

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

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**Успення Пресвятої Богородиці
Українська Католицька Церква**

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6th SUNDAY after PENTECOST / 6-ТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ ЗІСЛАННЯ СВЯТОГО ДУХА
July 9th, 2023 A.D.

**"In the face of unjust and painful situations,
faith brings us the light which scatters the darkness!"**

- teaches, guides and reminds us all His Holiness Pope Francis 1st today

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

Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky! 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 July 9th 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 at Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church (2210 - 40th Avenue) in Vernon, BC)

Mon., July 10th at **6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession / Сповідь Church services in Kelowna, BC)

6:30 p.m. Moleben to Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ

Wed., July 12th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends

Thurs., July 13th at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessing in good health for Mr. Richard Sarada

(requested by Mrs. Lena Sarada)

Fri., July 14th at **9:30 am.** The Divine Liturgy: repose of the soul of Mr. William Sarada

(10th year anniversary memorial service requested by Mrs. Lena Sarada and Family)

7:00 p.m. Rosary: for Peace in Ukraine / Вервиця: за Мир в Україні. Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession / Сповідь (Church services in Kelowna, BC)

Saturday, July 15th (Saint Volodymyr The Great) at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends

3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina / Bible Studies: (Bible Studies, Church Services at Holy Resurrection of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Parish (361 Wade Avenue West) in Penticton, BC)

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

SUNDAY on July 16th 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:

. **Tone 5**, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 97-99

Epistle: *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans: (Romans 12:6-14)*

Brothers and Sisters, we have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us. One's gift may be prophecy; its use should be in proportion to his faith. It may be the gift of ministry; it should be used for service. One who is a teacher should use his gift for teaching; one with the power of exhortation should exhort. He who gives alms should do so generously; he who rules should exercise his authority with care; he who performs works of mercy should do so cheerfully. Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other is showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; he whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, preserve in prayer. Look on the needs of the saints as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them.



Gospel: (Matthew 9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus reentered the boat, made the crossing, and came back to his own town. There the people at once brought to him a paralyzed man lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven."

At that some of the scribes said to themselves, "The man blasphemes." Jesus was aware of what they were thinking and said: "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is less trouble to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Stand up and walk'? To help you realize that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – he then said to the paralyzed man – "Stand up! Roll up your mat, and go home." The man stood up and went toward his home. At the sight, a feeling of awe came over the crowd, and they praised God for giving such authority to men.

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 5, текст з книги "*Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого*"; стт. 96-98

Апостол: *До Римлян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Рм. 12, 6-14)*

Браття і Сестри, маючи, згідно з даною нам благодаттю, різні дари: коли то дар пророцтва, виконуймо його мірою віри; хто має дар служіння, нехай служить; хто навчання, нехай навчає; хто напоумлення, нехай напоумляє. Хто дає – у простоті; хто головує – дбайливо; хто милосердиться – то з радістю. Любов нехай буде нелицемірна; ненавидівши зло, приставайте до добра. Любіть один одного братньою любов'ю. Пошаною один одного випереджайте. В ревності не будьте ліниві, духом горіть, Господеві служіть; веселі в надії, в горі терпеливі, в молитві витривалі; святих у потребах спомагайте і дбайте про гостинність. Благословляйте тих, що вас гонять; благословляйте, не проклинайте.



Євангеліє: (Мт. 9, 1-8)

У той час Ісус, сівши у човен, він переплив назад і прибув у своє місто. І от принесено до нього розслабленого, що лежав на ношах. Побачивши їхню віру, Ісус сказав розслабленому: "Бадьорися сину, твої гріхи відпускаються." Та тут деякі з книжників заговорили між собою: "Він хулить." Ісус, знаючи їхні думки, каже: "Чого лукаве думаєте в серцях ваших? Що легше сказати: Твої гріхи відпущені, – чи сказати: Встань і ходи! Та щоб знали, що Син Чоловічий має владу на землі гріхи відпускати", – каже розслабленому: "Встань, візьми твої ноші та й іди до свого дому." Встав той і пішов до свого дому. Народ же, бачивши це, настрахався і славив Бога, що дав таку владу людям.

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! **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!

ЦІПО ВАС БІТАЄМО!



May the Almighty God bless in good health, peace, love, joy and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Ms. Stefanie Holick on her birthday (July 11th), Mr. Wesley and Mrs. Monica Schaumleffel on their wedding anniversary (July 11th), Nicholas Tomashevskyy on his birthday (July 15th), and to all Christians celebrating their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days, wedding anniversaries, and any other special anniversaries, Canada Day 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.

NO MATTER HOW GOOD OR BAD YOUR LIFE IS, WAKE UP EACH MORNING AND BE THANKFUL THAT YOU STILL HAVE ONE.

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 Tomashevskya 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, 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/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.**

Petition for the Sanctity of Human Life:

We also pray for an end to euthanasia and assisted suicide in this country; that the Lord God grant us courage to seek out and visit the sick and lonely; that healthcare workers may have fortitude in upholding the moral law; and that He grant hope to those in despair, humility to those who insist on control, and a renewed sense of dignity to those who have lost sight of their inherent worth; Lord, hear us and have mercy!

Petition for the victory of the Ukrainian armed forces:

We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace, freedom, and unity; for strength, protection, and divine assistance for the Ukrainian armed forces; and that the invaders would be converted and turn away from all war and violence; we pray you, Lord, hear us and have mercy!

Petition for peace throughout the world:

We also pray for an end to every war, invasion, and civil conflict, in Ukraine, [Sudan, Somaliland, Ethiopia,] and throughout the world; for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in every war-torn region; for strength, protection, and divine assistance for those who defend the innocent; and that those who seek violence may be converted and repent of their evil actions; we pray you, Lord, hear us and have mercy.



SUNDAY CATECHISM SCHOOL: SUNDAY CATECHISM SCHOOL:

"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God." (Matthew 19:14) We are happy to welcome all children to our Dormition of the Mother of God parish catechism program. Children learn more about their Christian orthodox faith in the Catholic Church, sacred scripture, feast days, icons, tradition, singing and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact our parish catechism teacher Mrs. Marilyn Daulat or pastor Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts.

Catechism classes for our children ages 4 and up on Sunday after the Divine Liturgy. I look forward to seeing Your children to pray, sing and learn. Thank You very much! God bless you!

Заняття з катехизму для наших дітей віком від 4 років у Неділю опісля Божественної Літургії. Я з нетерпінням чекаємо зустрічі з Вашими дітьми, щоб вони молилися, співати й навчатися. Дуже дякую! Бережи Вас Бог!



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, **July 9th** (Session-Meeting #8) The meetings will occur in Parish Hall between **5:30 PM - 7:00 PM.**



Parish Family Picnic' on Sunday of July 9th, 2023 A.D. at 10:30 am after The Divine Liturgy.

Menu: Barbeque, Smokies and Sausage, Salat, pop drinks, juice, water, ice cream.

Welcome everyone to the Family Picnic, it will be fun for the children!!!



Our Parish Executive Council Meeting is at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 10th, 2023 A.D.

UKRAINIAN MENU	
Pyrohy Perogies	\$10.00 per dozen
Holubtsi Cabbage Rolls with Meat	\$12.00 per dozen \$14.00 per dozen
Nalysnyky Crepes	\$11.00 ½ dozen
Perishky	\$11.00 per dozen
Borsch - Soup with Meat	\$14.00 per litre \$16.00 per litre
Paska	\$ 7.00 (small)
Kovbasa Sausage	\$12.50 per ring

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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

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

Our Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church Praznyk/Feast Day and 75th Parish Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, August 20th, 2023 A.D. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Banquet/Reception to follow at the church hall. (Clergy and Religious – FREE, Adults - \$50, Youth (age 6-14) - \$25, Children (5 years of age and under) - FREE). Please, let us know about your participation.

Please RSVP - call or email one of the following contacts if you plan to attend:

Mrs. Mary Cacchioni - Tel.: 250-765-3419, Email: marycacchioni@gmail.com

Mr. Michael Rawluk: mrawluk@showtheplanet.com

Mrs. Alexandra Vedress - Tel.: (250) 763-7447

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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.

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! [Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2023 Registration, Sun, Aug 20, 2023](#)

at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite Please note camp will now end on Saturday. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-st-volodymyr-bc-2023-registration-632667364117>

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: *"I am clay in His hands and even though I shattered, God re shaped me and now I know what I am made of and by whom. I went through the heat of the fire which is where I was purified and now am a new creation in Him. I feel very loved by God because He has given me so many blessings that I didn't even know about, and on this retreat I recognized that I am a daughter of God and loved by Him."* Testimonial



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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 єднай 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. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю 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.

✚ 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

✚ Our Church needs a volunteer to help with maintenance. Your time and care will be greatly truly appreciated! **Нашій Церкві потрібен волонтер, щоб допомогти з ремонтом й обслуговуванням.** Будемо дуже вдячні за Ваш час і турботу!

✚ 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.

"The church saved us — you are children of war: Lviv is recovering from the most destructive rocket attack by the Russians on the city and region"

The UGCC Department for Information: <https://ugcc.ua/en/data/the-church-saved-us-you-are-children-of-war-lviv-is-recovering-from-the-most-destructive-rocket-attack-by-the-russians-on-the-city-and-region-492/>

During the night of July 6, the Russian occupiers carried out a terrifying and cynical rocket strike on Lviv and the Lviv Oblast. The enemy attacked the Lviv Oblast with "Kalibr" missiles from the Black Sea. This is the most destructive attack on the civilian population in the Lviv Oblast since the beginning of the full-scale war.

According to the head of the Lviv Regional State Administration, Maxym Kozytsky, the "West" Air Command of the Ukrainian Air Force defused 7 missiles over the Lviv Oblast. Russia is deliberately targeting residential buildings. The following have been damaged: over 30 houses, more than 250 apartments, 10 dormitories, boarding school, two universities, and a sanatorium school.

In Lviv, a two-day mourning has been declared in memory of those who died as a result of a rocket attack on the city.

The rocket strike hit buildings within 200 meters of the Ukrainian Catholic University campus. Four university buildings were damaged, but no one within the university campus itself was harmed. The Ukrainian Catholic University is ready to provide temporary accommodation to those who were forced to leave their homes, those who lost everything due to the rocket attack.

During the night, people took shelter in the St. Sophia Wisdom of God University Chapel to protect themselves from rocket attacks. Those who lost their homes found their first refuge in the university. Father Nazariy Mysyakovsky shared a moment when, after the air raid siren ceased, a father and his children came out of the chapel shelter onto the street and walked towards the campus area. The child said, "Daddy, the Church saved us." The father replied, "You are children of war. A real war."



President of the Ukrainian Catholic University, Archbishop Borys Gudziak, who was staying and working near the epicenter of the explosion just three days ago, wrote: "Russia's attack on innocent civilians is unconscionable. We ask all people to pray, stay informed, and help in any way they can. Having spent two weeks with bishops, clergy, politicians, students, soldiers, mothers, and children, I can say that Ukrainians are resilient, but the danger is real, the trauma is deep, and the entire free world must respond and support these brave defenders of freedom and justice."

Volunteers, including workers and students from the volunteer headquarters of the Ukrainian Catholic University, helped the injured people during the night, bringing water, respirators, and assisting the rescue teams in clearing debris.

Since the targeted building was located near the Ukrainian Catholic University campus, it housed university graduates and

parishioners of the university chapel. We have gathered their initial testimonies after the Russian rocket strike.

Ihor Kysylevych, a graduate of the Philosophy-Theology Faculty of the Ukrainian Catholic University and a former employee of the university's information department, and a father of five children, said: "UCU is very dear to me as my alma mater. My wife and I even bought a house very close to UCU; we live in a building across the road from the campus. Everything changed in a matter of seconds last night. Life feels completely different now. Honestly, my wife and I didn't expect the war to be so close. We thought Lviv was a safe city for us and our children. But the war is really close. We responded to the alarm, but since we have five children, including a baby, we couldn't go to the shelter. We used the two-wall rule and waited in the corridor. Then one quite powerful explosion occurred, followed by another, even more severe one. The windows in our apartment were blown out... Due to the shockwave, our exit door jammed, and we couldn't immediately leave the apartment. We smelled gas; it was dangerous. We knew there would be another impact, so we ran out of the apartment in whatever we were wearing and instinctively ran to seek shelter in the Church of St. Sophia on the campus. On the way to the church, there was a third impact. We fell to the ground, and I physically felt the shockwave, although we were already quite far away. After the alert ended, we went to the park to breathe fresh air. In the park, we met Rector Taras Dobko, Volodymyr Turchynovsky, Natalia Klymovska. People came out in the middle of the night to see how their students, how the campus was... We had a brief conversation. They provided me with such moral and psychological support, and I am very grateful to them. Thank God that my family is alive, we are all safe. All that remains is to pray for the victims."

Artem, a graduate of the Ukrainian Catholic University who live in the building hit by the rocket, shared his experience: "We woke up to intense shaking of our building, as if experiencing an earthquake. We realized it was something else, as the news feed was filling up with reports of Lviv being hit by rocket attacks. After about 4–5 minutes, we saw a flash in the window. We knew that a shockwave would follow soon, so we covered ourselves with a blanket. After that, we jumped off the bed and ran into the corridor. There was an understanding that we needed to turn off the gas, gather important documents, and go to the shelter. On the way, we entered a neighbor's apartment because there was an elderly woman living there. We wanted to help her or at least make sure she was alive. However, her corridor was completely destroyed. It felt like there was no longer an apartment there. After calling her for a few seconds, we decided to search for her in the shelter. Fortunately, she was alive and had managed to get there in time. There were many cases where people were trapped in their apartments. Our neighbors tried to break down the doors to get out of their apartments. This building [that was targeted by the Russians] was entirely civilian, with the majority of residents being elderly people who wouldn't be able to cope in such a situation on their own. We thank the Emergency Situations personnel who quickly arrived at the scene and started working. It is heartening that we received numerous offers of assistance. After the strikes, many of our friends from the Ukrainian Catholic University community came to help others clean up broken glass and clear the rubble. They offered us various options for temporary housing, and with each passing hour, such assistance is increasing. It is very heartwarming."

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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 2)

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