



1st Sunday of the Great
Fast; Sunday of Orthodoxy
**1-а Неділя Посту;
Неділя православія.**

The Holy Martyr Canon of Isauria – he suffered for Christ under Emperor Decius (249).

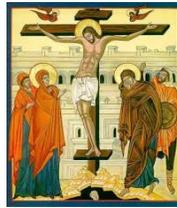
Sunday, March 5th, 2017

Daily Liturgical Services

Wednesday, March 8 * Lenten Service**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 10 * 3:30 p.m. Liturgy
of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts**



Saturday, March 11 * 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: 2nd All
Souls Prayer Service**

Saturday, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 4:00 p.m. - Penticton***

Sunday, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 *** 9:00 a.m. - Kelowna

11:30 a.m. - Vernon

Troparion, Tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life.* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

Troparion, Tone 2: We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,* and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:* by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,* He suffused it with the beauty of God.* Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word,* we portray it in images.

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

verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us. (Daniel 3:26,27)

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40; 12:1-2

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though

they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia, Tone 4 - Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

verse: They called on the Lord, and He heard them. (Psalm 98:6)



Gospel: John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Hymn to the Mother of God

In you, Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices: the world of angels and the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, boast of virgins, God took flesh from you and became a Child. He was God before the ages. He made your womb a throne, and made it more encompassing than the heavens. In You, Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

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

Verses: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 32:1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“Force yourself, if necessary, always to forgive those who offend you, from the very first moment. For the greatest injury or offense you can suffer from them is nothing compared to what God has forgiven you.” St. Josemaria Escriva

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



Please Pray for health of ... Ivan L., Steven P., William Sh., Fr. Edward E., Neville D., Myron S., Dianne L., Pat S., Lily-Ann S., Kathleen B., Mary D., Nick L., Pauline P., Ray S., 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.

Thank you – everyone for coming to help with preparing red beets for our Easter Food sale and for all the other voluntary work done at the church premises. May God richly bless you all!



Children's Catechism – will take place today after the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

Fr. Andrzej's New Liturgical Schedule – until further notice, there is going to be one bilingual Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Also each weekend Fr. Andrzej will have the Divine Liturgy in Penticton on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and in Vernon on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Liturgical Services During Lent – traditionally, during Lent, we do not celebrate a regular Divine Liturgy during the weekdays. This is due to the penitential nature of Lent, versus the joyous Easter nature of our regular Divine Liturgy. To accommodate this reality, our Church, many centuries ago, instituted the Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts - a combination of Vespers (evening Prayers) combined with a Liturgy where the Bread has been “Pre-consecrated” at the previous Sunday's Liturgy.

Volunteers for Sunday Coffee Clean-ups – Please continue putting your name on the calendar posted in the church hall. Thank you to everyone who is willing to help out. God bless you.

Clergy Conference Call – will take place this coming Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

All Souls Saturday (Задумні Суботу) – our prayers for our beloved deceased ones will continue on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of the Great Fast (**Saturdays March 11, 18 & Friday, March 24th.**)

Daylight Saving Time begins – next Sunday, March 12, 2017 - when local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 12, 2017, **2:00 a.m.** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to **3:00 a.m.** local daylight time instead.



Next Knights of Columbus Round Table meeting - will take place on **Wed., March 15th** at 6:30 p.m.

Taras Shevchenko – a special celebration to honour our great Ukrainian poet, Taras Shevchenko will take place on **Sunday, March 19th** after the Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m.

2017 Lenten Collection for Ukraine – will take place on **Sundays, March 19 & 26.** Please use envelopes with special inserts for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Council Meeting – will take place on **Monday, March 20th** at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Food Bank & Shoe Bank Canada Donations – the food bank and shoe bank need donations year round. On your way to church, bring a non-perishable item from your pantry. If you have shoes you no longer need, please consider donating them also. The food bank box is located in the church entrance and the shoe box is in the hall corridor. Thank you for your generosity.

English Edition of the Catechism “Christ—Our Pascha” – The Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church has now been published and is available for purchase. In our parish you can buy a copy for \$25 CAD. There are still a few copies left. Please contact Fr. Andrzej.

Announcements from St. Joseph’s Elementary School:

Registration for the 2017/2018 school year has begun. Applications are available on the school website at www.stjosephkelowna.ca or through the office [250-763-3371](tel:250-763-3371).

Due to the popularity of our first Ready, Set, Learn event we will be holding a second session in March. Please contact the school to register.

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."

Vibrant Parish Appeal – please continue to support this very important and ongoing project that is happening in our Eparchy.

Our websites & email: www.dormition.ca or www.kelowna.nweparchy.ca; www.nweparchy.ca Email: fr.wasylinko@gmail.com

Dormition Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Feb. 26th - \$820; candles - \$

Holy Resurrection's Parish Stewardship: Sat., Feb.18th - \$ 216.00;
Sat., Feb.25 - \$206.00



It is with great joy the Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to the ordination of Deacon Mykhailo Ozorovych to the priesthood!

On Saturday April 8th at 2:00 pm, Deacon Mykhailo will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ken during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster.

On Palm Sunday April 9th at 10:00 am, newly ordained Father Mykhailo will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster.

The ordination and first Divine Liturgy banquet-reception will be held in the Cathedral hall immediately following the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Tickets for the Reception (on Palm Sunday) are only \$15.00 per person. Free for those under 15 years - but they still must obtain a (free) ticket - important to ensure sufficient food. For tickets, please contact Deacon Mykhailo at: [604 524 8824](tel:6045248824) or mykhailo.oz@gmail.com

The deadline to obtain banquet tickets is Sunday 2 April.

Vibrant Parish Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it

might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



Lenten Scriptural Readings for this week

Monday: Genesis 3:21-4:7; Proverbs 3:34-4:22 & Isaiah 4:2-5:7

Tuesday: Genesis 4:8-15; Proverbs 5:1-15 & Isaiah 5:7-16

Wednesday: Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15-6:3 & Isaiah 5:16-25

Thursday: Genesis 5:1-24; Proverbs 6:3-20 & Isaiah 6:1-12

Friday: Genesis 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1 & Isaiah 7:1-14



**Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster**

To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy, Religious
and Lay-Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster

23 February 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just over a month ago our Eparchy hosted Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC, Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who gave presentations in our parishes about the life and legacy of this amazing Saint who was convinced that there is no substitution for active love. Throughout the Gospels Jesus Christ invites us to love Him

through our neighbors. In the Gospel of Matthew when speaking about works of mercy Jesus says “You did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). This means that when we perform an act of mercy, do something good or just smile and show compassion to those near us we are not merely doing it for Christ’s sake but in a mystical way we are doing it to Him. Saint Mother Teresa who lived out this mystery every day by serving others is a great example for us and a source of inspiration.

Two Sundays ago we heard the Gospel about the Last Judgment. As Christians we believe in inevitability of the Judgment day but sometimes we forget the criteria by which the righteous will be distinguished from the wicked on that day. The only canon of judgement mentioned in the Gospel is active love towards our neighbors with whom Jesus has self-identified. Saint Mother Teresa has put it very simply, “When we die, and go home to God, for death is nothing else but going home to God, He will judge us on what we have been to each other, how we have loved each other.”

Each year our Eparchy along with all the other Ukrainian Catholic Eparchies in North America receives requests from our Church in Ukraine for financial assistance for very worthy causes and endeavors in Ukraine. As has been our Eparchial custom for the last few years, during the Great Fast/Lent we take time to remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine who are in need and through our donations we show that we stand in solidarity with them.

In his 1st Letter, apostle John reminds the early Christian church that if anyone has the world’s goods and sees their brother or sister in need yet closes their heart against them, how does God’s life abide in them?

While there are no doubt many worthy causes to donate our funds to in Ukraine, our Eparchy has identified the following beneficiaries for our donations:

- **Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv.** This is the only Ukrainian Catholic University in Ukraine. It is pivotal to the future needs of the leaders of Ukrainian society. Today more than ever, we need to support free and honest educational endeavours in Ukraine and certainly, the Ukrainian Catholic University is worthy of our support.
- **Caritas Ukraine.** Caritas Ukraine continues to be the main charities organization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine providing social care to the needy of Ukraine in the area of humanitarian aid, clothing distribution, street children’s assistance programs, HIV & AIDS programs, anti-trafficking in people programs, emergency aid, home-care programs and much more. Since the Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine and the invasion of Ukraine’s Eastern territories almost two million people have been internally displaced. Caritas Ukraine along with partner organizations is attempting to meet the challenges this has brought to Ukrainian society by providing housing, meals, and rehabilitation to these families.

- **Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv.** The building project is ongoing and the interior artwork still needs a lot of work. This Cathedral is meant to be not just for our Ukrainian Catholics in Kyiv, but indeed the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for all of us.
- **Andrew's Pence.** The Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, our Patriarch has many requests for financial support from our Ukrainian Catholic communities of faithful in the poorest areas of Eastern Europe and in the East, in places like Kazakhstan, Siberia, etc. These communities are often located in areas where the local or national governments are not at all supportive. They rely heavily on assistance from their sisters and brothers in the other areas where our Church faithful live, like right here in British Columbia. Our donations to Andrew's Pence assist the Patriarch in providing financial support for these far away and often desolate communities.
- **Synod Administration Fund.** Each Eparchy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout the world is asked to assist in the administrative and operational costs of the Synodal Offices in Kyiv. As members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church our Eparchy is assessed a sum of around \$10,000 annually. Your contributions will assist us in our Synodal Administrative Fund assessment.

In order to assist you in deciding to how much you are able to donate to these worthy causes I have let you know something about them and what your donations will help with. The envelopes provided allow you to indicate the amount as well as to which fund(s) you would like your donation to be given to.

If you would like to receive a tax receipt for your donation, please make the cheque payable to your own parish (ie: Holy Eucharist Cathedral, or St. Nicholas Parish) and a tax receipt will be issued to you directly from your parish. Your parish treasurer will then send a cheque made out to the Eparchy of New Westminster for the total amount collected and indicate the amounts and to whom the collected amount is to be given to. The Eparchy will then add together the amounts collected from each parish and to whom/which organization the donation is to be given to.

I completely endorse and recommend to you dear Sisters and Brothers the organizations listed above in this letter. They are truly worthy causes and those in charge will use wisely our donations. Along with your donations, I would ask for your prayerful support of those who work in the service of our Church in Ukraine, bringing the Good News of Our Lord's love and salvation to them. So, Dearly Beloved in Christ, if you can find it in your heart and bank accounts to make a donation, please do so. May the blessing of Our Lord be upon you for your generosity.

I am designating the Sundays of March 19th and 26th of the Great Fast (Lent) for our Eparchial Collection in favour of the needs of our Church in Ukraine. I would ask that this letter along with special envelopes be distributed to our Faithful in our parish bulletins on

Sundays March 5th and 12th so that they may prepare themselves for the donation. If for good reason they will be absent from the Divine Liturgy on March 19th and 26th they can make their contribution either prior to the general collection date or by the end of the Great Fast (Lent).

I would like to ask that our parishes provide the funds collected noting the amounts for the various projects be sent to our office no later than Saturday 29 April so that we can send these funds to the appropriate organizations by the first week of May of this year.

I am uniting my prayers with those of yours in our journey through the Great Fast (Lent) to the joyful celebration of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



+Ken

Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster

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. ******

SHARE YOUR HEART



EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER VIBRANT PARISH APPEAL



"... We need your urgent and immediate support to guarantee the viability of our Eparchy for future generations of your children and grandchildren. We want to ensure the survival of pastoral services including the celebration of the sacraments in the Ukrainian Catholic tradition, such as Divine Liturgies, Baptism, Marriages, Funerals and the great Feasts, which means so much to us..."

+Ken (Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster)

WAYS TO GIVE

- **CHEQUE**

(Please make your cheques payable to the Eparchy of New Westminster)

- **BEQUESTS**

(You have the ability to leave a legacy that will commemorate your love of God by remembering the Eparchy in your will.)

- **GIFT OF PUBLICLY TRADED STOCK**

(Please contact the Chancery office for further details on how to make a gift of stock)

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO

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