# **Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church**

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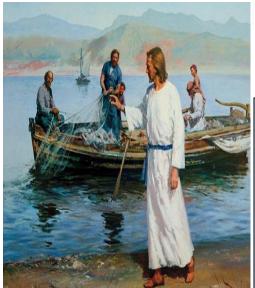
# Українська Католицька Церква Успення Пресвятої Богородиці

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2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY after PENTECOST 2-га НЕДІЛЯ після ЗІСЛАННЯ СВЯТОГО ДУХА June 6th, 2021 A.D.

# "Today GOD continues to call – you and me – but do we listen?"

teaches and reminds us all Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta today

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

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

### **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,

I 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 1, text from book "The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom"; pages 89-91

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Rm. 2:10-16)

Brethren: there will be glory, honour, and peace for everyone who has done good, likewise the Jew first, then the Greek. With God

there is no favouritism. Sinners who do not have the law will perish without reference to it; sinners bound by the law will be judged in accordance with it.

For it is not those who hear the law who are just in sight of God; it is those who keep it who will be declared just. When Gentiles who do not have the law keep it as by instinct, these men although without the law serve as a law for themselves. They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts. Their conscience bears witness together with that law, and their thoughts will accuse or defend them on the day when, in accordance with the gospel I preach, God will pass judgment on the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Gospel: (Matthew 4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee he watched two brothers, Simon now known as Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea. They were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately abandoned their nets and became his followers. He walked along farther and caught sight of two other brothers, James, Zabedee's son, and his brother John. They too were in their boat, getting their nets in order with their father, Zabedee. He called them, and immediately they abandoned boat and father to follow him. Jesus toured all of Galilee. He taught in their synagogues, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, and cured the people of every disease and illness.

At the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy, we say an additional prayer for peace in Ukraine, and healing of the World let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

#### 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"; стт. 88-90.

**Апостол**: До Римлян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Рм. 2, 10-16)

Браття і Сестри, слава ж і честь, і мир усякому, хто чинить добро: юдеєві перше, а потім грекові, бо Бог не вважає на особу. Бо ті, що згрішили поза законом, поза законом і згинуть; а ті, що згрішили під законом, будуть суджені законом. Бо не слухачі закону справедливі перед Богом, а виконавці закону оправдаються. Бо коли погани, що не мають закону, з природи виконують те, що



законне, вони, не мавши закону, самі собі закон; вони виявляють діло закону, написане в їхніх серцях, як свідчить їм їхнє сумління і думки, то засуджуючи їх, то оправдуючи, — в день, коли Бог, згідно з моєю Євангелією, судитиме тайні вчинки людей через Ісуса Христа.

## **Євангеліє**: (Мт. 4, 18-23)

В той час, як Ісус проходив поблизу Галілейського моря, то побачив двох братів: Симона, що зветься Петром, та Андрія, його брата, що невода в море закидали, бо рибалки були. І Він каже до них: Ідіть за Мною, Я зроблю вас ловцями людей! І вони зараз покинули сіті, та й пішли вслід за Ним. І, далі пішовши звідти, Він побачив двох інших братів, Зеведеєвого сина Якова та Івана, його брата, із Зеведеєм, їхнім батьком, що лагодили свого невода в човні, і покликав Він їх. Вони зараз залишили човна та батька свого, та й пішли вслід за Ним. І ходив Він по всій Галілеї, по їхніх синагогах навчаючи, та Євангелію Царства проповідуючи, і вздоровлюючи всяку недугу, і всяку неміч між людьми.

#### THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

Sincerest thanks and blessings to every person and families who thoughtfully greeted, generously supported the fundraiser (via facebook) and prayed as Christians for Fr. Pavlo on his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrattion! Thank you and may God bless you!

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, care and help our parish community in various ways and projects insede and outside our parish by keeping and sharing their Christian love, unity by looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church communities!

Donations to Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC:

- ✓ May 21st May 27th, 2021 A.D. Mail/drop off: \$ 280.00 E-transfers: \$ 0.00
- ✓ Sunday of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 A.D. Divine Liturgies at 9:00 am: \$745.00 at 11:00 am: \$270.00
- ✓ May 28<sup>th</sup> June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 A.D. Mail/drop off: \$185.00 E-transfers: \$600.00

**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 dormitionetransfer2020@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)

#### CONGRATULATIONS! MUPO BAC BITAEMO!

**May The Almighty God bless** in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mrs. Gayle Billinton on her birthday (June 7<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Yuriy and Mrs. Maria Matsychko on their wedding anniversary (June 7<sup>th</sup>),

Mr. Nicholas and Mrs. Virginia Pisio on their wedding anniversary (June 8<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Diane Schmid on her birthday (June 10<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Wendy Semegen on their wedding anniversary (June 10<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Bonny Lalach on her birthday (June 11<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Iryna Voytovych on her birthday (June 11<sup>th</sup>), Stephanie Siebert on her birthday (June 12<sup>th</sup>), and to all Christians celebrating their 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: *DormitinionKelowna 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/

Your spiritual father-pastor is praying privately for all of you daily! Please pray for one another and especially for those who are ill, pre-register to come and pray at the church following Covid-19 Pandemic safety plan, participate via facebook streamings and other on-line church services, stay healthy and safe!

Let us be responsible to ensure that we all stay safe and healthy.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-

support/restrictions?utm\_campaign=20201118\_GCPE\_AM\_COVID\_1\_NOTIFICATION\_BCGOV\_BCGOV\_EN\_BC\_\_NOTIFICATION#social-gatherings

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US BY PRAYING TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD AT THE CHURCH AND ON-LINE! Wishing you and all your dear ones to be guided by the Holy Spirit, blessed with joy, peace, good health, unity, and Christian love today and always!

# Daily Liturgical and Sacramental Services celebrated during this week:

Sunday, June 6th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (church services in Kelowna, BC)

at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends. (in English) **11:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends. (in Ukrainian)



JESUS ANSWERED,

"I AM THE WAY

AND THE TRUTH

AND THE LIFE.

NO ONE COMES

TO THE FATHER

**EXCEPT THROUGH ME."** 

Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *repose of the soul of Mrs. Olga Dembrovych (1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary memorial service)* 

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICES. <u>Please respect your pastor's day-off today</u>.

Wedn., June 9th at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for newly married Andrij and Julia, and also all their relatives, friends and neighbous.

Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Mrs. Nadia Honcharenko and The Family, all her relatives, friends and

Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> (CHRIST LOVER OF MANKIND) at 11:00 a.m. The Baptism and The Divine Liturgy: God's blessing for Mr. Michael Hinz and The Family at 7:00 p.m. Moleben to Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina Bible Studies ((church services in Penticton, BC)

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

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at **8:15 a.m.** Rosary: (church services in Kelowna, BC)

at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends. (in English) **11:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends. (in Ukrainian)

## Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for June 2021 A.D.

- ✓ For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may reveal the glory of God in all that they do, we pray to the Lord.
- ✓ For Catholic Education: That the teachers in our Catholic schools may be strengthened for their important task in our world, we pray to the Lord.
- For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may celebrate the richness of the Catholic faith that we have inherited, we pray to the Lord.
- ✓ For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may inspire students to a life of love and service, we pray to the Lord.

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., Keyton A., Dylan A., Torin S., Sabre S. Ryder M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George Dashkewytch, Olga Romanyshyn, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Maria Pylypchuk, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Roma Nowakowski, 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, 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.

<u>SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN AWARENESS</u>: 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.

■ 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. 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 світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, 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 Covid-19 Pandemic 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)

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 sent it by email to the office at dormitionkelowna@gmail.com <u>by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.</u>

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

Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish: 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.



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 tornaments, 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!

# 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



Rachel's Corner: "As a man this is something we don't talk about, even with our closest friends. For years I privately carried the guilt, shame, and regret over the loss of my child. Attending the retreat allowed me to finally open up and share with others that have been down the same road. Through this I was able to open my heart to receiving God's forgiveness." - Testimonial

Once we find a safe place in which to release that burden we carry, we make room for the healing to begin. Join us on a Rachel Retreat. Join men and women on a Rachel Retreat of healing. www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com Like us on Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

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Pope Francis 07.07.19 Angelus, St Peter's Square, Rome 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C <u>Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20</u>

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 10.1-12.17-20) tells us of when Jesus, in addition to the twelve apostles, sends seventy-two <u>disciples</u> on a mission. The number 72 probably indicates all of the nations. In fact, the book of Genesis mentions 72 different nations (cf. 10.1 -32). So this sending anticipates the Church's <u>mission</u> of proclaiming the Gospel to all nations. To those disciples Jesus says: "the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest!" (v. 2).

This request of Jesus is always valid. We must always pray to the "master of the harvest", that is, God the Father, to send workers to work in his field that is the world. And each of us must do so with open heart, with a missionary attitude; our prayer must not be limited only to our needs, to our necessities: a prayer is truly Christian if it also has a universal dimension.

In sending the seventy-two disciples, Jesus gave them precise instructions, which express the characteristics of the mission. The first – we've already seen –: pray; the second: go; and then: carry no money, no money bag, no sack; say "peace be to this household" ... stay in the same house ... Do not move from one house to another; heal the sick and tell them, ' the Kingdom of God is at hand for you "; and, if they do not receive you, go out into the streets (vv. 2-10). These imperatives show that the mission is based on prayer; It is itinerant: that it requires detachment and poverty; that it brings peace and healing, which are signs of the closeness of the Kingdom of God; that is not proselytism but proclamation and witness; and that it also requires frankness and the evangelical freedom to leave highlighting the responsibility of having rejected the message of salvation, but without condemnation or curse.



If lived in these terms, the mission of the church will be marked by joy. The evangelist notes that "The seventy-two returned rejoicing" (verse 17). This is not a fleeting joy triggered by the success of the mission; on the contrary, it is a joy rooted in the promise that as Jesus says, "your names are written in heaven" (v. 20). With these words he means the inner and indestructible joy that comes from the awareness of having been called by God to follow his Son. That is the joy of being His disciples. Today, for example, every one of us, here in the square, can think of the name which he received on the day of baptism: that name is written in heaven, and in the heart of God the Father. And it is the joy of this gift that makes every disciple a missionary, one who walks in the company of the Lord Jesus, who learns from Him to devote himself unreservedly to others, free from himself and from his own possessions.

Let us invoke the maternal protection of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, may she sustain in every place the mission of Christ's disciples; the mission of proclaiming to all that God loves us and wants to save us and calls us to be part of his Kingdom.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today's Gospel passage, taken from the tenth Chapter of the Gospel of Luke (vv. 1-12, 17-20), makes us consider how necessary it is to invoke God, "the Lord of harvest to send out laborers" (v. 2). The "laborers" whom Jesus speaks of are the missionaries of the Kingdom of God, whom he himself calls and sends on "ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come" (v. 1). Their task is to proclaim a message of salvation addressed to everyone. Missionaries always proclaim a message of salvation to everyone; not only those missionaries who go afar, but we too, [are] Christian missionaries who express a good word of salvation. This is the gift that Jesus gives us with the Holy Spirit. This message is to say: "The kingdom of God has come near to you" (v. 9), because God has "come near" to us through Jesus; God became one of us; in Jesus, God reigns in our midst, his merciful love overcomes sin and human misery.

This is the Good News that the "laborers" must bring to everyone: a message of hope and comfort, of peace and charity. When Jesus sends the disciples ahead of him into the villages, he tells them: "first, say 'Peace be to this house!' [...]; heal the sick in it" (vv. 5, 9). All of this signifies that the Kingdom of God is built day by day and already offers on this earth its fruits of conversion, of purification, of love and of comfort among men. It is a beautiful thing! Building day by day this Kingdom of God that is to be made. Do not destroy, build!

With what spirit must disciples of Jesus carry out this mission? First of all they must be aware of the difficult and sometimes hostile reality that awaits them. Jesus minces no words about this! Jesus says: "I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves" (v. 3). This is very clear. Hostility is always at the beginning of persecutions of Christians; because Jesus knows that the mission is blocked by the work of evil. For this reason, the labourer of the Gospel will strive to be free from every kind of human conditioning, carrying neither purse nor bag nor sandals (cf. v. 4), as Jesus counselled, so as to place reliance solely in the power of the Cross of Jesus Christ. This means abandoning every motive of personal advantage, careerism or hunger for power, and humbly making ourselves instruments of the salvation carried out by Jesus' sacrifice.

A Christian's mission in the world is splendid, it is a mission intended for everyone, it is a mission of service, excluding no one; it requires a great deal of generosity and above all setting one's gaze and heart facing on High, to invoke the Lord's help. There is a great need for Christians who joyfully witness to the Gospel in everyday life. The disciples, sent out by Jesus, "returned with joy" (v. 17). When we do this, our heart fills with joy. This expression makes me think of how much the Church rejoices, she revels when her children receive the Good News thanks to the dedication of so many men and women who daily proclaim the Gospel: priests — those brave parish priests whom we all know —, nuns, consecrated women, missionary men and women.... I ask myself — listen to the question —: how many of you young people who are now present today in the Square, hear the Lord's call to follow him? Fear not! Be courageous and bring to others this guiding light of apostolic zeal that these exemplary disciples have given to us.

Let us pray to the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, that the Church may never lack generous hearts that work to bring everyone the love and kindness of our heavenly Father.



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