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## Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church



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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday of the Commemoration of the First Six Ecumenical Councils - July 1<sup>st</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

Today's Gospel concerns the healing of a paralysed man. He was brought to the Lord Jesus Christ by four of his friends. And Christ, seeing their faith, said to him that he could be healed. But it is not only their faith in Christ; it is also their love to their friend that prompted them to act, and created a possibility for healing to happen. "Love one another warmly as Christian brothers," Saint Apostle Paul instructs us today in his epistle to the Romans (12, 10).

The most important for each and everyone of us is to remember that at the heart of today's Gospel is the good news that God, in His goodness and compassion, forgives the sins of His children. Towards the end of Jesus' public life, we hear Him telling His apostles: "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven, and whose sins you shall retain, are retained." (John 20:22-23) And in another gospel Jesus says: "I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and what you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matt.18:18). We can clearly see from the gospels that it is indeed Christ Himself who instituted the Sacrament of Confession. The Holy Church by her proclamation merely confirmed that this is indeed a legitimate teaching of Christ.

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



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

Mon., July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:00 a.m. Moleben to the Merciful Christ: **God's blessings for Canada!**

Tue., July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Wed., July 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Thurs., July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Fri., July 6<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners (Service in Penticton, BC)**

Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)**

## Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry:

**Baptisms:** by appointment

**Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

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

**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 Propers in English language:

**Tone 5**, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 97-99

**Epistle:** *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:* (Romans 12:6-14)

Brothers and Sisters, we have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us. One's gift may be prophecy; its use should be in proportion to his faith. It may be the gift of ministry; it should be used for service. One who is a teacher should use his gift for teaching; one with the power of exhortation should exhort. He who gives alms should do so generously; he who rules should exercise his authority with care; he who performs works of mercy should do so cheerfully.

Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other is showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; he whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, preserve in prayer. Look on the needs of the saints as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them.



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

At that time, Jesus reentered the boat, made the crossing, and came back to his own town. There the people at once brought to him a paralyzed man lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven."

At that some of the scribes said to themselves, "The man blasphemes." Jesus was aware of what they were thinking and said: "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is less trouble to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Stand up and walk'? To help you realize that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – he then said to the paralyzed man – "Stand up! Roll up your mat, and go home." The man stood up and went toward his home. At the sight, a feeling of awe came over the crowd, and they praised God for giving such authority to men.

**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



## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

❖ **May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation** in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Leonard Proskow on his birthday (July 2<sup>nd</sup>), to Nykolai Werbowy on his birthday (July 6<sup>th</sup>), to Mr. Peter Dranchuk on his birthday, to Mr. Peter and Mrs. Maria Karolcik on their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (July 3<sup>rd</sup>), and all who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries and Canada Day 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 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.**

❖ 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, Dorothy Scott, Lorraine Turcotte, 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 CHRISTIAN 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!**

❖ **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

**CANADA DAY CONCERT**  
JULY 1 7:30PM

**KELOWNA CITY  
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Abby Eitel, Corbin Tangermann,  
Clifton Kittau • vocalist

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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)

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**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<sup>th</sup> 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.

**❖ His Excellency Bishop Ken Nowakowski and Rev. Deacon Andriy Malysh will be visiting and celebrating the Divine Liturgies at our parishes on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in Penticton and on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in Kelowna, BC.**

**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!



❖ **Sunday Coffee Co-ordinators:**

July 1: Cecelia Lalach & Robert Verhelst  
 July 8: Lise Pede & Ivan Krznic  
 July 15: Dana Bodnar & Marilyn Daulet  
 July 22: Maria Karolcik & Sofia Sookochoff  
 July 29: **PLEASE, Help.....**  
 August 5: **PLEASE, Help.....**  
 August 12: Sandra Vedress & Nadia Pobran  
 August 19: **PLEASE, Help.....**  
 August 26: **PLEASE, Help.....**

❖ **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 finally admitted to what I did, faced it and feel forgiven. I am able to honor the life of my children, and have peace knowing they are with God.” -Testimonial

Making the decision to take that first step in looking back at your role in the abortion decision is hard. Join others on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and release that burden together and let God show you what His peace and His abundant mercy can bring to your life.

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[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com), Facebook: **Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna** Strict confidentiality assured.

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

❖ **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*)

**HOLY MASS AND BLESSING OF THE SACRED PALLIUM FOR THE NEW METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOPS**  
**ON THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES** **HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

*Saint Peter's Basilica, Friday, 29 June 2018*

The readings we have just heard link us to the apostolic Tradition. That Tradition "is not the transmission of things or words, an assortment of lifeless objects; it is the living stream that links us to the origins, the living stream in which those origins are ever present" (BENEDICT XVI, *Catechesis*, 26 April 2006) and offer us the keys to the Kingdom of heaven (cf. Mt 16:19). A Tradition ancient yet ever new, that gives us life and renews the joy of the Gospel. It enables us to confess with our lips and our heart: "Jesus Christ is Lord", to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:11). The entire Gospel is an answer to the question present in the hearts of the People of Israel and today too dwells in the hearts of all those who thirst for life: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (Mt 11:3). Jesus takes up that question and asks it of his disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" (Mt 16:15).

Peter speaks up and calls Jesus by the greatest title he could possibly bestow: "You are the Christ" (cf. Mt 16:16), the Anointed, the Holy One of God. It is good to think that the Father inspired this answer because Peter had seen how Jesus "anointed" his people. Jesus, the Anointed One, walked from village to village with the sole aim of saving and helping those considered lost. He "anointed" the dead (cf. Mk 5:41-42; Lk 7:14-15), the sick (cf. Mk 6:13; Jas 5:14), the wounded (cf. Lk 10:34) and the repentant (cf. Mt 6:17). He anointed with hope (cf. Lk 7:38.46; 10:34; Jn 11:2; 12:3). By that anointing, every sinner – the downcast, the infirm, pagans, wherever they found themselves – could feel a beloved part of God's family. By his actions, Jesus said in a very personal way: "You are mine". Like Peter, we too can confess with our lips and our heart not only what we have heard, but also concretely experienced in our lives. We too have been brought back to life, healed, renewed and filled with hope by the anointing of the Holy One. Thanks to that anointing, every yoke of slavery has been shattered (cf. Is 10:27). How can we ever lose the joyful memory that we were ransomed and led to proclaim: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (cf. Mt 16:16).

It is interesting to see what follows this passage in the Gospel where Peter confesses his faith: "From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Mt 16:21). God's Anointed kept bringing the Father's love and mercy to the very end. This merciful love demands that we too go forth to every corner of life, to reach out to everyone, even though this may cost us our "good name", our comforts, our status... even martyrdom.

Peter reacts to this completely unexpected announcement by saying: "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you" (Mt 16:22). In this way, he immediately becomes a stumbling stone in the Messiah's path. Thinking that he is defending God's rights, Peter, without realizing it, becomes the Lord's enemy; Jesus calls him "Satan". To contemplate Peter's life and his confession of faith also means learning to recognize the temptations that will accompany the life of every disciple. Like Peter, we as a Church will always be tempted to hear those "whisperings" of the evil One, which will become a stumbling stone for the mission. I speak of "whispering" because the devil seduces from hiding, lest his intentions be recognized. "He behaves like a hypocrite, wishing to stay hidden and not be discovered" (SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, *Spiritual Exercises*, n. 326).

To share in Christ's anointing, on the other hand, means to share in his glory, which is his cross: Father, glorify your Son... "Father, glorify your name" (Jn 12:28). In Jesus, glory and the cross go together; they are inseparable.

Once we turn our back on the cross, even though we may attain the heights of glory, we will be fooling ourselves, since it will not be God's glory, but the snare of the enemy.

Often, we feel the temptation to be Christians by keeping a prudent distance from the Lord's wounds. Jesus touches human misery and he asks us to join him in touching the suffering flesh of others. To proclaim our faith with our lips and our heart demands that we – like Peter – learn to recognize the "whisperings" of the evil one. It demands learning to discern and recognize those personal and communitarian "pretexts" that keep us far from real human dramas, that preserve us from contact with other people's concrete existence and, in the end, from knowing the revolutionary power of God's tender love (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 270). By not separating his glory from the cross, Jesus wants to liberate his disciples, his Church, from empty forms of triumphalism: forms empty of love, service, compassion, empty of people. He wants to set his Church free from grand illusions that fail to sink their roots in the life of God's faithful people or, still worse, believe that service to the Lord means turning aside from the dusty roads of history. To contemplate and follow Christ requires that we open our hearts to the Father and to all those with whom he has wished to identify (cf. SAINT JOHN PAUL II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 49), in the sure knowledge that he will never abandon his people.

Dear brothers and sisters, millions of people continue to ask

the question: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (Mt 11:3). Let us confess with our lips and heart that Jesus Christ is Lord (cf Phil 2:11). This is the cantus firmus that we are called daily to intone. With the simplicity, the certainty and the joy of knowing that "the Church shines not with her own light, but with the light of Christ. Her light is drawn from the Sun of Justice,



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so that can exclaim: 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me' (Gal 2:20)" (SAINT AMBROSE, Hexameron, IV, 8, 32).

Source: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco\\_20180629\\_omelia-pallio.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180629_omelia-pallio.html)

\* **Bequests and Wills:** *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."*



