

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



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**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

**31-ша НЕДІЛЯ після ЗІСЛАННЯ СВЯТОГО ДУХА**

*Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes (312-37 A.D.) and John the Hut-Dweller (465-74 A.D.)*

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 A.D.**

**“The Lord is my strength and my song of praise,  
and He has become my salvation.”— Psalm 117:14**

**Christian Greetings: Christ Is Born! – Let us glorify Him!  
Христос Рождається! – Славімо Його! Chrystos Rozhdaiet'sia! – Slavimo Yoho!  
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!** 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 and respect today and always! Your pastor has thoughtfully prepared this church letter/bulletin for you to pray, read, spiritual growth and as Christians with conscious to evangelizing daily by responsibly and honestly sharing with all people the Good News/Gospel of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ in the World today!



**Remember to keep Jesus Christ in Christmas! He is the only true reason for the season!**

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

**SUNDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.** Rosary: (Church services 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.)

**1:00 p.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends. (Eng./Ukr.) (Church services in Vernon, BC)

Tue., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: repose of the souls of Mr. Grago and Mrs. Jelena Durić (requested by Mr. Andrew and Mrs. Mira Dabrowski) (Church services in Kelowna, BC)

Wed., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: repose of the soul of Mrs. Olha Trembach (9<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service)

**12:30 p.m. – 12:55 pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

**1:00 p.m.** Moleben to Our Lord, The Son of God Jesus Christ and Bible Studies (Church services in Kelowna, BC)

Thurs., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.

Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: repose of the souls of Yaroslav and Lyubomyr (requested by Mrs. Nadiya Synytsya, Family and Friends)

Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at **3:40 p.m.** Lectio Divina / Bible Studies (Church service in Penticton, BC)

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

**SUNDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 a.m.** Rosary: (Church services 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.)

**1:00 p.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends. (Eng./Ukr.) (Church services in Vernon, BC)



**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:

Tone 7, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 103-105

Epistle: *A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy: (1 Timothy 1:15-17)*

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



**Gospel:** (*Luke 18:35-43*)

At that time, as Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

### Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

**Глас 7**, текст з книги "*Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого*"; ст. 102-104

**Апостол:** *До Тимотея перше послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (1 Тм. 1,15-17)*

Сину Тимотею, вірне це слово й повного довір'я гідне, що Христос Ісус прийшов у світ, щоб спасти грішних, з яких я – перший. Але я був на те помилуваний, щоб Ісус Христос на мені першим показав усю свою довготерпелівість, на приклад тим, що мають увірувати в нього на вічне життя. Цареві ж віків, нетлінному, невидимому, єдиному Богу честь і слава на віки вічні! Амінь.



**Євангеліє:** (*Лк. 18,35-43*)

У той час, як Ісус наближався до Єрихону, один сліпий сидів край дороги й просив милостині. Почувши, що народ іде мимо, він спитався, що б воно могло бути. Йому сказали, що це Ісус Назарянин проходить. І він почав голосно кричати: "Ісусе, Сину Давидів, змилуйся надо мною!" Ті, що йшли попереду, сварилися на нього, щоб замовчав, та він кричав ще дужче: "Сину Давидів, змилуйся надо мною!" Ісус зупинився і звелів привести його до себе. І коли той наблизився до нього, спитав: "Що хочеш, щоб я зробив тобі?" "Господи", – сказав той, – "щоб я прозрів!" Ісус сказав до нього: "Прозри! Віра твоя спасла тебе." І вмить прозрів той і пішов за Ісусом, славлячи Бога. І весь народ, побачивши те, віддав хвалу Богові.

### 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, participate at our parish community 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 [dormitionetransfer2020@gmail.com](mailto:dormitionetransfer2020@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)

**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 [dormitionetransfer2020@gmail.com](mailto:dormitionetransfer2020@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! The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada has partnered with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in Canada (CNEWA) to provide immediate humanitarian support for the people of Ukraine. With the threat of further invasion by Russia, the already 8-year war in Ukraine has placed several million people in desperate need for food, shelter, medical attention, and more. Will you help your brother and sister in need? Please pray. Stay informed. Donate. <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>  
[https://www.catholicregister.org/item/34002-caritas-prepared-should-tanks-roll?mc\\_cid=839560d5dd&mc\\_eid=995513d2e2](https://www.catholicregister.org/item/34002-caritas-prepared-should-tanks-roll?mc_cid=839560d5dd&mc_eid=995513d2e2)



### GREETINGS!

### ЩИРО ВАС ВІТАЄМО!

**May the Almighty God bless** in good health, peace, love, joy and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to all our parishioners and Christian family members who celebrate Christmas/Nativity in the Nativity/ Birthday of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Theophany/ Epiphany/ Baptism of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Most Rev. Bishop David Motiuk on his birthday (Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Sofia Sookochoff on her birthday (Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Uliana Kotsur on her birthday (Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Karen Feniuk on her birthday (Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>), Lauren Lalach on her birthday (Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>), Mr. John and Mrs. Valerie Zuk on their wedding anniversary (Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>), and to all the faithful Christians celebrating their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days, wedding anniversaries, and any other special anniversaries and celebrations beginning of The New 2023 Year of The Lord, this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!

### 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 Saranchuk and Family, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Shelley M., Kathleen S., Chelsea M., Carmella M., Bernard M., Darrin M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George Dashkewytch, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, 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, Teresa Huculak, 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, Lorraine Pasemko, Rose Gaba, Bill Boitson, Walter Achtymichuk, Pauline Rabbitskin, 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 (CDT), at Saint Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church.** 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.**



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

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND ALWAYS TRULLY APPRECIATED, BE A STEWARD OF GOD'S VARIED GIFTS AND GRACES THE HEAVENLY CREATOR GRACIOUSLY ENTRUSTED TO YOU:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our Christian 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 We Help Ukraine church projects, welcoming visitors, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, contact Mr. Michael Hinz or Fr. Pavlo for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference at our spiritual, parish life! **Every parishioner is personally responsible before God for our spiritual home-parish church!** **NOTE: If you wish to place your message or announcement into our weekly parish bulletin, please sent it by email to the office at [dormitionkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:dormitionkelowna@gmail.com) by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.**

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

**World Youth Day <https://worldyouthday.com/lisbon-2023> WYD Lisbon will be held in Lisbon, Portugal on August 1-6, 2023 A.D.** Our parish is preparing a list of faithful planning to make Christian commits and participate. We gather to pray, meet, share 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. The next meeting dates will be: on Sunday, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** (Meeting #3) and Sunday, **February 12<sup>th</sup>** (Meeting #4) As always, the meetings will occur in Parish Hall between **7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.**



## 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





**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 єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоею мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дїбр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та згоді, щоб ми були Твоею спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світлом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих дїл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилася, 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.

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

**✚ Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is 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.



**✚ Rachel's Corner:** *"Repentance is the key to all transformation in life. Belief comes after repentance.*



*The better you repent, the better you grow in virtue and holiness." - Fr. David Miller*

That stirring within that tells you that there is regret and shame for your role in the abortion decision, is your call to repentance. Start there! You can believe and grow after you step into the shoes of repentance. You are not alone! Join other men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat<sup>®</sup> and receive the forgiveness and healing you seek.

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**✚ 'KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS'** - as part of our parish fundraiser these special magnets are available for purchase at a donation of \$ 5.00. By placing on our cars, a magnet *KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS*, prepared by the Knights of Columbus, we evangelize silently and verbally through this wonderful Christian symbol. In addition, by purchasing this magnet we also support our parish, since all money collected in our parish for these magnets are donated by the Knights of Columbus to our parish.

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

### Why Do We Bless Homes?

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

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

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

Just as our souls, so also our homes become tainted by the sins of those living in them and consequently lose God's protective power. We cleanse our souls of sins at least once a year and the church is blessed with the newly blessed water every year, so should our homes be sanctified with Holy Water to invoke God's blessings and protection on it and its inhabitants. As we renew the insurance on our home every year, so we should renew our insurance of God's protection and His blessing which is of greater importance and more effective.

*Lord  
Bless our home  
as we come and go.  
Bless our home  
as our children grow.  
Bless our families  
as they gather in;  
Bless our home  
with love and friends.*

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



Each family is considered a small church and the family table is the home altar. When the priest comes, have as many family members there as possible. If you do not have an icon corner, ensure that you set up a place for prayer either at the kitchen or dining table. On the table include an icon and a lit candle. You may also include anything that you may want to have blessed (i.e. icon, cross, personal item,

etc.) Make sure that the lights are on in every room. The priest will begin the blessing at the icon corner or table. If you have children, they may lead the priest, while holding a candle, to each room in the house. This is also a wonderful time for you and your priest to visit and to get to know each other better.



#### 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 Твоею усіх доблесних і відважних захисників для добросердної боротьби, щоб вони радше керувалися любов'ю до беззахисних, аніж ненавистю до ворогів. О Премилосердний Господи, захорони переселенців, зціли поранених, борони сиріт, підтримай вдів, потіш скорботних та ласкаво прийми до Твого Царства всіх, хто благородно віддав своє життя в обороні Батьківщини від нападів ворогів. Поспіши зупинити кровопролиття як друга, так і недруга та запали серця багатьох до мужньої боротьби за істинну справедливість, що є джерелом тривалого миру. О добросердий Господи, Ти – наш мир, пом'якши зачерствілі серця, наверни тих, хто сприяє воєнним діям, до примирення, щоб Твій улюблений українській народ втішався миром, справедливістю та свободою – ознаками Твого Царства, в якому Ти царюєш з Предвчнім Твоїм Отцем, і Всесвятим, Благим і Животворним Твоїм Духом, нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

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## Christmas Candle



"Коли береш - наповнюєш руку. Коли даєш - наповнюєш серце!"

When you take –  
you fill your hand.

When you give –  
you fill your heart!



## IMPORTANT UPDATE - Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Христос Раждається! Christ is Born!  
Славте Його! Glorify Him!

After many hours of review and discussion, the Parish Council has come to an important decision that we would like to share with everyone. We have decided to hire a part-time **Kitchen Manager** to assist with the numerous social gatherings and fundraisers required to operate a vibrant parish.

The requirements for the parish kitchen are increasing, while the availability of our volunteers continues to get strained. This coming year is especially important as we prepare for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in August 2023. A significant amount of time is required to plan and prepare for this important event. We are at a point where we need a level of commitment that exceeds what would be reasonable to ask from a volunteer.

There may be some questions about the financial viability of this position. In other words, can we afford the cost? In short, the answer is "yes," for now. Rest assured that we have reviewed this question thoroughly, and the financial aspect of this decision was not taken lightly. We have secured funding for this position in the medium term but continue to rely on the charity of everyone that belongs to the church. Please continue to give generously of your time, treasure, and talents. We need you! The church needs you!

Please see the attached job description for a comprehensive list of tasks and functions for which this person will be responsible. We are all very enthusiastic about the positive impact this role will have on the parish. We're also confident that a dedicated Kitchen Manager will significantly increase the quality and frequency of our social gatherings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with any members of the Parish Council listed below. We are happy to discuss this decision with you and explain the factors that led us down this path.

Praise be Jesus Christ, forever and ever!

Sincerely,  
Your Parish Council

Rev. Father Pavlo Myts, Pastor  
Michael Hinz, Chair  
Lydia Pfob, Treasurer  
Michael Rawluk, Financial Secretary  
Gloria Dudych, Recording Secretary  
Marilyn Daulat, Catechist  
Marie Shandalla, Social  
Elena Fedorov, Kitchen  
Ed Kaskiw, Maintenance  
Lydia Gudzyk, We Help Ukraine



Saint Sophia Cathedral (built by Prince Jaroslav the Wise in 1037 A.D.) Kyiv, UKRAINE

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## RAISE THE ROOF



The Parish Hall roof is in urgent need of replacement. The roof is old and is leaking into the hall, creating more damage. The cost of replacement will be more than \$30,000.

Remember that our Church relies *entirely* on our parishioners' charity and generosity.

Please give generously. We need you! The Church needs you!

Please direct donations to the church and reference "Roof" in the MEMO.  
**Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
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...and Jesus praised the widow who gave her last two coins at the temple.  
Mark 12 and Luke 21

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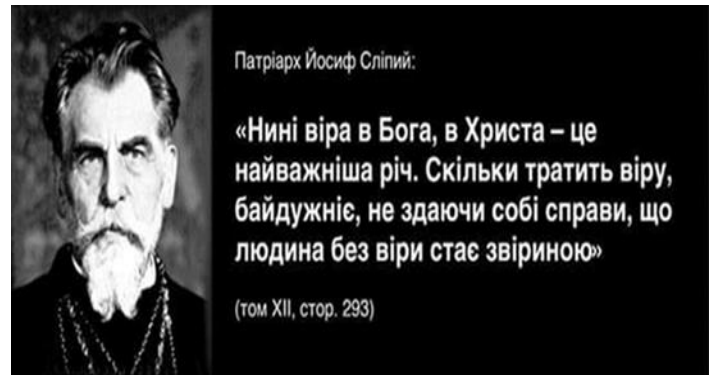


**PRAYER FOR  
UKRAINE**

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)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josyf\\_Slipyj](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josyf_Slipyj)

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