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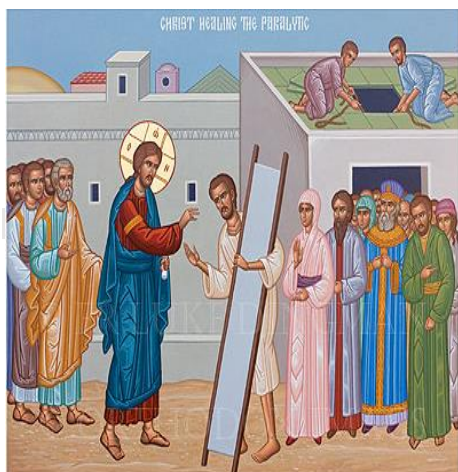
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of The Great Fast / Lent

### 2-та Неділя Великого Посту

#### Saint Gregory of Palamas/ святого отця Григорія Палами

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 A.D.

**"God comes to support us, to show that as long as we are with Him, as long as we know our dignity, which God reveals to us, being ready to defend it, valuing this our dignity more than money, positions or other circumstances – we cannot be defeated!"**

– teaches and strongly reminds us all today His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk

**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**

**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! Your pastor has thoughtfully prepared this church letter/bulletin for you to pray, read, spiritual growth and as Christians to evangelizing daily by responsibly and honestly sharing with other people the Good News/Gospel of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ!

### Daily Liturgical and Sacramental Services celebrated during this week:

**Bible readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the Great Fast/Lent:** Mon.: Genesis 6:9-22; Proverbs 8:1-22 & Isaiah 8:13-9:6

Tue.: Genesis 7:1-5; Proverbs 8:32-9:10 & Isaiah 9:8-10:4

Wed.: Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18 & Isaiah 10:12-20

Thurs.: Genesis 7:11-8:3; Proverbs 10:1-22 & Isaiah 11:10-12:2

Fri.: Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12 & Isaiah 13:2-13

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**Panakhya /Remembrance service for all people who have died during war in Ukraine**

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

**Panakhya /Remembrance service for all people who have died during war in Ukraine**

at **5:00 p.m.** Akathistos to Our Suffering Lord Jesus Christ: *For peace in Ukraine*

Mon., March 14<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for Mrs. Ivanna Pleskot*

at **7:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross / Хресна Дорога

Tue., March 15<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *For peace in Ukraine*

at **7:00 p.m.** Akathistos to Our Suffering Lord Jesus Christ: *For peace in Ukraine*

Wed., March 16<sup>th</sup> at **4:00 p.m.** The Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: *For peace in Ukraine*

at **7:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross / Хресна Дорога

Thurs., March 17<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Rest of the soul of Mrs. Myroslava Myts*

at **7:00 p.m.** Akathistos to Our Suffering Lord Jesus Christ: *For peace in Ukraine*

at **7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Bible Studies

Fri., March 18<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m.** Sorokousty/Memorial Service for All Deceased

at **6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

at **7:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross / Хресна Дорога

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Panakhya /Remembrance service for all people who have died during war in Ukraine**

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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.)

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**No More War  
Stand for Ukraine**



**There is a special peaceful rally to pray and stand for Ukraine today on Sunday of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 A.D. at 2:00 PM at Kelowna City Hall to Support Ukrainian people, caught in the middle of brutal European war, started by Russian Federation.**

**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, Rest 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 annual traditional and pastoral Jordan Water blessings visiting you, your relatives or friends at their home, hospital or care homes, call or email the pastor in advance to arrange time and a day.**

**Liturgical propers in English language:**

**Tone 1<sup>st</sup>, pages 89-91**

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

**Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews (Hebrews 1:10-2:3)**



Brothers and Sisters, Scripture says: "Lord, of old you established the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; all of them will grow old like a garment. You will roll them up like a cloak, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end." To which of the angels has God ever said, "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool?" Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to serve those who are to inherit salvation? In view of this, we must attend all the more to what we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels stood unchanged, and all transgression and disobedience received its due punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore a salvation as great as ours? Announced first by the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who had heard him.

**Gospel: (Mark 2:1-12)**

At that time, Jesus came back to Capernaum after a lapse of several days and word got around that he was at home. At that they began to gather in great numbers. There was no longer any room for them, even around the door.

While he was delivering God's word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed man to him. The four who carried him were unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof over the spot where Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves: "Why does the man talk in that way? He commits blasphemy! Who can forgive sins except God alone?"

Jesus was immediately aware of their reasoning, though they kept it to themselves, and he said to them: "Why do you harbour these thoughts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk again?' That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (he said to the paralyzed man), "I command you: Stand up!

Pick up your mat and go home." The man stood and picked up his mat and went outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck; all gave praise to God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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

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

**Having Suffered**



**Літургійні частини Українською мовою:**

**Глас 1, сторінки 88-90**

**Апостол: До Євреїв Послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Євр. 1, 10-2, 3)**

Браття і сестри, Святе Писання говорить: «Ти, Господи, напочатку заснував землю і небеса – діло рук твоїх. Вони загинуть, ти ж перебуваєш; усі, мов одежа, постаріються. Ти їх, неначе одєжину, згорнеш і, немов одєжа, вони зміняться. Ти ж – той самий, і літа твої не скінчаться.» До кого з ангелів він коли мовив: «Сідай праворуч мене, доки не покладу твоїх ворогів підніжком під твої ноги?» Хіба ж не всі вони служебні духи, що їх посилають до послуг тим, які мають успадкувати спасіння? Тому ми мусимо вважати дуже пильно на те, що почули, щоб, бува, нас не знесло з дороги. Бо коли слово, оголошене ангелами, було таке зобов'язуюче, що всякий його переступ і непослух приймав справедливу кару, то як утєчемо ми, коли занедбаємо таке велике спасіння? Воно, спочатку проповідане Господом, було підтвержене нам тими, що його чули.




**Євангеліє: (Мр. 2, 1-12)**

У той час коли прийшов Ісус до Капернауму, чутка пішла, що він у домі. І там зібралося стільки народу, що не було більш місця, навіть перед дверима; а він промовляв до них словом. І от прийшли до нього, несучи розслабленого; несли його четверо. А що із-за народу не могли донести до нього, розкрили стелю над місцем, де він був, й отвором спустили ліжку, на якому лежав розслаблений. Ісус, уздрівши їхню віру, до розслабленого й каже: "Сину, відпускаються тобі твої гріхи." А були й деякі книжники, що сиділи там та міркували собі: "І як може цей так говорити? Він богохульствує! Хто може прощати гріхи, крім одного лише Бога?" Ісус же, вмить збагнувши духом, що вони таке собі думають, до них і каже: "Чого таке ось намислюєте у ваших серцях? Що легше – сказати розслабленому: Відпускаються тобі гріхи, а чи сказати: Встань, візьми твоє ліжка й ходи?"

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



THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

 **Gratitude 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 to every person who knowingly or unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, volunteered by helping our parish community and via our Christian church in various ways supporting Ukraine at the time of war and projects inside and as Christian missionaries reaching outside our parish to very challenging World today 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](mailto: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)

 **Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC donations:**

Feb. 14 – 20, 2022 A.D.: 9:00am: \$595.00 11:00am: \$271.00 e-transfers: \$350.00

Feb. 21 – 28: 9:00am: \$630.00 11:00am: \$355.00 e-transfers: \$140.00 Misc. \$477.00

Sunday (Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>) Parishioner Envelopes: \$1,440.00. Loose \$45.00. Donations specified for Ukraine Aid - \$3,100.00.



**AID FOR UKRAINE** - please donate to the "Aid for Ukraine". All donations will be directed to regional organizations in Ukraine, who support all people in need including refugees fleeing their homes to other parts of Ukraine. The funds will be forwarded to [Caritas Ukraine](http://CaritasUkraine.org), a charitable organization with over 20 offices in Ukraine. They supply aid by accessing and delivering food, shelter, medical supplies and providing spiritual and psychological support for those in need. A generous family has pledged to match all donations in support of humanitarian aid in Ukraine up to \$500,000. Help us meet this goal. Make cheques payable to **Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church** 1091 Coronation Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8 with memo '**Aid for Ukraine**'. You can also donate cash or via e-transfer to (email [dormitiontransfer2020@gmail.com](mailto:dormitiontransfer2020@gmail.com) address). Tax receipts will be issued by the parish for your donations via and to the parish. By putting your generous donation in cash or cheque, please remember to write your name, address, amount of your donation, memo '**Aid for Ukraine**', parish registration number

(if you are a registered parishioner) on a church donation envelope located at the church vestibule. Please donate generously!

- "Aid for Ukraine" collected at the parish money will be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster, then the Eparchy will be sending money to our partner Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Ottawa), every two weeks
- CNEWA will be sending money for Caritas Ukraine

Another way to donate to Caritas Ukraine is directly through our partner Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Ottawa) website: [CNEWA Canada](http://CNEWACanada.org). Your monetary donations will be eligible for matching up to \$500,000. And it is possible for someone to donate directly to CNEWA via their website: <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster is responding to the humanitarian crisis. Donating thru the parish is a meaningful way for the Catholic Church / parish community as a Christian parish family respond to the call to carry on the ministry entrusted by The Son of God Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the Church. Going thru the parish can reinforce that not only individuals but the parish community united together has a responsibility to care for those at time of war and in need in Ukraine today!



### **EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE PEOPLE IN UKRAINE**

Breaking News of Russian Federation Aggression, military attacks and causing War in Ukraine today, thousands of people are killed and wounded, millions of people saving their human lives left their homes, hiding in bomb shelters, forced to become refugees, ... All these tragic and life-threatening, dangerous daily attacks of the enemy highlight the need for an emergency humanitarian response on our part towards the purchase of food, water, basic hygiene, medicine, psychological support, shelter, evacuation, protection, and so on and on. Can you help your brothers and sisters in need as Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ asks each and everyone of you to?

Parishes are invited to take up an emergency humanitarian collection to aid the people in Ukraine. The donated funds are to be sent to the Pastoral Centre, who in turn will forward

them to our partner Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Ottawa), who are coordinating humanitarian relief efforts with Caritas Ukraine.

To stay informed on the greatest need and the developing humanitarian efforts, visit CNEWA's website ([cnewa.org/ca](http://cnewa.org/ca)). Individuals can also donate directly to [CNEWA](http://CNEWA).

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada has partnered with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in Canada (CNEWA) to provide immediate humanitarian support for the people of Ukraine. With the threat of further invasion by Russia, the already 8-year war in Ukraine has placed several million people in desperate need for food, shelter, medical attention, and more. Will you help your brother and sister in need? Please pray. Stay informed. Donate.

<https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

[https://www.catholicregister.org/item/34002-caritas-prepared-should-tanks-roll?mc\\_cid=839560d5dd&mc\\_eid=995513d2e2](https://www.catholicregister.org/item/34002-caritas-prepared-should-tanks-roll?mc_cid=839560d5dd&mc_eid=995513d2e2)

### CONGRATULATIONS!

### ЦІМО ВАС БІТАЄМО!

**May the Almighty God bless** in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to and to all Christians during this very important spiritual journey of the Great Fast / Lent, Mrs. Emily Kana on her birthday (March 14<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Maria Martin on her birthday (March 14<sup>th</sup>), Mr. William Shuya on his birthday (March 14<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Mykhailo Fantych on his birthday (March 17<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Ivan Kalynych on his birthday (March 17<sup>th</sup>), and all celebrating their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days, wedding anniversaries, and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!

**EVERY PERSON WHO HAVE JOINED US IN DIVINE LITURGY AT THE CHURCH AND ON-LINE TODAY.  
THANK YOU FOR HONOURING THE ALMIGHTY GOD BY PRAYING AND CELEBRATING AS CHRISTIANS:**

**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. Children learn more about their Christian orthodox faith in the Catholic Church, sacred scripture, feast days, icons, tradition, singing and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. 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.:  
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>

Your spiritual father-pastor is praying for all of you daily! Please pray for one another and especially for those who are ill, suffering be being affected by disasters, war in Ukraine! Let us always be co-responsible to ensure that we are all well.

For your attention the [new requirements by the Provincial Health Officer](#) from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 A.D.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions#worship-services> Starting March 11, 2022 at 12:01 am, because of B.C.'s lowered hospitalization and transmission rates, these activities can return to normal:

Masks no longer required in public indoor settings under a public health order  
Masks are encouraged on public transit and BC Ferries, but not required  
Individual businesses and event organizers can choose to continue requiring masks on their premises  
Masks are still required for federally regulated travel, like air travel  
No restrictions on worship service capacity  
Overnight camps for children and youth allowed  
By March 18, there will be no visitor limits at long-term care and seniors' assisted living facilities.  
When K to 12 schools return from spring break, masks will no longer be required for students, staff and visitors.

On April 8, 2022 at 12:01 am, further restrictions will be lifted:

Proof of vaccination will no longer be required to access businesses, events and services  
Individual businesses and event organizers can choose to continue requiring proof of vaccination for entry  
Proof of vaccination is still required for federally regulated travel, like air travel  
Businesses will no longer need a COVID-19 safety plan. They must follow communicable disease guidance from WorkSafeBC  
Proof of vaccination will no longer be required for post-secondary student housing

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** Lucy D., Janet F., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Shelley M., Kathleen S., Chelsea M., Carmella M., Bernard M., Darrin M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George Dashkewytch, Kay Ilnitki, 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 Sorochnik, relatives of The Burachok Family, Aretta Manion and The Family, Daniella-Daryna Tomashevskaya and The Family, Shane Bettin, Patricia Sawadsky, Robert Emery, people of Ukraine at the time of war, 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,

**She doesn't know it's a statue, so she went to help. ❤️**



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 at the church-house of prayer to the Lord Our Almighty and Omnipresent God, please do not leave any items in the pews. Always love, pray and be respectful toward other people! 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, church singing, projects, welcoming and reaching toward other people, etc. **VOLUNTEERS HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND TRULY APPRECIATED:** to help out with weekly cleaning in the church inside and outside, security, maintenance, receiving donations for Aid to Ukraine (during the week from 8 am to 8 pm everyday), welcoming visitors, 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](mailto:dormitionkelowna@gmail.com) by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.**

**If you wish to help or have any questions, suggestions, ideas about our parish community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: [Donoharmclinic@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**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 Твоею 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 Твоею 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 злагоди, щоб ми були Твоею спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світлом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих дїл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амін.

**2022 Annual Parish General Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 A.D. after the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy On that day there will be only one bilingual Divine Liturgy.**

**We are now preparing for the election of the new Parish Council for the year 2022 – 2023 A.D.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are inviting and encouraging parishioners (especially all our wise and experienced senior-parishioners) to volunteer and help Mr. Edward Kaskiw and Ms. Marie Shandalla to form the Nominating Committee and suggest candidates for replacement of the present council members. Until nomination committee finalized suggestions for candidates may be placed in the Suggestion Box located in our church vestibule or personally passed to our present Parish Council Chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford or Pastor Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts.

Position of an auxiliary, executive parish council officer is a blessing and wonderful opportunity to show your Christian care, honesty and respect before God and our church community, talents, knowledge, experience and care serving the best to the Almighty God in our spiritual, Christian family of the Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC!

Parish Constitution states saying: 'The Parish Council must be representative of the faithful of the parish and of the various parish-related organisations that exist within its boundaries. Potential members of the Parish Council should have certain basic qualifications such as a keen desire to help, as well the ability to listen, reflect, and express themselves with care.' (*Chapter III, Article 1, Sections 1 and 2*)

### ***Descriptions of responsibilities and ministry***

*(see by carefully and as honest Christian responsibly reading underlined at Our Parish Constitution, Chapter III, Articles 2, 3, 4, 5,)*

#### ***of each officer-member of the parish council are:***

**Chairperson of the Parish Council** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is responsible for drawing up the agenda; calling for, directing and charing parish council meetings; seeing that the program of activities decided upon and ratified by the pastor are implemented; is a signing officer, an ex-officio member of all parish committees. He/She prepares the chairperson's report for presentation at the AGM.

**Vice-Chairperson** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is presiding at the all Parish Council Meetings in the absence of the Chairperson; carrying out such duties as are assigned by the Parish Council, the Chairperson or Pastor.

**Recording Secretary** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is keeping the minutes of all Parish Council Meetings; together with the Pastor and the Chairperson signs the adopted minutes of the Council.

**Financial Secretary** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is monitoring all funds received by the parish and ensure that all such funds are deposited in the parish bank account; keeping accurate records of all income and expenditures; keeps in in order and preserves documents, records and books of parish finances. He/She is a signing officer, together with the pastor, for property approved financial transactions. He/She presents at the AGM the statements of income and expences, as well as the balance sheet, for the calendar year as prepared by him or her or, where necessary, by an independent accounting firm.

**Treasurer** is elected at the Annual General Meeting. He/She is greatly helping the financial secretary to monitor all funds received by the parish and ensure that all such funds are deposited in the parish bank account; keeping accurate records of all income and expenditures (paying all invoices-bills and reimbursements); keeps in in order and preserves documents, records and books of parish finances. He/She is a signing officer, together with the pastor, for property approved financial transactions.

It is also very important, vibrant and vital for our Christian community-family to have active and carrying representatives (a leader and helpers) at different Parish Committees such as: Liturgical, Spiritual Care, Educational, Children Ministry, Youth Ministry, Senior Ministry, Decoration / Beautification, Maintenance, Kitchen, Social / Public Relations.



**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; 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](http://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!**



**Rachel's Corner:** "There is nothing to lose and so much to gain by going. It can be daunting, but that just goes to show you that there's a need for healing. It wasn't just a procedure. It was a person." - Testimonial

What is holding you back? Join other men and women on a Rachel Retreat and discover what it can be to live without the regret and shame of an abortion decision. What do you lose by going? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and begin the process of understanding the pain, which is the first step to living without it.

[info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com) [www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com) f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna: 250-762-2273

**BISHOP THOMAS J. LOBSINGER, OMI MEMORIAL BURSARY PROGRAM** - The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2022 program is now receiving



applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2022 A.D. until June 30, 2022 A.D. with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site ([kofcbc.org](http://kofcbc.org)) after Jan 1, 2022. Requests for application should be addressed to: Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon 2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9 Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman Or email:

[herbykofc@gmail.com](mailto:herbykofc@gmail.com) We would like to congratulate the many recipients once again over the past years and look forward to the opportunity to assist many more young people in the advancement of their education.

### How will I Make this Lent (Great Fast) Really Great?

Internet source: <https://eeparchy.com/2021/02/16/how-will-i-make-this-lent-great-fast-really-great/?fbclid=IwAR3rbW8lpvVTXjewNDxcE6SrsIPbgeo5UtopLQVm7VnVR1zVIFC0fY3aLBc>  
Great Lent is upon us. We use the terms Lent, Great Lent, and Great Fast

interchangeably. This year it begins on Feb 15 (Mar 15 Julian Calendar). During this time we are encouraged to take forty days to prepare ourselves, and our families, so as to be spiritually ready, and worthy to celebrate and worship the Resurrection – April 17 according to Gregorian Calendar (April 24 according to Julian Calendar). We are encouraged to fast, pray more, and to practice intentional charity (almsgiving). Here are some resources and suggestions which can help guide us in our journey.

#### • Increase Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving:

- Almsgiving, along with prayer and fasting make up the three-legged stool, which holds us up in our Lenten journey. These three when practiced together help to open our hearts to the Lord, so we may be touched by divine grace.
- If you have a family, speak with your spouse, and children about your expectations for Great Lent and decide as a family what you will do to increase your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
- It is a beautiful and encouraged practice to set aside the money we save from fasting during Great Lent. The money saved by not going out for lunch or supper, eating simpler and less each day can be donated to those in need.

- Consider sacrificing by increasing your donations at your parish, either in general or for a special project.
- Be purposeful about making the extra time to pray and to listen to God. Give yourself a few minutes to read the Holy Scriptures and contemplate the coming day before setting off to work and school. You can sign up to get short daily readings and reflections from Royal doors at <https://royaldoors.net/>
- Read the lives of the saints, the Psalter (psalms), or a book on prayer. There is some suggested Lenten reading material down below.
- Get the calendar of your parish or check out live-streamed services and plan to attend as a family. Consider attending the Canon of St. Andrew (this is good for both the body and soul!), the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Sorokousty, or Vespers.
- Start your Lenten journey on the right foot with forgiveness. Some parishes will offer Forgiveness Vespers, on the evening of Cheesefare Sunday, or will attach the forgiveness service to the end of the Sunday Divine Liturgy. You could also call family, friends and those who we may have offended and ask forgiveness.

#### Make a Good Confession:

- Take time to thoroughly examine your heart and soul. Here is a helpful guide as we face our conscience:
  - [PDF – Examination of Conscience – Adults](#)
  - [PDF – Examination of Conscience – Youth and Young Adults](#)
  - [PDF – Examination of Conscience – Children](#)

#### Other Suggestions:

- Turn off the television for all of Great Lent. If you can't do that, pick only certain times or days you will watch.
- Instead of TV watch some Religious videos. There are some excellent presentations on various prayers here: <https://eeparchy.com/catholic-prayer/>
- Watch Christian Videos with your children. You can borrow DVDs from the Eparchial Catechetical Resource centre (*Give us a call (780) 424-5496*)
- Get to know some of the saints by watching these short informative videos here: <https://eeparchy.com/saints/>
- Set a limit on the amount of time you will spend in front of a screen and the internet each day outside of work—this includes cell phones.
- Take a break from Facebook Twitter or Instagram or at least take them off your phone so that they are not readily available.
- Turn off the radio in the car and enjoy the quiet or download Christian Podcasts or prayers. Find some here: [Between the Pews](#), [Bible in a Year](#), <https://eeparchy.com/catholic-prayer/>
- Renew or start a new hobby. Hobbies or crafts can help us feel inspired, keep our hands busy and give us an opportunity for a break. You can listen to your Christian Podcasts while you do! The [Jesus Prayer](#) would be great for this.
- Set aside family time:
  - Eat dinner together.



- Attend church services together.
- Play board games together.
- Read together: Holy Scripture and other Christ centered books. Many are available to borrow or buy from the Edmonton Eparchy Pastoral centre. (*Give us a call (780) 424-5496*)
- Check out “The Zaccheaus Tree” by Lynne Drozdich Wardach. It is a great family resource available through [Macrina bookstore](#). This contains daily Scripture readings, prayers, and crafts that bring the season of the Great Fast home for kids (and parents).
- **Suggested Adult Readings for Great Lent:**
- **The Holy Bible:** If you can only read one book during Great Lent it should be the Holy Scriptures. Go here: <https://eeparchy.com/monthly-proper/> for the daily prayers and Scripture readings.
- **The Lenten Triodion:** This book gives all the changeable parts for every prayer service in Great Lent. It is filled with wonderful prayers and meditations. [PDF – What is the Triodion?](#)
- Wondering who all those saints are on the calendar? Check out the **Daily Synaxarion** [here](#). Get to know the saints by reading these short introductions.
- **Great Lent** by Alexander Schmemmann: A deep reflection on the meaning and purpose of Great Lent.
- **On Repentance and Almsgiving & On Living Simply** by St John Chrysostom (347-407). St John has much to say to us about family life, marriage, and how we as Christians are to conduct ourselves even for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- **Beginning to Pray** by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom. This little book has helped many Christians move from “saying prayers” to actually praying.
- **A Paschal Pilgrimage: A Guide for the great Fast for Ukrainian Catholics** by Bishop Basil Losten.

#### Resources for the Domestic Church:

- [PDF – Great Lent at Home \(Family Activity Book\)](#): This activity book has beautiful short daily Lenten reflections and activities for individuals and families alike.
- [PDF – Vegetable Soup Recipe](#): A basic soup recipe for strict fasting days.
- [PDF – Great Fast Calendar for Families](#): This has great ideas for daily activities and things to think about during the Pre-Lenten and the days of Great Lent.

#### Lenten Activities for Busy Families:

This resource is designed to help families to reflect on The Great Fast (Lent) and decide together on what they will do differently to observe this time of the liturgical year. They were originally created to do in a group at a parish, but they can easily be done as a family at home. [PDF – Activity Our Lenten Calendar](#) [PDF – Little Lenten Living Boxes](#) [PDF – Take Time](#)

[PDF – Great Fast Plans for Busy Families](#) [Whole Family Catechesis Session Leader Guide](#)

#### PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, we entreat You to hear the earnest prayer of Your beloved Church of Kyivan Rus' for her deeply afflicted children abiding in the land of Ukraine. Behold their grave sorrow and grievous plight, and speedily come to their aid. Deliver Your vulnerable people from unjust aggressors, foreign invasion and the terror of war. Strengthen courageous defenders of the nation to fight virtuously, inspired more by love of those they protect than hatred of the enemy.

O compassionate Lord, shelter the displaced, heal the wounded, console the orphan, protect the widow, comfort those who mourn, and mercifully receive into Your Kingdom those who have nobly died guarding their homeland against every aggression. Quickly make cease the spilling of blood of friend and foe alike, yet stir many to bravely struggle for that true justice which alone can bring lasting peace.

O kind-hearted Lord, as You are our peace, soften the hearts of the unmerciful and convert those who promote hostilities toward reconciliation, so that Your beloved children of the land of Ukraine, may abide in that tranquility, justice and freedom which reflects your Kingdom, where You reign with Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now, and forever and ever. Amen.

#### МОЛИТВА ЗА МИР В УКРАЇНІ

Господи Ісусе Христе Боже наш, благаємо Тебе, вислухай щире молитву Твоїї улюбленої Церкви Київської Русі за важко страждаючих дітей українського краю. Споглянь милостивим оком на їх лихоліття та ласкаво поспіши на допомогу. Звільни свій беззахисний народ від несправедливих загарбників, нашествия агресорів та терору війни. Зміцни силою Твоєю усіх доблесних і відважних захисників для добросердної боротьби, щоб вони радше керувалися любов'ю до беззахисних, аніж ненавистю до ворогів. О Премилосердний Господи, захорони переселенців, зціли поранених, борони сиріт, підтримай вдів, потіш скорботних та ласкаво прийми до Твого Царства всіх, хто благородно віддав своє життя в обороні Батьківщини від нападів ворогів. Поспіши зупинити кровопролиття як друга, так і недруга та запали серця багатьох до мужньої боротьби за істинну справедливість, що є джерелом тривалого миру. О добросердний Господи, Ти – наш мир, пом'якши зачерствілі серця, наведи тих, хто сприяє воєнним діям, до примирення, щоб Твій улюблений українській народ втішався миром, справедливістю та свободою – ознаками Твого Царства, в якому Ти царюєш з Предвічним Твоїм Отцем, і Всесвятим, Благим і Животворним Твоїм Духом, нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



## Agency works to coordinate Ukraine relief efforts by Catholic groups

By [Inés San Martín](#) Mar 10, 2022 | Rome Bureau Chief: <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-europe/2022/03/agency-works-to-coordinate-ukraine-relief-efforts-by-catholic-groups>



*Natasha, an 83-year-old refugee from Ukraine, who witnessed World War II, waits for a bus in Przemysl, Poland, March 8, 2022, after fleeing from Mykolaiv following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. More than a million refugees have fled from Ukraine into Poland, says the Polish government. (Credit: Fabrizio Bensch/Reuters via CNS.)*

ROME – When it comes to helping migrants and refugees fleeing conflicts, few have the experience of the Geneva-based International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC).

Through a coordinated response in collaboration with the bishops' conferences around the world, ICMC provides assistance and protection to vulnerable people on the move and advocates for sustainable solutions for refugees and migrants.



Founded in 1951 by Pope Pius XII, it is currently headed by Monsignor Robert Vitillo, who told *Crux* that the current exodus from Ukraine is arguably the fastest growing migration crisis in the world since World War II.

"I think that we can very safely say this is the largest situation of refugees and displaced people in Europe since World War II," he said. "And it's an interesting thing because as soon as we were founded, we became involved in helping the many refugees of the war who couldn't go back to their own countries, so we helped them get resettled in the Americas, Australia and other parts of the world."

*People arrive by ferry at the Isaccea-Orlivka border crossing in Romania March 9, 2022, after fleeing from Russia's invasion of Ukraine. More than 2 million people have fled Ukraine since the Feb. 24 invasion of the East European nation. (Credit: Stoyan Nenov/Reuters via CNS.)*

"We're trying to share information with the bishops' conferences and be of help to them," he said. "Our office has launched a fundraising appeal among our private donors to ask them to support the work of the church in Ukraine and in the neighboring countries that are receiving the refugees."

They have also been working closely with Catholic organizations such as the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caritas to try to make sure the response is coordinated and carried out in a collaborative way, which ensures that resources are not wasted.

Vitillo also said that the ICMC is doing "global advocacy" at the United Nations and the European Union to try to guarantee ceasefires for humanitarian corridors so that people can escape to safety, but also for "fair" policies in receiving and welcoming refugees.

"We were very pleased that the European Parliament has established temporary protection directives, so that persons coming from [Ukraine](#) could be received in those countries and be allowed to stay there for even up to three years if necessary," he said, pointing out that the United States took a similar path.

Ever since Russia invaded Ukraine Feb. 24, the ICMC has been gathering information from the Ukrainian bishops conference and those of neighboring countries, and working with the section for migrants and refugees at the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, in an attempt to "get information directly from the first responders, who often are the local churches."

This exchange of information with international agencies is aimed at guaranteeing collaboration, and more importantly, that they know where to refer people to "if we're getting needs that we're not directly involved in" addressing. He gave the example of a number of American adoptive families who were in Ukraine when the war began.

"They had all the legal permissions for the children to go back to the United States with them, but they had to wait for a mandatory 30-day trial period," Vitillo said. They contacted him in the hopes that he could help them get out of the country.

*Canadian Cardinal Michael Czerny, interim president of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, gives a blessing to Caritas workers during a visit to meet Ukrainian refugees arriving at the Keleti train station in Budapest, Hungary, March 8, 2022. (Credit: Courtesy Magyar Kurír via CNS.)*

Some of the children's institutions moved to a safe zone, but now they are trying to see what's the best way to keep those children and their families safe. Many needs are "surfacing" every day, hence the importance of Catholic organizations working in coordination, he said.

Vitillo also pointed out that there "has been a tremendous destruction in a very short time, not only the infrastructure, but especially the trauma and the suffering of the people," and praised the outpouring of solidarity. The fact that this is a war that is happening in Europe leads to many being moved because "it is close to home," but it is important that this solidarity continues because "we don't know how long this crisis will last."

On that note, he voiced concern over a single focus mentality, with the international community and the media focusing only on the ongoing war in Ukraine: "We shouldn't forget all of those other long-term situations of conflict, and



the terrible suffering of people throughout the world. It might be easier for the world's media to focus on Ukraine, but let's not forget all those others who are still suffering in Syria, in Yemen, and a long list of humanitarian emergencies."

Reflecting on Pope Francis' [decision to send two cardinals](#) to Ukraine, he argued that this "is a very significant step, especially because they are not simply going there to have diplomatic contacts, but, as the pope said, to listen to the refugees and their needs."

Quoting the pontiff's remarks after announcing that he would be sending Cardinals [Konrad Krajewsky](#) and [Michael Czerny](#) to the conflict zone, Vitillo pointed out that they are there not only to express the pope's closeness but "that of the entire Christian community. This means that all of us are called to do whatever we can to respond to this situation. It's very important that we pray for peace in this area and God could bring about that peace. But then we need to act, perhaps by making charitable donations to help those who are the first responders in those countries."

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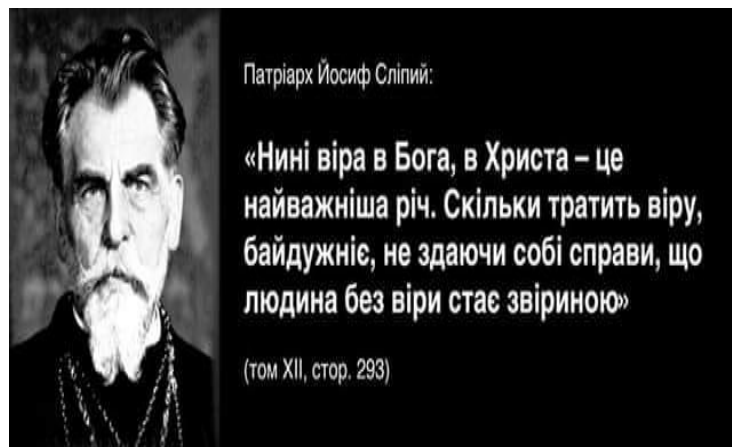


**PRAYER FOR  
UKRAINE**

LORD OUR GOD,  
GREAT AND ALMIGHTY, WE YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN TURN TO YOU WITH  
HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS AND BOW OUR HEADS LOW BEFORE YOU. WE  
BESEECH YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON THE  
NATION – THE PEOPLE – OF UKRAINE DURING THESE DAYS OF GREAT DANGER  
TO THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LORD, ARE ONCE AGAIN THREATENED BY  
AGGRESSORS WHO SEE THEM ONLY AS SIMPLE OBSTACLES BLOCKING THE  
PATH TO THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE PRECIOUS LAND AND  
RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE AS  
THEY FACE THIS GREAT DANGER, TURNING TO YOU IN THE IMMEASURABLY  
DEEP FAITH, TRUST AND LOVE THEY HAVE PLACED IN YOU ALL THEIR LIVES.  
SEND YOUR HEAVENLY LEGIONS, O LORD, COMMANDED BY THE PATRON OF  
KYIV, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, TO CRUSH THE DESIRES OF THE AGGRESSOR  
WHOSE DESIRE IS TO ERADICATE YOUR PEOPLE.

GRANT UNITY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL, O LORD TO ALL LEADERS IN PUBLIC  
SERVICE WITH THOSE THEY SERVE. UNITE THEM ALL INTO ONE, GREAT  
CHRISTIAN FAMILY, SO THAT TOGETHER, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY  
MAY GLORIFY YOUR MAJESTIC NAME – GOD IN THE HOLY TRINITY – FATHER,  
SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES.  
AMEN.



**Patriarch Josyf Cardinal Slipyj teaches:**

“Today faith in God, in Christ – is the most important thing.  
How many people lose their faith,  
become careless, do not even realize, that a human person  
without faith becomes an animal.”

(vol. XII, page 293)

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