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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND - May 6th, 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

On this Sunday we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth. However, not a physical blindness but a spiritual one is a heart of the message of today’s Gospel. Today many people are not physically blind but spiritually. We are not physically blind, but how many of us are locked in ourselves!

We meet people, and we see them with our eyes; but seldom it happens that beyond the outer shape, features, clothes, physical appearance, - how often does it happen that we see something of the depth of the person? How seldom it is that we look into a person's eyes and go deep in understanding! We are surrounded by people and every person is truly unique and precious to God, but are people unique and precious to us as well? Having eyes, we see not. People have eyes but very often human capacity to see the real, unchanging and unperishable beauty.

The Pharisees absurdly demanded that this man deny the one thing of which he was certain – that he had been born blind and that the Lord had restored to him his sight; they demanded that he accept their spiritual blindness as truth and embrace darkness as light. We can look to our own encounters with the world and see the times when we are asked to deny the one thing that we know with certainty—the love and grace of Christ our Savior - and instead we are asked to embrace the sin that this material world demands that we mistakenly see as enlightenment. Absurd! Really! May we ever cling to the Light that

banishes the darkness which is all around us. When the world, in its own language, twists the meaning of the words of the man whose sight was restored and asks us, “Do you want to become his disciple, too?”... let us shout, unafraid and in loving faithfulness, “We do and we are!”

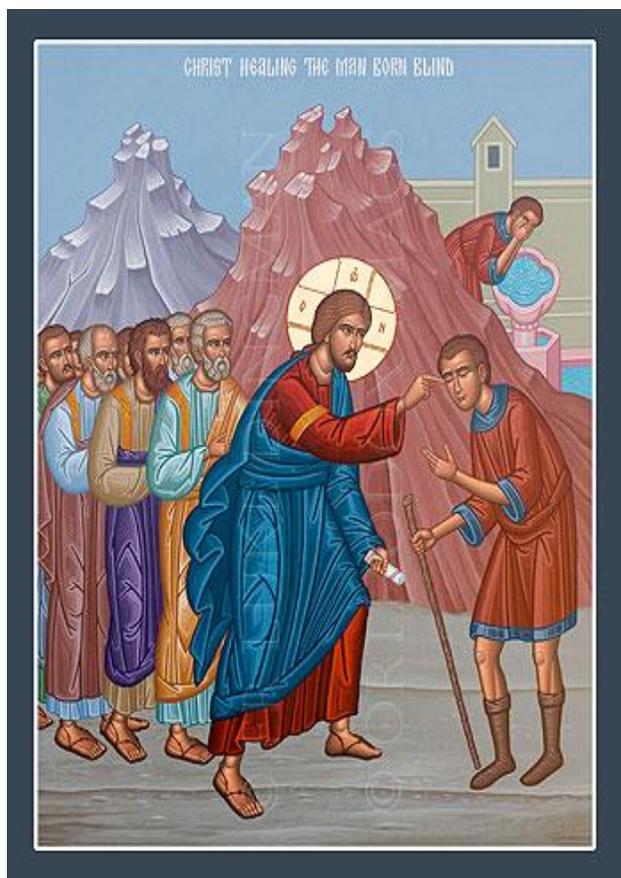
“I can see, thanks to the light of the Sun; but if I close my eyes, I cannot see: this is no fault of the Sun, it is my own fault, because by closing my eyes, I prevent the sunlight from reaching me.” – teaching Saint Thomas Aquinas

“...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 5): Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Holy 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.

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

Kontakion (Tone 4): Blinded in the eyes of my soul, I come to You, O Christ, like the man who was blind from birth, and I cry in repentance: You are the brilliant light of those in darkness.

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 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*).

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Epistle: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles’ (Acts 16:16-34)*

In those days, while Paul and Luke were on their way to the place of prayer they met a slave girl who had a clairvoyant spirit. She used to bring substantial profit to her masters by fortunetelling. The girl began to follow Paul and the rest of them shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God; they will make known to you a way of salvation.” She did this for several days until finally Paul became annoyed, turned around, and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you, come out of her!” Then and there the spirit left her.



When her masters saw that their source of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the main square before the local authorities. They turned them over to the magistrates with this complain: “These men are agitators disturbing the peace of our city! Furthermore, they are Jews, which means they advocate customs which are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice.” The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. After receiving many lashes they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was given instructions he put them in maximum security, going so far as to chain their feet to a stake.

About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as their fellow prisoners listened, a severe earthquake suddenly shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundations. Immediately all the doors flew open and everyone’s chains were pulled loose. The jailer woke up to see the prison gates wide open. Thinking that the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword to kill himself; but Paul shouted to him, “Do not harm yourself! We are all still here.” The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. After a brief interval he led them out and said, “Men, what must I do to be saved?” Their answer was, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, and all your household.” They proceeded to announce the word of God to him and to everyone in his house. At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and his whole household were baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and joyfully celebrated with the whole family his newfound faith in God.

Alleluia (Tone 8): Look upon me and have mercy (*Ps. 118:132*). Direct my steps according to Your word (*Ps. 118:133*).

Gospel (*John 9:1-38*)

At that time, Jesus saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, was it his sin or that of his parents that caused him to be born blind?” “Neither,” answered Jesus: “It was no sin, either of this man or of his parents. Rather, it was to let God’s works show forth in him. We must do the deeds of him who sent me while it is day. The night comes on when no one can work. While I am in the world I am the light of the world.” With that Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with his saliva, and smeared the man’s eyes with the mud. Then he told him, “Go,

wash in the pool of Siloam.” (This name means “One who has been sent.”) So, the man went off and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbours and the people who had been accustomed to see him begging began to ask, “Isn’t this the fellow who used to sit and beg?” Some were claiming it was he; others maintained it was not but someone who looked like him. The man himself said, “I am the one.” They said to him then, “How were your eyes opened?” He answered: “That man they call Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes, telling me to go to Siloam and wash. When I did go and wash, I was able to see.” “Where is he?” they asked. He replied, “I have no idea.”

Next, they took the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. (Note that it was on a Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud paste and opened his eyes.) The Pharisees, in turn, began to inquire how he had recovered his sight. He told them, “He put mud on my eyes. I washed it off, and now I can see.” This prompted some of the Pharisees to assert, “This man cannot be from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others objected, “If a man is a sinner, how can he perform signs like these?” They were sharply divided over him. Then they addressed the blind man again: “Since it was your eyes he opened, what do you have to say about him?” “He is a prophet,” he replied.

The Jews refused to believe that he had really been born blind and had begun to see, until they summoned the parents of this man who now could see. “Is this your son?” they asked, “and if so, do you attest that he was blind at birth? How do you account for the fact that now he can see?” The parents answered: “We know this is our son, and we know he was born blind at birth. But how can he see now, or who opened his eyes, we have no idea. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.” (His parents answered in this fashion because they were afraid of the Jews, who had already agreed among themselves that anyone who acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, “He is of age – ask him.”)

A second time they summoned the man who had been born blind and said to him, “Give the glory to God! First of all we know this man is a sinner.” “I do not know whether he is a sinner or not,” he answered. “I know this much: I was blind before; now I can see.” They persisted: “Just what did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” “I have told you once, but you would not listen to me,” he answered them. “Why do you want to hear it all over again? Do not tell me you want to become his disciples too?” They retorted scornfully: “You are the one who is that man’s disciple. We are disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses, but we have no idea where this man comes from.” He came back at them: “Well, this is news! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not hear sinners, but that if someone is devout and obeys his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever gave sight to a person blind from birth. If this man were not from God, he could never have done such a thing.” “What!” they exclaimed, “You are steeped in sin from your birth, and you are giving us lectures?” With that they threw him out bodily.

When Jesus heard of his expulsion, he sought him out and asked him, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” “You have seen him,” Jesus replied. “He is speaking to you now.” “I do believe, Lord,” he said, and bowed down to worship him.

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 священник виголошує “Благословенне Царство” й люди відповідають “Амінь”, священники співають Тропар один раз, а люди його повторюють. Далі священники 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 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 Своім

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 4): На душевних очах осліплений, до тебе, Христе, приходжу, як сліпий від народження; в покаянні кличу до тебе: Ти в темряві світло пресвітле.

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.

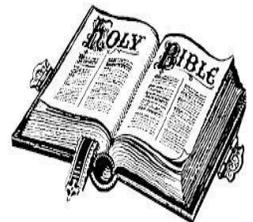
Прокімен (глас 8): Помоліться і воздайте Господові,* Богу нашому (Пс 75,12).

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

Прокімен (глас 8): Помоліться і воздайте Господові,* Богу нашому (Пс 75,12).

Апостол: 3 книги Діань Святих Апостолів читання (Дн. 16, 16-34)

Тими днями, як апостоли йшли на молитву, зустріла нас одна служниця, що мала духа віщуна, і віщуванням справляла панам своїм великий заробіток. Ідучи слідом за Павлом і за нами, вона кричала: «Ці люди – слуги Всевишнього Бога, які звіщають вам путь спасіння!» Чимало днів вона таке робила. Набридли це Павлові й, повернувшись, він сказав до духа: «Велю тобі ім'ям Ісуса Христа вийти з неї!» І в ту ж мить він вийшов. Побачивши її пани, що їхня надія на заробіток пропала, схопили Павла й Силу і потягли на майдан до



влади. Привівши ж їх до воєвод, сказали: «Ці люди колотять наше місто; це юдеї. Вони навчають звичаїв, яких нам, римлянам, не дозволено ані приймати, ані виконувати.» І натовп кинувся на них спільно, а воєводи, здерши з них одягу, звеліли їх сікти різками; завдавши їм чимало ран, кинули у в'язницю, наказавши тюремникові пильно стерегти їх. Він же, прийнявши такий наказ, кинув їх у в'язницю до самої середини й забив їх ноги у колоди. Павло та Сила опівночі молилися і співали Богу, а в'язні слухали їх. Раптом зчинився землетрус великий, так що підвалини в'язниці затряслися: зненацька відчинилися всі двері, і кайдани на всіх розв'язалися. Якже прокинувся тюремник і побачив відчинені темничні двері, витяг меч і хотів себе вбити, гадаючи що в'язні повтікали. Аж тут Павло скрикнув голосом великим, кажучи: «Не завдавай собі ніякого лиха, всі бо ми тут!» І, попросивши світла, тюремник ускочив до в'язниці й, тремтячи, кинувсь у ноги Павлові та Силі; а вивівши їх звідти, мовив: «Панове, що мені слід робити щоб спастися?» Ті відповіли: «Віруй у Господа Ісуса, і спасешся ти і твій дім.» І вони йому звіщали слово Господнє і всім, що були в його домі. А він, узявши їх тієї години вночі, обмив їхні рани й охрестився з усіма своїми. Як же запровадив їх до себе в господу, то накрив стіл і веселився з усім домом, який увірував в Бога.

Аллилуя (глас 8): Споглянь на мене і помилуй мене (Пс 118, 132).

Спрямуй стопи мої за Твоїм словом (Пс 118, 133).

Євангеліє: (Ів. 9, 1-38)

У той час, переходивши, побачив Ісус чоловіка, зроду сліпого. Запитали його, отже, учні його: «Учителю, хто згрішив? Він – чи батьки його, що сліпим він уродився?» «Ані він не згрішив, ані батьки його, – відказав Ісус, – але щоб ділам Божим виявитись на ньому! Поки дня, маємо виконувати діла того, хто послав мене, – бо ніч надходить, за якої ніхто не зможе діяти. І поки я у світі – я світло світу.» Сказавши те, сплюнув на землю, споготовив слиною глей і помастив глеєм очі сліпого. До нього ж сказав: «Іди, вмийся в купелі Силоамській», – що у перекладі означає: «Зісланій». Отож подався той, умився – і повернувся зрячим!

Сусіди ж і ті, що бачили його раніше сліпим, заговорили: «Чи то ж не той, який ото все сидів – жебрачів?» Одні казали: То він, – інші: Ні, лиш подібний до нього. Він же каже: «Це я!» Тож питались його: «Як воно так, що прозріли твої очі?» А він: «Чоловік, що Ісусом звать його, споготовив глей, очі мені помастив та й мовив: Піди до Силоаму, вмийся. Я пішов, умився – і прозрів.» Вони його тоді питають: «Де він?» – «Не знаю», каже той. Тож ведуть того, хто сліпий був, до фарисеїв. Було ж у суботу, коли то Ісус споготовив глею і відкрив йому очі. То й фарисеї спитали його, як він прозрів. А він їм: «Глею поклав мені на очі, я вмився, й ось бачу.» Деякі з фарисеїв твердили: «Не від Бога цей чоловік, бо суботи не дотримує.» Інші мовили: «Чи може ж грішний чоловік отакі чудеса чинити?» Отож суперечка була серед них. І знову сліпого кажуть: «А ти що про нього кажеш – про те, що очі тобі відкрив?» Одрікає: «Пророк він.» Проте юдеї щодо нього не вірили, що був він сліпий і прозрів, – аж поки не закликали батьків отого прозрілого. Спитали їх: «Чи то ваш син, про котрого кажете, що сліпим він уродився? А тепер як же він бачить?» Батьки його і відказали, мовивши: «Знаємо, що то наш син, і що сліпим він був уродився. А як він тепер бачить – не знаємо, і хто відкрив йому очі – не відаємо. Спитайте самого: він дорослий, сам про себе скаже.» Так батьки його казали, бо юдеїв страхалися: юдеї бо вже були домовилися, щоб виключити кожного з синагоги, хто Христом його визнаватиме. Тим то батьки його й казали: Дорослий він, – самого спитайте.

Отож удруге закликали чоловіка, що сліпим був, та й кажуть йому: «Богові славу воздай! Ми знаємо, що той чоловік – грішник.» «Чи грішник він, – озвався він, – я не знаю. Знаю одне: був я сліпим, а тепер бачу.» Вони ж йому на те знов: «Що він таке тобі сподіяв? Як він очі тобі відкрив?» Той їм відказує: «Я вже вам оповів, та ви не слухали. Навіщо іще чути хочете? Чи, може, і ви його учнями бажаєте стати?» Ті з лайкою накинулись на нього, і сказали: «Ти його учень! Ми – Мойсеєві учні! Ми знаємо: до Мойсея промовляв Бог. А цього не знаємо, звідкіля він.» У відповідь чоловік сказав їм: «Ось воно, власне, і дивно, що ви не знаєте, звідкіля він, а він мені очі відкрив. Ми знаємо, що Бог не вислухує грішників, коли ж хтось побожний і його волю чинить – ось того він вислухує! Нечувано одвіку, щоб хтонебудь відкрив очі сліповродженому. Був би він не від Бога – нічого не спроможен би був зробити!» Озвались і сказали йому: «Ти весь у гріхах уродився, а нас навчаєш?» І прогнали його геть.

Довідався Ісус, що вони геть його прогнали, отож, зустрівши його, промовив до нього: «Віруєш у Чоловічого Сина?» А той: «А хто він, Господи, щоб я вірував у нього?» Ісус же йому: «Ти бачив його; він – той, хто говорить з тобою.» Тоді той і сказав: «Вірую, Господи!» – і поклонився йому.

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

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 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 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.

❖ **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!



22 April 2018

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you some wonderful news for our Eparchy. In December of 2015 Andriy Malysh visited our Eparchy at my invitation. He was in his final year of a Masters-Licentiate Degree in Evangelization at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. He completed his seminary training at Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv and his Philosophy and Theology from Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. Andriy was born in Nadvirna, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Ukraine. After his studies in Rome, he married Ivanka Danylyk of Lviv. They have a daughter, Daryna who was born in October of last year.



As you know I was appointed the head of the Vibrant Parish Working Group of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in 2011. In the autumn of 2016, I hired Andriy to be our full-time Administrative Secretary of the Working Group. In 2017 I was asked by His Beatitude Sviatoslav to head a special team to conduct an audit of the financial structures and activities of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Patriarchal Curia (Chancery). Among the team members I brought on board Andriy Malysh who assisted in the coordination of our audit team.

Andriy has visited our Eparchy a few more times since 2015 including 2017 for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations with his wife Ivanka. During these visits Andriy along with

Ivanka and I have been on a journey of vocation discernment. I am very pleased to announce that Andriy will be ordained a sub-deacon and a deacon for our Eparchy. These ordinations will take place in Lviv. His ordination as a deacon will be celebrated at the Patriarchal Centre Chapel of the Annunciation in Lviv on Sunday 20 May of this year. Andriy will continue to work in Lviv with the Vibrant Parish Working Group for the next year or so and then God willing he will be ordained a priest for our Eparchy and will come to British Columbia with his family to begin his pastoral ministry with us.

I would like to ask you, dear Sisters and Brothers to pray for Andriy as he prepares himself for ordination asking God to bless him. I would ask that at each Divine Liturgy we add a special petition/litany for him:

Priest: 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!

Faithful: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy!

Certainly, if you will be in Lviv on 14 May (ordination as a sub-deacon) and on Sunday 20 May for Andriy's ordination as a deacon you would be most welcome to attend!

With prayerful best wishes,
+Ken
Bishop of New Westminster

Canadian & American Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church conclude annual meeting

The Ukrainian Catholic bishops of Canada and the United States held their annual meeting this year in Kelowna, British Columbia (Eparchy of New Westminster) April 30-3 May 2018.

Bishop Ken Nowakowski hosted the bishops of Canada and the United States of America in Kelowna at Seton House Retreat Centre overlooking picturesque mountain interior Okanagan Lake.

Attending the meeting were Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak (Winnipeg), who chaired the meeting; Bishop David Motiuk (Edmonton); Bishop Ken Nowakowski (New Westminster); Bishop Bryan Bayda (Saskatoon); Archbishop-emeritus Stefan Soroka (Philadelphia); Bishop Andriy Raby (Philadelphia); Bishop Paul Chomnycky (Stamford); Bishop Bohdan Danylo (St. Josaphat in Parma); Bishop Benedict Aleksyichuk (St. Nicholas in Chicago).

The bishops commenced each day with a celebration of the Divine Liturgy in a small wooden chapel on the property, that afforded a breathtaking view of the lake below and the surrounding terrain.

The three-day meeting addressed many topics of common concern for the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in North America as well as topics in preparation for the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church to be held in Lviv, Ukraine in September, among them: English translation of liturgical services, development of catechetical programs, vocations to the priestly and religious life and priestly on-going formation, cantors institutes, etc.



The bishops also had an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with the local Roman Catholic hierarchs: the newly-installed Bishop of the Diocese of Nelson, Most Rev. Greg Bittman, and the Bishop-emeritus, Most Rev. John Corriveau.

Thursday, May 10 - Sunday, May 20
Mission Days - A Ten Day Journey

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit," - Matthew 28.19

Dear parishioners, you are invited to embark an extraordinary pilgrimage that will last for ten days - from the Ascension (May 10) to the Pentecost (May 20). During this time the attention of our entire Church will be towards our common vocation as "missionaries," that is to say a community ready to share God's Word of salvation with others. We read in the Mission Days Guidebook: "By taking an active role in the spiritual efforts of these ten Mission Days, we are called to better understand that, by their very nature, our parish communities and families (domestic churches) have a *missionary* character. This missionary spirit is a consequence of the gift of our Baptism, by virtue of which we, as Christians, take upon ourselves the responsibility to *believe, live, serve, and share* the witness of our faith in Christ, not just among our family members, but with our neighbours, wherever we may live."

Let our entire parish community gather on May 10, the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, in our church to begin this pilgrimage together.

Introduction - Thursday, May 10: Feast of the Ascension – 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

1st Day - Friday, May 11: A Divine Love that Brings Joy - 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2nd Day - Saturday, May 12: Liberation from Sin - 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

3rd Day - Sunday, May 13: God is With Us - We Belong to God – 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

4th Day - Monday, May 14: Branches that Bear Fruit - 6:30 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God

5th Day - Tuesday, May 15: Where to Look for Truth? - 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6th Day - Wednesday, May 16: Personal Responsibility - 7:00 pm – Moleben to the Mother of God

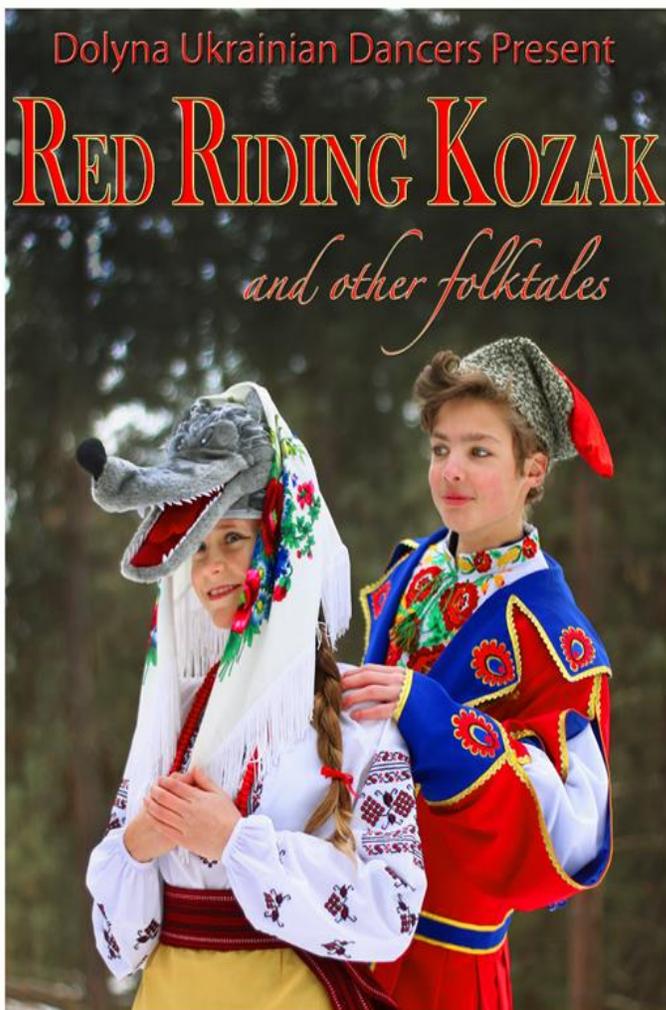
7th Day - Thursday, May 17: Community of Prayer - 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

8th Day - Friday, May 18: Serving Those in Need - 7:00 pm – Moleben to the Mother of God

9th Day - Saturday, May 19: "Tend my sheep!" - 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10th Day - Sunday, May 20: Our Mission: to Carry the Holy Spirit to Others... – 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy – 11:00 am - Divine Liturgy

If you cannot participate in the Mission Days during these 10 days you can make this pilgrimage at home with you family. Dedicate 5-10 min of your time during these 10 days for praying with the "Mission Days Guidebook".



SATURDAY MAY 12, 2018 6:30 PM at ROTARY CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ROTARY BOX OFFICE
 WWW.ROTARYCENTREFORTHEARTS.COM
 ADULTS \$20 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$10
 FEATURING DOLYNA UKRAINIAN DANCERS & SPECIAL GUESTS VERNON'S SADOK UKRAINIAN DANCERS
 FOR MORE INFORMATION WWW.DOLYNADANCERS.COM



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!

❖ **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.

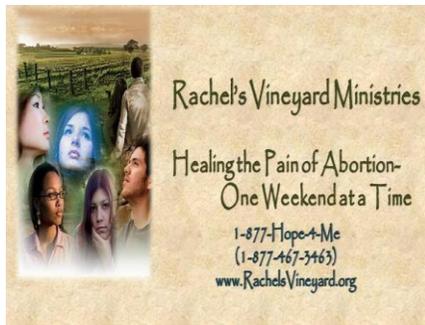
DONATE Food: We are always happy to accept food donations of fresh fruits and vegetables, breakfast items; cereal, syrup, pancake mix, jam, Nutella, lunch items; chicken soup, Kraft dinner, cheese, drinks; juice boxes, powdered drinks, brownie/cake mixes, Jello, snack bars, cookies or treats. Gift certificates 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:** *'Out of my distress I cried to Yahweh and he answered me, from the belly of Sheol I cried out; you heard my voice!'* - Jonah 2:3

You may feel like you lost the ability and the right to cry out and be heard, all due to having had an abortion. God hears you and He sees your distress. Allow Him to respond and heal your heart as He holds you in His merciful embrace. Join us 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. Thank you and may God bless you!

❖ **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*)

❖ **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!

❖ **Praznyk in Kamloops** - on behalf of the parishioners of the Most Holy Trinity Parish in Kamloops, we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating our Praznyk/parish feast day on Sunday, May 27th, 2018. The Pontifical Divine Liturgy will begin at 11:00 a.m. with reception to follow at the church hall. (Adults - \$15; Children 6-12 - \$7.50; Children under 6 – Free & Clergy and Religious – Free). Please let us know by Saturday, May 19th, 2018 if you are able to join us. Our contact information is: Phone: [250.376.3690](tel:250.376.3690), Email: mostholytrinitypar@shaw.ca

❖ **Kelowna Ukrainian Canadian Congress Community Meeting** on Monday May 7th, at the Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church (1091 Coronation Ave, Kelowna, BC)

✚ 6:30 pm Moleben/prayer service, open to everyone

✚ 7:00 pm Community Meeting,

✚ Introductions and presentations by community members

✚ presentation by Ihor Michalchyshyn, Executive Director of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress

✚ question and answers

✚ - coffee reception

Facebook event listing: <https://www.facebook.com/events/425428624573895/>

❖ **UCC Vernon Annual General Meeting & UCC National Presentation** on Tuesday, May 8th at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (4105, 27th Street in Vernon, BC)

➤ 6:30 pm start time Introductions

➤ UCC Vernon selection of officers for 2018/19 year

➤ Reports from community organizations and representatives

➤ Presentation from UCC National Executive Director Ihor Michalchyshyn

➤ Discussion, questions and answers

➤ Reception Facebook Event listing: <https://www.facebook.com/events/127189568137909/>

❖ **Glenwood Homes:** We are looking for kind, compassionate Care Aid or an individual that enjoys seniors, to join our home. You must be friendly and enjoy people. This person will get free room and board in exchange for taking 10 four-hour evening shifts per month where you will have fellowship with the Seniors. You may play games, cards, sing, share a cup of tea, go for short walks, do some light housekeeping, prepare snacks etc. Overall, have a watchful eye over seniors trying to make their quality of life great.

Glenwood is a small senior's home that maintains a home atmosphere for 14 residents. It is in an excellent location, just a few blocks from the hospital. You will have your own private room with a shared bathroom.

You must have a valid First Aid and Food Safe Certificate and have an RCMP Security Clearance check.

If you are this outstanding person and are interested in being part of our home, please: Send resume to: Glenwoodhome@outlook.com Contact Susanne Byl at 250.681-3387 (766 Glenwood Ave, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5M5)

The Head of the UGCC in Starunia: The servant of the unity of the Church of Christ is neither the president nor the patriarch, but the successor of the apostle Peter - the Pope

In recent weeks, so much was said about the unity of Christians. Someone even wants to create a single local church. But the question is: where this unity can come from, who must be at the core of it, what idea of unity of the Church left us, the Christians of the third millennium, Jesus Christ Himself? The center of the unity of the Church of Christ is not the president, not the patriarch, but the successor of the apostle Peter - the Pope. Such a position was expressed by the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church His Beatitude Sviatoslav on Sunday, April 29, 2018, in the village of Starunia, Ivano-Frankivsk region. The Primate arrived in Prykarpattia on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Blessed Martyr Symeon Lukach.

The Primate was greeted by the Archbishop and Metropolitan of Ivano-Frankivsk Volodymyr (Vijtyshyn), Archbishop and Metropolitan of Lviv Ihor (Voznyak), Eparch of Kolomyia Vasil' (Ivasiuk), Eparch of Stryj Taras (Sen'kiv), Eparch Buchatsky Dmytro (Hryhorak), Eparch of Chernivtsi Yosafat (Moshchych), Auxiliary Bishop of Ternopil-Zboriv Archeparchy Theodor (Martyniuk) together with visiting clergy and faithful who have come to share a great joy of the parish of Saints Peter and Paul.

In his homily to the faithful, the Primate said that today all came to Starunia, this Boyko land, in order to thank the family that gave our Church and our nation a great hero, an underground bishop martyr - blessed Symeon Lukach.

Today in the Holy Gospel we hear about the recovery of a paralytic... "This Word of God", said the spiritual leader of the Greek Catholics, "which the Church listens to and by which lives for two thousand years, resounds in a special way, here in Starunia. For today we want to remember the blessed holy martyr, his life, and his testimony of faith. When we hear about the sheep font, about the Sabbath, which forbade anyone to move or carry something, we look back at the years when Bishop Symeon Lukach came here as the heir of the apostolate ministry of blessed martyr Hryhoriy Khomyshyn. We can say that Starunia as all the Ukrainian land was pressed against a kind of communistic Sabbath, where all had to be moveless, where there was an attempt to turn all the people into blind and lame, and deprived of hope."

For this purpose, believes the preacher, Symeon Lukach was precisely the man whom people then needed; he became the hands of the Savior Himself, and here he passed on the grace of the

Mass for the Unborn

Celebrant:

Bishop Gregory Bittman

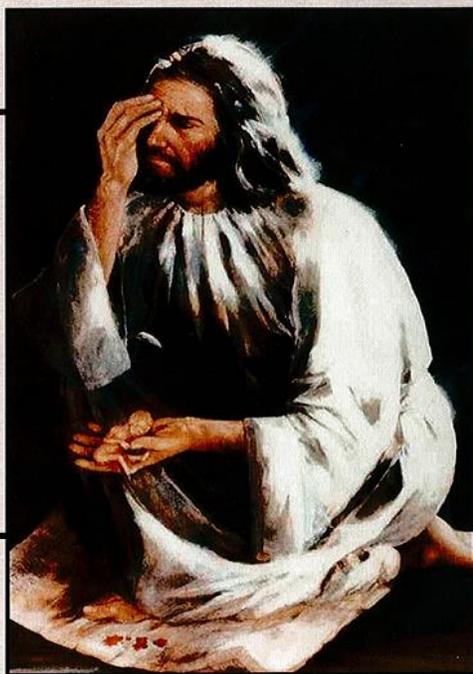
*He was so small, this
baby doomed to die.*

*His mother's rights,
the only reason why.*

*From somewhere safe
and warm, they tore
this child.*

*Lord Jesus, could you
rock him for a while?*

Guest Speaker at Coffee
Elizabeth Sutcliffe
'Silent No More'



Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, May 14th 2018

Rosary: 6:15 pm Mass: 7:00 pm

Refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass

Holy Spirit. He taught the Word of God, giving people hope.

We ask ourselves today: with what power did he do it? "With the same power that probably told him and others: get up, assume responsibility and change the world around you. What did he start doing? He did not bring an angel from heaven, but God Himself, serving the Holy Mysteries. And there are still people who were baptized by the martyr Symeon Lukach. He was giving away the Sacrament of Chrismation here. But the greatest force that changed the world, and this we feel until today, when we come here as pilgrims, - he served the Divine Liturgy every day. There was a moment when he served it in the temple, later - every day behind the closed doors of his private family home that still remains," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

But time has come, emphasized the hierarch, when he was able to move the world, and today we can openly celebrate the solemn Hierarchical Liturgy.

The blessed holy martyr understood that prayer gives hope to the people in the worst times. "Today we thank him for the testimony of faith, but we must also accomplish what the Word of God says and what the holy martyr Symeon says," the preacher stressed.

"Look now at our Ukrainian people," called the Head of the Church," and at our Ukrainian land. Very often the mighty of this world want to take away hope from us. They want to turn us into a nation of paralytics. How many people in our nation today are losing hope that something can be changed. Through the blessed martyr the Lord speaks to us today: "Arise! Get up, daughter, get up, son! Take your bed and walk! " That means, take the power of God given to you today, in this Divine Liturgy, take responsibility for the destiny of the Church and the nation. Do not be afraid of responsibility for your neighbor, and change the world by the power of God."

But the testimony of blessed Symeon Lukach has a special meaning in the context of searching unity among the Christians now. "They speak a lot about creating a single church now; but who should be at its foundation? – The blessed holy martyr gives the answer – It is not the president or the patriarch, but only the successor of apostle Peter – the Pope." There was always a temptation to betray this loyalty to the Church of Volodymyr's baptism. The whole underground church was suffering because of this.

In the Primate's opinion, the UGCC has a duty before other Ukrainian churches – to testify about the unity of our church with the Successor of apostle Peter. This is God's Word to us today: raise, change the world around you, build the united church but remember your ancestral faith!"

Afterwards, the hierarch blessed the museum of Symeon Lukach and of the catacomb church of the UGCC.

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Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry:

Baptisms: by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

*** 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.**

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.



Liturgical celebrations during this week:

Mon., May 7th, – 6:30 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God (Ukr. /Eng.)

Tue., May 8th, - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: for the repose of every person who was killed during the wars
– 7:00 p.m. Resurrection ICXP Stychyryas (Ukr. /Eng.)

Wed., May 9th, – 7:00 p.m. Vespers (Ukr. /Eng.)
 Thurs., May 10th, – 9:30 a.m. (**ASCENSION ICXP**) The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.**
 Fri., May 11th, – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for the Fanytch Family**
 – 7:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God (Ukr. /Eng.)
 Saturday, May 12th – 9:30 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **for liberation from sin**
 – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners (Service in Penticton, BC)**
 Sunday, May 13th, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (in Eng./Ukr.)

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