

**Dormition of the Mother of God  
Ukrainian Catholic Church**

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**Sunday before Theophany / Неділя перед Богоявленням**

Theophany Eve, The Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas (284-305),  
the Venerable Syncletica - January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 A.D.



**‘Jesus’ love goes before us, His look anticipates our needs. He can see beyond appearances, beyond sin, beyond failures and unworthiness. He sees beyond our rank in society. He sees beyond this, to our dignity as sons and daughters, a dignity at times sullied by sin, but one which endures in the depth of our soul.’ – 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 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: Christ Is Born! – Let us glorify Him! Chrystos Rozhdaiet'sia! – Slavimo Yoho!  
Христос Рождається! - Славімо Його! Christ is among us! - He is and will be!**

**Liturgical and Sacramental Celebrations:**

Mon., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - **FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY / ЕПІФАНІЯ / БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ (ЙОРДАН)**

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

Tue., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> - **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD / РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ (according to Old, Julian Calendar)**

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

**7:00 PM** – Parasts and Panakhyda/Evening Memorial Services: *repose of the soul of Mrs. Larissa Fearn*s

Wedn., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - **Funeral Day– 10:00 AM** – Divine Liturgy: *repose of the soul of Mrs. Larissa Fearn*s (requested by The Family)

Fri., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *repose of the soul of Mrs. Lilly Annie Sitter*

(memorial service requested by Mr. Leo Brazeau)

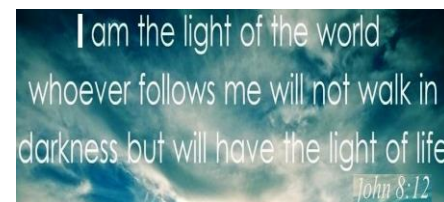
Sat., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - **3:40 p.m.** Lectio Divina Bible Studies (Service in Penticton, BC)

- **4:00 p.m.** – The Divine Liturgy: *God’s blessings for all parishioners*

Sunday, Jan. 12<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* (in English)

- **11:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God’s blessings for all parishioners* (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 Propers in English language:**

**Troparion (tone 5):** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death\* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

**Troparion (tone 4):** After Elijah had gone up to heaven, Elisha threw his mantle in the Jordan River which parted, opening a way, a dry path between two walls of water, where he could pass, a true symbol of our baptism by which we pass through this fleeting life. Christ has been seen at the Jordan River to sanctify the waters.

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



**Kontakion** (tone 5): You, my Saviour, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind. And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

**Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Kontakion** (tone 5): O most compassionate Christ Who absolves our sins in the depth of your mercy, you came to be baptized with the water of the Jordan. You robed me in splendour\* replacing my ancient garment of evil.

**Prokeimenon** (tone 6): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. (Psalm 28:9)

**Verse:** Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (Psalm 28:1)

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**Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy: (2 Timothy 4:5-8)**

"As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

**Alleluia** (tone 8): God, be merciful to us and bless us. (Psalm 66:1)

Make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us. (Psalm 66:2)

**Gospel: (Mark 1:1-8)**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1). **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Літургійні частини Українською мовою:**

Згідно Типікону в цей день служиться літургія Святого Йоана Золотоустого

**Тропар** (глас 5): Рівнобездначальне з Отцем і Духом Слово, що від Діви народилося на спасіння наше, прославмо, вірні, і поклонімся, бо Воно благозволило тілом зійти на хрест і смерть перетерпіти, і воскресити померлих славним воскресінням Своім.

**Тропар** (глас 4): Готуйся, Завулоне, красуйся, Нефталіме, Йордане ріко, стань, радісно приймай Владику, що йде хреститися. Веселися, Адаме, з праматір'ю, не скривайтесь, як колись у раю, бо той, що бачив вас нагими, явився, щоб зодягнути в первісну одягу. Христос явився, хочаби оновити всю твар.

**+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.**

**Кондак** (глас 5): До аду, Спасе мій, зійшов Ти і врата сокрушив Ти як всесильний, умерлих як Творець воскресив з собою і смерті жало сокрушив Ти, і Адам від клятви ізбавився, Чоловіколюбче. Тому і всі зовемо: Спаси нас, Господи.

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

**Кондак** (глас 4): У струях днесь Йординових був Господь, каже Йоанові: Не бійся мене хрестити, я бо прийшов спасти Адама первозданного.

**Прокімен** (глас 6): Спаси, Господи, людей твоїх і благослови насліддя твоє (Пс. 27,9).

**Стих:** До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайся мовчки від мене (Пс. 27,1).

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**Апостол: До Тимотея друге послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (2 Тм. 4, 5-8)**

Будь тверезим у всьому, знось напасті, виконуй працю євангелиста, виконуй твою службу. Бо я вже готовий на ливну жертву, і час мого відходу настає. Я боровся доброю борнею, скінчив біг – віру зберіг. Тепер же приготований мені вінок справедливості, що його дасть мені того дня Господь, справедливий Суддя; та не лише мені, але всім тим, що з любов'ю чекали на його появу.

**Алилуя** (глас 8): Боже, ущедри нас і благослови нас (Пс. 66,1). Просвіти лице твоє на нас і помилуй нас (Пс. 66,2).

**Євангеліє: (Мр. 1, 1-8)**

Початок Євангелії Ісуса Христа, Сина Божого. Як написано в пророка Ісаї: "Ось я посилаю мого посланця перед тобою, який приготує тобі дорогу. Голос вопіючого в пустині: Готуйте Господеві дорогу, вирівняйте стежки його", – так виступив Йоан, хрестивши у пустині та проповідуючи хрищення покаяння на прощення гріхів. І виходили до нього – вся країна Юдейська та всі єрусалимляни, хрестились від нього в ріці Йордані й визнавали гріхи свої. Йоан одягнений був в одягу з верблужого волосу й носив ремінний пояс на своїх бедрах, а їв сарану й мед дикий. І проповідував, кажучи: "Слідом за мною іде сильніший від мене, що йому я недостойний, нахилившись, розв'язати реміньця його сандалів. Я вас хрестив водою, а він хреститиме Святим Духом."

**Причасний:** Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах (Пс. 148,1). Алилуя (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, volunteers who voluntarily spent many hours by preparing delicious Ukrainian food for traditional annual Prosfora dinner at the parish kitchen on Saturday (Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>), 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. 29<sup>th</sup>) Divine Liturgy donation was \$ 151.00
- Dormition of The Mother of God Parish in Kelowna: Sunday (Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>) Divine Liturgies donation was \$ 830.00

***“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. Olena Fedorov on her birthday (Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>), all those parishioners who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's /saint's Ivan/John (Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>) name-days, wedding anniversaries, Christmas/Nativity in the Flesh/Birthday of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and beginning of New 2020 Year of the Lord, Theophany and Jordan celebrations 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 PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LUNCH ‘SPIL’NA PROSFORA’, CARROLING, WATCHING ‘NATIVITY STORY’ FILM AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH HALL FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY AND THE GREAT BLESSING OF THE JORDAN WATERS 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 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, Marilyn Daulat and Family, 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.*

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**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. Скріпленою нас Твоєю 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 Твоєю 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 згоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилася, 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 Mr. Kent Fearn and his children, Mrs. Marilyn Daulat, all their family members, relatives and friends! **May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ place our sister in Christ parishioner Mrs. Larissa Fearn; soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may her memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! – Vichnaya Pamyat'! – Вічна Пам'ять!**

✚ **Annual Great Blessing of the Water, Christmas and Theophany lunch is today on Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 A.D.**  
Thank you for your donations which will help to cover expences spent on food preparation.

✚ **Old/Julian Calendar Christmas celebration and potluck lunch** is on Tuesday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 A.D. Please, sign up.

✚ **Volunteers help is needed to make perogies starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday of January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 A.D.** It is a good time to help our parish fundraisers and socialize together. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbours! More helpers come – easier and faster the work is done! Please, come to help!

✚ **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 fare and it is not right that the same couple of parishioners always organize and do all the cleaning all the time.** If you can help out, please, be responsible and thoughtful! Your help by volunteering 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](mailto: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](mailto:Donoharmclinic@gmail.com) or phone: 250-212-4899

✚ **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, positive and generous!**



**Rachel's Corner:** *"I had no idea, when we made the decision, that it would affect me in the way it has. I thought it was all about her, and it wound up being all about all of us. Rachel's Vineyard helped me acknowledge my child, and now I carry him in my heart. Now I know I am forgiven, and I have a son."* -Male Testimonial

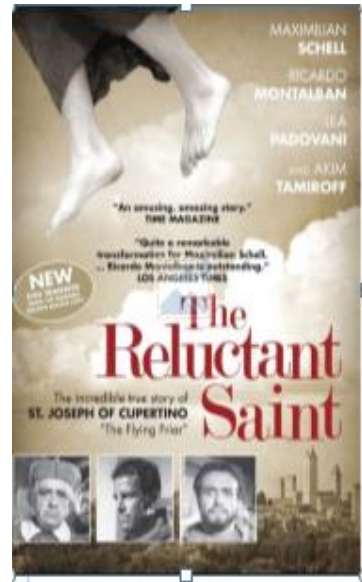


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**Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing and Pastoral Annual Visitations** sign up list to arrange the actual date between January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>. 2020 is available at the entrance to the church and at the church hall.



### Why Do We Bless Homes?

The blessing of homes constitutes an invocative blessing, meaning that by his prayer and by the sprinkling of Holy Water the priest invokes God's blessings and protection upon the home and those living in it. We bless homes for many reasons:

- to reveal the home as what God had created it to be, a way to Heaven
- to rid the home of every evil † to show that the family is a small Church unit in Christ
- to consecrate the home and all activity in it to God †to fill the home and all who live in it with the fullness of God

Traditionally, the priest personally visits all his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany. By sanctifying our homes we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings.

Just as our souls, so also our homes become tainted by the sins of those living in them and consequently lose God's protective power. We cleanse our souls of sins at least once a year and the church is blessed with the newly blessed water every year, so should our homes be sanctified with Holy Water to invoke God's blessings and protection on it and its inhabitants. As we renew the insurance on our home every year, so we should renew our insurance of God's protection and His blessing which is of greater importance and more effective.

**What should we do during a home blessing?** As we welcome our priest during the holy season of Theophany to bless our home, let us be mindful that he is bringing to us the "blessing of the Jordan," and that unless God protects and blesses our home, we "labour in vain." (Ps. 12 7:1)

Each family is considered a small church and the family table is the home altar. When the priest comes, have as many family members there as possible. If you do not have an icon corner, ensure that you set up a place for prayer either at the kitchen or dining table. On the table include an icon and a lit candle. You may also include anything that you may want to have blessed (i.e. icon, cross, personal item, etc.) Make sure that the lights are on in every room. The priest will begin the blessing at the icon corner or table. If you have children, they may lead the priest, while holding a candle, to each room in the house. This is also a wonderful time for you and your priest to visit and to get to know each other better.



**Movie: "The Reluctant Saint" with Rev. Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:00 pm in the hall of Saint Charles Garnier Roman Catholic Church.** Maximilian Schell stars as "the flying friar", St. Joseph of Cupertino, in this heartwarming and amazing true story of the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of 17<sup>th</sup> century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott (Ricardo Montalban) to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest. Yet some are convinced that it is the devil, not God, who is responsible for Joseph's miraculous powers until a final miracle reveals to all his true sanctity.



**Bequests and Wills:** Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process.

*In your kindness please remember Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC and Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in*

Lord  
 Bless our home  
 as we come and go.

Bless our home  
 as our children grow.

Bless our families  
 as they gather in;

Bless our home  
 with love and friends.



their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8 or to Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and it's needs and pastoral ministry."



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Sincerely, Jerry Villeneuve, G K.



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