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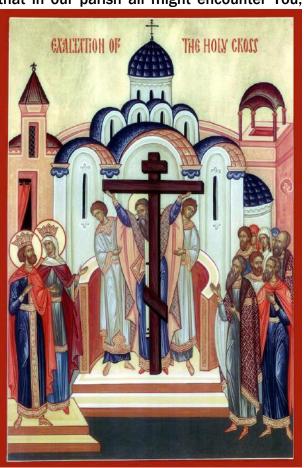
Four Holy Martyrs: daughters Faith, Hope, Charity-Love and their mother Sophia - $September~17^{th}$, 2017~A.D.

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.

What is the most important investment you can make with your life? Jesus poses some probing questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. The kind of person we are, our character, determines to a large extent the kind of future we will face and live. It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important things of all. Of what value are material things if they don't help you gain what truly lasts in eternity. Neither money nor possessions can buy heaven, mend a broken heart, or cheer a lonely person.

Jesus asks the question: What will a person give in exchange for his life? Everything we have is an out-right gift from God. We owe him everything, including our very lives. It's possible to give God our money, but not ourselves, or to give him lip-service, but not our hearts. A true disciple gladly gives up all that he has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God.

God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each

day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ? "With your lives, you determine the outcome of Jesus' call to you. Will you accept it? It is a call to you and me. Every Christian soul is called to belong to God!"

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"...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 Icycy Христу! — Слава на Віки! Christ is among us! — He is and will be!

Liturgical Propers:

Verse 1: O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me? The words of my transgressions **First Antiphon:** put salvation far from me (Ps 21:2).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: O God, I will call to You by day but You will not listen; and by night, yet it will not be foolish of me (Ps 21:3).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Verse 3: But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place (Ps 21:4).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen. Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon:

Refrain after every verse: Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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.

Troparion (Tone 1): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies and protect Your community by Your cross.

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

Kontakion (Tone 1): You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy. "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

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 7): Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of His feet for it is holy (Ps 98:5)

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians: (Gal. 2:16-20)

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by legal observance but by faith in Jesus Christ, we too have believed in Him in order to be justified by faith in Christ, not by observance of the law; for by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we are shown to be sinners, does that mean that Christ is encouraging sin? Unthinkable! If, however, I were to build up the very

things I had demolished, I should then indeed be a transgressor. It was through the law that I died to the law, to live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and the life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me. I still live my human life, but it is a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



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). Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning (Ps 73:2).

Gospel: (Mk. 8:34-9:1)

The Lord said: "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps. Whoever would preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will preserve it. What profit does a man show who gains the whole world and destroys himself in the process? What can a man offer in exchange for his life? If anyone in this faithless and corrupt age is ashamed of me and my doctrine, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes with the holy angels in his Father's glory." He also said to them: "I assure you, among those standing here there are some who will not taste death until they see the reign of God established in power."

Instead of "It is truly...": O my soul, magnify the most precious Cross of the Lord.

Irmos (Tone 8): You are a mystical Paradise, O Mother of God, who though untilled, have brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross. Therefore today as we raise it on high we bow low and we magnify you.

Communion Verses: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord, shine upon us (Ps 4:7). Alleluia! (3x)

Upon completion of the Liturgy we venerate the Holy Cross: To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection (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.

Tourse

Антифон 1:

Стих 1: Боже, Боже мій, зваж на мене, чому Ти оставив мене? * Далеко від спасення мого слова гріхопадінь моїх (Пс. 21,2).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, * Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 2: Боже мій, закличу вдень і не вислухаєш, * і вночі, і не в безумство мені (Пс. 21,3).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, * Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 3: А Ти у святому живеш, * хвало ізраїлева (Пс. 21,4).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, * Спасе, спаси нас.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, * і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Антифон 3

Приспів: Спаси нас, Сину Божий, * що плоттю розп'явся, співаємо Тобі: Алилуя.

Тропар (глас 6): Ангельські сили на гробі Твоїм* і сторожі омертвіли;* Марія ж стояла при гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого.* Полонив Ти ад і, не переможений від нього,* зустрів Ти Діву, даруючи життя.* Воскреслий з мертвих, Господи, слава Тобі!

Тропар (глас 1): Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх * і благослови насліддя Твоє, * перемоги благовірному народові на супротивників даруй * і хрестом Твоїм * охорони люд Твій.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак глас 1): 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): Вознісся Ти на хрест волею Своєю. * Новому людові Твоєму, що Твоє ім'я носить, * даруй щедроти Твої, Христе Боже. * Возвесели силою Твоєю благовірний народ, * перемоги на супротивників дай йому, * що за посібник має Твоє оружжя миру, непоборну перемогу.

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 7): Возносіть Господа Бога нашого і поклоняйтеся підніжжю ніг Його, бо святе воно (Пс. 98,5).

ДО ГАЛАТІВ ДО ПОСЛАННЯ СВ. АПОСТОЛА ПАВЛА ЧИТАННЯ (ГАЛ. 2,16-20):

Браття і Сестри, довідавшися, що людина оправдується не ділами закону, а через віру в Ісуса Христа, ми й увірували в Христа Ісуса, щоб оправдатися нам вірою в Христа, а не ділами закону; бо ніхто не оправдається ділами закону. Коли ж, шукаючи оправдання у Христі, виявилося, що й ми самі грішники, — то невже Христос — служитель гріха? Жадним робом! Бо коли я знову відбудовую те, що зруйнував був, то я себе самого оголошую переступником. Я бо через закон для закону вмер, щоб для Бога жити: я —розп'ятий з Христом. Живу вже не я, а живе Христос у мені. А що живу тепер у тілі, то живу вірою в Божого Сина, який полюбив мене й видав себе за мене.

Алилуя (глас 6): Хто живе під охороною Всевишнього, під покровом Бога небесного оселиться (Πc 91,1). Скаже він Господеві: Ти заступник мій і пристановище моє, Бог мій, на котрого я надіюся. (Πc 91,2). Пом'яни соньм Твій, що його придбав Ти іздавна (Πc 73,2).

Євангеліє: (Мр 8,34-9,1):

Сказав Господь: "Коли хтось хоче йти за мною, хай зречеться себе самого, візьме на себе хрест свій і йде слідом за мною. Бо хто хоче спасти свою душу, той її погубить; а хто погубить свою душу мене ради та Євангелії, той її спасе. Бо яка користь людині здобути світ увесь, а занапастити свою душу? Що бо людина може дати взамін за власну душу? Хто, отже, буде соромитися мене й моїх слів перед цим родом перелюбним та грішним, того

посоромиться і Син Чоловічий, коли прийде у славі Отця свого з святими ангелами." І сказав їм: "Істинно кажу вам: Є деякі з отут присутніх, що не зазнають смерти, аж поки не вздріють Царства Божого, що прийде у могутності."

Замість Достойно співаємо: Величай, душе моя, Господа, пречесний хрест Господень.

Ірмос: Таїнственний рай Ти, Богородице, що невоздільно виростила Христа. Він на землі насадив хресне життєносне древо. Йому, що Його нині возносять, поклоняючись, Тебе величаємо.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1). Знаманувалося на нас світло лиця Твого, Господи (Пс 4,7). Алилуя (х3).

Після Літургії співаємо: Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і святеє восекресіння Твоє славимо (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 дібр 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 славилося, 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

bless 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!

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.

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., Lawrence S., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Fr. Edward E., Lily-Ann S., Mary D., Pauline P., Ray S., Cameron V., Rose O., Keyton A., 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.



Chancery Office Eparchy of New Westminster

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

20 July 2017

+ Ken

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

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,

*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 or Mrs. Marilyn Daulat.

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..."

⊥Kon

(Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster)

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* 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.
- * **Red Beets donations:** If you have extra red beets, please, feel free to donate to our parish kitchen in support parish bake sales fundraising project.
- * Volunteers, <u>especially young people help</u>, is needed for cabbage cleaning and boiling starting at 8 am on Saturday of Sept. 23rd, 2017. Please, come to help. It would be great to see more young parishioners coming to help, learn from experienced seniors/hardworking parishioners. More people come faster the work will be done.
- * 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!
- * Marking/painting lines at the parish parking lot was completed for \$ 393.75 cad at the end of July 2017 by Global Roadway Maintenance Inc.
- * 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
- * **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)

* **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.



* **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!

* 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

* Saint Pope Pius Xth Roman Catholic Parish (Corner of Gordon and Fuller) 2017 Fall Bazaar on Saturday, September 30th, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Select from among: Needlecraft, Toys, Farmers Market, Used Books, Treasures, White Elephant, Jewellery & Religious Articles Treat yourself: Baked Goods, Barbecue, Tea Room. Come for Lunch! Join the Raffle for a Quilt Try your luck with the 50/50 Draws

* Corpus Christi Roman Catholic 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.

Ecclesiology as Spirituality: A Little Church History Lesson: LETTER FROM UKRAINE by Andriy Chirovsky, October 2001 Part 1:

There is one remaining institution of the old Tsarist empire of the Romanovs: the Patriarchate of Moscow. It is the only such institution to survive the bloody upheavals of the Russian Revolution, which led to the expansion of Russian imperial holdings but also to a loss of most of its tradition. All that remains is the Moscow Patriarchate, which in Soviet times was the closest thing to an established church in an officially atheist state. Today it is the Russian imperialist's last hope for a restitution of the old empire"even a smaller, Slavic empire of three fraternal nations, Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine. Of course, Russia would have to be"in Orwellian terms"more fraternal than the rest, but that is the way it is with all empires. That this last empire would never come to be was pretty much apparent by the end of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Ukraine, June 24-27, 2001.

Thanks to the relentless efforts of the enormous KGB-trained Department of External Affairs of the Moscow Patriarchate, under the leadership of the old Estonian KGB's decorated "agent Drozdov," a.k.a. Patriarch Alexei II, the world media was alerted to what was to be the Pope's most controversial and potentially ugliest visit to any country thus far. In Goebbels-like fashion, the articles from paid or simply lazy drones in the press came churning out systematically. One influential media outlet per week"different every week"spread the universal message: Pope John Paul may not set foot on the soil of Ukraine, despite the invitation of its government and the bishops of both the Ukrainian and Roman Rite Catholic Churches, with their flocks of nearly six million people.

Demonstrations were organized pitiful, little demonstrations, but with icons, beards, and incense, they certainly made for a good visual and thus made the editor's cut for the news. The demonstrations were organized and attended by members of three groups: the faction of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church loyal to the Moscow Patriarchate; the movement to unite Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia; and the Communist Party. At first glance the third seems "not like the others," as

Sesame Street might say. But in reality they were very much alike. All three would like to see the return of one state with one closely allied church, just like the good old days.

That is where the Moscow Patriarchate lost touch with reality and its faithful. Only one-half of 1 percent of the Ukrainian population was adamantly opposed to the papal visit. In the aftermath of the pontiff's trip to Ukraine sixty-five percent of Russia's population wanted a papal visit of their own, with only 17 percent describing themselves as opposed.

Patriarch Alexei's dire predictions only offered the mass media the opportunity to witness and report on a remarkably warm and successful papal pilgrimage. Some journalists, in their perpetually Russocentric obsession, asked repeatedly: What is the meaning of the visit to Ukraine? Does it signal the end of John Paul's hopes to visit Russia? Is Ukraine merely a consolation prize? They could not see the obvious. The Catholic Church of Kyiv (otherwise known, by an ethnic and therefore less proper name, as the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church) was for half a century (1946-1990) the world's largest banned religious body. Not that many people noticed this fact, since the world knows precious little of Ukraine and even less of the largest of the Eastern Catholic Churches (those Orthodox Churches that are in full and visible communion with Rome), the Catholic Church of Kyiv.





Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Peaceful repose of the souls of Mary, Elizabeth, Emmett, Margaret and Angus Brady

Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Peaceful repose of the souls of Mary, Elizabeth, Emmett, Margaret and Angus Brady

Thursday, September 21st, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Peaceful repose of

the souls of Mary, Elizabeth, Emmett, Margaret and Angus Brady

Friday, September 22nd, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: 1st Anniversary of repose of the soul of Mr. Rondall (Randy) Horon (requested by Mrs. Olga Kuzyk (mother))

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners.

(Service in Penticton, BC)

Sunday, September 24th, 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)

Panakhyda/Memorial Service: Repose of the soul of Mr. Rondall (Randy) Horon

(requested by Mrs. Olga Kuzyk (mother)) (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.