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MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN SUNDAY - April 15th, 2018 A.D.

“Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life!”

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



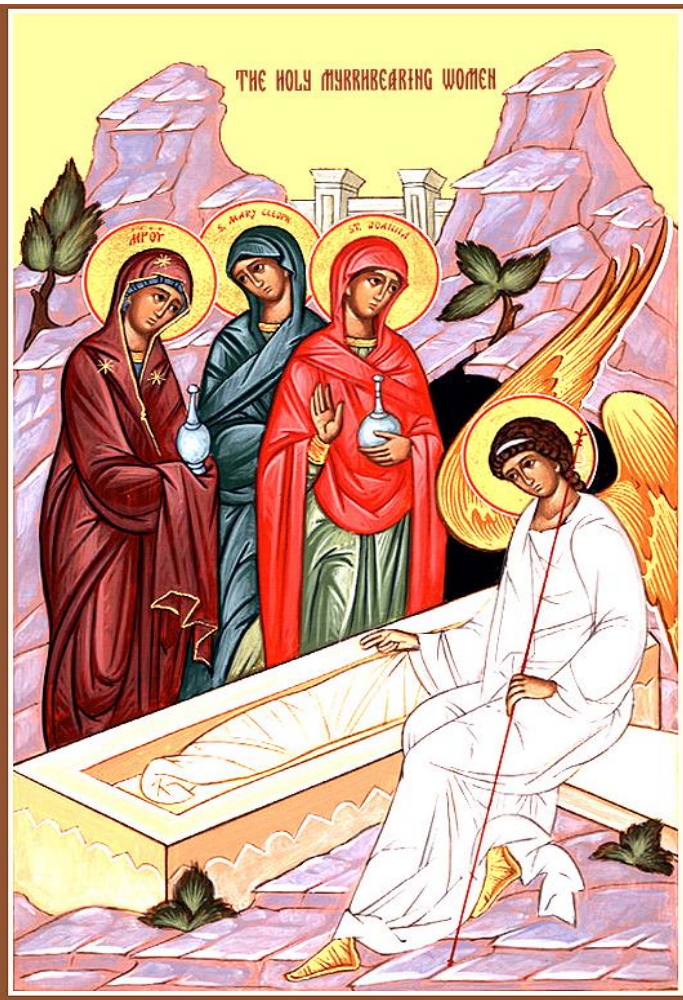
– Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav

The third Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Church as the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers Women. About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to His sepulcher, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called Myrrh-bearers.

‘Early in the morning, the Myrrhbearing women brought spices to the tomb of the Lord. They found the stone unexpectedly rolled away, and they asked among themselves: Where are the seals of the tomb? Where are Pilate’s guards? The radiant angel came to the wondering women and proclaimed to them: Why do you seek weeping the Life Who gives life to the human race? Christ our God has risen from the dead as almighty, granting life to all; incorruption, enlightenment and great mercy!’

“...Open the doors of your hearts and your homes to Christ, allow His Holy Spirit to transform you, purify and strengthen you in God’s love!” - Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

“The Vibrant Parish”



“...Відчиніть двері своїх душ і домівок Христові, дозвольте Його Святому Духові вас перемінити, очистити і скріпити Божою любов'ю!” - Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука “Жива Парафія”

Christian Greetings (April 1st-May 9th): Christ Is Risen! - Indeed, He Is Risen!
Khrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres! Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес!
Christ is among us! – He is and will be!



Liturgical Propers in English language:

Liturgical Instruction: After the priest exclaims “Blessed is the Kingdom” and we have responded “Amen,” the clergy sing the following Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then the clergy sing the first half, and we conclude it. This is done every day until the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. **Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.** (3x)

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

Troparion (*Tone 2*): The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree. He wrapped it in a clean shroud, and with aromatic spices and placed it in burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, granting the world Your great mercy.

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

Kontakion (*Tone 2*): You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God, and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your resurrection. You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all: “The Saviour is risen from the tomb.”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (*Tone 8*): Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! and giving peace to Your apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

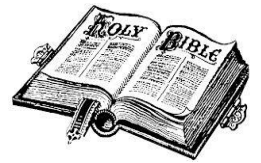
Prokimenon (*Tone 6*): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance (*Ps 27:9*).

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence (*Ps 27:1*).

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Epistle: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*: (*Acts 6:1-7*)

In those days, as the number of disciples grew, the ones who spoke Greek complained that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food, as compared with the widows of those who spoke Hebrew. The Twelve assembled the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Look around among your own number, brothers, for seven men acknowledged to be deeply spiritual and prudent, and we shall anoint them to this task. This will permit us to concentrate on prayer and the ministry of the word. The proposal was unanimously accepted by the community. Following this they selected Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit; Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, who had been a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who first prayed over them and then imposed hands on them.



The word of God continued to spread, while at the same time the number of the disciples in Jerusalem enormously increased. There were many priests among those who embraced the faith.

Alleluia (*Tone 8*): You have shown favor to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob (*Ps 84:2*). Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced (*Ps 84:11*).

Gospel (*Mark 15:43-16:8*)

At that time, Joseph from Arimathea arrived – a distinguished member of the Sanhedrin. He was another who looked forward to the reign of God. He was bold enough to seek an audience with Pilate and urgently requested the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus should have died so soon. He summoned the centurion and inquired whether Jesus was already dead. Learning from him that he was dead, Pilate released the corpse to Joseph. Then, having bought a linen shroud, Joseph took him down, wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a new tomb which had been cut out of rock. Finally he rolled a stone across the entrance of the tomb. Meanwhile, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where he had been laid.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils with which they intended to go and anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise, on the first day of the week they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked, they found that the stone had been rolled back (It was a huge one.) On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. This frightened them thoroughly, but he reassured them: “You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He has been raised up; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. Go now and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.’” They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling; and because of their great fear, they said nothing to anyone.

Instead of “It is truly...”: The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Irmos (*tone 1*): Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verses: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (*Ps 148:1*). **Alleluia!** (3x).

Instead of "Blessed is He...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Instead of "We have seen the true light...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Instead of "Let our mouths...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

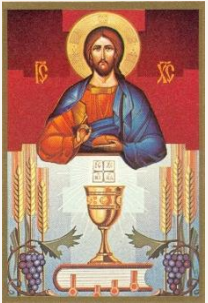
Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

Priest: And to us He has granted life eternal!

Faithful: We bow down before His resurrection on the third day!

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:

Літургійні рубрики: Після того, як священик виголошує "Благословенне Царство" й люди відповідають "Амін", священики співають Тропар один раз, а люди його повторюють. Далі священики співають першу половину, а люди завершують другу половину.

Так робимо щодня, аж до середи перед четвергом Вознесіння ІСХР.

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (x3).

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

Тропар (глас 2): Благообразний Йосиф, з древа знявши пречистеє тіло твоє,* плащаницею чистою обвив,* і ароматами в гробі новім, покривши, положив;* та по трьох днях воскрес еси, Господи,* даруючи світові велику милість.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 2): Радуватися мироносицям повелів ти,* плач праматері Єви втихомирив ти воскресінням твоїм, Христе Боже,* апостолам же твоїм проповідувати повелів ти:* Спас воскрес із гробу.

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

Кондак (глас 8): Хоч і у гріб зійшов ти, Безсмертний,* та адову зруйнував ти силу,* і воскрес еси як переможець, Христе Боже,* жінкам-мироносицям звістивши: Радуйтеся,* і твоїм апостолам мир даруєш,* падшим подаєш воскресіння.

Прокімен (глас 6): Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх* і благослови спадкоємство Твоє. (Пс. 27:9)

Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене. (Пс. 27:1)

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Апостол: 3 книги Діань Святих Апостолів читання (Дн. 6, 1-7):

Тими днями, коли учнів ставало дедалі більше, зчинилось нарікання гелленістів на євреїв, що вдів їхніх занедбано в щоденній службі. Тоді дванадцятро прикликали громаду учнів і сказали: «Не личить нам лишити слово Боже і при столах служити. Нагледіть собі, отже, з-поміж вас, брати, сімох мужів доброї слави, повних Духа та мудрости, а ми їх поставимо для цієї служби; самі ж ми будемо пильно перебувати у молитві і служінні слова.» Вподобалось це слово всій громаді й вибрали Стефана, мужа, повного віри і Святого Духа, Филипа, Прохора, Ніканора, Тимона, Пармена та Миколая, прозеліта з Антіохії, і поставили їх перед апостолами і, помолившись, поклали на них руки. І росло слово Боже та множилось число учнів у Єрусалимі вельми, і велика сила священників були слухняні вірі.



Алилуя (глас 8): **Стих:** Благоволив ти, Господи, землю твою, ти повернув полон Яковів. (Пс. 84:2)

Стих: Милість і істина зустрілися, правда і мир обцілувалися. (Пс. 84:11)

Євангеліє: (Мр. 15:43-16:8)

У той час Йосиф Ариматейський, поважний радник, що й сам очікував Божого Царства, прибув і, сміливо ввійшовши до Пилата, попросив тіло Ісуса. Пилат же здивувався, що вже вмер; і прикликавши сотника, спитав його, чи давно помер. Довідавшись від сотника, він видав Йосифові тіло; а Йосиф, купивши полотно, зняв його, обгорнув полотном і поклав його у гробі, що був висічений у скелі; потім прикотив камінь до входу гробу; Марія ж Магдалина й Марія, мати Йосифа, дивились, де його покладено. Якже минула субота, Марія Магдалина, Марія, мати Якова, та Саломія купили пахоців, щоб піти та намастити його. Рано-вранці, першого дня тижня, прийшли вони до гробу, як сходило сонце, та й говорили між собою: "Хто нам відкотить камінь від входу до гробу?" Але поглянувши, побачили, що камінь був відвалений, – був бо дуже великий. Увійшовши до гробу, побачили юнака, що сидів праворуч, одягнений у білу одежу, – і вжахнулись. А він до них промовив: "Не жайтеся! Ви шукаєте Ісуса Назарянина, розп'ятого Він воскрес, його нема тут. Ось місце, де його були поклали. Але йдіть, скажіть його учням та Петрові, що випередить вас у Галилеї: там його побачите, як він сказав вам." І вони, вийшовши, втекли від гробу, бо жах і трепет огорнув їх, і нікому нічого не сказали, бо боялися.

Замість Достойно: Ангел сповіщав Благодатній: Чистая Діво, радуйся. І знову кажу: Радуйся. Твій Син воскрес тридневний із гробу, і мертвих воздвигнув він; люди, веселіться.

Ірмос (глас 1): Світися, світися, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на тобі возсіяла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне. А ти, Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, востанням роження твого.

Причасний: Тіло Христове прийміть, джерела безсмертного споживіть. Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. (Пс. 148:1). **Алилуя** (х3).

Замість Благословен, хто йде в ім'я Господне: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

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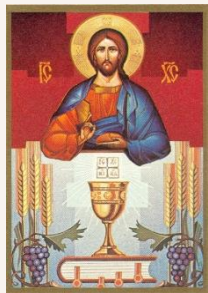
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Під час відпусту “Христос воскрес” співається один раз (на просту мелодію) замість “Слава Отцю...” Тоді знову співається Тропар “Христос воскрес”, як і на початку Літургії, але з додатковим закінченням.

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

І нам дарував життя вічне, поклоняємось його триденному воскресінню!



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. Скріпленою нас Твоєю присутністю та єдною 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. Єдною 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 parishioners for organizing, sharing and participating at Parish Easter Lunch/Spil'ne Sviachene!**

*** Gratitude 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, worked preparing the meal and participated at the funeral, attended church services during the week, volunteered sharing time and working at the parish projects, 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)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Katya Posthumus on her birthday (April 8th), Mrs. Larissa Fearn on her birthday (April 15th), Evelina Fantych on her birthday (April 17th), Mr. Nicholas Pizio on his birthday (April 18th), and all who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHURCH TODAY! WISHING YOU A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH COFFEE-SOCIAL AT THE CHURCH HALL 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, Fr. Mark F., Lucy D., Edward H., Janet F., Alex R., Kathleen B., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Fr. Edward E., Mary and George D., Ray S., Cameron V., Rose O., Keyton A., Ric B., Shirley C., Peter D., Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Yvette U., Ann W., Rose F., Antholy and Victoria H., George and Maria D., Kalyna Kociuba, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, 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 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!**



- **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 - \$ 7 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!

❖ **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!

❖ **Parish Council Meeting is at 7 pm on Monday, April 16th, 2018 A.D.**

❖ **KNEELING DURING THE EASTER SEASON** - until Pentecost we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. As a sign of our redemption and final resurrection, we offer our prayers to God while standing.

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

❖ **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.

CAMP SAINTVOLODYMYR on August 19-26, 2018 A.D.

Start planning your summer holidays now! Come join us to celebrate our 35th year of camp for children in our Eparchy! Camp St. Volodymyr is a great place to be physically active, build self-confidence and self-esteem, develop life-long skills while reconnecting with nature and building friendships. Our camp is also a wonderful opportunity to experience God through nature and the companionship of others.

Campers will learn about the Ukrainian language and culture along with games, hiking, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and much more!

If you are between the ages of 7-14 this is a summer must do! Registration is \$380. Book by July 4 to save \$50. Bus transportation is also available to and from New Westminster. Register online using Eventbrite. Search "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2018." For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CAMP: Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in helping. **VOLUNTEER as a Camp Counsellor:** We are seeking between 8-10 individuals to help plan and organize our camp activities. Apply online using Eventbrite. Search "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2018." Applications due May 15, 2018. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal record check and must sign the camp code of conduct. **VOLUNTEER as a Camp Chef:** We are seeking between 4-6 individuals to help us each day in the kitchen. It is your opportunity to get creative and be a part of the campers top 5 things at camp; The Food! **VOLUNTEER as our Camp Nurse:** We are looking for an individual to be our camp nurse. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the children in our Eparchy. This position would require valid first aid and nursing

certification. Responsibilities would include administering medications brought by campers/staff as well as recording all incidents and treatments. Supplies and medications are provided by the camp.

DONATE Food: We are always happy to accept food donations of fresh fruits and vegetables, breakfast items; cereal, syrup, pancake mix, jam, Nutella, lunch items; chicken soup, Kraft dinner, cheese, drinks; juice boxes, powdered drinks, brownie/cake mixes, Jello, snack bars, cookies or treats. Gift certificates to Superstore and Costco are also welcomed. **DONATE Monetarily:** Each year the Eparchy sponsors several children to attend. You can help send a deserving child to camp through your donations. Donation can be made through the Eparchy or online at our Eventbrite page. Tax receipts can be issued for donations of \$25 or more. **Visit our website:** www.nweparchy.ca



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! **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.**

❖ **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:** Have you ever thought about what that would feel like to be able to lay it down? To be free of the shame, regret and pain you have been living with since the day of your abortion? You are not alone. He will make a way, and He will show you how. **Healing after Abortion Ministry 250-762-2273** info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com or information and registration visit:



www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, Facebook: **Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna** Strict confidentiality assured.

❖ **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*)

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 and may God bless you!



The Fr. Delestre Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that it will again be offering bursaries to students who are graduating from high school this year and who are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary school in BC. One-Time Bursaries are also available for students already in post-secondary programs who are continuing their studies in accredited post-secondary education in BC.

Applications can be found at the parish office or by contacting Paul Gabias at 250-491-7256 or by email, pgabias@gabiaswellness.com. All applications must be received on or before April 30, 2018 to be considered

❖ **SUNDAY COFFEE VOLUNTEERS** act as hosts and serve light refreshments following the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, providing an opportunity for the faithful to socialize with friends and visitors following their shared worship experience. We thank all of our parishioners who kind volunteer to serve refreshments. Whether you are new to the Parish, or are a longtime member, please join us for coffee.

❖ **Volunteers for Sunday coffee socials and clean-ups are needed** – please continue volunteering and helping at the parish hall and kitchen. Your help is truly appreciated!



Is your family prepared? Attend this free workshop on removing some of the stress of estate settlement. April 17, 2018 at 10 am or 6 pm at Springfield Funeral Home, 2020 Springfield Rd. Register at www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/workshop or call us at 250.860.7077. The purpose of the seminar is educational only, no sales or solicitation will occur.

❖ **Artificial contraception and abortion have damaged society, conference hears**

*Speakers told a conference on *Humanae Vitae* of the need to evangelise society through the teaching of the Catholic Church*

Medical and legal experts addressing the damaging effects of artificial contraception and abortion on health care, law and society as a whole urged hundreds of attendees at a symposium to evangelise and transform the culture through the Catholic Church's profound encyclical reaffirming the sanctity of marriage and human life.

The speakers were talking about Blessed Paul VI's 1968 encyclical "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life") and they made the comments at an April 4-6 symposium marking the 50th anniversary of the document.

The gathering was titled "Embracing God's Vision for Marriage, Love and Life" and hosted by The Catholic University of America.

Among the speakers was Helen Alvare, a professor of law at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University. She spoke on April 6 as part of a panel on "The Prophecies of 'Humanae Vitae' — A Panel on Health and Love: The Distortions Introduced Into Healthcare, the Marital Relationship and Law by the Contraceptive Mentality." Alvare addressed the historical roots of making birth control and abortion a constitutional right in the United States and what she described as a devastating decline of legal safeguards for women and children that has resulted.

State laws existed in this country banning unwed cohabitation, pornography, birth control and abortion, but throughout the 1950s and 1960s, those laws began to be wiped away, Alvare said. The purpose of these laws was to protect children so they would be raised with a married mother and father.

"Poor women and poor children have suffered the most since contraception," she said. "(Society's message is) sexual expression without marriage is freedom."

In erasing those laws, the courts soon found a "right to privacy," which now in the opinion of many people supersedes all other rights, she said.

As a result, "being without children is (believed to be) women's highest goal. ... The courts have made women's chief freedom the right to be alone with their contraceptives and abortion clinics," Alvare warned.

In another session, Elizabeth Kirk, a scholar who writes and speaks on matters of family law and religious freedom, spoke about the document's teaching on infertility and the hope that it can bring to couples like Kirk and her husband, who have struggled with infertility throughout their marriage.

The heart of "Humanae Vitae" affirms that the unitive and procreative meanings of conjugal love are inseparable, said Kirk. It specifically notes that all couples are called to live fully fruitful lives, even if they are infertile, she added. "The beauty of 'Humanae Vitae' is that it tells infertile couples that conjugal love expressed fully and faithfully always carries both meanings," even if it does not result in biological children, said Kirk, who noted that the teaching "brings great comfort and consolation to infertile couples," who can discern other ways that God is calling their particular marriage to bear fruit, such as through adoption.

"Infertility is just one example of how our human suffering can bear spiritual fruit," she said.

The Catholic Church's teaching on marriage, abortion, human sexuality and contraception is rooted in the same respect for human dignity that guides its work for social justice and care for poor people, Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput said in his keynote address opening the symposium on April 4.

It is imperative that the church make known why it upholds its teaching, as reiterated in "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life"), so that Catholics and the world understand God's plan for humanity, said the archbishop, who chairs the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.

Source: <http://catholicerald.co.uk/news/2018/04/10/artificial-contraception-and-abortion-have-damaged-society-conference-hears/>

❖ **Praying to St Joseph for a spouse can have unexpected results**

If St Valentine's Day is for romance, the Feast of St Joseph could be devoted to love and marriage

When I was 18, I prayed the novena to St Joseph for the intention of getting a husband of the Orlando Bloom variety. Yes, I know, 18 is childishly young, and at the time I yearned to be a teenage bride with a pale pink lace veil who would dance down the aisle to Chuck Berry's [It Was A Teenage Wedding](#) (I'm not joking – those were my wedding plans). At the time, it didn't matter to me if the guy was Catholic or not, as long as he was extremely good-

looking and had thick hair. Clearly, my priorities were in order. Needless to say, it did not come to pass and I am still unmarried. Thank you, St Joseph for unanswered prayers.

I did not, however, dare to offer the novena to St Joseph for a devastatingly handsome hubbie during my twenties. Why ever not? My reason has ironically to do with the fact that I became more serious about my faith. Bear with me while I explain: during the decade-long time between 20 and 30 I heard quite a few men and women say that they prayed to St Joseph for a husband or wife, and that, yes, they got a husband or wife, and that St Joseph gave them what they asked for, but there was a splinter: namely that their spouse was not a Catholic and in some cases their life-mate was anti-Catholic.

I was quite put off praying to St Joseph because I didn't think my nerves could stand someone who hated Mother Church. Listening to people who regretted marrying non-Catholics, I perceived that on balance, marrying someone who hated the Catholic Church was far worse than being single. I was afraid the same fate would befall me, finding someone and falling in love, but with a man who was contemptuous of the Church.

But time is a healer and many of the same non-Catholics (mentioned above) married to cradle Catholics have converted and become Catholic. It may be part of St Joseph's master-plan that he pairs Catholics with non-Catholics so that the Catholic will influence the non-Catholic to convert. The splinter wears away in time, worn away by St Joseph, until things are smooth.

Given his track record of finding husbands and wives for men and women called to marriage, St Joseph's feast day should really be celebrated on the same scale as St Valentine's Day. If St Valentine's Day is a metaphor for romance, then St Joseph's day could be a metaphor for love and marriage.

February 14 is for bubbly wine and cheap chocolate hearts, but St Joseph's feast day could become the day when there is a renewal of wedding vows, a time when the wedding dress is brought out and shown to the children (maybe the daughters can try it on) and a time to break out the best champagne. For some Catholics who prayed the novena for a spouse – and got the man/woman of their dreams – it could be a time of offering prayers of thanksgiving.

For the people who are looking for Mr Right or Miss Right, then offering [the novena to St Joseph](#) today would be optimum.

by by Mary O'Regan

Source: <http://catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2016/03/11/praying-to-st-joseph-for-a-spouse-can-have-unexpected-results/>

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.

*** 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 celebrations during this week:

Mon., Apr. 16th – 6:30 p.m. Resurrection ICXP Stychyras

Tue., Apr. 17th – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Taras Myts and the Family

Thurs., Apr. 19th – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Oksana Martyniv and the Family

Fri., Apr. 20th – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Stefany and Zbigniew Starzyk and the Family

Saturday, April 21st – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners (*Service in Penticton, BC*)

Sunday, April 22nd, 2018 – 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.)

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