

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



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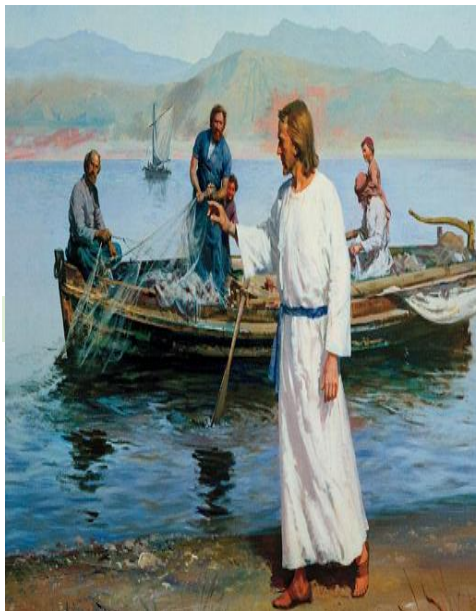
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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US BY PRAYING TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD AT THE CHURCH AND ON-LINE!

Welcome, pray, greet, and wish 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 in the World today!

Daily Liturgical and Sacramental Services celebrated during this week:

SUNDAY, June 19th 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.)

Mon., June 20th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: Repose of the soul of Victor Puchalo (*requested by Mrs. Alice Pelechaty and Family*)

7:00 p.m. Moleben to Our Lord Jesus Christ: God's blessings and peace in Ukraine (Eng./Ukr.)

Tues, June 21st at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Mr. Chris Topor (*requested by Mrs. Helen Stockburn*)

Wed., June 22nd **NO SERVICES**

Thur., June 23rd at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for health and wellbeing of Emily and her family (*requested by Mr. Mr. Robert Kwiatkoski*)

5:45 p.m. – 6:15 pm: Confession / Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:15 p.m. Moleben to Our Lord Jesus Christ: *Protection and Blessings of The Almighty God for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends* (Eng./Ukr.)

Fri., June 24th **CHRIST THE LOVER OF MANKIND, Saint John the Baptist Birthday**, at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends

Sat., June 25th (**Bible Studies, Church Services in Penticton, BC**)

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.

SUNDAY, June 26th 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.)

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.

2nd SUNDAY after PENTECOST

2-^{га} НЕДІЛЯ після ЗІСЛАННЯ СВЯТОГО ДУХА

**The Holy Apostle Jude Thaddeus, Brother of the Lord
Святого Апостола Юди Тадея, Брата Господнього**
June 19th, 2022 A.D.

“Today GOD continues to call – you and me – but do we listen?”

– teaches and reminds us all Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta today

Christian Greetings:

Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever!

Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky! Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на 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



JESUS ANSWERED,

"I AM THE WAY

AND THE TRUTH

AND THE LIFE.

NO ONE COMES

TO THE FATHER

EXCEPT THROUGH ME."

- JOHN 14:6



Liturgical propers in English language:

Troparion (tone 1): Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

Troparion (tone 1): As we know you to be Christ's relative* and a steadfast martyr,* O Jude, we praise you with sacred hymns.* You trampled on error and kept the faith.* And so on this day as we feast your memory* through your prayers, O apostle,* we receive release from our sins.

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

Kontakion (tone 1): You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raised the world.* All humanity acclaim You as God,* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy:* "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (tone 2): O Jude, because of your solid mind* you were shown to be a chosen disciple and firm pillar of the Church of Christ.* You proclaimed to the nations His holy word* teaching them to believe in the one God* from Whom you received glory and the gift of healing* to cure the ills of those who flee to you,* O apostle, worthy of all praise.

Prokeimenon (tone 1): Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. (*Psalm 32:22,1*)

Prokeimenon (tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their word unto the ends of the world. (*Psalm 18:5*)

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, to which their own conscience also bears witness; and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse them on the day when, according to my gospel, God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.

Jude 1:1-10 (NRSV)

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. Beloved, while eagerly preparing to write to you about the salvation we share, I find it necessary to write and appeal to you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. For certain intruders have stolen in among you, people who long ago were designated for this condemnation as ungodly, who pervert the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Now I desire to remind you, though you are fully informed, that the Lord, who once for all saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not keep their own position, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deepest darkness for the judgment of the great day. Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which, in the same manner as they, indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural lust, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Yet in the same way these dreamers also defile the flesh, reject authority, and slander the glorious ones. But when the archangel Michael contended with the devil and disputed about the body of Moses, he did not dare to bring a condemnation of slander against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" But these people slander whatever they do not understand, and they are destroyed by those things that, like irrational animals, they know by instinct.

Alleluia (tone 1): God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me. (*Ps. 17:48*) Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. (*Ps. 17:51*) The heavens shall confess our wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. (*Ps. 88:6*)

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23 (NRSV)

At that time, when Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

John 14:21-24 (NRSV)

The Lord said to his disciples, they who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. (*Psalm 148:1*).* Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their word unto the ends of the world.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (*Psalm 18:5*)



Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Тропар (глас 1): Хоч запечатали камінь юдеї* і воїни стерегли пречисте тіло Твоє,* воскрес Ти, Спасе, на третій день,* даруючи життя світові.* Тому сили небесні взивали до Тебе, Життєдавче:* Слава воскресінню Твоєму, Христе,* слава царству Твоєму,* слава провидінню Твоєму,* єдиний Чоловіколюбче!

Тропар (г. 1): Знаючи тебе, Юдо, як Христового родича,* побожно славимо як мученика непохитного,* який переміг обман і віру зберіг;* тому вшановуючи сьогодні твою всесвяту пам'ять,* за молитвами твоїми прощення гріхів приймаємо.

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 1): Воскрес Ти у славі як Бог із гробу* і світ із Собою воскресив;* людське єство Тебе, як Бога, оспівує* і смерть щезла.* Адам же ликує, Владико,* і Єва нині, з увів визволившись, радіє, взиваючи:* Ти, Христе, Той, Хто всім подає воскресіння. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 2): Сильним умом, як вибраний ученик явився ти,* і як стовп непоборний Церкви Христової поганам проповідував ти слово Христове,* навчаючи вірувати в єдине божество.* Ним прославлений, прийняв ти дар оздоровлень,* зціляючи недуги тих, що до тебе прибігають, апостоле Юдо всехвальний.

Прокімен (глас 1): Милість Твоя, Господи, хай буде над нами,* бо ми надіялись на Тебе (Пс 32,22).

Стих: Радуйтеся, праведні, в Господі, правим належить похвала (Пс 32,1).

Прокімен (глас 8): На всю землю вийшло вістуння їх і до кінців вселенної глаголи їх (Пс 18,5).

Апостол: (Рм 2,10-16):

Браття і Сестри, слава ж і честь, і мир усякому, хто чинить добро: юдеєві перше, а потім грекові, бо Бог не вважає на особу. Бо ті, що згрішили поза законом, поза законом і згинуть; а ті, що згрішили під законом, будуть суджені законом. Бо не слухачі закону справедливі перед Богом, а виконавці закону оправдаються. Бо коли погани, що не мають закону, з природи виконують те, що законне, вони, не мавши закону, самі собі закон; вони виявляють діло закону, написане в їхніх серцях, як свідчить їм їхнє сумління і думки, то засуджуючи їх, то оправдуючи, – в день, коли Бог, згідно з моєю Євангелією, судитиме тайні вчинки людей через Ісуса Христа.

Юд. 1, 1-10

Юда, слуга Ісуса Христа, брат Якова, покликаний, любим у Бозі Отці і збереженим для Ісуса Христа: хай милосердя, мир і любов будуть у вас повні. Мої любі, я пильно старався писати вам про наше спільне спасіння і вважаю за конечне написати вам, щоб заохотити вас боротися за віру, раз назавжди передану святим. Бо до вас крадькома вдерлися деякі люди, що були здавна призначені на засуд: безбожні, які з благодаті Бога нашого роблять розпусту і відрікаються від нашого єдиного Владика й Господа Ісуса Христа. Хочу нагадати вам, хоч знаєте все, що Господь, визволивши людей з Єгипетського краю, згодом видав на погибіль тих, які не вірували. І ангелів, що не зберегли свого достоїнства й покинули житло, зберіг у кайданах вічних, під темрявою, на суд великого дня. Так само Содом і Гомора з сусідніми містами, які, подібно до них, були запродалися розпусті і протиприродній похоті, лежать як приклад, скарані вічним огнем. Отак і ці, також у маячінні, бруднять тіло, відкидають владицтво і зневажають світлості. І тоді, як сам архангел Михаїл, змагаючись із дияволом і сперечаючись із ним про тіло Мойсея, не наважився винести зневажливого суду, але сказав: нехай тебе Господь судить, ції зневажають те, чого не знають; а те, що, немов та нерозумна звірина, з природи знають, те їх губить.

Алилуя (глас 1): Бог, що дає відплату мені, і покоровив народи мені (Пс 18,48). Ти, що звеличуєш спасіння царя, і даєш милість помазаннику Своему Давидові і родові його повіки (Пс 18,51). Ісповідять небеса чуда Твої, Господи, і істину Твою в церкві святих (Пс. 88,6).

Євангеліє: (Мт 4,18-23)

Ідучи попри Галилейське море, Ісус побачив двох братів: Симона, що звався Петром, і Андрія, його брата, що закидали сіті у море, бо були рибалки. І до них мовив: "Ідіть за мною, я вас зроблю рибалками людей." І ті негайно кинули сіті й пішли за ним. Проїшовши звідтіля далі, побачив інших двох братів: Якова, сина Заведєя, та Йоана, його брата, що в човні з батьком Заведєєм лагодили свої сіті, і їх покликав. Вони зараз же, кинувши човна і свого батька, пішли слідом за ним. І ходив Ісус по всій Галилеї, навчаючи по їхніх синагогах, звіщаючи Добру Новину про Царство й вигожуючи всяку хворобу й всяку недугу в народі

Йоан 14, 21-24.

Хто має мої заповіді й береже їх, той мене любить. Хто ж мене любить, того мій Отець любитиме, і я його любитиму, і об'явлюся йому. Юда ж, не Іскаріот, каже йому: Господи, як воно, що ти не світові, а нам об'явишся? Ісус озвався до нього й мовив: Коли хто мене любить, слово моє берегтиме, і Отець мій буде його любити, і ми прийдемо до нього, і в ньому зробимо оселю. Хто ж мене не любить, слів моїх не береже. Слово, що ви чуєте, не моє, але Отця, який послав мене.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1). Алилуя (х3).

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 parish projects and ministry, 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! 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)

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 щирю молитву Твоєї 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 добросердечної 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 приймай 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 добросердий Господи, Ти – наш мир, пом'якши зачерствілі серця, наведи тих, хто сприяє воєнним діям, до примирення, щоб Твій улюблений український 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.



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!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Help is needed♥

Our church volunteer committee "We Help Ukraine " were invited to participate in retro car show in Penticton to sell baking goods, all proceeds will go for purchasing Ambulance for Ukraine.

If you would like to contribute, please bring your baking goods to the Church on June 24, Friday afternoon.

Please, consider baking goods without cream as it will not be refrigerated, and choose only vegetarian recipes. We would truly appreciate if your baking goods will be packed in small bags or containers with the list of ingredients attached.

Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated in this life saving matter!

Sincerely,

"We Help Ukraine " church committee volunteers

Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church (1091 Coronation Ave. Kelowna, BC)

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 ВІТАЄМО!



May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to and to Mr. Robert Kwiatkoski on his birthday (June 19th), Mr. Chris Billinton on his birthday (June 19th), Mr. Peter Karolcik on his birthday (June 21st), Kimberly Billinton on her birthday (June 24th), Mr. Myron Semegen on his birthday (June 25th), and to 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!

**Цінуйте тата так само,
як маму...**

**Тато говорить менше, але
переживає за нас так само, як
мама.**



What does it mean to be a Father?

A father must be many things for his family. First of all, he must be a breadwinner. He must provide for those he loves.

Often it is only a breadwinner who knows what it costs in blood, sweat and tears to be a good provider!

A father must look deeply into his conscience, and with his wife, determine what the real needs of his family are. He must sometimes willingly and without regret make decisions that will be appreciated perhaps only after the years have gone by! A father must be a leader; one who shares in the decision-making process with his family!

A father must also be a priest, helping to lead his family to God. In a sense, a father is called to be like God, in that he creates, sustains and provides for those he loves!

**Dear fathers, grandfathers, god-fathers, most reverend and reverend spiritual fathers may the Almighty and Omnipresent God bestow upon you, your families and all your dear one's good health, peace, lots of love, blessings and happiness that you can cherish always –
HAPPY, BLESSED FATHER'S DAY!!!**

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **LIVE STREAMING of church services from Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church** in Kelowna, B.C.: Please join our Christian prayerful community at <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>
You can also view 24 / 7 many inspiring videos, articles, pictures, etc. are regularly published by the pastor. Please visit our parish Facebook page: *DormitinionKelowna Parish*: <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>
- Please 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 or 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 and Lil 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 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, 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: 1) 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/UCFDzZoGsYeJG1lqgdZyFYMA>



✚ **On behalf of our Christian church family, assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to Mrs. Alice Pelechaty and The Family**, all their family members, relatives, neighbours and friends! May our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ place Alice's brother-in-law Mr. Victor Puchalo's soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may his memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! – Vichnaya Pamyat'! – Everlasting Memory! – Вічна Пам'ять!

✚ **On behalf of our Christian church family, assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to Mrs. Mariya Matsychko and The Family**, all their family members, relatives, neighbours and friends! May our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ place Mariya's mother Mrs. Anna Bogush's soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may her memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! – Vichnaya Pamyat'! – Everlasting Memory! – Вічна Пам'ять!

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.**

✚ **Mr. Ihor Lubomyr Huculak, Honorary Consul** of Ukrainian Honorary Consulate in Vancouver, Canada is visiting Kelowna, BC to pray and meet with our Christian church community members / parishioners, guests, visitors and especially newly arrived Ukrainians at 7 p.m. on Monday of June 20th, 2022 A.D. All are very welcome!

✚ **Our Parish Executive Council Meeting** is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 23rd, 2022 A.D.

✚ **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



VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit,

that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



МОЛИТВА ЖИВОЇ ПАРАФІЇ: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа,

щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єдною нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єдною нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилися, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

✚ **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 committee at The Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church. Our parish WE Help Ukraine committee volunteers has thoughtfully searched 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.

✚ **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.



Rachel's Corner: "Healing the brokenhearted and binding up their wounds. He brings peace to your borders."
- Psalm 147: 3, 14



Do you yearn to receive healing for the wound that abortion left in your life? Would you like to mend your broken heart with the true peace that only God can give? Join us on the next confidential Rachel's Vineyard™

Retreat and allow it to begin!

Have you been feeling the regret and guilt gnawing away at you and have had no recourse where you could get any true relief? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Come on a Rachel's vineyard Retreat. info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelvineyardkelowna.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.

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 10:30 am at our parish hall on

Sunday of June 19th. 2022 A.D.



FAITHFUL GIVING ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tournaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy. Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. 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 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)**

Bequests and Wills: Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small



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, June 19th following the 9:00 AM liturgy (approximately 10:30 AM)

Where: 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, in the parish hall following the 9:00 AM liturgy.

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

Stewardship Prayer

O God, the Father of every gift, all that we are and have comes from your hand.

In Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us the greatest of all gifts.

Fill our hearts with his love, so that we may be parish communities of faithful, caring people.

Grant us the grace to be good stewards who, in the name and spirit of Jesus, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the building up of your Kingdom in our Diocese and throughout the world.

May we see Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal as our way to live gratefully and give generously for your honor and glory.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC and Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, BC in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8 or to Resurrection of Jesus Christ Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton, BC, the sum of \$ _____ (or ____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and its needs and pastoral ministry."



Did you know you can support Saint Joseph Catholic School by purchasing gift cards? The Cards for Kids program is a School Council fundraiser where proceeds go directly toward our operating budget. We purchase gift cards in bulk at a discount, so when you use them to pay for everyday expenses and gifts the school earns between 2 - 15% of the face value. The order form is now available digitally on our website at <https://www.stjosephkelowna.ca/cards-for-kids.php>. Thank you for supporting our school!

Saint Jude Thaddeus: Patron Saint of the Impossible

Oct 22, 2019 A.D. by Cheryl Hadley: https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/st-jude-thaddeus-patron-saint-impossible-6517?mrkgadid=1000000&mrkgcl=254&mrkgen=gdsa&mrkgbflag=0&mrkgcat=&acctid=2170000001657482&dskeywordid=39700057108205577&lid=39700057108205577&ds_s_kwgid=58700006326617430&device=c&network=s&matchtype=&locationid=9001470&creative=588750452328&targetid=dsa-371057009646&campaignid=82662878&adgroupid=114091948448&gclid=CjwKCAjw77WVBhBuEiwAJ-YoJLOA98a3FDeFBc-wnsUWqpEB3rCwAO-q_brXXJmczCp7fibradeUgxoCvvgQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds#

When I was a young girl, my grandmother kept a statue of St. Jude on her dresser. Since few things adorned her room, St. Jude was prominent there. She had a special love for him, and lived out her devotion in such a way that her family learned it, too. It was many years ago, but I can still see her statue in my mind's eye.

St. Jude has always been a special saint for my family, and for families around the world. But who exactly is this miraculous intercessor known as the "Patron Saint of the Impossible?"

St. Jude and His Cousin...Jesus. Opinions vary as to St. Jude's relationship to Christ, but he is generally thought to have been a cousin of Our Lord and the brother of St. James the Less. Regardless of their exact relationship, we know that St. Jude was a close relative and trusted friend of our Redeemer.

Jude walked with Jesus and the other Apostles as a companion and friend. He learned the truths of the Gospel on the dusty roads of Galilee. His formation by Our Lord prepared him to take the Gospel to Mesopotamia (now known as Iraq), Libya, Persia and Turkey.

Around 37 A.D. Jude became the leader of the Eastern Church established in Mesopotamia by St. Thomas the Apostle. He is believed to have assisted in founding the Church in Armenia; he also travelled extensively beyond the borders of the Roman Empire in his lifetime.

The Book of Jude in the New Testament is attributed to him. In it, we see his leadership role among the early Christians. He calls the faithful to a true Christian life of great devotion, one in which they hold fast to their faith no matter the consequences. He exhorts them to pray in the Spirit, that they might deepen their faith, hope, and love, and come to know God and His will. St. Jude had a tender love for Christ and desired to make Him known and loved.

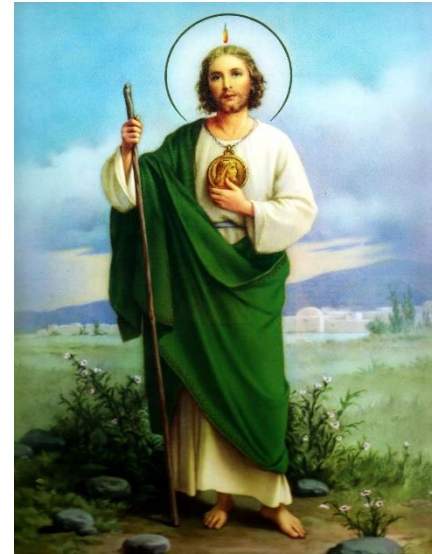
Another instance that witnesses to Jude's powerful intercession is the story of a miraculous healing. According to one account, the King of Edessa sent an envoy to the Christian community, hoping that Jesus would heal him from an illness. Jude visited the King, bringing with him a cloth imprinted with the image of Christ's face. It is believed that this cloth healed the King of his illness. This is why St. Jude is often pictured holding an image of Christ's face.

The Patron of Desperate Causes. Jesus instructed both St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard, in visions, to pray to St. Jude and honour him as "the Patron Saint of the Impossible."

In a vision recorded by St. Bridget, Christ told her: "In accordance with his surname, Thaddeus, the amiable or loving, he will show himself most willing to give you help."

After the Ascension of Jesus, St. Jude travelled, preached, instructed, and encouraged the persecuted Christians. Until he was martyred in Persia, around 65 A.D., he exhorted believers to stand strong in their faith. The loss of his presence was such a cause for despair in Christian communities that some historians think it might be another explanation for his patronage of desperate causes.

It could also be explained by a misplaced fear the early Christians had of praying to Jude, who shared a name with Judas Iscariot: "So why is St. Jude Thaddeus the patron saint of desperate causes? The traditional reason is rather simple: When one hears the name Judas (Latin and Greek) or even Jude (English), one immediately thinks of Judas Iscariot who betrayed our Lord. Therefore, a person had to be desperate to invoke his name. Being so seldom invoked and revered, St. Jude is ready and waiting to hear the prayers of those who call upon him. Ironically, he is probably the Apostle who is invoked the most in prayer, and the most memorialized in churches with statues or other artwork." —Father William P. Saunders



This also explains why the Gospel writers would have been anxious to distinguish him from the Iscariot by affirming that he was "Judas Thaddeus."

Regardless of the precise historical details, many began praying at his tomb and experiencing the gift of his intercession and healing. This further confirmed his presence and power before the throne of God. His body was eventually brought back to Rome and placed in a crypt below St. Peter's Basilica, where it resides today.

An Intercessor in Financial Hardship. St. Jude has shown his gentle and loving presence in my life throughout many trials and struggles. From the time I was a little girl—looking up at him as he stood faithfully on my grandmother's dresser—until now, almost fifty years later, he remains especially beloved. I have called on him many times when in need of great hope and support.

Here is one example of how he helped me: about ten years ago, my husband lost his job. He was unemployed for several years. It was a difficult time in our family in almost every way imaginable. We had two young children and were expecting our third. The longer he went without employment the more challenging it became, and the more bleak it seemed. I tucked one of my grandmother's St. Jude holy cards into my prayer book, and laid my petitions in his hands.

One day during this difficult time, I received a small box in the mail. The return address was unfamiliar. The box contained an exquisite, hand-made St. Jude Chaplet, accompanied by a card printed with roses and scalloped lace.

The card read: "This Saint Jude Chaplet was requested as a gift for you by a dear friend of yours who wishes to remain anonymous. It has been a pleasure to craft this Chaplet for you. St. Jude grant every blessing to your family and you, now and always."

I was so touched by the beautiful gift and its timing that writing about it now, almost ten years later, moves me to tears. At that time, my husband had been without a job for nearly three painful years. I didn't know the St. Jude Chaplet, but I read about it and prayed it. Within three weeks my husband found a job. Thank you, St. Jude!

A Consoler in Illness and Suffering. About four years after St. Jude helped my husband, one of my teenagers was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. She could no longer attend school and we decided to try home-schooling between treatments and surgeries. Doctors told us that her illness was incurable. I told them, "The diagnosis belongs to you, but the prognosis belongs to God alone." I began to pray again to our faithful spiritual companion, St. Jude.

While completing the paperwork to register our home school, I asked my daughter what we should name it. She answered sweetly, "St. Jude Homeschool, because he is the patron saint of desperate causes."

As we opened the doors to St. Jude Homeschool, we also opened our hearts to God's will, and tried to focus on His love. I knew he would be interceding for my daughter.

After our local hospital declined to treat our daughter because of the severity of her condition, we took her to Baltimore, Maryland, where another hospital agreed to treat her. There her wonderful doctor told me, "We will bring all of our creativity to bear, and we will tell you when we cannot help you any longer." At least it was something. It was hope. It was something to entrust to Our Lord, Our Lady, and our many friends among the saints. Especially St. Jude.

We spent almost seventeen months in Baltimore. Our daughter underwent thirteen rounds of treatment and four surgeries. It was exhausting beyond anything I could have imagined.

One day, my husband stumbled upon the St. Jude Shrine in Baltimore. It was within walking distance of our room at the Ronald McDonald House. We were only a few blocks away! Again, St. Jude had made himself known. He seems to take special delight in aiding desperate souls. What were the chances that, in finding a hospital that would agree to treat our daughter despite her advanced diagnosis, we would be in the city of his Shrine? And within walking distance of it? There are no coincidences.

St. Jude Shrine in Baltimore, MD: The Shrine is a remarkable place. Masses and perpetual novenas take place daily. Catholics and non-Catholics alike visit to sit in quiet prayer. People come to the prayer room to light vigil candles and leave prayer petitions, notes of thanksgiving, and testimonials. Despite the desperation and seeming impossibilities, you can feel the hope.

My daughter has endured her illness heroically these last four and a half years. She has not received a physical healing, but healing can come to us in many forms, and is not always physical. The many prayers of faithful family and friends have strengthened her with courage and perseverance. Jesus and Our Lady have sustained her as she carries her heavy cross. The special protection of St. Jude has brought many graces to her situation. I continue to call on him as a special patron for this intention as well as others.

A Companion for My Journey and for Yours. This gentle Saint of Hope lived and died for Christ, enduring trials faithfully, giving his life for God and for his fellow Christians. When we are weighed down with trials and difficulties, devotion to St. Jude can give us the perseverance we need to embrace God's will. He can attain for us the strength, peace, and wisdom to move forward. We can go to him in prayer, knowing that no need is entirely desperate.

He is no ordinary advocate; he was the earthly companion of Jesus Himself. He spread hope and encouragement in the early Church during times of great trial, and he continues to do so today. St. Jude is the beloved friend of our Redeemer, eager to bring us into closer friendship with the Lord, especially during our sufferings.

Do not be afraid to go to him. Do not fear the "impossible," for nothing is impossible with God. Ask St. Jude to accompany you faithfully, as he did Christ, and see where he takes you.

St. Jude, patron saint of the Impossible, the Desperate, and the Hopeless, pray for us! Do you have an intention for St. Jude, or a story about his intercession? Share!

The causes of military aggression are in Russia itself, inside of it, - the Head of the UGCC on the 112th day of the war

Friday, 17 June 2022 A.D. The UGCC Department for Information:

http://news.ugcc.ua/en/news/the_causes_of_military_aggression_are_in_russia_itself_inside_of_it_the_head_of_the_ugcc_on_the_112th_day_of_the_war_97153.html



In today's world of half-truth and lies that pretend to be truth, reason, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, makes it possible not to succumb to this delusion and see the cause and consequences of events. It is especially important when it comes to the causes, motives and roots of Russia's open military aggression in Ukraine: the reason is the antidote to the propaganda and lies that Russia is flooding the world with, continuing to kill Ukrainians and threatening the world.

On June 15, the 112th day of the war, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the UGCC speaks about the need for the gift of understanding and seeing reality for all, and particularly for those who influences decision-making with further consequences for all mankind.

This day the Head of the UGCC again began with gratitude to the Lord and defenders of Ukraine, and recent updates about the events at the front, in particular, about the defense of Severodonetsk in Luhansk region:

Again, this morning we thank the Lord and the Armed Forces of Ukraine for seeing the light of day, for being able to survive until this day and through this last

night. Unfortunately, many people died in Ukraine. Again, according to reports we receive from various state authorities, about 100 servicemen die every day. And no one still knows how many civilians die every day, but their number is probably higher.

The legendary city of Severodonetsk in the Luhansk region is withstanding heroically, and it is becoming a city of heroes, a city of martyrs. Once an administrative center of Luhansk region with a population of one hundred thousands, today it is the epicenter of a huge confrontation. Russian troops are ten times more numerous than the Ukrainian military presence there. But our soldiers are bravely defending the city, defending this piece of Ukrainian Luhansk region.

Active hostilities are taking place along the entire front line, from the Kharkiv region to the Kherson region in the south. Ukraine stands! Ukraine is fighting! The enemy is persistently trying to intimidate us. Yesterday missile strikes wounded the western regions of Ukraine: Lviv, Ternopil and Khmelnytsky. However, Ukraine is successfully defending itself, which astonishes the world.”

This week after Pentecost we go through a time when the liturgical tradition of the Church addresses the person of the Holy Spirit, His presence among us and His gifts to a person. His Beatitude Sviatoslav continues his reflection on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, which he began yesterday. Today’s reflections are on the gift of understanding:

This week, according to our tradition, we are experiencing a special week of Pentecost. Every day we praise the Holy Spirit, who once descended on the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, is present and alive today in the body of our Church.

Yesterday we began to reflect on the gifts of the Holy Ghost, including wisdom. Today I suggest contemplating another gift called understanding.

In the Ukrainian language, the word “understanding” has many meanings. The mind as a gift of the Holy Spirit is a special ability of a person to penetrate into the depths of reality, to distinguish the causes and consequences of various events, phenomena, and through them to contemplate the root cause of all that exists, lives and moves – God and Savior.”

What is the understanding as a gift of the Holy Spirit for a modern man, in, so to speak, practical, not abstract or theological plane? That allows you not to be led astray, to distinguish between truth and lies, not to be deceived:

“This gift of the Holy Spirit is necessary in order not to allow oneself to be deceived by the devil's deceit. After all, we live in a world of fakes, world of wishful thinking; when untruth and falsehood pretends to be the only truth. It is important that today, with the help of this special gift of the Holy Spirit, we do not succumb to this discernible fog that the tempter wants to impose on us, but we can delve into reality and understand and know it correctly.”

Sound mind and clear vision are necessary today for those who have a special responsibility for making decisions that have and will have very significant consequences, in particular, the world’s comprehension of the causes of Russian aggression in Ukraine, according to the Head of UGCC:

“This gift is extremely necessary for those who have a special responsibility, perform important ministry in the Church, the state and society. In my opinion, understanding as a gift of the Holy Spirit is very much needed by those who are trying to understand the causes and consequences of this full-scale Russian aggression. Because we see that today they try to deceive the whole world, chasing wishful thinking. We see and know, experiencing the war on our own, that Russia's aggression against Ukraine is not provoked by anything.

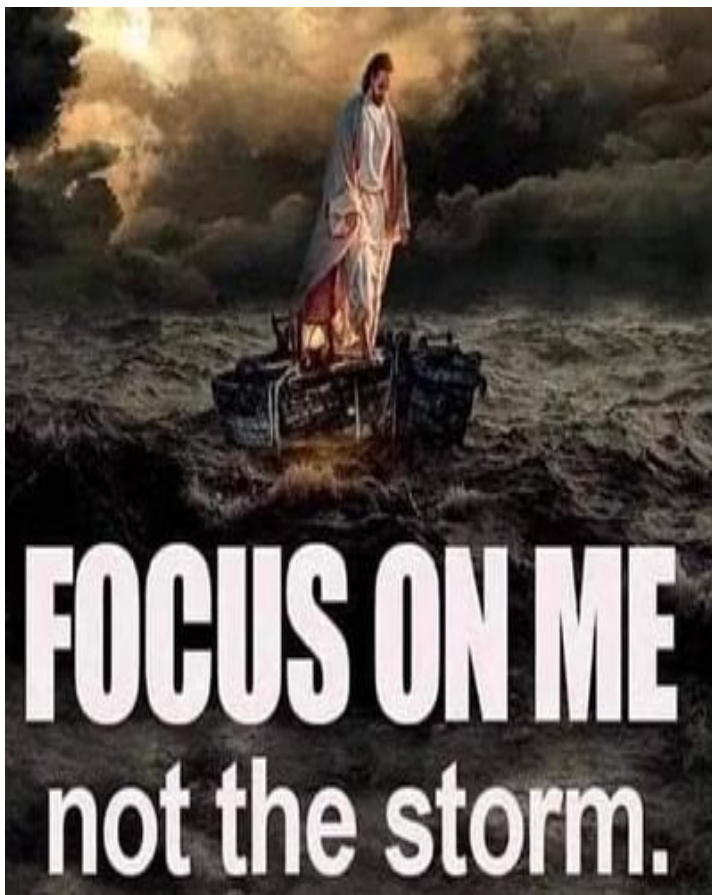
Anyone who thinks that some external force has caused military aggression in Russia is either a prisoner of Russian propaganda or is simply deliberately deceiving the world.”

The reasons for Russia's military aggression are in itself, in its nature, says the Head of the UGCC. Ukraine was the first to accept this blow, but it is obvious that it keeps it for the whole civilized world and its values:

“Unfortunately, that part of the post-Soviet space that is now in the territory of the Russian Federation has its deep flaws and diseases since Soviet times. This post-Soviet revanchism, which today has emerged in the new face of extreme Russian nationalism, in the form of the ideology of the Russian world (“ruskiy mir”) has clearly acquired genocidal features. And Ukraine is his first victim.

That is why it is so important to understand the causes and consequences of this war. Unfortunately, the causes of this war lie in Russia itself, inside it. The Russian aggressor is trying to solve its internal problems with the help of external aggression. He projects his illnesses on others and blames the whole world for it.”

“Today we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit for politicians, diplomats, church and religious figures, that the Lord will give them the ability to see the causes and consequences of things, the depth of reality and the ability to distinguish truth from lies and falsehood,” completed His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Head of the UGCC.



Час війни.


Якщо ми можемо сказати, що за чимось нема Бога, то ми є безбожники, бо коли за чимось нема нашого Бога, то є інший бог. Коли є



інший бог, значить є інші боги. Дуже важливо, щоб ми вміли приймати все те, що приносить нам життя, не відкидати. Бо часто, відкидаючи їх, ми відкидаємо Божу нагоду до освячення. Знову пригадую, чому люди живуть у минулому і в майбутньому, а насправді можуть лише у сучасному. Лише в актуальному часі ми можемо зустрітися з Богом. І в ту кожну мить мого життя, якою б вона не була милою чи прикрою, але саме в цю мить, в цій події, в цих обов'язках, чи під час містичного досвіду, чи під час війни до мене приходять Бог. І, коли ми можемо усвідомити свої проблеми, свої падіння, свої немочі, але побачимо за тим Бога, як я вже казав, нас неминуче сповнить мир, радість і спокій. Тому ми маємо з любов'ю приймати і виконувати наші обов'язки. Бо коли ми з любов'ю їх приймаємо, як від Бога, то приймаємо самого Бога з Його волею. Коли не приймаємо то, не приймаємо Бога, ми віддаляємося від Бога, бо бачимо лише те, що нас гнітить. Ви розумієте, чому багато речей нас проймають, дратують, осуджуємо, не сприймаємо, критикуємо... Бо ми бачимо речі самі в собі, обов'язки самі в собі, обставини самі в собі, не бачимо за ними Бога. Але знову ж скажу, нічого не стається саме по собі, у всьому приходять до нас Господь.

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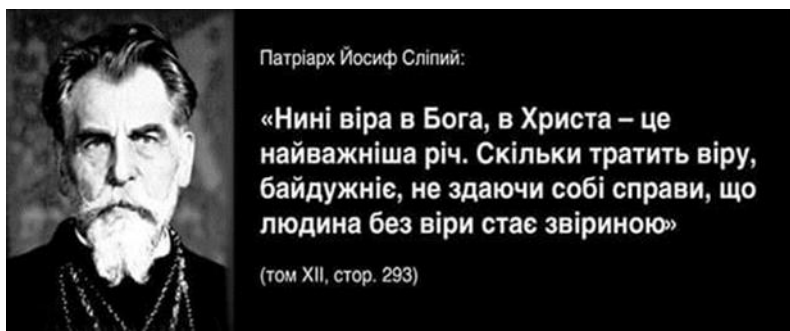


**PRAYER FOR
UKRAINE**

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 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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