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3rd SUNDAY after PENTECOST - June 21st, 2020 A.D.

**“To live according to the Gospel is to fight against selfishness.
The Gospel is forgiveness and peace;
it is love that comes from God.” – teaches Pope Francis I**

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST:

**Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer,
Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership,
Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit.**

– Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk



**Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever!
Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky!
Слава Ісусу Христусу! – Слава на Віку!
Christ is among us! – He is and will be!**



Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak:

Lord, Our God,
We thank you for the life that is your gift,
For the providence that sustains us,
And for your wisdom that directs the course of our days.
The threat of an infection of coronavirus is upon us today.
This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives.
We humbly beg you, loving Lord,
Dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.
Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus.
Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.
For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Молитва у Часі Спалаху Коронавірусу:

Господи, Боже наш,
Дякуємо Тобі за життя, яке є Твоїм даром,
За провидіння, яке нас підтримує,
І за Твою мудрість, яка спрямовує хід наших днів.
Сьогодні перед нами загроза зараження коронавірусом.
Ця хвороба викликає страх серед нас і забирає життя.
Ми смирено просимо Тебе, люблячого Господа,
Розвій наш страх і позбав нас від цієї та усіх інших хвороб.
Вилікуй тих, хто страждає, і зупини поширення вірусу.
Зміцнюй нас у благодаті, щоб ми дбали одні про одних.
Бо Ти - Бог милосердя, доброти та любові, і ми прославляємо Тебе Отця, Сина і Святого Духа, нині, і повсякчас і на віки вічні. Амінь.

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 come to Confession, meet with the parish priest at the church or parish office, receive spiritual care and support via telephon or internet, 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 2, text from book “*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*”; pages 91-93

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Rm. 5:1-10)

Brethren, now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we now stand, and we boast of our hope for the glory of God. But not only that – we even boast of our afflictions! We know that affliction makes for endurance, and endurance for tested virtue, and tested virtue for hope. And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us, godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves His love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Now that we have been justified by His blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by Him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him by the death of His Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by His life.



Gospel: (Matthew 6:22-33)

The Lord said: ‘The eye is the body's lamp. If your eyes are good, your body will be filled with light; if your eyes are bad, your body will be in darkness. And if your light is darkness, how deep will the darkness be!

No man can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money.

I warn you, then; do not worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Is not life more than food? Is not the body valuable than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns; yet your

Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to his life-span? As for clothes, why be concerned? Learn a lesson from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work; they do not spin. Yet I assure you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendour the grass of the field, which blooms today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, will He not provide much more for you, O weak in faith!

Stop worrying, then, over questions like, 'What are we to eat, or what are we to drink, or what are we to wear?' The unbelievers are always running after these things. Your Heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first His Kingship over you, His way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides.

At the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for peace in Ukraine until the end of the war and in the whole World: **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 2, текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; стт. 90-92

Апостол: До Римлян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Рм. 5, 1-10)

Браття і Сестри, оправдані ж вірою, ми маємо мир з Богом через Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, через якого ми вірою одержали доступ до тієї ласки, що в ній стоїмо і хвалимося надією на славу Божу. Та й не тільки це, але ми хвалимося і в утисках, знаючи, що утиск виробляє терпеливість, терпеливість – досвід, а досвід – надію. Надія ж не засоромить, бо любов Бога влита в серця наші Святим Духом, що нам даний. Христос бо, тоді як ми були ще безсилі, у свою пору, помер за безбожних. Воно навряд чи хто за праведника вмирає; бо за доброго, може, хтось і відважився б умерти. Бог же показує свою до нас любов тим, що Христос умер за нас, коли ми ще були грішниками.

Отож, тим більш тепер, оправдані його кров'ю, ми спасемося ним від гніву. Бо коли, будши ворогами, ми примирилися з Богом смертю Його Сина, то тим більше тепер, примирившись, спасемося його життям.

Євангеліє: (Мт. 6, 22-33)

Сказав Господь: "Світло тіла – око. Як, отже, твоє око здорове, все тіло твоє буде світле. А коли твоє око лихе, все тіло твоє буде в темряві. Коли ж те світло, що в тобі, темрява, то темрява – якою ж великою буде! Ніхто не може двом панам служити: це або одного зненавидить, а другого буде любити, або триматиметься одного, а того знехтує. Не можете Богові служити – і мамоні. Ось чому кажу вам: Не турбуйтеся вашим життям, що вам їсти та що пити; ні тілом вашим, у що одягнутись. Хіба життя не більш – їжі, тіло – не більш одяжі. Гляньте на птиць небесних: не сіють і не жнуть, ані не збирають у засіки, а Отець ваш небесний їх годує! Хіба ви від них не вартісніші? Хто з вас, журячись, спроможен додати до свого віку хоч один лікоть? І про одягу чого ж вам клопотатись? Гляньте на польові лілеї, як ростуть вони: не працюють і не прядуть. Та я кажу вам, що й Соломон у всій своїй славі не вдягався так, як одна з них. І коли зілля польове, яке сьогодні є, а завтра вкидають його до печі, Бог так одягає, то чи не багато більше вас, маловірні? Отож не турбуйтеся, промовлявши: Що будемо їсти, що пити й у що зодягнемось? Про все те побиваються погани. Отець же ваш небесний знає, що вам усе це потрібне. Шукайте перше Царство Боже та його справедливості, а все те вам додасться."

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, every person who knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, care and help our parish community in various ways and projects by keeping and sharing their Christian love, unity by 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 (June 14th) Divine Liturgy donation was \$ 273.00
- Dormition of The Mother of God Parish in Kelowna: Sunday (June 14th) Divine Liturgies donation was \$ 1,130.95

DONATIONS! Amid Covid-19 outbreak causing these challenging times we continue to rely on your generosity. **Please continue to support our parish financially by e-transfer via dormitiontransfer2020@gmail.com or mailing a cheque payable to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church 1091 Coronation Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8**

"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:

Katya Victoria Posthumus, Karolina Marie Posthumus, Oliver Hudson Sookochoff who are receiving their **First Mystery/Sacrament of Confession and Solemn Holy Communion** at our parish today!

Sincerest thanks to Mrs. Marilyn Daulat, Mrs. Olena Fedorov and Mrs. Lydia Pfof for preparing and teaching our parish children catechism for 2019-2020 Year of The Lord and all thoughtful people who invest their gifts of time, talents and treasures into our parochial children and youth!! **"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.'" (Mt. 19:14)** We are blessed to have such a wonderful group of children again! Thank you, parents, grandparents and godparents, volunteers and all our parishioners!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation for many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Peter Karolcik on his birthday (June 21st), Kimberly Billinton on her birthday (June 24th), Mr. Myron Semegen on his birthday (June 25th), Mr. Andriy Tomashevskyy on his birthday (June 26th), and all our parishioners and family members who celebrate Father's Day today, their birthdays, heavenly patron's /saint's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many and Blessed Years of Life!





What does it mean to be a Father?

A father must be many things for his family. First of all, he must be a breadwinner. He must provide for those he loves. Often it is only a breadwinner who knows what it costs in blood, sweat and tears to be a good provider!

A father must look deeply into his conscience, and with his wife, determine what the real needs of his family are. He must sometimes willingly and without regret make decisions that will be appreciated perhaps only after the years have gone by! A father must be a leader; one who shares in the decision-making process with his family!

A father must also be a priest, helping to lead his family to God. In a sense, a father is called to be like God, in that he creates, sustains and provides for those he loves!

Dear fathers, grandfathers, god-fathers, most reverend and reverend spiritual fathers may the Almighty and Omnipresent God bestow upon you, your families and all your dear one's good health, peace, lots of love, blessings and happiness that you can cherish always - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIVE STREAMING of church services from Dormition of the Mother of God

Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, B.C.: <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>

You can also view 24 / 7 many inspiring videos, articles, pictures, etc. are regularly published by the pastor. Please visit our parish Facebook page: DormitionKelowna Parish: <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>

⬇ Please also welcome to visit our Cathedral Facebook page for live-stream videos of the liturgical services at Holy Eucharist Cathedral. <https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING TO GOD AT THE CHURCH, YOUR HOMES AND ON-LINE TODAY!

Wishing you and all your dear ones to be blessed by God with health, hope, joy, peace and Christian love!

Liturgical and Sacramental Services are celebrated by your spiritual father-pastor at the church during this week:

Mon., June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. –The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for Mrs. Barbara Acacio* (requested by Mr. Robert and Mrs. Roberta Leiby)
at 6:15 p.m. – Moleben to Jesus Christ

Tue., June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. – The Divine Liturgy:

Wed., June 24th (**NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**) at 10:00 a.m. – The Divine Liturgy:
God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives, and friends.

Fri., June 26th at 10:00 a.m.–The Divine Liturgy:

Sat., June 27th at 10:00 a.m.–The Divine Liturgy: *In Thanksgiving to The Almighty God for the graces received.*
at 3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina / Bible Studies: (**Studies and Service in Penticton, BC**)

at 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all parishioners* (in Eng. & Ukr.)



SUNDAY, June 28th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Service in Kelowna, BC)

at 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives, and friends.* (in English)

at 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives, and friends.* (in Ukrainian)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Lucy D., Janet F., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Danny M, Jordan M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George 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, Bill and Anne Boitson 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 and yourselves! **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.

Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.
Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change

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: 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:** 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 Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світлом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилосся, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



Beware of Scams: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Friends! I was informed that one person has received an e-mail from someone claiming to be me as Pastor Fr. Pavlo Myts and is asking for a gift, monetary help, donations for cancer patients, etc..... **DO NOT BELIEVE THEM.** Delete them and ignore these emails, text messages, phone calls and do not communicate with those dangerous individuals and robotic programs. They are scams and frauds who lie and illegally using my name. Please stay healthy and safe! With pastoral blessings, respect and prayers sincerely Yours in Christ, Fr. Pavlo.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT OF OTHERS: 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 leave any items 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 safe and clean. Thank you very much for your understanding, help and care!

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

Devotional Services to Blessed Vasyi Velychkovsky: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, Live-Streaming on the YouTube Shrine Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Og0D2Dhpu> Website: Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine: <https://bvmartyrshrine.com/>

Volunteers' help is needed to put back all items at the parish hall starting at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow on Monday of June 22nd. If you wish to help or have any questions, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: Donoharmclinic@gmail.com or phone: 250-212-4899 .

Our Parish Executive Council Meeting is at 7 p.m. on Mon., June 22nd, 2020 A.D.

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 HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED:** to help out with

Stewardship Prayer

O God, the Father of every gift, all that we are and have comes from your hand.

In Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us the greatest of all gifts.

Fill our hearts with his love, so that we may be parish communities of faithful, caring people.

Grant us the grace to be good stewards who, in the name and spirit of Jesus, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the building up of your Kingdom in our Diocese and throughout the world.

May we see Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal as our way to live gratefully and give generously for your honor and glory.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

weekly cleaning in the church, cutting the grass and maintaining the lawn, 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.**



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!**

2 volunteers are needed each time before and right after Divine Liturgies on Sundays to welcome parishioners and follow all required COVID 19 safety rules and regulations, fill up Parish Sign-In List/ Questionnaire and clean by sanitizing the church after each service.

Please, continue to support financially our parishes in Kelowna, BC and Penticton, BC. Amid Covid-19 outbreak causing these challenging times we continue to rely on your generosity. **Please continue to support our parish financially by e-transfer via dormitiontransfer2020@gmail.com or mailing a cheque payable to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church 1091 Coronation Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8** Thank you for your support and care at this uneasy time for all of us.

Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish: Perogies – \$ 7.00 per dozen, Cabbage Rolls – \$ 7.00 per dozen, Kovbasa/Sausage – \$ 10.00 per a pound. If you need more information or to place your order, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870 or Mrs. Olena Fedorov at 778-821-0759.



Camp Saint Volodymyr 2020 Update: As more information on COVID-19 has emerged, the Camp Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel 2020 camp for the safety of our children and staff. Please stay tuned for upcoming summer programs for children and youth this summer.

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Today the Lord speaks to us through what is happening, Bishop Borys Gudziak about the coronavirus pandemic.

May this time of Lent, which is so strongly marked by this virus, be the period when we affirm ourselves in our faith, in our certainty that God is with us, Bishop Gudziak, Metropolitan of Philadelphia, said this in a video message to the faithful.

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At this critical time of the coronavirus epidemic, Bishop Borys encourages to be careful, to protect ourselves and our fellow men.

"Be careful, but also cheerful and confident that you are in God's hands. No matter where we are, at home or on public transport, at work, or on vacation, when we are in church, we should follow the advice given to us by medical experts," he said.

At the same time, the Metropolitan of Philadelphia is asking us not to forget that we are



Christians, we are not doomed or afraid because we know that the Lord is with us.

He also encourages the faithful to reflect on the significance of these events and the presence of God in them. "Today the Lord speaks to us through all what is happening. We have the opportunity to feel our global solidarity and our global weakness. We can walk away from the pride of our technology, our transportation, our sport, realizing that all this is very delicate, that life is a great gift that the Lord gives us, because He wants us to live and live with Him," asks the bishop to think.

Life is calming down a bit now, he says, because we should be home more now and perhaps alone. "But let this loneliness not be sorrow, let it be an opportunity to read the Word of God, to listen to the Lord speaking through the signs of the times. Let's support each other. Let's call each other. Let us sing, let us rejoice in the gifts that the Lord has given us - our family, our health, our Church, our people, our neighbor. We are all very gifted," calls the Metropolitan of Philadelphia.

The UGCC Department for Information

http://ugcc.ua/en/news/today_the_lord_speaks_to_us_through_what_is_happening_bishop_borys_gudziak_about_the_coronavirus_pandemic_88952.html

New study: Successful parishes are missionary, emphasize lay leadership

Parishes with vitality are ones open to their communities, comfortable with lay leadership, and prioritize a welcoming, missionary spirit throughout their programs according to a new study.

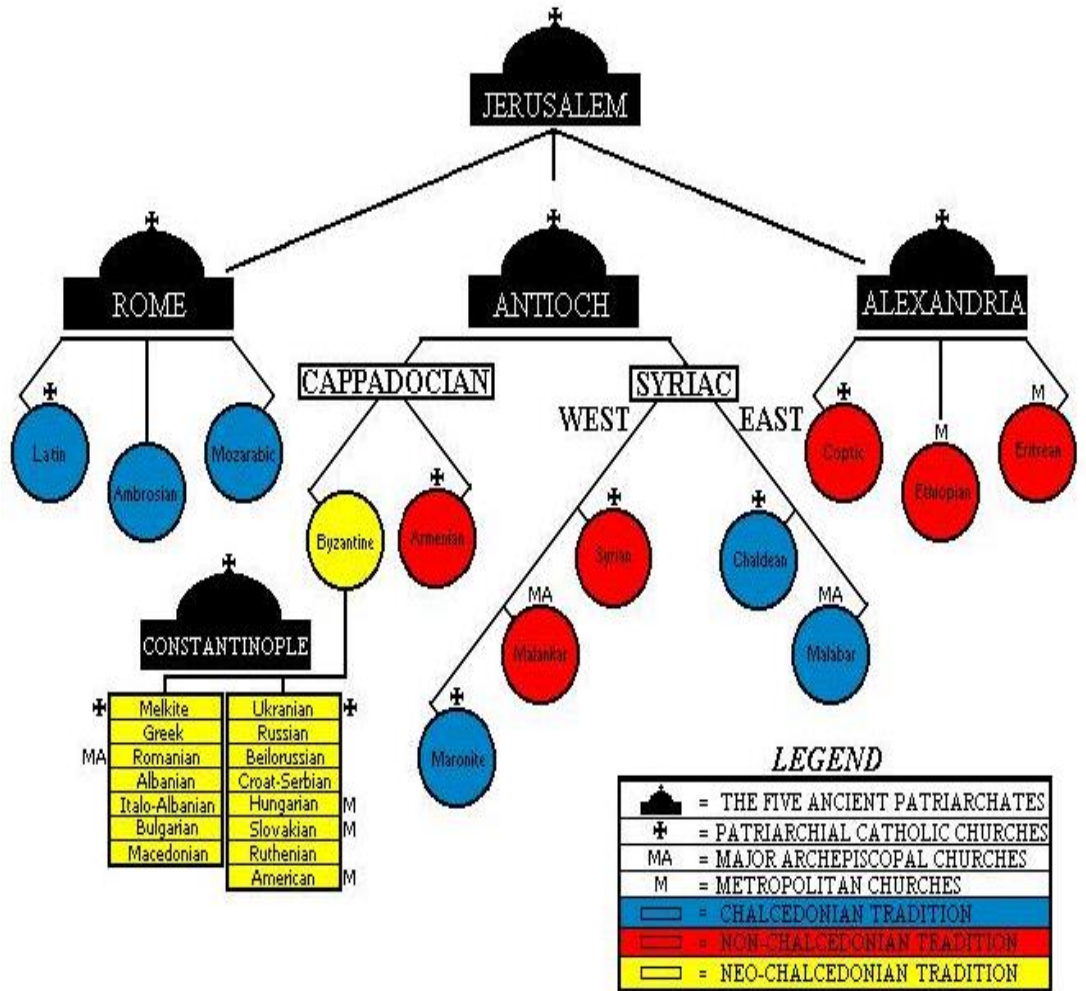
"Open Wide the Doors to Christ: A Study of Catholic Social Innovation for Parish Vitality," released last week and published by Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA) enumerates shared characteristics found in Catholic parishes with vital communities, which are described as ones with strong leadership and "a balance of Word, Worship, and Service in the life of the parish."

The report utilizes a paradigm of Catholic Social Innovation (CSI) to examine programming and parish life, which the researchers define as "a response to the Gospel which brings together diverse stakeholders and perspectives to address difficult issues. These stakeholders enter a safe space and, open to the Spirit, utilize animating and transformative processes that can unlock and unleash the creative, innovative ability of the group to dialogue and develop new actionable responses."

Researchers Marti Jewell and Mark Mogilka identified eight common characteristics of these communities: innovation; excellent pastors; dynamic leadership teams; a holistic, compelling vision; a priority on the Sunday experience; a fostering of spiritual growth and maturity; commitment to service; and utilization of online communication tools.

While the research for the study was conducted in 2019, the report's release proves particularly timely given the fact that most parishes throughout the nation have been forced to innovate and utilize online platforms in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has forced the temporary suspension of in-person religious gatherings.

"As parishes begin to re-open, we are pleased to be releasing the findings of this timely study," said FADICA president and CEO, Alexia Kelley in a statement. "Perhaps one outcome from this period of pandemic could be that pastors and parish leaders equipped with the study's findings might find life-giving strategies relevant to their own context."





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