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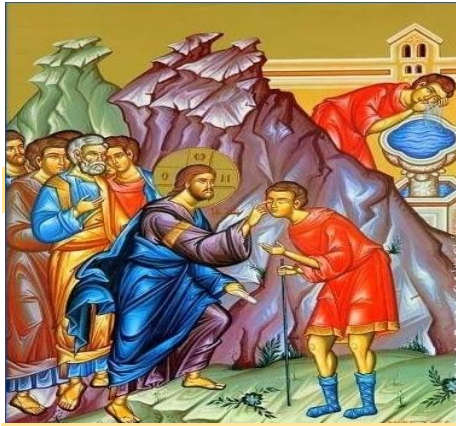
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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND / Неділя Сліпонародженого May 22nd, 2022 A.D.

**“Each one of us longs for love, for truth, for life –
and Jesus is all of these things in abundance!”**

– teaches and reminds us Pope Francis 1st today

**Christian Greetings: (April 17th - May 25th): Christ Is Risen! - Indeed, He Is Risen!
Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres! Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес!
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 and Christian love during this year Easter time and always! 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:

SUNDAY, May 22nd at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Service in Kelowna, BC)

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

11:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives, and friends.* (Service in Vernon, BC)

3:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives, and friends.* (Service in Grindrod, BC)

Tue., May 24th at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings and peace for Ukraine*

Wed., May 25th at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for Rev. Fr. Mykhailo Khomitsky and Family*

7:00 p.m. Vespers

Thur., May 26th (**ASCENSION OF ICXP**) at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.*

7:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God: *Protection and Intercession of The Blessed Virgin Mary for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends* (Eng./Ukr.)

Friday, May 27th at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *unity and protection for all Christians*

Saturday, May 28th (**Bible Studies, Church Services in Penticton, BC**) at **3:40 p.m.** Lectio Divina / Bible Studies

4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.*

Panakhya/ Memorial service: *Repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. Bohdan Bachynsky (requested by Mrs. Martha Holick and Family)*

SUNDAY, May 29th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Service in Kelowna, BC)

9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends* (Eng./Ukr.)

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

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 annual traditional and pastoral 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:

Liturgical Instruction: After the priest exclaims “Blessed is the Kingdom” and we have responded “Amen,” the clergy sing the following Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then the clergy sing the first half, and we conclude it. This is done every day until the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (3x)



Troparion (Tone 5): Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (Tone 4): Blinded in the eyes of my soul, I come to You, O Christ, like the man who was blind from birth, and I cry in repentance: You are the brilliant light of those in darkness.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 8): Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! and giving peace to Your apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Prokimenon (Tone 8): Pray and give praise to the Lord our God (Ps 75:12).

Verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel (Ps 75:2).

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Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles' (Acts 16:16-34)

In those days, while Paul and Luke were on their way to the place of prayer they met a slave girl who had a clairvoyant spirit. She used to bring substantial profit to her masters by fortunetelling. The girl began to follow Paul and the rest of them shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God; they will make known to you a way of salvation." She did this for several days until finally Paul became annoyed, turned around, and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you, come out of her!" Then and there the spirit left her.

When her masters saw that their source of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the main square before the local authorities. They turned them over to the magistrates with this complain: "These men are agitators disturbing the peace of our city! Furthermore, they are Jews, which means they advocate customs which are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice." The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. After receiving many lashes they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was given instructions he put them in maximum security, going so far as to chain their feet to a stake.

About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as their fellow prisoners listened, a severe earthquake suddenly shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundations. Immediately all the doors flew open and everyone's chains were pulled loose. The jailer woke up to see the prison gates wide open. Thinking that the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword to kill himself; but Paul shouted to him, "Do not harm yourself! We are all still here." The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. After a brief interval he led them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" Their answer was, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, and all your household." They proceeded to announce the word of God to him and to everyone in his house. At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and his whole household were baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and joyfully celebrated with the whole family his newfound faith in God.

Alleluia (Tone 8): Look upon me and have mercy (Ps. 118:132). Direct my steps according to Your word (Ps. 118:133).

Gospel (John 9:1-38)

At that time, Jesus saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, was it his sin or that of his parents that caused him to be born blind?" "Neither," answered Jesus: "It was no sin, either of this man or of his parents. Rather, it was to let God's works show forth in him. We must do the deeds of him who sent me while it is day. The night comes on when no one can work. While I am in the world I am the light of the world." With that Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with his saliva, and smeared the man's eyes with the mud. Then he told him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." (This name means "One who has been sent.") So, the man went off and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbours and the people who had been accustomed to see him begging began to ask, "Isn't this the fellow who used to sit and beg?" Some were claiming it was he; others maintained it was not but someone who looked like him. The man himself said, "I am the one." They said to him then, "How were yours eyes opened?" He answered: "That man they call Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes, telling me to go to Siloam and wash. When I did go and wash, I was able to see." "Where is he?" they asked. He replied, "I have no idea."

Next, they took the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. (Note that it was on a Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud paste and opened his eyes.) The Pharisees, in turn, began to inquire how he had recovered his sight. He told them, "He put mud on my eyes. I washed it off, and now I can see." This prompted some of the Pharisees to assert, "This man cannot be from God because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others objected, "If a man is a sinner, how can he perform signs like these?" They were sharply divided over him. Then they addressed the blind man again: "Since it was your eyes he opened, what do you have to say about him?" "He is a prophet," he replied.

The Jews refused to believe that he had really been born blind and had begun to see, until they summoned the parents of this man who now could see. "Is this your son?" they asked, "and if so, do you attest that he was blind at birth? How do you account for the fact that now he can see?" The parents answered: "We know this is our son, and we know he was born blind at birth. But how can he see now, or who opened his eyes, we have no idea. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself." (His parents answered in this fashion because they were afraid of the Jews, who had already agreed among themselves that anyone who acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age – ask him.")

A second time they summoned the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give the glory to God! First of all we know this man is a sinner." "I do not know whether he is a sinner or not," he answered. "I know this much: I was blind before; now I can see." They persisted: "Just what did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" "I have told you once, but you would not listen to me," he answered them. "Why do you want to hear it all over again? Do not tell me you want to become his disciples too?" They retorted scornfully: "You are the one who is that man's disciple. We are disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses, but we have no idea where this man comes from." He came back at them: "Well, this is news! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not hear sinners, but that if someone is devout and obeys his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever gave sight to a person blind from birth. If this man were not from God, he could never have done such a thing." "What!" they exclaimed, "You are steeped in sin from your birth, and you are giving us lectures?" With that they threw him out bodily.

When Jesus heard of his expulsion, he sought him out and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" "You have seen him," Jesus replied. "He is speaking to you now." "I do believe, Lord," he said, and bowed down to worship him.

Instead of "It is truly...": The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Irmos (*tone 1*): Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verses: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (*Ps 148:1*). **Alleluia!** (3x).

Instead of "Blessed is He...": **Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.**

Instead of "We have seen the true light...": *Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.*

Instead of "Let our mouths...": *Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.* (x3).

Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord...": *Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.* (x3).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

Priest: And to us He has granted life eternal!

Faithful: **We bow down before His resurrection on the third day!**

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

*Літургійні рубрики: Після того, як священник виголошує "Благословенне Царство" й люди відповідають "Амін", священники співають Тропар один раз, а люди його повторюють. Далі священники співають першу половину, а люди завершують другу. Так робимо щодня, аж до середи перед четвергом Вознесіння. **Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував** (x3).*

Тропар (*глас 5*): Рівнобезначальне з Отцем і Духом Слово, що від Діви народилося на спасіння наше, прославмо, вірні, і поклонімся, бо Воно благозволило тілом зійти на хрест і смерть перетерпіти, і воскресити померлих славним воскресінням Своїм

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (*глас 4*): На душевних очах осліплений, до тебе, Христе, приходжу, як сліпий від народження; в покаянні кличу до тебе: Ти в темряві світло пресвітле.

І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амін.

Кондак (*глас 8*): Хоч і у гріб зійшов ти, Безсмертний, та адову зруйнував ти силу, і воскрес єси як переможець, Христе Боже, жінкам-мироносицям звістивши: Радуйтеся, і твоїм апостолам мир даруєш, падшим подаєш воскресіння.

Прокімен (*глас 8*): Помоліться і воздайте Господові, Богу нашому (*Пс 75,12*).

Стих: Відомий у Юдеї Бог, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я його (*Пс 75,2*).

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Апостол: 3 книги Діянь Святих Апостолів читання (Дн. 16, 16-34)

Тими днями, як апостоли йшли на молитву, зустріла нас одна служниця, що мала духа віщуна, і віщунням справляла панам своїм великий заробіток. Ідучи слідом за Павлом і за нами, вона кричала: «Ці люди – слуги Всевишнього Бога, які звіщають вам путь спасіння!» Чимало днів вона так робила. Набридли це Павлові й, повернувшись, він сказав до духа: «Велю тобі ім'ям Ісуса Христа вийти з неї!» І в ту ж мить він вийшов. Побачивши її пани, що їхня надія на заробіток пропала, схопили Павла й Силу і потягли на майдан до влади. Привівши ж їх до воевод, сказали: «Ці люди колотять наше місто; це юдеї. Вони навчають звичаїв, яких нам, римлянам, не дозволено ані приймати, ані виконувати.» І натовп кинувся на них спільно, а воеводи, здерши з них одягу, звеліли їх сікти різками; завдавши їм чимало ран, кинули у в'язницю, наказавши тюремникові пильно стерегти їх. Він же, прийнявши такий наказ, вкинув їх у в'язницю до самої середини й забив їх ноги у колоди. Павло та Сила опівночі молилися і співали Богу, а в'язні слухали їх. Раптом зчинився землетрус великий, так що підвалини в'язниці затряслися: зненацька відчинилися всі двері, і кайдани на всіх розв'язалися. Якже прокинувся тюремник і побачив відчинені темничні двері, витяг меч і хотів себе вбити, гадаючи що в'язні повтікали. Аж тут Павло скрикнув голосом великим, кажучи: «Не завдавай собі ніякого лиха, всі бо ми тут!» І, попросивши світла, тюремник ускочив до в'язниці й, тремтячи, кинувся у ноги Павлові та Силі; а вивівши їх звідти, мовив: «Панове, що мені слід робити щоб спастися?» Ті відповіли: «Віруй у Господа Ісуса, і спасешся ти і твій дім.» І вони йому звіщали слово Господнє і всім, що були в його домі. А він, узявши їх тієї години вночі, обмив їхні рани й охристівся з усіма своїми. Як же запровадив їх до себе в господу, то накрив стіл і веселився з усім домом, який увірував в Бога.

Алилуя (*глас 8*): Споглянь на мене і помилуй мене (*Пс 118, 132*). Спрямуй стопи мої за Твоїм словом (*Пс 118, 133*).

Євангеліс: (*Ів. 9, 1-38*)

У той час, переходивши, побачив Ісус чоловіка, зроду сліпого. Запитали його, отже, учні його: «Учителю, хто згрішив? Він – чи батьки його, що сліпим він уродився?» «Ані він не згрішив, ані батьки його, – відказав Ісус, – але щоб ділам Божим виявитись на ньому! Поки дня, маємо виконувати діла того, хто послав мене, – бо ніч надходить, за якої ніхто не зможе діяти. І поки я у світі – я світло світу.» Сказавши те, сплюнув на землю, споготовив слиною глей і помастив глеєм очі сліпого. До нього ж сказав: «Іди, вмийся в купелі Силоамській», – що у перекладі означає: «Зісланій». Отож подався той, умився – і повернувся зрячим!

Сусіди ж і ті, що бачили його раніше сліпим, заговорили: «Чи то ж не той, який ото все сидів – жебрачів?» Одні казали: То він, – інші: Ні, лиш подібний до нього. Він же каже: «Це я!» Тож питались його: «Як воно так, що прозріли твої очі?» А він: «Чоловік, що Ісусом звать його, споготовив глей, очі мені помастив та й мовив: Піди до Силоаму, вмийся. Я пішов, умився – і прозрів.» Вони його тоді питають: «Де він?» – «Не знаю», каже той. Тож ведуть того, хто сліпий був, до фарисеїв. Було ж у суботу, коли то Ісус споготовив глею і відкрив йому очі. То й фарисеї спитали його, як він прозрів. А він їм: «Глею поклав мені на очі, я вмився, й ось бачу.» Деякі з фарисеїв твердили: «Не від Бога цей чоловік, бо суботи не дотримує.» Інші мовили: «Чи може ж грішний чоловік отакі чудеса чинити?» Отож суперечка була серед них. І знову сліпого кажуть: «А ти що про нього кажеш – про те, що очі тобі відкрив?» Одрікає: «Пророк він.» Проте юдеї щодо нього не вірили, що був він сліпий і прозрів, – аж поки не закликали батьків отого прозрілого. Спитали їх: «Чи то ваш син, про котрого кажете, що сліпим він уродився? А тепер як же він бачить?» Батьки його і відказали, мовивши: «Знаємо, що то наш син, і що сліпим він був уродився. А як він тепер бачить – не знаємо, і хто відкрив йому очі – не відаємо. Спитайте самого: він дорослий,



сам про себе скаже.» Так батьки його казали, бо юдеїв страхалися: юдеї бо вже були домовилися, щоб виключити кожного з синагоги, хто Христом його визнаватиме. Тим то батьки його й казали: Дорослий він, – самого спитайте.

Отож удруге закликали чоловіка, що сліпим був, та й кажуть йому: «Богові славу воздай! Ми знаємо, що той чоловік – грішник.» «Чи грішник він, – озвався він, – я не знаю. Знаю одне: був я сліпим, а тепер бачу.» Вони ж йому на те знов: «Що він таке тобі сподівав? Як він очі тобі відкрив?» Той їм відказує: «Я вже вам оповів, та ви не слухали. Навіщо ще чути хочете? Чи, може, і ви його учнями бажаєте стати?» Ті з лайкою накинулись на нього, і сказали: «Ти його учень! Ми – Мойсееві учні! Ми знаємо: до Мойсея промовляв Бог. А цього не знаємо, звідкіля він.» У відповідь чоловік сказав їм: «Ось воно, власне, і дивно, що ви не знаєте, звідкіля він, а він мені очі відкрив. Ми знаємо, що Бог не вислухує грішників, коли ж хтось побожний і його волю чинить – ось того він вислухує! Нечувано одвіку, щоб хтонебудь відкрив очі сліповродженому. Був би він не від Бога – нічого не спроможен би був зробити!» Озвались і сказали йому: «Ти весь у гріхах уродився, а нас навчаєш?» І прогнали його геть.

Довідався Ісус, що вони геть його прогнали, отож, зустрівши його, промовив до нього: «Віруєш у Чоловічого Сина?» А той: «А хто він, Господи, щоб я вірував у нього?» Ісус же йому: «Ти бачив його; він – той, хто говорить з тобою.» Тоді той і сказав: «Вірую, Господи!» – і поклонився йому.

Замість Достойно: Ангел сповіщає Благодатній: Чистая Діво, радуйся. І знову кажу: Радуйся. Твій Син воскрес триденний із гробу, і мертвих воздвигнув він; люди, веселіться.

Ірмос (глас 1): Світися, світися, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на тобі возсіяла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне. А ти, Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, востаням рождення твого.

Причасний: Тіло Христове прийміть, джерела безсмертного споживіть. Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. (Пс. 148:1). **Аллилуя** (х3).

Замість Благословен, хто йде в ім'я Господнє: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Замість Ми бачили світло істинне: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Замість Нехай сповняться: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).


Замість Будь ім'я Господнє: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

Під час відпусту "Христос воскрес" співається один раз (на просту мелодію) замість "Слава Отцю..." Тоді знову співається Тропар "Христос воскрес", як і на початку Літургії, але з додатковим закінченням.

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

І нам дарував життя вічне, поклоняємось Його на третій день воскресінню.

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, participated at our parishes Easter Spil'ne Sviachene celebrations, 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 praying and reaching outside our parish to very challenging and unpeaceful 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 to The Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Kelowna, BC:
April 18 – 24, 2022 A.D. 9:00am: \$942.00 bilingual Sunday service Etransfers: \$150.00
\$6,300.00 The Kokolski Family thoughtful and generous donation for water heater

April 25 – May 1, 2022 A.D. 9:00 am: \$557.00; 11:00 am: \$210.00 Etransfers: \$450.00
May 2 – 8, 2022 A.D. 9:00 am: \$670.00 Etransfers: \$170.00

- Donations to The Holy Resurrection of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC:

April 2nd: \$ 270.00 April 9th: \$ 173.00; April 16th: \$ 217.00 April 23rd: \$ 244.00 April 30th: \$ 189.00

DONATIONS! Amid war in Ukraine and Covid-19 Pandemic causing many difficulties and challenging times we continue to rely on your Christian care, understanding, support and 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)



EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE PEOPLE IN 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, 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 address). 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! We help Ukraine!

1. Ukrainian Catholic parishes of the Eparchy of New Westminster accept any donation to Aid Ukraine from parishioners and all caring about Ukraine people. These donations will be deposited in church bank account as usual and then a cheque with the memo Aid to Ukraine will be sent to the Eparchy. The Parish will send a list of donors with mailing addresses and donation amounts to the Eparchy and we will forward the list to Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) along with the money and they will issue donation receipts to the donors.

2. Alternatively, you can send donations directly to CNEWA with a list of donors and also send the list to the Eparchy for tracking purposes. Memo on cheque Aid to Ukraine.

3. Another way to donate to Caritas Ukraine is directly through our partner Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Ottawa) website: [CNEWA Canada](https://cnewa.ca). 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/> Donors can send their donation directly to CNEWA.

We are asking everyone to follow these very important procedures to make sure none of us jeopardize our Church Charitable Status. Reminder all cheques require the memo states Aid to Ukraine. To stay informed on the greatest need and the developing humanitarian efforts, visit CNEWA's website (cnewa.org/ca). Individuals can also donate directly to [CNEWA](https://cnewa.org/ca).

Daily 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?

- "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

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!

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




CONGRATULATIONS!

ЩИРО ВАС ВИТАЄМО!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to and to all Christians celebration Easter time, Mrs. Beverly Esopenko on her birthday (May 24th), Mr. Michael Hinz on his birthday (May 25th), Mr. Ivan Gudz on his birthday (May 28th), Rev. Fr. Andriy Werbowy on his birthday (May 28th), 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!

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: *DormitionKelowna Parish*: <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>

- Please visit and pray via our Cathedral Facebook page for live-stream videos of the liturgical services at The Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in New Westminster, BC: <https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>

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



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 Dashkewych, 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 Tomashevskaya and The Family, Shane Bettin, Patricia Sawadsky, Robert Emery, Karen W., Victor P., Jacob and Anne Dressler, for peace in the World, for all people defending Ukraine and all refugees at the time of war, Rev. Fr. Yuriy Vyshnevskyy 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.*

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.

The Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine is praying the rosary for Ukraine every Wednesday at 1:30 pm at Saint Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic church. We kindly request to place this information in your Sunday bulletins. We are inviting all Catholic churches to join us in prayer. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. Pray for Ukraine. Slava Ukraini! YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFDrZoGsYeJG1lqgdZyFYMA>



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

If you wish to help or have any questions, suggestions, ideas about our Christian community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mr. Michael Hinz. Email: m-e-hinz@web.de or phone: (250) 404-0569

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.



МОЛИТВА ЖИВОЇ ПАРАФІЇ: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоею присутністю та єдною нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоею мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єдною нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоею спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світлом евангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилася, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амін.





World Youth Day <https://worldyouthday.com/lisbon-2023> WYD Lisbon will be held in Lisbon, Portugal on August 1-6, 2023 A.D. Young Catholics of age 16-35 from our Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church Christian community though All are welcome to attend.

Our parish is preparing a list of faithful

planning to make Christian commits and participate. We will gather to pray, meet and study by spiritually growing via special Rise Up 10 sessions program. If you have any questions, please, contact Mr. Michael Rawluk or Fr. Pavlo Myts. Come and join us for a special presentation-session at 12:30 pm at our parish hall on Sunday of May 29th, 2022 A.D.

We do pray and sincerely welcome and help Ukrainian refugees coming to Kelowna, BC! Молимося, вітаємо й допоможемо Вам! Please contact our parish We Help Ukraine commette at The Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church. Our parish WE Help Ukraine commettee voluteers has thoutfully serched for, bought, organized and prepared a special gifts for new Ukrainian families recently arrived and warmly welcomed at our Christian community.

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



help is always appreciated, and we still need more parishioners to volunteer! Thank you for your support and care at this uneasy time for us all. **“Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!”** (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

Rachel's Corner: **“Don't let what you can't do interfere with what you CAN do”.** - Matthew Kelly. You can't change the outcome by mentally going back in time, to just before the abortion decision. You CAN allow God to help you with that regret and sorrow you still feel now. Don't let what has happened interfere with who you are called to be today. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. You will be glad you did. info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273

Resource tables from Pregnancy Care Centre, Rachel's Vineyard, and Kelowna Right to Life will be available. Please join us to pray for and support the sanctity of all human life, and discover what you can do to support LIFE.



Information Session

The Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna is gathering a group of young people to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal!

Join us to find out more...

When: Sunday, May 29th following the 11:00 AM liturgy

Where: 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, in the parish hall following the 11:00 AM liturgy. **Lunch will be provided.**

Who: Ukrainian Catholic young people ages 16-35

What: Information session to learn more about World Youth Day 2023

Why: World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, through prayer and the sacraments, together with hundreds of thousands of other young people from all over the world who share your interests and ambitions.

www.lisboa2023.org

www.worldyouthday.com

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. One day every one of us will end his or her earthly journey. Every day we are all getting closer to that moment. No person will be able after physical death to use his or her earthly temporal treasures anymore. **Always remember that, continue to be honest, loving, carrying, supportive, positive and generous! God bless all you! Be aware and remember that your**



Catholic Bishops Welcome Announcement of Dates and Hub Cities for Papal Visit to Canada

May 13, 2022 – Earlier today, the Vatican formally announced that Pope Francis will travel to Canada from July 24-29, 2022. The historic visit, focused on Indigenous healing and reconciliation, will be the fourth papal journey to Canada and the first since Saint John Paul II's visit in 2002.

Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC) welcomed the formal confirmation of the visit on behalf of Canada's Catholic Bishops: "We are immensely grateful that the Holy Father has accepted our invitation to continue the journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land. In late July, Pope Francis will have the opportunity to visit Indigenous Peoples here in their homeland, as he promised when he met them recently in Rome. We pray for the health of the Holy Father as we undertake the intensive planning for this historic visit."

On April 1, 2022, Pope Francis [apologized](#) for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system. The Holy Father expressed "sorrow and shame" for the abuse and lack of respect for Indigenous identities, culture and spiritual values in the residential school system.

The Holy Father's apology was informed by private encounters between March 28th and April 1st with 32 Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors and youth representing the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Métis National Council (MNC), and the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK).

Given the vast landscape of Canada, the limited time period for the visit and considering the health of the 85 year old Pontiff, the Vatican has announced that Pope Francis will adopt only three communities as a base for his Canadian visit: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit. The locations will limit travel for the Holy Father while still allowing an opportunity for both intimate and public encounters, drawing on participation from all regions of the country.

Edmonton is home to the second largest number of Indigenous Peoples living in urban Canadian centres. In addition, 25 residential schools were located in Alberta, the most of any province or territory in Canada.

Iqaluit, with close to 8,000 people, is home to the highest population of Inuit (3,900) of all Canadian cities with more than 5,000 people. Pope Francis was personally invited by Inuit delegates to visit the North during their meetings in March.

Quebec City provides an eastern hub for those who may wish to travel to see Pope Francis, especially Indigenous Peoples of the East. The region is also home to Ste. Anne-de-Beaupré, one of the oldest and most popular pilgrimage sites in North America, drawing Indigenous Peoples and others from throughout Canada and around the world each year.

While dates and general locations have been confirmed by the Vatican, specific sites and a formal program will be developed in dialogue with Indigenous partners at the local and national level. Given the focus on Indigenous healing and reconciliation, the Holy Father is expected to visit the site of a former residential school and other locations of particular significance.

Typically, six to eight weeks prior to a papal visit, a full program and itinerary are released by the Vatican. At that time, the public will have an opportunity to learn more about how they may participate in the numerous events and related activity for the papal visit, along with volunteer opportunities and other relevant details.

The CCCBC has appointed Archbishop Richard Smith as General Co-ordinator for the Papal Visit, to guide this immense undertaking on behalf of the Canadian Bishops. As Archbishop of Edmonton, the Archbishop also accompanied Indigenous delegates to the Vatican earlier this year and has long-standing relationships with Indigenous leaders.

Archbishop Smith commented on the appointment: "I am humbled to serve as General Co-ordinator for this historic visit from Pope Francis. I look forward to working with Indigenous Peoples from across this land, as well as local, provincial and federal partners, as we prepare to welcome the Holy Father and continue to walk together on this important healing and reconciliation journey."

Those interested in learning more about the Papal Visit to Canada can find the latest updates at: www.papalvisit.ca (english) and www.visitepapale.ca (french).

About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

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**From the Head of the UGCC on Day 81st of the war:
"I beg all intellectuals of the world: Do not be silent!"**

Monday, May 16th, 2022 A.D.: The UGCC Department for Information:
http://news.ugcc.ua/en/news/from_the_head_of_the_ugcc_on_the_81st_day_of_the_war_i_ask_all_intellectuals_of_the_world_do_not_be_silent_96819.html



If today we do not condemn the genocide of the Ukrainian people which is being perpetrated by Russia in our land, then tomorrow those seduced by this murderous ideology can bring much harm to all of mankind. This statement was voiced by the Father and Head of the UGCC in his address on the 81st day of Russia's war against Ukraine.

"According to the latest reports, more than 170,000 civilians in Mariupol are suffering from severe starvation. Our troops heroically defend the city every day. It is completely surrounded. People of good will cry out to the whole world to save those who today stand in the way of the Russian aggressor's plan, as Ukraine's victory is being forged in Mariupol," stated the Head of the UGCC.

"Therefore, I appeal to all those who have the power to save the people of this city of Mary: do your job!" – exclaimed the Archbishop, adding the assurance that the UGCC is praying and doing all in its power to save those who are on the verge of starvation while tons of Russian bombs fall on them daily.

Continuing a series of reflections on the spiritual works of mercy, His Beatitude Sviatoslav reflected on the next act of charity – to instruct the ignorant.

According to the Primate, teaching those who need instruction, sharing knowledge, skills, and technological advances is, on the one hand, an act of charity, and on the other, the way of real progress and development for mankind. The Head of the UGCC called the ability to distinguish truth from falsehood and good from evil "the key to true happiness."

"Yet for this skill to be truly developed, it must be learned. And today I especially want to thank the teachers and educators, who by removing ignorance and enlightening their students, serve them and thus fulfill a work of mercy," the Archbishop stated.

The Father and Head of the UGCC thanked all the volunteers who help refugees from Ukraine to learn the language, laws, and customs of the people and country to which they have arrived, due to the war. "I thank all those who share their skills and knowledge. Today we especially want to thank teachers, professors – all those who cooperate in this spiritual work of mercy towards others. Especially today we want to remember parents who have a duty to raise their children, to teach them the Christian faith. Because it is not enough to pass on life; the younger generations still need to be taught to live," emphasized the Head of the UGCC.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav also addressed intellectuals, scientists and academics of the modern world: "We see that the war in Ukraine has a clear ideological component. Besides destroying the cities and villages of Ukraine, the enemy is also destroying the souls of not only Ukrainians, but people all over the world, seducing them with lies, and using negative statements or words associated with past evils to name what is happening in Ukraine."

Today, the Primate continued, Russia's goal in Ukraine is "de-nazification." But in reality, it is the genocide of the Ukrainian people, which was openly delineated in certain manuals.

"God bless Ukraine! O God, You are our Teacher. You have revealed Yourself as the One Who came to teach us, to reveal the Truth to us, to give us eternal life. You are the Teacher of life, we are Your disciples. We call You Teacher, we want to imitate You in our lives, bless Your disciples!

God bless Ukraine! God bless our army! Bless our people, teachers, volunteers and all those who teach the words of Your Truth today," prayed the Ukrainian spiritual leader.



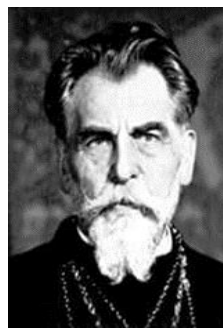


PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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.



Патріарх Йосиф Сліпий:

«Нині віра в Бога, в Христа – це найважливіша річ. Скільки тратить віру, байдужніє, не здаючи собі справи, що людина без віри стає звіриною»

(том XII, стор. 293)

Patriarch Josyf Cardinal Slipyj teaches and reminds all:
“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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