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Dormition of the Mother of God
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30th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday of the Holy Ancestors (the Forefathers

from Adam, Biblical Patriarchs and the Prophets up to Saint John the Baptist) – December 16th, 2018 A.D.

“God always surprises us, like the new wine in the Gospel. God always saves the best for us. But He asks us to let ourselves be surprised by His love, to accept His surprises. Let us trust God.” - teaches Pope Francis

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One’s Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit – Pastoral Letter of

His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

“All the challenging circumstances of our life on earth – these are for us an invitation to active love, which is an expression of living faith!” - Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

“The Vibrant Parish”

“Всі ці прикрі явища нашого земного життя – це для нас запрошення до чинної любові, яка є виявом живої віри.”

- 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 and Sacramental celebrations during week:

Tue., Dec. 18th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings in good health for Mr. Gregory Bulat

– 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Sacrament of Confession

– 6:30 pm: Moleben to Emanuel

Wed., Dec. 19th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings in good health for Mrs. Galyna Nykilchyk

Thurs., Dec. 20th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy:

Fri., Dec. 21st – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy:

Saturday, Dec. 22nd – 3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina / Bible Studies: (Studies and Service in Penticton, BC)

– 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings for all parishioners

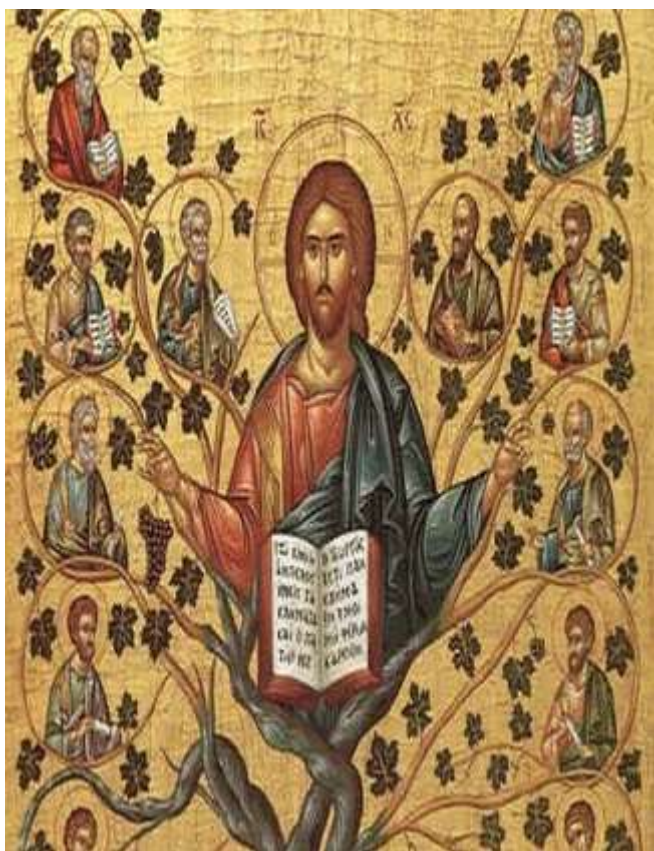
Sunday, Dec. 23rd – 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (in English language)

- 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings for all parishioners. (in English language)

- 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings for all parishioners. (in Ukrainian language)

Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry: Baptisms: by appointment. Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Marriages: six months’ notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Holy Unction** (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing (by appointment, any time) **Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment. **Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time * 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.



Liturgical Propers in English language:



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

Troparion (Tone 2): By faith You justified Your ancestors and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations. The saints exult in glory; from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed. By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

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

Kontakion (Tone 6): Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid," for You can do whatever You will.

Prokimenon (Tone 3): Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing (Ps 46:7).

Verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. (Dn 3:27)

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 Colossians:* (Col 3:4-11)

Brothers and Sisters, when Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory. Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and that lust which is idolatry. These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. Your own conduct was once of this sort, when these sins were your very life. You must put that aside now: all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner, Scythian, slave or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you.



Alleluia (Tone 4): Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name. (Ps 98:6) They called on the Lord and He heard them. (Ps 98:6)

Gospel: (Luke 14:16-24)

Jesus told this parable: "A man was giving a large dinner and he invited many. At dinner time he sent his servant to say to those invited, 'Come along, everything is ready now.' But they began to excuse themselves, one and all. The first one said to the servant, 'I have bought some land and must go out and inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going out to test them. Please excuse me.' A third said, "I am newly married and so I cannot come."

The servant returning reported all this to his master. The master of the house grew angry at the account. He said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

The servant reported, after some time, 'Your orders have been carried out, my lord, and there is still room.' The master then said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and along the hedgerows and force them to come in. I want my house to be full, but I tell you that not one of those invited shall taste a morsel of my dinner'."

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).

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:** 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:

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

Тропар (глас 2): Вірою праотців оправдав Ти, з народів через них ти Церкву наперед заручив. Хваляться у славі святі, бо з сімени їх є плід благословенний – та, що без сімени родила тебе. Їх молитвами, Христе Боже, помилуй нас.

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

Кондак (глас 6): Рукописаному образів не поклонившись, але неописаним єством захистившись, триблаженні, в подвизі вогню ви прославилися і, посеред нестерпного полум'я стоячи, Бога ви призвали: Поспішишь, о, Щедрий, і скоро прийди як милостивий нам на поміч, бо Ти можеш, якщо воля Твоя.

Прокімен (глас 4): Благословен єси, Господи, Боже отців наших, і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я Твоє на віки.

Стих: Бо праведний єси в усьому, що сотворив Ти нам. (Дан. 3:26-27)

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Апостол: До Клосян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Кол. 3, 4-11)

Браття і Сестри, коли ж Христос, ваше життя, з'явиться, тоді й ви з ним з'явитесь у славі. Умертвлюйте, отже, ваші земні члени: розпусту, нечистоту, пристрасті, лиху пожадливість, зажерливість – що є ідолопоклонство. За все це падає гнів Божий на неслухняних. Ви самі нещодавно поводитися так само, коли жили в тому. Тепер же відкиньте й ви все те геть від себе: гнів, лютість, злобу, наклеп, сороміцькі слова з ваших уст! Не говоріть неправди одне одному, бо ви з себе скинули стару людину з її ділами й одягнулися в нову, що відновлюється до досконалого спізнання, відповідно до образу свого Творця. Тим то немає грека, ні юдея, ні обрізання, ні необрізання, ні варвара, ні скита, ні невольника, ні вільного, а все й у всьому – Христос.



Алилуя (глас 4): Мойсей і Арон між єреями його і Самуїл між тими, що призивають ім'я його (Пс. 98, 6). Призивали Господа і він вислухав їх (Пс. 98, 6).

Євангеліє: (Лк. 14, 16-24)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: “Один чоловік справив вечерю велику й запросив багатьох. Під час вечері послав він слугу свого сказати запрошеним: Ідіть, усе готове. Тоді всі вони однаково почали відмовлятися. Перший йому сказав: Поле купив я, мушу піти на нього подивитись; вибач мені, прошу тебе. Другий сказав: П'ять пар волів купив я і йду їх спробувати; прошу тебе, вибач мені. А інший мовив: Я одружився і тому не можу прийти. Повернувся слуга й розповів це панові своєму. Розгнівався тоді господар та й каже до слуги свого: Іди щоскоріш на майдани й вулиці міста й приведи сюди вбогих, калік, сліпих, кульгавих. Пане, – озвався слуга, – сталося, як ти велів, і місця є ще. Сказав пан до слуги: Піди на шляхи та огорожі й наполягай увійти, щоб дім мій наповнився. Кажу бо вам: Ніхто з отих запрошених не покуштує моєї вечері.”

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



Молитва Живої Парафії: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожнотчасно 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!** ЦІРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО! <<<<

Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness share time, volunteer and organize coffee and socials, make donations, came and helped to make perogies this past week, knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully care and help our parish community, parishioners welcoming our guests and visitors, volunteered sharing time and care helping at the pierogies making work bees, everyone who organized, attended and contributed with their time, talents and treasures at our parish annual Saint Nicholas Day celebration, helped with cleaning, and actively participated different parish projects and programs, looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church 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)

Every parishioner is personally responsible before God for our spiritual home-parish-church!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mrs. Olga Bohun on her birthday (Dec. 16th), to Mr. Rolli Cacchioni on his birthday (Dec. 17th), Mrs. Gloria Dudych on her birthday (Dec. 21st), and to all those who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's /saint's Saint Anna name-day, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 collections to purchase Christmas Flowers** are organized on Sundays of Dec. 9th, and Dec. 16th, 2018 A.D.
- ❖ **Monthly Parish Council Meeting** is at 7:00 pm on Tuesday of Dec. 18th, 2018 A.D
- ❖ **PLEASE, REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Lucy D., Janet F., Alex R., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Ric B., Rocio A., Kit C., Shirley C., Peter Dranchuk, Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Olga Kuzyk, Anthony and Victoria Huziak, George and Mary Dashkewytsch, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Dorothy Scott, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, Ann Boitson, Sandra Shynkaryk, 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. **SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN AWARENESS: Dear parishioners, if our brother / sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him /her know that our parish community misses him / her very much!**



- ❖ *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.*
- ❖ **‘KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS’** - as part of our parish fundraiser these special magnets are available for purchase at a donation of \$ 5.00. By placing on our cars, a magnet KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS, prepared by the Knights of Columbus, we evangelize silently and verbally through this wonderful symbol. In addition, by purchasing this magnet we also support our parish, since all money collected in our parish for these magnets are donated by the Knights of Columbus to our parish.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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!

- ❖ **CHRISTMAS CAROLLING:** All English and Ukrainian speaking parishioners wishing to participate at our parish Christmas carolling visitations, please contact Mrs. Olena Fedorov, Dob. Marichka or Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts. Please, sing up.
- ❖ **7days Candle offering:** Please, continue to offer your prayers by lighting candles in your intentions at the church. 7 days candle (blue and red colours) offering is \$ 10
- ❖ **TAX RECEIPT:** To ensure that you receive a tax receipt for your church donations, please, make sure you name or registered with our parish envelope number is written at a special church donation envelope.
- ❖ **If somebody needs a hardworking, loving, caring a good Christian housekeeper, please, talk to Elena after the church service today.**
- ❖ **JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our Dormition Parish Choir and remember that we are looking for new members! Contact Mrs. Lesia Achtymichuk for more information and details.
- ❖ **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!



- ❖ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish-church? 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! **Please, feel very welcome to participate in our church choir singing, reading of the Epistles and others inspiring Bible texts, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, welcoming, parish cleaning, projects, etc.** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** to help out with weekly cleaning in the church and organizing of coffee social after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, work-bees, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, Contact Mr. Neil Lalach or Fr. Pavlo for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference at our spiritual, parish life!

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- ❖ **PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE AND UKRAINE:** Sept. 4th - 22nd, 2019, an unforgettable experience with Sr. Angelica SSMI, brother & sister pilgrims. For details and price call Mrs. Myrna Arychuk at **604 - 617 - 7200**

- ❖ **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, participating in different sport's tournaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy.** Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church 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*)

- ❖ **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.



- ❖ **Rachel's Corner:** *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, the rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed..... For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."* - Isaiah 9:1,3,5 Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and leave the darkness and burden behind as you discover the great light and joy of living in His peace. **Healing after Abortion Ministry 250-762-2273 info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com** or information and registration visit: www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, Facebook: **Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna**

- ❖ **Since 2012 our Eparchy has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal.** Since 2012 our Eparchy has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and

orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. Our fundraising program is part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. We have had great momentum over the last few years raising over \$20,000 with support from our BC Parishes as well as Parishes in other Provinces and parts of the United States.

The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during the Christmas season with a voluntary donation. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Candle and include it with the Sunday collection at any Ukrainian Catholic Church in BC. Donations over \$20 are eligible to receive a tax receipt if requested and cheques can be made out to your Parish with Christmas Candle Project in the Memo.

We thank you for your past support and generosity and ask that you continue supporting this appeal as part of your Christmas tradition. Caritas is an organization that is supported and approved by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk and His Excellency Bishop Ken Nowakowski. 100% of the proceeds go to Caritas Ukraine.

For more information, please contact the coordinators Dana Koren Lupynis or Natalia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at Caritas "Christmas Candle / Різдяна свічка" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.

❖ **Please, share to Kelowna Food Bank.** A special box is located at the church vestibule.

Ideas to help to prepare for the Nativity of Jesus Christ

- Clean house together in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ.
- Sing a well-known song together that speaks of the coming of the Messiah.
- Make an ornament for your family Christmas tree.
- Offer a prayer of thanks for someone who went out of their way to make your day better.
- Look at everything your family does to prepare for Christmas and how you can all share these tasks.
- As a family, go without snacks or even a meal. Contribute the money saved to a local soup kitchen or food pantry.
- Bake and decorate Christmas cookies as a family. Keep half and give the rest away.
- Donate a package of heavy-weight socks to your local homeless shelter.
- Locate Israel and Bethlehem on a globe or world map. Pray for peace in the land and continent of Jesus' birth.

Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas! The Real Reason for the Season!

❖ **Ukrainian Catholic Church interactive map:** as Christmas season is approaching some of you will be travelling and visiting your friends and families not only in Canada. So, we want to ensure that you can find a Ukrainian Catholic parish in different parts of the world. Please check out this interactive map of our parishes throughout the world where you can find parish near you: <http://map.ugcc.ua/>



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