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## Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church



**Українська Католицька Церква Успення Пресвятої Богородиці**

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**If you need to meet with the parish priest, please, call or email in advance to arrange time and a day.**

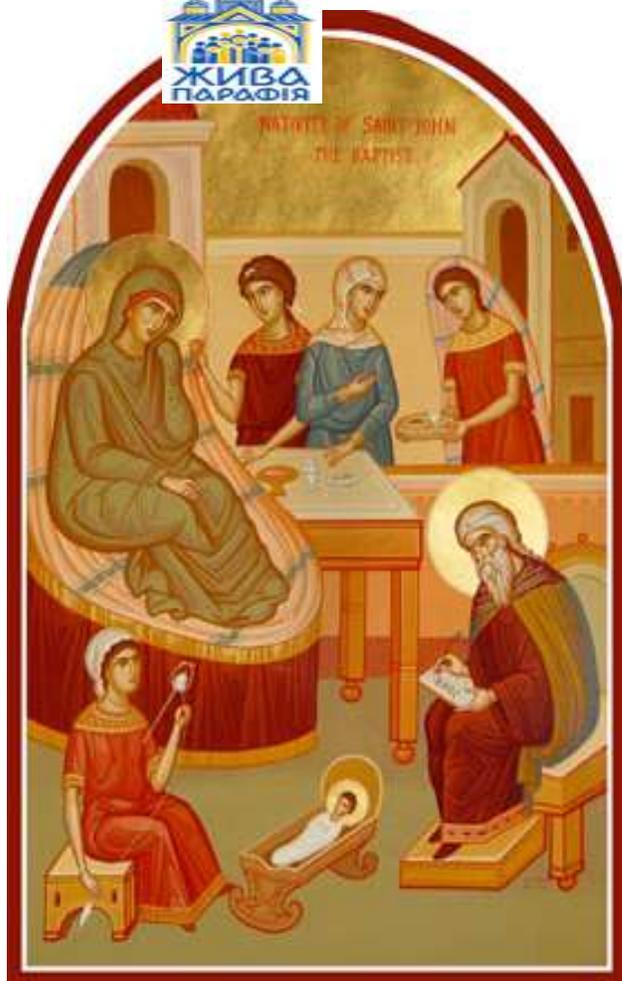
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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 A.D**



**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



“When we look at our human history, which is salvation history, we find the overarching theme is one of God reaching out with love but for one purpose: to draw mankind into communion with himself and *gift* each of us, as a community, with divine love. Our destiny lies in God. It is one of eventual security, peace and everlasting happiness; it is one of unimaginable greatness in the arms of the Beloved.

When we look at the condition of the world, the state of our nation and the choices broad sections of the populace have made and are making, it is easy to become discouraged. There is a saying: *Ad maiora natus sum*, "I was born for greater things. All of you of every place and age in the heart of the Church, *you were born for great things!*" We were born to share in God's supernatural, divine life of superabundant love.

The love of God for humanity is strikingly clear. Christ crucified is the indisputable image of that Love. For our part, we must open ourselves to Love, enter into the life of Christ, and expose others to the Gift we have received through charity, openness, sincerity and conviction. We must enter into the mission of love, which is founded upon the love of God for humankind.

Love is the only thing that can fill hearts and bring people together. God is love. When we forget God, we lose hope and become unable to love others. That is why it is so necessary to testify to God's presence so that others can

experience it. The salvation of humanity depends on this, as well as the salvation of each of us. Anyone who understands this can only exclaim with Saint Paul: 'Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!' (1 Cor. 9:16). Because of what we have received through the gift of faith, we are compelled to offer our life, our very self, as a gift to Christ and thus become instruments of His glory, which is accomplished by our complete cooperation in docility with the impulses of the Spirit, whom the Savior gives to those who love Him.” - *Pope Benedict XVI*

“She who once was barren gives birth today to the Forerunner of Christ, who will fulfill every prophecy.

In the Jordan he placed his hand upon the One Whom the prophets foretold, and thus was shown to be the prophet, the herald, and the Forerunner of the Word of God.” -

*Kontakion of the Feast*

“...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 переміняти, 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 Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віку! Christ is among us! – He is and will be!**



## *Liturgical Propers in English language:*

**Tone 4**, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 95-97

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

*Brothers and Sisters, my heart's desire, my prayer to God for the Israelites, is that they may be saved. Indeed, I can testify that they are zealous for God though their zeal is unenlightened. Unaware of God's justice and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the justice of God. Christ is the end of the law. Through him, justice comes to everyone who believes. Moses writes of the justice that comes from the law, 'The one who observes the law shall live by it.' But of the justice that comes from faith he says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who shall go up into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down), or "Who shall go down into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). What is it he does say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we preach). For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Faith in the heart leads to justification, confession on the lips to salvation.*



**Gospel:** (Matthew 8:28-9:1)

*At that time, as Jesus approached the Gadarene boundary, he encountered two men coming out of the tombs. They were possessed by demons and were so savage that no one could travel along that road. With a sudden shriek they cried, 'Why meddle with us, Son of God? Have you come to torture us before the appointed time?' Some distance away a large herd of swine was feeding. The demons kept appealing to him, 'If you expel us, send us into the herd of swine.' He answered, 'Out with you!' At they came forth and entered the swine. The whole herd went rushing down the bluff into the sea and were drowned. The swineherds took to their heels, and upon their arrival in the town related everything that had happened, including the story about the two possessed men. The upshot was that the entire town came out to meet Jesus. When they caught sight of him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. Then he reentered the boat, made the crossing, and came back to his own town.*

**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 4**, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 94-96

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

Браття і Сестри, бажання мого серця і молитва до Бога за Ізраїль для спасіння. Бо засвідчую їм, що мають велику ревність до Бога, але не згідно з пізнанням. Бо, не розуміючи праведности Божої і докладаючи зусиль надбати власну праведність, вони не підкорилися праведности Божій. Тому що кінець Закону Христос – для праведности кожного віруючого. Мойсей каже про праведність від Закону: Людина, яка виконала його, живою буде ним. А праведність од віри так говорить: Не кажи в серці твоєму: Хто вийде на небо? Себто Христа звести долу, Або: Хто зійде у безодню? Себто, Христа з мертвих піднести. Але що каже Писання? Близько до тебе слова в устах твоїх, і в серці твоєму, себто слово віри, котре проповідуємо. Бо якщо устами твоїми будеш сповідувати Ісуса Господом і серцем твоїм вірувати, що Бог воскресив Його з мертвих, то врятуєшся; Тому що серцем вірують для праведности, а вустами сповідують для порятунку.



**Євангеліє:** (Мт. 8, 28-9, 1)

У той час, коли Ісус прибув на той бік, у край гадаринський, зустріли його два біснуваті, що вийшли з гробниць, але такі люті, що ніхто не міг перейти тією дорогою. І почали кричати: "Що нам і тобі, Сину Божий? Прийшов еси сюди, щоб нас мучити перед часом?" Оподаль же від них паслося велике стадо свиней. Біси попросили його: "Як ти нас виганяєш, пошли нас в оте стадо свиней." "Ідіть" – сказав їм. І вийшли з них, і ввійшли у свиней. Тоді то все стадо кинулося з кручі в море й утопилося в хвилях. А пастухи повтікали й, прибігши в місто, все розповіли, а й про біснуватих. Тоді все місто вийшло Ісусові назустріч і, побачивши його, попросили, щоб відійшов з їхніх околиць. Сівши у човен, він переплив назад і прибув у своє місто.



**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 славилася, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

»»»»»»»»»» **THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!** ««««««««««



❖ **Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will** who by their kindness share time, volunteer and organize coffee and socials, make donations, knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully care and help our parish community, attended church services during the week, volunteered sharing time and care working at the parish projects:

- Mr. Edward Kaskiw cutting the lawn;
- Mr. Ivan Gudz bringing the bread;
- Mrs. Ann and Mr. Bill Boitson, Mrs. Marilyn Daulat, Mrs. Olena Fedorov and parish children for organizing and preparing wonderful Father's Day branch and celebration;
- Mrs. Cecelia and Mr. Neil Lalach for cleaning our church, corridors, washroom, storage rooms and hall;
- Mrs. Alice Pelachaty, Mrs. Irene Popyk, Mrs. Patricia Hamilton, Mrs. Cecelia Lalach and Mrs. Olena Fedorov for cleaning at the parish kitchen after ceiling was fixed, sanded and painted;

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)

(John Chrysostom)

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

- ❖ **Sincerest prayerful greetings to Mrs. Martha Melnyk and Mr. Sean McAllister** (parishioners of Saint George's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Prince George, BC) who received the Mystery/Sacrament of Marriage at our Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 A.D. May the Almighty God bless your young family, your parents and all relatives and friends with good health, love, peace, prosperity and salvation for many, happy and blessed years of life!
- ❖ **May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation** in many, happy and blessed years of life to Kimberly Billington on her birthday (June 24<sup>th</sup>), to Mr. Andriy Tomashevskyy on his birthday (June 26<sup>th</sup>), to Mrs. Diane Bihun on her birthday (June 29<sup>th</sup>), to Oliver Sookochoff on his birthday (June 29<sup>th</sup>), to Mr. Kent and Mrs. Larissa Fearn on their 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (June 26<sup>th</sup>), to Mr. Nicholas and Mrs. Cecelia Lalach on their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (June 30<sup>th</sup>), and all who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days of Saint John the Baptizer and Saints Apostles Peter and Paul, 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.**

- ❖ 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!**

❖ **PARISH 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMETEE MEETING** is at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 A.D.

❖ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 A.D.

❖ **Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church 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 (11 years of age under) - FREE).

Please, let us know about your participation.

Please RSVP - call or email one of the following contacts if you plan to attend:

Mrs. Ann Boitson - Tel.: 250-763-2419, Email: [wboitson@shaw.ca](mailto:wboitson@shaw.ca)

Mrs. Mary Cacchioni - Tel.: 250-765-3419, Email: [marycacchioni@gmail.com](mailto:marycacchioni@gmail.com)

Dormition Parish office - Tel.: 250-860-7295, Email: [dormitionkelowna@gmail.com](mailto: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!**

❖ **Celebrations! Three important events to celebrate at our Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster!**

- On 16 May Bishop Ken celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday (*in lieu of gifts Bishop Ken asks that donations would be made to the beautification of our Cathedral*).
- Andriy Malysh was ordained to the subdiaconate (May 14) and diaconate (May 20) for our Eparchy by Bishop Ken in Lviv. (*Personal gifts may be presented directly to Deacon Andriy at this time*).
- Holy Eucharist Cathedral Parish has hosted three very talented iconographers (Oleksii, Serhii and Dmytro) from Lviv who have now completed several new icons in our Cathedral.

To celebrate we would like to invite you to a Vespers service and the official unveiling of our icons at the Cathedral on Saturday 14 July 6:00 PM to be followed by supper. Donations will be welcome for the supper and no advance tickets are required but please RSVP (to [cathedral.nwe@gmail.com](mailto:cathedral.nwe@gmail.com)) your attendance by Sunday 8 June so we can be prepared to host you.



**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. 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 SAINTVOLODYMYR 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](tel:604.220.0584) or [jennsawka@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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:** "“God was so faithful to heal me. I literally came out of the grave I had put myself in when my baby died. I cannot wait to see where God will lead me with this New Beginning. I'm so encouraged and alive. Thank you, Jesus my Savior and Lord!!! He rolled back the stone and set me free.” - Testimonial

Have you felt like your own heart and soul died the day you had an abortion? Did you place yourself in a cave and roll a stone across the front? God is asking you if you are willing to let Him remove that stone and is inviting you back to life again. Will you accept? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and let him show you His merciful love. **Healing after Abortion Ministry 250-762-2273**

[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com) or information and registration visit: [www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://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 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, 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](http://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*)

❖ **Please, see our parish April 2018 Financial Statement** presented at the church vestibule and parish hall.

❖ **Last Week to Register for Okanagan Catholic Family Camp 2018!** We don't want you to miss out on a weekend full of faith and fun with your family! Our Deanery's 11<sup>th</sup> annual Okanagan Catholic Family Camp will be held at Easter Seals Camp in Winfield from September 7-9, 2018. \$120 per family for the weekend includes two nights accommodation (tent, cabin, or RV), Face II Face Ministries, Par-T-Perfect, campfire games, men's and women's speakers, water activities, a welcome BBQ, continental breakfasts, and much more! Mass and a BBQ lunch will end the weekend off on Sunday. Prefer not to camp? \$50 allows your family to come and go throughout the weekend as your schedule allows. And a special rate of \$15 per person for young adults and those aged 60+ gains access to all day Saturday programming. Registration forms and further details are available online at [www.okanagancatholic.ca](http://www.okanagancatholic.ca) or find us on our Facebook page: Okanagan Catholic Family Camp. **The registration deadline is June 30, 2018 so don't delay!** Questions? Contact us at [familycamp@okanagancatholic.ca](mailto:familycamp@okanagancatholic.ca).

### **Pope Francis: How to hear the voice of Jesus**

*To hear the Lord's voice, we have to become little, Pope Francis said on Friday, as the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

The pope's words came during his homily at Holy Mass in the Chapel of his residence at Santa Marta.

Reflecting on today's First Reading from Deuteronomy (7:6-11) — in which Moses tells the people that God has chosen them “to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth” — Pope Francis that on this feast of the Sacred Heart, God “gives us the grace of celebrating with joy the great mysteries of our salvation, of His love for us.”

The Pope reflected on two particular words from today's First Reading: *chosen* and *littleness*.

**Chosen:** Regarding the first, the pope said it is not we who have “chosen Him” but rather God who has made himself “our prisoner”: *“He has bound himself to our lives; he cannot leave. He played hard! And he remains faithful in this attitude. We have been chosen for love and this is our identity. ‘I have chosen this religion; I have chosen ...’: no, you did not choose. He is the One who has chosen you. He has called you and bound himself to you. And this is our faith. If we do not believe this, then we do not understand the message of Christ; we do not understand the Gospel.”*

**Littleness:** Regarding the second word — *littleness* — Pope Francis recalled how Moses specified that the Lord had set his love upon the people of Israel and chose them because they were “the fewest (smallest) of all peoples.” (Deut. 7: 6-7): *“He fell in love with our littleness, and that is why he has chosen us. He chooses the little: not the great ones, but the little ones. And he revealed himself to the little ones: ‘You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes’ (Mt 11:25). He reveals himself to those who are little. If you want to understand something of the mystery of Jesus, lower yourself, make yourself small. Recognize that you are nothing. And he does not only reveal himself to little ones, but he calls the little ones:*

*‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.’ You who are the littlest — through suffering, through weariness ... He chooses the little ones; he reveals himself to little ones, he calls the little ones. But does He not call the great ones? His heart is open, but the the great ones cannot hear his voice because they are too full of themselves. To hear the voice of the Lord, you have to become small.”*

Thus, do we arrive at the mystery of the Heart of Christ, which is not, as “some say” a “little image” for the devout, Pope Francis said. The pierced Heart of Christ is “the heart of revelation, the heart of our faith because He became little; he chose this way.” In other words, he continued, the Lord humbled and emptied himself “even unto death” on the Cross. It was a “choosing of littleness so that they glory of God might be manifest,” he said.

From the pierced Heart of Christ Crucified, “blood and water” came forth. “This is the mystery of Christ,” which we celebrate today, the pope explained: a “heart that loves, that chooses, that is faithful,” and that “bind himself to us, reveals himself to the little ones, calls the little ones, makes himself little”:

*“We believe in God, yes, yes, and in Jesus, yes ... ‘Is Jesus God?’ — ‘Yes’. But this is the mystery. This is the manifestation. This is the glory of God. Faithfulness in choosing, in binding himself and in littleness even for himself: becoming small, emptying himself. The problem of faith is the heart and core of our lives: we can be very, very virtuous but with little or no faith. We must begin here, with the mystery of Jesus Christ who has saved us by his faithfulness.”*

Pope Francis concluded, praying that the Lord might grant us the grace of celebrating, on this Solemnity of the Heart of Christ, “the great act, the great work of salvation, the great work of Redemption.”

Source: <https://aleteia.org/2017/06/23/pope-francis-how-to-hear-the-voice-of-jesus/>

### **“An important mission for our Church is to prepare people’s hearts for forgiveness and reconciliation,” says Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, at the Embassy of the United States in the Vatican**

*On June 13<sup>th</sup> a Conference on Religious Freedom was held at the Embassy of the United States to the Holy See. His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Head and Father of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, was the main speaker. The meeting was held at the initiative of Callista Gingrich, Ambassador of the United States to the Holy See.*

In her welcoming address, Ambassador Gingrich assured the “full” support of the United States to Ukraine, in the struggle against Russian aggression. “On account of historical events and of the people’s choice, Ukraine is part of Europe and of the West. We continue to support the territorial integrity of Ukraine and its efforts in building a stable, democratic, advanced and free country,” said the US diplomat. On describing to diplomats and some representatives of the Vatican Curia the religious situation in Ukraine, His Beatitude Sviatoslav stressed that “the seventy years of Soviet power left many wounds in the religious life of our people. In the times in which the only legal Church was the Russian Orthodox Church, while the Catholic Church was in some way tolerated by the government, the Greek Catholic Church was deprived of her right to existence. We were the greatest ecclesiastical community persecuted of the last century.” However, according to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, “those circumstances in fact contributed to maintain the authenticity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.” “The fall of the Soviet Union caused a wave of religious rebirth in Ukraine. Very often it was a painful process of building inter-religious relations, but today we rejoice over the fact that religious peace is one of the greatest values of free and democratic Ukraine,” continued His Beatitude.

Speaking to diplomats about the role of the Churches in current processes of State formation, the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church confirmed that the principle of “separation, but not of isolation, between the State and the Church, is observed. Quoting statistical data, which talks of the trust of Ukrainian citizens in relations with the Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav stressed, in particular, the role of the Church in building Ukrainian civil society. “During the Revolution of Dignity, in Majdan Square, there were Ukrainians, Russians, Poles . . . The war in

Ukraine isn’t a conflict between Ukrainians and Russians. It’s a conflict between two development directions: a return to the Soviet Union, which for us is the way to the loss of religious freedom and national identity, or the movement forward towards authentic, developed European democracy: true freedom for all religions and the pledge of the free development of all peoples residents in Ukraine without exception. And we, in as much as Church, defend the plan to build our State on principles of protection and respect of human dignity, of the common good and of solidarity,” emphasized His Beatitude.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav then added: “In four years of Russian aggression, the Ukrainian Churches have understood that the maintenance of religious peace in our country is the key to national security. This is why religious freedom is a great value for us,” said His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

At the end of his talk, the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church thanked the representatives of the international community for their support and aid to Ukraine. “We believe the war will end. The important mission of our Church is to prepare persons’ hearts to forgiveness and reconciliation,” he said. The Conference ended with the report of the Ambassador of Ukraine to the Holy See, Tetiana Izhevskaya. In her address, the Ambassador stressed that

Ukraine's example is unique from the point of view of respect and of religious and ethnic tolerance, and that the Ukrainian State is making every effort to guarantee to citizens the right of freedom of conscience and of religion. In addition, the Ambassador thanked the foreign partners for their constant support in Ukraine's confrontations. Taking part in the Conference, in addition to the Ambassadors of the Member Countries of the European Union, were the Ambassadors of Canada and Australia, and representatives of some Vatican Dicasteries: Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Integral Human Development and Archbishop Cyril Vasil, Secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

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### **HOLINESS MEANS LIVING WITH HOPE, NOT DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS, POPE SAYS**

A life of holiness isn't defined by having visions or performing extraordinary feats of devotion, but by living with the hope of salvation promised by Christ, Pope Francis said. While the call to live like a Christian is "the same as saying to live 'like a saint,'" it does not mean "having a face like on a prayer card," the Pope said in his homily May 29 during morning Mass at Domus Sanctae Marthae. "Being a saint is another thing. It means walking toward what the Lord tells us about holiness.

And what does walking toward holiness mean? Peter says it: "Set your hopes completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ," Pope Francis said while reflecting on the day's first reading. The central message of the reading, in which Peter calls on Christians to be holy "in every aspect of your conduct," is to walk toward the light of holiness by avoiding "the world's way of thinking," which "takes away your freedom," he said. "To walk toward holiness, you must be free," the Pope said. "Free to walk looking at the light, going forward.

When we return to the way we lived before encountering Jesus Christ or when we return to the plans of this world, we lose our freedom." Christians may experience "the temptation of looking back" during difficult moments in life, like the people of Israel did when wandering in the desert, he said. "When they looked forward, things would go well," the Pope said. "When they looked back with nostalgia because they could no longer eat the good things that had been given to them, they would make mistakes and forget that back there they did not have freedom." Pope Francis said that by avoiding the slavery of a worldly mentality, Christians can experience the freedom of trusting in God's promised of salvation.

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### **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 (by appointment, any time)

**Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

**Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time \* **Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions.**

### **Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations during this week:**

Mon., June 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 p.m. Moleben to the Merciful Christ (Eng./Ukr.)

Tue., June 26<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 p.m. Grade 7 Mass at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Wed., June 27<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 p.m. Moleben to Jesus Christ (Eng./Ukr.)

– 6:00 p.m. Graduation Mass at Saint Charle's Garnier Roman Catholic Church

Thurs., June 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Fri., June 29<sup>th</sup> (**Saints Peter and Paul**) – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners** (Eng./Ukr.)

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

Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners** (**Service in Penticton, BC**)

Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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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