

Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church

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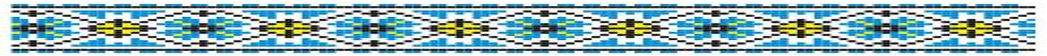


Успення Пресвятої Богородиці Українська Католицька Церква

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SUNDAY of the Publican and the Pharisee НЕДІЛЯ про Митаря й Фарисея on January / Січня 21st 2024 A.D.

**“The proud, the arrogant, can not understand life
because they are incapable of lowering themselves!”**

– teaches, guides and reminds all of us Pope Francis today

Christian Greetings: Christ Is Born! – Let us glorify Him!

Христос Рождається! – Славимо Його! Chrystos Rozhdaiet'sia! – Slavimo Yoho!

Christ Is among us! – He Is and Will Be!

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST:

**Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour,
Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit.**

– Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US BY PRAYING TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD AT THE CHURCH AND ON-LINE! Welcome, pray, greet, and wish you and all your dear ones to be guided by the Holy Spirit, blessed with joy, peace, good health, unity, and Christian love and respect today and always! 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 January 21st at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Eng./Ukr.) (Church Services in Kelowna, BC)

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends

1:00 p.m. 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., Jan. 22nd at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Alex Tokar and Family

(service requested by Mr. Eugene and Mrs. Theresa Tokar) (Church Services in Kelowna, BC)

6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession / Сповідь

6:30 p.m. Moleben to Merciful Christ

Tue., Jan. 23rd at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for Sonya Wheelhouse and Family

(service requested by Mr. Eugene and Mrs. Theresa Tokar)

Thurs., Jan. 25th at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Repose of the soul of Mr. Myron Dnes'

6:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession / Сповідь

7:00 p.m. Rosary: for Peace in Ukraine / Вервиця: за Мир в Україні and

Children of Mary prayerful meeting and study

Fri., Jan. 26th at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Repose of the soul of Mr. Jacob Dressler

Saturday, January 27th at 3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina / Bible Studies: (Bible Studies, Confession,

Church Services at Holy Resurrection of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Parish (361 Wade Avenue West) in Penticton, BC)

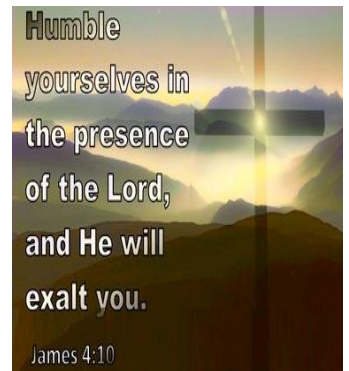
4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends (Eng./Ukr.)

SUNDAY on January 28th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Eng./Ukr.) (Church Services in Kelowna, BC)

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends

1:00 p.m. 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)



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.

Sunday liturgical propers in English language:

Tone 1, text from book "*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*"; pages 89-91

Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:10-15)

Timothy, my son: You have followed closely my teaching and my conduct. You have observed my resolution, fidelity, patience, love, and endurance, through persecutions and sufferings in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. You know what persecutions I have had to bear, and you know how the Lord saved me from them all. Anyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus can expect to be persecuted. But all the while evil men and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, themselves deceived. You, for your part, must remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know who your teachers were. Likewise, from your infancy you have known the Sacred Scriptures, the source of the wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation.



Gospel: (Luke 18:10-14)

The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray; the one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee with head unbowed prayed in this fashion: 'I give you thanks, O God, that I am not like the rest of men – grasping, crooked, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on all I possess.' The other man, however, kept his distance, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven. All he did was beat his breast and say, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Believe me, this man went home from the temple justified but the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled while he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

Недільні літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 1, текст з книги "*Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого*"; ст. 88-90

Апостол: До Тимотея перше послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (1 Тм. 4,9-15)

Апостол: 3 другого послання до Тимотея Св. Апостола Павла читання: (2 Тм. 3, 10-15)

Сину Тимотею, ти ж слідував моїй науці, моїй поведінці, моїй настанові, вірі, довготерпеливості, любові, постійності, у переслідуваннях, у стражданнях, які були спіткали мене в Антіохії, в Іконії та в Лістрі. Яких то переслідувань не переніс я на собі! А від усіх Господь мене визволив! Та й усі, що побожно хочуть жити у Христі Ісусі, будуть переслідувані. А лихі люди й дурисвіти будуть чим далі, тим до гіршого посуватися, зводячи інших, і самі зведені. Ти ж тримайся того, чого навчився і в чому переконався. Відаєш бо, від кого ти навчився, і вже змалку знаєш Святе Письмо, яке вірою у Христа Ісуса може тобі дати мудрість на спасіння.



Євангеліє: (Лк 18, 10-14)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "Два чоловіки зайшли в храм помолитись: один був фарисей, а другий – митар. Фарисей, ставши, молився так у собі: Боже, дякую тобі, що я не такий, як інші люди – грабіжники, неправедні, перелюбці, або як оцей митар. Пощу двічі на тиждень, з усіх моїх прибутків даю десятину. А митар, ставши здалека, не смів і очей звести до неба, тільки бив себе в груди, кажучи: Боже, змилуйся надо мною грішним! Кажу вам: Цей повернувся виправданий до свого дому, а не той; бо кожний, хто виноситься, буде принижений, а хто принижується, – вивищений."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

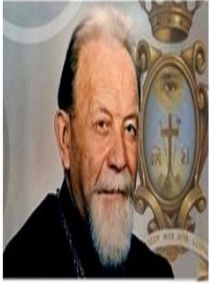
Gratitude to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all Christian people of the good will who by their kindness share time, talents and treasures, help to clean inside and outside our church building, and to every person who knowingly or unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, organized, participate at our parish community Christian ministry, volunteered by helping our parish community and via our Christian church in various ways helping people, supporting people of 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, shared the meal and joyfully attended our parish Christmas Day dinner, caroling and welcoming our church carollers, 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 to dormitiontransfer2023@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: 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

Discover Canada's 2nd National Martyr's Shrine



The Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine is located at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 250 Jefferson Avenue in Winnipeg Manitoba.

Come and experience this prayerful, peaceful atmosphere of holiness before the precious Holy Relics of Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky. You can also tour the Museum and visit the Gift Shop to learn more about this modern day martyr and how he was such a great witness to the truth of the Gospel.

Open: Tuesday to Friday – 10 am to 5pm

Saturday – 10 am to 1 pm

Sunday – after 10 a.m. Liturgy

Also every Wednesday:

1:30 pm Praying for Ukraine

7 p.m. Devotional Service

For more information:

Visit the website: bvmartyrshrine.com

Call 204-338-7321

Email: info@bvmartyrshrine.com



packages. Each package will feed 2 persons for 1 week. Donations may be made through your local parish, the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster, 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.

Help Ukraine! 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 all our parishioners and Christian family members who celebrate Christmas/Nativity in the Nativity/ Birthday of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Theophany/ Epiphany/ Baptism of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to His Grace Our Most Rev. Archbishop-Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak on his birthday (Jan. 25th), Mr. John and Mrs. Valerie Zuk on their wedding anniversary (Jan. 21st), Aleksander Vladei on his birthday (Jan. 22nd), Oleksander (Sasha) Sora on his birthday (Jan. 22nd), Mr. Edward Kaskiw on his birthday (Jan. 24th), and to all the faithful Christians celebrating their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days, wedding anniversaries, and any other special anniversaries and celebrations beginning of The New 2024 Year of The Lord, this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

You can also view 24 / 7 many inspiring videos, articles, pictures, etc. are regularly published by the pastor. Please visit our parish Facebook page: *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/>

Please, be assured that Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts, as your spiritual father-pastor, is gratefully praying to The Almighty God, loving, thinking and spiritually carrying for all of you daily! Please pray for one another and especially for those who are ill, suffering be 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 Ostowich, Keyton A., Shelley M., Fanny Kim, Danny M, Jordan M. Torin S., Sabre S., Keyton M., Dylan M., Bernard M., Darrin M., Kit C., Shirley C., George Dashkewtych, Kay Initski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Peter Huska and Family, 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, Mary Harasymyshyn, Veronica Chernesky, Helen Hut, Leah Chernesky, for peace in the World, for all people defending Ukraine and all refugees at the time of war, Dmyterko Families, 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>

The Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine is located in Winnipeg. We invite those that might be traveling this summer to plan a spiritual pilgrimage to spend time before the Holy Relics of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky!

The Redemptorist TV team: www.redemptorist.tv



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

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.**

We also pray for our newly-ordained father and bishop (Kyr) Michael, that he may preach the gospel with boldness as a faithful shepherd, laboring for the sanctification of the Church and faithful in this eparchy: we pray You Lord, hear us and have mercy.

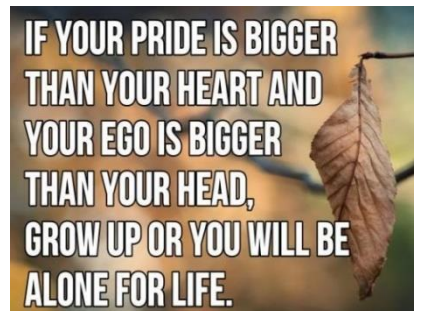
Молимося також за нашого нововисвяченого отця і єпископа Кир Михаїла, щоб він з відвагою міг проповідувати євангеліє як вірний пастир, що працює для освячення Церкви і вірних цієї єпархії: молимося Тобі Господи, вислухай і помилуй

Petition for the Sanctity of Human Life: *We also pray for an end to euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada; 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 Russian 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 the people of Israel and Palestine, that they may be delivered from this violent conflict; for divine assistance and mercy for the injured and all hostages, for those who mourn, and for all who have been driven from their homes; that those who pursue revenge and violence may forsake hatred and terror; and that those who labour for peace may be strengthened; we pray you, Lord, hear us and have mercy.*

Молимося також за народи Ізраїлю і Палестини, щоб вони змогли подолати цей жорстокий конфлікт; за божественну опіку над пораненими і полоненими; за тих, хто оплакує померлих і за тих, хто втратив домівки; щоб ті, хто слідує шляхом помсти і насильства зреклися ненависті і терору; і щоб ті, хто трудиться заради миру були скріплені на силах, молимося Тобі Господи, вислухай і помилуй. підтримку, відвагу і наполегливість, молимося Тобі Господи, вислухай і помилуй.



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 its needs and pastoral ministry.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND ALWAYS TRULY 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 (a lady and a gentlemen faithful leaders volunteering and forming Christian brothers and sisters prayerful groups at our parish; 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 Christian 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

Our Parish Executive Council Meeting is at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22nd, 2024 A.D.

We do pray and sincerely welcome and help Ukrainian refugees coming to Kelowna, BC! Молимося, вітаємо й допоможемо Вам! Please contact our parish We Help Ukraine 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.

Catechetical online resources in English and Ukrainian languages:

- Royal Doors with daily readings and reflections, UGCC - Catechism online, articles, etc.: <https://www.royaldoors.net/>
- Formed: Christian movies, TV shows, prayers, etc.: <https://watch.formed.org/browse>
- Dynamic Catholic. Beautiful resource for the whole family with Catechism for children, marriage, enrichment programs, etc.: <https://dynamiccatholic.com>
- Жусе ТВ.: <https://zhyve.tv> Дивен Свiм.: <https://dyvensvit.org>
Катехизм УГКЦ.: <http://catechismugcc.org/>

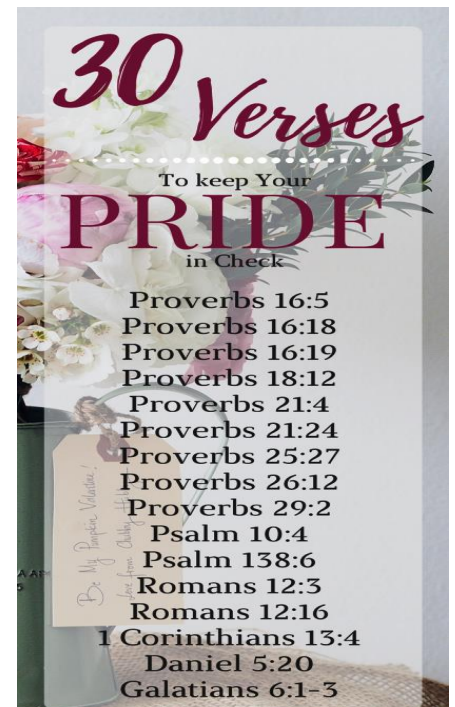


SUNDAY CATECHISM SCHOOL: "And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God." (Matthew 19:14)

We welcome all children to our Dormition of the Mother of God Parish Catechism program. The children will learn about their Christian orthodox faith in the Catholic Church, sacred scripture, feast days, icons, tradition, singing, religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Ukrainian - speaking volunteers are needed for children, ages 4 to 6. These children come with so much enthusiasm and joy' but they do need more supervision and attention. If we can have several people volunteer, they can take turns helping. Your help would be appreciated very much!! Materials will be provided for the children.

While the hall is undergoing renovations, we will have a short catechism lesson (10 to 15 minutes) in the Church and sometimes in the choir loft. We will learn about the icons in the Church, other symbols of our faith, and some carols and songs. Hopefully renovations will be complete by Willow (Palm or Kvitna) Sunday and the children will be ready to help bring in the willows into the Church!



Поки зал ремонтується, ми матимемо короткий урок катехизи (10-15 хвилин) у Церкві та інколи на хорі. Дізнаємося про ікони в Церкві, про інші символи нашої віри, про деякі колядки та пісні. Сподіваємося, ремонт завершиться до Вербної (Вербної) неділі, і діти будуть готові допомогти принести верби до Церкви! All children are welcome!

Запрошуються усі діти! If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call our parish catechism teacher, Mrs. Marilyn Daulat 250- 801-7538 or pastor Fr. Pavlo Myts.

Діти дізнаються про свою християнську православну віру в Католицькій Церкві, Святе Письмо, свята, ікони, традиції, співи, релігійні обряди та звичаї Української Католицької Церкви. Для дітей віком від 4 до 6 років потрібні україномовні волонтери. Ці діти приходять із великим ентузіазмом і радістю, але вони потребують більше нагляду та уваги. Якщо ми матимемо декілька людей волонтерів, вони можуть по черзі допомагати. Будемо дуже вдячні за вашу допомогу!! Дітям будуть надані необхідні матеріали. Крім того, зазвичай для старших дітей накривають інший стіл для будь-якої активності чи спілкування, які вони бажають. Якщо у вас є запитання чи пропозиції, будь ласка, не соромтеся зателефонувати нашій парафіяльній вчительці катехизму пані Мерилін Даулат 250-801-7538 або пастору о.Павлові Миць

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



Rachel's Corner: "I am so happy I have been able to receive Communion after so many years! I am not more than God to not forgive myself and I need to learn to see myself as God does." -*Testimonial*
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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.

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.

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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 дїбр 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 дїл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилася, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



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

Why Do We Bless Homes?

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

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

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

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

insurance of God's protection and His blessing which is of greater importance and more effective.

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

Each family is considered a small church and the family table is the home altar. When the priest comes, have as many family members there as possible. If you do not have an icon corner, ensure that you set up a place for prayer either at the kitchen or dining table. On the table include an icon and a lit candle. You may also include anything that you may want to have blessed (i.e. icon, cross, personal item, etc.) Make sure that the lights are on in every room. The priest will begin the blessing at the icon corner or table. If you have children, they may lead the priest, while holding a candle, to each room in the house. This is also a wonderful time for you and your priest to visit and to get to know each other better.



Pope Francis teaches about sin of Pride

Pope Francis 07.01.14 Holy Mass Santa Marta 1 John 3: 22 - 4: 6

Abide in the Lord, the Christian, man or woman, is one who abides in the Lord. But what does this mean? Many things.

The Christian who abides in the Lord knows what is happening in his heart. That is why the Apostle says: 'Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits'; know how to discern the spirits, to discern what you are feeling, what you are thinking, what you want, and whether it is truly to abide in the Lord or something else which distances you from the Lord. Our hearts always have desires, wants, thoughts: but are all of these from the Lord? That is why the Apostle says: test what

you are thinking, what you are feeling, what you want... If it is in line with the Lord alright; but if not...

It is then necessary to test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. Not only can the prophets be false, but also their prophecies and suggestions. That is why we always need to be watchful. Indeed a Christian is precisely a man or woman who knows how to watch his or her heart.

A heart in which many things come and go is like a local market where you find everything. This is precisely the reason why the constant work of discernment is so needed, in order to understand what is truly of the Lord. But how do I know that something is of Christ? The Apostle John indicates the criteria we should follow. 'Every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already'.

It is so simple: if what you desire, or what you think travels down the road of the Incarnation of the Word, of the Lord who comes in the flesh, it means that it is of God. However, if it does not travel by that road, then it does not come from God. Essentially, it is a matter of recognizing the road travelled by God, who

P RIDE goes before
destruction, and a
haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18

emptied himself, who humbled himself unto death on the Cross. Self abasement, humility and also humiliation: this is the way of road of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, if a thought or a desire leads you on the road of humility, of self-abasement and of service to others, it is of Jesus; but if it leads you on the road of self-importance, of vanity and of pride, or on the road of abstract thought, it is not of Jesus. The temptations Jesus underwent in the desert attest to this. All three of the devil's temptations to Jesus were suggestions aimed at distancing Jesus from this path, from the path of service, from humility, from humiliation, from the act of love he made by his life.

Let us think about this today. It will do us good. First: what is going on in my heart? What am I thinking? What am I feeling? Do I pay attention to what comes and goes or do I let it go? Do I know what I want? Do I test what I desire? Or do I simply take everything? Beloved, do not believe every spirit; but test the spirits. Often our hearts are like a road that everyone takes. This is precisely why we need to test and ask ourselves if we always choose the things that come from God, if we know what comes from God, if we know the right criteria by which we should discern our desires and our thoughts. And, we must never forget that the true criteria is the Incarnation of God.

Internet source: <https://sites.google.com/view/popefranchisomilies/pride>

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Dolyna Ukrainian Cultural Society Presents
Malanka 2024
Ukrainian New Year Celebration



Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall, 1935 Barlee Rd. Kelowna
Jan 27, 2024, Doors 5:30 pm, Buffet Dinner 6:30 pm
7:30 - Dance Performance by Dolyna Dancers followed by Vic Ukrainetz
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'It looks like a harp combined with a guitar. A famous musician is bringing a uniquely Ukrainian instrument to Kelowna for a concert this weekend.

Maryna Krut, whose stage name is KRUT, is a singer and master of the ancient Ukrainian 65 string Bandura. She has competed on both the The Voice of Ukraine and The X Factor. She sings in both Ukrainian and English and has invented her own style of play the Bandura.

Krut's concert at the Rotary Centre for the Arts on Sunday, January 21 at 7 p.m. will be illuminated by more than 600 candles. She will also be speaking about her experience living in Ukraine during the war with Russia, that began nearly two years ago.

The event is also a fundraiser sponsored by Kelowna Stands With Ukraine and Second Front Ukraine Association. Concert goers can bid on a number of unique items with funds going to help Ukrainians in their homeland and here in the Okanagan. Tickets are available through the [RCA website](#).

Source: [Castanet.net](https://www.castanet.net) - Kelowna's Homepage

“God showed me that I am at home” — Bishop-Elect Michael Smolinski, CSsR

The UGCC Department for Information on January 18, 2024 A.D. Source: <https://ugcc.ua/en/data/god-showed-me-that-i-am-at-home-bishop-elect-michael-smolinski-cssr-869/>

For 68 years, the Saskatoon Eparchy, which is part of the Metropolia of Winnipeg, has become a space of deep spiritual and cultural life for the faithful of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Canada. Soon it will receive a new eparchial bishop, Fr. Michael Smolinski, C. Ss. R., whose episcopal consecration and installation will take place on January 19–21, 2024 in Saskatoon.

Born to Morris and Iris Smolinski in Canada, the future Bishop of the Eparchy of Saskatoon, Fr. Michael was spiritually raised and educated in the Ukrainian Redemptorist community at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Saskatoon. To his family and friends, he is Michael, who loves to play curling, host guests at home, and read a lot. For the faithful, Fr. Michael is a true spiritual father who has always dreamed

of serving God and people and never aspired to become a bishop. It is interesting that he hardly speaks Ukrainian, but he claims that he loves Ukraine and its music, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and its traditions too much. The bishop-nominee spoke about his background, vocation to the priesthood and unexpected appointment as a bishop in an interview with the Information Department of the UGCC:

Family background and connection to Ukraine

Fr. Michael: My hometown is Saskatoon, in the province of Saskatchewan in Canada. I was born and raised here. My parents' names are Morris and Iris, but in Ukrainian their names sound fondly like Myroslav and Orysia. They come from small provincial towns. Once, when they were young, they came to Saskatoon, met here, got married, and started a family. By the way, they met in a youth group at the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Saints Peter and Paul, which belongs to the Redemptorists. This is the place where I was baptized, grew up, and began serving the Church. It is a community that has had a huge impact on my life.

Although most of my grandparents were born in Canada, it is very important for our family to remain Ukrainian in our hearts. This connection is really very strong. I have been to Ukraine several times and felt that our church is a church for Ukrainians. Of course, it also welcomes everyone in different parts of the world, including Canada. People marry Ukrainians, come and join our Church and fall in love with it. It is incredible!

Now in Saskatoon, I live in a Ukrainian Catholic residential complex, and my mother is not far away. It's a great blessing to live next to her. She's 83 years old, but she's still full of energy. My father died in 2019, just before the COVID-19 pandemic. I must admit that we as a family are still feeling this great loss, even though 4 years have passed since his death. Dad died very suddenly, before his 80th birthday.

I am happy to have an older brother and sister. My brother is the oldest. He lives with his family in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. My sister lives in Saskatoon.

“I love our church too much... I wouldn't want to be anywhere else”

I have been a priest for 20 years now, and this is a great gift from God. I confess that I don't really know when I felt the call to the priesthood, but I do remember that I felt the call to life in the community of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C. Ss. R.).

While studying at university, I was very fascinated by the fact that Redemptorists here in North America were involved in various charitable projects. I learned about who the Redemptorists are, about their charism, about their mission in the Church — to preach the Gospel to the poor and the most abandoned. It really attracted me, and I felt that I wanted to be a part of it.

So I think my vocation was more to be a Redemptorist than a priest. I could have been happy as a brother or deacon, but I became a priest. I have known this community all my life, but it was only at university, when I became more mature, that I began to really study what kind of community it was and its activities.

Now I realize that I love our church too much, I love our traditions, our music, and our way of worshipping God. I would not want to be anywhere else. For the last year, as a provincial superior of the Redemptorist Congregation in Canada, I had a lot of contact with Latin rite Catholicism, and my prayer life was a combination of Latin and Ukrainian traditions. I missed our Church very much,



the celebration of all the feasts and fasts in our way. It was a great blessing for me to return home to Saskatoon and serve in our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church on a full-time basis.

From teaching to theology: on education and formation

Initially, I majored in Education because I planned to become a teacher. I studied at the University of Saskatchewan for 4 years. After graduation, I was looking for a job as a teacher. At the time, it turned out to be a very difficult task, so I went to work as a youth pastor in the Edmonton Eparchy, which borders the Eparchy of Saskatoon and I spent 2 years there.

I liked getting my education as a teacher, but for some reason I didn't feel that it was 100 % mine. I felt that there was something else.

When I worked as a youth minister, I lived far away from the Redemptorists. There were Roman Catholic Redemptorist communities in Edmonton, but no Ukrainian ones. I missed the community I grew up in, their mission, their ministry, their parishes. And after 2 years, I reconnected with the Redemptorists by going to them for a few months as a volunteer.

A few months later I began my formation at the seminary in Toronto. I studied at the Faculty of Theology at St. Michael's University. I loved everything about my studies: both what I was studying and learning much more about the Church. We had great professors and a wonderful community of like-minded people.

After graduating with a master's degree in theology in Toronto, I spent another year studying Eastern Christian theology in Ottawa, the capital of Canada, where the Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky Institute was located at the time. Most of the courses at seminary were offered from a Western perspective. But the professors always encouraged me, as a Ukrainian Catholic seminarian, to write my papers and individual studies from the perspective of our Ukrainian Catholic tradition. So, I believe that thanks to my studies in both Toronto and Ottawa, my formation and education became fully developed.

A life-changing surprise

It happened on November 23, 2023. That day, as a provincial superior of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer in Canada, I had many meetings — I was working on a document for our new province in Canada for Redemptorists. At the end of the meeting, I looked at my cell phone and thought: "Why am I getting video calls from Ukraine?" And I realized that something was going on.

When the meeting was over, I took a deep breath and maybe even drank a glass of water. Eventually, we got in touch — it was Father Oleh Oleksa, the secretary of His Beatitude Sviatoslav. Then the head of the church himself called me. I had a conversation with him. He told me about his own experience, about how he was appointed bishop for Argentina and how difficult this decision was for him. In fact, I really appreciate the time he spent with me on the phone — His Beatitude supported me morally, and I felt encouraged by him. So I answered yes to his request for appointment. Frankly speaking, I never wanted to be a bishop. I always thought that if someone called me, I would say: "No, never."

My appointment was and still is a surprise to me. Although over the past few years there have been small hints that this honourable appointment might happen in our Ukrainian Catholic Redemptorist community in Canada.

Most priests named Michael have become bishops. So people always jokingly said to me: "Well, Michael, you're going to be a bishop, too," and I would answer: "No, I'm a simple parish priest, and this is what I know best."

However, the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, Patriarch Sviatoslav and the Holy Father think differently. Despite the fact that I was surprised, shocked, and scared, I very quickly said yes.

What makes a good bishop?

A good bishop must be a leader, a father, and a servant — all in one person. Therefore, it is not an easy ministry. People have different needs. In my opinion, a bishop can be compared to a juggler who throws many balls in the air at the same time. A bishop also has to do many different things and achieve a delicate balance in his ministry.

I am learning. I still have a lot to learn about what my task is. A year ago I worked in the Eparchy of Saskatoon as a priest, so I know a lot of the difficult things that happen here. I am not afraid of the hard work that awaits me.

I know that I am a bishop, but I like to talk to people, to serve them, to listen to their thoughts. I want to come to common decisions in the spirit of synodality in the Church, to listen and open up with great attention, as the Synod encourages us to do.

At the moment I have no vision of what will happen next. I need to study, listen and pray more. Now I feel a little more comfortable. It's time to go through the episcopal ordination and then start working with great gratitude to the Lord.

How the Church in Canada serves and supports Ukrainians

Since the beginning of the full-scale war in Ukraine, the Church in Canada has been very active in working with refugees. A significant number of Ukrainians have arrived in different parts of the country, including our diocese. Some have found temporary shelter here, while others have nowhere to go and will stay here forever.

So the Church extends a hand of help and hospitality, but sometimes it has to change and adapt. In some places in western Canada, the Church is now predominantly serving in English. We all need to preach in the language spoken by the newcomers. We have to work on this.

During this time, the Church has opened new parishes across the country to meet the needs of Ukrainians, such as in St. John's Newfoundland on the east coast of Canada. Now there are monthly services for Ukrainians, both Catholic and Orthodox. Before the war, there were very few Ukrainians there, but the situation is changing and we are trying to respond to the needs promptly.

In our Redemptorist community, we also lent a helping hand, including raising funds to send to Redemptorists in Ukraine — monasteries that have become humanitarian centers where people in need receive help.

We have three Ukrainian Catholic parishes in Saskatoon, two of which have large numbers of newly arrived Ukrainians. We have the Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School. Last year, it more than doubled in size as new children from Ukraine arrived. The school is part of our Ukrainian Catholic community and certainly also does a lot for the refugees who have come here.

Why did God call you to serve as a bishop?

It is difficult to answer. However, I think He is showing me that I am at home, in the right place, and I know what to do and how to serve the faithful here in the Ukrainian Catholic community. Perhaps God chose me to be here, at home, to meet the immediate needs of the faithful and to work for the future.

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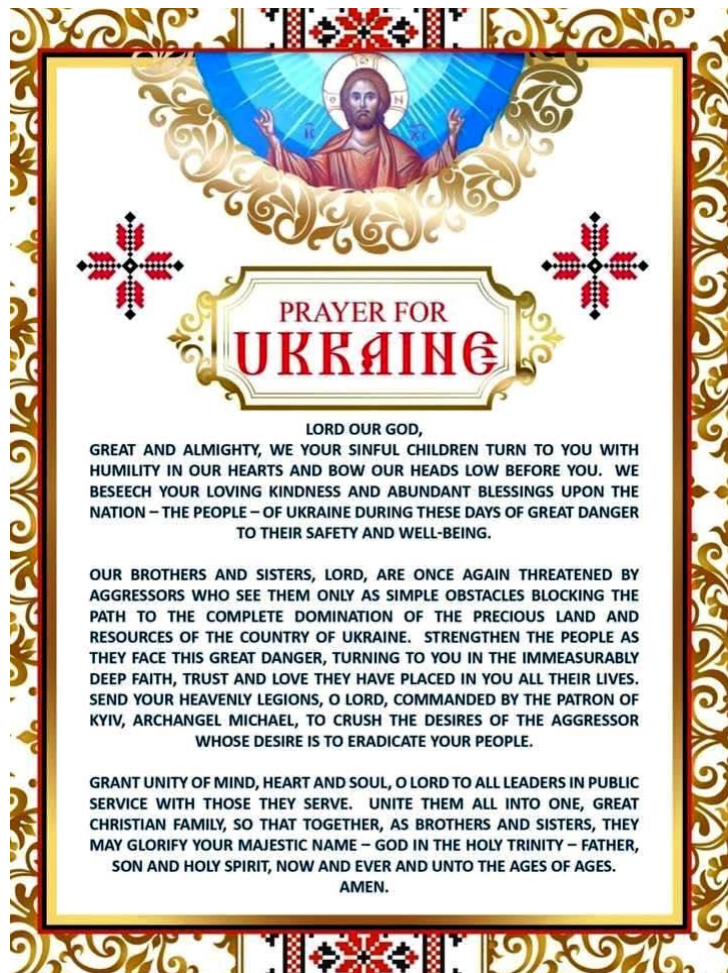





UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE THROUGH RELIGION

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 - 6-8 (2-4 children per group)
 - 9-11 (4-6 children per group)
- Course date:**
February 3/4 – May 25/26
- The course consists of 16 lessons.**
- 1 lesson – 40 minutes**



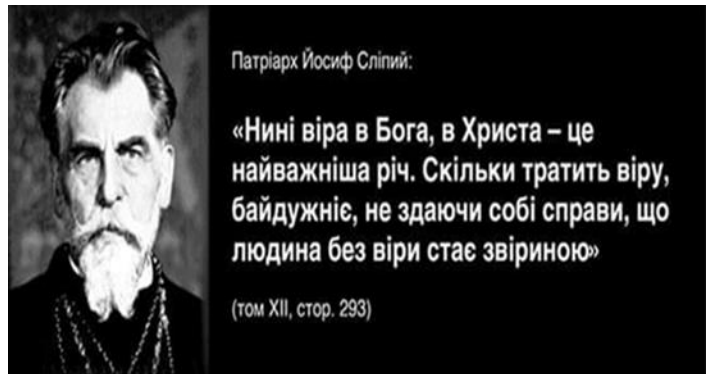


**PRAYER FOR
UKRAINE**

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 Slipij teaches and reminds all:
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