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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - May 27th, 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

– Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav

We are obliged, not only to venerate the saints and to seek the assistance of the saints, but also to imitate their life and holiness. All Christians are called to holiness by virtue of the sacrament of Baptism. Every person, regardless of status and condition of life, can become a Saint and is duty-bound to strive after holiness of life. Our Lord Jesus Christ addressed all people without exception when He said: "Therefore, be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect". Saint Apostle Paul also reminds us of our duty to pursue holiness: "This is the will of God- your sanctification".

What is holiness? Holiness is our personal daily life according to the commandments of God and the teaching of the Catholic / Universal Church; it is the daily fulfilment of God's will, constant fidelity to the duties of one's state, or more briefly – holiness is the Gospel seriously, completely and consciously transferred into our daily thoughts, words and actions!

The Servant of God Venerable Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky speaks beautifully of the significance of the Gospel for our life and holiness: "In my opinion," he says, "the source of our failures and of all the plagues that afflict our church and national life, is our failure to apply ourselves seriously to living our Christianity and the teachings of the Gospel, and for this reason, we do not convey to others the aura of holiness ... The Gospel is the road to heaven; it is a life without blemish, without reproach, without vice; it is a pure, innocent, holy life by which mortal man or woman aspires to emulate the heavenly angels. The Gospel is the way of the cross leading to the hill of Golgotha. The Christian life is a life in which each person carries a cross, suffers, and follows in the footsteps of Jesus Christ ... Life according to the teachings of the Gospel is the supernatural life of God's grace, a life of God's love and of the sacrifice for God or in a word: it is a life in which each person seeks and aspires to holiness of life".

We do not worship saints. We only worship the Almighty and Omnipresent God. However, we do magnify and venerate the saints in heaven, who are God's beloved and intimate friends, our personal protectors, intercessors and benefactors, guides and models on the path to virtue and sanctity in our daily lives.

"...Open the doors of your hearts and your homes to Christ, allow His Holy Spirit to transform you, purify and strengthen you in God's love!" – Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk "The Vibrant Parish"

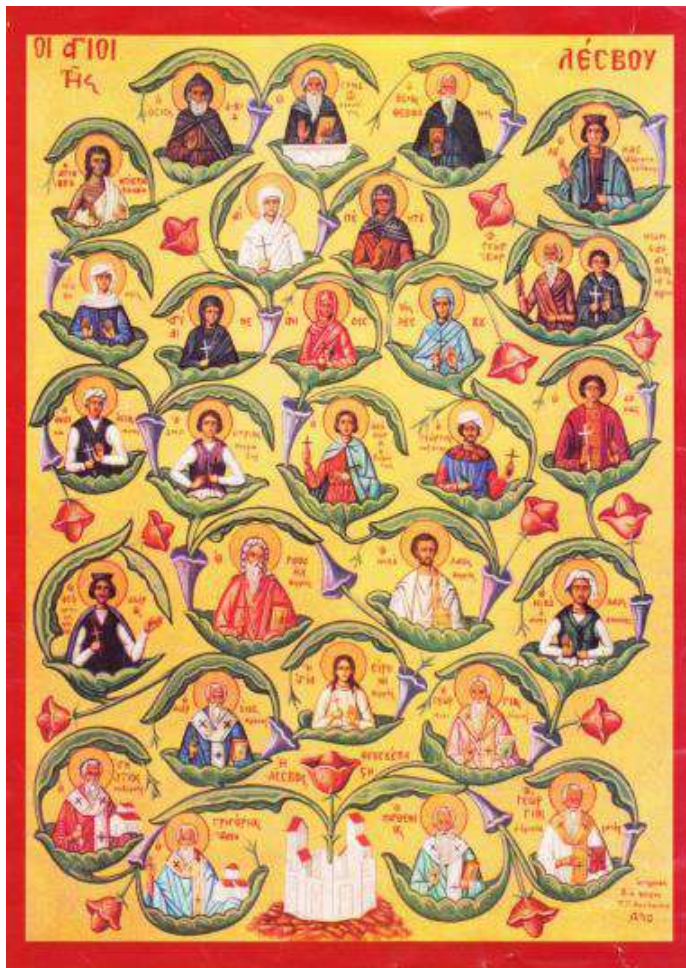
"...Відчиніть двері своїх душ і домівок Христові, дозвольте Його Святому Духові вас перемінити, очистити і скріпити Божою любов'ю!" – Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука "Жива Парафія"

Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever!

Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Vyku!

Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віку!

Christ is among us! – He is and will be!





Liturgical Propers in English language:

Text from "The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship"; Pg. 576. The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion (tone 8): You came down from on high, O Merciful One and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Troparion (tone 4): Clothed as in purple and fine linen with the blood of Your martyrs throughout the world, Your Church cries out to You through them, O Christ God: send down Your loving-kindness on Your people; grant peace to Your community, and to our souls great mercy.

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

Kontakion (tone 8): O Lord, Maker of nature, the world offers You the godly martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By their supplications, through the Mother of God, preserve Your Church and Your people in profound peace, O most merciful One.

Prokimenon (tone 8): Pray and give praise to the Lord our God (*Ps 75:12*).

Verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel (*Ps 75:2*).

Prokimenon (tone 4): God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel (*Ps 67:36*).

Epistle: *A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews: (Heb. 11:33-12:2a)*

Brethren, by faith the saints conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Woman received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which includes us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect.



Therefore, since we for our part are surrounded by this cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every encumbrance of sin which clings to us and preserve in running the race which lies ahead; let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith.

Alleluia (tone 4): The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and delivered them from all their afflictions (*Ps. 33:18*). The afflictions of the just are many, but out of them all will the Lord deliver them (*Ps. 33:20*). The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints (*Ps. 88:6*).

Gospel (*Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30*)

The Lord said to his disciples, "whoever acknowledges me before people I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven. Whoever disowns me before people I will disown before my Father in heaven. Whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter, more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever will not take up his or her cross and come after me is not worthy of me."

"Then it was Peter's turn to say to him: "Here we have put everything aside to follow you. What we can expect from it?" Jesus said to them: "I give you my solemn word, in the new age when the Son of Man takes his seat upon a throne befitting his glory, you who have followed me shall likewise take your places on twelve thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. Moreover, everyone who has given up home, brothers or sisters, father or mother, wife or children or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life. Many who are first shall come last, and the last shall come first.

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! (x3)

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:

Тропар (глас 8): З висоти зійшов Ти, Милосердний, і триденне погребення прийняв Ти, щоб нас звільнити від страждань. Життя і воскресіння наше, Господи, слава Тобі.

Тропар (глас 4): У всьому світі мучеників твоїх кров'ю, як багрянницею і виссоном, церква твоя прикрасилася і через них воскликую тобі, Христе Боже: Людям твоїм щедроти твої зішли, мир громаді твоїй даруй і душам нашим велику милість.

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

Кондак (глас 8): Як початки ества насадителеві творіння вселенна приносить тобі, Господи, богоносних мучеників. Їх молитвами в мирі глибокому церкву твою, громаду твою, Богородиці ради, збережи, Многомилостивий.

Прокімен (глас 8): Помоліться і хвалу віддайте* Господеві, Богу нашому (Пс. 75, 12)

Стих: Відомий Бог у Юдеї, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я Його (Пс. 75, 2)

Прокімен (глас 8): Помоліться і хвалу віддайте* Господеві, Богу нашому (Пс. 75, 12)

Апостол: До Євреїв послання читання: (Євр. 11, 33 - 12, 2а)

Браття і Сестри, всі святі вірою підбили царства, чинили справедливість, обітниць досягнули, загородили пащі левам, силу вогню гасили, вістря меча уникали, ставали сильні, будучи недолугі, на війні проявили мужність, наскоки чужинців відбивали. Жінки діставали назад своїх померлих, які воскресали. Інші загинули в муках, відкинувши визволення, щоб досягнути ліпше воскресіння. Інші наруг і бичів зазнали та ще й кайданів і в'язниці; їх каменовано, розрізувано пилою, брано на допити; вони вмирили, мечем забиті; тинялися в овечих та козячих шкурах, збідовані, гноблені, кривджені; вони, яких світ був невартий, блукали пустинями, горами, печерами та земними вертепами. І всі вони, дарма що мали добре засвідчення вірою, не одержали обіцяного, бо Бог зберіг нам щось краще, щоб вони не без нас осягли досконалість. Тому і ми, маючи навколо себе таку велику хмару свідків, відкиньмо всякий тягар і гріх, що так легко обмотує, і біжімо витривало до змагання, що призначене нам, вдивляючися пильно в Ісуса, засновника й завершителя віри, який, замість радості, що перед ним була, витерпів хрест, на сором не звертаючи уваги, і який возсів праворуч Божого престолу.

Аллилуя (глас 4): Візвали праведні, і Господь вислухав їх, і від усіх скорбот їх ізбавив їх (Пс. 33, 18). Багато скорбот у праведних і від усіх них ізбавить їх Господь (Пс. 33, 20).



Євангеліє: (Матія 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30)

Сказав Господь своїм учням: "Кожний, хто визнає мене перед людьми, того і я визнаю перед моїм Отцем небесним. Хто ж мене зречеться перед людьми, того й я зречусь перед Отцем моїм небесним. Хто любить батька або матір більше, ніж мене, той недостойний мене. І хто любить сина або дочку більше, ніж мене, той недостойний мене. Хто не бере свого хреста й не йде слідом за мною, той недостойний мене." Тоді озвався Петро і сказав до нього: "Ось ми покинули все й пішли за тобою; що будемо за те мати?" Ісус відповів їм: "Істинно кажу вам: Ви, що пішли за мною: як новий світ настане, коли Син Чоловічий сяде на престолі своєї слави, сидітимете й ви на дванадцятьох престолах, щоб судити дванадцять поколінь Ізраїля. І кожний, хто задля імени мого покине дім, братів, сестер, батька, матір, жінку, дітей, поля, в сто раз більше одержить і життя вічне матиме в спадщину. Багато з перших будуть останніми, а останні – першими."

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах (Пс. 148:1). Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала (Пс. 32:1). Алілуя (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 кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, 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! <<<<<<<<<<<<

- ❖ **Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will** who by their kindness share time, cut the lawn, make donations, (big thanks to Dr. Nadia Popil for donating \$ 1,000. Your generous donation will truly help to pay bills of our church and other parish expences), knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully care and help our parish community, 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 Mrs. Elizabeth Hnylycia on her birthday (May 5th), to Mrs. Mary Cacchioni on her birthday (May 20th), to Rev. Fr. Andriy Werbowy on his birthday (May 28th), to to Mr. Ivan Gudz on his birthday (May 28th), Milana Fedorov on her birthday (May 31st), to Vitaliy Matsychko on his birthday (June 1st), and all who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

**NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ **WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY! WISHING YOU A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH COFFEE-SOCIAL AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY.**

- ❖ **Special Petitions:** We also pray for the servant of God, Andriy that the Lord would send his Holy Spirit to guide him as he prepares for his ordination as a sub-deacon and a deacon for the Eparchy of New Westminster, 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.
- ❖ Loving God Heavenly Father, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these ladies, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love, sacrifice, work and care shine forth always. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect, love and care: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

❖ **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Mark Fesniak., Lucy D., Edward Holick, Janet F., Alex R., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Fr. Edward Ewanko., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Ric B., Shirley C., Peter Dranchuk, Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Olga Kuzyk, Antholy and Victoria Huziak, George and Mary Dashkewtych, Carlos Chernesky, 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 cautea 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!

❖ **THE FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES** – begins on the Monday after All Saints Sunday (tomorrow, Monday, May 28th) and last until June 29th, the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul.

❖ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 28th, 2018 A.D.

❖ **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 7-15 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](tel: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

DON'T MISS THIS!!!

SPECIAL SPIRITUAL
EVENT

HERE IN
KELOWNA

PARISH MISSION at St. Charles Garnier Parish in Kelowna.
 Presented by Twin Priests, Robert and Richard Gielow, CM.

WHEN: May 26-31, 2018
 WHERE: St. Charles Church at 7pm.

WHAT: Parish Mission is Mass celebrated by Frs. Richard and Robert with the homily being the MISSION talk. Social follows in Parish Hall.

FOR WHOM: ANYONE... Mission is for all ages. And especially for our young people.

WHY: Opportunity to grow in spiritual life. Re-entry to Catholic Church if you've been away. Positive feeling about being a member of Church. Praying together with friends for MIRACLES. Better than Cup or a Grey cup or the Lombardi Trophy.

THEME: "BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, NOW WHAT?"

Frs. Richard and Robert will be celebrating and preaching at All masses on weekend before to introduce themselves and make special invitation to MISSION.




- ❖ **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. 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!

- ❖ **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: *"Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways, I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace."* - Pope Francis/Prayer of Renewal

Did you think that by participating in an abortion decision you wouldn't qualify for that redeeming embrace? Are you too busy remembering all the ways in which you have shunned God in your life, that you find it hard to remember how much He loves you and wants to help you release that burden of guilt and shame you are carrying?

Join the women and men on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

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.

- ❖ **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. It is a great opportunity for you to get to know your pastor as well as your pastor to get to know you better. Thank you and may God bless you!

- ❖ **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 kindly 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, do not run away but show your Christian care by helping at the parish hall and kitchen. Your care and help are truly appreciated!

- ❖ **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*)

The Head of the UGCC for Mother's Day in Athens: The Church is your mother who loves you, cares for you, prays and never forgets you

On Mother's Day, the Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, led the Liturgy in the Temple of the Holy Trinity of the Greek Catholic Exarchate in Greece on the occasion of celebrating the 20th anniversary of setting up the Ukrainian church community in Athens, Greece.

Together with His Beatitude Svyatoslav, the Mass celebrated: Exarch for Greek Catholics in Greece Bishop Manuel Nin, Apostolic Nuncio in Greece Archbishop Savio Hon Thai Fay, Exarch Emeritus for Catholics of the Byzantine Rite in Greece Dimitrios Salahas, Head of Pastoral-Migration Department (PMD) Bishop Josyph (Milian), pastor for Ukrainian Greek Catholics of Greece Fr. Andriy Tverdokhlib, secretary of the PMD Andy Gah and others.



After the Liturgy, His Beatitude Sviatoslav spoke to the Ukrainians of Athens and congratulated all those present on the Mother's Day.

"I am thinking about the words of one of the Fathers of Church, who, in the long days of persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire, said the following phrase: "No one can have God for his Father if he does not have a Church for his mother. " I think the early Christians who were persecuted for their faith felt that the Church was their beloved mother, who rescues them, hugs them, returns them hope, and gives them light in the earthly life. Today we celebrate Mother's Day. First of all, I would like us to celebrate the feast of our mother, the Church of the UGCC. She is your mother who loves you, who cares for you, prays and never forgets

you!" said the Father and the Head of the UGCC.

"I want to greet all the women with this day and sincerely bow to you. Let each of us now remember the face of our Mother. If she is already in heaven, with God, recall her face and thank her for giving her life. If Mom is near you - hug her and let her feel that her child loves her and respects her motherhood. If Mom is in Ukraine - call her and say the words of gratitude on this day. And if you are the Mother who went abroad to make money for the sake of the future of her children, I want to be the voice of your children and say: "Mummy, I thank you sincerely," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav to the women present.

The Head of the UGCC noted that Mother gave life to each of us and opened the whole world. "St. John Chrysostom, the Golden Mouth, says: parents - dad and mom - must open the doors of eternal life for their children, to give them not only the earth, but also heavens. Therefore, the mother is usually the person who taught us to believe in God. Mom or grandmother are those who showed us how to make a sign of the cross. From them we learned to pray. And I want to thank the Ukrainian Mother, who is a teacher of faith for her children. Thank you for teaching your children and grandchildren to believe in God and for passing down your faith to the next generations!" - said the Head of the UGCC.

The Head of the UGCC added that we use the term "mother tongue". This is the language our mother spoke to each of us. His Beatitude Sviatoslav thanked those mothers who, even far from Ukraine, are doing everything to ensure that the Ukrainian language will always be the mother tongue of their children. "Through your word to your children, you do everything that even beyond the boundaries of our native land, Ukraine becomes a mother for our children and grandchildren all over the world!" - addressed the mothers, who were present there, His Beatitude Svyatoslav.

After the speech of the Head of the UGCC in Athens, a festive concert with the participation of the People's Artist of Ukraine Oksana Bilozir and local bands began.

Source: http://news.ugcc.ua/en/photo/the_head_of_the_ugcc_for_mothers_day_in_athens_the_church_is_your_mother_who_loves_you_cares_for_you_prays_and_never_forgets_you_82789.html

Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry:

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.

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 and Sacramental celebrations during this week:

Mon., May 28th (**THE FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES Begins**) – 6:15 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God (Eng./Ukr.)

Tue., May 29th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **For repose of the soul of Mr. John Wernert Jr.** (Eng./Ukr.)

Wed., May 30th – 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm – **the First Sacrament of Confession for our parish children receiving the Solemn Holy Communion on Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 A.D.**
– 7:00 p.m. Vespers (Eng./Ukr.)

Thurs., May 31st (**The Most Holy Eucharist**) – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings and protection for all children** (Eng./Ukr.)

Fri., June 1st – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **For repose of the soul of Mrs. Jeanette Oucharek**
(Requested by Mr. Steven and Mrs. Irene Popyk)
– 7:00 p.m. Moleben to Jesus Christ (Eng./Ukr.)

Saturday, June 2nd – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners (Service in Penticton, BC)**

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (Eng./Ukr.)

* **Bequests and Wills:** Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process.

In your kindness please remember Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC and Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna,

BC VIY 7A8 or to Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC, the sum of \$_____ (or ____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and it's needs and pastoral ministry.”



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