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SUNDAY of THE PRODIGAL SON - February 17th, 2019 A.D.

'If you judge people, you have no time to love them!'

- teaches Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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 Icycy Христу! – Слава на Віки! Christ is among us! – He is and will be!

Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations during this week:

Mon., Feb. 18th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: for persecuted Christians and Marian Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Moleben to Jesus Christ Tue., Feb. 19th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Peaceful repose of the souls of Emmett, Margaret, Angus & Mary Brady

- 6:30 p.m. Sacrament fo Reconciliation - 7:00 p.m. Moleben to the Merciful Christ

Wed., Feb. 20th - 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: – 12:30 p.m. Moleben to the Blessed Virgin Mary Thurs., Feb. 21st – NO SERVICES

Fri., Feb. 22nd – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 5:30 p.m. Moleben to the Jesus Christ

Saturday, Feb. 23rd – 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, Feb. 24^{th,} – 8:15 a.m. Rosary:

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

Liturgical Propers in English language:

Tone 6, text from book "The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom"; pages 101-103 Epistle: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: (1 Cor. 6:12-20)

Brethren: "Everything is lawful for me" – but that does not mean that everything is good for me. "Everything is lawful for me" – but I will not let myself be enslaved by anything. "Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will do away with them both in the end" – but the body is not for immorality; it is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God, who raised up the Lord, will raise us also by his power.

Do you not see that your bodies are members of Christ? Would you have me take Christ's members and make them the members of a prostitute? God forbid! Can you not see that the man who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? Scripture says, "The two shall become one flesh." But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun lewd conduct. Every other sin a man commits is outside his body, but the fornicator sins against his own body. You must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within – the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price. So glorify God in your body.

Gospel: (Luke 15:11-32)

Jesus told this parable: "A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' So the father divided up the property.

Some days later this younger son collected all his belongings and went off to a distant land, where he squandered his money on dissolute living. After he had spent everything, a great famine broke out in that country and he was in dire need. So he attached himself to one of the propertied class of the place, who sent him to his farm to take care of the pigs. He longed to fill his belly with the husks that were fodder for the pigs, but no one made a move to give him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he said: 'How many hired hands at my father's place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands.' With that he set off for his father's house.



While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' The father said to his servants: 'Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the fatted calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.' Then the celebration began.

"Meanwhile the elder son was out on the land. As he neared the house on his way home, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked him the reason for the dancing and the music. The servant answered, 'Your brother is home, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back in good health.' The son grew angry at this and would not go in; but his father came out and began to plead with him. "He said to his father in reply: 'For years now I have slaved for you. I never disobeyed one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. Then, when this son of yours returns after having gone through your property with loose women, you kill the fatted calf for him."

'My son,' replied the father, 'you are with me always, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead, and has come back to life. He was lost, and is found."

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 6, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 100-102

<u>Апостол:</u> **До Коринтян Першого Послання Святого Апостола Павла читання:** (1 Кор. 6, 12-20) Браття і Сестри, «Все мені можна», та не все корисне. «Все мені можна», та я не дам нічому

заволодіти надо мною. «Їжа для живота, і живіт для їжі!» Бог же одне і друге ж не для розпусти, але для Господа, і Господь для тіла. Бог же і Господа був воскресив – та й нас воскресить своєю силою. Хіба не знаєте, що тіла ваші – члени Христові? Узявши, отже, члени Христові, – зроблю їх членами блудниці? Хай так не буде! Чи не знаєте, що той, хто пристає до блудниці, є з нею одним тілом? Бо «будуть, – каже, – двоє одним тілом.» Хто ж пристає до Господа, є одним духом. Утікайте від розпусти! Усякий гріх, що його чинить людина, єе поза її тілом; а хто чинить розпусту, грішить супроти власного тіла. Хіба ж не знаєте, що ваше тіло – храм Святого Духа, який живе у вас? Його ви маєте від Бога, тож уже не належите до себе самих. Ви бо куплені високою ціною! Тож прославляйте Бога у вашому тілі!

Євангеліє: (Лк 15, 11-32)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "В одного чоловіка було два сини. Молодший з них сказав батькові: Тату, дай мені ту частину маєтку, що мені припадає. І батько розділив між ними свій маєток. Кілька днів потім, молодший, зібравши все, подавсь у край далекий і там розтратив свій маєток, живши розпусно. І от як він усе прогайнував, настав великий голод у тім краю, і він почав бідувати. Пішов він і найнявся до одного з мешканців того краю, і той послав його на своє поле пасти свині. І він бажав би був наповнити живіт світ стручками, що їх їли свині, та й тих ніхто не давав йому.

Опам'ятавшись, він сказав до себе: Скільки то наймитів у мого батька мають подостатком хліба, а я тут з голоду конаю. Встану та й піду до батька мого і скажу йому: Отче, я прогрішився проти неба й проти тебе! Я недостойний більше зватися твоїм сином. Прийми мене як одного з твоїх наймитів. І встав він і пішов до батька свого. І як він був іще далеко, побачив його батько його й, змилосердившись, побіг, на шию йому кинувся і поцілував його. Тут син сказав до нього: Отче, я прогрішився проти неба й проти тебе. Я недостойний більше зватись твоїм сином. А батько кликнув до слуг своїх: Притьмом принесіть найкращу одіж, одягніть його, дайте йому на руку перстень і сандалі на ноги. Та приведіть годоване теля і заріжте, і їжмо, веселімся, бо цей мій син був мертвий, і ожив, пропав був, і знайшовся. І вони заходились веселитися. А старший його син був у полі; коли ж він, повертаючись, наблизився до дому, почув музику й танці. Покликав він одного із слуг і спитав, що воно таке було б. Той же сказав йому: Брат твій повернувся, і твій батько зарізав годоване теля, бо знайшов його живим- здоровим. Розгнівався той і не хотів увійти.

I вийшов тоді батько й почав його просити. А той озвався до батька: Ось стільки років служу тобі й ніколи не переступив ні однієї заповіді твоєї, і ти не дав мені ніколи козеняти, щоб з друзями моїми повеселитись. Коли повернувся цей син твій, що проїв твій маєток з блудницями, ти зарізав для нього годоване теля. Батько ж сказав до нього: Ти завжди при мені, дитино, і все моє – твоє. А веселитись і радіти треба було, бо оцей брат твій був мертвий і ожив, пропав був і знайшовся."

ТНАМК 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 pyrohy, 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 Lindsay Lalach on her birthday (Feb. 17th), Nick Lalach Jr. (Feb. 18th) on his birthday, and all those parishioners who celebrate their birthdays, heavely patron's /saint's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – 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 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 COFFE AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!

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 єднай нас кожночасно в

молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

* 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 Dashkewytch, 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.

Panakhyda Service (1st Year memorial service): Liturgy: for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Kathleen Bidoka (requested by Mr. Ron Bidoka and Family)

• On behalf of our church, Christan family, assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to the Mrs. Olga Kuzyk, her family, relatives and friends! Olga's sister-in law Sherley has fallen a sleep in the Lord in Alberta. *May our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ place Mrs. Sherley Horon's soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may her memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! – Vichnaya Pamyat'!*

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 on Sunday, February 24, 2019 after the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy On that day there will be only one bilingual 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 seniorparishioners) 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 ogranizations 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 responsabilities 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 charing 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 doposited 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 doposited 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 Comeettees 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 cabbage-rools starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday of Feb. 23rd, 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:

- ✓ Pyrohy making at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2nd, 2019.
- ✓ 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!

Marian travelling icon is presented at our Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church from Wednesday, Feb. 13th until Wedn. February 20th, 2019 A.D. Everybody is very welcome to come and pray to the Almighty God before this wonderful, uniting Christian sign-travelling icon, spiritual event that is thoughtfully organized by Knights of Columbus.

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

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 gave all to Our Lord, and He broke the chains, and I am free now. I feel more at peace and a deep feeling of joy and hope that I can one day be with my child, my God and with Jesus. That is the hope I had one day lost and now have again. I want to live in peace with my wife now and have a strong relationship with God." - Testimonial

Have you lost hope that you could ever be free of the chains that have imprisoned you since your participation in an abortion decision? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and hand those chains to Him. Be free again

Come join them on a retreat and let His merciful love touch and mend your broken heart. *Healing after Abortion Ministry:* 250-762-2273, info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com or information and registration visit: www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

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, February 18th @ 7:00 pm in Saint Charles Garnier's Roman Catholic Church hall. The movie is "I Can Only Imagine" - Dennis Quaid and Trace Adkins star in this inspiring true story behind MercyMe's beloved hit song. This is an uplifting, music-filled movie that beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's love.

CATECHISM OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: CHRIST – OUR PASCHA 1. The Orders of the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom and of Saint Basil the Great

395: The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom and that of Saint Basil the Great, named after these two great bishops of the Church, are identical as to their structure but differ in their Anaphoras and in some of the other prayers.

396: The Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is a precious narration of the history of salvation in biblical imagery. A particularity of this Anaphora is the initial prayer of thanksgiving. It begins with praise of God—revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who is "ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, always existing and ever the same." The priest renders thanks to God for all his good gifts: for bringing the human race from nothingness into being, raising it after its fall, leading it to heaven, and granting it the kingdom. He also renders thanks for this Liturgy, which God has deigned to accept.

397: In the Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, the community of the faithful praises the Father for his gift of the only-begotten Son, sent into the world so "that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16). In giving his Body and Blood at the Mystical Supper for the remission of sins, the Son of God gave himself for the life of the world. In the Eucharistic memorial we become participants of "all that was done for us:" the passion, the death on the cross, the burial, the Resurrection, the Ascension, the sitting at the right hand of the Father, the second and glorious coming. As a sign of this participation, the community offers itself and the gifts to God: "We offer to you, yours of your own." The priest then asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit "upon us and upon these Gifts here present." This is so "that they may sanctify us, that God who sanctified them may sanctify us through them." The Holy Spirit, descending on us and on the gifts, sanctifies all the communicants; and he makes of them one Body, the Church, which embraces the faithful of all generations, living and deceased.

398: In the Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, the Church contemplates the glory of the Most Holy Trinity—the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: "Who can tell of all your acts of power, make all your praises heard, or recount all your wonders at every moment?" All creation, the nine choirs of angels and with them this liturgical community, ministers to the Lord and praises him for his gifts: for the creation of humanity, for paradise, for the promise of immortal life.

399: Further, the Anaphora of Saint Basil mentions that humankind, "led astray by the deception of the serpent," committed the sin of disobedience and thus lost paradise, becoming mortal. Yet the merciful God did not turn away from humankind but promised the coming salvation. He sent them the prophets, and "gave the law as a help ... appointed angels as guardians." In the fullness of time God spoke through his Son, who humbling himself, took on our human nature from the Virgin. In his flesh he condemned sin and granted new life. In our stead he offered himself unto death, "and rising on the third day and making a way for all flesh to the resurrection of the dead," he became "...the first-born of the dead ... ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand" of the Father. As a memorial of his passion he left us this offering of the gifts. He was the first who took bread and wine, named them his Body and Blood, and gave them to his disciples as food and drink. And he commanded us from that time onward to do the same. Today the liturgical community keeps this commandment, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies the gifts and shows them to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

400: The Holy Spirit unites the living and the dead into a single Church. In the Church's prayer, expressed in this Anaphora, we ask the Lord to remember those who have brought offerings, those labouring in spiritual struggles, our earthly nation, the government and the military, couples and families, those in need, those who have strayed from the Church, those troubled by unclean spirits, those travelling, widows and orphans, the imprisoned and the sick, those condemned and those persecuted, friends and foes. The Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil culminates in joyous certitude. It concludes with the conviction that the Lord, who gives us his kind gifts and mercies—good weather, rain in due season, and the harvest—will restrain the discord of Churches, the pride of nations, the rise of heresies, and will show us to be "children of the light and children of the day."

Pope urges Christians to think about what they say in the Our Father

ROME - To pray the Lord's Prayer and believe what one is reciting takes real courage, Pope Francis said.

One must be bold "to truly believe that God is the father who accompanies me, forgives me, gives me bread, is attentive to everything I ask," Francis said in a filmed conversation about the Our Father.

The Italian bishops' television station, TV2000, is set to begin airing a nine-part series Oct. 25 featuring Francis's conversation with Father Marco Pozza, an Italian prison chaplain and theologian. A long trailer for the program was released Oct. 18.

The original idea for the project was that Pozza would explain the Our Father phrase by phrase and discuss its meaning and implications with a handful of famous Italians from the world of culture and entertainment.

But, the priest told reporters at a news conference, when he told one of the prisoners in Padua about it, the man said, "If he knew about it, Pope Francis would participate, too." "At first, I didn't take it that seriously," Pozza said, "but then I wrote to the pope." A few days later the pope phoned him and the project was transformed.

In the program's trailer, Francis ponders whether most people who recite the Our Father really believe any of it.

"We say that we are Christians, that we have a father, but we live - I won't say like animals - but like people who don't believe either in God or in humanity," the pope says. Not only do people act as if they have no faith, but "we live not in love, but in hatred, competition and wars."

Francis asked if believers really could say that God's name is "hallowed" in "Christians who battle each other for power" or who "don't care for their own children?"

Christians pray the Lord's Prayer and do so together - saying "our" even when they pray alone - because they know the effort required truly to believe and to try again each day to demonstrate their belief, the pope said. "That is why it is so beautiful to pray together, because we help each other to try."

In addition to the television program, Francis's conversation with Pozza will be published as a book, which will be released in Italian in late November.

In the preface, the pope writes that Jesus gave his disciples the Lord's Prayer not simply as a formula for addressing God, but also so they would learn how to live as God's children and as brothers and sisters to one another.

"Jesus shows us what it means to be loved by the Father and reveals to us that the Father wants to pour out on us the same love that from eternity he has had for his son," the pope said. "I hope that each one of us, as we say, 'Our Father ...,' increasingly discover that we are loved, forgiven and bathed by the dew of the Holy Spirit so that we in turn are able to love and forgive every brother and every sister."

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Forgiving others requires help from the Holy Spirit, pope says

ROME - Forgiving those who have caused pain or offense is not easy, Pope Francis said.

"It is a grace that we have to ask for," because the peace offered by Christ cannot take root in a heart that is incapable of living in fraternity with others and incapable of rebuilding those bonds after being wounded, the pope said at his weekly general audience at the Vatican March 14.

The pope continued his series of talks on the Mass, focusing on the Communion rite, which begins with the assembly's recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is not just any Christian prayer, he said, "but is the prayer of God's children. It is the great prayer that Jesus taught us" because it was the very same prayer he used with God.

"It's so beautiful to pray like Jesus" prayed, the pope added.

Calling God "our father" like Jesus did underlines how the faithful have been reborn and "regenerated" as God's children through baptism and the Holy Spirit, the pope said.

But, he asked, how many people go beyond a rote recitation of the prayer and truly believe and feel God is their father and the father of all of humanity when they recite the Lord's Prayer?

"When we pray the 'Our Father,' we connect with the father" through the Holy Spirit, who gives people this connection and feeling of being children of God, he said.

Praying the "Our Father" throughout the day helps people build their filial relationship with God and a sense of fraternity toward others, he said.

The prayer also opens a person's heart to forgiving others as God has forgiven him or her, the pope said.

"Forgiving people who have offended us is not easy," he added, so people must pray to the Lord "to teach me to forgive as you have forgiven me." Human strength or will is not enough to be able to forgive, he said; it requires grace from the Holy Spirit.

The prayer prepares people for the rite of peace in which the celebrant prays that the peace of Christ will fill people's hearts and, as a sign of hope, the assembly exchanges a concrete sign of peace, he said.

This expression of ecclesial communion and being reconciled in mutual, fraternal love is key before receiving the sacrament of Communion, the pope said.

"Christ's peace cannot take root in a heart incapable of living in fraternity (with others) and of piecing it back together after it has been wounded," he said.

Francis prayed that by celebrating the rites with greater understanding people would experience the Eucharist more fully as the sacrament of their communion with God and with their brothers and sisters, Francis said.

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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."