

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

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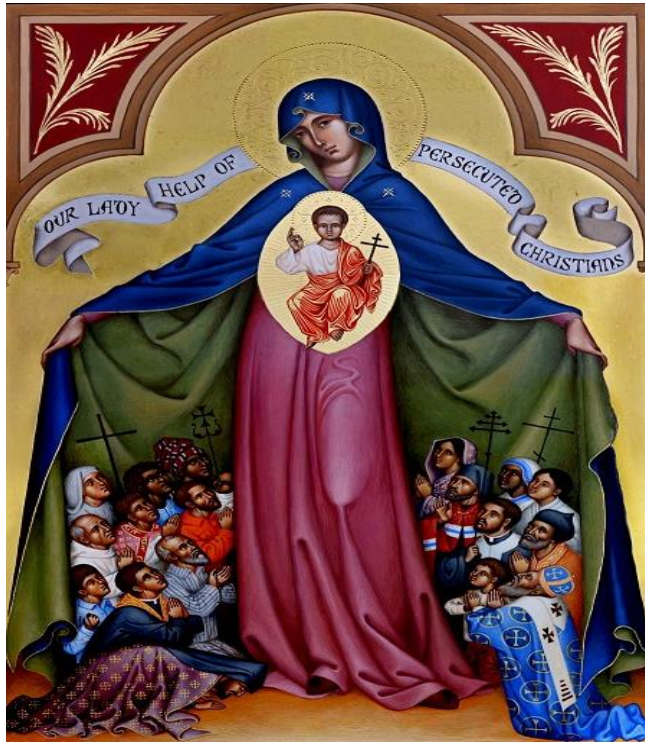
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SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS; CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY

February 23rd, 2020 A. D.

“O Master, Guide to Wisdom, Bestower of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Defender of the poor ones; make firm my heart and give it understanding. Give me a word, O Word of the Father: Behold, I shall not stop my lips from crying out to You: In Your mercy, have mercy on me who am fallen.” – Kontakion of the Sunday of Forgiveness prayerfully reminds all of us today

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



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 celebrations during week:

Bible readings for 1st week of the Great Fast/Lent:

Monday: Genesis 1:1-13; Proverbs 1:1-20 & Isaiah 1:1-20; Tuesday: Genesis 1:14-23; Proverbs 1:20-33 & Isaiah 1:19-2:3;

Wednesday: Genesis 1:24-2:3; Proverbs 2:1-22 & Isaiah 2:3-11; Thursday: Genesis 2:4-19; Proverbs 3:1-18 & Isaiah 2:11-22;

Friday: Genesis 2:20-3:20; Proverbs 3:19-34 & Isaiah 3:1-14.

Mon., Feb. 24th (**Beginning of the Great Fast/Lent**) - 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Tue., Feb. 25th – 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *repose of the soul of Mrs. Larissa Fearn* (requested by our parish pastoral team)

Wed., Feb. 26th - 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: *Birthday intentions of Laurette O'Connor and Kallal Families*

Thurs., Feb. 27th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *Intentions for Lucie Boucher's friend*

Fri., Feb. 28th - 9:00 a.m. Sorokousty/Memorial Service for deceased parishioners and family members

Sat., Feb. 29th - 11:00 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy: In thanksgiving of His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop Ken Nowakowski episcopal ministry at our Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster in Canada

(Service will be celebrated at Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in New Westminster, BC)

Sunday, March 1st - 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)

- 2:40 p.m. Lectio Divina Bible Studies **(Service in Penticton, BC)**

- 3:00 p.m. – The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all parishioners*



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 4th, text from book “*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*”; pages 95-97

Epistle: *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:* (Rom. 13:11 - 14:4)

Brethren: It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as in daylight; not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

Extend a kind welcome to those who are weak in faith. Do not enter into disputes with them. A man of sound faith knows he can eat anything, while one who is weak in faith eats only vegetables. The man who will eat anything must not ridicule him who abstains from certain foods; the man who abstains must not sit in judgment on him who eats. After all, God himself has made him welcome. Who are you to pass judgment on another's servant? His master alone can judge whether he stands or falls. And stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Gospel: (Matthew 6:14 - 21)

The Lord said: "If you forgive the faults of others, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours. If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you.

When you fast, you are not to look glum as the hypocrites do. They change the appearance of their faces so that others may see they are fasting. I assure you, they are already repaid.

When you fast, see to it that you groom your hair and wash your face. In that way no one can see you are fasting but your Father who is hidden; and your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.

Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure. Moths and rust corrode; thieves break in and steal. Make it your practice instead to store up heavenly treasure, which neither moths nor rust corrode, nor thieves break in and steal. Remember, where your treasure is, there your heart is also."

At the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war:

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

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

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

Апостол: До Римлян Послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Рим. 13,11 - 14,4)

Браття і Сестри, вже пора вам прокинутись із сну: тепер бо ближче нас спасіння, ніж тоді, як ми увірували. Ніч проминула, день наблизився. Відкиньмо, отже, вчинки темряви й одягнімось у зброю світла. Як день, – поведімося чесно: не в ненажерстві та пияцтві, не в перелюбі та розпусті, не у сварні та заздрощах; але вдягніться у Господа Ісуса Христа і не дбайте про тіло задля похотей.

Слабкого в вірі приймайте, не вступаючи з ним у суперечки. Один вірить, що можна все їсти, а слабкий (у вірі) їсть городину. Хто їсть, хай тим, що не їсть, не гордує; а хто не їсть, хай того, що їсть, не судить, бо Бог його прийняв. Ти хто такий, що чужого слугу судиш? Своему господареві стоїть він або падає; а стоятиме, бо Господь має силу втримати його.

Євангеліє: (Мт. 6, 14 - 21)

Сказав Господь: "Коли ви прощатимете людям їхні провини, то й Отець ваш небесний простить вам. А коли ви не будете прощати людям, то й Отець ваш небесний не простить вам провин ваших. Коли ж ви постите, не будьте сумні, як лицеміри: бо вони виснажують своє обличчя, щоб було видно людям, мовляв, вони постять. Істинно кажу вам: Вони вже мають свою нагороду.

Ти ж, коли постиш, намасти свою голову й умий своє обличчя, щоб не показати людям, що ти постиш, але Отцеві твоєму, що перебуває в тайні; і Отець твій, що бачить таємне, віддасть тобі. Не збирайте собі скарбів на землі, де міль і хробацтво нівечить, і де підкопують злодії і викрадають. Збирайте собі скарби на небі, де ні міль, ані хробацтво не нівечить і де злодії не пробивають стін і не викрадають. Бо де твій скарб, там буде і твоє серце."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЦИРО 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, 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: shared their ideas, replaced electric switches at the rectory, attended the funeral of Mr. Huziak and organized lunch, organized and attended pierogies making, 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 (Feb. 16th) Divine Liturgy donation was \$ 187.00
- Dormition of The Mother of God Parish in Kelowna: Sunday (Feb. 16th) Divine Liturgies donation was \$ 631.00

"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 Mr. Nick Lalach on his birthday (Feb. 24th), Mrs. Beverly Stom on her birthday (Feb. 24th), Mr. Bill Chernetsky on his birthday (Feb. 24th), Carlie Dudych on her birthday (Feb. 25th), Mrs. Alexandra Vedress on her birthday (Feb. 26th), Raelene Lalach on her birthday (Feb. 27th), Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Shelley Verhelst on their 27th wedding anniversary (Feb. 29th), and to all those parishioners 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.



YOU FAITHFULLY FULFILLED GOD'S COMMANDMENT AND YOUR CHRISTIAN OBLIGATION.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHURCH TODAY! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH HALL AFTER THE SERVICES 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., Danny M, Jordan M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George and Mary Dashkewych, 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 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, Shelley Zemliak, and all members of our parish family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends and neighbours; 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, those who love us and those who hate us, 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.



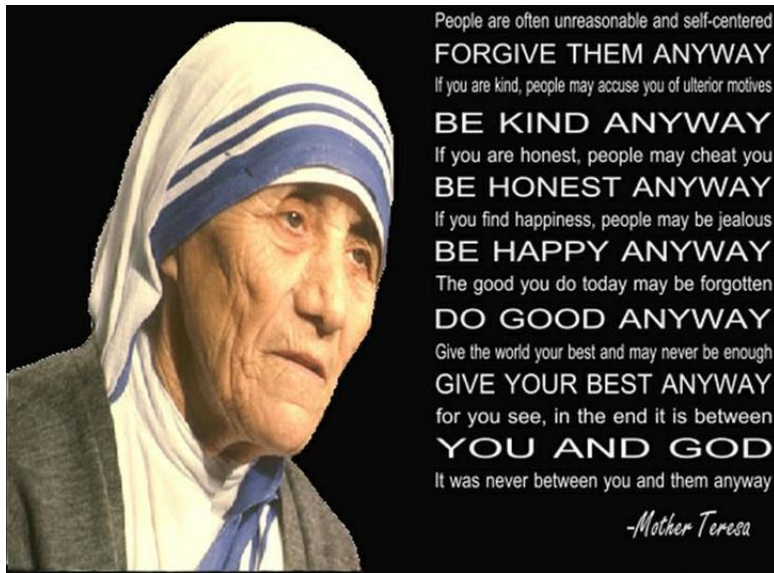
Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the 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 Твоею 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 Твоею мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дїбр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоею спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих дїл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



❖ **FIRST DAY OF LENT/The Great Fast starts tomorrow, on Monday, February 24th. Please note that both the First day of the Great Fast/Lent, as well as Good Friday, are two days of the strictest fasting.** On these days we refrain from consuming meat, eggs and dairy products. Wishing you a blessed and spiritually enriching the Great Fast/Lenten Journey!

Communal Right of Mutual Forgiveness



Explanation: Our Christian faith has been preserved through the ages in 2 ways: Scripture (written) and Tradition (verbal). Since parts of the second one are sometimes forgotten, the Church now is trying to bring them back into practice. One such practice of our Christian tradition is the Order of "Fraternal Reconciliation", a beautiful and meaningful practice of the ancient church community. Nowadays, it is most preserved in the monasteries and is being brought back by many of our parishes. After the Liturgy you are invited to participate in this Order. When the disciples of the Lord asked him to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1- 13), He left us with what we refer to as the Lord's Pray - the "Our Father". In this prayer we pray as a community or family, we do not say "My Father who is in Heaven..." we pray: "Our Father..." We ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Before beginning our Great Lent Journey, together as a parish community or family, it is important for us to express our desire to seek forgiveness for anything that we may have done; that may have hurt

or offended another in the past year or during our life time. It is also important to extend our forgiveness to others so that we can be free of these heavy burdens, and walk together as a family and as true sons and daughters of God! This Communal Right of Mutual Forgiveness is not the Mystery/Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) nor does it replace that Mystery/Sacrament, but rather is a tangible sign to each other of our willingness to forgive. It is a moment during which we can experience being forgiven as well as extending forgiveness. Hence there is no need to name our offenses, but rather with total sincerity in our hearts we us say to each other: "Forgive me my brother/sister" and answer with sincerity and love, "May God have mercy on you and know that I forgive you."

Priest: Humbly bowing our heads and knees, let us pray to the Lord.

Faithful: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, the hope of all the lands of this earth and of those who are far at sea and high in the air, you gave us these holy days of Lent through your laws and prophets, thus giving us an example of penance and the mortification of our passions. You yourself after the fulfillment of time came in body to this world and having fasted forty days and forty nights you instituted and sanctified the Lent. Therefore, being generous and merciful, bless us all, that we may in perfect penitence, in true humility, in prayers and profound bows, in hunger and thirst, and frequent kneeling, in the contriteness of our heart, we may begin these holy days of Lent, and without sin and with a clean conscience to complete them, by guarding the true faith and to become victors over sin. Bestow unto us an Angel of peace that he would guard our lives, that they would not be endangered or destroyed by the visits of the enemy or evil circumstances.

Teach us to always do good, strengthen us by your power for this Lenten struggle against our passions, to cleanse our souls and bodies, that we may be worthy and without judgment to receive communion of your most Holy Body and most precious and life-giving Blood. For you are the God of graces and mercies and lover of mankind, and desire that all would be saved. We give glory to you and to your eternal Father, and to your Most Holy, good and Life-Spirit, now and forever and ever.

Faithful: **Amen.**

Priest: Bless me, my Sisters and Brothers, and forgive me, a sinner, whatever offenses I may have committed this day and all the days of my life by word, deed and thought as well as by all my senses. *(bows to all the faithful)*

Faithful: **May God forgive you, Reverend Father. Bless us also and forgive our offences voluntary and involuntary.** *(also bow)*

Priest: May the Lord God by His grace forgive you all your sins and have mercy on you.

Let us pray for our Most Holy Universal Pontiff Francis Pope of Rome, for His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav, for our Most Reverend Metropolitan Lawrence, for our God-loving Bishop David, and the God-loving Bishop-Emeritus Severian, all our priestly, diaconal and religious orders, our nation, government and all people in service of our country.

Faithful: **May God save and have mercy.**

Priest: For the noble benefactors, founders and all parishioners of this holy church, for those who serve and who have served in it.

Faithful: **May God save and have mercy.**

Priest: For those who are absent and for those who are travelling.

Faithful: **May God protect and have mercy.**

Priest: For our benefactors and those who are kind to us.

Faithful: **May God reward and have mercy.**

Priest: For those who hate us and for those who love us.

Faithful: **May God forgive and have mercy.**

Priest: For the sick and suffering.

Faithful: **May God heal and have mercy.**

Priest: For our departed relatives and faithful of our parish and Eparchy.

Faithful: **May God grant them remembrance and rest and everlasting be their memory.**

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Faithful: **Amen.**

Liturgical Church Altar Linen Change for time of the Great Fast / Lent is at 10:30 am on Monday of Feb. 24th, 2020 A.D.

Parish Council Meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday of Feb. 24th, 2020 A.D

Volunteers help is needed to make cabbage-rolls starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday of Feb. 29th, 2020 A.D. It is a good time to help our parish fundraisers and socialize together. More helpers come – easier, joyful 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. In consideration of other Christians, please, do not forget close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper places. 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!

JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR: Do you enjoy singing church and folk songs? Please consider joining our Dormition BVM Parish Choir and remember that we are looking for new members! Contact Mrs. Lesia Achtymichuk and Mrs. Vlasta Fanytych for more information and details.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Holy Eucharist Cathedral parish would like to invite you on February 29, 2020 to a farewell reception for Bishop Ken that will begin with Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM with reception to follow. *Let us take this opportunity to celebrate Bishop Ken's new appointment as Bishop of the Holy Family of London Eparchy and most importantly his 12 years of dedicated service, enthusiastic leadership and prayerful ministry in the Eparchy of New Westminster.*

Traditional Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish: Perogies cooked and frozen – \$ 7.00 per dozen, Cabbage Rolls cooked – \$ 7.00 per dozen. If you need more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870 or Mrs. Olena Fedorov at 778-821-0759.



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! **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.

Two works of mercy set a person
free: Forgive and you will be forgiven,
and give and you will receive.

Saint Augustine

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

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!**



Knights of Columbus Breakfast Schedule: 1st Sunday: Corpus Christi & Immaculate Conception. 2nd Sunday: St. Pius X. 3rd Sunday: Our Lady of Lourdes. Last Sunday of the month: St. Charles Garnier. **Everyone is welcome!**

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.**

2020 Annual Parish General Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 8th, 2020 A.D. after the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy On that day there will be only one bilingual Divine Liturgy. We are now preparing for the election of the new Parish Council for the year 2020 – 2021 A.D.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are inviting and encouraging parishioners (especially all our wise and experienced senior-parishioners) to volunteer and help Mr. Rolli Cacchioni to form the Nominating Committee and suggest candidates for replacement council. Until nomination committee finalized suggestions for candidates may be placed in the Suggestion Box located in our church vestibule or personally passed to Council Chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford or pastor Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts.

Position of our Parish Council Officer is a blessing and wonderful opportunity to show your talents, knowledge, experience and care serving the best to the Almighty God in our spiritual, Christian family of the Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC!

Parish Constitution states saying: 'The Parish Council must be representative of the faithful of the parish and of the various parish-related organizations that exist within its boundaries. Potential members of the Parish Council should have certain basic qualifications such as a keen desire to help, as well the ability to listen, reflect, and express themselves with care.' (Chapter III, Article 1, Sections 1 and 2)

Descriptions of responsibilities and ministry (cf. Chapter III, Articles 2, 3, 4, 5,) of each officer-member of the parish council are:

Chairperson of the Parish Council is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is responsible for drawing up the agenda; calling for, directing and chairing parish council meetings; seeing that the program of activities decided upon and ratified by the pastor are implemented; is a signing officer, an ex-officio member of all parish committees. He/She prepares the chairperson's report for presentation at the AGM.

Vice-Chairperson is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is presiding at the all Parish Council Meetings in the absence of the Chairperson; carrying out such duties as are assigned by the Parish Council, the Chairperson or Pastor.

Recording Secretary is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is keeping the minutes of all Parish Council Meetings; together with the Pastor and the Chairperson signs the adopted minutes of the Council.

Financial Secretary is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is monitoring all funds received by the parish and ensure that all such funds are deposited in the parish bank account; keeping accurate records of all income and expenditures; keeps in in order and preserves documents, records and books of parish finances. He/She is a signing officer, together with the pastor, for property approved financial transactions. He/She presents at the AGM the statements of income and expenses, as well as the balance sheet, for the calendar year as prepared by him or her or, where necessary, by an independent accounting firm.

Treasurer is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is greatly helping the financial secretary to monitor all funds received by the parish and ensure that all such funds are deposited in the parish bank account; keeping accurate records of all income and expenditures (paying all invoices-bills and reimbursements); keeps in in order and preserves documents, records and books of parish finances. He/She is a signing officer, together with the pastor, for property approved financial transactions.

It is also very important to have active and carrying representatives (a leader and helpers) at different Parish Committees such as: Liturgical, Pastoral, Educational, Youth Ministry, Maintenance, Kitchen, Social, Public Relations.

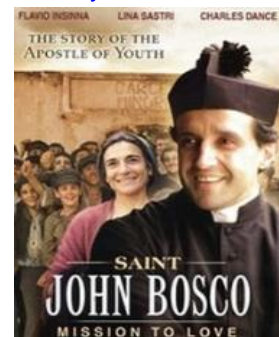


Rachel's Corner: "I didn't protect my child and I hurt my wife with our decision. It was my job to protect them. Rachel's Vineyard helped me give that to God and He helped me re-discover the man I used to be. I know God has forgiven me, and for the rest of my days I will work on forgiving myself." Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and let God break the chains that have held you bound in regret and shame: www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

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Movie: Saint John Bosco (1st part (100 minutes) of the movie) will be shown by Rev. Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI on March 2nd @ 7:00 pm in the hall of Saint Charles Garnier Roman Catholic Church.

Growing up without a father gave him compassion for the many orphans that he cared for, while he faced persecution from both secular society and the Church as he fought to build a place to house and educate the homeless, outcast youth of Turin. His deep faith, creative imagination and profound charity shine through in this wonderful film. Also stars Charles Dance (Gosford Park) and popular Italian singer and actress Lina Sastri. This DVD contains the following language options: Italian with English or Spanish subtitles, or English dubbed track. This movie is Not Rated. Includes a 16 page collector's booklet. Running time: 200 minutes.



Eastern churches help Catholic Church be truly catholic, bishop says

In January, when Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, published a book supporting mandatory priestly celibacy - a book, which included an essay by retired Pope Benedict XVI - it was "painful," said Bishop John M. Botean of the Ohio-based Romanian Catholic Eparchy of St George.

The majority of Botean's two dozen priests are married, he said, and the book seemed to question their vocations and ministry.

"The culture of married priests is still part of our culture, and our people, especially from Romania, expect it," the bishop told *Catholic News Service* and the *National Catholic Reporter* Feb. 18 during his "ad limina" visit to Rome.

The U.S. bishops' last round of "ad limina" visits was in 2012 with Pope Benedict XVI. At that time, Botean said, the Eastern Catholic bishops requested official recognition of their churches' tradition of married priests.

In the late 1800s, at the request of the Latin-rite bishops of the United States, who said they were worried about the confusion the practice caused, the Vatican prohibited married Ruthenian priests from living and ministering in the United States. And in 1929-30, the Congregation for Eastern Churches extended the ban to all Eastern-rite priests throughout North America, South America and Australia.

In the 1970s and 1980s, some Eastern Catholic bishops in North America sent married candidates for the priesthood to their churches' homelands for ordination. When they returned to minister in the United States or Canada, many of them received suspension notices from the Vatican.

By the mid-1990s, some Eastern Catholic bishops were ordaining married men in Canada and the United States, and while Vatican officials continued to restate the rules against it, eventually, the suspensions stopped.

But the bishops continued to ask for respect for their churches' traditions, including by officially allowing them to ordain married priests and to bring married priests from their homelands to minister in the United States and Canada.

The requirement of celibacy for priests in North America was "a huge, huge problem for us, and it just evaporated" in the first year of Pope Francis' pontificate when he dropped the prohibition, Botean said.

A married priesthood is not "a panacea," he said, explaining that besides financially supporting a married priest and his family, the church also must work out assignments and transfers that consider the fact that many of the priests' wives have careers and their children are in school.

"It's not in the code (of canon law), but a priest's wife has veto power" over assignments, "because you are not going to split people up or put the relationship at risk," he said.

Catholics cannot say they know their church unless they know at least something about the 23 Eastern Catholic churches that enrich the universal church with their own spiritualities, liturgies and disciplines, Botean insisted.

"A Catholic who wants to know the Catholic Church needs to know us because we are a part of it," he said.

In the United States, there are 17 eparchies - dioceses - that belong to one of nine Eastern Catholic churches: the Ukrainian, Ruthenian, Maronite, Chaldean, Melkite, Syriac, Syro-Malabar, Armenian and Romanian Catholic Churches.

Except for the two U.S. Chaldean Catholic bishops who made their "ad limina" visits with the world's Chaldean bishops in 2018, the U.S. Eastern Catholic bishops were in Rome Feb. 16-22 for the visits, which include praying at the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul, visiting the offices of the Roman Curia and meeting with Pope Francis.

Each wearing the liturgical vestments of his own church, the bishops were scheduled to concelebrate the Divine Liturgy according to the rites of the Syro-Malabar, Armenian, Melkite and Ukrainian Catholic churches.

While the bishops were more familiar with each other's liturgies than most Catholics would be, they still were given booklets or sheets with all the prayers written out in English so they could concelebrate.

"You don't have to be an Eastern Catholic to enjoy the richness" of the Eastern liturgies, Botean said, highlighting as an example the harmonized plainsong sung by four Armenian seminarians at the bishops' liturgy Feb. 18 at the tomb of Saint Peter.

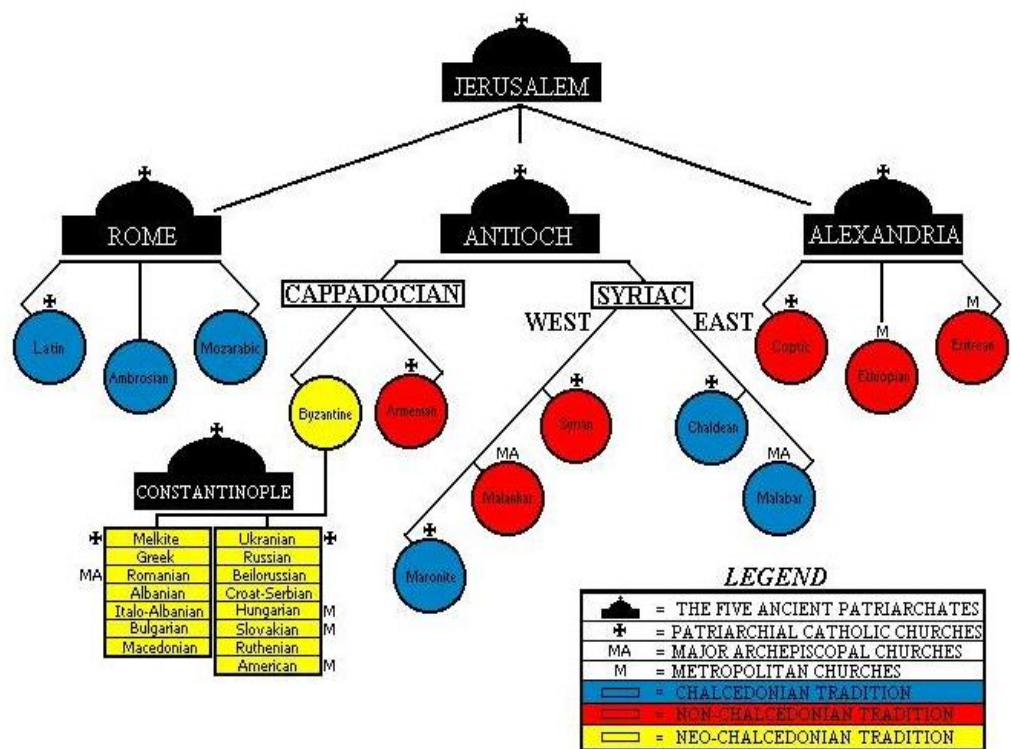
Asked why the Catholic Church has so many different liturgies for celebrating the Eucharist, Bishop Botean responded, "Why do we have different languages?"

In the first centuries of Christianity - without the internet or any other reasonably quick form of communication - Christianity spread out from the Holy Land and took root in local communities with their languages and cultural expressions. Councils - first of the apostles, then of the bishops - were held to clarify the essential points of faith and doctrine, but a huge variety of religious expression flourished.

"Christianity has many forms outside of Western Christianity," Botean said. Too many people get stuck "thinking in binary, kind of 'Catholic-Protestant' terms," and miss the history and spirituality of the Christian East, which includes the Orthodox and Eastern Catholics.

People, including Eastern Catholics themselves, need to stop thinking of the Eastern Catholic churches as "cultural relics that somehow became appendages of the Roman church" and begin to see that they are integral parts of the Catholic Church and "instruments of the new evangelization," he said.

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Parish Mission: The Fullness of Purpose

7:00 pm Monday, Feb. 24 & Tuesday, Feb. 25 at ICC Kelowna

Could there be more to our faith experience than what we have come to know? Dynamic speaker and author Ken Yasinski will be leading a two day parish mission at Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna to lead us into Lent. The Parish Mission is designed for **adults, teens and Confirmation candidates** to help answer life's most meaningful questions: Why have I been created? Where is Joy found? Does my Catholic faith matter? This mission is Catholicism in everyday simple language that will make relevant the timeless truths of our faith. Come be inspired to live your full potential in life. A free-will offering will be taken each evening. Want a free introductory talk by Ken? Text the word **FREETALK** to **1-855-969-5300**.

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