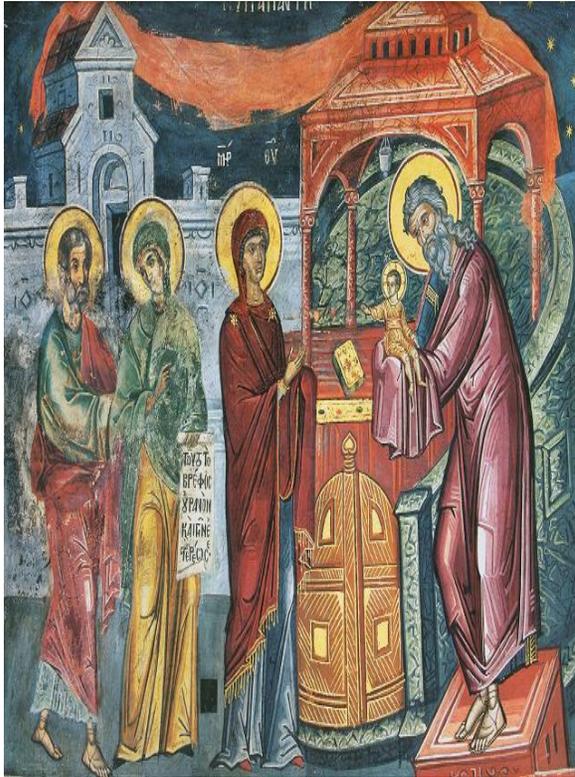


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Успення Пресвятої Богородиці**



SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS - February 3rd, 2019 A.D.

Tone 4; Post-feast of the Encounter;

The Holy and Just Simeon Who Received God and the Prophetess Anna

“Many people think that peace is the absence of war. But peace is more than that. Peace is also the good relations between people, when we don't lie to one another, don't look for profit, don't wish evil. We should bear peace every day, every day we should establish contacts between people, seek good communication.” – teaches Patriarch Lubomyr Cardinal Husar

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 прикри 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. 5th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Peaceful repose of the souls of Emmett, Margaret, Angus & Mary Brady

Wed., Feb. 6th - 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners.

Thurs., Feb. 7th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Fri., Feb. 8th – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Feb. 9th – 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. 10th – 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:

Troparion (tone 4): When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

Troparion (tone 1): Rejoice, full of grace, Virgin Mother of God! From you there dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, who enlightens those who dwell in darkness. And you, O righteous Elder, be glad! You received in your embrace the Liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (tone 4): My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (tone 1): By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon. You have come also now and saved us, O Christ our God; give peace to Your community in time of war, and strengthen its rulers, whom You love, for You alone, are the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon (tone 4): How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom. (Ps. 103:24)
verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. (Ps. 103:1)

Prokeimenon (tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God, My Saviour. (Lk 1,46-47)

Epistle: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy: (1 Tim. 4:9-15)

Timothy, my son: You can depend on (training in godliness) as worthy of complete acceptance. This explains why we work and struggle as we do; our hopes are fixed on the living God who is the saviour of all men, but especially of those who believe.

Such are the things you must urge and teach. Let no one look down on you because of your youth, but be a continuing example of love, faith, and purity to believers. Until I arrive, devote yourself to the reading of Scripture, to preaching and teaching. Do

not neglect the gift you received when, as a result of prophecy, the presbyters laid their hands on you. Attend to your duties; let them absorb you, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch yourself and watch your teaching. Persevere at both tasks. By doing so you will bring to salvation yourself and all who hear you.

Alleluia (tone 4): Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. (Ps. 44:5) You have loved justice and hated iniquity. (Ps. 44:8) Now, O Master, You dismiss Your servant in peace according to Your word (Lk. 2:29) For my eyes have seen Your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people, Israel. (Lk. 2:32)

Gospel: (Luke 19:1-10)

At that time, entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a man there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector and a wealthy man. He was trying to see what Jesus was like, but being of small stature, was unable to do so because of the crowd. He first ran on in front, then climbed a sycamore tree which was along Jesus' route, in order to see him.

When Jesus came to the spot he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. I mean to stay at your house today." He quickly descended, and welcomed him with delight. When this was observed, everyone began to murmur, "He has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Zachaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord: "I give half my belongings, Lord, to the poor. If I have defrauded anyone in the least, I pay him back fourfold."

Jesus said to him: "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a son of Abraham. The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost."

O God-bearing Virgin, hope of Christians, protect and guard and save all those who put their trust in you.

Irmos (tone 3): In the law, the shadow, and the scriptures, we the faithful see a figure: every male child that opens the womb shall be sanctified to God. Therefore, do we magnify the first-born Word and Son of the Father who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who had not known man.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. (Ps. 148:1). I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord (Ps. 116:13) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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:

Тропар (глас 4): Світлу про воскресіння розповідь від ангела почувши і від прадідного засуду звільнившись, Господні учениці, радіючи, казали апостолам: Здолано смерть, воскрес Христос Бог, що дає світові велику милість.

Тропар (глас 1): Радуйся, благодатна Богородице Діво, бо з тебе засяло Сонце правди – Христос Бог наш, що просвічує тих, що в темряві. Веселися і ти, старче праведний, ти прийняв в обійми визволителя душ наших, що дарує нам воскресіння.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 4): Спас і мій визволитель, як Бог, із гробу воскресив землян від узів і розбив брами адові та воскрес на третій день, як Владика.

І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 1): Утробу дівичу освятив ти різдвом твоїм і руки Симеонові благословив ти, як годилось; ти випередив і нині спас нас, Христе Боже, але утихомир у брані люд твоїх і укріпи народ, що його возлюбив ти, єдиний Чоловіколюбче.

Прокімен (глас 4): Які величні діла Твої, Господи* Все премудрістю сотворив Ти (Пс 103,24).

Стих: Благослови, душе моя, Господа! Господи, Боже мій, Ти вельми великий (Пс 103,1).

Прокімен (глас 3): Величає душа моя Господа і возрадувався дух мій у Бозі, Спасі моїм (Лк. 1,46-47).

Апостол: 3 першого послання до Тимотея Святого Апостола Павла читання: (1 Тм. 4, 9-15)

Сину Тимотею, вірне це слово й повного довір'я гідне. На це бо й трудимося та боремося, тому що ми поклали нашу надію на живого Бога, який є Спасителем усіх людей, особливо ж вірних. Це наказуй і навчай. Ніхто твоїм молодим віком хай не гордує, але будь зразком для вірних у слові, поведінці, любові, вірі й чистоті. Заки я прийду, віддавайся читанню, умовлянню та навчанню. Не занедбуй у собі дару, що був даний тобі через пророцтво з накладанням рук збору пресвітерів. Про це міркуй, будь увесь у цьому, щоб поступ твій усім був очевидний.

Алилуя (глас 4): Натягни лук і наступай, і пануй істини ради, лагідності і справедливості (Пс. 44,5). Ти полюбив правду і зненавидів беззаконня (Пс. 44, 8). Нині відпускаєш раба твого, Владико, по глаголу твоєму з миром (Лк. 2, 29). Світло на одкровення поганам і славу людей твоїх, Ізраїля (Лк. 2, 32).

Євангеліє: (Лк 19, 1-10)

У той час, увійшовши в Єрихон, Ісус проходить через (місто). А був там чоловік, Закхей на ім'я; він був головою над митарями й був багатий. Він бажав бачити Ісуса, хто він такий, але не міг із-за народу, бо був малого зросту. Побіг він наперед, виліз на сикомор, щоб подивитися на нього, бо Ісус мав проходити тудою. Прийшовши на те місце, Ісус глянув угору і сказав до нього: "Закхею, притьмом злізай, бо я сьогодні маю бути в твоїм домі." І зліз той швидко і прийняв його радо. Всі, бачивши те, заходилися нарікати та й казали: "До чоловіка грішника зайшов у гостину." А Закхей устав і до Господа промовив: "Господи, ось половину майна свого даю вбогим, а коли чимсь когось і покривдив, поверну вчетверо." Ісус сказав до нього: "Сьогодні на цей дім зійшло спасіння, бо й він син Авраама. Син бо Чоловічий прийшов шукати і спасти те, що загинуло."

Замість Достойно: **Богородице Діво, уповання християн, покрий, захорони і спаси тих, що на тебе уповають.**

Irmos (глас 3): В законі тіні і писання образ бачимо, вірні: кожний младенець мужеського полу, що отвирає утробу – святий Богу. Тому первороджене Слово безначального Отця – Сина, що первородиться з матері, яка мужа не знає, – величаємо.

Прічасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1). Чашу спасіння прийму і ім'я Господнє призову (Пс. 115, 4). Алилуя (х3).



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 making perogies, wrapping down Christmas decorations and cleaning, fixing a doorframe and ceiling lights at the parish hall, 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 the newborn (Jan. 28th) daughter Daniella of Mr. Andriy and Mrs. Lesia Tomashevsky, Mr. Eldon and Mrs. Elizabeth Hnylycia on their 57th wedding anniversary (Feb. 3rd), Mrs. Iris Proskow on her birthday (Feb. 9th), and all those parishioners who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly 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 Твоею 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 Твоею 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 Твоею 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 славилосся, 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 and 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 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.

❖ **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 senior-parishioners) to volunteer and help Mrs. Olga Kuzyk 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 Comeetees 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-rolls starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday of Feb. 9th, 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!

❖ **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!

❖ **Holy Family travelling icon will be 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 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.

❖ **Knights of Columbus invite you to join them at their 45th annual service club banquet** (Brotherhood Banquet) on Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 at the Rutland Centennial Hall (180 Rutland Road North). The evening will start with dinner at 6:30 pm followed by introduction of dignitaries and a guest speaker. Cost of \$ 20.00 per (payable at the door). Everyone welcome. For more information call Victor at 250-860-7612

❖ **Rachel's Corner:** "Sharing the truth..the painful truth..of what we did regarding the sin of abortion..I needed that. I have finally recognized that God loves me infinitely and hearing the testimonials of the others present, impacted me so very much. - Testimonial. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and be free of the burden of the abortion decision that devastated your life and remained with you in silent and unacknowledged pain. Give yourself the opportunity to be understood so that you can be free once and for all. *Healing after Abortion Ministry:* 250-762-2273, info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com or information and registration visit: www.rachelvineyardkelowna.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 4th @ 7:00 pm in St. Charles Garnier's Roman Catholic Church hall. The movie—which will be shown is a 2nd part — 'Restless Heart' the acclaimed epic film on Saint Augustine of Hippo.** Filmed in Europe, the first full-length feature movie on Augustine, it uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

❖ **Fundraising CONCERT ARNIE'S ANGELS PLUS ONE to Benefit our refugee families** is at 2 p.m. at Saint Charles Garnier Roman Catholic Church (3645 Benvoulin Rd. in Kelowna, BC) on Sunday, February 10th, 2019. By donations.



Catholic Bishops of British Columbia and Yukon

Statement on Hydration and Nutrition

Life is God's gift to us. We are not its masters to do with it what we will. We can make decisions about how we will use the life God has given us, but we must not reject that life. The Church teaches, and has always unequivocally taught, that it is gravely immoral to kill a person or to accept being killed as a way to relieve suffering or to control when and how to die.

The Church also teaches, clearly and firmly, that a person who is dying does not need to accept all the medical care that is offered. Unless there are very good reasons to judge that the patient is unable to make a responsible decision, he or she is the one who should decide the extent of their care.

If they choose, patients can refuse medical care that increases their suffering; that is risky or unproven; that is especially burdensome for themselves or others; or that tenuously prolongs their life but cannot cure their disease. The key moral principle in this regard is that we do not have to do anything to promote our health if it causes more suffering or ill health than we already have.

Pain medication may be refused if the patient wants to maintain a higher level of consciousness or awareness, so as to enjoy being with family members and friends. A religiously devout patient may wish to refrain from pain medication in order to be spiritually united to Christ in His Passion. However, relief of physical suffering through painkillers may also allow a patient the rest required and the freedom needed to accomplish spiritual tasks or to interact with loved ones.

Likewise, the Church teaches that those who are in great pain can accept relief treatments that may cause undesired but unavoidable side effects. These side effects can include further damage to their health and/or even a hastening of death. It is morally acceptable to accept such side effects, as long as they do not cause more problems than they solve, and are not the desired intent of the pain relief treatment.

This brings us to an issue that raises a serious question for the faithful: may we ever stop providing food and water to someone who is very sick or who is dying?

Under all ordinary circumstances, we should always provide patients with food and water. This is the case whether they can feed themselves or not. Being helped by others to eat and drink is a normal part of the human experience, one that starts for all of us when we are babies and continues for many of us when we are disabled, sick or dying. Preparing and serving food, as well as eating with others, are important to our human relationships and express mutual trust. They are a sign of love and an affirmation of life. This is why Jesus gives Himself to us in the form of food and drink in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

In some cases, people are unable to eat or drink because of a physical or mental impairment that makes it difficult, even impossible, to chew or swallow. In these situations, we can use feeding tubes or other similar means to ensure that they continue to receive nutrition and hydration, food and water. While feeding tubes are not a normal part of our everyday experience of caring for one another, they are an effective way to provide nourishment and express human and medical care.

There are circumstances when it is morally permissible to stop providing food and/or water to individuals.

Sometimes a person can no longer be nourished by food and/or water. If food or water cannot be absorbed or assimilated, then they offer little to no benefit, and may present dangers to the patient. For instance, if he or she is suffering from cancer of the stomach or the intestines, there may be blockages or other problems which make it medically and morally wrong to continue introducing nourishment. This is also the case when the kidneys can no longer excrete fluids from the body. Withdrawing food and/or water in such circumstances is not a matter of starving or dehydrating a person. Rather, we are accepting that the patient can no longer benefit from them and that continuing them may cause harm.

Assisted nutrition and hydration may prove to be ineffective for a particular patient or result in significant complications such as chronic vomiting. In such cases, the best medical judgement for patient care may be to withdraw this kind of assistance.

Patients with cognitive impairments (dementia, senility, fears, confusion, etc.) might not understand the benefit of a feeding tube, may refuse to take food by mouth, or may forget how to chew or swallow. As such, they might become very distressed if forced to eat. Others may react to having a feeding tube and pull it out – even repeatedly – potentially injuring themselves. Forcible restraints may also cause undue distress and anxiety. In such cases, the benefit from force feeding or a feeding tube may not justify the imposition of procedures that cause such pain, discomfort or distress.

Prolonged use of a feeding tube can at times cause serious and chronic infections in a patient. When the infections cannot be controlled, and especially when they start to impair the person's health, there is no compelling reason to continue the procedure. The burden of using a feeding tube may have come to outweigh its benefit.

The bottom line is that as long as it is beneficial for patients to be helped to eat and drink, they should be. This includes situations in which medically assisted nutrition and hydration are needed. However, when someone can no longer receive or benefit from the nutrition and sustenance intended, then continuing to provide food and water is not helpful and so is not morally required. Recognizing such a change in a patient's medical situation may be particularly difficult for family members to accept. We all depend upon doctors and medical staff to recognize these situations and to discuss them objectively with us.

In all cases, it is wrong to use the removal of food and water in any form intentionally to cause or hasten a person's death. This is a form of euthanasia, even if it is called "passive euthanasia," and must be rejected as gravely immoral.

In some instances, death may come more quickly because a person cannot be helped to receive nutrition and hydration. While never desired, it is a consequence that can be accepted. Many dying patients, who have been able to take food orally, will refuse or be reluctant to accept food and fluids in the last days of their lives. This seems to be a sign that the body recognizes it no longer needs earthly food for the journey to eternal life. Experienced nurses and doctors will continue to offer whatever the patient will accept and provide oral care. Once death is proximate, the goal is to help the patient to experience whatever peace and comfort are possible. This is also the time when the Church's spiritual and sacramental support is most needed for the patient and family members.

In case of further questions, Catholics are encouraged to contact their Catholic hospital chaplain, parish priest, or the Catholic Health Association of British Columbia (<https://www.chabc.bc.ca/>).

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Life and death with a Jesuit: Father James Schall on the important things

If this were your last interview, what would you say?

Jesuit Father James V. Schall had a close call at the age of 91 earlier this month. A longtime professor of politics at Georgetown, he's been living in retirement with his brother Jesuits in Los Gatos, California.

"At 91, one has little leeway. The old hide-and-seek cry, 'Here I come, ready or not,' is in place," the priest said.

"We do not know the day or hour. So, we abide in what is given to us in the now. We do not know if we are ready - we just try to be, to have faith and courage," Schall continued.

In an email exchange, Kathryn Jean Lopez spoke to the Jesuit about life and death.

Lopez: What is best about life?

Schall: *What is best about life? The first thing is having it, actually being in existence and knowing that we exist as this human being, that we do not cause ourselves to exist. We are given life. What is best about life is to know that it is a gift rather than some blind development with no internal meaning to itself as this, and not that, being.*

Following on this realization of our own existence, what is best is knowing that we are not alone. We live among others and seek and rejoice in our friends. We discover in revelation that we are also to become friends of God. Our lives are often filled with sin and suffering, when we need others most, for forgiveness, for help, for understanding.

What is best about life is also the fact that we can walk this green earth, see things, and especially know what not ourselves is. We exist also that what is not ourselves in all its variety and complexity can be known to us. We are not deprived of the world or others because we are not they. Instead in knowledge, the world and our friends return to us. We know a world that is not ourselves; we are blessed.

What is most challenging about life?

Finding its order. My book, The Order of Things, goes into this issue. At first sight, the world seems a chaos, a disorder. But the earth and all in it reveal an order that is not there because we put it there. We find it already there. This is what we discover when we discover anything.

Modern (and Muslim) voluntarism will claim that nothing is stable (an old Greek view also). Everything can be its opposite. Therefore, there are no evils. But there are evils, due precisely to a lack of order. Moral evil is a lack of order that we put in our own thoughts and deeds because we reject that order that is given to us that constitutes our own real good. The challenge of life is to deal with the reasons for evil without despair or without affirming that evil is good.

Even in the worst circumstances, we strive to see what is in order. But when it is our responsibility to affirm or allow that order, we can prefer our own ideas. In doing so, we implicitly reject the being that is. Thanks to the redemption, this rejection can be repented and reordered, but even here, we are required to act in a way that confronts what is really wrong. We are responsible for our own lives. In the end, the story of our personal existence will be told in terms of how we lived and understood the gift of life that we have been freely given.

What's most unappreciated about life?

In a way, I suppose it has to do with what Aristotle said was the beginning of our knowledge, namely, our capacity to wonder. Samuel Johnson (whose life is simply one of amazing wonder) cautioned that we are not to go about just wondering. We are to learn and come to conclusions. We are to know the truth of things, we in our very own minds. But we are provoked by what is not ourselves. What is out there beyond our ken? We are not content simply to say, "I do not know or want to know." We come to full knowledge only gradually. And we never cease to wonder about what is out there even when we know something about it.

So, I would say that what is most unappreciated about life is the adventure of it, the sense that it is really going someplace, and this lovely world is not its ending but beginning. In addition, we do not appreciate how much we can damage ourselves and others when we do not know the truth of things and reject the order of things to impose our own order on our lives and world. We have been redeemed, but we have not been excused in our freedom. We are not able to be friends with one another or with God unless we choose; by the way we finally live, to do so.

What is the most important gift of your life, besides life itself? Your priesthood? The sacraments?

I have long said, and urged the point on anyone who will listen, that the best thing that our parents give us is brothers and sisters, and eventually along with their children. Even if my two good brothers are with the Lord, their welcome to me and our own hassles have been a context of life that has always been a consolation to me. My good sister and my two step-sisters are also here.

Of course, priesthood and sacraments, the life of the Church as I have been given in the Society of Jesus loom large. The Order in my time has provided me with education and opportunity that I could not otherwise imagine for a young man from a small town in Iowa. I have lived for a time in some great cities-San Francisco, Rome, Washington. But the great



gift to me was the chance to live a life relatively free to read and write and wonder how it all fit together. I have never been a "specialist," and it probably shows, but I have thought often about the whole. I think that leisure to wonder about what it is all about has been a great gift to me.

I have loved teaching and the students that somehow kept coming to my often meandering classes in which I was often but one step ahead of them, and not always then. Indeed, having young men and women there, to tell them just what there is to be read that will open their eyes to what is, has been part of this gift. If I could entice but one student to read Joseph Pieper-an Anthology or E. F. Schumacher's, A Guide for the Perplexed, I would be happy with the chance of being there to see the delight the student saw on actually reading these good books, or Plato or Aristotle or Augustine or Aquinas or Johnson.

Are you ready? And how do you know that you are?

At 91, one has little leeway. The old hide-and-peek cry, "Here I come, ready or not," is in place. We do not know the day or hour. So we abide in what is given to us in the now. We do not know if we are "ready" - we just try to be, to have faith and courage. If we had certitude about these things, we would already be dead.

Are there any last words that you might like to add in the unlikely event that this is your last interview?

What an amusing way to put it! The "unlikely event"! Yes, Schall can be long-winded. I noted the other day that the complete listing of what I have published according to date and source since my first essay in *The Commonwealth*, in 1954, comes to about 150 pages. This includes books, book reviews, chapters in books, academic essays, columns, lighter and shorter essays, interviews, letters to editors, and newspaper essays. Indeed, St. Augustine's Press is yet to publish one of these days a collection of my earlier JVS interviews.

I think that my last words remain those that I cited from Chesterton at the end of the "Last Lecture" - that all inns lead to that Great Tavern at the end of the world when we shall drink again with our friends in that eternal life that is offered to us by our very God when he called each of us out of nothing to exist and participate in His inner life.

The Trinity has always fascinated me. A chapter in my first book, *Redeeming the Time*, was entitled: "The Trinity - God Is Not Alone." Aristotle wondered if God was lonely and therefore lacked one of the highest of human values. Since there is otherness, love, and inner-relationship in God, He does not need the world to explain his glory. The world as we know it reflects His glory, but His glory as it is awaits us. Our lives transcend the world, even while we remain in this world, with all its own tragedy, drama, and uncertainties. The last words remain-we are bound for glory, Deo Gratias!

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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."