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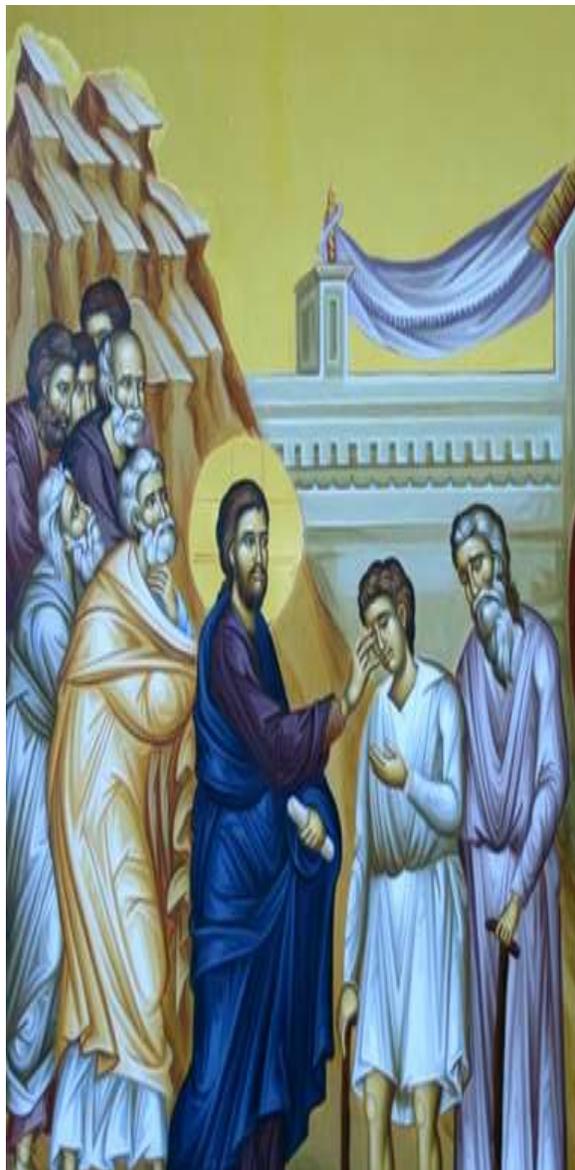
THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership,



Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit – Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav

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 Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



Today's Gospel reading tells of the healing of two blind men. Every Gospel narrative, just as every word of the Gospel, conceals immeasurable meaning. This is because the Gospel speaks of eternal and timeless truths, of the eternal truth of life in God. Today's Gospel reading likewise speaks of eternal truths that are of great importance to our everyday lives. It speaks of the love of God for man and of the love of man for God; of the fact that God never leaves us without His merciful assistance. Whatever may befall us, God will never leave us in either trouble or woe – if only we remain with Him through our faith in Him, our love for Him, and our fidelity to Him in our lives.

Let us not despair and lose heart in the darkness of sin and evil that envelops our souls. Let us not imagine that darkness, sin, and evil – and the grief that accompanies them – are our inescapable destiny. No! “*God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble*” (James 4:6). Let us endeavor to possess humility, and then God's power will certainly raise us from the lowest depressions of our fallings into sins. Let us try to acquire at least this one Christian virtue, and then we are bound to feel the wondrous action of His grace-filled energy illuminating our souls.

The Lord Jesus Christ walked the earth very long ago, healing every infirmity and disease in people, just as He healed these two blind men of the Gospel who had unwavering faith in Him. Now, too, the Lord Jesus Christ heals all who have faith in Him throughout the entire world with that same Divine power, granting them peace, true joy, and salvation. Let us believe Him, as the two blind men believed Him. Let us be faithful like them in our faith and love for Him.

“...Open the doors of your hearts and your homes to Christ, allow His Holy Spirit to transform you, purify and strengthen you in God's love!”

– Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk “*The Vibrant Parish*”

“...Відчиніть двері своїх душ і домівок Христові, дозвольте Його Святому Духові вас перемінити, очистити і скріпити Божою любов'ю!”

– Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука “*Жива Парафія*”

Christian Greetings:

Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever!

Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky!

Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віку!

Christ is among us! – He is and will be!

Liturgical Propers:

Troparion (Tone 6): Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

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

Kontakion (Tone 6): With his life-giving hand Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon humanity. He is for all the Saviour, the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Prokimenon (Tone 6): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance (Ps 27:9).

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence (Ps 27:1).

Prokimenon (Tone 3): Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing (Ps 46:7).

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans: (Romans 15:1-7)

Brethren, we who are strong in faith should be patient with the scruples of those whose faith is weak; we must not be selfish. Each should please his neighbor as to do him good by building up his spirit. Thus, in accord with Scripture, Christ did not please himself: "The reproaches they uttered against you fell on me." Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lessons of patience and the words of encouragement, in the Scriptures. May God, the source of all patience and encouragement, enable you to live in perfect harmony with one another according to the spirit of Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God.

Alleluia (Tone 6): He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven (Ps.91:1). He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope (Ps 91:2).

Gospel: (Matthew 9:27-35)

At that time as Jesus moved on from there, two blind men came after him crying out, "Son of David, have pity on us!" When he got to the house, the blind men caught up with him. Jesus said to them, "Are you confident I can do this?" "Yes, Lord," they told him. At that he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith it shall be done to you"; and they recovered their sight. Then Jesus warned them sternly, "See to it that no one knows of this." But they went off and spread word of him through the whole area. As they were leaving, suddenly some people brought him a mute who was possessed by a demon. Once the demon was expelled the mute began to speak, to the great surprise of the crowds. "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!" they exclaimed. But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out demons through the prince of demons." Jesus continued his tour of all the towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues, he proclaimed the good news of God's reign, and he cured every sickness and disease.

Communion Verses: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Alleluia! (x3)

Our Eparch, Bishop Ken is requesting that at the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war. For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be ...

GRATITUDE

* to every person who organized, shared, volunteered to prepare and attended our parish lunch and warm WELCOME to Fr. Pavlo and Dob. Mariia (Marichka), Nazariy and Veronica Myts this past Sunday! Thank you very much!

* to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness share time, make donations, knowingly and unknowingly for many people thoughtfully care and help our parish, attend services during the week, share time and work at the parish projects, look after and graciously support our Christian, Catholic parish community! Sincerest thank you very much! May the Almighty God generously bless and reward your care, time and generosity! **"Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!"**

(Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Eparch, Most Reverend Bishop Ken Nowakowski, as he celebrates his 10th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination (July 24th)! May the Almighty Lord keep blessing His Excellency now and always for Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Sister Angelica Hodowsky as she is celebrating 65 years as a Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate, to all our parishioners, guests, visitors, family members and all those who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY! WISHING YOU AND ALL YOUR DEAR ONES A RESTFUL WEEKEND AND BLESSED WEEK!

Special Petitions:

* Lord watch over your people in British Columbia who have had to flee their homes, send your Holy Spirit to comfort those who have lost their homes and business. Protect those who are battling the fires and give strength to them and all who are providing comfort to those in need, Lord hear us and have mercy!

* 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.

* We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

**Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster**

To the Reverend Clergy & Lay Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster

20 July 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends,

Many of neighbours, our brothers and sisters in British Columbia are suffering due to the many large forest fires ravaging the province. We would like to show our solidarity and compassion for our fellow British Columbians.

During our Divine Liturgies I would like us to pray in a special way for those who are suffering and for those who are fighting the fires and comforting those who have lost their homes or have had to leave their homes.

"Lord watch over your people in British Columbia who have had to flee their homes, send your Holy Spirit to comfort those who have lost their homes and business. Protect those who are battling the fires and give strength to them and all who are providing comfort to those in need, Lord hear us and have mercy!"

If you have not already done so would also encourage you as individuals to donate to help.

1. Donate to the Canadian Red Cross online

It's easy and ensures your contribution is put to best use. Go to the Red Cross:

[B.C. Fires Appeal donation page to get started.](https://donate.redcross.ca/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1951&ea.campaign.id=74010&_ga=2.222490975.535125083.1499724841-9480967.1499724841)

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2. Text 'FIRES' to 45678

By far the easiest way to give; when you text, a \$10 Canadian Red Cross donation will be added onto your next cellphone bill. Don't forget to reply "YES" when they ask to confirm your contribution.

Please check with your local charities and regional district office regarding volunteering, providing food, shelter, or donations.

May our Blessed Mother of God intervened for those suffering and for those providing relief to those who need it the most.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ken



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: yourselves, Most B. Lucy D., Edward H., Sofia B., Alex R., Dzvinka M., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Fr. Edward E., Lily-Ann S., Mary D., Pauline P., Ray S., Cameron V., Rose O., Ric B., Shirley C., Peter D., Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Yvette U., Orest Kociuba, Kalyna Kociuba, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Rose Ostopowich, all members of our parish and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families! **REMINDER** for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation.

On Friday, July 7, a fire swept through the Ashcroft Indian Band destroying 12 homes. These homes were insured but the owners did not have content insurance. The fire came so quickly the band members were evacuated without a chance to gather anything.

Their greatest need right now is clothing. If you would like to donate clothing, they are in need of men's, women's, and children's clothing, all sizes.

Ms. Leah Blain, from Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Grindrod, will be going to Ashcroft in the next few weeks and can deliver donations. This is her family's reserve and her brother, Greg Blain, is the chief.

For more information please call Ms. Leah Blain at [250-832-3067](tel:250-832-3067).

* **Sunday** (July 16th) **faithful offerings/donations:** \$ 655.00

* **Our Parish Praznyk/Feast Day will be celebrated on Sunday, August 20th, 2017 A.D.** The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Potluck Reception/Banquet to follow. Please phone or send an email to our parish office if you plan to attend. There is no cost for the luncheon but donations are accepted. We are looking forward to pray, welcome and share the blessings and joy of this wonderful our annual parish feastday celebration with all of you!



* **Fr. Paulo Myts will be away on vacation from July 24th to August 4th, 2017.** Fr. Andrzej Wasylanko will be substituting.

* **Volunteers for Sunday coffee socials and clean-ups are needed** – please continue putting your name on the calendar posted in the church hall. If you can help out, please, let us know. Your help is truly appreciated!

* **Two Parish Maintenance Projects** – looking at the most urgent needs of the parish property, the Parish Council agreed that painting parking lot line & repair and painting church windows will need to be done this summer. Thank you generosity of three of our parishioners we have collected \$500 (\$200 & \$100 for church windows & \$200 for parking lot lines). Very soon we will have quotes available for these project. We will be relying on parishioners' generous donations to pay for these projects. Thank you for your generosity. God bless and reward you time and care!

* **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Oct. 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 Mrs. Myrna Arychuk at [604 - 617 - 7200](tel:604-617-7200)

* **FAITHFUL GIVING** Remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays. When traveling, working or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy. Please remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be generous! "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!" (*Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*)

N.B. Blessings of cars and other motor-vehicles will be held following the Divine Liturgy today.

* **Mr. Jeff Cavins** (an American Catholic evangelist, author, and biblical scholar) will be coming to Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church (60 - First St. SE) in Salmon Arm, BC on Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 A.D. He is giving a talk at 6:30 p.m. on the New Evangelization through the family. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and desserts will follow during a social time in the parish hall. Please RSVP to kelouillette@gmail.com

* **Please, mark your calendar and encourage you children and grandchildren to attend Eparchial Camp Saint Volodymyr 2017 on August 20-27, 2017.** 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 34th 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 Saint Volodymyr BC 2017." The registration for our Eparchial summer camp is now OPEN!

To register follow the link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-st-volodymyr-bc-2017-tickets-32623288133?aff=utm_source%3Demail%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=event_url_text

You can also access the link through our camp's website csv.nweparchy.ca.

WAYS TO HELP VOLUNTEER Camp Saint 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. Visit our webpage via 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.

Cardinal Sandri shared about his visit to Ukraine

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, wrapped up a week-long visit to Ukraine.

He made the trip as a sign of solidarity with the faithful of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the wake of continued conflict in the eastern regions of the country.

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri agreed to the week-long visit to Ukraine at the invitation of Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

The first stop of Cardinal Sandri's visit was to Maidan Square in the capital Kyiv. There he prayed silently at the cross erected to mark the Euromaidan Protests of 2014. He placed a floral homage and lit a candle for the victims. The Prefect for the Congregation for the Oriental Churches was accompanied by Archbishop Shevchuk and the Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti. While in Kyiv, he prayed at the tomb of the late Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, who died just over a month ago.

Cardinal Sandri also blessed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Exarchate of Kharkiv, currently under construction. During the homily, Cardinal Sandri said, "On both human and Christian levels, love for truth with which the apostles entrusted us prohibits us from accepting the silence which has fallen on the conflict in Ukraine and on the suffering which has befallen tens of thousands of people."

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church visited by Cardinal Sandri is an Eastern rite church that is in communion with the Pope.

Heading into the eastern regions of the country later in the week, Cardinal Sandri visited Kramatorsk and Sloviansk, areas which were recaptured after the occupation of 2014 and are near the 'grey zones' of Donbass.

There he prayed before the hollowed out shells of buildings and cracked pavement, through which grass had grown as a testament to the world's neglect of the region. Yet hope and a helping hand had the last word, as Cardinal Sandri visited a Caritas shelter offering food and accompaniment for the hundreds of children whose lives have been forever changed by the shock and trauma of war.

Cardinal Sandri also took part in the pilgrimage to Zarvanytsia sanctuary in western Ukraine and held meeting with the Ukrainian Catholic youth gathered there.

Source: https://risu.org.ua/en/index/all_news/catholics/vatikan/67596/

Liturgical celebrations during week:

Saturday, July 29th, 2017 – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (*Service in Penticton, BC*)

Sunday, July 30th, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (Eng./Ukr.)

* Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions.

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments: **Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time. **Baptisms:** by appointment. **Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment. **Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick):** Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to **meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Pavlo in advance to arrange a time and a day.**

***Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:** You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy 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 and 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 very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.**