

## Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church

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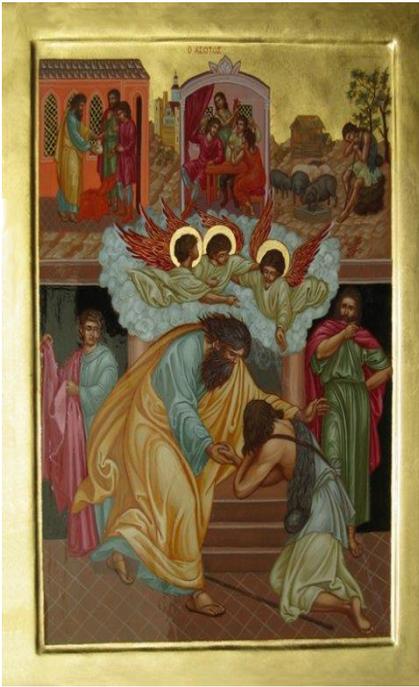


## Успення Пресвятої Богородиці Українська Католицька Церква

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts / о. Павло Миць

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### SUNDAY of the Prodigal Son / НЕДІЛЯ про Блудного Сина on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 A.D.

**“Be ashamed when you sin, do not be ashamed when you repent. To repent means to have a change of heart and mind. It is not simply a feeling of sorrow, but a psycho/spiritual growth away from evil/death and a turning to God/life. Sin is the wound; repentance is the medicine. Sin is followed by shame; repentance is followed by boldness.**

**Boldness means to beg God for undeserved mercy!”**

– teaches, reminds, and strongly emphasizes Saint John Chrysostom 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 share 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, February 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

Mon., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> (**ENCOUNTER ICXP**)

**at 9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends (in Eng./Ukr.)

Blessing of the candles and Myrovannia / Blessing with the Holy Oil.

Tue. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at **9:30 a.m.** Rosary: *for Peace in Ukraine / Вервиця: за Мир в Україні* and Lectio Divina / Bible studies

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

Wed. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *for repose of the soul of Mrs. Ivanna Bodnar (9<sup>th</sup> Day Remembrance Service)*

Fri., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at **9:30 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *for Peace in Ukraine / за Мир в Україні*

Sat., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at **7:00 p.m.** Great Vespers

**SUNDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

**Epistle: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:** (1 Cor. 6:12-20)

Brothers and Sisters: "Everything is lawful for me" – but that does not mean that everything is good for me. "Everything is lawful for me" – but I will not let myself be enslaved by anything. "Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will do away with them both in the end" – but the body is not for immorality; it is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God, who raised up the Lord, will raise us also by His power.

Do you not see that your bodies are members of Christ? Would you have me take Christ's members and make them the members of a prostitute? God forbid! Can you not see that the man who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? Scripture says, "The two shall become one flesh." But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun lewd conduct. Every other sin a man commits is outside his body, but the fornicator sins against his own body. You must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within – the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price. So glorify God in your body.



**Gospel:** (Luke 15:11-32)

Jesus told this parable: "A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' So the father divided up the property.

Some days later this younger son collected all his belongings and went off to a distant land, where he squandered his money on dissolute living. After he had spent everything, a great famine broke out in that country and he was in dire need. So he attached himself to one of the propertied class of the place, who sent him to his farm to take care of the pigs. He longed to fill his belly with the husks that were fodder for the pigs, but no one made a move to give him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he said: 'How many hired hands at my father's place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands.' With that he set off for his father's house.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." The father said to his servants: 'Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the fatted calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.' Then the celebration began.

"Meanwhile the elder son was out on the land. As he neared the house on his way home, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked him the reason for the dancing and the music. The servant answered, 'Your brother is home, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back in good health.' The son grew angry at this and would not go in; but his father came out and began to plead with him. "He said to his father in reply: 'For years now I have slaved for you. I never disobeyed one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. Then, when this son of yours returns after having gone through your property with loose women, you kill the fatted calf for him.' 'My son,' replied the father, 'you are with me always, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.'"

### Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

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

**Апостол: До Коринтян Першого Послання Святого Апостола Павла читання:** (1 Кор. 6, 12-20)

Браття і Сестри, «Все мені можна», та не все корисне. «Все мені можна», та я не дам нічому заволодіти надо мною. «Їжа для живота, і живіт для їжі!» Бог же одне і друге ж не для розпусти, але для Господа, і Господь для тіла. Бог же і Господа був воскресив – та й нас воскресить своєю силою. Хіба не знаєте, що тіла ваші – члени Христові? Узявши, отже, члени Христові, – зроблю їх членами блудниці? Хай так не буде! Чи не знаєте, що той, хто пристає до блудниці, є з нею одним тілом? Бо «будуть, – каже, – двоє одним тілом.» Хто ж пристає до Господа, є одним духом. Утікайте від розпусти! Усякий гріх, що його чинить людина, є поза її тілом; а хто чинить розпусту, грішить супроти власного тіла. Хіба ж не знаєте, що ваше тіло – храм Святого Духа, який живе у вас? Його ви маєте від Бога, тож уже не належите до себе самих. Ви бо куплені високою ціною! Тож прославляйте Бога у вашому тілі!



**Євангеліє:** (Лк 15, 11-32)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "В одного чоловіка було два сини. Молодший з них сказав батькові: Тату, дай мені ту частину маєтку, що мені припадає. І батько розділив між ними свій маєток. Кілька днів потім, молодший, зібравши все, подався у край далекий і там розтратив свій маєток, живши розпусно. І от як він усе прогайнував, настав великий голод у тім краю, і він почав бідувати. Пішов він і найнявся до одного з мешканців того краю, і той послав його на своє поле пасти свині. І він бажав би був наповнити живіт стручками, що їх їли свині, та й тих ніхто не давав йому.

Опам'ятавшись, він сказав до себе: Скільки то наймитів у мого батька мають подостатком хліба, а я тут з голоду конаю. Встану та й піду до батька мого і скажу йому: Отче, я прогрішився проти неба й проти тебе! Я недостойний більше зватися твоїм сином. Прийми мене як одного з твоїх наймитів. І встав він і пішов до батька свого. І як він був іще далеко, побачив його батько його й, змилосердившись, побіг, на шию йому кинувся і поцілував його. Тут син сказав до нього: Отче, я прогрішився проти неба й проти тебе. Я недостойний більше зватися твоїм сином. А батько кликнув до слуг своїх: Притьмом принесіть найкращу одіж, одягніть його, дайте йому на руку перстень і сандалі на ноги. Та приведіть годоване

теля і заріжте, і їжмо, веселімся, бо цей мій син був мертвий, і ожив, пропав був, і знайшовся. І вони заходились веселитися. А старший його син був у полі; коли ж він, повертаючись, наблизився до дому, почув музику й танці. Покликав він одного із слуг і спитав, що воно таке було б. Той же сказав йому: Брат твій повернувся, і твій батько зарівав годоване теля, бо знайшов його живим- здоровим. Розгнівався той і не хотів увійти.

І вийшов тоді батько й почав його просити. А той озвався до батька: Ось стільки років служу тобі й ніколи не переступив ні однієї заповіді твоєї, і ти не дав мені ніколи козеняти, щоб з друзями моїми повеселитись. Коли повернувся цей син твій, що проїв твій маєток з блудницями, ти зарівав для нього годоване теля. Батько ж сказав до нього: Ти завжди при мені, дитино, і все моє – твоє. А веселитись і радіти треба було, бо оцей брат твій був мертвий і ожив, пропав був і знайшовся."



**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, volunteer by participated at our parish community Christian ministry, 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](mailto: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)

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
	Sunday Donations	Weekly Requiremen	Shortfall/Surplus
January 25, 2026	\$970	\$2,360	-\$1,390
Year to Date (YTD)	\$4,178	\$9,440	-\$5,262



#### GREETINGS!

#### ЩИРО ВАМ ВІТАЄМО!

**May the Almighty God bless** in good health, peace, love, hope, joy and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Viktoria Kutserub on her birthday (Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Oleksandr Nyzhnyk on his birthday (Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>), Maksym Turchak on his birthday (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>), Mrs. Maria Karolcik on her birthday (Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Don Martin on his birthday (Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Neil Lalach on his birthday (Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>), Nolan Lozinski on his birthday (Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>), and to all the faithful parishioners Christians celebrating Christmas and Theophany time, 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!

#### 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., 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 Tomashevskva and The Family, Patricia and Anastasia

**Мені ще так Вкраїна не боліла...  
Так рани в серці не пекли...  
Ще так я Бога щиро не молила,  
За кожний клапчик рідної землі!  
Народе мій, Великий і красивий!  
Які сини ідуть сьогодні в бій!  
Як Ангели - величні і всесилі,  
Спаси їх, Боже, в небі й на землі!!!**



Sawadsky, Robert Emery, Lorraine Pasemko, Rose Gaba, Bill Boitson, Walter Achtymichuk, Mary Harasymyshyn, Kelly Kokolski, Ken Fiddes, Donna Dudych, Rose Fylyshstan 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 Vyshnevsky 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.*

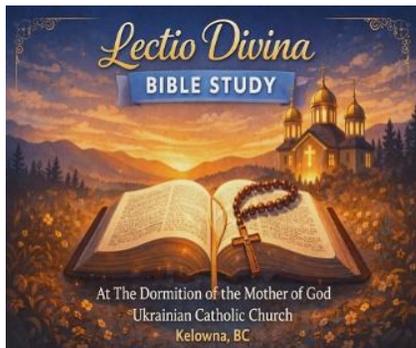
**Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry:** **Baptisms:** by appointment. **Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Reconciliation:** by appointment. **Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time. **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 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 Vasy! Velychkovsky! The Redemptorist TV team: [www.redemptorist.v](http://www.redemptorist.v)



### 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 молимося, 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 молимося, 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.*



"Don't be ashamed to recite the rosary alone, while going to school, to university or to work, along the street and on public transportation!"

St. John Paul II

**FAITHFUL GIVING ...** Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tournaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca) and attend the Divine Liturgy. Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. One day every one of us will end his or her earthly journey. Every day we are all getting closer to that moment. No person will be able after physical death to use his or her earthly temporal treasures anymore. Always remember that, continue to be honest, loving, carrying, supportive, positive and generous! God bless all you! Be aware and remember that your help is always appreciated, and we still need more parishioners to volunteer! Thank you for your support and care at this uneasy time for us all. **"Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!"** (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

**Bequests and Wills:** Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness, please remember our 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 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 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 "YOUR HELP" 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Світ.: <https://dyvensvit.org>
  - Катехизм УГКЦ.: <http://catechismugcc.org/>

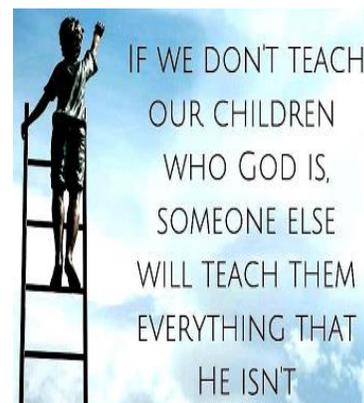
**SUNDAY CATECHISM SCHOOL:** "And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the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

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](mailto: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 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.

**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



*Lord  
Bless our home  
as we come and go.*

*Bless our home  
as our children grow.*

*Bless our families  
as they gather in;*

*Bless our home  
with love and friends.*

*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 human souls, so also our homes-domestic churches 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. 127:1)

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,

**+ 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*

Keep this in mind when you respond  
"Lord, have mercy" during the liturgical services.

#### The meaning of Kyrie Eleison

The word mercy in English is the translation of the Greek word eleos. This word has the same ultimate root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, olive oil; which was poured onto wounds and gently massaged in, thus soothing, comforting, and making the injured part whole again. The Hebrew word which is also translated as eleos and mercy is 'hesed,' which means steadfast love.



The Greek words for 'Lord have mercy' are 'Kyrie, eleison' meaning, **'Lord soothe me, comfort me, take away my pain, show me your steadfast love.'**

Thus mercy does not refer so much to justice or acquittal but to the infinite loving-kindness of God, and His compassion for His suffering children.

+ Fr Anthony Coniaris

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.

### Christ is Born!

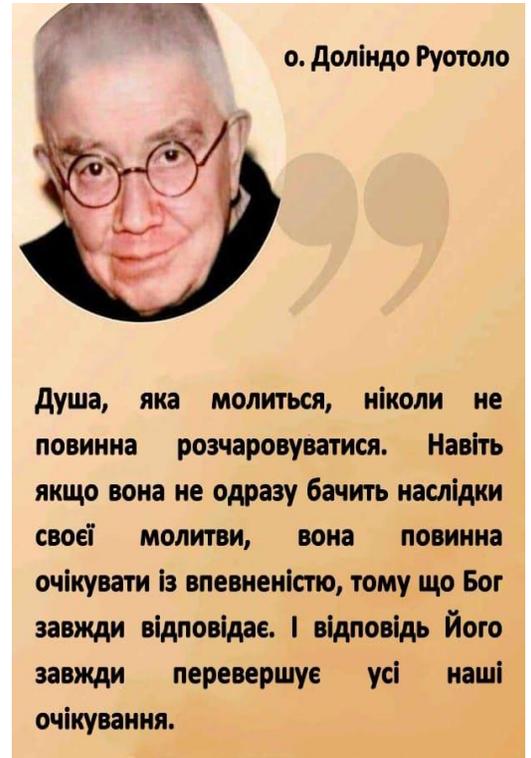
I want to express my gratitude to all the parishioners who continue to support our parishes and our eparchy on the whole. I want to particularly thank those parishioners who showed their thoughtfulness and generosity to their clergy by personal gifts, donations and greetings! I can tell you that those acts of kindness mean very much and are greatly appreciated. Be assured that you are in my prayers for you and your families and for your intentions. May God richly bless you throughout this new year!

Bishop Michael,  
Eparchy of New Westminster

### Христос Рождається!

Я хочу висловити свою вдячність усім парафіянам, які продовжують підтримувати наші парафії та нашу єпархію загалом. Я хочу особливо подякувати тим вірним, які виявили свою турботу та щедрість до своїх священників особистими подарунками, пожертвами та привітаннями! Можу сказати вам, що ці акти доброти значать дуже багато і ми їх дуже цінуємо! Будьте впевнені, що ви в моїх молитвах за вас, ваші родини та ваші наміри. Нехай Бог ясно благословить вас протягом цього нового року!

Владика Михайло  
Нью-Вестмінстерська Єпархія



### English Text:

You created us in Your image and likeness and blessed marriage so that it would be a sign of Your love. We beseech You: bless all Christian families whom You have joined in holy matrimony. Grant parents patience and wisdom in raising their children, and grant children respect and love for their parents. May peace, harmony, Christian love, and mutual support always dwell in our homes. Strengthen families in faith, hope, and love, so that they may be a living witness of Your presence among people. We pray to You, Lord: hear us and have mercy.<sup>1</sup>

### Ukrainian Text:

Господи Боже Всемогутній, Ти створив людину за образом і подобою Своєю і благословив подружжя, щоб воно було знаком Твоєї любові. Благаємо Тебе: благослови всі християнські сім'ї, які Ти з'єднав у шлюбі. Даруй батькам терпіння і мудрість у вихованні дітей, а дітям — повагу та любов до батьків. Нехай у наших домівках завжди панує мир, злагода, християнська любов та взаємна підтримка. Зміцнюй родини у вірі, надії та любові, щоб вони були живим свідченням Твоєї присутності серед людей. Молимося Тобі Господи, скоро вислухай і помилуй.

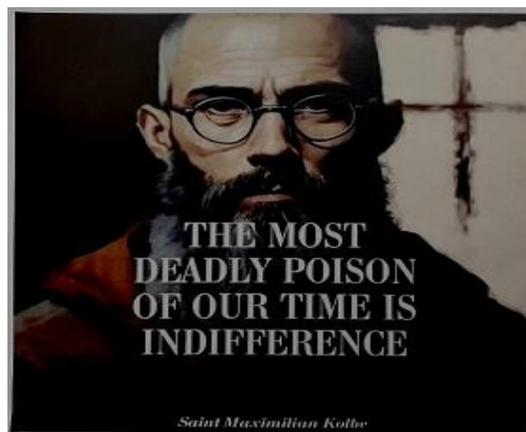


**PRAYER FOR  
UKRAINE**

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.



**«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,*

*please, let us know by contacting the parish office.*

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