



Dormition of the Mother of God
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14th Sunday after Pentecost, Postfeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God,
 Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Life-Giving Cross; - September 10th, 2017 A.D.

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.

On September 8th, we celebrated a very special day in the life of our church, the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Theotokos/ Mother of God. Mary is called Blessed because she was specially chosen from all the women who ever lived to fulfil a very special plan that God was about to make known. "His incarnation," God living in the World as Flesh. Now the incarnation required an earthly mother. But who was worthy of such a calling?

God went to prepare "the perfect earthly dwelling" for His Only Begotten Son's entry into this earthly world. But in the end it was Mary's YES, a reply that was given freely and of her own accord that allowed God's salvific plan to be realised.

"Today, God, Who dominates the spiritual thrones of heaven, welcomes on earth the holy throne which He had prepared for Himself. In His love for the human race, He, Who established the heavens in wisdom, has fashioned a living heaven. From a barren stem He has brought forth for us His Mother as a branch full of life. O God of miracles and hope of those who have no hope; O Lord, glory to You!"

(a sticheras of Vespers)

"Faith in action through prayer, faith in action through service: each is the same thing, the same love, the same compassion. This is something that should encourage us and should be a strength for us, that we complete each other more fully."

- Saint Mother Teresa

"...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 5): Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion (Tone 4): Your nativity, O Virgin Mother of God, has made joy known to all the world, for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing; and by making death of no effect He bestowed on us eternal life.

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

Kontakion (Tone 8): When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion (Tone 4): By your birth, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our life.”



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): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour (Lk 1:46-47).

Epistle: *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians:* (Gal. 6:11-18)

Brethren, see, I write to you in my own large handwriting! Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised are making a play for human approval – with an eye to escaping persecution for the cross of Christ. The very ones who accept circumcision do not follow the law of Christ. The very ones who accept circumcision do not follow the law themselves. They want to be circumcised only that they may boast about your bodily observance.

May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means nothing whether one is circumcised or not. All that matters is that one is created anew. Peace and mercy on all who follow this rule of life, and on the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no man trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of Jesus in my body. Brethren, may the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Alleluia (Tone 1): I have exalted one chosen from among My people; with My holy oil I have anointed him (Ps 88:20-21). Indeed, My hand shall sustain him, and my arm shall make him strong (Ps 88:22). Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear (Ps 44:11).

Gospel: (John 3:13-17)

The Lord said: “No one has gone up to heaven except the One who came down from there – the Son of Man (who is in heaven). Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him. Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Instead of “Dostoino/It is truly”: O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary, born from a barren womb. Virginitly is alien to mothers and childbearing is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). **Alleluia!** (3x)

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



Тропар (глас 5): Рівнобезначальне з Отцем і Духом Слово,* що від Діви народилося на спасіння наше,* прославмо, вірні, і поклонімся,* бо Воно благозволило тілом зійти на хрест* і смерть перетерпіти, і воскресити померлих* славним воскресінням Своїм.

Тропар (глас 4): Різдво твоє, Богородице Діво, радість звістило всій вселенній, з тебе бо засяло Сонце правди – Христос Бог наш. Він, розрушивши клятву, дав благословення і, ударемнивши смерть, дарував нам життя вічне.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Тропар (глас 8): Коли Ти воскрес із гробу,* то й померлих підняв,* і Адама воскресив;* радіє Єва воскресінням Твоїм* і кінці світу прославляють* Твоє з мертвих воскресіння,* Багатомилостивий.

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

Кондак (глас 4): Йоаким і Анна народженням Твоїм, Пречиста,* з неслави бездітності,* Адам же і Єва від тління смерти, визволилися.* Звільнений від вини за гріхи, Твій народ святкує, звиваючи:* Неплідна народжує Богородицю* і кормительку Життя нашого.

Прокімен (глас 6): Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх* і благослови спадкоємство Твоє (Пс. 27,9).

Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене (Пс. 27,1).

Прокімен (глас 3): Величає душа моя Господа* і возрадувався дух мій у Бозі, Спасі моїм. (Лк 1, 46-47).

ДО ГАЛАТІВ ДО ПОСЛАННЯ СВ. АПОСТОЛА ПАВЛА ЧИТАННЯ (ГАЛ. 6,11-18):

Браття і Сестри, гляньте, якими буквами пишу вам власною рукою. Ті, що хочуть показатися гарними тілом, – вони силують вас обрізатися, щоб тільки уникнути переслідування за хрест Христа. Бо й самі обрізані, не додержують закону, а хочуть, щоб ви обрізувалися, щоб їм хвалитися вашим тілом. Мене ж не доведи, Боже, чимсь хвалитися, як тільки хрестом Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, яким для мене світ розп'ятий, а я – світові; бо ані обрізання, ані необрізання є щось, лише – нове створіння. На тих, які поступають за цим правилом, мир на них і милосердя, а й на Ізраїля Божого. На майбутнє нехай ніхто мені не завдає клопоту, бо я ношу на моїм тілі рани Ісуса. Благодать Господа нашого Ісуса Христа нехай буде з вашим духом, брати! Амінь.

Алилуя (глас 1): Возніс я вибраного з людей Моїх, елеєм святим Моїм помазав його. (Пс 88:20-21). Бо рука Моя заступить його і рам'я моє укріпить його. (Пс. 88:22).

Євангеліє: (Ів. 3,13-17):

Сказав Господь: “Ніхто не ввійшов у небо, крім того, хто зійшов з неба: Син Чоловічий! Тож так, як Мойсей змія підняв у пустині, – так треба Синові Чоловічому бути піднесеним, щоб кожен, хто вірує у нього, жив життям вічним. Бог бо так полюбив світ, що Сина свого Єдинородного дав, щоб кожен, хто вірує в нього, не загинув, а жив життям вічним. Бо не послав Бог у світ Сина світ засудити, лише ним – світ спасти”.

Замість Достойно співаємо: Величай, душе моя, з неплідної народжену Діву Марію. Ірмос: Чуже матерям дівство і чудне дівам дітородження. На тобі, Богородице, обоє довершилось. Тому тебе ми, всі племена землі, безустанно величаємо.

Причасний: Чашу спасіння прийму і ім'я Господнє призову (Пс. 115,13). Алилуя (х3).

Молитва Живої Парафії:

Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дїбр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ДЯКУЄМО!

* 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

bleed and reward your care, time and generosity! **May the Almighty God bless and reward your time and care!**

“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

* May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to all who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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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 A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK!

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH COFFE AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!

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.

* **Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral cordially invites you to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Bishop Ken's Episcopacy on Sunday, September 17th, 2017.** Our Bishop, Most Rev. Ken (Nowakowski) celebrated his 10th anniversary of Episcopal Ordination on 24th July and we want to continue the celebrations! You are invited to thank God for Bishop Ken's vocation and episcopal ministry in our Eparchy at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, 17 September at the Cathedral (501-4th Avenue, New Westminster) at 11:00 am. There is no charge for the reception meal following the Divine Liturgy, however there is limited seating available. In order to make sure we are prepared to host you, please RSVP no later than 10 Sept. to: Rev. Fr. Mykhailo Ozorovych Tel: 604-704-5889, or mykhailo.oz@gmail.com

In lieu of a gift, Bishop Ken has requested donations be made to Holy Eucharist Cathedral for the building of a handicapped ramp.



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 Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Mike B., Lucy D., Edward H., Janet F., Alex R., Kathleen B., William S., 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., Ann W., 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 behalf of our parish family, I would like to express the deepest sympathy to Mr. Edward and Mrs. Martha Holick, their family, relatives and friends! **May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ place Sister Jean Holick's soul in the place where all of the saints abide and may her memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers – Vichnaya Pamyat'/ Eternal Memory!**

* On behalf of our parish family, I would like to express the deepest sympathy to Mr. Gregory Bulat, his family, relatives and friends! **May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ place Mrs. Sofia Bulat's soul in the place where all of the saints abide and may her memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers – Vichnaya Pamyat'/ Eternal Memory!**

* **BLESSING ON THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:** Blessing on the beginning of the school year for all students and teachers as well as myrovania/blessing with the holy oil and distribution of the blessed bread to everyone will take place after the Divine Liturgies today.

* **CHILDREN HOLDING CANDLES DURING THE GOSPEL READING:** Please, welcome and encourage children to come forward and hold candles during the Gospel reading at the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days!

* **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* (Matthew 19:14) We are happy to welcome all children to our Dormition of the Mother of God parish catechism program. We want your children to learn more about their orthodox faith in the Catholic Church, sacred scripture, feast days, icons, singing and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts at (250) 860-7295.

* **Parish Executive Council meeting** will take place at 7 pm on Monday, September 11th, 2017.

* **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!

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* **Glasses Prescription Box for Ukraine** is placed and located at the left side by the entrance to the parish hall. Please, feel free to participate in and support this important project.

* **CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH FALL FAIR & FARMER'S MARKET** (750 Rutland Rd. N.) **Sept. 30th, Saturday from 8:30am to 2pm.** Pancake breakfast & barbeque, fresh fruit & vegetables, home-baked goods, silent auction, large sidewalk sale. Children's activities and much more. Everyone is welcome to attend.

* **Our Parish Maintenance Project** – looking at the most urgent needs of the parish property, the Parish Council agreed that repair and painting church windows will need to be done this summer. Thank you generosity of three of our parishioners we have collected \$300 (\$200 & \$100 for church windows). Very soon we will have quotes available for this

project. We will be relying on parishioners' generous donations to pay for parish projects. Thank you for your generosity. God bless and reward you time and care!

*** DOLYNA Ukrainian Cultural Society: Ukrainian Dance and Culture Classes start on September 12th, 2017.**

Beginner 4-5 years, Junior 6-6 years, Intermediate 9-12 years, Senior 13 year – adult, Adult class. Please, contact: dolynadancers@gmail.com, Diana at (250) 451-9363, Ashley at (250) 808-0363, or visit a website: www.dolynadancers.com

*** PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Oct. 12-24, 2017 Walk in the footsteps of Jesus; an unforgettable experience with Rev. Fr. Joe Ostapowich, Sr. Angelica SSMI, brother & sister pilgrims. For details and price call Mrs. Myrna Arychuk at **604 - 617 - 7200**

*** Sunday** (September 3rd) **faithful offerings/donations:** \$ 455.00

*** 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 and Holy Days. 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 supportive and 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*)

*** BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about “BEING” present to others!

*** BOX FOR USED CHURCH BULLETINS** – since our Sunday bulletins contain Sacred Scripture readings & icons, they need to be disposed of properly/respectfully after use. Please do not throw them into the garbage but recycle them after shredding if possible. In order to assist with this request, we have provided a special box for used bulletins at the church entrance.

EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER VIBRANT PARISH APPEAL SHARE YOUR HEART

“...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)

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*** 50th PARISH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SURREY, BC:**

The parish will be holding the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Parish on Saturday, October 21st at 5:00 PM – Banquet (5 STAR CATERING SUNRISE BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTRE at 5640 188 Str.); Sunday, October 22 - Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am. For tickets, please contact Mr. Lawrence Kotylak or Rev. Fr. Andrii Chornenkyy If you would like to submit some photos or other materials for 50th Anniversary Celebration, please use the following e-mail address: 50holycross@gmail.com



*** The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is pleased to announce the launch of its project, Celebrating the Strength of Canada's Diversity: Youth Engaging Youth.** The project will result in 50 events, engaging 1250 – 2500 youth in actively designing and administering the events, and attracting up to 50,000 Canadians. If your organization has young and enthusiastic leaders who might be interested in organizing or developing current multicultural youth event in BC under the UCC Youth Engaging Youth project umbrella with the financial support of the Government of

Canada's Department of Heritage Canada 150 Fund, please contact: Galyna Paliychuk Cell: 604-767-7608 Email: galyna@ucc.ca Website: www.150.ucc.ca

WHY CATHOLICS ARE LEAVING THE FAITH BY AGE 10 – AND WHAT PARENTS CAN DO ABOUT IT?

Young Catholics are leaving the faith at an early age – sometimes before the age of 10 – and their reasons are deeper than being “bored at Mass,” the author of a new report claims.

“Those that are leaving for no religion – and a pretty big component of them saying they are atheist or agnostic – it turns out that when you probe a bit more deeply and you allow them to talk in their own words, that they are bringing up things that are related to science and a need for evidence and a need for proof,” said Dr. Mark Gray, a senior research associate at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University.

“It’s almost a crisis in faith,” he told CNA. “In the whole concept of faith, this is a generation that is struggling with faith in ways that we haven’t seen in previous generations.”



Gray recently published the results of two national studies by CARA – which conducts social science research about the Church -- in the publication *Our Sunday Visitor*. One of the surveys was of those who were raised Catholic but no longer identified as Catholic, ages 15 to 25. The second survey was of self-identified Catholics age 18 and over.

In exploring why young Catholics were choosing to leave the faith, he noted “an emerging profile” of youth who say they find the faith “incompatible with what they are learning in high school or at the university level.” In a perceived battle between the Catholic Church and science, the Church is losing.

And it is losing Catholics at a young age. “The interviews with youth and young adults who had left the Catholic Faith revealed that the typical age for this decision to leave was made at 13,” Gray wrote. “Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed, 63 percent, said they stopped being Catholic between the ages of 10 and 17. Another 23 percent say they left the Faith before the age of 10.”

Of those who had left the faith, “only 13 percent said they were ever likely to return to the Catholic Church,” Gray wrote. And “absent any big changes in their life,” he said to CNA, they “are probably not coming back.”

The most common reason given for leaving the Catholic faith, by one in five respondents, was they stopped believing in God or religion. This was evidence of a “desire among some of them for proof, for evidence of what they’re learning about their religion and about God,” Gray said.

It’s a trend in the popular culture to see atheism as “smart” and the faith as “a fairy tale,” he said.

“And I think the Church needs to come to terms with this as an issue of popular culture,” he continued. “I think the Church perhaps needs to better address its history and its relationship to science.”

One reason for this might be the compartmentalization of faith and education, where youth may go to Mass once a week but spend the rest of their week learning how the faith is “dumb,” he noted.

In contrast, if students are taught evolution and the Big Bang theory at the same school where they learn religion, and they are taught by people with religious convictions, then “you’re kind of shown that there’s not conflicts between those, and you understand the Church and Church history and its relationship to science,” he said.

With previous generations who learned about both faith and science as part of a curriculum, that education “helped them a lot in dealing with these bigger questions,” he explained, “and not seeing conflict between religion and science.”

Fr. Matthew Schneider, LC, who worked in youth ministry for four years, emphasized that faith and science must be presented to young people in harmony with each other.

A challenge, he explained, is teaching how “faith and science relate” through philosophy and theology. While science deals only with “what is observable and measurable,” he said, “the world needs something non-physical as its origin, and that’s how to understand God along with science.”

“It was the Christian faith that was the birthplace of science,” he continued. “There’s not a contradiction” between faith and science, “but it’s understanding each one in their own realms.”

How can parents raise their children to stay in the faith? Fr. Schneider cited research by Christian Smith, a professor of sociology at the University of Notre Dame, who concluded that a combination of three factors produces an 80 percent retention rate among young Catholics.

If they have a “weekly activity” like catechesis, Bible study or youth group; if they have adults at the parish who are not their parents and who they can talk to about the faith; and if they have “deep spiritual experiences,” they have a much higher likelihood of remaining Catholic, Fr. Schneider said.

More parents need to be aware of their children’s’ beliefs, Dr. Gray noted, as many parents don’t even know that their children may not profess to be Catholic.

The Church is “very open” to science, he emphasized, noting the affiliation of non-Catholic scientists with the Pontifical Academy of Science, including physicist Stephen Hawking.

There is “no real conflict” between faith and science, Gray said.

“The Church has been steadily balancing matters of faith and reason since St. Augustine’s work in the fifth century,” he wrote.

“Yet, the Church has a chance to keep more of the young Catholics being baptized now if it can do more to correct the historical myths about the Church in regards to science,” he added, “and continue to highlight its support for the sciences, which were, for the most part, an initial product of the work done in Catholic universities hundreds of years ago.”

By Matt Hadro, Washington D.C., Sep 5, 2016 (CNA/EWTN News).

25 Years of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Ukraine: Opening of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Center

The new academic year at the Ukrainian Catholic University will start with the culmination of the university’s seven-year Comprehensive Campaign. From 9 to 14 September, events will take place at UCU which residents and guests of the city will be able to attend. The Celebration Week program includes a concert at the Opera Theater, a pilgrimage to spiritual centers of Halychyna, a series of lectures and discussions, the conference TEDxUCU, and a meeting with graduates of the Lviv Theological Academy, UCU, and the UCU Lviv Business School. The week begins with the consecration and opening of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Center.



“Our September celebration days are days of gratitude to God, the Church, the entire Ukrainian community and non-Ukrainian friends of UCU for the great blessings which have poured forth onto the university over the last seven years. With the systematic support of tens of thousands of benefactors, the university has doubled the number of programs and students, tripled the number of buildings, and played a role in the processes of transforming Ukrainian society, in particular, during the Revolution of Dignity and for higher education. On the facade of UCU in Rome, Patriarch Josyf Slipyj decided to write: ‘Love of learning will gather in those scattered.’ We are ‘a gathering of the scattered’ and will experience this during the celebrations. We’re pleased that representatives of the wide Friends of UCU network (20 cities of the world have Friends of UCU committees) will come to our celebrations from various parts of Ukraine and many countries and continents,” explains UCU President Bishop Borys Gudziak.

As part of the ceremonies, there will be a festive banquet of gratitude with the participation of UGCC Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk and members of the Synod of Bishops, and benefactors and friends of UCU from the whole world. The honored speaker will be the Mayor of Wrocław, Poland, Rafał Dutkiewicz.

10 September begins with a Pontifical Liturgy. This will be followed by the order of consecration and the opening of the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Center. The main benefactors of this center, James Temerty and his wife, Louise, will be special guests. Also, on the premises guests will be able to visit an interactive exhibit dedicated to Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky.

“The legacy of Metropolitan Andrey is very important for the university, and so the central place of meeting and forum for discussion, not only for the university but for the city, as they often say today ‘the hub,’ will bear the name of Metropolitan Andrey, In this way, we are trying to keep the memory of the Metropolitan alive,” notes the President of UCU.

The ceremonial event “Here God’s Blessings Flow,” a production of noted director Serhii Proskurnia, will be held at the Opera Theater the evening of 10 September. Taking part in the staged event will be noted groups like the Pikardiiska Tertsia, Komu Vnyz, the Telniuk Sisters, Lviv’s Dudaryk State Academic Men’s Choir, and others. The author of the texts is Mariana Savka. During the event, the entire history of the Kyivan Church will be presented to the viewer: from the Baptism of Kyivan Rus to today, and each person present will be able to feel a part of the 1000-year history of our Church.

On 11 and 12 September, the organizers will allow guests to feel like students of the university, spending time in classrooms with professors. “We are preparing a series of public events: lectures, discussions, master-classes. We invite guests to choose interesting topics from the list, the best way to feel the university ‘from inside,’” says UCU’s Vice-Rector for Communication and Development, Natalia Klymovska.

On 13 September, UCU’s celebrations coincide with the start of the academic year, which at UCU happens on the first day of the church’s liturgical year, the Indict. One of the important elements of the celebrations is the ceremony of awarding scholarships to students from various faculties.

During these days we will also symbolically celebrate 25 years of UCU in Ukraine. For in September 1992, with the blessing of His Beatitude Myroslav Ivan Lubachivsky, the first session of the group involved with the revival of the Theological Academy in Lviv and the transfer of UCU from Rome to Ukraine was held. And this is the symbolic start of UCU, which only after 10 years was finally inaugurated as a university. We are very grateful to Cardinal Lubachivsky of blessed memory for his initiative and constant and clear support.

“These celebrations are also a time for deeper reflection. Completing the first quarter of a century of development in Ukraine, after the university’s fast trajectory of recent years, it is important to secure the beginnings of the initiative, to preserve its Christian undertakings and the quality of all its programs. An understanding of our history is necessary for new teachers and students, who during the time of the celebration will have an opportunity to better understand the path we’ve taken, our pilgrimage together. This path was winding but, at the same time, sacramental and full of miracles. It shows that in Ukraine good deeds are possible and that civil society, people of good will who trust in the Lord, even without the particular support of the government, can do very much,” Bishop Borys is convinced.

Important: a detailed program of events is available at: <https://week.ucu.edu.ua/en/>

Participation in the public events of 11-13 September is free of charge. But registration is requested. Representatives of the media need to be accredited. Media registration will be open soon.

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Liturgical celebrations during week:

Monday, Sept. 11th, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. Moleben to Jesus Christ

Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessing in good health for Mrs. Ann Wyshynsky**
(requested by Mrs. Irene and Mr. Steven Popyk)

Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Rest of Sister Jean Holick** (requested by Mrs. Martha and Mr. Edward Holick)
– 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Thursday, September 14th, 2017 (**EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**) – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:
God's blessings for all parishioners.

Friday, September 15th, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Rest of Mrs. Stefania Bachynska**
(requested by Mrs. Martha and Mr. Edward Holick)

Saturday, September 16th, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Rest of Mr. Robert and Mrs. Betty Leiby, Mr. Robert and Mrs. Anna Dollinger** (requested by Mrs. Roberta and Mr. Robert Leiby)
– 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.**
(*Service in Penticton, BC*)

Sunday, September 17th, 2017– 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (in English)
– 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (in Ukrainian)

* 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 Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts in advance to arrange 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.**

* **Bequests and Wills:** Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process.

In your kindness please remember Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC and Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8 or to Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC, the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and its needs and pastoral ministry."