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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** - November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 A.D.

**'If we want to advance in the spiritual life, then, we must constantly be missionaries.'** - 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: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever!**

**Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віку!**

**Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky! Christ is among us! – He is and will be!**

**Liturgical and Sacramental Celebrations:**

- Mon., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: *for forgiveness, respect, peace and unity among people in the World today*  
- 6:30 p.m. Moleben to Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
- Wed., Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *repose of the soul of Jerome Renner*
- Thur., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *repose of the soul of Elizabeth McIntyre*  
- 3:30 p.m. Vespers
- Fri., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> (**Saint Michael the Archangel and all the Heavenly Powers**)  
- 7:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *Angel's protection for all our parishioners, relatives and friends (Service in Kelowna, BC)*  
- 10:00 a.m. *repose of the soul of Mrs. Katherine Huculak, funeral day Divine Liturgy*  
at Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church ([2210 - 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vernon, BC.](#)) on Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 A.D.
- Sat., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - 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, guests and visitors*
- Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)  
- 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all parishioners, guests and visitors (in English language)*  
- 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all parishioners, guests and visitors (in Ukrainian language)*

**Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special intentions, such as: In Thanksgiving for Favours Received, the Infirm, General Intentions, Repose of the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, Students, Workers, etc. If you would like to meet with the parish priest at the church or parish office, or want him to visit you, your relative or friend at their home, hospital or care home, please, call or email the pastor in advance to arrange time and a day.**



**Liturgical Propers in English language:**

**Tone 4**, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 95-97

**Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians: (Gal. 2:16-20)**

*Brothers and Sisters, yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

**Gospel: (Luke 8: 5:15)**

*"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and*

the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

### **Літургійні частини Українською мовою:**

**Глас 4**, текст "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 94-96

### **Апостол: До Галатів послання Святого Апостола Павла читання:** (Гал. 2, 16-20)

Браття та Сестри, довідавшись, що людина оправдується не ділами закону, а через віру в Ісуса Христа, ми й увірували в Христа Ісуса, щоб оправдатися нам вірою в Христа, а не ділами закону; бо ніхто не оправдається ділами закону. Коли ж, шукаючи оправдання у Христі, виявилось, що й ми самі грішники, – то неже Христос – служитель гріха? Жадним робом! Бо коли я знову відбудовую те, що зруйнував був, то я себе самого оголошую переступником. Я бо через закон для закону вмер, щоб для Бога жити: я – розп'ятий з Христом. Живу вже не я, а живе Христос у мені. А що живу тепер у тілі, то живу вірою в Божого Сина, який полюбив мене й видав себе за мене.



### **Євангеліє:** (Лк. 8,5-15)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "Вийшов сіяч сіяти своє зерно. І як він сіяв, одне впало край дороги й було потоптане, і птиці небесні його видзьобали. Друге упало на камінь і, зійшовши, висхло, бо вогкості не мало. Інше впало між тернину, і тернина, вигнавшись з ним вкупі, його заглушила. Врешті, інше впало на добру землю і, зійшовши, сторицею вродило." Кажучи це, Ісус голосно мовив: "Хто має вуха слухати, нехай слухає." Учні його спитали, що б вона могла значити, оця притча. Він сказав їм: "Вам дано знати тайни Божого Царства; іншим же в притчах, щоб вони, дивлячись, не бачили, і слухаючи, не розуміли. Ось що значить оця притча: зерно це слово Боже. Тії, що край дороги, це ті, що слухають, та потім приходять диявол і вириває геть з їх серця слово, щоб вони не увірували та й не спаслися. Ті ж, що на камені, це ті, що, почувши, з радістю приймають слово, але не маючи коріння, вірують дотепер і під час спокуси відпадають. А те, що впало між тернину, це ті, що вислухавши, ідуть, та клопоти, багатства і життєві розкоші їх душать, і вони не дають плоду. Нарешті, те, що на землі добрій, це ті, що чувши слово серцем щирим, добрим, його держать і дають плід у терпінні."

**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.**

**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, all who helped to make pierogies this past week; Mr. Lawrence Syrnyk for fixing church door, Mr. Borys and Mrs. Rachael Skorokopud donation of \$1,000.00 toward new freezer, Mr. Eldon and Mrs. Elizabeth Hnylycia \$997.30 donation for the already provided 19' chest freezer, Ms. Marie Shandalla for donating computer, every person who 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!

➤ Holy Resurrection Parish in Penticton: Sunday (Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>) Divine Liturgy donation was \$287.00

➤ Dormition of The Mother of God Parish in Kelowna: Sunday (Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>) Divine Liturgies donation was \$1,100.10

**"Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor.**

**Send down Your mercy upon all of us!"** (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**May the Almighty God bless** in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Andrew and Mrs. Karen Feniuk on their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>), Ms. Alix Washchyshyn on her birthday (Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>), Mr. George Achtymichuk on his birthday (Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Lawrence Syrnyk on his birthday (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Bill and Mrs. Anne Boitson on their wedding anniversary (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>), heavenly patron's Saint Michael and other name-days, and all our parishioners and family members 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:**

**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 BY COMING TO THE CHUCH: EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND ATTEND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY!**

**Wishing you and all your dear ones to be guided by the Holy Spirit, blessed with joy, peace and Christian love always!**

**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., Danny M, Jordan M., 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, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, John and Ann Bulych, Joseph Stetch, Rosa Maria Santos, Anita N., Ron and Verna Shoemaker, Jonas and Anne, Alyssa and Adam, Mark and Asia, Karen Feniuk, Volodymyr Melnyk, Leonard Proskow 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 his or her 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.

**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 овець, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світлом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, 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.

On behalf of our church family, assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to His Grace Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak and His relatives! **May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ place Mrs. Katherine Huculak's soul in the place where all of the saints abide, and may her memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! – Vichnaya Pamyat' – Eternal Memory!** Mrs. Huculak's funeral services will be celebrated:

- 1) Parastas and Panahyda services at 7:00 pm at the Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church (2210-40<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vernon, BC.) on Thursday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 A.D.
- 2) Funeral Day, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am at Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church (2210-40<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vernon, BC.) on Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 A.D.



✚ **Parish Executive Council meeting** will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 A.D.

✚ **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 Sat. of Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 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!

✚ **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!

✚ **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* (Matthew 19:14) We are happy to welcome all children to our Dormition of the Mother of God parish catechism program. We want your children to learn more about their orthodox faith in the Catholic Church, sacred scripture, feast days, icons, singing and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer and help, please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Marilyn Daulat or Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts.

✚ **UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE PARISH SCHOOL:** If you want your child or grandchild to learn Ukrainian language during this 2019-2020 school year – please, contact Mrs. Olena Fedorov or Dobr. Mariia Myts.

✚ **JOIN OUR CHURCH 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.

✚ **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](http://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)

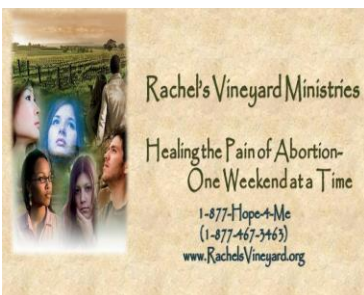
✚ If you wish to help or have any questions, suggestions, ideas about our parish community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: [Donoharmclinic@gmail.com](mailto:Donoharmclinic@gmail.com) or phone: 250-212-4899

✚ **Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish:** Perogies – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Cabbage-Rolls – \$ 6.00 per dozen. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at (250) 763-4870 or Mrs. Olena Fedorov at (778) 821-0759



✚ **Rachel's Corner:** *"Spiritually, I found reconciliation and profound healing. Emotionally, I felt freedom, peace, faith, and I had my dignity restored. I have peace, that I have never felt before."*  
-Testimonial from Retreat

Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and receive God's merciful blessings that you thought were impossible to receive, and meant for others, not you. Come and let God surprise you. He is calling you. Will you respond? Come join us on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing. [www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com)  
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## Archbishop mounts pressure for papal visit to Ukraine, says Moscow getting in the way

Archbishop Borys Gudziak, one of nearly 50 Ukrainian Greek Catholic bishops in Rome this week, says he and his fellow prelates are pushing harder than ever for a papal visit to Ukraine - a trip that he said is crucial to ending conflict in the country, but which is being held up by fear of potential reprisal from Russia.

Speaking of the ongoing conflict with Russian troops in Ukraine's eastern region, Gudziak - who heads the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia - lamented that yet another life was taken this week when a barrage of 17 missiles let loose in the conflict area.

"Almost every day someone is killed. This has been going on for five years. It's like a terrorist act in your country every day. This is thousands of terrorist acts," he told *Crux*.

"We believe that if the pope came to Ukraine, the killing would, if not stop, would lessen," the archbishop said, explaining that an invitation for a papal visit was issued a long time ago.

Gudziak said the delay in accepting the invite is due at least in part to fear over backlash from the Russian Orthodox Church, despite the pope's consistent attention to Ukraine and his frequent appeals for an end to the ongoing war with Russian separatists.

"The opinion of Moscow regarding anything significant in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has been a shadow over us for at least 50 years, since the mid-1960s," Gudziak said, explaining that fear of blowback from the Russian Orthodox definitely has "a role" in why a papal visit to Ukraine has yet to take place.

Tensions between the Russian Orthodox and Greek Catholics in Ukraine have been growing worse since the fall of communism in the Soviet Union in 1991. After Ukraine became independent from the USSR, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church asked for its properties to be returned; however, many had been given by the communist regime to the Orthodox Church, which refused to give them back.

The situation was made more precarious earlier this year, when the Patriarch of Constantinople recognized the independence of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, a move Moscow refuses to recognize. The Russian Orthodox Church accuses the Greek Catholics of supporting the split.

Gudziak said he is using the occasion of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Sept. 2-10 synod, which is taking place in Rome, to raise the issue of a papal visit with the Vatican officials they meet again after a two-day meeting between Ukrainian bishops and Vatican officials in July.

"One of the great opportunities we had for two days is to explain things, to bring things home, make them concrete with life stories," he said, adding that the meeting was "really a special occasion to give information helpful for the discernment process," and they intend to build on that in the synod.

"There is nobody, no institution has assisted Ukrainians internationally in the last 100 years as much as the Holy See," he said, explaining that although there has been no word yet about a papal visit, "we have signals that it's not out of the question."

This week's synod has brought together 47 Ukrainian Greek Catholic bishops from all over the world, and is focused on the theme, "Communion and unity in the life and testimony of the Ukrainian Church today."

The synod has drawn the participation from top clerics and Vatican officials, including a private audience with Francis himself, as well as Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin; Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Eastern Churches; and close papal ally Cardinal Angelo de Donatis, Vicar of Rome.

In July, Francis also named de Donatis apostolic administrator of the new exarchate for Ukrainian Greek Catholics living in Italy, which has become a prime destination for those fleeing poverty and war in their homeland.

In his comments to *Crux*, Gudziak explained that while the Ukrainian Greek Catholic bishops typically hold their synods in Ukraine, the reason this year's gathering is happening in Rome is because of the theme of the gathering, which focuses on unity and communion with the See of Peter.

He said he firmly believes that the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is a priority for the Vatican, as is evidenced by "unprecedented" gestures such as the two-day meeting in July, and a special collection in 2016 which raised over \$17 million to offer support to Ukrainians struggling due to the country's economic crisis and the conflict in its eastern region, some \$5 million of which was donated from the pope's own charities.

"By the war and by Putin's economic warfare, (Ukraine has) become the poorest country in terms of per capita GDP in Europe. The economy is not doing well," Gudziak said, explaining that many people are unemployed and some 10 million have left the country over the past two decades.

The ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine has also left many of its citizens scarred, with hundreds of thousands now suffering from post-traumatic shock, he said. Over 100,000 veterans have already been decommissioned, most of whom suffer psychological trauma due to the war. According to Gudziak, official numbers put the death toll at 13,000 on the Ukrainian side of the border, however, the number of casualties on the Russian side of the demarcation line, many of whom are Ukrainian citizens, is unknown.

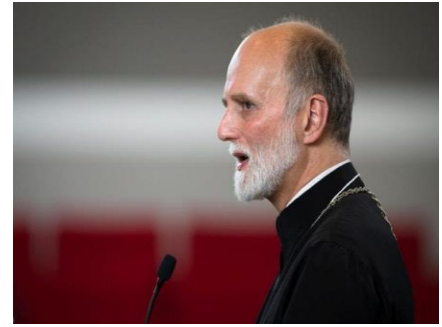
In his Sept. 3 speech to synod participants, Parolin outlined four key challenges the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is facing in the country: Evangelization, political and social issues, war and ecumenical relations, which have been complicated by the recent independence of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Gudziak said he believes these challenges in themselves are not necessarily unique to Ukraine, but they have been compounded by the country's economic crisis and its ongoing war, prompting a crisis of faith in some.

"People who face ultimate challenges often face ultimate questions," he said.

With Francis's constant attention to the poor and those on the fringes, Gudziak voiced hope that despite whatever ecumenical backlash might ensue, the pope would come to console his tired and suffering flock in Ukraine.

Gudziak said he thought a papal trip could possibly be scheduled to take place sometime in the next 24 months, saying there are numerous occasions which would provide opportunities for a visit. "Do I think it will happen? I wouldn't be surprised if it does," he said, explaining that he spoke "very passionately" about the significance of a visit to Parolin, who promised to pass the message on





to Francis. "This pope is a pope of unexpected surprises and great affinity to peoples and places that are on the edge, and Ukraine is on the edge of Europe geographically," he said. "It's enduring a war, it's been rendered the poorest country in Europe, it has 10 million migrants outside of the country."


"We have no doubt that the Holy See is in solidarity with the suffering in Ukraine, particularly with the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church," he said, but noted that institutionally, there are always hurdles to jump.

"In every big structure there are different points of view on issues and not everyone considers Ukraine as a priority," he said, explaining that in an exchange with Parolin, he insisted that a global rising of tensions and deconstruction of Catholic structures "allows us to be bold and free." "The Holy Father has shown in many ways an incisive, prophetic vision and the courage to bolt from practiced tradition and protocol," he said. "We would hope that he might move prophetically to contribute to peace in Ukraine with a grand gesture."

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