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19th Sunday after Pentecost - October 15th, 2017 A.D

Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 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.

VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



On today's Sunday, the Byzantine rite / Eastern Catholic Churches commemorate the 350 holy Fathers-Teachers of the 7th Ecumenical Council led by the holy Patriarch Tarasius. This Synod of 787, was the second one to meet at Nicea, which officially disprove the Iconoclast heresy (that destroyed many Christian icons) during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council itself decreed by making an official statement that the veneration of icons was not idolatry, because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Council affirmed that iconography is a special form of revelation of Divine reality; and that through the Divine services and icons, Divine revelation becomes accessible to the faithful, to our domain. Through the icon, just as through Holy Scripture, we not only learn about God, but we

come to know God; through the holy icons of the God-pleasers we touch transfigured man, a partaker of the Divine life; through the icon we receive the all-sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit.

The icon, according to the Fathers, is also prayer. A consecrated icon is itself holy. When we pray before it, the holy words of our prayers and the visible holy image of the icon before us simultaneously transfigure us, directing even us sinners and earthly people to holiness. In the Byzantine tradition, the holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on the Sunday which follows October 11. **The Council's Proclamation:** "We define that the holy icons, whether in colour, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honour (timitiki proskynisis), but not of real worship (latreia), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the Divine nature, ... which is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands."

“...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!*

you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1). Alleluia! (3x)



Liturgical Propers in English language:

Troparion (Tone 2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Troparion (Tone 8): Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

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

Kontakion (Tone 2): You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour, and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises forever.

Kontakion (Tone 6): The Son who ineffably shone from the Father was born two-fold of nature from a woman. Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form; but depicting it, we revere it faithfully. Therefore the Church, holding the true faith, kisses the icon of Christ's becoming man.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion (Tone 2): The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokimenon (Tone 2): The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation (Ps 117:14).

Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death (Ps 117:18).

Prokimenon (Tone 4): Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever (Dn. 3:26).

Epistle: *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews:* (Heb. 13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you; consider how their lives ended, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good to have our hearts strengthened by the grace of God and do not by foods which are useless to those who take them as a standard for living. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. The bodies of the animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sin offering are burned outside the camp. Therefore, Jesus died outside the gate, to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us go to him outside the camp, bearing the insult which he bore. For here we have no lasting city; we are seeking one which is to come. Through him let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which acknowledge his name. Do not neglect good deeds and generosity; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.



Alleluia (Tone 2): The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you (Ps 19:2). Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You (Ps 19:10). Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him (Ps 49:5).

Gospel: (Jn. 17:1-13)

At the time Jesus, looked up to heaven and said: ‘Father, the hour has come! Give glory to your Son that your Son may give glory you, inasmuch as you have given him authority over all people, that he may bestow eternal life on those you gave him. (Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ.) I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Do you now, Father, give me glory at your

side, a glory I had with you before the world existed. I have made your name known to those you gave me out of the world. These men you gave me were yours; they have kept your word. Now they realize that all that you gave me comes from you. I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received it. They have known that in truth I came from you, they have believed it was you who sent me. For these I pray – not for the world but for these you have given me, for they are really yours. (Just as all that belongs to me is yours, so all that belongs to you is mine.) It is in them that I have been glorified.

I am in the world no more, but these are in the world as I come to you. O Father most holy, protect them with your name which you have given me (that they may be one, even as we are one). As long as I was with them, I guarded them with your name which you gave me. I kept careful watch, and not one of them was lost, none but him who was destined to be lost – in fulfillment of Scripture. Now, however, I come to you; I say all this while I am still in the world that they may share my joy completely.”

Communion Verses: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1). Alleluia! (3x)



Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Тропар (глас 2): Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне,* тоді ад умертвив ти блистінням Божества.* Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти,* всі сили небесні взивали:* Життедавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

Тропар (глас 8): Препрославлений ти, Христе Боже наш,* світила на землі – отців наших оснував ти* і ними до істинної віри всіх нас направив ти.* Багатомилосердний, слава тобі.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (Глас 2): Воскрес еси з гробу, всесильний Спасе,* і ад, увидівши чудо, зжахнувся та й мертва встали;* а творіння, бачивши, радіє з Тобою, й Адам веселиться,* і світ, Спасе мій, повсякчас Тебе оспівує.

Кондак (глас 6): Ти – із Отця несказанно возсіявший Син* – з жени родився подвійний еством.* Його видячи, не відрікаємося виду зображення* але його, благочесно написавши, вірне почитаємо.* І ради того Церква, держачи істинну віру,* цілує ікону вочоловічення Христового.

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

Богородичний (глас 2): У молитвах невсипущу Богородицю,* і в заступництві несхитне уповання не втримали в собі гріб і смерть;* бо як Матір Життя покликав до життя Той,* Хто в лоно вселився повсякчас дівственне.

Прокімен (глас 2): Господь - моя сила і моя пісня,* і Він став моїм спасінням. (Пс. 117:14).

Стих: Бо праведний еси в усьому, що сотворив Ти нам (Дан. 3, 27).

Прокімен (глас 4): Благословен еси, Господи, Боже отців наших, і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я твоє на віки (Дан. 3, 26).

Апостол: До Євреїв послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Євр. 13,7-16)

Браття і Сестри, пам'ятайте про наставників ваших, які звіщали вам слово Боже, і дивлячись уважно на кінець їхнього життя, наслідуйте їхню віру. Ісус Христос учора й сьогодні – той самий навіки. Не піддавайтесь різним та чужим наукам: воно бо добре укріпити серце благодаттю, не стравами, які не принесли ніякої користі тим, що віддавалися їм. Є у нас жертовник, з якого не мають права їсти ті, що при наметі служать. Бо котрих звірят кров архиерей заносить у святиню за гріхи, тих м'ясо палиться за табором. Тому й Ісус, щоб освятити народ власною своєю кров'ю, страждав поза містом. Тож виходьмо до нього за табір, несучи наругу його, бо ми не маємо тут постійного міста, а майбутнього шукаєм. Через нього принесім завжди Богові жертву хвали, тобто плід уст, які визнають його ім'я. Добродійства та взаємної допомоги не забувайте: такі бо жертви Богові приємні.

Аллилуя (Глас 2): Стих: Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова (Пс. 19, 2). Господи, спаси царя і вислухай нас, коли будемо взивати до Тебе (Пс. 19, 10). Зберить Йому преподобних Його, що заповідують завіт Його в жертвах (Пс. 49, 5).

Євангеліє: (Ів. 17, 1-13)

В той час Ісус, підвівши очі свої до неба, проказав: «Отче, прийшла година! Прослав свого Сина, щоб Син твій тебе прославив, згідно з владою, що їй ти дав йому над усяким тілом: дарувати життя вічне тим,

яких ти передав йому. А вічне життя у тому, щоб вони спізнали тебе, єдиного, істинного Бога, і тобою посланого – Ісуса Христа. Я тебе на землі прославив, виконавши те діло, яке ти дав мені до виконання. Тепер же прослав мене, Отче, у себе – славою тією, що її я мав у тебе перед тим, як постав світ! Я об'явив твоє ім'я людям, яких ти від світу передав мені. Вони були твої, ти ж передав мені їх, і зберегли вони слово твоє. Нині збагнули вони, що все, тобою дане мені – від тебе; слова бо, тобою мені дані, я їм дав, і сприйняли вони їх, і справді збагнули, що від тебе я вийшов, і увірували, що ти мене послав. Молю ж за них: не за світ молю, лише за тих, яких ти передав мені, бо вони – твої. І все моє – твоє, твоє ж – моє, і в них я прославився. Я вже більші не у світі, а вони у світі, і я до тебе йду. Отче Святий! Заради імени твого бережи їх, тих, що їх ти мені передав, щоб були одно, як ми! Бувши з ними у світі, я беріг їх у твоє ім'я; тих, яких ти передав мені, я їх стеріг, і ніхто з них не пропав, лише син загибелі, щоб збулося Писання. Тепер же йду до тебе, і кажу те, у світі бувши, щоб вони радіців моїх мали у собі щирість.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс. 148, 1). Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі,* правим належить похвала (Пс. 32, 1). Алилуя (х3).

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.**



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 Твою 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 Твою мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талентів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та згагоді, щоб ми були Твою спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом евангельського 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 ВАМ 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! **May the Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care 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!” (A Prayer from the 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!

~~~~~ **NEWS and 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 CHURCH TODAY!**

**WISHING YOU A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!**

## Special Petitions:

- 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., 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), 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. Lawrence and Mrs. Judy Syrnyk, their family, relatives and friends! **May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ place Mr. William Syrnyk's soul in the place where all of the saints abide and may his memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers – Vichnaya Pamyat'/ Eternal Memory!**
- **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."* (Mt. 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 (tel.: 250-860-7295) or Mrs. Marilyn Daulat (tel.: 250-801-7538). *Our parish Catechism lessons for children will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 A.D.*
- **Parish Executive Council meeting** will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- **A SPECIAL REQUEST:** After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church. As well, please, do not forget close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building clean and neat. Thank you very much!

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*"...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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- **Volunteers help is needed to make perogies starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday of Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.** It is a good time to help our parish fundraisers and socialize together. More helpers come – easier and faster the work is done! Please, come and help!
- **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!
- **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.
- **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!

- **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](http://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!

\* **50<sup>th</sup> PARISH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SURREY, BC:**

The parish will be holding the Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, please use the following e-mail address: [50holycross@gmail.com](mailto:50holycross@gmail.com)



**Rachel's Corner:** *"Now I know I have my little one with God and he will help me love and value more my wife. This has been a dramatic change for me in the positive. It has changed my way of thinking, seeing and appreciating the mercy of God."*  
-Testimonial

Do you wonder why your role in the decision to have an abortion has affected you so deeply? Do you wish it wouldn't affect you when you try so hard to take care of your family? Come on a Rachel Vineyard Retreat and release that burden to God.

**Now accepting registration for our Fall Retreat: October 20-22, 2017.**

Are you or someone you love suffering the heartbreak of abortion experience? Take courage, and consider attending a local Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Women and men of all ages are welcome. This retreat offers an opportunity to experience hope and healing. [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com) **250-762-2273** for information and registration

visit: <http://rachelsvineyardkelowna.com/> [www.Rachel'sVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.Rachel'sVineyardKelowna.com)

**Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna** Confidentiality assured.

*Healing the pain of abortion ... one weekend at a time.*

- **FALL BAZAAR: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm on Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Immaculate Conception Hall (839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna, BC). Books, Bake Sale, White Elephant, Jewelry & Accessories, Kids Room, Delicious Soup & Homemade Pei.

### **POPE FRANCIS WANTS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO TACKLE 'FAKE NEWS'**

*For the next World Day of Social Communications, Pope Francis wants the Catholic Church to make a contribution to the mounting issue of "fake news," in part by seeking to promote "professional journalism which always seeks the truth, and therefore a journalism of peace that promotes understanding between people."*

"Fake news" and journalism as a force for peace are the themes chosen by Pope Francis for the Church-sponsored World Day of Social Communications 2018. As usual, the actual theme includes a Biblical quote: "'The truth will set you free.' Fake news and journalism for peace," with the famous Scriptural phrase drawn from the Gospel of John.

For the first time since a pope issued a message for World Communications Day in 1967, the theme was also announced by the pope via Twitter. According to a statement released by the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications, the message is directly linked to so-called fake news, "namely, baseless information that contributes to generating and nurturing a strong polarization of opinions." Given the fact that key internet companies, institutions and the world of politics all have begun to address the phenomenon, which involves "an often misleading distortion of facts, with possible repercussions at the level of individual and collective behavior," the Church too, wants to contribute, the statement said.

That contribution will come in the form of "a reflection on the causes, the logic and the consequences of disinformation in the media," and also by helping with the promotion of "professional journalism, which always seeks the truth, and therefore a journalism of peace that promotes understanding between people." The World Day of Social communications actually was established in 1963, by the Vatican Council II, with the document Inter Mirifica. It's celebrated on the Sunday preceding Pentecost, which next year will be May 13.

However, the first message to mark the day wouldn't come until 1967. That reflection, by Pope Paul VI was on the theme "Church and Social Communication: First World Communication Day."

Decades before the internet arrived in people's everyday lives, the pontiff wrote that the Church, "truly and intimately linked with mankind and its history," wants to draw attention to the "vast and complex phenomenon of the modern means of social communication, such as the press, motion pictures, radio and television, which form one of the most characteristic notes of modern civilization."

Francis's actual message will be released, upholding tradition, on the feast day of St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of journalists, marked on January 24. The announcement of the theme is traditionally made on Sept. 29, the feast of the Archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, with Gabriel being designated the patron saint of telecommunications.

The term “fake news” is used to refer to fabricated news, which can be found in traditional news, social media or fake news websites. They have no basis in fact, but are presented as being factually accurate. Back in November, some observers claimed that the proliferation of fake news, particularly on Facebook, had influence in the elections that put President Donald Trump in the White House.

On Friday, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who had dismissed this idea, acknowledged in a post on his own social media platform that he was wrong to do so. “Calling that crazy was dismissive, and I regret it,” Zuckerberg wrote. “This is too important an issue to be dismissive.” His note was prompted by a tweet from Trump earlier that day, calling Facebook “anti-Trump.” On the same day, Facebook was formally invited to testify in front of Congress in early November, after admitting to selling ads to Russian propagandists. “Trump says Facebook is against him,” Zuckerberg wrote. “Liberals say we helped Trump. Both sides are upset about ideas and content they don’t like. That’s what running a platform for all ideas looks like.” During the election cycle last year, the pope himself fell victim to a fake news story, which falsely reported that he had endorsed Donald Trump.

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### **Liturgical celebrations during week:**

- Tuesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for repose of the soul of Mrs. Zofia Bulat**  
(40<sup>th</sup> day memorial service is requested by Mr. Gregory Bulat and Family)  
– 6:30 p.m. Moleben to Jesus Christ
- Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for health and wellness of Mrs. Anne Wyshynsky**  
(requested by Mrs. Nydia Pobran)
- Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for health and wellness of Mr. Edward Holick**  
(requested by the UCWL in Penticton, BC)
- Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for health and wellness of Mr. Michael Meheriuk**  
(requested by the UCWL in Penticton, BC)
- Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God’s blessings for all parishioners.**  
(Service in Penticton, BC)
- Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 and Sacramental Ministry:** **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 (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very 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.**