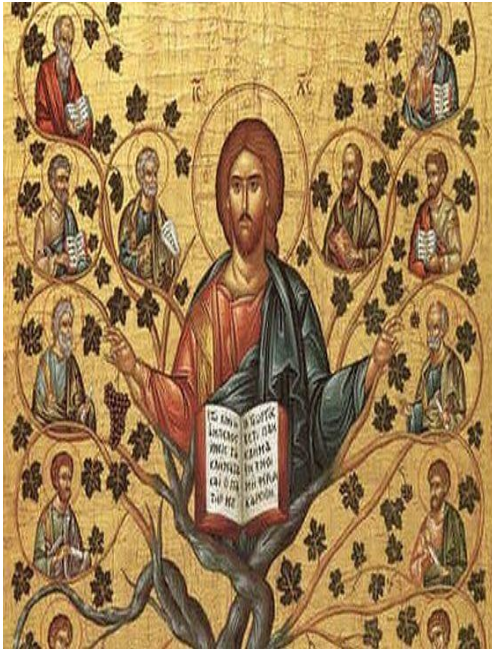


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**Українська Католицька Церква
Успення Пресвятої Богородиці**



27th Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of the Holy Ancestors
(the Forefathers from Adam, Biblical Patriarchs and the Prophets
up to Saint John the Baptist) - **December 15th, 2019 A.D.**

**“Holiness is not the luxury of a few people, but a simple duty
for you and me.”** – teaches Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST:
Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour,
Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity
and Missionary Spirit.** – Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

**‘All the challenging circumstances of our life on earth – these are for us an
invitation to active love, which is an expression of living faith!’** - Pastoral Letter of His
Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk *“The Vibrant Parish”*

**‘Всі ці прикрі явища нашого земного життя – це для нас запрошення до
чинної любові, яка є виявом живої віри.’**

- Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука *“Жива Парафія”*

Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever!

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., Dec. 16th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *repose of the souls of Mr. Leon and Mrs. Magdalen Coulas*

5:45 – 6:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

- 6:15 p.m. Moleben to the Emmanuel

Tue., Dec. 17th - 9:15 a.m. Mass will be con-celebrated at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

- 6:30 p.m. Moleben to the Emmanuel

Wed., Dec. 18th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *repose of the soul of Mr. Walter Cwenar*

(40th day memorial service requested by Mrs. Irene Kuczaba)

Fri., Dec. 20th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *repose of the soul of Mrs. Deanna Mathieu* (memorial service requested

by Immaculata High School)

5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

- 5:30 p.m. Moleben to the Emmanuel

Sat., Dec. 21st - 3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina Bible Studies (*Service in Penticton, BC*)

- 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all parishioners, families, guests and visitors*

Sunday, Dec. 22nd - 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (*Services in Kelowna, BC*)

- 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all parishioners, families, guests and visitors* (in English)

- 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all parishioners, families, guests and visitors* (in Ukrainian)



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 Probers in English language:

Troparion (Tone 2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Troparion (Tone 2): By faith You justified Your ancestors and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations. The saints exult in glory; from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed. By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 6): Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid," for You can do whatever You will.

Prokimenon (Tone 4): Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name for ever. (Dn 3:26)

Verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. (Dn 3:27)

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Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: (Col 3:4-11)

Brothers and Sisters, when Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory. Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and that lust which is idolatry. These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. Your own conduct was once of this sort, when these sins were your very life. You must put that aside now: all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner, Scythian, slave or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you.



Alleluia (Tone 4): Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name. (Ps 98:6) They called on the Lord and He heard them. (Ps 98:6)

Gospel: (Luke 14:16-24)

Jesus told this parable: "A man was giving a large dinner and he invited many. At dinner time he sent his servant to say to those invited, 'Come along, everything is ready now.' But they began to excuse themselves, one and all. The first one said to the servant, 'I have bought some land and must go out and inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going out to test them. Please excuse me.' A third said, 'I am newly married and so I cannot come.'

The servant returning reported all this to his master. The master of the house grew angry at the account. He said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

The servant reported, after some time, 'Your orders have been carried out, my lord, and there is still room.' The master then said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and along the hedgerows and force them to come in. I want my house to be full, but I tell you that not one of those invited shall taste a morsel of my dinner'."

Communion Verses: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1). Alleluia! (3x).

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Тропар (глас 2): Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне, тоді ад умертвив ти блистінням Божества. Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти, всі сили небесні взивали: Життедавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

Тропар (глас 2): Вірою праотців оправдав Ти, з народів через них ти Церкву наперед заручив. Хваляться у славі святі, бо з сімени їх є плід благословенний – та, що без сімени родила тебе. Їх молитвами, Христе Боже, помилуй нас.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 6): Рукописаному образіві не поклонившись, але неописаним єством захистившись, триблаженні, в подвизі вогню ви прославилися і, посеред нестерпного полум'я стоячи, Бога ви призывали: Поспішишь, о, Щедрий, і скоро прийди як милостивий нам на поміч, бо Ти можеш, якщо воля Твоя.

Прокімен (глас 4): Благословен єси, Господи, Боже отців наших, і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я Твоє на віки.

Стих: Бо праведний єси у усьому, що сотворив Ти нам. (Дан. 3:26-27)

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Апостол: До Клосян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Кол. 3, 4-11)

Браття і Сестри, коли ж Христос, ваше життя, з'явиться, тоді й ви з ним з'явитесь у славі. Умертвлюйте, отже, ваші земні члени: розпусту, нечистоту, пристрасті, лиху пожадливість, зажерливість – що є ідолопоклонство. За все це падає гнів Божий на неслухняних. Ви самі нещодавно поводитися так само, коли жили в тому. Тепер же відкиньте й ви все те геть від себе: гнів, лютість, злобу, наклеп, сороміцькі слова з ваших уст! Не говоріть неправди одне одному, бо ви з себе скинули стару людину з її ділами й одягнулися в нову, що відновлюється до досконалого спізнання, відповідно до образу свого Творця. Тим то немає грека, ні юдея, ні обрізаня, ні необрізаня, ні варвара, ні скита, ні невольника, ні вільного, а все й у усьому – Христос.



Алилуя (глас 4): Мойсей і Арон між єреями його і Самуїл між тими, що призивають ім'я його (Пс. 98, 6). Призивали Господа і він вислухав їх (Пс. 98, 6).

Євангеліє: (Лк. 14, 16-24)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "Один чоловік справив вечерю велику й запросив багатьох. Під час вечері послав він слугу свого сказати запрошеним: Ідіть, усе готове. Тоді всі вони однаково почали відмовлятися. Перший йому сказав: Поле купив я, мушу піти на нього подивитись; вибач мені, прошу тебе. Другий сказав: П'ять пар волів купив я і йду їх спробувати; прошу тебе, вибач мені. А інший мовив: Я одружився і тому не можу прийти. Повернувся слуга й розповів це панові своєму. Розгнівався тоді господар та й каже до слуги свого: Іди щоскоріш на майдани й вулиці міста й приведи сюди вбогих, калік,

сліпих, кульгавих. Пане, – озваєсь слуга, – сталося, як ти велів, і місця є ще. Сказав пан до слуги: Піди на шляхи та огорожі й наполягай увійти, щоб дім мій наповнився. Кажу бо вам: Ніхто з отих запрошених не покуштує моєї вечері.”

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах (Пс. 148, 1). Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала (Пс 32, 1). Алілуя (х3).

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 baked prosfora, spent many hours volunteering by decorating beautiful Christmas gifts-souvenirs in support of children and youth ministry, everyone who worked for our parish annual Christmas Food Sale Bazaar, all who organized and attended Christmas-social of our parish community in Penticton, every person who knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, care and help our parish community to share unity by keeping and sharing missionary spirit, 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 (Dec. 8th) Divine Liturgy donation was \$ 306.00
- Dormition of The Mother of God Parish in Kelowna: Sunday (Dec. 8th) Divine Liturgies donation was \$ 1,394.00

“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. Olga Bohun on her birthday (Dec. 16th), Mrs. Nina Sora on her birthday (Dec. 16th), to Mr. Rolli Cacchioni on his birthday (Dec. 17th), Mrs. Gloria Dudych on her birthday (Dec. 21st), and all our parishioners and family members who celebrate their birthdays and 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 Huziak, George and Mary Dashkewytch, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitiski, 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; your spiritual fathers, 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 or 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: 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.

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 кожночасно 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 славилосся, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



✚ **Annual Celebration of Saint Nicholas Day** will take place at our parish after the Divine Liturgy today.

✚ **Special collections to purchase Christmas Flowers** will be organized on Sundays of Dec. 15th and Dec. 22nd, 2019 A.D.

✚ **Parish Council Meeting** is at 7:00 pm on Monday of Dec. 16th, 2019 A.D

✚ **CHRISTMAS CAROLLING on Dec. 26th, 2019 A.D.:** All English and Ukrainian speaking parishioners wishing to be visited or participate at our parish Christmas carolling, please contact Mrs. Olena Fedorov, Dob. Marichka or Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts. Please, sign.

✚ **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!

✚ **Volunteers for Sunday coffee socials and clean-ups are needed** – please put your name on the calendar posted in the church hall. **It is not right that the same couple of parishioners organize and do all the cleaning all the time.** If you can help out, please, please care! 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! **Every parishioner is personally responsible before God for our spiritual home-parish church!**

✚ **NOTE:** If you wish to place your message or announcement into our weekly parish bulletin, please sent it by email to the office at dormitionkelowna@gmail.com **by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.**

✚ **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.

✚ **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 or phone: 250-212-4899**



'KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS' - as part of our parish fundraiser these special magnets are available for purchase at a donation of \$ 5.00. By placing on our cars, a magnet KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS, prepared by the Knights of Columbus, we evangelize silently and verbally through this wonderful Christian symbol. In addition, by purchasing this magnet we also support our parish, since all money collected in our parish for these magnets are donated by the Knights of Columbus to our parish.



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, possitive and generous!**



TAX RECEIPTS: To ensure that you receive a tax receipt for your church donations, please, make sure to write you name, and registered with our parish envelope number (membership number) is written ny you at a specially prepared for you church donation envelope can be found by the weekly bulletin in the church vestibule.



Rachel's Corner: *"He reveals deep and hidden things and knows what is in the darkness, for the light dwells with him."* - Daniel 2:22

Have you been hiding your shame and regret in a deep and dark place within, remembering how you participated in an abortion decision, and hoping no one would ever know? God knows. He wants to help you be free of that burden and discover merciful forgiveness. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and receive the forgiveness you are seeking.

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"Christmas Candle" - "Різдвяна свічка" - since 2012 our Eparchy has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. Our fundraising program, "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" is part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. We have had great momentum over the last few years raising over \$20,000 with support from our BC Parishes as well as Parishes in other Provinces and parts of the United States.

The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during the Christmas season with a voluntary donation. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Candle and include it with the Sunday collection at any Ukrainian Catholic Church in BC. Donations over \$20 are eligible to receive a tax receipt if requested and cheques can be made out to your Parish with Christmas Candle Project in the Memo. We thank you for your past support and generosity and ask that you continue supporting this appeal as part of your Christmas tradition. ***When you take — you fill your hand. When you give — you fill your heart.***


Caritas is an organization that is supported and approved by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk and His Excellency Bishop Ken Nowakowski. 100% of the proceeds go to Caritas Ukraine. For more information, please contact the coordinators Dana Koren Lupynis, Natalia Lupynis or Emelia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at Caritas "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.

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

Ideas to help to prepare for the Nativity of Jesus Christ

- Clean house together in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ.
- Sing a well-known song together that speaks of the coming of the Messiah.
- Make an ornament for your family Christmas tree.
- Offer a prayer of thanks for someone who went out of their way to make your day better.
- Look at everything your family does to prepare for Christmas and how you can all share these tasks.
- As a family, go without snacks or even a meal. Contribute the money saved to a local soup kitchen or food pantry.
- Bake and decorate Christmas cookies as a family. Keep half and give the rest away.
- Donate a package of heavy-weight socks to your local homeless shelter.
- Locate Israel and Bethlehem on a globe or world map. Pray for peace in the land and continent of Jesus' birth.

Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas! The Real Reason for the Season!

 **Ukrainian Catholic Church interactive map:** as Christmas season is approaching some of you will be travelling and visiting your friends and families not only in Ukraine, Canada, U.S.A. We want to ensure that you as Christian can find a Ukrainian Catholic parish in different parts of the world. Please check out this interactive map of our parishes throughout the world where you can find parish near you: <http://map.ugcc.ua/>



**Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster**

To The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Religious and Lay-Faithful
Of the Eparchy of New Westminster

10 December 2019

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

By the publication of this letter in our Eparchy and in our Parishes, I am proclaiming the beginning of the process of the New Westminster Eparchial Sobor 2020.

Every four or five years, the Patriarch of our Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church announces a Patriarchal Sobor, or it could also be called a Patriarchal (meaning worldwide) Assembly. These Sobors/Assemblies always follow a theme. In the past we have had Sobors on the themes of “The Vibrant Parish” (held in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine in 2015), “Monastic and Religious Professed Life” (held in Prudentopolis, Brazil in 2011), and “The Youth” (held near Kyiv in 2007). Prior to the Patriarchal Sobor, each Eparchy is mandated to hold its own Sobor to discuss certain questions related to the Patriarchal Sobor, and then, based on these discussions, make recommendations to the organizing committee of the Patriarchal Sobor to bring into the discussion of the Patriarchal Sobor.

In 2020, the Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor (including the bishops, clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church from all continents) will gather for its VII session in Lviv, Ukraine, August 26-29. This is a very important event in the life of our Church, as the Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor is not only an advisory body for the Head of the Church and the Synod of Bishops, but also expresses the fullness and unity of all the members of our Church.

The theme of the VII Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor in 2020 is “Emigration, settlements and the global unity of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.” The main motto is: “The Church is with you always and everywhere.” As mentioned in the post-synodal Pastoral letter of this year on Communion and Unity in the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, “Our Church is no longer a local reality, limited to a particular territory or pastoral context. Today she is at the same time global and particular, Ukrainian and multi-national.” The VII Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor aims to broadly analyze the challenges which stand before the global Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, to help us find the best ways to “gather those who have been dispersed,” and to grow in the communion of our autonomous Church. Therefore, its chief task is a common search for mechanisms to build our unity at the parish, eparchial/exarchial, metropolitan and global levels.

Each Eparchy is to hold a pre-Patriarchal Sobor meeting. Given that our Eparchy covers a huge territory, and that it might be difficult for all of our parishes to actively participate in one Eparchial pre-Patriarchal Sobor meeting, we will hold a few regional meetings.

1. The North (our parish in Prince George): on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

6:30 p.m. Welcome and moleben to the Holy Spirit in the Church
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Discussion on the questions previously submitted to you for discussion at the parish level (see below)
8:30 p.m. Refreshments

• The Interior (our parishes in Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon and Grindrod):
Saturday, February 8, 2020 at our parish in Kamloops.

10:30 a.m. Welcome and moleben to the Holy Spirit in the Church
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Discussion on the questions previously submitted to you for discussion at the parish level (see below)
1:00 p.m. Lunch, followed by departures

1. Vancouver Island (our parishes in Victoria and Nanaimo): Saturday, February 15, 2020
at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Nanaimo.

11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Discussion on the questions previously submitted to you for discussion at the parish level (see below), followed by departures

4. Greater-Vancouver (our parishes in Vancouver, New Westminster, Surrey and Richmond): Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Holy Cross Parish in Surrey.

10:30 a.m. Welcome and moleben to the Holy Spirit in the Church
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Discussion on the questions previously submitted to you for discussion at the parish level (see below)
1:00 pm. Lunch, followed by departures

At these regional meetings, I would like to request that three delegates and the parish priest represent each parish. Of course, other parish members who would like to attend and provide their input also are invited to the meeting in their area. Please confirm to me one week prior to your regional meeting the exact number of persons who will be attending including yourself. This will allow us to have any printed materials prepared in advanced ready and also to insure that we are able to provide those present with hospitality (food, refreshments, etc.).

I would like to invite those parishes with an active UCWLC branch to also ensure that there is at least one delegate extra from that parish attending the regional Sobor. Furthermore, I would like to invite the executive of the Eparchial UCWLC to participate in the Greater Vancouver regional Sobor on 22 February by sending three delegates.

In order to assist you in preparing for these regional meetings, please discuss the following questions at the parish level (and at the UCWLC Eparchial Executive level). This may be done either on a formal basis or even informally. You may wish to print out these questions on paper and at a few Sundays prior to our regional meeting at the coffee/social time after Divine Liturgy spend some time discussing this together and taking rough notes as to what has been proposed. These questions also can be discussed at your parish council meetings.

Regional Sobor Questions:

Question 1: Connecting with our heritage – Why have you remained or what has led you to become a Ukrainian Greek Catholic? What aspects of UGCC’s spiritual heritage and history, or cultural heritage and history, are especially important to you?

Question 2: Engaging with our present – Why are you a Ukrainian Greek Catholic today? Which spiritual practices or cultural practices are important to your engagement with your faith today? Do you know the faith stories of the other people in your parish?

Question 3: Ideas for our future – How can the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church’s expression of our Christian faith continue to remain important in your life, in the life of your community, and for our future generations?

The parish priest and the parish delegates should be well aware of the local responses to these questions and bring them to the regional Sobor as a basis of further discussion.

Fr. Andriy Malysh, our parish priest in Surrey, who is also an advisor to Patriarch Sviatoslav, will join me at these regional meetings. Fr. Andriy will be one of our delegates to the Patriarchal Sobor. Mrs. Christine Riek, a parishioner of our Cathedral parish in New Westminster will also join us at these regional meetings. Fr. Malysh and Mrs. Riek will assist me in the formation of our Eparchial recommendations that we will be submitting to the Patriarchal Sobor/Assembly Secretariat soon after we have completed our Eparchial regional Sobor meetings.

After the Patriarchal Sobor/Assembly the Secretariat of the Patriarchal Sobor will compile all of the deliberations and recommendations brought forward during the meeting in August by the delegates representing our Church structures from around the world to the annual Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops. Our recommendations will then assist our Patriarch and the Bishops to further develop pastoral plans that will be implemented and become part of our ministry with regard to “Emigration, settlements and the global unity of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.”

As we prepare for our Eparchial regional Sobor meetings, I would like to ask that our Lord send His Holy Spirit to lead us in our discussions and deliberations on this topic at our parishes and at our Eparchial regional Sobor meetings.

With prayerful best wishes,



+ Ken
Eparchial Bishop

2019-2020 CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES

24th December (Tuesday) – CHRISTMAS EVE / НАВЕЧІР'Я РІЗДВА (New, Gregorian Calendar)

3:30 PM – Great Compline Service followed by the Divine Liturgy

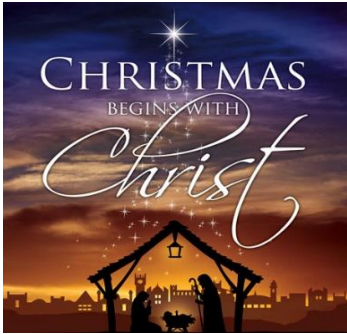
Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil (**Service in Penticton, BC**)

9:00 PM – Great Compline Service followed by the Divine Liturgy

Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)

25th December (Wednesday) – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD / РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)



26th December (Thursday) – Synaxis of the BVM / Собор Богородиці

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

27th December (Friday) – First Martyr Stephen / Первомученика Стефана

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

31st December (Tuesday) – New Year's Eve

4:30 PM – Moleben: *Thanksgiving for God's blessings and graces received in 2019*



Blessed and Happy New 2020 Year of the Lord!

1st January (Wednesday) – The Circumcision of our Lord, Saint Basil the Great, New Year's Day.

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil. (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)

4th January (Saturday) – 4:00 PM – The Divine Liturgy followed by Great Blessing of Water

and Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil (**Service in Penticton, BC**)

5th January (Sunday) – THEOPHANY EVE / НАВЕЧІР'Я БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ (ЙОРДАН)

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil. (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)

Great Blessing of Water followed by Theophany/Epiphany-Christmas Lunch, Caroling and Christian movie presentation.

(Theophany-Christmas lunch attending sign up list will be available at the church hall.)

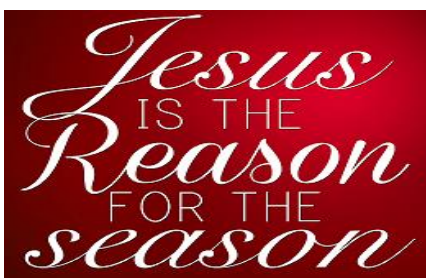
6th January (Monday) – FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY / БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ (ЙОРДАН)

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil. (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)

7th January (Tuesday) – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD / РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ (Old, Julian Calendar)

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy(*in Ukrainian language*); Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil. (**Service in Kelowna, BC**)

(Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing and Pastoral Annual Visitations schedule sign up list to arrange the actual date between January 9th and January 31st, 2020 will be available at the entrance to the church and at the church hall.)





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