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21st SUNDAY after PENTECOST
21^{ша} НЕДІЛЯ після ЗІСЛАННЯ СВЯТОГО ДУХА
October 17th, 2021 A.D.

**“If we want to advance in the spiritual life,
then, we must constantly be missionaries!”**

– teaches, reminds, and strongly emphasises Pope Francis 1st today

Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever!
Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky! Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віку!
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,
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 4, text from book “The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom”; pages 95-97

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians: (Gal. 2:16-20)

Brothers and Sisters, yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel: (Luke 8: 5:15)

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture, and some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

At the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy, we say an additional prayer for peace in Canada and 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.

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

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

Апостол: До Галатів послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Гал. 2, 16-20)

Браття та Сестри, довідавшись, що людина оправдується не ділами закону, а через віру в Ісуса Христа, ми й вірували в Христа Ісуса, щоб оправдатися нам вірою в Христа, а не ділами закону; бо ніхто не оправдається ділами закону. Коли ж, шукаючи оправдання у Христі, виявилось, що й ми самі грішники, – то неже Христос – служитель гріха? Жадним робом! Бо коли я знову відбудовую те, що зруйнував був, то я себе самого оголошую переступником. Я бо через закон для закону вмер, щоб для Бога жити: я – розп'ятий з Христом. Живу вже не я, а живе Христос у мені. А що живу тепер у тілі, то живу вірою в Божого Сина, який полюбив мене й видав себе за мене.



Євангеліє: (Лк. 8,5-15)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "Вийшов сіяч сіяти своє зерно. І як він сіяв, одне впало край дороги й було потоптане, і птиці небесні його видзьобали. Друге упало на камінь і, зійшовши, висхло, бо вогкості не мало. Інше впало між тернину, і тернина, вигнавшись з ним вкупі, його заглушила. Врешті, інше впало на добру землю і, зійшовши, сторицею вродило." Кажучи це, Ісус голосно мовив: "Хто має вуха слухати, нехай слухає." Учні його спитали, що б вона могла значити, оця притча. Він сказав їм: "Вам дано знати тайни Божого Царства; іншим же в притчах, щоб вони, дивлячись, не бачили, і слухаючи, не розуміли. Ось що значить оця притча: зерно це слово Боже. Тії, що край дороги, це ті, що слухають, та потім приходить диявол і вириває геть з їх серця слово, щоб вони не вірували та й не спаслися. Ті ж, що на камені, це тії, що, почувши, з радістю приймають слово, але не маючи коріння, вірують дотепер і під час спокуси відпадають. А те, що впало між тернину, це ті, що вислухавши, ідуть, та клопоти, багатства і життєві розкоші їх душать, і вони не дають плоду. Нарешті, те, що на землі добрій, це ті, що чувши слово серцем щирим, добрим, його держать і дають плід у терпінні."

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, help to clean inside and outside our church building, and every person who knowingly or unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, prayed, helped to organized, worked and shared meal during Thanksgiving celebration, picked up the apples and helped to make pierogies, care and help our parish community in various ways and projects inside and outside our parish by keeping and sharing their Christian love, respect and unity in Christ by looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church communities!

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

September 27th – October 3rd, 2021 A.D. 9:00 am: \$ 310.00 11:00 am: \$ 210.00 E-transfers: \$ 540.00

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 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)

CONGRATULATIONS!

ЩИРО ВАС ВІТАЄМО!



May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Harvey Lalach on his birthday (Oct. 17th), Mr. Justin Eisner on his birthday (Oct. 18th), Kevin Lalach on his birthday (Oct. 19th), Mr. Danylo Sora on his birthday (Oct. 20th), Mr. Roman and Mrs. Liliia Mykhnevych on their wedding anniversary (Oct. 20th), Mr. Vsevolod Lynov on his birthday (Oct. 21st), Mrs. Iryna Posthumus on her birthday (Oct. 22nd), and to every person celebrating birthdays, name days / heavenly patron's feasts and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUNDAY CATECHISM SCHOOL: "And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God." (Matthew 19:14) We are happy to welcome all children to our Dormition of the Mother of God parish catechism program. We want your children to learn more about their orthodox faith in the Catholic Church, sacred scripture, feast days, icons, tradition, singing and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. "We will start catechism classes this Sunday, September 19 for ages 4 to 12. Older children are very welcome to volunteer their help with the younger children and their efforts will be recognized and rewarded. Each class will start after Communion during the English Liturgy and end just before the beginning of the Ukrainian Liturgy. We will be following protocols similar to those used in our elementary schools. Individual snacks and learning materials will be provided. We are looking forward to meeting our parish children and providing a safe, fun, and interesting experience in learning about our Catholic faith. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Marilyn Daulat at marilyn_daulat@hotmail.com or call at 250-801-7538. Z Bohom! Marilyn Daulat" If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact our parish catechism teacher Mrs. Marilyn Daulat or pastor Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts.

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/>

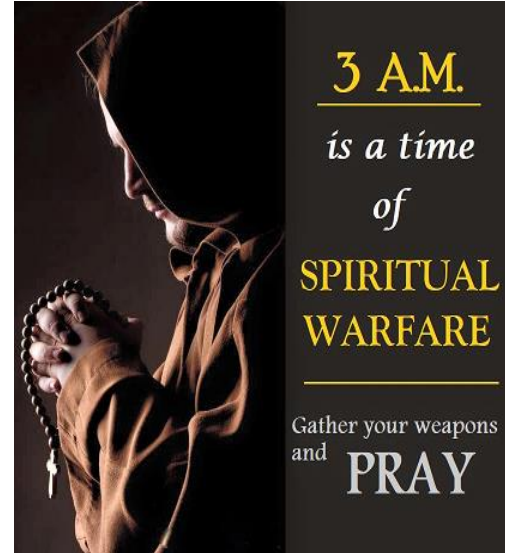
Your spiritual father-pastor is praying privately for all of you daily! Please pray for one another and especially for those who are ill, suffering or being affected by disasters, following Covid-19 Pandemic safety plan, participate via facebook streamings and other on-line church services, stay healthy 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, October 17th at **8:15 a.m.** Rosary: (**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.)
 at **11:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends* (in Ukrainian)
BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at 4:30 p.m. at the Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery.
- Mon., Oct. 18th at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for Mrs. Lidia Devonshire and The Family* (requested by Mrs. Lidia Devonshire and The Family)
 at **6:30 p.m.** Acatistos to Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and Bible Studies
 (Please read at the Bible: Book of Exodus 3-32; and Book of Numbers 13-25)
- Tue., Oct. 19th at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Rest of the soul of Metropolitan Stefan Sulyk* (requested by Mrs. Lidia Devonshire and The Family)
- Thurs., Oct. 21st at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Rest of the soul of Maureen Williams*
 at **7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Confession / Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Fri., Oct. 22nd at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Rest of the soul of Rev. Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski*
- Saturday, October 23rd at **3:40 p. m.** Lectio Divina / Bible Studies: (**Bible Studies and Church Services in Penticton, BC**)
 at **4:00 p.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.*
- Sunday, October 24th at **8:15 a.m.** Rosary: (**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.)

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

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at 4:30 pm at the Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kelowna, BC

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Lucy D., Janet F., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Alix W., Keyton A., Shelley M., Kathleen S., Chelsea M., Carmella M., Bernard M., Darrin M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George Dashkewych, 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, Joseph Stetch, Rosa Maria Santos, Anita N., Ron and Verna Shoemaker, Jonas and Anne, Alyssa and Adam, Mark and Asia, Karen Feniuk, Volodymyr Melnyk, Shelley Zemliak, Ron Horon, Adeline Sorochuk, Taras Hryb, relatives of The Burachok Family, 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.

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.

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 we come together to the church to glorify Lord Our God and spiritually grow as a Christian community and church as house of prayer helps us during our temporal life journey.**

Devotional Services to Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm (CDT), 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.



МОЛИТА 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 Твою 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 Твою 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 Твою спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом евангельського слова, молитви і добрих дїл, 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.

Our Parish Hall / Ukrainian Catholic Centre is rented. Please be aware, respect, cooperate and understand that no one during the church services and after the church services is allowed in the hall during this time. We must rent the hall to the organizations and raise funds to help our parish church pay bills and other operation expences.

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

Cantoring Workshop! On Saturday, October 23, Dr. Melanie Turgeon and Dr. Joy Berg will teach a worship workshop. The eastern (cantoring) component is from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the topic is: Increase Your Repertoire: Learn new carols, new hymns and new versions for various parts of the Divine Liturgy. This workshop will take place on Zoom. Register by midnight Oct. 21 at: Kingsu.ca/worshipmatters (\$15 fee). For more information e-mail: melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca

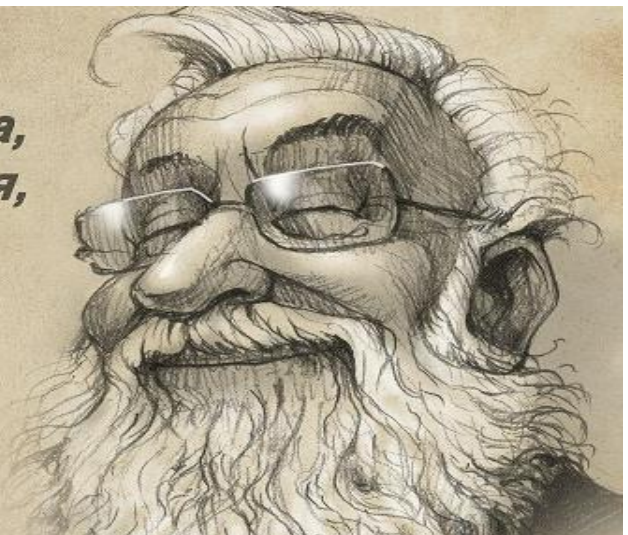
JOIN OUR CHURCH CHOIR: Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our Dormition Parish Choir and remember that we are looking for new members! Contact Mrs. Lesia Achtymichuk for more information and details.

Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish: Kovbasa / Garlic Sausage - \$ 10.00 for a ring, Cabbage Rolls – \$ 7.00 per dozen. Pie - \$ 9.00. 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.



**Ви дуже сильні, якщо бажаєте добра,
якщо стараєтеся, якщо гуртуєтеся,
якщо намагаєтеся
спільно творити добро,
жити чесно, жити творчо.**

Любомир Гузар



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!**

Volunteers' help is needed to do our church general cleaning starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday of Oct. 23rd, 2021 A.D. Following Covid-19 protocols please come and take an active part by helping with cleaning!



Now accepting registrations for our Fall Retreat October 29 – 31 2021

Are you or someone you know suffering the heartbreak of an abortion experience? Take courage, and consider attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Women, men, couples, grandparents are welcome. This retreat offers an opportunity to experience hope and healing.

Call 250-762-2273 or email info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com for information and registration. Visit www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com. Confidentiality assured.

Healing the pain of abortion...one weekend at a time

Pope Francis reminds us about great importance to be Missionaries in the World today

05.09.13 Holy Mass Santa Marta [Luke 5: 1-11](#)



Saint Augustine would repeat a sentence that I have always found striking. 'I am afraid when the Lord passes'. Why? 'Because I am afraid that he will pass and that I might not notice him'. And the Lord passes in our life as happened here, in the life of Peter, of James and of John".

In this case the Lord passed with a miracle in the life of his disciples. However, Jesus does not always pass in our life with a miracle. Even though, he always makes himself heard. Always. And when the Lord passes what happened here always occurs. He tells us something, he makes us understand something, then he says a word to us which is a promise; he asks something of us in our way of life, asks us to give up something, to rid ourselves of something. And he then gives us a mission.

These three aspects of Jesus' passing in our life — he asks of us "a word that is a promise", he asks us "to get rid of something", he entrusts us with a "mission" — are clearly portrayed in the passage from Luke. Simon, who was so hot-tempered, went to him: 'but Lord depart from me for I am a sinful man'. He really felt this for he was such. And what did Jesus say to him? 'Do not be afraid!'

"This is a beautiful phrase, so often repeated: 'Do not be afraid, do not fear'. And then – and here comes the promise, 'henceforth you will be catching men'. When the Lord enters our life, when he passes in our heart, he always says a word to us and makes us a promise: 'go ahead, take heart, do not be afraid: you will do this!'. It is "an invitation to follow him". And "when we hear this invitation and see that there is something wrong in our life, we must correct it", and be prepared to renounce generously anything. Even if "in

our life”, there is something good, Jesus asks us to leave it in order to follow him more closely. This is what happened to the Apostles who left everything as the Gospel says: ‘And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him’”.

Christian life, therefore, “means following the Lord always”. However, if we are to follow him we must first “listen to what he is telling us”; and then we must “leave what we have to leave at that moment and follow him”.

Lastly there is the mission that Jesus entrusts to us. Indeed, he never says: “Follow me!” without then speaking of the mission. He always says: ‘leave it, and follow me for such and such’”. Therefore if “we take Jesus’ route”, it is in order to do something. This is the mission”.

It is “a sequence that is also repeated when we go to pray”. In fact “our prayers”, must always have these three moments. First of all, listening to the word of Jesus, a word through which he gives us peace and assures us of his closeness. Then the moment of our renunciation: we must be ready to “leave something: ‘Lord, what do you want me to leave in order to be closer to you?’. Perhaps at that moment he does not tell you – but let us ask the question generously. Lastly, the moment of mission: prayer always helps us to understand what “we must do”.

This sums up our prayer: “Listening to the Lord, having the courage to rid ourselves of something that prevents us from making haste to follow him and, finally, from taking on the mission”. This does not mean that we do not have to face temptations. Peter, sinned gravely by denying Jesus. Yet later the Lord pardoned him. James and John committed the sin of careerism, but the Lord granted them forgiveness too. It is therefore important to keep these three moments in mind while praying. “We can ask the Apostles”, who experienced these things from so close at hand, to give us the grace always to pray seeking to listen to the word and to the promise of Jesus; to have the willingness to let go of whatever it may be that prevents us from following the Lord closely; and to open our heart to receive the mission.

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