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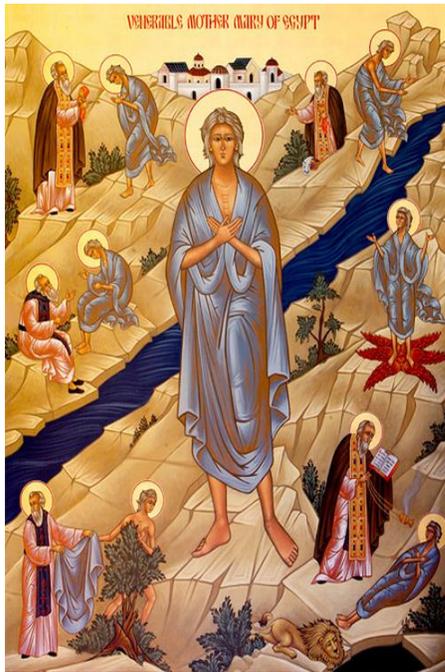
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5th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST - LENT

Commemoration of Our Venerable Mother Saint Mary of Egypt

5th Неділя Великого Посту on March 21st, 2021 A.D.

"We must protect creation for it is a gift which the Lord has given us, it is God's present to us; we are the guardians of creation. When we exploit creation, we destroy that sign of God's love. To destroy creation is to say to God: "I do not care." And this is not good: this is sin."

– His Holiness Pope Francis 1st reminds all people 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!

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 Твоім 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 individually at the church or parish office, receive spiritual care and support via telephone 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 1st, text from book **"The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom"**; pages 89-91

For all Sundays of Great Fast-Lent the Typicon prescribes the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews (Hebrews 9:11-14)



Brethren, when Christ came as high priest of the good things which have come to be, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation. He entered, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, and achieved eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself up unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God!

Gospel: (Mark 10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took, the twelve aside once more, he began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "We are on our way up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit at him, flog him, and finally kill him. But three days later he will rise."

Zabedee's sons, James and John, approached him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to grant our request." "What is it?" he asked. They replied, "See to it that we sit, one at your right and the other at your left, when you come into your glory." Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I shall drink or be baptized in the same bath of pain as I?" "We can,"

they told him. Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink of you shall drink; the bath I am immersed in you shall share. But as for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give; it is for those to whom it has been reserved." The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John.

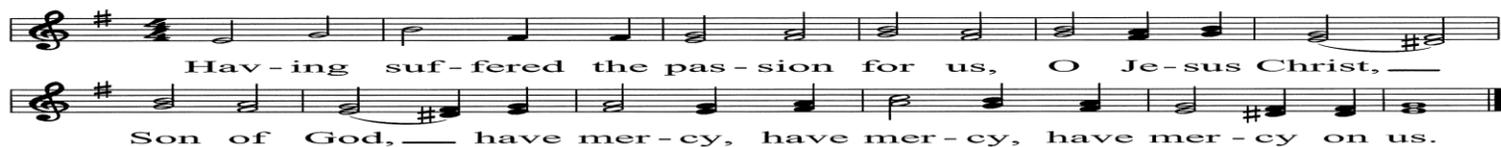
Jesus called them together and said to them: "You know how among the Gentiles those who seem to exercise authority lord it over them; their great ones make their importance felt. It cannot be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. The Son of Man has not come to be served but to serve – to give his life in ransom for the many."

Instead of "It is truly...": In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before the ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

At the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in the 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.

Having Suffered



Молитва Духовного Причастя

Мій Ісусе! Я вірю, що Ти присутній у цих Святих Дарах!
Люблю Тебе над усе і моя душа тужить за Тобою.
Не можу зараз Тебе прийняти в Євхаристії,
тому хоча б духовно прийди до мого серця!
Запрошую Тебе, відчиняю навстіж двері мого серця,
згадаючи Твої слова: «Ось стою під дверима і стукаю.
Якщо хто почує Мій голос і відчинить двері,
Я увійду до нього, і буду вечеряти з ним, а він зі Мною».
Я увесь єднаюся з Тобою. Ісусе, моє найвище Добро
й моя солодка Любове!
Торкнись мого серця і запали його,
щоб воно завжди палало любов'ю до Тебе! Амінь.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts!
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my
soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole
life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You:
Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure
conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for
forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of
the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for
confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation.
I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself
completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit
me to be separated from You. Amen.

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 1 текст з книги "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 88-90
Служиться літургія св. Василя Великого.



Апостол: До Євреїв Послання Святого Апостола Павла читання:(Євр. 9,11-14)

Браття і Сестри, Христос же, з'явившись як архиєрей майбутніх благ, через більший і досконаліший намет, що зроблений не людською рукою, тобто не земної будови, – і не з кров'ю козлів та телят, але з власною кров'ю, – увійшов, раз назавжди у святиню і знайшов вічне відкуплення. Бо коли кров волів і козлів та попіл із телиці, як покропить нечистих, освячує, даючи їм чистоту тіла, то скільки більше кров Христа, – який Духом вічним приніс себе самому Богові непорочним, – очистить наше сумління від мертвих діл, на служіння Богові живому!

Євангеліє: (Мр. 10, 32-45)

У той час взяв Ісус дванадцятьох і почав їм говорити, що має статися з ним: "Оце йдемо в Єрусалим, і Син Чоловічий буде виданий первосвященникам та книжникам, і засудять його на смерть, і видадуть його поганам; і насміхатимуться з нього, плюватимуть на нього, бичуватимуть його й уб'ють, він же по трьох днях воскресне." Яків же та Йоан, сини Заведя, підходять до нього та й кажуть йому: "Учителю, хочемо, щоб ти нам зробив те, чого попросим." Він же їм відповів: "Що хочете, щоб я зробив вам?" "Зволь нам, – ті йому кажуть, – щоб ми сиділи: один праворуч, другий ліворуч від тебе у твоїй славі." Ісус же сказав їм: "Не знаєте, чого просите. Чи можете пити чашу, яку я п'ю, і христитися хрищенням, яким я хрищусь?" Ті йому відповіли: "Можемо." Ісус сказав їм: "Чашу, яку я п'ю, питимете, і хрищенням, яким я хрищуся, христитиметесь. Сидіти ж праворуч від мене чи ліворуч, – не моя річ вам дати, а кому приготовано." Почули про те десятеро, тож обурились на Якова та Йоана. Тоді Ісус прикликав їх і сказав їм: "Ви знаєте, що ті, яких вважають князями народів, верховодять ними, а їхні вельможі утискають їх. Не так воно хай буде між вами, але хто з-між вас хоче стати великим, хай буде вам слугою, і хто з-між вас хоче бути першим, хай буде рабом усіх. Бо й Син Чоловічий прийшов не на те, щоб йому служити, лише щоб служити й віддати життя своє життя як викуп за багатьох."

Замість "Достойно..." співаємо: Тобою радується, Благодатна, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освящений храме і раю словесний, дівственна похвало, що із неї Бог воплотився і младенцем став – перед віками сущий Бог наш. Лоно бо твоє престолом сотворив і утробу твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатна, всяка твар, слава тобі.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!



Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all Christian people of the good will who by their kindness share time, talents and treasures, every person who knowingly or unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, volunteered by helping at our parish church yard Spring clean-up, 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 communities!

DONATIONS! Amid Covid-19 outbreak causing these difficult and challenging times we continue to rely on your generosity!

Please continue to support our parish financially by e-transfer (it is a direct deposit, no security question is needed) 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 us all.

“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)

NOTE: Due to the growing numbers of the confirmed COVID-19 cases and BC Provincial Gomerment orders: all Christian churches including our Ukrainian Catholic parishes are temporally closed for public services until further notice in 2021 A.D.! Your pastor is praying privately for all of you daily! Please pray for one another and especially for those who are ill, participate via facebook streamings and other on-line church services, stay healthy and safe!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mrs. Shannon Siebert on her birthday (March 21st), Mrs. Rose Ostopowich on her birthday (March 23rd), Mr. Bill Boitson on his birthday (March 24th), and to all Christians celebrating heavenly patron's name days, 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 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:**

Bible readings for 6th week of the Great Fast/Lent:

Monday: Genesis 27:1-41; Proverbs 19:16-25; Isaiah 48:17-49:4

Tue.: Gen. 31:3-16; Prov. 21:3-21 & Is. 49:6-10

Wed.: Gen. 43:26-45:16; Prov. 21:23-22:4 & Is. 58:1-11

Thur.: Gen. 46:1-7; Prov. 23:15-24:5 & Is. 65:8-16

Fri.: Gen. 49:33-50:26; Prov. 31:8-31 & Is. 66:10-24

SUNDAY, March 21st 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, their family members, all relatives and friends.* (in English)

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

Mon., March 22nd - 10:00 a.m. Sorokousty/Memorial Service for deceased parishioners, relatives and friends

Tue., Mar. 23rd at 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *Repose of the soul of Mrs. Myroslava Myts (9th day remembrance service)*

Wedn., Feb. 24th at 1:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: *Repose of the soul of Mr. Orest Kociuba*

Thurs., Mar. 25th (**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**) at 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, their family members, all relatives and friends.*

Fri., Mar. 26th at 4:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sat., Mar. 27th at 3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina Bible Studies

at 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.* (in Eng. and Ukr.)

Sunday services in Penticton, BC if the Government allows to re-open the churches for public liturgical services, if not then

at 4:00 p.m. Vespers (Service in Kelowna, BC)

SUNDAY, March 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, their family members, all relatives and friends.* (in English)

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

Wishing you and all your dear ones to be guided by the Holy Spirit, blessed with joy, peace and Christian love daily!



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, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Maria Pylypchuk, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Roma

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

Nowakowski, Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, John Bulych, Joseph Stetch, Stefania Paraniuk, 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, Adeline Sorochuk and all members of our parochial 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, use & hurt 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.*

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for March 2021 A.D.

- For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may make known God's plan for all creation, we pray to the Lord.
- For Catholic Education: That the leaders of our Catholic schools may be encouraged and comforted in the love of God, we pray to the Lord.
- For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may always receive their identity from the teachings of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.
- For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may be a place of healing and safety in a hurting world, we pray to the Lord.

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.

✚ 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=1Og0D2DhlpU> Website: Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine: <https://bvmartyrshrine.com/>



VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



МОЛИТВА ЖИВОЇ ПАРАФІЇ: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріпленою нас Твоєю присутністю та єдною нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єдною нас у мирі та згоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світлом евангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, 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.

Please be aware and remember that your help is always appreciated, and we still need more parishioners to volunteer!

Thank you for your support and care at this uneasy time for us all.

“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)



Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish: Perogies – \$ 7.00 per dozen, Kovbasa / Garlic Sausage - \$ 10.00 per 1-pound ring, Pie - \$ 9.00. If you need more information or to place your order, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870 or Olena Fedorov at 778-821-0759.

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 APPRECIATED:** 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 send 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

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, positive and generous!**

Bequests and Wills: Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness, please remember Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC and Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8 or to Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC, the sum of \$_____ (or ____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and it's needs and pastoral ministry."

Shrine welcomes treasured items that belonged to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

A book owned by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is seen during a news conference at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., March 11, 2021. Sisters of Charity of New York donated several of the saint's items to the shrine for their display and preservation. (Credit: CNS photo/courtesy Devine Partners.)



EMMITSBURG, Maryland — The faded black bonnet with its gently ruffled frill once framed the face of the nation's first American-born saint.

The black cap, a familiar sight in portraits of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, rested in a gray archival box back in Emmitsburg March 11 for the first time since 1822.

It is one of several rarely seen artifacts from Mother Seton's life displayed as the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton prepares for an exhibit this summer to mark the 200th anniversary of her death.

The items — including St. Elizabeth Ann's rosary, her wedding brooch and her daughter's christening gown — arrived earlier in the week, donated by the Sisters of Charity of New York to the Maryland shrine for their display and preservation.

"They're here to help us tell her story and make Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton more relatable," said Rob Judge, the shrine's executive director. He said the exhibit will open in July. No firm date is set.

The items, mostly objects of daily life, will be used to talk about her diverse life experiences, Judge said. She knew the joys and trials of family life, was faced with financial struggle, confronted death and found solace in the Catholic Church.

"She was fully human like all of us," Judge said. "It gives people great hope and great faith."

Among the donated artifacts are:

- St. Elizabeth Ann's black cap, sent to New York in 1822, a year after Mother Seton's death, and conserved about six years ago, according to Mindy Gordon, archivist for the sisters in New York.
- The crucifix and black glass bead rosary which she used in prayer.
- A delicate brooch in the shape of a bow with a chrysanthemum-like flower at its center, which she wore on her wedding day; her portable writing desk.
- Wedding miniatures of Elizabeth and William Seton; the tea chest belonging to St. Elizabeth Ann's father, Dr. Richard Bayley; and family photo albums.

- The Civil War-era commissioning certificate and epaulettes of her grandson, William Seton Jr.; and the christening dress St. Elizabeth Ann sewed for her daughter Catherine.

Only a few items were displayed March 11. The christening dress needs special care to be shown due to its fragility, while other artifacts, including the wedding portraits and family photo albums, need further restoration before the exhibition, according to Scott Keefer, archivist for the Daughters of Charity.

"We're so very pleased that these artifacts have found not only a safe but a loving home," said Sister Donna Dodge, president of the Sisters of Charity of New York. She was joined by other members of the order's executive council via Zoom.

Several artifacts, including the tea chest and commissioning certificate, were donated to the sisters in New York upon the death of the saint's great-grandson and last living descendant, Ferdinand Jevons, of New York.

The commissioning certificate recalls a moment of special significance to the sisters. Capt. William Seton III, the saint's grandson, was wounded at the Battle of Antietam 30 miles from Emmitsburg. Sisters of Charity nursed him back to health at St. Joseph's Military Hospital in New York. Only when he awoke did the sisters realize he was the grandson of their foundress.

"How powerful a moment that must have been," Judge said.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City Aug. 28, 1774, to a prominent Episcopal family. In 1794, at age 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving Elizabeth a young widow.

After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York.

To support her family, she started an academy for young ladies in New York but later relocated to Baltimore, where she established the first Catholic school. She was the founder of what would become the Catholic school system in the United States.

In 1809, she moved her school to nearby Emmitsburg, establishing it on land purchased by a donor. A year later she founded what became known as the Daughters of Charity. She died Jan. 4, 1821. She was canonized by St. Paul VI Sept. 14, 1975.

Preparing for the transfer of the saint's items from New York, Gordon discovered something she'd never seen before on the backs of 1794 wedding miniatures. "I had never touched them," she said.

She found a braid of Mother Seton's hair on the back of her miniature and a velvet cloth embroidered with her husband's initials on the back of his. One of the canisters inside the tea chest still contains tea, enough for a cup or two.

Before the artifacts were introduced, Father Ted Trinko blessed them. A priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, he is the shrine's chaplain.

"In many ways, these relics are going to bless us," he said.

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the national shrine has continued virtual programs and tours and is open for visitors with face masks and social distancing, said Tony Dilulio, programs director. Some 60,000 people visit the shrine every year, though numbers were down about 10 percent last year.

Commemorations also include a new film, "Seeker to Saint," as well as virtual and in-person exhibitions and tours.

Reported by Mary K. Tilghman on March 18th, 2021 A.D. <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2021/03/shrine-welcomes-treasured-items-that-belonged-to-st-elizabeth-ann-seton/>



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