



**Dormition of the Mother of God  
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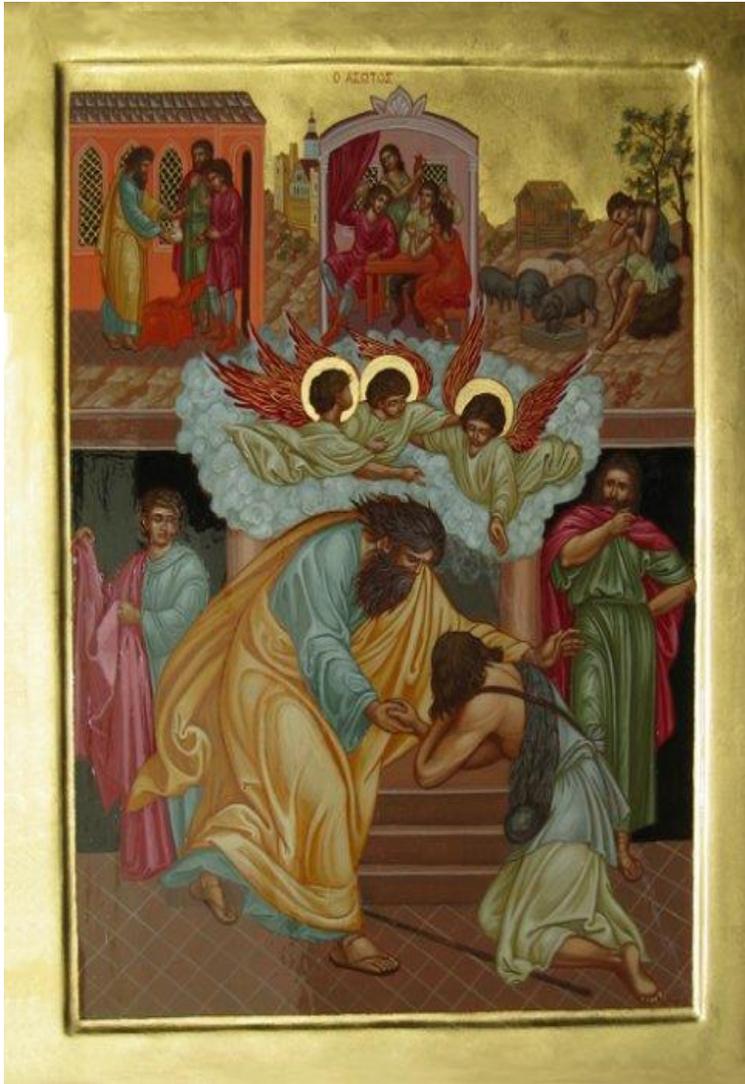
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**Sunday of Prodigal Son - January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 A.D**

**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.**



Regardless of our situation in life today, the message in today's gospel is the same for us as it was for the prodigal son thousands of years ago. Maybe we are like the prodigal son who had wrecked his life but had not yet mustered up the courage to return home and ask his father's forgiveness.

Perhaps, there is someone in our lives that we need to approach and muster up enough courage to say, "I'm truly sorry". Or maybe, somewhere, someday, someone will come up to you and say, "Forgive me, I was wrong". What will we do in this situation on that day?

Forgiveness is always a two-way street. May we have the courage to seek out and embrace the forgiveness that we so desperately need; from others, but most especially from the Almighty God.

'Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father, wasting the wealth You gave me on vices. Therefore I offer You the words of the Prodigal: Loving Father, I have sinned before You. Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.' - *Kontakion of Sunday*

"...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 переміняти, очистити і скріпити Божою любов'ю!" - *Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука "Жива Парафія"*

**Christian Greetings: Christ Is Born! – Glorify Him!**

**Chrystos Rozhdaiet'sia! – Slavimo Yoho!**

**Христос Рождається! - Славимо Його! Christ is among us! – He is and will be!**

**Liturgical Propers in English language:**

**Tone 1**, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 89-91

**Epistle:** A reading from the *First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*: (1 Cor. 6:12-20)

Brethren: "Everything is lawful for me" – but that does not mean that everything is good for me. "Everything is lawful for me" – but I will not let myself be enslaved by anything. "Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will do away with them both in the end" – but the body is not for immorality; it is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God, who raised up the Lord, will raise us also by his power.



*Do you not see that your bodies are members of Christ? Would you have me take Christ's members and make them the members of a prostitute? God forbid! Can you not see that the man who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? Scripture says, "The two shall become one flesh." But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun lewd conduct. Every other sin a man commits is outside his body, but the fornicator sins against his own body. You must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within – the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price. So glorify God in your body.*

**Gospel:** (Luke 15:11-32)

*Jesus told this parable: "A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' So the father divided up the property.*

*Some days later this younger son collected all his belongings and went off to a distant land, where he squandered his money on dissolute living. After he had spent everything, a great famine broke out in that country and he was in dire need. So he attached himself to one of the propertied class of the place, who sent him to his farm to take care of the pigs. He longed to fill his belly with the husks that were fodder for the pigs, but no one made a move to give him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he said: 'How many hired hands at my father's place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands.' With that he set off for his father's house.*

*While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' The father said to his servants: 'Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the fatted calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.' Then the celebration began.*

*"Meanwhile the elder son was out on the land. As he neared the house on his way home, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked him the reason for the dancing and the music. The servant answered, 'Your brother is home, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back in good health.' The son grew angry at this and would not go in; but his father came out and began to plead with him. "He said to his father in reply: 'For years now I have slaved for you. I never disobeyed one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. Then, when this son of yours returns after having gone through your property with loose women, you kill the fatted calf for him."*

*'My son,' replied the father, 'you are with me always, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead, and has come back to life. He was lost, and is found.'*

**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.**



**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.

- **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:** 1) 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.**



### Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 1, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого";  
сторінки 88-90

#### **Апостол:** До Коринтян Першого Послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (1 Кор. 6, 12-20)



Браття і Сестри, «Все мені можна», та не все корисне. «Все мені можна», та я не дам нічому заволодіти надо мною. «Їжа для живота, і живіт для їжі!» Бог же одне і друге ж не для розпусти, але для Господа, і Господь для тіла. Бог же і Господа був воскресив – та й нас воскресить своєю силою. Хіба не знаєте, що тіла ваші – члени Христові? Узявши, отже, члени Христові, – зроблю їх членами блудниці? Хай так не буде! Чи не знаєте, що той, хто пристає до блудниці, є з нею одним тілом? Бо «будуть, – каже, – двоє одним тілом.» Хто ж пристає до Господа, є одним духом. Утікайте від розпусти! Усякий гріх, що його чинить людина, є поза її тілом; а хто чинить розпусту, грішить супроти власного тіла. Хіба ж не знаєте, що ваше тіло – храм Святого Духа, який живе у вас? Його ви маєте від Бога, тож уже не належите до себе самих. Ви бо куплені високою ціною! Тож прославляйте Бога у вашому тілі!

#### **Євангеліє:** (Лк 15, 11-32)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: “В одного чоловіка було два сини. Молодший з них сказав батькові: Тату, дай мені ту частину маєтку, що мені припадає. І батько розділив між ними свій маєток. Кілька днів потім, молодший, зібравши

все, подався у край далекий і там розтратив свій маєток, живши розпусно. І от як він усе прогайнував, настав великий голод у тім краю, і він почав бідувати. Пішов він і найнявся до одного з мешканців того краю, і той послав його на своє поле пасти свині. І він бажав би був наповнити живіт світ стручками, що їх їли свині, та й тих ніхто не давав йому. Опам’ятавшись, він сказав до себе: Скільки то наймитів у мого батька мають подостатком хліба, а я тут з голоду конаю. Встану та й піду до батька мого і скажу йому: Отче, я прогрішився проти неба й проти тебе! Я недостойний більше зватися твоїм сином. Прийми мене як одного з твоїх наймитів. І встав він і пішов до батька свого. І як він був іще далеко, побачив його батько його й, змилосердившись, побіг, на шию йому кинувся і поцілував його. Тут син сказав до нього: Отче, я прогрішився проти неба й проти тебе. Я недостойний більше зватися твоїм сином. А батько кликнув до слуг своїх: Притьмом принесіть найкращу одіж, одягніть його, дайте йому на руку перстень і сандалі на ноги. Та приведіть годоване теля і заріжте, і їжмо, веселімся, бо цей мій син був мертвий, і ожив, пропав був, і знайшовся. І вони заходились веселитися. А старший його син був у полі; коли ж він, повертаючись, наблизився до дому, почув музику й танці. Покликав він одного із слуг і спитав, що воно таке було б. Той же сказав йому: Брат твій повернувся, і твій батько зарізав годоване теля, бо знайшов його живим- здоровим. Розгнівався той і не хотів увійти. І вийшов тоді батько й почав його просити. А той озвався до батька: Ось стільки років служу тобі й ніколи не переступив ні однієї заповіді твоєї, і ти не дав мені ніколи козеняти, щоб з друзями моїми повеселитись. Коли повернувся цей син твій, що проїв твій маєток з блудницями, ти зарізав для нього годоване теля. Батько ж сказав до нього: Ти завжди при мені, дитино, і все моє – твоє. А веселитись і радіти треба було, бо оцей брат твій був мертвий і ожив, пропав був і знайшовся.”





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.

• **EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER VIBRANT PARISH APPEAL SHARE YOUR HEART**

"...We need your urgent and immediate support to guarantee the viability of our Eparchy for future generations of your children and grandchildren. We want to ensure the survival of pastoral services including the celebration of the sacraments in the Ukrainian Catholic tradition, such as Divine Liturgies, Baptism, Marriages, Funerals and the great Feasts, which means so much to us..."

+Ken (Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster)

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• **Confession Days:** - if you would like to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fr. Pavlo will be available at the church from 6:30 pm to 7 pm on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.



**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, Pies – \$ 9.00, Kovbasa/Sausage - \$ 8 for a ring. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870.

• **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 blessed to have such a wonderful group of children again! Thank you, parents, volunteers and all our parishioners!

## Executive Director

BISHOP BUDKA EPARCHIAL STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY INC (BBESSI)

The Board of Directors of the Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. invites applications for an Executive Director.

We are seeking a highly motivated and ethical professional who will lead our organization in generating funds to achieve stewardship and fundraising goals of the Eparchy of Saskatoon.

Please visit our website at [www.bbessi.org](http://www.bbessi.org) to view the detailed job profile and more information about how to apply for this position.

Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. is an organization under the auspices of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon whose primary objective is to develop, organize and implement fundraising initiatives and programs for the purposes of enhancing Eparchial programs.

- **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!
- **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.

- **Immaculata Regional High School's Mustangs Theatre Company Presents:** Elephant's Graveyard by George Brant. Based on the real life tragic events in the small town of Erwin, Tennessee in 1916. Mary the circus elephant kills a man and the town demands revenge. Serious themes and content.  
Showtimes: Wednesday, January 31, Thursday, February 1, and Friday, February 2. All shows at 7 pm.  
Location: The Old Barn Black Box Theatre (Immaculata Regional High School – 1493 K.L.O. Road)  
Tickets: \$15 adults \$10 students. For tickets and a listing of our other shows and discounts this season, go to [mustangstheatre.weebly.com](http://mustangstheatre.weebly.com)
- **Please, share to Kelowna Food Bank.** A special box is located at the entrance to the church.
- **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** ... Please, 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*)

**Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing and Pastoral Annual Visitations** sign up list to arrange the actual date is available at the entrance to the church and at the church hall. Please assist Fr. Pavlo in planning these visits by letting him know your most convenient time and day. Thank you



**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!

**Rachel's Corner:** Healing after Abortion Ministry [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)  
250-762-2273 for information and registration visit:

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Facebook: **Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna** Confidentiality assured. **Healing the pain of abortion ... one weekend at a time.**

*“I finally admitted to what I did, faced it and feel forgiven. I was able to honor the life of my children, and have peace knowing they are with God.”* - Testimonial from retreat

Join those affected by an abortion experience on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Let that burden go and let God give you that peace you have been looking for such a long time.

**Knights of Columbus invite you to join them at their 44<sup>th</sup> annual service club banquet (Brotherhood Banquet) on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Rutland Centennial Hall (180 Rutland Road North).** The evening will start with dinner at 6:30 pm followed by introduction of dignitaries and guest speaker. Cost of \$ 18.00 per (payable at the door). Everyone welcome. For more information call Victor at 250-860-7612



## **Analysis:**

### **Why will Pope Francis visit the Ukrainian parish in Rome?**

By [Andrea Gagliarducci](#)

Vatican City, Jan 12, 2018 / 02:00 pm (CNA).- On Jan. 28, Pope Francis will visit the Basilica of Saint Sophia, the Greek Catholic Ukrainian parish in Rome. While there, he will pray in front of the tomb of Bishop Stefan Czmil, who served as a missionary to Argentina, and was a childhood mentor to the young Jorge Bergoglio.

The news of the visit was released today by the Holy See Press Office. Beyond the personal attachment the Pope has for Bishop Czmil, the visit is meant as a pastoral visit and a sign of closeness to the Ukrainian Catholics living in Italy, and in general abroad.

It will be a short visit: the Pope will meet with the Greek Catholic Ukrainian community in the Basilica, and will speak after an address delivered by the Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk. After the speech, he will go down to the crypt, for a moment of prayer in front of the tomb of Bishop Czmil, as well as in front of the tomb of Cardinal Slipyi.

St. Sophia was modeled on the designs of medieval Ukrainian churches in Kiev, and is home to about 14,000 Ukrainians living in the Diocese of Rome. Its symbolic importance goes far beyond the Diocese of Rome.

The Church was built in 1963, thanks to a collection launched by the then Archeparch Josip Slipyi, who went to Rome after he had spent 18 years in Soviet prison camps in Siberia and Mordovia.

The basilica has, for decades, been considered the “home” for Greek Catholic Ukrainians sent into diaspora during Soviet rule.

In 1946, the Soviet authorities convoked a false “Synod” of Lviv, revoking the Union of Brest - the Council that put the Greek Catholic Church in union with Rome – and forced Ukrainian Catholic parishes and eparchies into the hierarchical structure of the Orthodox Church. The Ukrainian Catholic Church survived clandestinely and in exile.

After the “Synod,” the church built in Rome was a welcome point of unity and solidarity for the members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Saint Sophia was consecrated Sep. 28, 1969 by Blessed Paul VI. The Pope wanted to concretely show his own solidarity with the persecuted Church of the Ukraine. Years earlier, in 1963, Paul VI made the decision to move the body of Saint Josaphat, the patron of the Ukrainian Church, under the Altar of Confession in St. Peter’s Basilica, to symbolize the union between Eastern and Roman rites.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is the biggest of the *sui iuris* Catholic Churches, the eastern ritual Churches in full communion with Rome.

Pope Francis’ presence will strengthen this union with Rome. According to Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the head of the Greek Catholic Ukrainian Community, Pope Francis’ visit is “a sign of solidarity with the Ukrainian people, and a way to show closeness with Ukrainian migrants to Italy, who consider Saint Sophia’s Basilica their home, and a link to their native land.”

In fact, Pope Francis’ visit might be considered far more than that, considering the political situation in the Ukraine.

During a speech delivered Jan. 8 to the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See, the Pope made a clear mention of the Ukrainian conflict.

The Pope said that “a shared commitment to rebuilding bridges is also urgent in Ukraine,” as “the year just ended reaped new victims in the conflict that afflicts the country, continuing to bring great suffering to the population, particularly to families who live in areas affected by the war and have lost their loved ones, not infrequently the elderly and children.”

The “forgotten conflict” of the Ukraine has been one of the main focus of the Holy See diplomacy so far. Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of State, visited the country in June 2016. His reports were decisive to launch the program “The Pope for Ukraine,” which began with an extraordinary collection Apr. 24, 2016.

The Holy See has kept a balanced position between the Ukrainian and Russian claims over the territory of Crimea, according to Metropolitan Hilarion, the head of external relations in the Orthodox Patriarchate of Moscow. For this

reason, the Pope has not yet scheduled a trip to Ukraine, although Eastern Europe is clearly at the center of the Pope's attention – the Pope will likely travel to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in Sep. 2018.

For all of these reasons, Pope Francis' visit to the basilica of St. Sophia in Rome will also be a sign of pastoral concern toward the Ukrainian people during a time of national difficulty. It is not a political visit, nor it should be treated as one. However, the Pope will give strength to the Ukrainian population who endured diaspora, and to those who face a continuing conflict over eastern Ukraine.

The Pope knows the history of the Greek Catholic Ukrainians thanks to Bishop Czmil, the first Ukrainian Salesian sent on a mission to Argentina. Czmil was very important to Pope Francis, as the Pope himself explained Nov. 9, 2017 to the students of the College St. Josaphat, the Ukrainian seminary in Rome.

The Pope said that "it was Fr. Czmil who taught me how to participate in the Ukrainian rite of the Mass, opening me to a different liturgy."

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/analysis-why-will-pope-francis-visit-the-greek-ukraine-parish-in-rome-80559>



## Catholic Missions In Canada

Bishop Ken Nowakowski  
Eparchy of New Westminster,  
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Jan. 18, 2018

Dear Bishop Ken Nowakowski:

Our organization's co-founders, Father Alfred Burke and Archbishop Fergus McEvay, were instrumental in raising awareness of the needs of Ukrainian Catholics among Canada's Latin Rite Catholic community. From their efforts came the means of providing financial, corporal and spiritual assistance to Ukrainian Catholics beginning their lives in this new land. With your support, that valued and special partnership which began with our founding in 1908, continues today.

I began an initiative to involve all of our stakeholder bishops in assisting the funding of these grants, as many dioceses in Canada already do. Being a niche charity reserved to the Catholic enclave is a great challenge. As donors age, they are not being replaced by younger Catholics at the same rate, while the cost of projects continually increases. Thus, I am appreciative of your effort and the goodness of your flock to cooperate in this venture. Together, we form a partnership.

Therefore, thank you to all in the Eparchy of New Westminster who generously donated to Catholic Missions In Canada in your recent Collection. A total of \$1,865 was collected. This is a great help in our mission to help the Catholic faith continue across the country in what are, sometimes, difficult conditions. I remember well visiting you and touring some of your parishes. I valued our discussions about the needs of your eparchy.

In 2018, CMIC is allocating over \$4,000,000, not to mention Ad Hoc grants which may be needed as the year progresses. Catholic Missions In Canada is providing over \$200,000 for ministries and religious education programs for children, teens and adults in the Eparchies of New Westminster and Saskatoon.

Thank you again to all in the Eparchy of New Westminster for helping us support ministries of the Ukrainian Church here in Canada. Be assured of our prayers and best wishes to all in the Eparchy of New Westminster.

Rev. David Reilander, President

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## **Re: Changes to the Canada Summer Jobs Grant Program**

January 25, 2018

Dear Prime Minister/Minister Hajdu,

We the undersigned leaders of diverse faith communities and organizations in Canada, call on the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada to amend the Canada Summer Jobs guidelines and application process so that it does not compel agreement or belief, and allows religious organizations to stay true to their communal identity and beliefs. The new application requires each organization to give non-negotiable and unqualified affirmation of certain beliefs held by the current government.

Canada has a long history of cooperation and collaboration between religious organizations and governments in our health care and social welfare systems, and in many other areas of life.

Faith-based organizations wish to continue to partner with the federal government in delivering programming and services to vulnerable members of their local communities, including children and youth, newcomers to Canada, and people experiencing poverty and homelessness.

However, with the changes to the Canada Summer Jobs guidelines, many organizations will be deemed ineligible because they are unable or unwilling to attest that their “core mandate” and beliefs align with the current government’s position. These groups are being denied equal access to a government benefit solely because of their religious beliefs or conscientious objection.

In managing its programs, the government should respect and accommodate the diversity of values and beliefs within Canadian society and must itself abide by the Charter in its treatment of individuals and groups. The fundamental freedoms of conscience and religion, thought, belief, opinion and expression, as guaranteed in the Charter, must be respected and affirmed in legislation, regulations and policy.

The promise of a free and democratic society is that there be no religious or ideological tests or conditions to receiving government benefits or protection.

The changes to the Canada Summer Jobs guidelines and application not only violate the fundamental freedoms of faith-based organizations, they also significantly impact the broader communities served by their programs, often the most vulnerable in Canadian society.

Canada is known and widely respected as a religiously plural and multicultural society. Respect for the diversity of beliefs of all Canadians and meaningful engagement with those who hold differing beliefs is essential to maintaining a robust democracy. Please ensure that Canadians continue to benefit from collaboration between governments and faith-based organizations working together for the common good of our country.

Sincerely,

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### ***Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations during week:***

Mon., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Tue., Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> (**Three Hierarchs**) – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.**

Thur., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **repose of the soul of Emil Ovcharek** (requested by Mr. Steven and

Mrs. Irene Popyk)

– 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> (**ENCOUNTER/PRESENTATION OF ICPX/CTPITEHHA**)

– 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.**

Sat., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (**Service in Penticton, BC**)

**Blessings of the candles and myrovania/blessings with the holy oil will be after the Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (in English.)

**Blessings of the candles and myrovania/blessings with the holy oil will be after the Divine Liturgy**

– 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (in Ukrainian.)

**Blessings of the candles and myrovania/blessings with the holy oil will be after the Divine Liturgy**

\* **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.**

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