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SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC - May 12th, 2019 A.D.

**'To live according to the Gospel is to fight against selfishness.
The Gospel is forgiveness and peace; it is love that comes from God.'**

– teaches Pope Francis I

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 (April 21st - May 29th):

Christ Is Risen! - Indeed, He Is Risen! Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!

Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес!

Christ is among us! – He is and will be!



Liturgical and Sacramental Celebrations:

Tue., May 14th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *for peaceful repose of the soul of Mr. John Kalomiris (requested by Mrs. Marilyn Daulat)*

Wedn., May 15th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Mrs. Maria Darmoris and Family

Thurs., May 16th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Bishop Ken, clergy, religious and the faithful of our eparchy
– 6:30 p.m. Moleben to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri., May 17th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Veronica and Family

Saturday, May 18th – 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, May 19th – 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:

*Liturgical Instruction: After the priest exclaims "Blessed is the Kingdom" and we have responded "Amen," the clergy sing the following Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then the clergy sing the first half, and we conclude it. This is done every day until the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. **Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.** (3x)*

Troparion (Tone 3): Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with his arm. He trampled death by death; He became the first born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion (Tone 3): Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic, lift my soul by Your divine presence, for by my many sins and foolish actions, I, too, am now afflicted and crippled. Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You: Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 8): Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! and giving peace to Your apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Prokimenon (Tone 1): Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in You (*Ps 32:22*).

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (*Ps 32:1*).

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Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles' (Acts 9:32-42)

In those days, when Peter was making numerous journeys, he went – among the other places – to God's holy people living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ cures you! Get up and make your bed." The man got up at once. All the inhabitants of Lydda and Sharon, upon seeing him, were converted to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a certain woman convert named Tabitha (in Greek Dorcas, meaning a gazelle). Her life was marked by constant good deeds and acts of charity. At about that time she fell ill and died. They washed her body and laid it out in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples who had heard that Peter was there sent two men to him with the urgent request, "Please come over to us without delay." Peter set out with them as they asked. Upon his arrival they took him upstairs to the room. All the widows came to him in tears and showed him the various garments Dorcas had made when she was still with them.



Peter first made everyone go outside; then he knelt down and prayed. Turning to the dead body, he said, "Tabitha, stand up." She opened her eyes, then looked at Peter and sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her to her feet. The next thing he did was to call in those who were believers and the widows to show them all that she was alive. This became known all over Joppa, and because of it, many came to believe in the Lord.

Alleluia (Tone 5): Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation (*Ps 88:2*). For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever" (*Ps 88:3*).

Gospel (*John 5:1-15*)

At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Pool there is a place with the Hebrew name Bethesda. It is five porticoes. Were crowded with sick people lying there blind, lame or disabled (waiting for the movement of the water).

There was one man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus, who knew he had been sick for long time, said when he saw him lying there, "Do you want to be healed?" "Sir," the sick man answered, "I do not have anyone to plunge me into the pool once the water has been stirred up. By the time I get there, someone else has gone in ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up! Pick up your mat and walk!" The man was immediately cured; he picked up his mat and began to walk. The day was a Sabbath.

Consequently, some of the Jews began telling the man who had been cured, "It is the Sabbath, and you are not allowed to carry that mat around." He explained: "It was the man who cured me who told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" "This person who told you to pick it up and walk," they asked, "who is he?" The man who had been restored to health had no idea who it was. The crowd in that place was so great that Jesus had been able to slip away. Later on, Jesus found him in the temple precincts and said to him: "Remember, now, you have been cured. Give up your sins so that something worse may not overtake you." The man went off and informed the Jews that Jesus was the one who had cured him.

Instead of "It is truly...": The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Irmos (tone 1): Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verses: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (*Ps 148:1*). **Alleluia!** (3x).

Instead of "Blessed is He...": **Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.**
Instead of "We have seen the true light...": *Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.*

Instead of "Let our mouths...": *Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.* (x3).

Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord...": *Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.* (x3).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

Priest: And to us He has granted life eternal!

Faithful: We bow down before His resurrection on the third day!

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:

Літургійні рубрики: Після того, як священник виголошує "Благословенне Царство" й люди відповідають "Амінь", священники співають Тропар один раз, а люди його повторюють. Далі священники співають першу половину, а люди завершують другу. Так робимо щодня, аж до середи перед четвергом Вознесіння. **Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував** (x3).

Тропар (глас 3): Нехай веселяться небеснії, нехай радуються земляни, бо показав владу рукою Своєю Господь, Він смертю смерть подолав, первістоком з-поміж мертвих став,* визволив нас із глибин аду, і подав світові велику милість.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 3): Душу мою, Господи, у гріхах всіляких* і безглуздими діяннями тяжко розслаблену,* воздвигни божественним твоїм заступництвом,* як і розслабленого воздвигнув ти древньо,* щоб я кликав до тебе, спасаючись:* Слава, Христе, владі твоїй.

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

Кондак (глас 8): Хоч і у гріб зійшов ти, Безсмертний,* та адову зруйнував ти силу,* і воскрес еси як переможець, Христе Боже,* жінкам-мироносицям звістивши: Радуйтеся,* і твоїм апостолам мир даруєш,* падшим подаєш воскресіння.

Прокімен (глас 1): Будь, Господи, милість твоя на нас,* бо уповали ми на Тебе. (*Пс. 32:22*)

Стих: Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала. (*Пс. 32:1*)

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Апостол: 3 книги Діянь Святих Апостолів читання (Дн. 9,32-42)

Тими днями Петро, обходячи всі усюди, прибув і до святих, що мешкали в Лідді. Там він знайшов одного чоловіка, на ім'я Еней, що лежав на ліжку вісім років і був паралітик. Петро сказав до нього: «Енею, Ісус Христос тебе оздоровляє. Устань і сам постели собі ліжко!» І вмить той підвівся. І бачили його всі мешканці Лідди та Сарону, і навернулися вони до Господа. Була ж у Яффі одна учениця, на ім'я Тавита, що значить у перекладі Дорка (Сарна). Вона була повна добрих діл та милостині, що чинила. І сталося тими днями, що вона занедужала й умерла. Обмили її і поклали в горниці. А що Лідда лежить близько Яффи, учні, почувши, що Петро там, послали двох чоловіків з просьбою до нього: «Не отягайся прийти аж до нас!» Петро негайно рушив з ними. І як прийшов, вони його повели наверх у горницю, де всі вдови оточили його з плачем, показуючи йому туніки й плащі, що їх робила Дорка, буди з ними. Велівши всім вийти з хати, Петро став на коліна й почав молитися, а повернувшись до тіла, мовив: «Тавито, встань!» І та відкрила свої очі й,



побачивши Петра, сіла. Він же подав їй руку та й підвів її і, прикликавши святих та вдів, поставив її живою. Довідалась про це вся Яффа, і багато повірило в Господа.

Алилуя (глас 5): Милості твої, Господи, повік оспівуватиму, з роду в рід (Пс. 88,2). Бо сказав Ти: Повік милість збудується (Пс. 88,3).

Євангеліє: (Ів. 5, 1-15)

У той час Ісус прибув до Єрусалиму. А є в Єрусалимі при Овечих воротах купелеве місце, по-єврейському воно зветься Витесда, що має п'ять критих переходів. Лежала в них сила недужих, сліпих, кривих, усохлих, які чекали, коли то зрушиться вода: ангел бо Господній сходить час від часу в купелеве місце та й заколючував воду, і хто, отже, перший поринав по тому, як вода заколючувалася, то одужував, – хоч яка б там була його хвороба. Один чоловік там був, що нездужав тридцять і вісім років. Побачив Ісус, що він лежить, а довідавшись, що було воно вже дуже довго, каже до нього: «Бажаєш одужати?» «Не маю нікого, пане, – одрікає йому недужий, – хто б мене, коли ото вода зрушиться, та й спустив у купіль: бо ось тільки я прийду, а вже інший передо мною поринає.» Мовить Ісус до нього: «Устань, візьми ложе твоє і ходи!» Відразу ж і одужав той чоловік, і взяв ложе своє і почав ходити. Був же той день – субота. Юдеї і кажуть до одужалого: «Субота адже ж! Не личить тобі ложе носити!» А той їм у відповідь: «Візьми ложе твоє і ходи, – сказав мені, хто мене оздоровив.» Спитали його: «Хто він – той, що сказав тобі: Візьми і ходи?» Та одужалий не знав, хто він, бо Ісус зник у натовпі, що юрмився на тому місці. Щойно потім знайшов його Ісус у храмі й мовив до нього: «Оце ти видужав, – тож не гріши більше, щоб щось гірше тобі не сталося.» Чоловік пішов і оповів юдеям, мовляв, той, хто його оздоровив, – Ісус.

Замість Достойно: **Ангел сповіщає Благодатній:** Чистая Діво, радуйся. І знову кажу: Радуйся. Твій Син воскрес тридневний із гробу, і мертвих воздвигнув він; люди, веселіться.

Ірмос (глас 1): Світися, світися, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на тобі возсіяла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне. А ти, Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, востанням рождення твого.

Причасний: Тіло Христове прийміть, джерела безсмертного споживіть. Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. (Пс. 148:1). **Алилуя** (х3).

Замість Благословен, хто йде в ім'я Господне: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Замість Ми бачили світло істинне: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

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Під час відпусту "Христос воскрес" співається один раз (на просту мелодію) замість "Слава Отцю..." Тоді знову співається Тропар "Христос воскрес", як і на початку Літургії, але з додатковим закінченням. **Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).**

І нам дарував життя вічне, поклоняємось його тридневному воскресінню

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, volunteered and organized coffee-socials and Parish Easter Sviachene Dinner in Penticton, make donations, knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully care and help our parish community, parishioners welcoming our guests and visitors, prayerfully participate at the church services, 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 Anna Tomashevskaya on her birthday (May 11th), Mrs. Cecilia Lalach on her birthday (May 12th), Mrs. Manda Hill on her birthday (May 12th), Mr. Ron Pfof on his birthday (May 14th), our Eparch Most Rev. Bishop Ken Nowakowski on his birthday (May 16th), to Mr. Rolli and Mrs. Mary Cacchioni on their wedding anniversary (May 16th), to Brett Siebert on his birthday (May 16th), to Mrs. Judy Syrnyk on her birthday (May 17th), to Liubomyr Sakatiouk on his birthday (May 17th), to Veronica Myts on her birthday (May 17th), Mr. Lorne Dudych on his birthday (May 18th), and all our parishioners and family members who celebrate Easter time, their birthdays, heavenly patron's /saint's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



Sincerest greetings and best wishes to all mothers, grand and great grand-mothers, god-mothers, adopted mothers, spiritual mothers, and anyone who acts in the capacity of "mothering" others - many God's special blessings, good health, joy and peace on this special day and always. May you be greatly rewarded for your love, care and commitment in this privileged and demanding call of being a mother. Happy Mother's Day!



The Deepest word is *Soul*,
The Nearest word is *Now*,
The Brightest word is *Truth*,
The Sweetest word is *Home*,

"The Greatest word is *God*,
The Longest word is *Eternity*,
The Darkest word is *Sin*,
The Strongest word is *Right*,
And the Dearest word is *Mother!*"

The Swiftest word is *Time*,
The Meanest word is *Hypocrisy*,
The Truest word is *Love*,

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYERFUL PRESENCE AND FULLFILLING GOD'S COMANDMENT AT THE CHUCH TODAY! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND ATTEND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT THE CHURCH HALL!

Wishing you a blessed with joy, peace and Christian love Easter season celebration!

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 Ostowich, Keyton A., Ric B., Rocio A., Kit C., Shirley C., Peter Dranchuk, Olga Kuzyk, Anthony and Victoria Huziak, George and Mary Dashkewytch, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Maria Pylypchuk, 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, John and Ann Bulych, Rosa Maria Santos, Anita N., Ron and Verna Shoemaker, Jonas and Anne, Alyssa and Adam, Mark and Asia, Karen Feniuk, Volodymyr Melnyk 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.*

❖ **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:** 1) 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.*

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 Твою присутністю та єдною нас кожноразно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твою мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єдною нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твою 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 славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



❖ **Mother's Day celebration and pot-luck lunch will be held after the Divine Liturgy today, on Sunday, May 12th, 2019 A.D.**

❖ **Parish Executive Council meeting** will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 16th, 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 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!

❖ **Movie Night** with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, May 13 @ 7:00 pm in Saint Charles Garnier Roman Catholic Parish hall. The movie is **“Witness to Hope—The Life of John Paul II”**. This richly textured film traces the personal life and struggles of the first non-Italian pope in over 450 years. A complete and intimate portrait of the most beloved pope of the 20th century.

❖ **'Full of Grace' – Christian, Biblical movie, studies and discussions evening at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 20th, 2019.**

❖ **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 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*)

❖ **If any of our parishioners can donate used but working blower or help to buy a new one for our parish yard use – it will be greatly appreciated!**

❖ **Rachel's Corner:** "Your courage will be rewarded. Everything is confidential and healing. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain." -Testimonial Do you ever wonder what it used to be like to not remember and feel that decision that led to abortion? Did you ever think you would also carry the pain and regret of that loss? We don't think it will affect us and it does. Join us on a Rachel Retreat and re-discover that part of you that you thought was gone forever. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and come alive again as you are warmed by the rays of His healing mercy. www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273 Like us on Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

❖ **PRO LIFE MASS** The Annual Mass of the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Day of Infamy will be held Thurs. May 16, at 6 pm @ ICC. Bishop Gregory Bittman will be our main celebrant, with local priests concelebrating. Coffee & goodies and a video presentation of Abby Johnson will be shown in the parish hall following mass. Her testimony of her journey is very moving, inspiring, and motivational.

CAMP SAINT VOLODYMYR on August 18-25, 2019

Start planning your summer holidays now! Come join us to celebrate our 36th year of camp for children in our Eparchy! Camp St.

Volodymyr is a great place to be physically active, build self-confidence and self-esteem, develop life-long skills while reconnecting with nature and building friendships. Our camp is also a wonderful opportunity to experience God through nature and the companionship of others.

Campers will learn about the Ukrainian language and culture along with games, hiking, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and much more! If you are between the ages of 7-14 this is a summer must do! Registration is \$380. Book by July 4 to save \$50. Bus transportation is also available to and from New Westminster. Register online using Eventbrite. Search "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2019." For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CAMP: Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in helping.

VOLUNTEER as a Camp Counsellor. We are seeking between 8-10 individuals to help plan and organize our camp activities. Apply online using Eventbrite. Search "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2019." Applications due May 15, 2019. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal record check and must sign the camp code of conduct.

VOLUNTEER as a Camp Chef. We are seeking between 4-6 individuals to help us each day in the kitchen. It is your opportunity to get creative and be a part of the campers top 5 things at camp; The Food!

VOLUNTEER as our Camp Nurse. We are looking for an individual to be our camp nurse. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the children in our Eparchy. This position would require valid first aid and nursing certification. Responsibilities would include administering medications brought by campers/staff as well as recording all

incidents and treatments. Supplies and medications are provided by the camp.

DONATE Food: We are always happy to accept food donations of fresh fruits and vegetables, breakfast items; cereal, syrup, pancake mix, jam, Nutella, lunch items; chicken soup, Kraft dinner, cheese, drinks; juice boxes, powdered drinks, brownie/cake mixes, Jello, snack bars, cookies or treats. Gift certificates to Superstore and Costco are also welcomed.

DONATE Monetarily: Each year the Eparchy sponsors several children to attend. You can help send a deserving child to camp through your donations. Donation can be made through the Eparchy or online at our Eventbrite page. Tax receipts can be issued for donations of \$25 or more. Visit our website www.nweparchy.ca

Don't let differences divide you, pope tells North Macedonians

Arriving in Skopje, North Macedonia with its skyline dotted by minarets and domes, Pope Francis told civic leaders that the country's ethnic and religious diversity is a "precious patrimony" to be appreciated and treasured.



Gjorge Ivanov, ending his term as president, told the pope May 7, "You come at a time when the Macedonian society is deeply divided, and the Macedonian country is heavily wounded by broken promises, unfulfilled expectations and faltering trust in the international community." NATO and the European Union, supporting the position of Greece, delayed talks to allow the former Yugoslav republic to join until after it agreed in February to change its name to North Macedonia.

As the delay dragged on, Ivanov said, many people believed "the cross and crescent, the church and the mosque are being misused as borders and fortresses to mark and defend some kind of imaginary territories. It seems we forget that we are all people, regardless of our belief."

Orthodox Christians make up about 68 percent of the country's population and Muslims account for about 30 percent of the citizens; Catholics are less than 1 percent of the population.

North Macedonians chose Stevo Pendarovski as their next president May 5; Pendarovski, a pro-Western candidate, is expected to guide the nation into NATO in 2020 and into the European Union.

Speaking in the Mosaic Hall of the presidential palace, Pope Francis said the country's Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant Christians, its Muslims and its Jews and its people with Macedonian, Albanian, Serbian and Croatian heritage "have created a mosaic in which every piece is essential for the uniqueness and beauty of the whole."

"Every effort made to enable the diverse religious expressions and the different ethnic groups to find a common ground of understanding and respect for the dignity of every human person, and consequently the guarantee of fundamental freedoms, will surely prove fruitful," the pope said.

Pope Francis also used his 10-hour visit to North Macedonia as an opportunity to thank the nation's people for welcoming and assisting migrants and refugees, especially those who left Syria and Iraq in 2015 and 2016, crossing into Macedonia after the more common Mediterranean route to Western Europe became more difficult to navigate.

According to statistics from the Council of Europe, at the end of 2017 there were 123,000 migrants in North Macedonia, the equivalent of 6.3 percent of the population.

"With you, they found a secure haven," the pope said. "The ready solidarity offered to those in such great need – people who had left behind so many of their dear ones, to say nothing of their homes, their work and their homeland – does you honor."

"It says something about the soul of this people" that, despite widespread poverty and unemployment, the people of North Macedonia offered their solidarity and concrete assistance, the pope said.

"It is my hope that you will cherish the chain of solidarity that emerged from that emergency," he said, "and thus support all volunteer efforts to meet the many different forms of hardship and need."

Pope Francis also went to the tiny Balkan nation to pay tribute to a tiny saint who accomplished big things: Saint Theresa of Calcuta.

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Ganxhe Bojaxhiu to Albanian parents in Skopje Aug. 26, 1910, so after paying the obligatory formal visit to North Macedonia's president, Pope Francis went May 7 to the memorial and museum built on the site of the church where she was baptized. The church was later destroyed in an earthquake.

"Moved by the love of God," the pope told the president, Mother Teresa "made love of neighbor the supreme law of her life."

At the memorial, Pope Francis did not speak about the saintly founder of the Missionaries of Charity, but after praying silently before her relics, he praised God for the gift of her life and prayed for her intercession for North Macedonia.

Pope Francis also prayed that God would give Christians the grace "to become signs of love and hope in our own day when so many are poor, abandoned, marginalized and migrants."

Among the guests present at the memorial were dozens of Missionaries of Charity, about 100 of the people they serve in Skopje, and two of Mother Teresa's cousins, the Vatican said.

Celebrating Mass in the nearby Macedonia Square on a brisk spring morning, Pope Francis drew people's attention to human hungers – the hunger for bread, but also the hunger for truth, for God and for love.

"How well Mother Teresa knew all this and desired to build her life on the twin pillars of Jesus incarnate in the Eucharist and Jesus incarnate in the poor," he said. "Love received and love given" marked her journey from Skopje to India and kept her going.

Too many people, he said, "have become accustomed to eating the stale bread of disinformation," and so they end up being prisoners of a worldview that makes them either indifferent to others or downright hostile.

Christians must never be afraid to tell God that they are hungry "for an experience of fraternity in which indifference, disparagement and contempt will not fill our tables or take pride of place in our homes," he said. "We are hungry, Lord, for encounters where your word can raise hope, awaken tenderness and sensitize the heart by opening paths of transformation and conversion."

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