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1st SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST / LENT, Sunday of Orthodoxy/the Triumph of the True Faith - *March 10th*, 2019 A.D.

'The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are: pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish.' - teaches, reminds and warns us Saint John Paul II

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!

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

Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations during this week:

Bible readings for 2nd week of the Great Fast/Lent:

Mon.: Genesis 3:21-4:7; Proverbs 3:34-4:22 & Isaiah 4:2-5:7; Tue.: Gen. 4:8-15; Prov. 5:1-15 & Is. 5:7-16; Wed.: Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15-6:3 & Isaiah 5:16-25; Thur.: Gen. 5:1-24; Prov. 6:3-20 & Isaiah 6:1-12; Fri.: Genesis 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1 & Isaiah 7:1-14.

Mon., March 11th, 2019 – 4:30 p.m. The Akaphystos in Honour of Suffering of Jesus Christ

Tue., Mar. 12th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessing in good health to Lawrence and Ping Beaton

Wed., Mar. 13th – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts: for peaceful repose of Stanley Yawney

(requested by Mrs. Rose Fylyshtan)

Thurs., Mar. 14th – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: for peaceful repose of Silvia Yawney (requested by Mrs. Rose Fylyshtan)

Friday, Mar. 15th – 9:30 a.m. The Way of the Cross, followed by Sorokousty / Lenten Memorial Service for the deceased.

Saturday, March 16th – 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 17^{th,} – 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 1, text from book "**The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**"; pages 89-91 For the Sundays of Great Fast-Lent the Typicon prescribes the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews (Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40; 12:1-2a) Brethren, by faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter; he wished to be illtreated along with God's people rather than enjoy the fleeting rewards of sin. Moses considered the reproach borne by God's

Anointed greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned; sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which includes us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect.



Therefore, since we for our part are surrounded by this cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every encumbrance of sin which clings to us and preserve in running the race which lies ahead; let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith. **Gospe**I: (John 1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus wanted to set out for Galilee, but first he came upon Philip. "Follow me," Jesus said to him. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter. Philip sought out Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses spoke of in the law – the prophets too – Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." Nathanael's response to that was, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" and Philip replied, "Come, see for yourself."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he remarked: "This man is a true Israelite. There is no guile in him." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked him. "Before Philip called you," Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree." "Rabbi," said Nathanael, "you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus responded: "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than that."

He went on to tell them, "I solemnly assure you, you shall see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Instead of "It is truly...": In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before the ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

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 1, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 88-90

Апостол: До Євреїв Послання Святого Апостола Павла читання:(Свр. 11:24-26, 32-40, 12:1-2)

Браття і сестри, вірою Мойсей, коли був виріс, відрікся зватися сином дочки фараона; волів радше страждати разом з людом Божим, ніж дознавати дочасної гріховної втіхи, бо, дивлячись на нагороду, вважав за більше багатство наругу вибраного народу від скарбів Єгипту. І що ще скажу? Часу не вистане мені, коли заходжуся розповідати про Гедеона, про

Варака, про Самсона, про Єфту, про Давида й Самуїла та пророків, що вірою підбили царства, чинили справедливість, обітниць осягнули, загородили пащі левам, силу вогню гасили, вістря меча уникали, ставали сильні, бувши недолугі, на війні проявили мужність, наскоки чужинців відбивали. Жінки діставали назад своїх померлих, які воскресали. Інші загинули в муках, відкинувши визволення, щоб осягнути ліпше воскресіння. Інші наруг і бичів зазнали та ще й кайданів і в'язниці; їх каменовано, розрізувано пилою, брано



на допити; вони вмирали, мечем забиті; тинялися в овечих та козячих шкурах, збідовані, гноблені, кривджені; вони, яких світ був невартий, блукали пустинями, горами, печерами та земними вертепами. І всі вони, дарма що мали добре засвідчення вірою, не одержали обіцяного, бо Бог зберіг нам щось краще, щоб вони не без нас осягли досконалість. Тому і ми, маючи навколо себе таку велику хмару свідків, відкиньмо всякий тягар і гріх, що так легко обмотує, і біжімо витривало до змагання, що призначене нам, вдивляючися пильно в Ісуса, засновника й завершителя віри, який, замість радости, що перед ним була, витерпів хрест, на сором не звертаючи уваги, і який возсів праворуч Божого престолу.

Євангеліє: (Івана 1:43-51)

У той час вирішив Ісус піти в Галилею; і знайшовши Филипа, мовив до нього: «Іди за мною.» А був Филип з Витсаїди, з міста Андрієвого та Петрового. Зустрів Филип Натанаїла і сказав до нього: «Ми знайшли того, про кого Мойсей у законі писав і пророки, – Ісуса Йосифового сина, з Назарету.» Натанаїл же йому на те: «А що доброго може бути з Назарету?» Мовив до нього Филип: «Прийди та подивися.» Побачивши Ісус, що Натанаїл надходив до нього, сказав про нього: «Ось справжній ізраїльтянин, що нема в ньому лукавства.» Натанаїл же йому: «Звідкіль знаєш мене?» Сказав Ісус, промовивши до нього: «Перше, ніж Филип закликав тебе, бачив я тебе, як був єси під смоковницею.» Відповів же йому Натанаїл: «Учителю, ти – Син Божий, ти – цар Ізраїлів.» Ісус відказав, мовивши до нього: «Тому, що я повідав тобі: Бачив я тебе під смоковницею, – то й віриш! Бачитимеш більше, ніж те.» І сказав до нього: «Істинно, істинно кажу вам: Побачите небеса відкриті, й ангелів Божих, як висходять та сходять на Сина Чоловічого.»

Замість "Достойно..." співаємо: Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освященний храме і раю словесний, дівственна похвало, що із неї Бог воплотився і младенцем став – перед віками сущий Бог наш. Лоно бо твоє престолом сотворив і утробу твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, слава тобі.



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, changed the Altar linens, make donations, Marie Shandalla for donating an office desk and cabinets, the Matsychko Family for donating a musical/ CD-playing centre, Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts and his family bought and installed a used but very well working Kenmore dishwasher at the parish rectory for no cost at all for the parish (the old dishwasher got broken and to fix it was too expensive), 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 Mrs. Helen Hut on her birthday (March 12th), Mrs. Emily Kana on her birthday (March 14th), Mrs. Maria Martin on ber birthday (March 14th), Mr William Shuya on his birthday (March 14th), and all parishiopers who celebrate their birthday

her birthday (March 14th), Mr. William Shuya on his birthday (March 14th), and all 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 FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!

Wishing you and all your dear ones a blessed and spiritually enriching journey of the Great Fast / Lent!

* 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, Karen Feniuk 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 ПАРАФІ**Ї: 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 -----**ЖИВА** Парафія 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, шоб славилося. Спасе. Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

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.*



To the Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have now completed our first week of the Great Fast. Our Lenten journey towards the celebration of Easter-Pascha has begun - a blessed time of increased prayer, fasting and works of charity.

There are so many different forms of prayer: petition, praise, intercession, thanksgiving. But Lent is a special time to stand before our Heavenly Father as we are, acutely aware of our own sinfulness and inadequacy, yet mindful of His grace. This prayer of contrition, to judge oneself before the Lord, is, in fact, one of the meanings derived from the Hebrew word for prayer, *tefillah*. Whether together in community during liturgical prayer or privately in the depths of our heart, let us ask our Lord to heal us and to restore our relationship with Him.

Through the practice of Lenten Fasting we can curb and take charge of the desires of the flesh. We know that food is a gift and that is why we say a prayer of blessing before meals. But hunger is a gift as well, especially when we willfully deny ourselves nourishment or some pleasure. I remember when I was a young boy; my Mom would endlessly warn me not to eat candy or chocolate before supper because I would ruin my appetite. Sadly, more often than not, I did not heed her good advice, and would sneak a chocolate or a candy and then just as she warned, I didn't feel like eating the wonderful meal that she had prepared for the family. During Lent our physical hunger is a sign of spiritual hunger. Our empty stomach is an image of us emptying our hearts of self-centeredness, so that we can be filled by God. When we fast or abstain from certain foods, when we deny ourselves certain activities, we are not only preparing our bodily appetites for the Easter feast, but we are also preparing our spirit for the celebration of life everlasting, which He has already prepared for us.

The third element of our Lenten spiritual journey consists in almsgiving or performing acts of charity, the sharing of our time, talents or treasure with those in need wherever they may be--in our own family, our community and neighborhood, or in distant lands. Almsgiving helps us move beyond ourselves and focus on those who are less fortunate, our sisters and brothers in need. Jesus told us that whatever we do to the least among us, we do it unto Him.

I want to encourage you, Dear Sisters and Brothers, to take advantage of this special time of prayer, of fasting, of almsgiving, and invite us all, as members of the Eparchy of New Westminster, to common action. Each year during the Great Fast I have encouraged all to come together as one Eparchial family and support a particular cause. In past years we have supported Caritas Ukraine, the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, etc. This year I would like to ask you to make a donation to CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA. Founded in 1908, Catholic Missions in Canada, at the time called "The Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada," has come to the aid of isolated missions across our country where a lack of resources makes it impossible to maintain a Catholic Bishop in Canada, Blessed Nykyta Budka, who arrived in Canada in 1912. Since that time our Ukrainian Catholic Church has benefited greatly from its financial support. Catholic Missions in Canada has been and continues to be one of our greatest benefactors. Without their help our Eparchy would have a very difficult time providing pastoral ministry to our faithful in British Columbia. Many of our parishes struggle to meet their financial obligations, perhaps to cover costs of property insurance or other running costs, Missions In Canada helps us make up these shortfalls. We receive funding from Catholic Missions in Canada for our annual Eparchial summer Camp, Camp Saint

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If I have succeeded in convincing you to make a generous donation this Lent to Catholic Missions in Canada, you can use the special envelopes that will be provided to you. For donations of \$20.00 or more you will also receive a charitable donation receipt. Our Eparchial collection will take place on Sunday 31 March. However, if you are not able to be in church that Sunday, you can use the envelope earlier or even later. All funds collected in the parishes will be forwarded to the Eparchial Chancery Offices and then sent to Catholic Missions in Canada as our Eparchial donation. We will report back to you, so that you can know how much we've collected this year.

Together as an Eparchial Family, let us make this Great Fast a special journey of prayer, fasting and generosity, ever mindful of the blessings of Pascha that await us!

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord, +Ken

On behalf of our Christian, church family, assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to the Dick's/Tychy's Family, Mrs. Michelle Huston, their relatives and friends! May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ place your parents, Mr. Peter Dick's/Tychy's soul in the place where all of the saints abide, and may his memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers – Vichnaya Pamyat'!

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.

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.

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 16th, 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 at the following food making projects:

✓ 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 Mrs. Yvonne Crawford 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.

Movie Night with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, March 18th @ 7:00 pm in St. Charles Garnier's Roman Catholic parish hall. The movie is "*What Every Catholic Needs to Know About the Bible".* Discover the "Gospel Truth" about the Bible. An inspiring and enlightening presentation, that will empower you to share the essential truths about the Bible and its relationship to the Catholic Church with everyone.

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

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@rachelsvineyardkelowna.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.

