

**Ukrainian Catholic Church
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**Українська Католицька Церква
Успення Пресвятої Богородиці**



Sunday of the Fearful Judgement, MEAT-FARE SUNDAY - Feb. 24th, 2019A.D.

When You will come on earth, O God, in glory, and the universe will tremble, the river of fire will be flowing before the seat of judgement, and the books will be opened and all secrets disclosed, then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Judge who are most just.

– *Kontakion of the Fearful Judgement Sunday*

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*

'All the challenging circumstances of our life on earth – these are for us an invitation to active love, which is an expression of living faith!'

– *Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk "The Vibrant Parish"*

'Всі ці прикрі явища нашого земного життя – це для нас запрошення до чинної любові, яка є виявом живої віри.'

– *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:

Tue., Feb. 26th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Peaceful repose of the souls of Emmett, Margaret, Angus & Mary Brady

Wed., Feb. 27th - 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Thurs., Feb. 28th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy:

Fri., March 1st – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 5:30 p.m. Moleben to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, March 2nd – 3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina / Bible Studies: (Studies and Service in Penticton, BC)
– 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners

Sunday, March 3rd. – 8:15 a.m. Rosary:

– 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners. (*in English language*)

– 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners. (*in Ukrainian language*)



Liturgical Propers in English language:

Tone 7, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 103-105

Epistle: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: (1 Cor. 8:8 - 9:2)

Brothers and Sisters, now food does not bring us closer to God. We suffer no loss through failing to eat, and we gain no favor by eating. Take care, however, lest in exercising your right you become an occasion of sin to the weak. If someone sees you, with your "knowledge," reclining at table in the temple of an idol, may not his conscience in its weak state be influenced to the point that he eats the idol-offering? Because of your "knowledge" the weak one perishes, that brother for whom Christ died. When you sin thus against your brothers and wound their weak consciences, you are sinning against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin I will never eat meat again, so that I may not be an occasion of sin to him. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? And are you not my work in the Lord? Although I may not be an apostle for others, I certainly am one of you. You are the very seal of apostolate in the Lord.

Gospel: (Matthew 25:31-46)

The Lord said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, he will sit upon his royal throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. Then he will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep he will place on his right hand, the goats on his left. The king will say to those on his right: 'Come. You are my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the just will ask him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison?' The king will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left: 'Out of my sight, you condemned, into that everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels! I was

hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink. I was away from home and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to comfort me.' Then they in turn will ask: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend you in your needs?' He will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me.' These will go off to eternal punishment and the just to eternal life."

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.**

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 7, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 102-104

Апостол: До Коринтян Першого Послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (1 Кор. 8, 8-9, 2)

Браття і Сестри, страва не зближує нас до Бога: коли не їмо, не втрачаємо нічого, ані коли їмо, не набуваємо нічого. Але глядіть, щоб оця ваша свобода не стала причиною падіння для слабких. Бо коли хтось побачить тебе, що маєш знання, як ти у капищі сіє за стіл, то чи ж його сумління, будиши слабке, не буде захочене їсти ідолівські жертви? Таким то чином твоє знання позубить немічного брата, за якого Христос помер. Грішивши так проти братів і ранивши їх слабковите сумління, ви грішите проти Христа. Тому, якщо страва призводить брата мого до гріха, повік не буду їсти м'яса, щоб не спокушувати мого брата. Хіба я не вільний? Хіба я не апостол? Хіба я Ісуса, Господа нашого, не бачив? Хіба ви не моє діло у Господі? Коли іншим я не апостол, то бодай вам, бо ви, у Господі, є достовірним доказом мого апостольства.

Євангеліє: (Мт. 25, 31-46)

Сказав Господь: "Якже прийде Син Чоловічий у своїй славі, й ангели всі з ним, тоді він сяде на престолі своєї слави. І зберуться перед ним усі народи, і він відлучить їх одних від одних, як пастух відлучує овець від козлів; і поставить овець праворуч себе, а козлів ліворуч. Тоді цар скаже тим, що праворуч нього: Прийдіть, благословенні Отця мого, візьміть у спадщину Царство, що було приготоване вам від створення світу. Бо я голодував, і ви дали мені їсти; мав спрагу, і ви мене напоїли; чужинцем був, і ви мене прийняли; нагий, і ви мене одягли; хворий, і ви навідались до мене; у тюрмі був, і ви прийшли до мене. Тоді озвуться праведні до нього: Господи, коли ми бачили тебе голодним і нагодували, спрагненим і напоїли? Коли ми бачили тебе чужинцем і прийняли, або нагим і одягнули? Коли ми бачили тебе недужим чи в тюрмі й прийшли до тебе? А цар, відповідаючи їм, скаже: Істинно кажу вам: усе, що ви зробили одному з моїх братів найменших – ви мені зробили.

Тоді скаже й тим, що ліворуч: Ідіть від мене геть, прокляті, в вогонь вічний, приготований дияволові й ангелам його; бо голодував я, і ви не дали мені їсти; мав спрагу, і ви мене не напоїли; був чужинцем, і ви мене не прийняли; нагим, і ви мене не одягнули; недужим і в тюрмі, і не навідались до мене. Тоді озвуться і ті, кажучи: Господи, коли ми бачили тебе голодним або спраглим, чужинцем або нагим, недужим або в тюрмі, і тобі не послужили? А він відповість їм: Істинно кажу вам: те, чого ви не зробили одному з моїх братів найменших – мені також ви того не зробили. І підуть ті на вічну кару, а праведники – на життя вічне."

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, talents and treasures, volunteer and organize coffee and socials, make donations, knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully care and help our parish community, parishioners welcoming our guests and visitors, help with preparing and making cabbage-rolls, actively participate at different parish projects and programs, looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church community! May the Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care and generosity! "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!" (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Nichols Lalach Sr. (Feb. 24th) on his birthday, Mrs. Beverly Stom on her birthday (Feb. 24th), Mrs. Alexandra Vedress on her birthday (Feb. 26th), Raelene Lalach on her birthday (Feb. 27th), Mrs. Victoria Huziak on her birthday (Feb. 28th), Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Shelley Verhelst on their 27th wedding anniversary (Feb. 29th), Mrs. Valerie Zuk on her birthday and all those parishioners who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's /saint's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week and in the month of February – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 AND FELLOWSHIP AND ALL PARISHIONERS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OUR PARISH 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!

❖ **PLEASE, REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Lucy D., Janet F., Alex R., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Ric B., Rocio A., Kit C., Shirley C., Peter Dranchuk, Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Olga Kuzyk, Anthony and Victoria Huziak, George and Mary Dashkewych, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Dorothy Scott, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, Sandra Shynkaryk, John and Ann Bulych, Rosa Maria Santos, Anita N., Ron and Verna Shoemaker, Jonas and Anne, Alyssa and Adam, Mark and Asia, and all members of our parish family 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 or her know that our parish community misses this brother or sister at the church very much and prays for them daily!

❖ *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.*

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.

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 єдною 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 дїбр для розбудови Твого царства. Єдною нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світлом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих дїл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

❖ **Panakhyda Service (1st Year memorial service):** for the repose of the soul of dear mother Mrs. Lily-Ann Sitter (requested by Mrs. Marie Shandalla) will be celebrated after the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (one, bi-lingual service), and 10:30 a.m. a memorial lunch will be held at the parish hall on Sunday, April 7th, 2019 A.D.

❖ **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.*

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.

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment. **Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time **Holy Unction** (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing (by appointment, any time) **Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

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

❖ **2019 Annual Parish General Meeting will take place today on Sunday, February 24, 2019 after the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy**
We are now preparing for the election of the new Parish Council for the year 2019.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are inviting and encouraging parishioners (especially all our wise and experienced senior-parishioners) to volunteer and help Mrs. Olena Fedorov to form the Nominating Committee and suggest candidates for replacement council. Until nomination committee finalized suggestions for candidates may be placed in the Suggestion Box located in our church hallway or personally passed to Council Chairperson Mr. Neil Lalach or pastor Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts.

Position of our Parish Council Officer is a blessing and wonderful opportunity to show your talents, knowledge, experience and care serving the best to the Almighty God in our spiritual, Christian family of the Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC!

Parish Constitution states saying: 'The Parish Council must be representative of the faithful of the parish and of the various parish-related organizations that exist within its boundaries. Potential members of the Parish Council should have certain basic

qualifications such as a keen desire to help, as well the ability to listen, reflect, and express themselves with care.' (*Chapter III, Article 1, Sections 1 and 2*)

Descriptions of responsibilities and ministry (cf. Chapter III, Articles 2, 3, 4, 5,) of each officer-member of the parish council are:

Chairperson of the Parish Council is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is responsible for drawing up the agenda; calling for, directing and chairing parish council meetings; seeing that the program of activities decided upon and ratified by the pastor are implemented; is a signing officer, an ex-officio member of all parish committees. He/She prepares the chairperson's report for presentation at the AGM.

Vice-Chairperson is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is presiding at the all Parish Council Meetings in the absence of the Chairperson; carrying out such duties as are assigned by the Parish Council, the Chairperson or Pastor.

Recording Secretary is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is keeping the minutes of all Parish Council Meetings; together with the Pastor and the Chairperson signs the adopted minutes of the Council.

Financial Secretary is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is monitoring all funds received by the parish and ensure that all such funds are deposited in the parish bank account; keeping accurate records of all income and expenditures; keeps in in order and preserves documents, records and books of parish finances. He/She is a signing officer, together with the pastor, for property approved financial transactions. He/She presents at the AGM the statements of income and expences, as well as the balance sheet, for the calendar year as prepared by him or her or, where necessary, by an independent accounting firm.

Treasurer is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is greatly helping the financial secretary to monitore all funds received by the parish and ensure that all such funds are deposited in the parish bank account; keeping accurate records of all income and expenditures (paying all invoices-bills and reimbursments); keeps in in order and preserves documents, records and books of parish finances. He/She is a signing officer, together with the pastor, for property approved financial transactions.

It is also very important to have active and carrying representatives (a leader and helpers) at different Parish Comeettes such as: Liturgical, Pastoral, Educational, Youth Ministry, Maintance, Kitchen, Social, Public Relations.

❖ **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.

❖ **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! **Every parishioner is personally responsible before God for our spiritual home-parish-church!**

❖ **Volunteers help is needed to make pyrohy starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday of March 2nd, 2019.** It is a good time to help our parish fundraisers and socialize together. More helpers come – easier and faster the work is done! Please, come to help!

Please, also mark your calendars to come and help the following food making projects:

- ✓ Cabbage-rolls making at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 9th, 2019.
- ✓ Pyrohy making at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 16th, 2019.
- ✓ Cabbage-rolls making at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 23rd, 2019.
- ✓ Pyrohy making at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30th, 2019.

❖ **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.

❖ **Volunteers for Sunday coffee socials and clean-ups are needed** – please continue putting your name on the calendar posted in the church hall. If you can help out, please, let us know. Your help is truly appreciated!

❖ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish-church? 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!

❖ **FAITHFUL GIVING** ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. **When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tournaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website:**

www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy. Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your “make-up” donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be supportive and generous! “Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!” (*Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*)

❖ **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.

❖ **Please, share to Kelowna Food Bank.** A special box is located at the church vestibule.

❖ **Rachel's Corner:** *“I didn't protect my child and I hurt my wife with our decision. It was my job to protect them. Rachel's Vineyard helped me give that to God and He helped me re-discover the man I used to be. I know God has forgiven me, and for the rest of my days I will work on forgiving myself.”* Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and let God break the chains that have held you bound in regret and shame. *Healing after Abortion Ministry:* 250-762-2273, info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com or information and registration visit: www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com, Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

❖ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT:** Many women and men who suffer from an abortion decision remain locked in their own internal prison afraid of anyone knowing their deep secret. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to release repressed feelings of shame, guilt, anger and grief. The weekend will help your soul find a voice, and transform the pain of the past into love and hope. Registrations are now being accepted for our April 5-7, 2019 retreat. Please contact Sue 250-762-2273, info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com, www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com Strict confidentiality assured.

❖ **Traditional, Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish:** Perogies – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Cabbage Rolls (and filled in with rise and buckwheat, cooked) – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Borshch – \$ 7.00 per a jar, for more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870.

❖ **Movie Night with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, March 4th @ 7:00 pm in Saint Charles Garnier's Roman Catholic Church hall.** The movie is “Bella” (91 minutes). *After Nina (Tammy Blanchard) is fired from her waitressing job for being late, she leans on the restaurant's chef, Jose (Eduardo Verastegui), for support. Though they don't know each other very well, Nina confides in Jose that she is pregnant and considering an abortion. Understanding that Nina is going through a tough time, Jose invites her to his home. They spend the day together and tell each other their most painful secrets, and what Nina learns about Jose changes her life forever.*

CATECHISM OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

The Second Coming of Christ in Glory.

Divine Judgment

№ 248: Christ teaches: “I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge” (Jn. 12:47-48). The Judgment of God is this: “The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil” (Jn. 3:19). This judgment has already begun and is now; and the standard for judgment is faith in Christ: “Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God” (Jn. 3:18). Judgment depends upon faith and works of love: “As you did to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it ... [or] did not do it to me” (Mt. 25:40-45, rsv-ce).

№ 249: The Judgment of God began with the Incarnation of Christ (see Jn.1:9-13) and shall be fulfilled at his glorious second coming (see Mt. 25:31). However, “about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mt. 24:36). This Judgment will be fearful to all evildoers (see Mt. 7:23); but for the righteous, it shall be a blessing (see Mt. 25:34).

№ 250: If a person has fallen asleep in God, having repented of all sins, but has not yet achieved spiritual maturity—the fullness of life in Christ—then that person enters the kingdom of God “as through fire” (1 Cor. 3:15). After death, such a person is still in need of spiritual healing and cleansing of all stain, in order to dwell “in a place of light ... where there is no pain, sorrow, or mourning.” (*Trebnyk, Rite of Burial for a Layperson, Prayer of the ekteny for the deceased.*) In the Church, this healing condition of the dead is referred to as “purgatory.” (*Council of Florence, Bull Laetentur caeli [Let the Heavens Rejoice] (July 6, 1439); See also Catechism of the Catholic Church, № 1030.*)

“Every fair and God-beloved soul, once it has been set free from the bonds of the body, departs hence, and immediately enjoys a sense and perception of the blessings which await it, inasmuch as that which darkened it has been purged away, or laid aside—I know not how else to term it. It then feels a wondrous pleasure and exultation, and goes rejoicing to meet its Lord.” (*Gregory the Theologian, Oration 7, 21: PG 35, 781.*)

For this reason, the Church prays for the departed: «Let us then give them aid and perform commemorations for them. For if the children of Job were purged by the sacrifice of their father, why do you doubt that when we too offer for the departed, some consolation arises to them? Since God is wont to grant the petitions of those who ask for others.» (*John Chrysostom, Homilies on 1 Corinthians, 41, 8: PG 61, 361.*)

№ 251: Being unrepentant until death results in the tragic reality of hell. The fire of hell signifies an unrepentant person's inability to accept God's love. "The Word of God is light, which illumines the minds of the faithful; but at the same time, it is also the fire of judgment, which consumes those, who ... abide in the night-darkness of this life." (*Maximus the Confessor, Questions to Thalassium, 39, 3: PG 90, 392.*)

Hell is not so much the punishment of God as it is the condition voluntarily chosen by the person. It is in this state, the soul shall be found to be outside the order, and connection, and harmony in which it was created by God ... Not harmonizing with itself in the purposefulness of its rational movements, it will experience the chastisement and torture that arises from warring with itself, and feel punished by its own disordered condition. (*Origen, On the Principles, 11, 10, 5: PG 11, 257.*)

Pope at Mass: "Where is your brother?"

Reflecting on the episode of Cain and Abel in the Bible, Pope Francis in his homily at Mass on Monday said we are asked many uncomfortable questions regarding our brothers. "Where is your brother?" This is the question that God asks each one of us in our hearts regarding our brother who is sick, in prison or hungry. Pope Francis made this the reflection of his homily at Mass, Monday morning, in the chapel of the Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican.

Commenting on the episode of Cain and Abel in the first reading from the Book of Genesis, the Pope explained that mankind, like Cain, often attempts to reply to God's uncomfortable and embarrassing questions with regard to our neighbours. "What have I got to do with my brother's life? Am I his keeper? I wash my hands of him...." The Pope explained that Cain, who killed his brother, tries to escape the gaze of God.

Uncomfortable questions:

The Pope went on to explain how Jesus also asked such uncomfortable questions. He asked Peter three times whether he loved Him. He asked his disciples what people said about Him and what they themselves thought about Him.

Pope Francis said today the Lord asks each one of us some personal questions such as these: "Where is your brother who is hungry?" the Lord asks us. And to save our skin, we answer, "Surely he is at lunch with the parish Caritas group that is feeding him." "What about the other, the sick...?" "Oh well, he is in the hospital!"

"But there's no place in the hospital! And did you give him any medicine?" "But, that's his business, I cannot meddle in the life of others ... and besides, he will have relatives who give him medicine". And so I wash my hands of him. "Where is your brother, the prisoner?" "Ah, he deserves and is paying for it." We are tired of seeing so many criminals on the street.

Perhaps, the Pope said, you never hear such answers from the Lord. "Where is your brother, your exploited brother, the one who works illegally, nine months a year... with no security, no holiday ...?"

Name and face of a brother:

The Holy Father urged each one to put a name to each one of those that the Lord mentions in Chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel - the sick, the hungry, the thirsty, without clothes, the little one who cannot go to school, the drug addict, the prisoner ... where is he?

The Pope said questions are constantly being asked of us. "Where is your brother in your heart? Is there room for these people in our hearts? Or do we try to calm our conscience by giving some alms?"

"We are accustomed," he said, "to giving compromising answers in order to escape from the problem, not to see the problem, not to touch the problem".

Pope Francis said that unless we put names to the list in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 25, we will create "a dark life" for us with sin crouching at our door, waiting to enter and destroy us.

When God asked Adam in the Book of Genesis, "Adam, where are you?" - Adam hid himself out of shame. Perhaps we don't notice these things, these sufferings, these pains, the Pope said and urged Christians not to hide from reality but to answer openly, faithfully and joyfully to the questions that the Lord asks us about our brothers.

Vatican News: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta/2019-02/pope-francis-mass-santa-marta-brother-cain-abel.html>



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