

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



**Успення Пресвятої Богородиці
Українська Католицька Церква**

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**30th SUNDAY after PENTECOST – January 16th, 2022 A.D.
30^{та} НЕДІЛЯ після ЗІСЛАННЯ СВЯТОГО ДУХА**

“Worshipping is stripping ourselves of our idols, even the most hidden ones, and choosing the Lord as the center, as the highway of our lives!”

– teaches, reminds, and strongly emphasizes Pope Francis 1st today
– teaches, reminds, warns and strongly emphasizes The Son of God Jesus Christ today

Christian Greetings: Christ Is Born! – Let us glorify Him!

Chrystos Rozhdaiet'sia! – Slavimo Yoho!

Христос Рождається! – Славимо Його!

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

**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!

Remember to keep Jesus Christ in Christmas!

He is the only true reason for the season!

Daily Liturgical and Sacramental Services celebrated during this week:

- Sunday, January 16th 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)
- Mon., Jan. 17th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop David Motiuk*
- Wed., Jan. 19th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Intentions of Pulkauninkas and Budininkas families*
- Thurs., Jan. 20th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Intentions of Pulkauninkas and Budininkas families*
- Fri., Jan. 21th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Intentions of Pulkauninkas and Budininkas families*
- Saturday, January 22nd 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, January 23rd 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)

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 bless your home with Jordan Water blessings visiting you, your relatives or friends 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 Colossians: (Col. 3:12-16)

Brothers and Sisters, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.



Gospel: (Luke 18:18-27)

At that time, a certain ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.'" He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God."

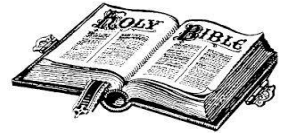
At the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy, we say an additional prayer for peace in Ukraine until the end of the war and for peace in the World: **Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 1, текст з книги "**Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого**"; **ст. 88-90**

Апостол: До Колосян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Кол. 3, 12-16)

Браття і Сестри, вдягніться, отже, як вибрані Божі, святі й любі, у серце спочутливе, доброту, смиренність, лагідність, довготерпелівість, терплячи один одного й прощаючи одне одному взаємно, коли б хтось мав на кого скаргу. Так, як Господь простив вам, чиніть і ви так само. А над усе будьте в любові, що є зв'язок досконалости, і нехай панує в серцях ваших мир Христовий, до якого ви були покликані, в одному тілі, та й будьте вдячні. Слово Христове нехай у вас перебуває щедро: навчайтесь у всякій мудрості й напоумлюйте одні одних, співаючи Богові з подякою від свого серця псалми, гимни та духовні пісні.



Євангеліє: (Лк. 18, 18-27)

У той час приступив до Ісуса один знатний і спитав: "Учителю благий, що мені робити, щоб успадкувати життя вічне?" А Ісус озвався до нього: "Чому мене зрештє благим? Ніхто не благий, хіба один Бог. Ти заповіді знаєш: не перелюбствуй, не вбивай, не кради, не свідкуй ложно, шануй свого батька і матір." Той же відповів: "Все це я зберіг змалку." Почувши те Ісус, сказав до нього: "Одного ще тобі бракує: продай усе, що маєш, і роздай бідним, і будеш мати скарб на небі; тоді прийди і йди слідом за мною." Почувши це, той засмутився вельми, бо був дуже багатий. Глянувши Ісус на нього й мовив: "Як тяжко тим, що багатства мають, увійти в Царство Боже! Легше пройти верблюдові кризь вушко в голці, ніж багатому увійти в Царство Боже." А ті, що слухали, сказали: "Хто ж тоді може спастися?" Він відповів: "Неможливе в людей, можливе є в Бога."

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, volunteered by helping our parish community in various ways and projects inside and as Christian missionaries reaching out 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! 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 all our parishioners and Christian family members who celebrate Christmas/Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Most Rev. Bishop David Motiuk on his birthday (Jan. 13th), Mrs. Karen Feniuk on her birthday (Jan. 18th), Lauren Lalach on her birthday (Jan. 18th), Mr. John and Mrs. Valerie Zuk on their wedding anniversary (Jan. 21st), Oleksander (Sasha) Sora on his birthday (Jan. 22nd), and all our parishioners who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days, wedding anniversaries, beginning of The New 2022 Year of The Lord, and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!

EVERYONE WHO HAVE JOINED US IN CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY AT THE CHURCH AND ON-LINE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING AND CELEBRATING

NATIVITY / BIRTHDAY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST TODAY!

WISHING ALL OF YOU A BLESSED WITH PEACE, LOVE, HOPE AND JOY CHRISTMAS, THEOPHANY

AND NEW 2022 YEAR OF THE LORD CELEBRATIONS!

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

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.

✚ “Dear parents and Fr. Pavlo, Christ is Born! Khrystos Razhdayetsia!

I hope everyone found joy and love during this Christmas season inspite of the difficulties presented by Covid. We have had to miss out on some of our usual gatherings and carolling events this year but since the weather has warmed up, perhaps we can carol outside of the church a few minutes before the start of Divine Liturgies. If enough children come for the English Liturgy, we can meet at about 8:45 and sing a few carols. And also if children can come for about 10:45, we can sing a few carols before the Ukrainian Liturgy outside of the church. Parents are very welcome to join in!.The words will be provided for all! Thank you! Marilyn Daulat”

● **LIVE STREAMING of church services from Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church** in Kelowna, B.C.:

Please join our Christian prayerful community at <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, suffering be 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

For your attention the [new requirements by the Provincial Health Officer](#) from January 4th, 2022 A.D.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Lucy D., Janet F., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostowich, Keyton A., Shelley M., Kathleen S., Chelsea M., Carmella M., Bernard M., Darrin M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George Dashkewtych, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Maria Pylypchuk, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Roma Nowakowski, Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, 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, relatives of The Burachok Family, Aretta Manion and The Family, Daniella-Daryna Tomashevskya and The Family, Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts and The Family, and all members of our Christian 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.*



**IF YOUR PRIDE IS BIGGER
 THAN YOUR HEART AND
 YOUR EGO IS BIGGER
 THAN YOUR HEAD,
 GROW UP OR YOU WILL BE
 ALONE FOR LIFE.**

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.**

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 by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.**

Christmas Decoration Take Down on Saturday of January 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The "required" help is needed, please, come to volunteer in this annual parish project by following all Covid-19 Pandemic protocols.

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

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.

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 смиренно 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.

МОЛИТА ЖИВОЇ ПАРАФІЇ: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий,

як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овець, 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 кожнчасно 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 дбр 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 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.

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.



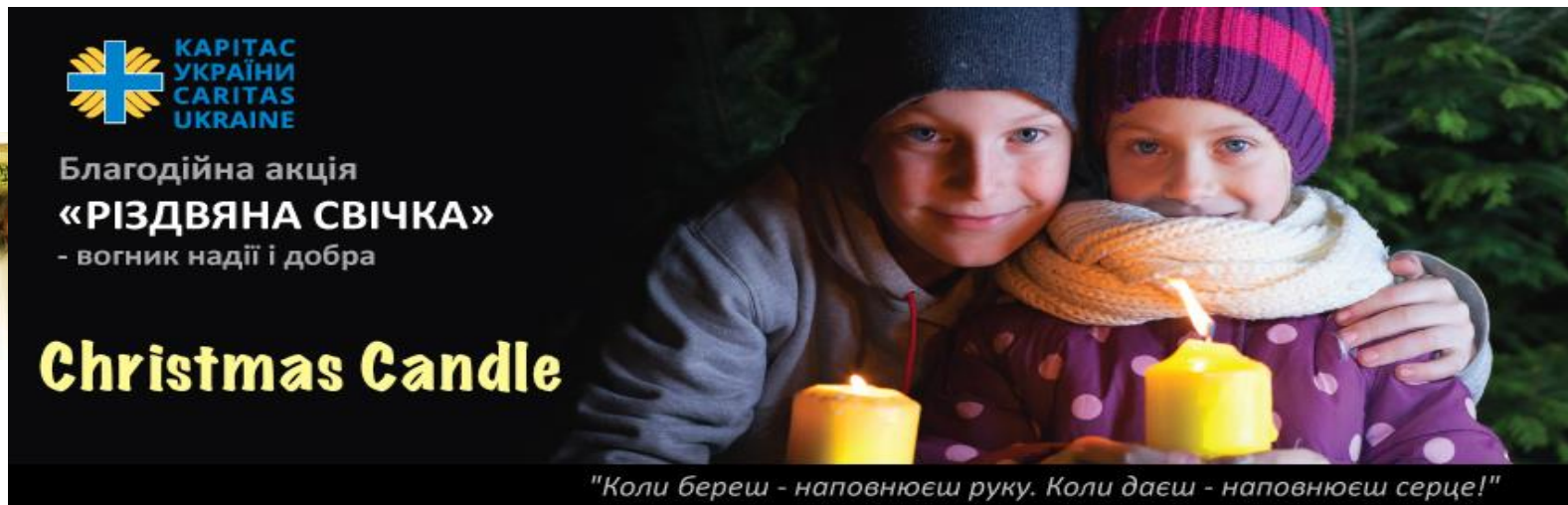
Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish: Kovbasa / Garlic Sausage - \$ 10.00 per ring, Cabbage Rolls – \$ 8.00 per dozen; Perogies – \$ 8.00 per dozen; Apple, Rubar, Strawberry Pies - \$ 10.00 each. If you need more information or to place your order, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870 or Mrs. Olena Fedorov at 778-821-0759.

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!**

✚ Since 2012 the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. Our fundraising program, "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" is part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during our Christmas season with a donation. Donations can be made at any Ukrainian Catholic Parish in BC or mailed and payable to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster and clearly marked with "Christmas Candle Project" on the envelope and cheque. For more information, please contact Dana Koren Lupynis, Natalia Lupynis or Emelia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at *Caritas "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.*

When you take – you fill your hand, When you give – you fill your heart.



✚ **Rachel's Corner:** *"Be intentional with that pain you are feeling and realize there is no time limit as you deal with deep hurts. Some wounds when left to themselves will only get infected and get worse with time. It is good to acknowledge and make space for that grief in your life, instead of just ignoring it and pretending it is not there."* - Debra Fileta, LPC

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*Lord
Bless our home
as we come and go.*

*Bless our home
as our children grow.*

*Bless our families
as they gather in;*

*Bless our home
with love and friends.*

✚ **Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing and Pastoral Annual Visitations** sign up list, to arrange with Pastor Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts the actual date and time, is available at the entrance to the church in the vestibule and at the parish hall.

Why Do We Bless Homes?

The blessing of homes constitutes an invocative blessing, meaning that by his prayer and by the sprinkling of Holy Water the priest invokes God's blessings and protection upon the home and those living in it. We bless homes for many reasons:

- *to reveal the home as what God had created it to be, a way to Heaven*
- *to rid the home of every evil † to show that the family is a small Church unit in Christ*
- *to consecrate the home and all activity in it to God † to fill the home and all who live in it with the fullness of God*

Traditionally, the priest personally visits all his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany. By sanctifying our homes we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings.

Just as our souls, so also our homes become tainted by the sins of those living in them and consequently lose God's protective power. We cleanse our souls of sins at least once a year and the church is blessed with the newly blessed water every year, so

should our homes be sanctified with Holy Water to invoke God's blessings and protection on it and its inhabitants. As we renew the insurance on our home every year, so we should renew our insurance of God's protection and His blessing which is of greater importance and more effective.

What should we do during a home blessing? As we welcome our priest during the holy season of Theophany to bless our home, let us be mindful that he is bringing to us the "blessing of the Jordan," and that unless God protects and blesses our home, we "labour in vain." (Ps. 12 7:1)

Each family is considered a small church and the family table is the home altar. When the priest comes, have as many family members there as possible. If you do not have an icon corner, ensure that you set up a place for prayer either at the kitchen or dining table. On the table include an icon and a lit candle. You may also include anything that you may want to have blessed (i.e. icon, cross, personal item, etc.) Make sure that the lights are on in every room. The priest will begin the blessing at the icon corner or table. If you have children, they may lead the priest, while holding a candle, to each room in the house. This is also a wonderful time for you and your priest to visit and to get to know each other better.



Pope Francis teaches about wealth

08.11.15 Angelus, St Peter's Square

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Mark 12: 38-44

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning... on this beautiful, sunny day!

This Sunday's Gospel passage is composed of two parts: one that describes how not to be followers of Christ; the other offers an example of a Christian.

Let's start with the first: what not to do. In the first part, Jesus accuses the scribes, the teachers of the law, of having three defects in their lifestyle: pride, greed and hypocrisy. They like "to have salutations in the market places and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at feasts" (Mk 12:38-39). But beneath such solemn appearances

they are hiding falsehood and injustice.

While flaunting themselves in public, they use their authority — as Jesus says — to devour "the houses of widows" (cf. v. 40); those who, along with orphans and foreigners, were considered to be the people most vulnerable and least protected. Lastly, Jesus says that the scribes, "for a pretence make long prayers" (v. 40). Even today we risk taking on these attitudes. For example, when prayer is separate from justice so that God cannot be worshiped, and causing harm to the poor. Or when one claims to love God, but instead offers him only grandiosity for one's own advantage.

The second part of the Gospel follows this line of thinking. The scene is set in the temple of Jerusalem, precisely in the place where people are tossing coins as offerings. There are many rich people putting in large sums, and there is a poor woman, a widow, who contributes only two bits, two small coins. Jesus observes the woman carefully and calls the disciples' attention to the sharp contrast of the scene.

The wealthy contributed with great ostentation what for them was superfluous, while the widow, Jesus says, "put in everything she had, her whole living" (v. 44). For this reason, Jesus says, she gave the most of all. Because of her extreme poverty, she could have offered a single coin to the temple and kept the other for herself. But she did not want to give just half to God; she divested herself of everything. In her poverty she understood that in having God, she had everything; she felt completely loved by him and in turn loved him completely. What a beautiful example this little old woman offers us!

Today Jesus also tells us that the benchmark is not quantity but fullness. There is a difference between quantity and fullness. You can have a lot of money and still be empty. There is no fullness in your heart. This week, think about the difference there is between quantity and fullness. It is not a matter of the wallet, but of the heart. There is a difference between the wallet and the heart... There are diseases of the heart, which reduce the heart to the wallet... This is not good! To love God "with all your heart" means to trust in him, in his providence, and to serve him in the poorest brothers and sisters without expecting anything in return.

Allow me to tell you a story, which happened in my previous diocese. A mother and her three children were at the table, the father was at work. They were eating Milan-style cutlets.... There was a knock at the door and one of the children — they were young, 5, 6 and the oldest was 7 — comes and says: "Mom, there is a beggar asking for something to eat". And the mom, a good Christian, asks them: "What shall we do?" — "Let's give him something, mom..." — "Ok". She takes her fork and knife and cuts the cutlets in half. "Ah no, mom, no! Not like this! Take something from the fridge" — "No! Let's make three sandwiches with this!". The children learned that true charity is given, not with what is left over, but with what we need. That afternoon I am sure that the children were a bit hungry.... But this is how it's done!

Faced with the needs of our neighbours, we are called — like these children and the halved cutlets — to deprive ourselves of essential things, not only the superfluous; we are called to give the time that is necessary, not only what is extra; we are called to give immediately and unconditionally some of our talent, not after using it for our own purposes or for our own group.

Let us ask the Lord to admit us to the school of this poor widow, whom Jesus places in the cathedra and presents as a teacher of the living Gospel even to the astonishment of the disciples. Through the intercession of Mary, the poor woman who gave her entire life to God for us, let us ask for a heart that is poor, but rich in glad and freely given generosity.

Pope Francis

08.08.18 General Audience Pope VI Audience Hall Catechesis on the Commandments Exodus 32: 1-8

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today let us continue to meditate on the Decalogue, and to look more closely at the theme of [idolatry](#); we spoke about it last week. Now let us take up the theme again because it is very important to know about it. And, let us take our cue from the idol par excellence, the golden calf, which the Book of Exodus (32:1-8) describes — we have just heard a passage from it. This episode has a precise context: the desert where the people await Moses who has gone up the mountain to receive God's instructions.

What is the desert? It is a place where [uncertainty](#) and [insecurity](#) reign — there is nothing in the desert — where there is no water, no food and no shelter. The desert is an image of human life, whose condition is uncertain and has no inviolable guarantees. This insecurity creates a primal [anxiety](#) in mankind which Jesus mentions in the Gospel: "What shall we eat? What shall we drink? What shall we wear?" (Mt 6:31). These are primal anxieties. And the desert causes these anxieties.

And something occurs in that desert which triggers idolatry. "Moses delayed to come down from the mountain" (Ex 32:1). He remained there for 40 days and the people grew impatient. The reference point was missing: Moses, the leader, the one in charge, the [reassuring](#) guide; and this became unbearable. Thus, the people called for a visible god — this is the snare into which the people fell — in order to identify and orient themselves. And they said to Aaron: "make us gods, who shall go before us" (v. 1); make us a leader, make us a chief. In order to escape uncertainty — the uncertainty is the desert — human nature seeks a do-it-yourself religion. If God does not show himself, then we custom-make one for ourselves. "Before an idol, there is no risk that we will be called to abandon our security, for idols 'have mouths, but they cannot speak' (Ps 115:5). Idols exist, we begin to see, as a pretext for setting ourselves at the centre of reality and worshipping the work of our own hands" ([Lumen Fidei, 13](#)).

Aaron is unable to refuse the people's request, and he makes a golden calf. The calf had a double meaning in the ancient Near East: on the one hand it represented fertility and abundance, and on the other, energy and strength. But first and foremost, it was golden, thus, a symbol of [wealth](#), [success](#), [power](#) and [money](#). These are the great idols: success, power and money. They are timeless temptations! This is what the golden calf is: the symbol of all desires that give the illusion of freedom but instead enslave, because an idol always enslaves; it has charm and you succumb; the charm of the serpent who looks at the little bird and the bird is unable to move, and the serpent gets him. Aaron was unable to refuse.

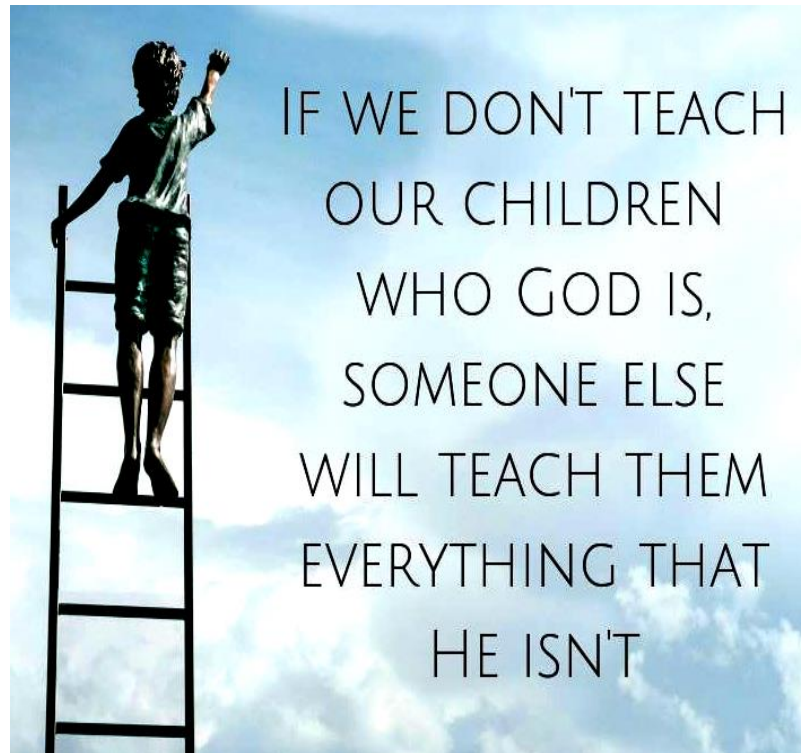
But above all, everything stems from the inability to confide in God, to place our insecurities in him, to allow him to give true depth to the desires of our hearts. This also allows us to sustain [weakness](#), uncertainty and precariousness. Referring to God makes us strong in weakness, in uncertainty and also in precariousness. Without God's primacy one can easily fall into idolatry and settle for poor reassurances. But this is a temptation which we always read about in the Bible. And consider this carefully: it did not cost God much effort to free the people from Egypt: he did so with signs of power, of love. But God's great work was to remove Egypt from the hearts of the people, that is, to remove idolatry from the people's hearts. And again, God continues to work to remove it from our hearts. This is God's great work: to remove "that Egypt" which we carry within us, which is the attraction of idolatry.

When we welcome the God of Jesus Christ who was rich and became poor for us (cf. 2 Cor 8:9), then we discover that recognizing one's weaknesses is not a disgrace of human life, but the condition necessary to open up to the One who is truly strong. Thus, God's salvation enters through the door of weakness (cf. 2 Cor 12:10). It is due to man's own inadequacies that he opens up to the paternity of God. Mankind's freedom comes from allowing the true God to be the only Lord, and this allows one to accept one's fragility and reject the idols in one's heart.

We Christians turn our gaze to Christ crucified (cf. Jn 19:37) who was weak, insulted and stripped of all his possessions. But the face of the true God is revealed in him, the true glory of love and not that of glittering deceit. Isaiah says: "he was wounded by our transgressions" (Is 53:5). We were healed by the very weakness of a man who was God, by his wounds. And through our weaknesses, we can open up to God's salvation. Our healing comes from the One who became poor, who welcomed failure, who undertook to bear our insecurity until the end, in order to fill it with love and strength. He comes to reveal God's paternity to us. In Christ our fragility is no longer a curse but a place of encounter with the Father and the wellspring of a new strength from above.

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