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Успення Пресвятої Богородиці Українська Католицька Церква

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SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS/ НЕДІЛЯ після РІЗДВА ІСХР

December / Грудень 28th, 2025 A.D.

**“God does not love us because we are valuable.
We are valuable because God loves us.”**

– teaches, guides and reminds us all Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen 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! We welcome, pray, greet, and wish you and all your dear ones to be guided by the Holy Spirit, blessed with joy, peace, good health, unity, and Christian love and respect today and always! Your pastor has thoughtfully prepared this church letter/bulletin

for you to pray, read, spiritual growth and as Christians with conscious, constant awareness of The Divine Creator to evangelize daily and with responsibility and honesty sharing with all people the Good News/Gospel of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ in the World today!

Liturgical and Sacramental Services celebrated during week / Розпорядок Богослужінь:

SUNDAY, December 28th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Eng./Ukr.)

Jubilee of the Year of God 2025 Prayer Service with a special blessing and closing of Porta Sancta Doors

9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends (Eng./Ukr.)

Christian Christmas Spil'na Prosfora celebration potluck / sharing of the traditional meal and carolling will take place at our Christian, Ukrainian Catholic parish-church in Kelowna, BC

Tue., Dec. 30th at **9:30 a.m.** Rosary: *for Peace in Ukraine / Веруця: за Мир в Україні* and Lectio Divina / Bible studies

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession / Сповідь

Wed., Dec. 31st at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *Thanksgiving for God's blessings, protection and graces received in 2025 A.D.*

**May God bless and keep all of you in His tender care at this Christmas time, Peaceful
New 2026 Year of The Lord!**

Thurs, Jan. 1st **Naming of Our Lord, Saint Basil The Great, New Year's Day**

at **10:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends
Myrovania / Blessing with Holy Oil.

Fri., Jan. 2nd at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *for the soul of Mrs. Larissa Fearn's (6th Year Memorial*

Service requested by Mrs. Marilyn Daulat and The Family)

Sat., Jan. 3rd at **7:00 p.m.** Great Vespers



SUNDAY, January 4th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Eng./Ukr.)

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

11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends (in Ukrainian)

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:

1st Antiphon

Verse 1: I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart, I will declare all Your wondrous deeds (Ps. 9:2).

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

Vs.2: In the council of the just and the congregation, great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way (Ps 110:1-2).

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

Verse 3: His work is filled with praise and majesty, and His righteousness endures forever (Ps 110:3).

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

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. Only-Begotten Son. (p. 23)

3rd Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Refrain: Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Refrain: Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Refrain: Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.



Small Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. (page 25)

Refrain: Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion (tone 7): By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion (tone 4): Your Nativity, O Christ our God,* made the light of knowledge dawn on the world:* through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star* to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness,* and to know that You, the Dawn from on the high.* Glory to You, O Lord.

Troparion (tone 2): O Joseph, announce to David, the ancestor of God, the news of the miracle:* You saw a virgin giving birth.* With the shepherds, you gave praise and with the Magi you worshipped;* they too were warned by an angel.* Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

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

Kontakion (tone 3): Today the divine David is filled with gladness;* Joseph along with James offers praises* for having received a crown through their kinship with Christ they rejoice* and sing of the One who inexpressibly was born on earth,* crying out, "O Gracious One, save those who worship You."
Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (tone 3): The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being;* the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach;* Angel with shepherds give Him glory,* while Magi make their way with a star,* for to us is born a little Child – the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon (tone 4): God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps. 67:36)

Verse: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. (Ps 67:27).

Prokeimenon (tone 4): God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps. 67:36)

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians: (Gal. 1:11-19)

Brothers and Sisters, I assure you, the gospel I proclaimed to you is no mere human invention. I did not receive it from any man, nor was schooled in it. It came by revelation from Jesus Christ. You have heard, I know, the story of my former way of life in Judaism. You know that I went to extremes in persecuting the Church of God and tried to destroy it; I made progress in Jewish observance far beyond most of my contemporaries, in my excess of zeal to live out all the traditions of my ancestors.

But the time came when he who had set me apart before I was born and called me by his favor chose to reveal his Son to me, that I might spread among the Gentiles the good tidings concerning him. Immediately, without seeking human advisers or even going to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, I went off to Arabia later I returned to Damascus. Three years after that I went up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, with whom I stayed fifteen days. I did not meet any other apostles except James, the brother of the Lord.

Alleluia (tone 6): Lord, remember David and all his meekness. (Psalm 131:1) How he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob. (Psalm 131:2)

Gospel: (Matthew 2:13-23)

When the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph with the command: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise. Herod is searching for the child to destroy him." Joseph got up and took the child and his mother and left that night for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, to fulfill what the Lord said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

Once Herod realized that he had been deceived by the astrologers, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem and its environs, making his calculations on the basis of the date he had learned from the astrologers. What was said through Jeremiah the prophet was then fulfilled: "A cry was heard at Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation: Rachel bewailing her children; no comfort for her, since they are no more."

But after Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt with the command: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and set out for the land of Israel. Those who had designs on the life of the child are dead." He got up, took the child and his mother, and returned to the land of Israel. He heard, however, that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea, and he was afraid to go back there. Instead, because of a warning received in a dream, Joseph went to the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way what was said through the prophets was fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazorean."

Hymn to the Mother of God: O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger.

Irmos: A strange and glorious mystery do I behold:* the cave is heaven;* the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim;* the manger, a dwelling place* in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain.* Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

Communion Hymns: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1).* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1).* **Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.**

Instead of "Blessed is He who comes..." we sing: **All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.**

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing: **All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.**

Instead of "May our mouths..." and "Blessed be the Name..." we sing: **All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.** (3)

Недільні літургійні частини Українською мовою:

1-й Антифон

Стих: Ісповімся тобі, Господи, всім серцем моїм, розповім про всі чуда твої. (Пс. 9:2).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: На раді праведних і соньмі – великі діла Господні, явлені в усіх волях його.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: Ісповідування і велич – діло його і правда його перебуває повік віку.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

+ Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Єдинородний Сину: (сторінка 22)



3-й Антифон

Співаємо звичайні третій антифон (сторінка 24), але з приспівом:

Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що родився від Діви, співаємо тобі: Алілуя.

Тропар (глас 7): Розорів Ти хрестом Твоїм смерть,* отворів Ти розбійникові рай,* мироносіцям плач перемінив Ти,* і апостолам проповідати повелів,* що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже,* даючи світові велику милість.

Тропар (глас 4): Різдво твоє, Христе Боже наш,* засвітило світові світло розуміння:* в ньому бо ті, що звіздам служили, від звізди навчилися* поклонитися тобі – Сонцю правди,* і пізнавати тебе – Схід з висоти.* Господи, слава тобі.

Тропар (глас 2): Благовістуй, Йосифе, чудеса Давидові, богоотцю.* Ти бачив Діву, що родила;* з пастирями славословив Ти,* з волхвами поклонився Ти, від ангела вістку прийнявши.* Моли Христа Бога спасти душі наші.

+ Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 3): Днесь радости сповняється божественний Давид,* а Йосиф хвалу з Яковом приносить,* вінець бо прийнявши через споріднення з Христом, радуються,* і несказанно на землі родженого оспівують, і кличуть:* Щедрий, спасай тих, що Тебе почитають.

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

Кондак (глас 3): Діва днесь преістотного родить* і земля вертеп неприступному приносить.* Ангели з пастирями славословлять,* а волхви зо звіздою подорожують,* бо ради нас родилося дитя мале – предвічний Бог.

Прокімен (глас 4): Дивний Бог у святих своїх,* Бог Ізраїлів. (Пс. 67, 36).

Стих: В церквах благословить Бога, Господа, ви– з джерел ізраїлевих. (Пс. 67, 27).

Прокімен (глас 4): Дивний Бог у святих своїх,* Бог Ізраїлів. (Пс. 67, 36).

Апостол: До Галатів послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Гл. 1, 11-19)

Браття та Сестри, апостолу вам, що Євангеліє, яке я вам проповідував, не від людей; бо ж я його не прийняв, ні навчився від людини, а через об'явлення Ісуса Христа. Ви чули про мою поведінку колись у юдействі, про те, що я жорстоко переслідував Церкву Божу та руйнував її. Я визначався серед багатьох ровесників з мого роду, буди запеклим прихильником передань моїх предків. Та коли Той, хто вибрав мене вже від утроби моєї матері і покликав Своєю благодаттю, зволив об'явити в мені Сина Свого, щоб я проповідував Його між поганями, я негайно, ні з ким не радившись, не пішов у Єрусалим до тих, що були апостолами передо мною, але пішов в Арабію і потім повернувся в Дамаск. Три роки після того пішов я в Єрусалим відвідати Петра. Іншого з апостолів я не бачив, крім Якова, брата Господнього.

Алілуя (глас 4): Пом'яни, Господи, Давида і всю кротість його (Пс 131, 1). Бо клявся він Господеві, обіцявся Богові Якова (Пс. 131,2).

Євангеліє: (Мт. 2,13-23)

Коли відійшли мудреці, то ангел Господній у сні явився Йосифові, кажучи: Встань, візьми дитя і матір Його, і втікай в Єгипет, і будь там, поки скажу тобі, бо Ірод хоче шукати дитя, щоб погубити Його. А він, вставши, взяв дитя та матір Його вночі і відійшов у Єгипет. І був там до смерті Іродової, щоб збулося сказане від Господа пророком, що говорив: З Єгипту визвав Я сина Мого. Тоді Ірод, побачивши, що був поруганий волхвами, розгнівався дуже і після повбивати всіх дітей, що були у Вифлеємі і всіх околицях його, від двох років і нижче, згідно з часом, про який докладно розпитав у мудреців. Тоді збулося сказане Єремією пророком, що говорить: Голос в Рамі чути було, плач і ридання і голосіння велике. Рахиль — оплакуюча дітей своїх: і не хотіла утішитися, бо їх немає. І коли помер Ірод, то ангел Господень у сні явився Йосифові в Єгипті, кажучи: Встань, візьми дитя і матір Його і йди в землю Ізраїлеву, бо вимерли ті, що шукали душі дитяти. А він, вставши, взяв дитя і матір Його і прийшов в землю Ізраїлеву. Та почувши, що Архилай царює в Юдеї замість Ірода, батька свого, побоявся туди йти, а прийнявши вість у сні, відійшов в сторони галилейські. І прийшовши, поселився в городі, званім Назарет, щоб збулося сказане пророками, що Назарянином назветься.

Замість Достойно: Величай, душе моя, у вертепі народженого Царя – Христа.

Ірмос (глас 1): Таїнство чудне бачу і преславне: небо – вертеп, престол херувимський – Діву, ясла – вмістилище, в яких возліг невмістимий Христос Бог. Його оспівуючи величаємо.

Причасні: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліть Його на висотах (Пс. 148,1). Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала (Пс. 32,1). **Алілуя** (х3).

За Галицьким звичаєм співаємо: Всесвіт днесь радістю сповняється, Христос родився від Діви.

Замість "Благословенний, хто йде в ім'я..." (1х) "Ми бачили світло істинне..." (х1) "Нехай сповняться уста..." (х3) і "Нехай буде ім'я..." (х3).

THANK THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!



HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE PEOPLE IN UKRAINE: The people of Ukraine need your help. As we mark the 11th year 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 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 do not give up and continue to pray! Stay informed! Donate. <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

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 our church, and to every person who knowingly or unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, participate at our parish community Christian ministry, organized, donated and participated at our Christmas church decorations, implement projects and ministry, volunteer, support our Christian parish community and via our church helping people in needs, organized, hospitably supporting people of Ukraine at the time of war, and projects inside and as 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 Ukrainian Catholic Church!

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 dormitiontransfer@gmail.com or mailing a cheque payable to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church** 1091 Coronation Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8. **PLEASE, DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE A MEMO FOR WHAT THE E-TRANSFER IS FOR.** Thank you for your understanding and care by supporting and generously donating 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)



GREETINGS!

ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

May the Almighty God bless in good health, peace, love, hope, joy and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mrs. Lydia Pfoh her birthday (Dec. 29th), Mr. Stepan Mazurchak on his birthday (Dec. 30th), Mrs. Mariia Mazurchak on her birthday (Jan. 1st), Mrs. Sayvonne McBride on her birthday (Jan. 1st), Mrs. Carol-Ann Hillman on her birthday (Jan. 2nd), Nicole Nikilchuk on her birthday (Jan. 2nd), Mr. Steven Popyk on his 101st birthday (Jan. 3rd), Mr. Alex Pankiw on his birthday (Jan. 3rd), and to all the faithful parishioners Christians as Pilgrims of Hope, celebrating, Christmas time and beginning of New Year, their birthdays, heavenly patron's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries and celebrations this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
	<i>Sunday Donations</i>	<i>Weekly Requirement</i>	<i>Shortfall/Surplus</i>
December 14, 2025	\$1,110	\$2,360	-\$1,250
Year to Date (YTD)	\$70,503	\$118,000	-\$47,497

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please join our Christian prayerful community by visiting and following our parish Facebook page: [DormitionKelowna Parish: https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5](https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5)

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, genocidal war in Ukraine! Let us always be co-responsible to ensure that we are all healthy and safe!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Lucy D., Janet F., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk and Family, Cameron V., 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., Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, 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, Volodymyr Melnyk, Shelley Zemliak, Ron Horon, Adeline Sorochuk, Aretta Manion and The Family, Daniella-Daryna Tomashevskaya and The Family, Patricia and Anastasia Sawadsky, Robert Emery, Lorraine Pasemko, Rose Gaba, Bill Boitson,

Один хлопець запитав священника:

-Якщо Бог всюди, то для чого мені ходити до церкви?

На що той відповів:

-По всій атмосфері є вода; але коли тобі хочеться пити, ти повинен іти до джерела або криниці.=)





PRINCIPAL LITURGY & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE:

Sundays: 9:00 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Ukrainian)

Weekdays: 9:30 AM Daily

CONFESSIONS: 20 minutes prior to each Eucharistic Liturgy or upon request at other times

Visiting hours: Sunday 8:00 - Noon / Weekdays 9:00 - Noon

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ОСНОВНИЙ РОЗКЛАД ЛІТУРГІЙ І СПОВІДЬ

неділя: 9:00 (англійська)
11:00 (укр.)

будні: 9:30 ранку щодня

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Walter Achtymichuk, Mary Harasymyshyn, Helen Hut, Kelly Kokolski, Ken Fiddes, Donna Dudyk, Rose Fylyshyan for peace in the World, for all people defending Ukraine and all refugees at the time of war, Dmyterko Families, His Grace Most Rev. Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, Most. Rev. Bishop Gregory Bittman, 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: 1) You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. *If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*

Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry: **Baptisms:** by appointment. **Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Reconciliation:** by appointment. **Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time. **Holy Unction** (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing (by appointment, any time). **Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

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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

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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



The Bishop Velychkovsky National 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

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.**

Christian prayers-petitions for Ukraine: «Ще молимоь, щоб Господь Бог у своєму милосерді споглянув на весь наш український народ, у цей час війни захистив щитом своєї всемогутньої опіки наші міста і села, зцілив рани терплячих, подав свою вселаскаву допомогу всім потребуючим та дарував нам свій благословенний мир. Господи, вислухай і милостиво помилуй».

We also pray that the Lord God in His mercy will look upon our Ukrainian people, in this time of war and safeguard all cities and villages with His almighty protection, heal the wounds of those who suffer, grant His all-merciful help to all those in need and grant us His blessed peace. Lord, hear us and mercifully have mercy.

Ще молимоь, щоб всемилостивий Господь укріпив силою своєю українських воїнів, які захищають Батьківщину від російського агресора. Благаємо, щоб вони були збережені від ворожих нападів і всякої смертоносної рани та здобули перемогу в боротьбі за волю і гідність нашого народу. Господи, вислухай і милостиво помилуй».

We also pray that our all-merciful Lord will strengthen those defending the freedom of Ukraine and convert the hearts and souls of the Russian aggressors. We pray that those defending the freedom of Ukraine will be protected from enemy attacks and any deadly wound and will win the fight for the freedom and dignity of our people. Lord, hear us and have mercy.

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, 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 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 leader 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 Help Ukraine church projects, welcoming visitors, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Contact Mrs. Gloria Dudych 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, wish to help, suggestions, ideas about our Christian community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Gloria Dudych.



We would like to let you know that we still have some Ukrainian sausages for sale. They are the same ones we had before very delicious. If you would like to purchase, please let the office manager or other Parish Council members know. The prices are \$15.00 for one ring and 2 rings for \$25.00.

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.

Kindergarten Registration: Saint Joseph Catholic School still has limited spaces available in our Kindergarten program for the 2025/26 school year. Give your child (or grandchild) the gift of a strong academic foundation in a caring, faith-filled environment. For more information, please contact sjkoffice@cisnd.ca



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>

• Живе 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.



Beginning of the Jubilee Year – the 2025 Jubilee is a Catholic Church celebration that takes place from December 24, 2024 to January 6, 2026. A Jubilee year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another and with all.

The year 2025 will also be a celebration of the 1700 anniversary of the Council of Nicea (325 AD). The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope." Pope Francis stated:

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and farsighted vision."



Also there is usually another table set up for the older children for any activity or socialization they would like. We are also working organizing children-youth choir in our Christian parish community.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call our parish catechism teacher, Mrs. Marilyn Daulat 250-801-7538 Marilyn_daulat@hotmail.com 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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY LITURGY @ 9A.M

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Sunday, December 28, 2025

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER, MAIN DISH OR SIDE TO SHARE. WE'LL SUPPLY THE REST.

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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.

KF Centre, музей історії авіації в Оканаган пропонує тур для український переселенців. Тривалість туру- близько години. Вартість туру - \$10 на 4 осіб. Кількість осіб в групі необмежена Просимо Вас звертатися до пані Власти Фантич.

Rachel's Corner "The devil knows your name and calls you by your sin. God knows your sin and calls you by your name. God already knows what happened. He is waiting for you, waiting for you to come to Him." - Healing from Your Past and Moving Forward with Hope and Joy.

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Currently, there is a petition addressed to the House of Commons in Ottawa to demand support from the Canadian Government for the Abducted Ukrainian Children by Russia - Sign this Petition - Petitions This petition can be signed by Canadian citizens and also residents of Canada.

We are asking for everyone's support to sign the petition and instruct Parliament to act in the best interests of these Abducted Ukrainian Children <https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Sign/e-6958> Sign this Petition - Petitions

The Catholic Church is a "symphony of faith" with many liturgical traditions, all united under the Holy Father. Among these is the Ukrainian Catholic Church, where the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom and the rich theology of the East express the same Catholic faith in a unique and beautiful way.

This January, Holy Resurrection Parish (Located at St. John Vianney, Penticton) will begin a 12-week Adult Catechism in the Byzantine Rite, starting January 5th. Together, we will journey through the richness of the Byzantine tradition, exploring:

- The history and spirituality of the Byzantine Catholic Church
- The Divine Liturgy: heaven on earth with chant, incense, and icons
- The sacraments (Holy Mysteries) in the Byzantine tradition
- Unity with Rome: breathing with "both lungs" of the Church

To register (by Jan 3) click the link or use QR code: [Byzantine Adult Catechism Course – Fill out form](https://forms.office.com/r/2fQLVqibky)
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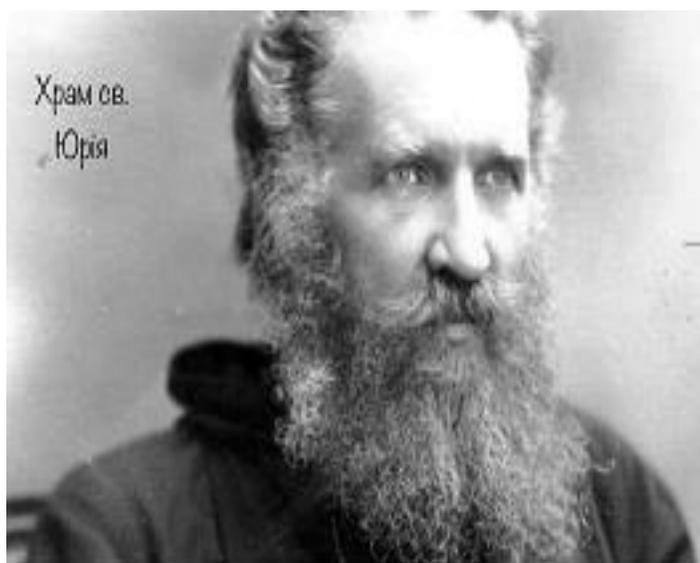
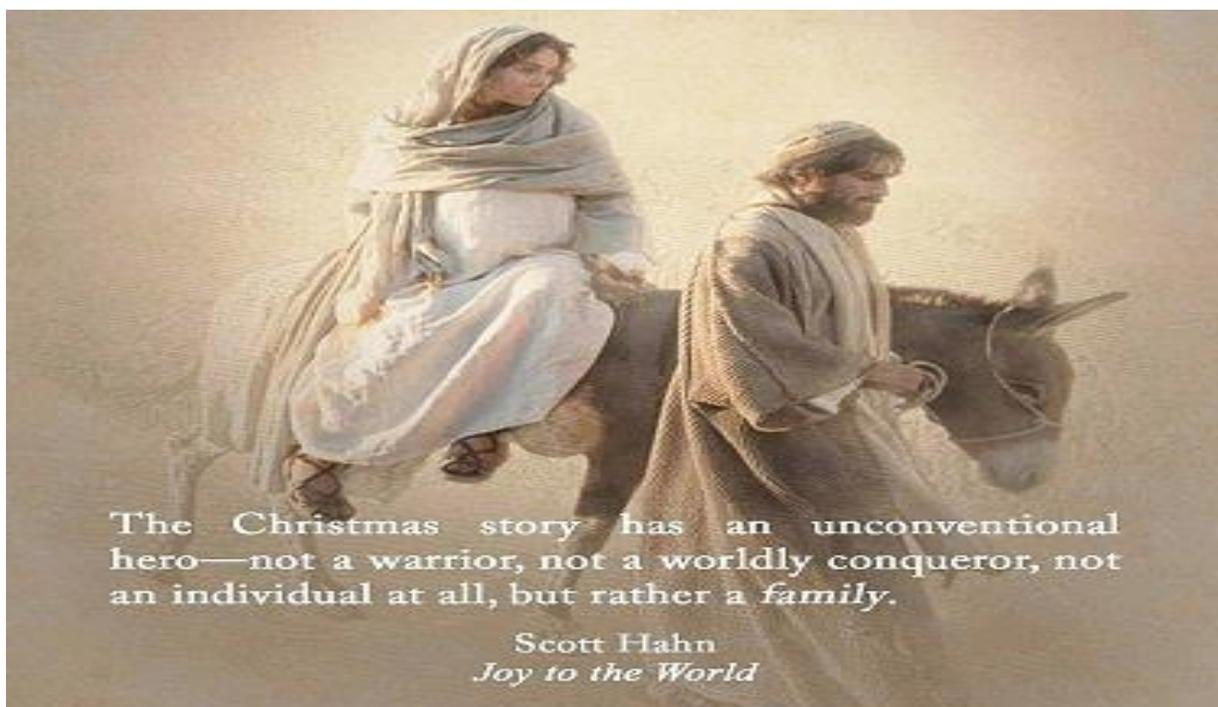
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in Kelowna, BC

*on The Feastday of The
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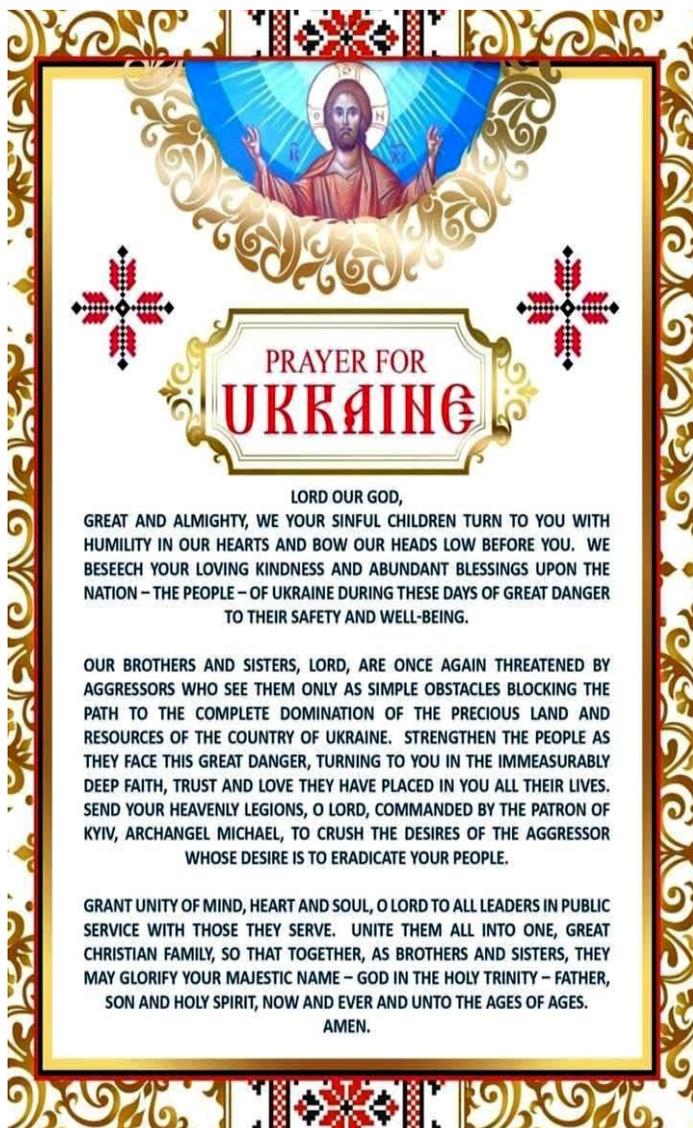
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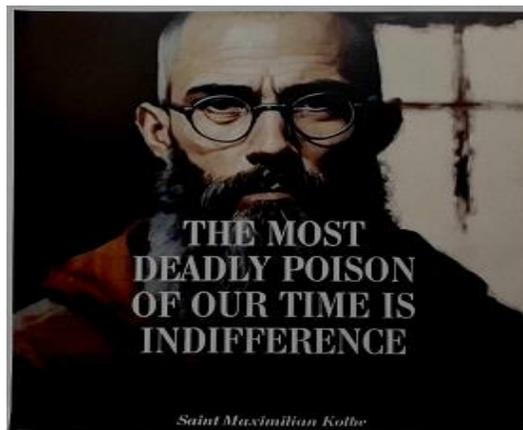


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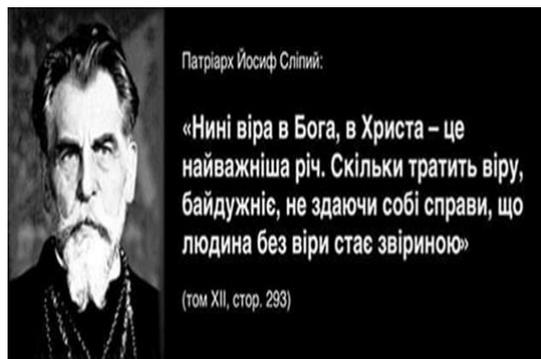
LORD OUR GOD,
GREAT AND ALMIGHTY, WE YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN TURN TO YOU WITH
HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS AND BOW OUR HEADS LOW BEFORE YOU. WE
BESEECH YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON THE
NATION – THE PEOPLE – OF UKRAINE DURING THESE DAYS OF GREAT DANGER
TO THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

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.



**«Найсмертоносною отрутою нашого часу є
байдужість!»
– нагадує сьогодні всім нам святий Максиміліан Кольбе**



Patriarch Josyf Cardinal Slipyj teaches and reminds all:
**“Today faith in God, in Christ – is the most important thing.
How many people lose their faith,
become careless,
do not even realize, that a human person without faith
becomes an animal. (vol. XII, page 293**

If you wish your business to be advertised at our church bulletin,

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