



*Dormition of the Mother of God*  
*Ukrainian Catholic Church*  
 Українська Католицька Церква  
 Успення Пресвятої Богородиці



1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8

Tel.: 250-860-7295 Email: [dormitionkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:dormitionkelowna@gmail.com)

Parish web-site: <http://kelowna.nweparchy.ca/>

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts / о. Павло Миць

**Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster:** [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca)



**CHRIST THE KING, 21<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** - October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**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.



'Jesus' reign is truly not of this world (cf. *Jn 18:36*); but for this reason, Saint Paul tells us that we find redemption and forgiveness (cf. *Col 1:13-14*). For the grandeur of his kingdom is not power as defined by this world, but the love of God, a love capable of encountering and healing all things. Christ lowered himself to us out of this love, he lived our human misery, he suffered the lowest point of our human condition: injustice, betrayal, abandonment; he experienced death, the tomb, hell. And so our King went to the ends of the universe in order to embrace and save every living being. He did not condemn us, nor did he conquer us, and he never disregarded our freedom, but he paved the way with a humble love that forgives all things, hopes all things, sustains all things (cf. *1 Cor 13:7*). This love alone overcame and continues to overcome our worst enemies: sin, death, fear.' – teaches Pope Francis

**"...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, дозвольтє 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 in English language:**

**Tone 4**, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 95-97

**Epistle:** A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: (*Col. 1:12-20*)

Brethren, giving thanks to the Father, Who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities

or powers; all things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He Himself might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile all things for Him, making peace by the blood of His cross through Him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

**Gospel:** (John 18:33-37)



A that time Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed You over to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to Him, "Then You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



### Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

**Глас 3**, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 94-96

**Апостол:** До Колосян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Кол. 1, 12-20)

Браття і Сестри, дякуйте Отцеві, який зробив нас гідними мати участь у долі святих у світлі. Він вирвав нас із влади тьми й переніс у царство свого улюбленого Сина, в якому ми маємо відкуплення, прощення гріхів. Він - образ невидимого Бога, первородний усякого створіння, бо в ньому все було створене, що на небі і що на землі, видиме й невидиме: чи то престоли, чи господства, чи начала, чи власті, все було ним і для нього створене. Він раніш усього, і все існує в ньому. Він також голова тіла, тобто Церкви.

Він - начало, первородний з мертвих, так, щоб у всьому він мав першество, бо сподобалося Богові, щоб уся повнота перебувала в ньому і щоб через нього примирити з собою все чи то земне, а чи небесне, встановивши мир кров'ю його хреста.

**Євангеліє:** (Ів. 18, 33-37)

В той час ввійшов Пилат знов у преторію, закликав Ісуса і каже до нього: «Ти цар юдейський?» Ісус же у відповідь: «Кажеш те від себе, а чи інші про мене так тобі оповіли?» «Хіба ж я юдей? - озвався Пилат. - Народ твоїй і первосвященники передали тебе мені. Що ти таке зробив?» «Царство моє не від світу цього, - відрік Ісус. - Було б моє царство від цього світу, то сторожа моя була б воювала, щоби мене не видали юдеям. Але не звідсіля моє царство.» «То ти таки цар?» - мовив до нього Пилат. І відповів Ісус: «Ти кажеш, що я цар. Я на те уродився і прийшов у світ на те, щоб свідчити істину. Кожен, хто від істини, слухає голос мій.»

**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 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 славилася, 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 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:

- 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., 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., Rose F., 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.
- **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!







To the Rev. Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster

26 October 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In 2016-2017 our Eparchy and indeed the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church has had as its main pastoral theme, “Service to Others”. We have focused our attention on how we as a family, a Christian community can help our sisters and brothers in need in other parts of the world and also our neighbours who live in our own area and province. The need has been great especially for those who due to the wild fires that ravished so much of our British Columbian forests and forced thousands of people to flee their homes. The needs of our sisters and brothers in Ukraine continue to be somewhat overwhelming and again our faithful have contributed to lessen their suffering and show them solidarity.

This year the Synod of Bishops at their annual meeting have asked us to make “Liturgy and Prayer” our main focus or theme for 2017-2018. Over the next few months you will be receiving more information about this theme and suggestions as to how in our parishes and family life we will seek to learn more about “Liturgy and Prayer”.

In order to provide our faithful with good pastoral care we also have to turn our attention to something we call stewardship. This means the way we support our parishes with our time, talent and treasures. On average our Eparchy faces an annual financial deficit of approximately \$140,000. The main reason for the shortfall at the Eparchial level is because we must subsidize some of our parishes in the areas of clergy salaries, and insurance premiums, and from time to time, even general running costs.

Our Eparchy has the following major financial commitments:

Cost Center	Approximation of Costs
Clergy salaries, benefits, ongoing education, etc.	\$390,000
Mandatory annual contributions to the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops, The Western Assembly of Catholic Bishops in Canada, and Holy Spirit Seminary in Ottawa	\$44,000
Saint Volodymyr Eparchial Youth Camp and other youth activities	\$30,000
General running costs of the Eparchial Chancery Offices and Episcopal residence, including administrative costs, utilities, insurance, property taxes, maintenance, etc.	\$65,000
Total	\$529,000

Thanks to the generous contributions of our parishes, returns on our limited investment portfolio, and donations from private individuals, various organizations and fundraising efforts we are able to realize about \$400,000. Because of this annual deficit we rely on Catholic Missions in Canada for financial assistance. While Catholic Missions in Canada has been a faithful supporter, I hope you agree that it is not wise to place such a heavy reliance on Catholic Missions in Canada’s ability to continue providing for us. Over the next few weeks you will have an opportunity to learn more about Catholic Missions in Canada.

With prayerful best wishes,  
+Ken

Glory to Jesus Christ!

- **DORMITION PARISH MONTHLY OPERATING NEEDS:** Due to numerous requests, these are the basic (minimum) operating needs & obligations of Dormition Parish. (\$60,000 - year, \$5,000 – month or \$1,150 - week). A breakdown is: priestly salary & Cathedraticum (monthly amount paid by every parish toward support

of our Cathedral in New Westminster, BC); Balance for operating costs such as Taxes, Utilities of church, parish hall & residence; Upkeeping (Repairs & Maintenance, projects, ground-church; residence), Security and Janitorial service, etc.

- **Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish:** Perogies – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Cabbage Rolls – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Borshch – \$ 7.00 per a jar.

- **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 today on Sunday of October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 A.D.*



# HALLOWEEN- THE CATHOLIC WAY


**What is HALLOWEEN?**



**"ALL HALLOWS' EVE"** is where the name of halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint. We call October 31 - All Hallow's Eve because it is the eve of All Saints' Day which is on November 1.

The night before Nov.1 became known as *Allhallowe'en*, which was short for "evening before All Hallow's Day." It was then shortened to what we now know as Halloween.

The mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on Nov. 1 was called *"Allhallomas"*. This meant mass of all the hallowed (saintly people). It was commonly called *"All Hallow's Day"*.



November **1** **Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?** November **2**

November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.



November 2 is a special day called the feast of All Souls. It is celebrated in honor and remembrance of the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, and to pray for other souls that still need our prayers. The Church honors this day as a solemn day for all souls in purgatory who are being cleansed before entering Heaven.



## How can we celebrate Halloween?

**1. Dress up like "Little Saints"**



Let's do our best to remind everyone that this day is the eve of the feast of All Saints. We honor the saints by dressing up like them instead of dressing up as anything that glorifies sin, horror or rebellion from God. By our good example, people will be curious to learn more about "All Hallow's Eve" and may even study the lives of the saints.

**3. Go to Mass**




On Nov.1 and Nov.2, the most important thing we can do is to attend the Holy Mass and offer it for all the Holy Saints, and our dearly departed loved ones. By doing this, we give honor to them.

**2. Visit the graves of our dearly departed**



On Nov.1 and Nov.2, let's go to the cemeteries to pray at the graves of our dear departed. We can also adorn it with flowers and lighted candles.

**4. We say a prayer**



While we celebrate Halloween, we pray to and honor our saints and pray for our dearly departed. We can say the rosary or other prayers at home or upon visiting the grave of our departed loved ones.



15

- **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!



**First Memorial Funeral Services**  
1211 Sutherland Ave. Kelowna, BC  
250-762-2299

- Able To Assist With Any/All Cemetery Requirements
- Caring Professional Trained Staff
- 24 Hour Compassion Helpline
- Cremation and Burial Options
- Free Pre-Planning Guide
- Pre-Arranged Plans
- Reception Facilities
- DVD Life Tributes
- 24 Hour Service

**Terance Coderre**  
Assistant Manager  
www.firstmemorialfuneral.com

*Serving All Memorial Societies  
and the General Public Since 1961*

---

**the DANCE BAND**

**Vic Ukrainetz**  
830 Timrick Court  
Kelowna, B.C.  
V1X 5V7  
250 860 7612  
1 877 860 7612 toll free  
vicukr@telus.net

---

**250.860.7077**  
contact@springfieldfuneralhome.com  
2020 Springfield Rd., Kelowna, BC V1Y 5V8  
www.springfieldfuneralhome.com

- **Volunteers help is needed to make perogies starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday of Nov. 4<sup>th</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!
- **Saint Josaphat's parish praznyk in Vernon, BC.** Please mark your calendars for November 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our Saint Josaphat's Praznyk. There will be only one Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM followed by lunch. Tickets: \$20.00 - adults; \$10.00 - children 6-12 years of age; children 5 years & under - free.
- **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.
- **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 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*)
- **ZABAVA:** an evening of dance, fun, and socializing at our Ukrainian Cultural Centre/ parish hall **on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 A.D.** Welcome everyone at 5 pm, Potluck Supper at 6 pm, Tickets \$ 5 per person (all donations will be going to support our church), Children FREE. Everyone is welcome!

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

**Zabava**  
Ukrainian dance party!



*Saturday, November 4th*

**Welcome**

Welcome everyone @ 5:00 pm  
Supper @ 6:00 pm ( Potlucks )  
Tickets \$ 5.00 per person ( all our donation will be going to support our church )  
children free



Rachel's Vineyard Ministries  
Healing the Pain of Abortion -  
One Weekend at a Time  
1-877-Hope4Me  
(1-877-467-3463)  
www.RachelsVineyard.org

**Rachel's Corner:** *“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”* - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Your yesterday holds a painful loss to abortion. Are you ready to let your self-condemnation go? All He wants is for you to hand Him the key to your heart and He is waiting for

your invitation. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and let Him begin your 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.*

## **Pope Francis tells Canadian youth in video message to 'build bridges'**

*Pope Francis has sent a video message to the young people of Canada gathered in preparation for the Synod of Bishops 2018. The Holy Father invited them to build bridges through social communications, without letting their youthful enthusiasm for the Gospel be snuffed out.*

In his video message to the young people of Canada, Pope Francis reflected on the “marvels of technology” which now allow “encounters and exchanges that were unthinkable until a short while ago.”

He invited them to use new channels of communication positively and “not to let them be ruined by those bent only on exploiting and destroying them”.

**Spread youthful joy of Gospel:** Rather, the Pope told them to flood the places they live “with the joy and enthusiasm” typical of their age and “to water the world and history with the joy of the Gospel”. He said this is possible only through an encounter with Jesus, “who has intrigued you and drawn you to be with him”, he said.

“Don’t let your youth be stolen from you,” Pope Francis told the young people of Canada. “Don’t build walls of division. Build bridges, like this one which you are crossing, and which allows you to communicate from the shores of two oceans.”

**Ever-present call to discipleship:** Pope Francis went on to remind them that Jesus’ call to discipleship can never be drowned out by the noise of modern communications. “Jesus turns his gaze to you and invites you to come to him... Have you heard his voice?... I’m sure that, even though din and daze seem to reign in the world, this call continues to sound in your being, calling you to open up to the fullness of joy.” This, he said, is possible only when they have sought out expert spiritual guides “to discover God’s project” for their life.

**Courageous young people:** Pope Francis also told the young people that the Church needs courageous young people. “The world and the Church need courageous young people, who are not afraid of adversity, who confront any difficulty, keeping their eyes and heart open to reality, so that no one may be rejected, fall victim to injustice or violence, or be deprived of their dignity as a human person.”

The Holy Father said he had no doubt their “young hearts” would remain open to the cry for help of their age mates, “who seek freedom, work, studies, and the possibility to give meaning to their lives.”

**Open to Christ:** Finally, Pope Francis invited them to open themselves to Christ. “Let him speak to you, embrace you, console you, heal your wounds, and dissolve your doubts and fears. Thus you will be ready for the fascinating adventure of life.” Jesus, he said, “is with you and awaits from you a resounding ‘Here I am’.”

Source: 23/10/2017 (Vatican Radio)

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/10/23/pope\\_tells\\_canadian\\_youth\\_in\\_video\\_message\\_to\\_%E2%80%98build\\_bridges/1339506](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/10/23/pope_tells_canadian_youth_in_video_message_to_%E2%80%98build_bridges/1339506)

## **Pope at Mass: 'God's omnipotence is manifested in His mercy'**

*Pope Francis on Tuesday reminded the faithful that God’s infinite mercy prevails over all, but he warned against rigidity and invited Christians to always open their hearts.*

The Pope was speaking during morning Mass at the Casa Santa Marta. Reflecting, for the second consecutive day, on a reading from the Book of Jonah, Pope Francis concluded that it is God’s mercy that opens our hearts and wins over everything. Recalling the story of the prophet Jonah whom – he said – “was a stubborn man who wanted to teach God how to do things” he described him as “sick with rigidity”, “a starved soul”.

In the Bible story, the Pope said, the Lord asks Jonah to convert the city of Nineveh. First the prophet refuses to do so and runs away; then he carries out God’s orders “and he does it well”. But still, Francis observed, Jonah is “angry” and indignant because the Lord shows forgiveness towards the people who, with open hearts, showed repentance.

**Rigidity is an obstacle:** “Those who have stubborn souls do not understand what God's mercy is” he said. They are like Jonah, he continued, they do not know how to open their hearts to the Lord. He described them as “faint-hearted” - with little hearts that are closed to mercy - and attached to issues of naked righteousness: “they forget that

the justice of God became flesh in his Son, it became mercy and forgiveness; they forget that God's heart is always open to forgiveness". Something else they forget, the Pope added, is that "the omnipotence of God is manifested primarily in His mercy and forgiveness".

**God's omnipotence is primarily manifested in His mercy:** "It is not easy to understand God's mercy, it is not easy. Much prayer is needed because it is a grace" he said. And, Francis noted, we are so accustomed to the tit-for-tat attitude - that kind of attitude that implies that justice means paying for what you did, but – he said: "Jesus paid for us and continues to pay."

Referring again to the story of the Jonah, he said that God could have abandoned the prophet to his stubbornness and to his rigidity. Instead, he went to talk to him and convinced him; he saved him just as he saved the people of Nineveh.

**The God of patience who know how to open hearts:** "He is the God of patience, He is the God who knows how to give a caress, who knows how to open hearts". Pope Francis pointed out that the message at the heart the prophetic Book is to be found in the dialogue between prophecy, penance, mercy and faint-heartedness or stubbornness. And, he said, it is in the fact that God's mercy always prevails because His omnipotence is manifested in His mercy. I advise you, Francis concluded, to read the Book of Jonah today: "it is very small, only three pages, and see how the Lord acts, how His mercy transforms our hearts, and thank the Lord for being so merciful".

Reported by Linda Bordoni, (Vatican Radio)

Source: [http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/10/10/pope\\_at\\_mass\\_gods\\_omnipotence\\_is\\_manifested\\_in\\_his\\_mercy/1341981](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/10/10/pope_at_mass_gods_omnipotence_is_manifested_in_his_mercy/1341981)



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

Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for repose of the soul of Dorothy Zorera**

Wednesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for repose of the soul of Lorna Rodrigues**

Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for repose of the soul of Mrs. Maria Puzhak**

(requested by Mrs. Olena & Mr. Roman Federov and Family)

Friday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for repose of the soul of Malcolm Pequenezza**

Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.**

(Service in Penticton, BC)

Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</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.**