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Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS of the 1st Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.

НЕДІЛЯ СВЯТИХ ОТЦІВ 1-го Вселенського Собору в Нікеї у 325 А.Д.

May 21st, 2023 A.D.

Quotation-witness. "Christ said: do this in memory of me, in my memory. Poets leave behind their works in remembrance, sculptors and artists leave their statues or paintings in order that they might be remembered. But the greatest living remembrance has been left for us by Jesus Christ: He gave us His Body, His Blood, so that we might remember – 'DO THIS...' – that this Body and spilled Blood is passed on for the forgiveness of sins."
(Patriarch Confessor Josyf Slipyj, June 13th, 1974 A.D.)

Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever!

Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Vyk! Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віки!

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!
This church letter / bulletin has been thoughtfully prepared for you to pray, read, spiritual growth and as Christians with conscious, constant awareness of The Divine Creator to evangelize daily and by responsibly and honestly sharing with all people the Good News/Gospel of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ in the World today!

Daily Liturgical and Sacramental Services celebrated during week:

SUNDAY on May 21st at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Eng./Ukr.) (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

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., May 23rd at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Mrs. Alicia Topor (requested by Mrs. Helen Stockburn)

Wed., May 24th at 9:30 a.m. Christian Burial / Funeral Day: Repose of the soul of Mr. Walter Kociuba (requested by The Family, at Pleasant Valley Funeral Home (4303 Pleasant Valley Rd.) in Vernon BC)

Thurs., May 25th at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Repose of the soul of Mr. Walter Kociuba

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at 11:00 am at the Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery in Kelowna, BC

Fri., May 26th at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. Bohdan Bachynsky

(requested by Mrs. Martha Holick and Family)

7:00 p.m. Rosary: for Peace in Ukraine / Вервиця: за Мир в Україні. Moleben to The Theotokos /

Blessed Virgin Mary, Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession / Сповідь (Church services in Kelowna, BC)

Saturday, May 27th (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, family members, all relatives and friends (Eng./Ukr.)

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at 5:30 pm at the Canyon View Cemetery in Summerland, BC

PENTECOST SUNDAY on May 28th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Eng./Ukr.) (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

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:

Text from *"The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship"*; Pg. 551. *The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*

First Antiphon (of Ascension):

Verse 1: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of joy (*Ps 46:2*).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: For the Lord most high is awesome, a great king over all the earth (*Ps 46:3*).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Verse 3: He has subdued peoples to us, and nations under our feet (*Ps 46:4*).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Verse 4: God ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord, at the sound of the trumpet (*Ps 46:6*).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Only - Begotten Son... (p. 23)

Third Antiphon:

We sing the usual Third Antiphon, but with the festal refrain:

Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion (*Tone 6*): Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You!

Troparion (*Tone 4*): You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit, and assuring them through your blessing that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Troparion (*Tone 8*): Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

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

Kontakion (*Tone 8*): The apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrine confirmed the Church's one faith, and wearing the garment of truth woven from theology that descends on high, she rightly imparts the mystery of godliness* and sings its glory. **Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

Kontakion (*Tone 6*): When You had fulfilled Your plan for us and united things on earth with those in heaven, You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, in no way distant, but remaining inseparable, You cried to those who love You: I am with You and there is none against you.

Prokimenon (*Tone 4*): Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever (*Dn 3:26*).

Verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us (*Dn 3:27*).

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Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles' (Acts 20:16-18a, 28-38)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so as not to lose time in Asia, for he was eager to get to Jerusalem by the feast of Pentecost if at all possible. Paul sent word from Miletus to Ephesus, summoning the presbyters of that church. When they came to him he delivered this address: "keep watch over yourselves, and over the whole flock the Holy Spirit has given you to guard. Shepherd the church of God, which he has acquired at the price of his own blood. I know that when I am gone, savage wolves will come among you who will not spare the flock. From your own number, men will present themselves distorting the truth and leading astray any who follow them. Be on guard, therefore. Do not forget that for three years, night and day, I never ceased warning you individually even to the point of tears. I commend you now to the Lord, and to that gracious word of his which can enlarge you, and give you a share among all who are consecrated to him. Never did I set my heart on anyone's silver or gold or envy the way he dressed. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have served both my needs and those of my companions. I have always pointed out to you that it is by such hard work that you must help the weak. You need to recall the words of the Lord Jesus himself, who said 'There is more happiness in giving than receiving.'" After this discourse, Paul knelt down with them all and prayed. They began to weep without restraint, throwing their arms around him and kissing him, for they were deeply distressed to hear that they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

Alleluia (Tone 1): The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting (*Ps 49:1*). Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him (*Ps 49:5*).

Gospel: (John 17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus looked up to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come! Give glory to your Son that your Son may give glory to you, inasmuch as you have given him authority over all people, that he may bestow eternal life on those you gave him. (Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and him you have sent, Jesus Christ.) I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Do you now, Father, give me glory at your side, a glory I had with you before the world existed. I have made your name known to those you gave me out of the world. These men you gave me were yours; they have kept your word. Now they realize that all that you gave me comes from you.

I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received it. They have known that in truth I came from you, they have believed it was you who sent me. For these I pray – not for the world but for these you have given me, for they are really yours. (Just as all that belongs to me is yours, so all that belongs to you is mine.) It is in them that I have been glorified.

I am in the world no more, but these are in the world as I come to you. O Father most holy, protect them with your name which you have given me (that they may be one, even as we are one). As long as I with them, I guarded them with your name which you gave me. I kept careful watch, and none one of them was lost, none but him who was destined to be lost – in fulfillment of Scripture. Now, however, I come to you; I say all this while I am still in the world that they may share my joy completely.

Instead of "It is truly...": **O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens.**

Irmos (*Tone 5*): O Mother of God, you transcended both mind and word, and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One: it is you who, with one accord, we, the faithful magnify.

Communion Verses: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (*Ps 148:1*). Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (*Ps 32:1*). Alleluia! (3x)

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory** (*Ps 56:6*).

"May our mouths be filled..." **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory** (3x)

"Blessed be the Name of the Lord..." **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory** (3x).

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Антифон 1

Стих 1: Всі народи, заплещіте руками, воскликніть Богові голосом радості (*Пс 46*).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 2: Бо Господь Всевишній – страшний, цар великий по всій землі (*Пс 46,3*).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 3: Він покоровив людей нам і народи під ноги наші (*Пс 46,4*).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 4: Зійшов Бог під оклики веселі, Господь – під голос сурми (*Пс 46,6*).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Антифон 3

Співаємо звичайні третій антифон, але з приспівом:

Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що вознісся у славі, співаємо Тобі: Алилуя.

Тропар (*глас 5*): Ангельські сили на гробі Твоім* і сторожі омертвіли;* Марія ж стояла при гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого.* Полонив Ти ад і, не переможений від нього,* зустрів Ти Діву, даруючи життя.* Воскреслий з мертвих, Господи, слава Тобі!

Тропар (*глас 4*): Вознісся ти у славі, Христе Боже наш,* радість сотворивши ученикам обітуванням Святого Духа,* утвердивши їх благословенням,* бо ти єси Син Божий,* ізбавитель світу.

Тропар (*глас 8*): Препрославлений ти, Христе Боже наш,* світила на землі – отців наших оснував ти* і ними до істинної віри всіх нас направив ти.* Багатомилосердний, слава тобі.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (*глас 8*): Апостолів проповідання і отців догмати* єдину віру утвердили Церкві,* яка і, ризу істини з богословія вишнього носячи,* право править, і славить благочестя велике таїнство.

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

Кондак (*глас 6*): Сповнивши промисел щодо нас* і те, що на землі, з'єднавши з небесним,* вознісся ти у славі, Христе Боже наш,* ніяк не відлучаючись, але невідступне перебуваючи,* ти кличеш до тих, що люблять тебе:* Я з вами і ніхто проти вас.

Прокімен (*глас 4*): Благословен єси, Господи, Боже отців наших,* і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я твоє на віки.

Стих: Бо праведний єси у всьому, що сотворив ти нам (*Дан 3, 26-27*).

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Апостол: 3 книги Діянь Святих Апостолів читання (Дн. 20,16-18. 28-36)

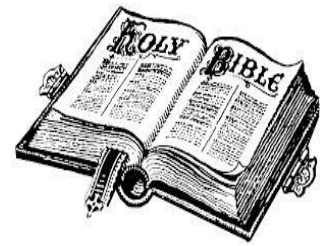
Тими днями Павло вирішив плисти попри Ефес, щоб не баритися в Азії; поспішав бо, щоб, по змозі, на день П'ятидесятниці бути в Єрусалимі. З Мілету він послав у Ефес і прикликав пресвітерів Церкви. Коли ж вони прийшли до нього, він до них промовив: «Ви знаєте, як з першого дня, коли я вступив у Азію, увесь час поводився я з вами. Зважайте на самих себе й на все стадо, над яким Дух Святий поставив вас єпископами, щоб пасли Церкву Божу, що її він придбав кров'ю власною. Я знаю, що по моїм відході ввійдуть поміж вас вовки хижі, які не щадитимуть стада. Та й з-поміж вас самих повстануть люди, що говоритимуть погубні речі, щоб потягнути за собою учнів. Тому чуйте, пригадуйте собі, що я три роки, ніч і день, не переставав кожного з вас із сльозами наводити на розум. А тепер передаю вас Богові і слову його благодаті, що може збудувати й дати вам спадщину між усіма освяченими. Ні срібла, ні золота, ані одежі я не вимагав ні від кого. Ви самі знаєте, що моїм потребам і тих, які зо мною, служили оці руки. У всьому я показав вам, що, так працюючи, треба допомагати слабосильним і пам'ятати слова Господа Ісуса, що сам сказав: «Більше щастя – давати, ніж брати.» Промовивши це, він упав на коліна і з усіма ними почав молитися.

Алилуя (глас 1): Стих: Бог богів, Господь мовив, і призвав землю від сходу сонця до заходу (*Пс 49, 1*).

Стих: Зберіть йому преподобних його, що заповідують завіт його в жертвах (*Пс 49, 5*).

Євангеліє: (Ів. 17, 1-13)

У той час Ісус, підвівши очі свої до неба, проказав: «Отче, прийшла година! Прослав свого Сина, щоб Син твій тебе прославив, згідно з владою, що її ти дав йому над усяким тілом: дарувати життя вічне тим, яких ти передав йому. А вічне життя у тому, щоб вони спізнали тебе, єдиного, істинного Бога, і тобою посланого – Ісуса Христа. Я тебе на землі прославив, виконавши те діло, яке ти дав мені до виконання. Тепер же прослав мене, Отче, у себе – славою тією, що її



я мав у тебе перед тим, як постав світ! Я об'явив твоє ім'я людям, яких ти від світу передав мені. Вони були твої, ти ж передав мені їх, і зберегли вони слово твоє. Нині збагнули вони, що все, тобою дане мені – від тебе; слова бо, тобою мені дані, я їм дав, і сприйняли вони їх, і справді збагнули, що від тебе я вийшов, і увірували, що ти мене послав. Молю ж за них: не за світ молю, лише за тих, яких ти передав мені, бо вони – твої. І все моє – твоє, твоє ж – моє, і в них я прославився. Я вже більш не у світі, а вони у світі, і я до тебе йду. Отче Святий! Заради імени твого бережи їх, тих, що їх ти мені передав, щоб були одно, як ми! Бувши з ними у світі, я беріг їх у твоє ім'я; тих, яких ти передав мені, я їх стеріг, і ніхто з них не пропав, лише син загибелі, щоб збулося Писання. Тепер же іду до тебе, і кажу те, у світі бувши, щоб вони могли ділитися моєю радістю вповні»

Замість Достойно...: Величай, душе моя, Господа, що з плоттю во славі вознісся на небеса.

Ірмос (глас 5): Тебе, вище ума і слова Матір Божу, що в часі безлітнього несказанно родила, вірні однодумне величаємо.

Прічасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте його в вишніх (Пс 148,1). Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала. **Аллилуя** (х3).

Згідно Галицької традиції, ми співаємо: Вознесися на небеса, Боже, і по всій землі слава Твоя.

Замість "Ми бачили світло істинне..." (х1) "Нехай сповняться уста..." (х3) і "Нехай буде ім'я..." (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, participate at our parish community Christian 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!

Mother's Day Tea Event (May 13th) Church Fundraiser: \$ 906.00 - \$ 355.18 (groceries expenses) = \$ 550.82

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)



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

Parishes are invited to take up an emergency humanitarian collection to aid the people in Ukraine. The donated funds are to be sent to the Pastoral Centre, who in turn will forward them to our partner Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Ottawa), who are coordinating humanitarian relief efforts with Caritas Ukraine.

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! 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

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 Mr. Florian and Mrs. Alexandra Vedress on their wedding anniversary (May 21st), Mrs. Beverly Esopenko on her birthday (May 24th), Mrs. Ruslana Shynkar on her birthday (May 24th), Mr. Michael Hinz on his birthday (May 25th), Mrs. Iryna Kruhova on her birthday (May 26th), Juliia Telyaga on her birthday (May 27th), and all Christians celebrating their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days, wedding anniversaries, and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!



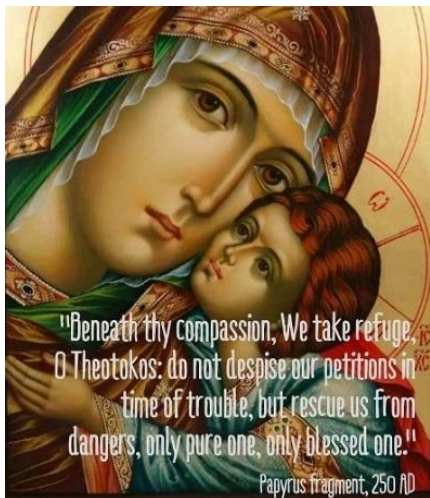
NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **LIVE STREAMING of church services from Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church** in Kelowna, B.C.: Please join our Christian prayerful community at <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>

You can also view 24 / 7 many inspiring videos, articles, pictures, etc. are regularly published by the pastor. Please visit our parish Facebook page: *DormitionKelowna Parish*: <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>

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

Your spiritual father-pastor is praying for all of you daily! Please pray for one another and especially for those who are ill, suffering 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 Dashkewych, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Roma Nowakowski, Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, 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, Aretta Manion and The Family, Daniella-Daryna Tomashevskaya and The Family, Shane Bettin, Patricia Sawadsky, Michael Shykula, Robert Emery, Jacob and Anne Dressler, Lorraine Pasemko, Rose Gaba, Bill Boitson, Walter Achtymichuk, Pauline Rabbitskin, Veronica Chernesky, Albina Bonogofski, Mary Harasymyshyn, for peace in the World, for all people defending Ukraine and all refugees at the time of war, Fr. Volodymyr Dmyterko and The Family, Fr. Yuriy Vyshnevskyy and The Family, 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.*

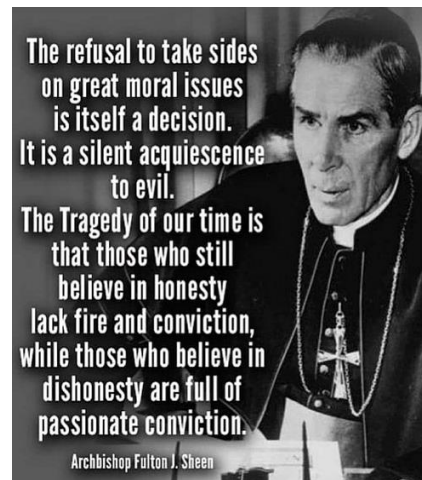
Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry: **Baptisms:** by appointment. **Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Reconciliation:** by appointment. **Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time. **Holy 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/UCFDtZoGsYeJG1lqgdZyfYMA>



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.**

✚ **On behalf of our Christian church family, assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to The Family, all relatives and friends of Mr. Walter Kociuba!** May our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ place Mr. Walter Kociuba'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!

SUNDAY CATECHISM SCHOOL: "Christ is Risen! Христос Воскрес!



Dear parents and Father Pavlo, / Шановні батьки та отець Павло!

I hope everyone had a joyful and blessed Easter!

We will resume Catechism class for our children ages 4 and up on Sunday 23rd and for the next few weeks after the liturgy. I look forward to seeing your children to pray, sing and learn. Thank you very much! God bless you!

Надіюся що ви провели весело Великодній свята! Ми відновимо заняття з катехизму для наших дітей віком від 4 років у неділю 23 числа та протягом кількох наступних тижнів після літургії. Я з нетерпінням чекаю зустрічі з вашими дітьми, щоб вони молилися, співали та навчалися. Дуже дякую! бережи Вас Бог!
Kind regards, Marilyn Daulat



✚ **Ukrainian Family Day Camp on Saturday, June 10th, 10:00 am - 4:30pm.** For registration, please, contact Oksana Church office manager by email: dormitionofficemanager@gmail.com phone: 250-801-9077

Український сімейний денний табір у суботу, 10 червня, з 10:00 до 16:30. З питань реєстрації звертайтеся, будьласка, до офіс-менеджера Оксани за електронною поштою: dormitionofficemanager@gmail.com телефон: 250-801-9077

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 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, maintenance, receiving donations for We Help Ukraine church projects, welcoming visitors, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, contact Mrs. Lydia Gudz 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 send it by email to the office at dormitionofficemanager@gmail.com **by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.** If you wish to help or have any questions, suggestions, ideas about our Christian community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Lydia Gudz. Email: dormitionofficemanager@gmail.com or phone: (250) 763-7447



✚ If you have our parish hall or parking rental inquiry, please contact directly our Church Office Manager Mrs. Oksana Udalova: dormitionofficemanager@gmail.com Cell phone: (250) 801-9077 Church parish office / cultural centre-hall and kitchen Tel: (250) 763-7447 Church Office open: Monday-Friday: from 12:30 am to 4:30 pm

✚ 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 email directly to our church kitchen at dormitionkitchen@gmail.com Tel: (250) 763-7447 FOOD SALES is also available at Earthly Creation Floral, 2630 Pandosy Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 1V6 open 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. from Monday to Friday

✚ **Volunteers are needed to help with Ukrainian food preparation in our parish hall. We will be making very delicious perogies at 10 am on Saturday of May 27th, 2023 A.D.**

✚ **CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR Sunday, August 20 – Saturday, August 26, 2023 A.D.:**

Dear Camp St. Volodymyr Family!

I am excited to announce that we will once again be able to offer camp to children in our Eparchy. Founded in 1983, this will be our 40th anniversary of Camp St. Volodymyr. The camp is open to children aged 7 to 15 as of December 2023. Registration for campers will take place in May so start planning your summer holidays now! Please note camp will now end on Saturday.

Volunteers Needed: If you are interested in volunteering as a counsellor, kitchen help, nurse/doctor, or lifeguard please forward your name by May 1. **Camp T-shirt:** Camp St. Volodymyr is also seeking input to design our 40th anniversary T-shirt. Please share your logo and design ideas! The chosen design will receive a complimentary t-shirt.

For more information, contact me at jennsawka@hotmail.com or 604.220.0584

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jennifer Caldwell, Camp Director



Rachel's Corner: "What a mistake those who do not hope, make! Judas made a huge blunder the day in which he sold Christ for 30 denarii, but he made an even bigger one when he thought that his sin was too great to be forgiven. No sin is too big; any wretchedness, however great, can always be enclosed in infinite mercy" - Pope Saint John I - feast day May 18th

Have you thought that God could not forgive you for your decision to have an abortion? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover His infinite mercy and how that can change your life to know you are truly forgiven and loved. info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273 Confidentiality assured.



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 Твою 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 Твою мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоюю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світлом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

The people of Ukraine need your help. As we mark the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine, millions of the country's inhabitants are in dire straits. Constant bombardment, frigid temperatures, fluctuating power, lack of food, shelter and other basic necessities. As part of your Lenten sacrifice, kindly consider making a donation towards providing emergency services and humanitarian and pastoral support to Ukrainians by offering care, medical supplies, food, clothing and shelter to displaced persons, the elderly and the sick, as well as educational programs and support to local priests. For example, for only \$25, an emergency food package can provide much needed relief. \$100 can buy four packages. Each package will feed 2 persons for 1 week.

Donations may be made through your local parish, the Eparchy of Edmonton, or directly to Catholic Near East Welfare Association - Canada (cnewa.ca). For information on how your donation is making a difference, see Catholic Near East Welfare Association's [2022 Campaign Report: Ukraine Emergency Relief](#). May God bless you and your family for your generosity.

Russia's war crimes are Ukraine's genocide, says UGCC Head at Milan Conference

Thursday, May 26th, 2022 A.D.: The Secretariat of the Head of the UGCC in Rome:

http://news.ugcc.ua/en/news/the_crimes_of_the_russian_army_in_ukraine_are_the_genocide_of_our_people_head_of_the_ugcc_at_the_conference_in_milan_96946.html



"Ukraine: Tasks for Peace-Building" was the theme of a scholarly conference held on May 23 in Milan, Italy. The event was organized by the Ambrosianum Foundation in cooperation with the Catholic University and Archdiocese of Milan. In his online address, the Head of the UGCC spoke about the Russian army's crimes in Ukraine, and named them as a genocide of the Ukrainian people.

"The war in Ukraine begs an important question for everyone: why? When we see the abuse of civilians, sexual violence against women, men and children, mass graves with hundreds of innocent children killed with their parents, bodies scattered on the streets of our cities, humanitarian catastrophes and deportations - each of us asks ourselves again and again: why?" The Head of the UGCC is convinced that a real genocide of the Ukrainian people is taking place. This fact is confirmed by the manifesto of Russian Nazism published on the website of *RIA Novosti*, a Russian state-owned news agency, where "the first paragraph declares that Ukrainian as a nationality does not exist; that Ukrainians are Russians who have come to believe that they are Ukrainian. There is no Ukrainian history, language, or culture." His Beatitude Sviatoslav concluded: "As a people, we were condemned to annihilation."

"It is even more difficult to fathom Christian justification for such crimes," the Head of the UGCC stressed, because "the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church not only blesses but also justifies the actions of the Russian army in Ukraine. Christian evangelism is utilized for the goals of ideological propaganda of Russian Nazism. We see this ideology drawing closer and closer to the Islamic State's ISIS doctrine. The same arguments are used, but cloaked in Christian robes. We hear about the metaphysical war against universal globalism, and thus about the Ukrainian people, who are under the influence of the morally degenerate West, presented as the Antichrist. And so, Ukrainians are the ones who carry the seeds of the Antichrist, and must therefore be killed." Another phenomenon of this war, according to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, is "the use of sexual violence as a weapon. Hundreds of cases of raped women, children, and men... Typically, these sexual crimes are mostly committed in public. This is done in order to completely humiliate the victim and demonstrate the punishment for disobedience. Russian soldiers receive not only permission but also orders to commit such crimes. All these facts reveal the true face of the ideology of "Russ'ky mir", or the "Russian World". "We are talking about religious fundamentalism of a totalitarian nature, of which we are victims," stressed the head of the UGCC.

"As the Church, we will be healing these physical, psychological, and spiritual wounds for a long time to come. This war is real madness. Ukraine has become a land of fire. Wherever Russian soldiers go, no one can survive, cities become ghost towns."

In conclusion, His Beatitude Sviatoslav appealed to the scholarly-academic community to "investigate and condemn the ideology of the 'Russian World', which aims to resolve the Ukrainian question in the same way that the Nazis wanted a solution to the Jewish question..."

The Archbishop of Milan Mario Delpini also addressed the audience, expressing solidarity with the Ukrainian people and assuring the support of the Archdiocese of Milan. "We are watching, horrified, by everything that is happening in your country, and we are trying to help everyone we can by prayer, hosting refugees, medical cooperation, etc."

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

"A miracle on the Dnipro": His Beatitude Sviatoslav on the rescue of Kyiv at the Conference at the LUMSA University in Rome"

The UGCC Department for Information: <https://ugcc.ua/en/data/a-miracle-on-the-dnipro-his-beatitude-sviatoslav-on-the-rescue-of-kyiv-at-the-conference-at-the-lumsa-university-in-rome-410/>

On May 13, the LUMSA University of Rome hosted a conference entitled "Fatima: Russia and Ukraine in the Modern Historical Era." The online speaker from Kyiv was His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Head and Father of the UGCC.



mean belonging to a nation with its own identity but instead being an adherent of a specific artificially created Western ideology. That is why the ideology of the Russian world denies the right of Ukrainians to have their independent state and treats Ukraine as its old colony. Therefore, the war in Ukraine is colonial indeed, and the Russian authorities use history to manipulate their propaganda machine.”

His Beatitude Sviatoslav also pointed to the “sacrilegious instrumentalization of Christian values” by the Russian Orthodox Church, which not only “did not condemn the war of aggression against Ukraine, but also praises the war crimes of Russian soldiers as a feat and heroic defense of the Orthodox faith against the satanic West.”

The Head of the UGCC called on the intellectual world “not to be silent” but to make an appropriate scientific assessment of the Russian world’s ideology.

However, the message of Fatima of the Blessed Virgin Mary, according to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, ‘is a message of hope for us — hope for a shelter for Ukraine and repentance and conversion of Russia.’ “Although to free ourselves from the trap of the ideology of the Russian world,” said the head



Speaking about the plan of Russian troops to capture Kyiv at the beginning of a full-scale war quickly and the courageous resistance of the Ukrainian army, His Beatitude Sviatoslav characterized it as a “miracle on the Dnipro,” drawing a parallel with the historical event of the Polish-Soviet War of 1920, the so-called Battle of Warsaw. It was then that the Poles could stop the Bolshevik invasion of Europe, and the then nuncio to Poland, later Pope Pius XI, called this battle the “Miracle on the Vistula.”

Speaking about the war in Ukraine, the Head of the UGCC pointed to its distinct genocidal dimension due to Russia’s colonial ambitions. “During the full-scale war, we realized that it is not just a war of one country against another or even a military operation, but a real genocide of our people, accompanied by dreadful war crimes of mass graves, torture of civilians, deportation of children, etc.”

“The denial of the existence of the Ukrainian people as a nation with its history, language, culture, and church tradition is propaganda that Kremlin leaders have been proclaiming for a long time. For Russian ideologues, being a Ukrainian does not



of the UGCC, “we still have a long way to go, and not only in Russia...” The conference was held on the day when the Catholic Church commemorates the Fatima apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with Pope Francis. “For us Christians, many coincidences on this symbolic day are a sign of God’s providence,” commented His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav addressed our brothers and sisters in the world and reminded us that the need to heal war wounds, feed the hungry, and welcome refugees is not reducing but instead increasing. “Today, I would like to thank all those people of goodwill from all over the world who help in overcoming the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, healing the wounds of this war... Last year we fed many people and prepared over 100 thousand food packages through the Wise Cause solidarity network alone. I am grateful to all our benefactors, but I ask you: do not forget and do not reduce your prayer, work, and sacrifice because, unfortunately, the war drags on,” the Primate emphasized.

He also said that fasting and prayer are the power that leads us forward. “Every day of the week, one of our dioceses or exarchates takes on the duty of fasting and prayer. Therefore, do not abandon this spiritual struggle, this spiritual feat for the victory over evil,” the Patriarch urged.”



**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.
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 that a human person without faith becomes an animal.”
 (vol. XII, page 2)

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