially in her icon "The Mercy Door", " he said.

According to him, this was a special year of social service in our Church. "On the one hand, we were preparing for the Synod of Bishops of the Church, which was the central theme of diakonia. In preparation for the Synod, several interesting events took place, in particular the congress organizations, communities and structures of the Church engaged in social service. It is the first time that we saw how much our Church does ..." - said the Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

"On the other hand", he continued, "we had a good example - the Holy Father declared special papal action to help victims of war in Ukraine entitled "Pope for Ukraine"." (As a result, the action has raised over 10 million euros. - Ed.).

"At the Synod of Bishops, we not only heard about the theme of social service and set up appropriate structures to coordinate this service, but we also said that each person should do charitable works, because this is part of living the faith," continued the Patriarch.

"This year saw a lot of traditional pilgrimages, including the closing of the Year of Mercy... I can say that hundreds of thousands of people attended these ceremonies, especially devout priests who served as confessors, missionaries of God's mercy. There were many people to confess, and the sacrament of reconciliation is exactly where we receive God's mercy, which we feel and experience personally through the absolution and remission of our sins via sacramental absolution from the hands and the prayers of the priest. "

The Head of the Church said that the experience of the Year of God's mercy in Ukraine has a particular feel, seen especially in the spiritual questions arising amongst church leaders in regards to unity between the Churches of Volodymyr's baptism. He said that currently the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity is taking place, the theme of which is "Unity of Christians, the Model of full Communion". And so far we have no single answer to the question of full communion. We are constantly searching. The content of our search in Ukraine and the universal level is to find works of the Holy Spirit, which is the source of unity. It does not come from outside, does not come from man. Unity is a gift from God. But we have to accept this gift, understand it and implement it in our lives, " he adds.

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**+Ken (Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster)**

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