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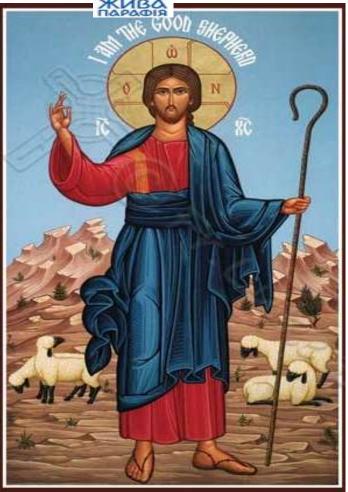


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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** - June 10th, 2018 A.D



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 Shevchuk

In today's Gospel reading according to Saint Evangelist Matthew (*Mt. 6:22-33*), Jesus Christ personally is warning us not to be too anxious about material world, temporal perishable posessions, bodies — what we shall eat, drink, or wear. However, we as people are asking questions: How can this be, if we must clothe ourselves, eat and drink to be alive and strong enough daily? Are we not earthly creations, who are bound by natural laws of biological existence? Do we not come from our forefather Adam (*Gen. 3:19*), and as he was so we are also earthly (*1 Cor. 15:48*)?

This is true; we are descendants of Adam and Eve, and find ourselves in a fallen state. We sustain our lives by devouring the created world, worship and desire many temporal idols such as: power, money, pleasures; we wrap out bodies in that which is corruptible, our soul draws its inspiration from the lusts and control which devil and his evil spirits constantly propose and tempt our hearts and minds. This is the order of life that has become habitual to us, but it is not natural for us; God did not create us for such kind of life.

The Son of God Jesus Christ personally came to restore our human nature, to lift us out of the fallen state, and to give a new and original order to our lives. Our spirit

must now find nourishment in God, the source of life; our soul must be inspired by things divine, even as the spirit draws it to God; even our bodies must not live "by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (*Mt. 4:4*), that is to say, by the Good Shepherd, Christ Himself, Who is the Son and the Word of God, Who seriously reminds each and everyone of us today saying: 'Seek first His Kingship over you, His way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides.' (*Mt. 6:33*)

"...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 Viky!Слава Icycy Xpucmy! – Слава на Віки!Christ is among us! – He is and will be!



Liturgical Propers in English language:

Tone 2, text from book "The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom"; pages 91-93

#### **Epistle:** A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Rm. 5:1-10)

Brethren, now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we now stand, and we boast of our hope for the glory of God. But not only that – we even boast of our

afflictions! We know that affliction makes for endurance, and endurance for tested virtue, and tested virtue for hope. And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us, godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves His love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Now that we have been justified by His blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by Him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him by the death of His Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by His life.

#### **Gospel:** (*Matthew 6:22-33*)

The Lord said: 'The eye is the body's lamp. If your eyes are good, your body will be filled with light; if your eyes are bad, your body will be in darkness. And if your light is darkness, how deep will the darkness be!

No man can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money.

I warn you, then; do not worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Is not life more than food? Is not the body valuable than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns; yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more important that they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to his life-span? As for clothes, why be concerned? Learn a lesson from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work; they do not spin. Yet I assure you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendour the grass of the field, which blooms today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, will He not provide much more for you, o weak in faith!

Stop worrying, then, over questions like, 'What are we to eat, or what are we to drink, or what are we to wear?' The unbelievers are always running after these things. Your Heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first His Kingship over you, His way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides.

Our Eparch, Bishop Ken is requesting that at the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war. For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.



**VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER**: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to

share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

• **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion**: You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. *If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.* 



#### Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

#### Глас 2, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 90-92

#### Апостол: До Римлян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Рм. 5, 1-10)

Браття і Сестри, оправдані ж вірою, ми маємо мир з Богом через Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, через якого ми вірою одержали доступ до тієї ласки, що в ній стоїмо і хвалимося надією на славу

Божу. Та й не тільки це, але ми хвалимось і в утисках, знаючи, що утиск виробляє терпеливість, терпеливість — досвід, а досвід — надію. Надія ж не засоромить, бо любов Бога влита в серця наші Святим Духом, що нам даний. Христос бо, тоді як ми були ще безсилі, у свою пору, помер за безбожних. Воно навряд чи хто за праведника вмирає; бо за



доброго, може, хтось і відважився б умерти. Бог же показує свою до нас любов тим, що Христос умер за нас, коли ми ще були грішниками. Отож, тим більш тепер, оправдані його кров'ю, ми спасемося ним від гніву. Бо коли, бувши ворогами, ми примирилися з Богом смертю Його Сина, то тим більше тепер, примирившися, спасемося його життям.

#### **Євангеліє**: (Мт. 6, 22-33)

Сказав Господь: "Світло тіла – око. Як, отже, твоє око здорове, все тіло твоє буде світле. А коли твоє око лихе, все тіло твоє буде в темряві. Коли ж те світло, що в тобі, темрява, то темрява – якою ж великою буде! Ніхто не може двом панам служити: бо або одного зненавидить, а другого буде любити, або триматиметься одного, а того знехтує. Не можете Богові служити – і мамоні. Ось чому кажу вам: Не турбуйтеся вашим життям, що вам їсти та що пити; ні тілом вашим, у що одягнутись. Хіба життя не більш – їжі, тіло – не більш одежі. Гляньте на птиць небесних: не сіють і не жнуть, ані не збирають у засіки, а Отець ваш небесний їх годує! Хіба ви від них не вартісніші? Хто з вас, журячись, спроможен добавити до свого віку хоч один лікоть? І про одежу чого ж вам клопотатись? Гляньте на польові лілеї, як одна з них. І коли зілля польове, яке сьогодні є, а завтра вкидають його до печі, Бог так одягає, то чи не багато більше вас, маловірні? Отож не турбуйтеся, промовлявии: Що будемо їсти, що пити й у що зодягнемося? Про все те побиваються погани. Отець же ваш небесний зає, що вим у чи о зодяга, то чи не багато більше вас, маловірні? Отож не турбуйтеся, промовлявии: Що будемо їсти, що пити й у що зодягнемося? Про все те побиваються погани. Отець же ваш небесний знає, що вам усе це потрібне. Шукайте перше Царство Боже та його справедливість, а все те вам додається.'



**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.



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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, 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, Mr. Edward Kaskiw for cutting the lawn,

Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Judy Syrnyk for working at the rectory entrance side walk, 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!!!**

✤ Blessings and Congratulations to Julia Lalach, of proud parents Mr. Harvey & Mrs. Bonnie Lalach and grandparents Mr. Nicholas and Mrs. Cecilia Lalach, who has successefully achived her degree by graduating this year from Okanagan College in Kelowna, BC! May Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ lead and bless you, dear graduate and sister in Christ, by keeping you to have a good job and live according to your Christian wisdom and knowledge for many blessed years of life for your family, church and country!

Blessings and Congratulations to Tanner Syrnyk, of proud parents Mr. Michael & Mrs. Dianna Syrnyk and grandparents Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Judy Syrnyk, by graduating this year from Rutland Senior High School in Kelowna, BC! May Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ lead and bless you, dear graduate and brother in Christ, by keeping you to have a good job and live according to your Christian wisdom and knowledge for many blessed years of life for your family, church and country!

★ May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mrs. Bonny Lalach on her birthday (June 11<sup>th</sup>), to Stephanie Siebert on her birthday (June 12<sup>th</sup>), to Christina Achtymichuk on her birthday (June 16<sup>th</sup>), to Mr. Anthony and Mrs. Victoria



Huziak on their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary (June 16<sup>th</sup>), and all who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's namedays, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

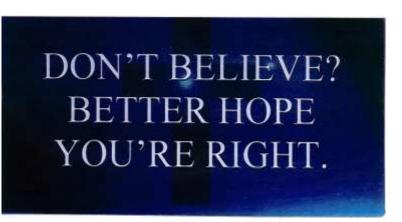
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✤ WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY! WISHING YOU A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME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

✤ 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 Dashkewytch, 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!** 

Following the Divine Liturgy, the Panakhyda / Memorial Service for all deceased parishioners, family members, friends will be celebrated at the church today. BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at 4 pm at the Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. Please, come and prayerfully attend the blessings with the respect to your ansestors and Christian, personal example to your children and grandchildren!



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**Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish**: Perogies – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Cabbage Rolls – \$ 6.00 per dozen uncooked and \$ 6.00 per dozen cooked , 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.

★ A SPECIAL REQUEST: After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the

church. As well. please, do not forget close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building clean and neat. Thank you very much!

**BOX FOR USED CHURCH BULLETINS** – since our Sunday bulletins contain Sacred Scripture readings & icons, they need to be disposed of properly/respectfully after use. Please do not throw them into the garbage but recycle them after shredding if possible. In order to assist with this request, we have provided a special box for used bulletins at the church entrance.

- 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 STAINTVOLODYMYR on August 19-26, 2018 A.D.

Start planning your summer holidays now! Come join us to celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 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:* "I feel so much more peace inside and the weight of pain that I had is less, much less. I have begun to forgive myself as I have learned that my son is with God and finally has a name." - *Testimonial* 

Forgiving yourself for your involvement in a decision that led to abortion, takes time. Join the women and men on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and be set free from burdens that are preventing you from fully forgiving yourself and discover the peace that God is offering you. **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 parish 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 as well. 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 allof 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, do not run away but show your Christan 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 tornaments, 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 me rcy upon all of us!" (Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

★ Chumak Way Cycle US & Canada for Peace is a 10,000 km (6,000 miles) – 400 towns – 100 days North American cycling tour starting in Los Angeles, C.A. and ending in Washington D.C. The Chumak Way team is biking for peace and in support of families and orphans who suffered from war in Eastern Ukraine. Within 100 days 10 Ukrainian volunteers and war veterans will cycle through more than 400 towns and cities of the U.S. and Canada. Everyone is welcome to meet with the team and join the tour! They will be in Kelowna on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Cur Dormition of the Mother of God Parish Praznyk/Feast Day and 70<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 A.D. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. Banquet/Reception to follow at the church hall. (Clergy and Religious – FREE, Adults - \$30, Youth (age 12-18) - \$15, Children (under 12 years of age) - FREE). Please, let us know about your participation.

call contacts Please RSVP or email one of the following if plan you to attend: Mrs. Ann Boitson - Tel.: 250-763-2419, Email: wboitson@shaw.ca

Mrs. Mary Cacchioni - Tel.: 250-765-3419, Email: marycacchioni@gmail.com

Dormition Parish office - Tel.: 250-860-7295, Email: dormitionkelowna@gmail.com

We are looking forward to pray, welcome and share the blessings and joy of this wonderful parish celebration with all of you!

#### Sunday Mass is not optional, UK archbishop reminds Catholics

Edinburgh, Scotland, Jun 5, 2018 (EWTN News/CNA)

In a pastoral letter for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Archbishop Leo Cushley of St. Andrews & Edinburgh stressed the importance of the Sunday Mass obligation for Catholics.

"It is true that many people think of Sunday as just part of the weekend, a welcome break from the usual routine, and perhaps a day for family, or sporting activities," the UK archbishop said in the letter.

"Naturally, it's good to relax and make time for these things, but our culture has largely forgotten that Sunday is a weekly holiday because of its meaning as the Christian holy day," he continued. Cushley went on to emphasize the importance of attending Sunday Mass.

He noted that missing Mass due to extraordinary circumstance, such as an illness, is acceptable, but under normal circumstances, "attending Mass on Sunday is a solemn and binding obligation." "If we deliberately fail in this matter, it is a grave sin and we must go to confession before receiving communion again," he said. Sunday, our weekly day of rest, shows God's people that true fulfilment is only found in the Creator, said Cushley. It is an "earthly reflection of God's own eternal restfulness," when people are reminded that "life has a higher goal than physical survival or financial gain."

Cushley also highlighted the importance of the Eucharist, saying the Sacrifice of the Mass is a "foretaste of heaven" that empowers "us to do real and lasting good in the world." Without the power of the Mass, we are not only cut off from the mystery of grace, but also from Christ and community, he said.

The archbishop went on to encourage parents to bring their children to Mass every Sunday as a good example of living out the Catholic faith. "There's no better thing you can do for them [children] than to bring them to meet the living Lord Jesus at Mass every week," Cushley said, adding "if you teach them like this to seek the Kingdom of God first, you can be sure He will bless them in all the other ways that you hope for."

Cushley also encouraged members of his archdiocese to make their Sunday obligation a priority over other commitments, saying Catholics should place Christ in the Eucharist ahead of everything else. "Coming to Mass only every other week, or occasionally, is not the same as being faithful to his New Covenant. Surely, we cannot treat Christ our Saviour as one option among others for us to shuffle at our convenience," he said. "I therefore urge you, brothers and sisters, to make the choice to attend Sunday Mass, to make it a priority, and to bring others with you."

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.

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### Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations during this week:

Mon., June 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Moleben to the Merciful Christ (Eng./Ukr.)

Tue., June 12<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Wed., June 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. Moleben to Jesus Christ (Eng./Ukr.)

Thurs., June 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Fri., June 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

- 7:00 p.m. Moleben to Jesus Christ (Eng./Ukr.)

Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners (Service in Penticton, BC)

Sunday, June 17<sup>th,</sup> 2018 – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.) BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at 4 pm at the Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kelowna, BC. \* **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 V1Y 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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