

Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church

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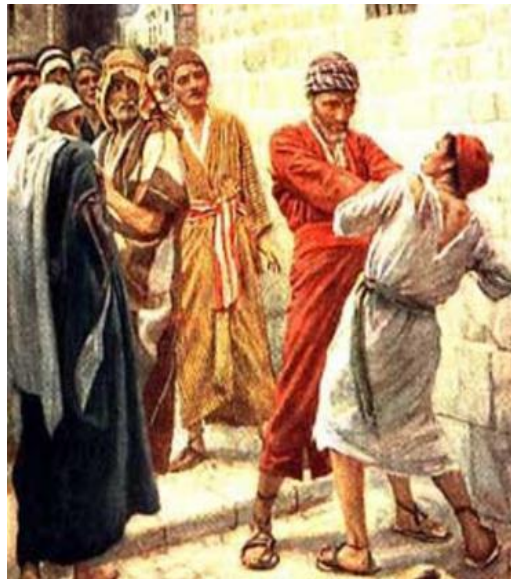
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13th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

13^a Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа on August 30th, 2020 A.D.

'How many kinds of moral and material poverty we face today as a result of denying God and putting so many idols in His place!' – emphasizes Pope Francis

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!

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. In case of emergency phone (250) 299-7249. 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 homes, please, call or email the pastor in advance to arrange time and a day.

Liturgical propers in English language:

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

Epistle: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: (1 Cor. 16:13-24)

Brothers and Sisters, be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, and act like men. In a word, be strong. Do everything with love. You know that the household of Stephanus is the first fruits of Achaia and is devoted to the service of the saints. I urge you to serve under such men and under everyone who cooperates and toils with them. I was very happy at the arrival of Stephenas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, because they made up for your absence. They have refreshed my spirit as they did yours. You should recognize the worth of such men.

The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the assembly that meets in their house, send you cordial greetings in the Lord. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

It is I, Paul, who send you this greeting in my own hand. If anyone does not love the Lord, let a curse be upon him. O Lord, come! The favor of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: (Mt. 21:33-42)

The Lord told this parable: "There was a property owner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug out a vat, and erected a tower. Then he leased it out to tenant farmers and went on a journey. When vintage time arrived he dispatched his slaves to the tenants to obtain his share of the grapes. The tenants responded by seizing the slaves. They beat one, killed another, and stoned the third. A second time he dispatched even more slaves than before, but they treated them the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, thinking, "They will respect my son." When they saw the son, the tenants said to one another. "Here is the one who will inherit everything. Let us kill him and then we shall have his inheritance!" With that they seized him, dragged him outside the vineyard, and killed him. What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do to those tenants when he comes?" They replied, "He will bring that wicked crowd to a bad end and lease his vineyard out to others who will see to it that he has grapes at vintage time." Jesus said to



them, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the keystone of the structure. It was the Lord who did this and we find it marvelous to behold"

*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 4, текст з книги "*Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого*"; **стт. 94 - 96**

Апостол: До Коринтян перше послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (1 Кор. 16, 13-24):

Браття і Сестри, чувайте, стійте у вірі, будьте мужні, кріпіться. Нехай усе у вас діється в любові. А благаю вас, брати: Ви знаєте родину Степани, що вона первісток Ахаї і що вони віддали себе святим на службу; то щоб і ви також піддавалися таким людям і кожному, хто трудиться та працює з ними. Я тішуся приходом Степани, Фортуната й Ахаїка: вони вашу неприязність заступили, бо заспокоїли мій дух і ваш. Отож, шануйте таких. Вітають вас Церкви азійські, Вітають вас у Господі сердечно Акила і Прискилла з їхньою домашньою Церквою. Всі брати вас вітають. Вітайте один одного святим цілунком. Привіт моєю рукою, Павловою. Як хтось не любить Господа, анатема на нього! "Маран ата!" Благодать Господа Ісуса з вами! Любов моя з усіма вами у Христі Ісусі. Амінь.



Євангеліє: (Мт. 21, 33-42)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "Був один чоловік-господар, що насадив виноградник. Він обвів його огорожею, видовбав у ньому чавило, вибудував башту, винайняв його виноградарям і відійшов. Коли ж настала пора винозбору, послав він слуг своїх до виноградарів, щоб узяти від них плоди, йому належні. А виноградарі, схопивши його слуг, кого побили, кого вбили, кого ж укаменували. Тоді він послав інших слуг, більше від перших, але ті вчинили й з ними те саме. Наприкінці послав до них свого сина, кажучи: Матимуть пошану до мого сина. Та виноградарі, узрівши сина, заговорили між собою: Це спадкоємець. Нумо, вб'ємо його й заберемо собі його спадщину. І взявши його, вивели геть з виноградника й убили. Отож, коли прибуде господар виноградника, що зробить з тими виноградарями?" "Лютих люто вигубить", – відповіли йому, – "а виноградник винаймить іншим виноградарям, що будуть давати йому плоди його своєчасно." Тоді Ісус сказав їм: "Чи в Письмі не читали ви ніколи: Камінь, що відкинули будівничі, став каменем наріжним? Від Господа це сталося і дивне в очах наших."

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, Mr. Edward Kaskiw for cutting and looking after our church lawn, Ms. Marie Shandalla for donating a lawnmower, and 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 (Aug. 23rd) Divine Liturgy donation was \$ 131.00
- Dormition of The Mother of God Parish in Kelowna: Sunday (Aug. 23rd) Divine Liturgy donation was \$ 590.00

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!

ЩИРО ВАМ ВІТАЄМО!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation for many, happy and blessed years of life to Anastasia Tomashevskaya on her birthday (Aug. 31th), Mr. Andriy and Mrs. Lesia Tomashevski on their 19th wedding anniversary (Sept. 1st), Mrs. Helen (Hylda) Onyskiw on her birthday (Sept. 2nd), Katrina Billinton on her birthday (Sept. 3rd), Mr. Ivan and Mrs. Tatiana Kalynych on their 11th wedding anniversary (Sept. 5th), and to all our parishioners and family members who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's /saint's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!



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>

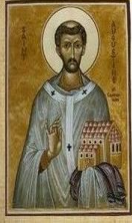
You can also view 24 / 7 many inspiring videos, articles, pictures, etc. are regularly published by the pastor. Please visit our parish Facebook page: *DormitionKelowna Parish*: <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>

✚ 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!

"IF YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU
LIKE IN THE GOSPELS, AND
REJECT WHAT YOU DON'T
LIKE, IT IS NOT THE GOSPEL
YOU BELIEVE, BUT
YOURSELF."



-St. Augustine

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

SUNDAY, August 30th 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 and Ukrainian)

at 11:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives, and friends.* (Service in Vernon, BC)

at 3:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives, and friends.* (Service in Grindrod, BC)

Mon., Aug. 31st at 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for*

Mr. Nick and Mrs. Cecilia Lalach, their family members and all relatives

at 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Tue., Sept. 1st (BEGINNING OF NEW LITURGICAL CHURCH YEAR) at 10:00 a.m. *God's*

blessings for all our parishioners, relatives, and friends. (in English and Ukrainian)

Sat., Sept. 5th 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.)

Blessings at the beginning of the new school year for all students & teachers after the Divine Liturgy today

SUNDAY, September 6th 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 language)

Blessings at the beginning of the new school year for all students & teachers after the Divine Liturgy today

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

Blessings at the beginning of the new school year for all students & teachers after the Divine Liturgy today

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, Marilyn Daulat and Family, Shelley Zemliak, Ron Horon, Roman Myts 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, 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 those 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.

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.

Garage Sale organized by Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church will be held on Saturday of September 26th, 2020 A.D. Please get your items ready. If you wish to help in person, donate items or have any questions, suggestions, ideas, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: Donoharmclinic@gmail.com or phone: 250-212-4899

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 дїбр 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 дїл, 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.

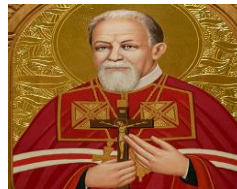


YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT OF OTHERS: After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep

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! ***Please always remember that church is a house of prayer!***



Devotional Services to Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, Live-Streaming on the YouTube Shrine Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Og0D2DhIpU> Website: Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine: <https://bvmartyrshrine.com/>



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 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.**



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



Express Depot Recycling: We have this set up for parishioners to use. They enter the church's phone number and place the sticker on the bag. All monies will then be able to be etransfered (after \$10) or check (after \$50). It can help with donations for those unable to attend and financially support the church. <https://www.return-it.ca/express/>

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



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. 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.



✚ **Rachel's Corner:** *"I can see clearly now how I have been trying to condemn myself and to punish myself, and now I understand that God and my daughter forgive me, and I am finally beginning to forgive myself."* - Testimonial

Do you feel and treat yourself differently since being involved in an abortion? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and find out you don't have to live that way anymore. Come and be free of all of that and begin anew. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com
info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273 Like us on Facebook: [Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna](https://www.facebook.com/RachelsVineyardKelowna)

The Head of the UGCC expressed words of support to the Belarusian people and called on the faithful of the UGCC to pray for them

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On behalf of the episcopate, clergy and faithful of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the UGCC, expressed words of fraternal solidarity and prayerful closeness to the episcopate and clergy of the Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic Churches in Belarus, consecrated persons, brothers and sisters in Christ and all Belarusian people, who are fighting now for their rights and freedoms, defending their will, social justice and their own dignity. At the same time, the Head of the Church called on the faithful of the UGCC to pray daily at 9 pm for the Belarusian nation.

A letter of support was sent to Bishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz, Archbishop of

Minsk-Mohilev, Apostolic Administrator of Pinsk, and Fr. Serhiy Hayek, Apostolic Visitor for Greek Catholics in Belarus.

"With anxiety in our hearts we watch the daily acts of violence perpetrated against defenseless citizens, recognizing in them the events described in the psalmist's words: "For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Ps. 11: 2-3). We believe that God, the only Lord of human history, is invisibly present in the streets and squares of Belarus to assure His suffering people of His nearness and His salvation: "He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them. The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion," (Ps. 11: 4-5), writes His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

The Head of the UGCC also assured the Catholic hierarchs of Belarus in prayers for an end to violence, the establishment of justice, peace and public understanding and consent.

"Realizing the great threats of the current events, we pray for the protection of Belarus from external opposing forces, for the preservation of the unity of the Belarusian people, as well as the independence and territorial integrity of the Belarusian state. We share with you all our faith and firm conviction that our prayers will be heard, "for the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face" (Ps. 11: 7)," His Beatitude Sviatoslav added.

At the same time, the Father and the Head of the UGCC appealed to the sons and daughters of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church with a special call to pray for Belarusian people. "In these dramatic days, when the Belarusian people are fighting for their rights and freedoms, defending their will, social justice and dignity, I call on all sons and daughters of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to pray fervently for an end to violence against the innocent, for social order and understanding in the Belarusian people, for peace and preservation of the unity and integrity of the Belarusian state," the document reads.

"Let the expression of our solidarity with the Belarusian people be a sincere and heartfelt prayer, which we will add to our usual daily prayers for peace in Ukraine at 9 pm," asked the Head of the Church.

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