

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast;



Commemoration of St. John Climacus; 4-а Неділя Посту. Неділя Преподобного Івана Ліствичника.

Leave-taking of the Annunciation; Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel.

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

## *Daily Liturgical Services*

Monday, March , 27 \*\*\* Lenten Service 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 29 & Thursday, March 30

Vernon - funeral

Friday, March 31 \*\* 3:30 p.m. Lit. of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts



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*Saturday, March 25 \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. - Vernon*  
*Saturday, March 25 & April 1\*\*\* 4:00 p.m. - Penticton*  
*Sunday, April 2 \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. – Kelowna*  
*11:30 a.m. - Vernon*

***Troparion, Tone 4:*** When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel\* the glorious news of the resurrection\* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles.\* “Death has been plundered!\* Christ our God is risen,\* granting to the world great mercy.”

***Troparion, Tone 4:*** Today is the crown of our salvation,\* and the unfolding of the eternal mystery;\* the Son of God becomes the Virgin’s Son,\* and Gabriel brings the good tidings of grace.\* With him let us also cry to the Mother of God:\* Rejoice, Full of grace! The Lord is with you.

***Troparion, Tone 4:*** Princes of the heavenly hosts,\* we, though unworthy, beg you to encircle us through your prayers\* under the shelter of the wings of your spiritual glory.\* Guard us as we come to you and sincerely cry:\* “Deliver us from dangers,\* O princes of the powers on high!”

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

***Kontakion, Tone 8:*** To You, O Mother of God,\* the invincible leader,\* we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns\* in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil.\* With your invincible power free us from all dangers\* that we may cry out to you:\* Hail, O Bride and pure Virgin!

***Prokeimenon, Tone 4*** - How great are Your works, O Lord\* You have made all things in wisdom.

***verse:*** Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 4*** - Proclaim from day to day\* the good tidings of our God’s salvation. (Psalm 95:2)

***Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20***

Brothers and Sisters, when God made a promise to Abraham, because he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, “I will surely bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Human beings, of course, swear by someone greater than themselves, and an oath given as confirmation puts an end to all dispute. In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the

curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Alleluia, Tone 4** - Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

**verse:** You have loved justice and hated iniquity. (Psalm 44:5,8) **verse:** He will descend like rain on a fleece, and like drops dripping on the earth.

**verse:** Let His name be blessed through the ages; His name exists before the sun.

**Gospel: Mark 9:17-31**



At that time, someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.” He answered them, “You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you are able! —All things can be done for the one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!” After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “This kind can come out only through prayer.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”

**Hymn to the Mother of God**

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins’ pride and boast, from whom

God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

### ***Communion Hymn***

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)\* For the Lord has chosen Sion;\* He has chosen it for His dwelling. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Psalm 131:13)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*“Some people ... put a question to me: ‘How can we who are married and living amid public cares aspire to the monastic life?’ I answered: “Do whatever good you may. Speak evil of no one. Rob no one. Tell no lie. Despise no one and carry no hate. Do not separate yourself from the church assemblies. Show compassion to the needy. Do not be a cause of scandal to anyone. Stay away from the bed of another, and be satisfied with what your own wives can provide you. If you do all this, you will not be far from the kingdom of heaven.” **Ven. John Climacus**, “The Ladder of Divine Ascent” (step 1)*

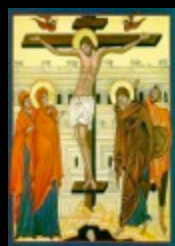
**A warm welcome** - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed week!



**Please Pray for health of ...** Volodymyr P., 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.

**Okanagan Pastoral District Welcomes Fr. Andrii Chornenkyi**



**Holy Resurrection & Dormition Parishes Lenten Mission Schedule**  
– Penticton, Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.; Kelowna, **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** in English and at **11:00 a.m.** in Ukrainian.

Our Guest Priest: **Rev. Andrii Chornenkyi**, Pastor of Holy Cross parish in Surrey.

**Многая Літа!** – very special God's blessings to anyone among our parishioners and their families who celebrated their birthday, name-day, wedding anniversary and any other special anniversary during **the month of March.**



**Thank you** – everyone for coming to help with foods for the Easter food sale and for all the other voluntary work done this past week at the church premises. May God richly bless you all!



**2017 Lenten Collection for Ukraine** – will continue today, **Sunday, March 26.** Please use envelopes with the special inserts for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**Fr. Andrzej's Liturgical Schedule** – until May 1st, there is going to be one bilingual Div. Lit. on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Also each weekend Fr. Andrzej will have the Div. Lit. in Penticton on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and in Vernon on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

**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.

**Choir Practice in Preparation for Holy Week and Easter Services**  
– will continue this coming **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm.

**No Coffee next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – due to the hall rental for the Annual Vinyl Records show. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Yard Cleanup** – Brother Knights from the Dormition Parish invites everyone to join them in our parish yard cleanup this coming **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** after 8:00 a.m.



**Special Collection for church decorations for Easter** – will take place on **Sundays, April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your support.

**Children's Catechism** – will resume on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Greeting cards** – are available for sale. Cost of a single card: \$2:00.

**Easter Food Sale** – will take place on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Food Bank & Shoe Bank Canada Donations** – Lent is a wonderful time to bring our poor brothers and sisters closer to our minds and hearts. We not only fast during Lent, but are also asked to perform works of charity. Jesus has a special spot in His Heart for the poor, and so should we! 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.

**Dormition Parish Social Project** – Our Parish Council voted that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017 coffee proceeds will go to the “Christmas Candle” project with money going to a hospice in Ivano-Frankivsk which houses orphans and provides the basic necessities, education and life skills to help them integrate into society. On Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> we collected \$ 38.25



### **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](http://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.

### **Mark your calendar \* Camp Saint Volodymyr 2017 \* August 20-27**

The purpose of camp is to provide an opportunity for youth to experience God through nature and the companionship of others. Children will experience Ukrainian language and culture during camp along with games, religious activities, hikes, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and other summer camp activities.

This marks the 34<sup>th</sup> year of our Ukrainian Catholic Summer Camp. Camp will take place in Kelowna at the OAC facility. Camp offers a wide range of activities for campers aged 7-



15 (as of December 31, 2017). Registration will be available online via Eventbrite "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2017." Early bird registration Ends July 6, 2017.

### **WAYS TO HELP \*\*\* VOLUNTEER**

Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in helping at this year's camp as a counsellor, chef, arts & crafts or cultural coordinator please contact Jennifer. Applications forms for counsellors are due May 15, 2017. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal records check and must sign the camp code of conduct.

**For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or [jennsawka@hotmail.com](mailto:jennsawka@hotmail.com).** Visit our webpage via [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca)

### **DONATE**

We are always happy to accept food donations of vegetables, fruits, cereals, and treats for children such as cakes, cookies, as well as monetary donations. Tax receipts can be issued with donations of \$25 or more.

***PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: OCTOBER 12 - 24, 2017*** - Walk in the footsteps of Jesus; an unforgettable experience with Fr. Joe Ostapowich, Sr. Angelica SSMI, brother & sister pilgrims.

***For details and price call Myrna Arychuk at [604 - 617 - 7200](tel:604-617-7200)***

**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.wasylinko@gmail.com](mailto:fr.wasylinko@gmail.com)

**Dormition Parish Stewardship:** Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - \$736.45 (including \$210 for Ukraine)



*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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

***To be accepted into Heaven, we must have more than a lukewarm faith  
by Msgr. Pedro Lopez-Gallo***

Jesus said to the crowds and his disciples: “The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do since they do not practise what they preach. Their words are bold but their deeds are few ... woe to you scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites” (Mt. 23:1-3).

Pope Francis applied this teaching of Jesus to Catholics who lead a double life, calling them hypocrites in his homily on Feb. 16 during Mass at his residence, Domus Sanctae Marthae.

Hypocrisy is a false claim to be virtuous and to pretend to be what one is not. To be clear, Francis did not hesitate to give blatant examples of these faithful who say one thing and do another. They lead a double life and say: “I am very Catholic; I always



go to Mass ... I belong to my parish associations,” but these hypocritical people do not pay their workers a just wage, exploit people, do dirty business, launder money, and scandalize others.

Then Francis envisaged one such person arriving at the gates of heaven and asking God: “God, don’t you remember me? I went to church. I was close to you. Don’t you remember all the offerings I gave?” To which Francis replied, taking God’s voice: “Yes, I remember that you did dirty business, you stole from the poor. I don’t know you.” Sternly, the Pope continued: “It is better to be an atheist than to be a Catholic like that!”

Pope Francis wants his faithful Catholics to be trustworthy and genuinely holy, pure and sincerely spiritual, not displaying false piety, phoniness and pharisaic hypocrisy. He wants that we be more attentive to the wishes of our Redeemer who saved us through his Passion and death.

In this precious time of Lent, we should take advantage of fasting and abstinence to reconcile our Christianity and aspire to the sanctity of our redemption. As a loving custodian, He continues to protect those who abide with Him: “I pray for them. I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you, Father” (Jn.17:10-12).

Pope Francis is trying to implement this in our Catholic Church, conscious of the sacrifices Jesus assumed through his passion and death, so that our spiritual life becomes more efficient and perfect. But the social compromises, the negligence in worshipping him, and the lukewarm service we offer him impede a fuller attachment to our religious devotion.

This lack of interest is clearly manifested in the decrease in religious practice. Youth especially are abandoning Sunday Mass, and still worse, they are losing the sense of sin. Living together in common law, they do not hesitate to receive Communion if, occasionally, they are present at a wedding or a funeral Mass.

But why has Francis selected being an atheist as better than a hypocritical Catholic? There is a lot of confusion surrounding the Greek word “atheism,” which means “without God.” The term was originally used in Greece for all those who, whether they believed in God or not, did not believe in the official gods of the state. Of such men, Socrates was the classic instance.

In the Roman Empire, the term was applied in a similar sense to Christians by the pagans, but sometimes Christians like St. Polycarp would turn the term against their persecutors.

Modern atheism is usually seen by its adherents as a way of safeguarding an affirmation of human freedom and creativity, and man’s ability to control his own

destiny. The dialectical materialism of Marxism is a case in point, but the same concerns can be detected in secular existentialism, which is usually atheistic, as in the philosophy of Martin Heidegger.

The frustration that Pope Francis experiences is only natural when he looks at St. Peter's Basilica and sees that the confessionals are empty. The picture of the Pope hearing confession went viral around the world, and he himself has travelled far abroad in an attempt to reach out and unite a million people, but many in the crowds who greeted him will not go to their parish for Sunday Mass.

Therefore, we need to fulfill what the fathers of the Second Vatican Council pondered in *Gaudium et Spes*, The Constitution of the Church in the Modern World: "Unless God enters into our understanding of the purpose of each person, that person remains an unanswered question. Man longs to escape from his sinfulness, but, finding himself powerless and lost, he allows himself to be found by his heavenly Father who sent his Son to seek that which was lost."



### ***Lenten Scriptural Readings for this week***

**Monday:** Genesis 13:12-18; Proverbs 14:27-15:4; Isaiah 37:33-38:6

**Tuesday:** Genesis 15:1-15 Proverbs 15:7-19 & Isaiah 40:18-31

**Wed.,:** Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9 & Isaiah 41:4-14

**Thurs.,:** Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17-17:17 & Isaiah 42:5-16

**Friday:** Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5 & Isaiah 45:11-17



## **DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD PARISH**

### **Holy Week & Easter Celebrations**

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - PALM SUNDAY / Квітна Неділя**

**9:00 AM** - Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian & English) - *After the Liturgy - blessing of pussy willows*

**Holy Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> \*\*\* 3:30 p.m. – *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts***

**Holy Thursday, April 13 - Великий Четвер**

**7:00 PM** – Good Friday Matins (12 Gospels)

**14 April (Friday) - GOOD FRIDAY / Велика Пятниця**

**1:00 PM** – Good Friday Vespers (Plashchanycia)

**7:00 PM** – Holy Saturday Matins (Jerusalem Matins)

**Day of Strict Abstinence - No meat, dairy or poultry products.**

**Saturday, April 15 - HOLY SATURDAY / Велика Субота**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** – Personal Prayers before the Tomb & Confessions

**Sunday, April 16 - THE HOLY RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST - EASTER SUNDAY – PASCHA / Великдень**

**7:30 AM** – Paschal Procession, Easter Matins, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. After the Liturgy - blessing of Artos and blessing of Easter Baskets.

**Monday, April 17 - BRIGHT MONDAY / Світлий Понеділок**

**10:00 a.m.** – Divine Liturgy

### **HOLY RESURRECTION PARISH IN PENTICTON**

**Friday, March 25 - GOOD FRIDAY / Велика Пятниця**

**4:00 PM** – Good Friday Vespers (Plashchanycia)

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - THE HOLY RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST EASTER SUNDAY – PASCHA / Великдень**

**4:00 PM** – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.  
After the Liturgy - blessing of Easter Baskets.