

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
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**НЕДІЛЯ ОТЦІВ ПЕРШОГО ВСЕЛЕНСЬКОГО СОБОРУ В НІКЕЇ
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF NICEA**

Council of Nicea, (325) - the first ecumenical council of the Christian church, meeting in ancient Nicea (now İznik, Turkey). It was called by the emperor Constantine, who presided over the opening session and took part in the discussions. He hoped a general council of the church would solve the problem created in the Eastern church by Arianism, a heresy first proposed by Arius of Alexandria that affirmed that Christ is not divine but a created being.

The council condemned Arius and, with reluctance on the part of some, incorporated the non-scriptural word homoousios (“of one substance”) into a creed (the Nicene Creed) to signify the absolute equality of the Son with the Father. The emperor then exiled Arius, an act that manifested a solidarity of church and state.



**Seventh Sunday of
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS	
OPENING HYMN	На Гору Днесь Єлеонську / Today On The Mount pg. 208-209
COMMUNION HYMN	Назарету Любий Цвіте / In Our Midst pg. 252-253
CLOSING HYMN	Під Твою Милість / Unto Your Protection pg. 372-373

Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY, May 8	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, May 9	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
TUESDAY, May 10	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, May 11	Divine Liturgy / Moleben to the Mother of God	9AM / 7PM
THURSDAY, May 12	NO LITURGY - PLEASE JOIN AT ST. PATRICK'S	NOON
FRIDAY, May 13	Divine Liturgy for + Alex & Anne Iwanuck	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, May 14	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
SUNDAY, May 15	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM

Please Note: to request a Divine Liturgy for a special intention, please see Fr. Yuriy to arrange for it!

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY EPISTLE READERS			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, May 8	Act.2:16-18;28-36	Natalia Bryndak	Rita Vanderven
SUNDAY, May 15	Act. 2: 1-11	Liliya Ravnyslyn	Darryl Huculak
SUNDAY, May 22	Heb. 11:33-12:2	Motria Koropecy	Graciela Spaciuk-Schwarz
SUNDAY, May 29	Rm. 2: 10-16	Yuliya Pelekhata	William Vanderven

Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!

PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE	PASTORAL MINISTRY & HOLY MYSTERIES
CHAIRPERSON.....Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374	CONFESSIONS.....1/2 hour before Liturgy
VICE-CHAIRPERSON.....Darlene DeMerchant - 250.727.3837	EUCCHARIST.....for the sick - any time
SECRETARY.....Cindy Lazaruk - 778.677.9072	BAPTISMS.....by appointment
TREASURER.....William Vanderven - 250.478.1458	MARRIAGES.....by appointment
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....David Newberry - 250.598.8197	FUNERALS.....by appointment
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MAINTENANCE.....Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769	HOSPITAL VISITS.....any time
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Bequests & Wills: Leaving a bequeath 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 St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequeath and will. If anyone wishes to make such a bequeath in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria BC, V8T 1G1, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."

Vibrant Parish Prayer

O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth, and The Life - and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen!



THE VIBRANT PARISH
A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST
Through the word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer,
Serving One's Neighbor, Leadership
Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit
(His Beatitude Sviatoslav)



Молитва Живої Парафії

Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

An Anthology for Worship: pg. 551

First Antiphon

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of joy.

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

Verse: For the Lord most high is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

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

Verse: He has subdued peoples to us, and nations under our feet.

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

Verse: God ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord, at the sound of the trumpet.

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

Glory: Now: Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

We sing the usual Third Antiphon, but with the festal refrain: Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

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

Prokeimenon, Tone 4: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. *Verse:* For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Epistle - Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: 'You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,

Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ' When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed.

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

Gospel - John 17:1-13 - Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.

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

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

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of: “We have seen the true light...” (1x) “May our mouths be filled...” (3x) and “Blessed be the Name of the Lord...” (3x). *we sing:* Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory.



Перший Антифон

Стих: Всі народи, заплещіте руками, воскликніть Богові голосом радості.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: Бо Господь Всевишній – страшний, цар великий по всій землі.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: Він покорив людей нам і народи під ноги наші.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: Зійшов Бог під оклики веселі, Господь – під голос сурми.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Слава: І Нині: Єдинородний Сину ...

Третій Антифон

Співаємо звичайний третій антифон, але з приспівом: Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що родився від Діви, співаємо тобі: Алилуя.

Тропар, глас 6: Ангельські сили на гробі твоїм* і сторожі омертвіли * Марія ж стояла при гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла твого.* Полонив ти ад і, не переможений від нього,* зустрів ти Діву, даруючи життя.* Воскреслий з мертвих, Господи, слава тобі!

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

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

Слава: Кондак, глас 8: Апостолів проповідування і отців догмати* єдину віру утвердили церкві,* яка і, ризу істини з богословія вишнього носячи,* право править, і славить благочестя велике таїнство.

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

Прокімен, глас 4: Благословен еси, Господи, Боже отців наших,* і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я твоє навіки. Стих: Бо праведний еси в усьому, що сотворив ти нам.

Апостол - Дія. 20:16-18, 28-36 - 3 книги Діянь Святих Апостолів читання: Тими днями Павло вирішив плисти попри Ефес, щоб не баритися в Азію поспішав бо, щоб, по змозі, на день П'ятидесятниці бути в Єрусалимі. З Мілету він послав у Ефес і прикликав пресвітерів церкви. Коли ж вони прийшли до нього, він до них промовив: «Ви знаєте, як з першого дня, коли я вступив у Азію, увесь час поводився я з вами. Зважайте на самих себе й на все стадо, над яким Дух Святий поставив вас єпископами, щоб пасли церкву Божу, що він придбав кров'ю власною. Я знаю, що по моїм відході ввійдуть поміж вас вовки хижі, які не шадитимуть стада. Та й з-поміж вас самих повстануть люди, що говоритимуть погубні речі, щоб потягнути за собою учнів. Тому чувайте, пригадуйте собі, що я три роки, ніч і день, не переставав кожного з вас із сльозами наводити на розум. А тепер передаю вас Богові і слову його благодаті, що може збудувати й дати вам спадщину між усіма освяченими. Ні срібла, ні золота, ані одежі я не вимагав ні від кого. Ви самі знаєте, що моїм потребам і тих, які зо мною, служили оці руки. У всьому я показав вам, що, так працюючи, треба допомагати слабосильним і пам'ятати слова Господа Ісуса, що сам сказав: «Більше щастя – давати, ніж брати.» Промовивши це, він упав на коліна і з усіма ними почав молитися.

Алилуя, глас 1: Стих: Бог богів, Господь мовив, і призвав землю від сходу сонця до заходу. Стих: Зберіть йому преподобних його, що заповідують завіт його в жертвах.

Євангеліє - Івана 17:1-13 - Ісус, підвівши очі свої до неба, проказав: «Отче, прийшла година! Прослав свого Сина, щоб Син твій тебе прославив, згідно з владою, що її ти дав йому над усяким тілом: дарувати життя вічне тим, яких ти передав йому. А вічне життя у тому, щоб вони спізнали тебе, єдиного, істинного Бога, і тобою посланого – Ісуса Христа. Я тебе на землі прославив, виконавши те діло, яке ти дав мені до виконання. Тепер же прослав мене, Отче, у себе – славою тією, що її я мав у тебе перед тим, як постав світ! Я об'явив твоє ім'я людям, яких ти від світу передав мені. Вони були твої, ти ж передав мені їх, і зберегли вони слово твоє. Нині збагнули вони, що все, тобою дане мені – від тебе; слова бо, тобою мені дані, я їм дав, і сприйняли вони їх, і справді збагнули, що від тебе я вийшов, і увірували, що ти мене послав. Молю ж за них: не за світ молю, лише за тих, яких ти передав мені, бо вони – твої. І все моє – твоє, твоє ж – моє, і в них я прославився. Я вже більш не у світі, а вони у світі, і я до тебе йду. Отче Святий! Заради імени твого бережи їх, тих, що їх ти мені передав, щоб були одно, як ми! Бувши з ними у світі, я беріг їх у твоє ім'я; тих, яких ти передав мені, я їх стеріг, і ніхто з них не пропав, лише син загибелі, щоб збулося Писання. Тепер же іду до тебе, і кажу те, у світі бувши, щоб вони радощів моїх мали у собі вщерть.

Замість “Достойно...” *ми співаємо*: Величай, душе моя, Господа, що з плоттю во славі вознісся на небеса.

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

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте його в вишніх. Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала. Аلیلуя, аلیلуя, аلیلуя!

Замість “Ми бачили світло істинне...” (x1) “Нехай сповняться уста...” (x3) і “Нехай буде ім’я...” (x3), *співаємо*: Вознесися на небеса Боже і по всій землі слава Твоя.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY:** On the occasion of Mother’s Day, best wishes go to all our mothers: good health, long life and the Lord’s choicest blessings. May the Holy Mother of God guard and protect you. Many Happy and Blessed Years!

◆ **MARCH FOR LIFE – May 12th** - This year’s theme is Caring Not Killing. Mass at the Cathedral or at St. Patrick’s, Oak Bay at 12 noon followed by the March at 1:45 pm from Centennial Square to the Legislature down Government Street. 2:15 pm: Rally for life outside Legislature on front lawn. For those who might have sufficient energy the day ends with the Pro-Life Gala at St. Patrick Church (2060 Haultain St.). Doors open at 5:30 pm & tickets are \$25. For more info: www.ncln.ca/events/victoriagala; phone: [604-365-3484](tel:604-365-3484); email: westerncanada@ncln.ca

◆ **CLASSICAL UKRAINIAN MUSIC:** The 125th Anniversary Committee of Ukrainians Coming to Canada presents an evening of Classical Ukrainian Music. Monday, May 30, 2016 at 7pm. Wood Hall, Victoria Conservatory of Music (900 Johnson St.) Tickets: \$15.00. Tickets available at: Victoria Conservatory of Music Office (900 Johnson St; 250.386.5311) OR Ukrainian Cultural Centre (3277 Douglas St; 250.475.2585)

◆ **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** next Sunday, May 15 right after coffee & fellowship we will be going to the Royal Oak Cemetery (4673 Falaise Dr) where Fr. Yuriy will be blessing the graves.

◆ **THE DIVINE LITURGY - AN ANTHOLOGY FOR WORSHIP:** books have been purchased and we would be most appreciative for any donations to offset the costs of the books (\$400.00). This is a one-volume source for singing the Divine Liturgy in English with sections in Ukrainian. This book contains Sundays, Festal and Weekday Musical Settings for the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Music for the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, the Hours in English, Propers for the Liturgical Year, Tables for Scriptural Readings, Hymns and Carols,

Blessings and Other Brief Rites. May the use of the Anthology bring abundant blessings to all of us, and with one voice and one heart sing the praises of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

- ◆ **WE NEED YOUR HELP:** Dear Parishioners. You probably noticed that we trimmed all the chestnut tress on the church property and we removed one tree for a cost of \$1,500. Also our industrial fridge in the kitchen broke down and it looks like it will cost us another \$1,000 to repair. We would welcome any donations to cover these cost.
- ◆ **MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD:** please join us for Moleben to the Mother of God every Wednesday at 7PM.
- ◆ **JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our St Nicholas Parish Choir and remember that we ALWAYS looking for new members! Contact Motria Koropecky for details at 250.658.3051
- ◆ **VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER:** Please help yourself to a copy of the Vibrant Parish Prayer card located in each pew. You are most welcome to take one home with you. This prayer is recited at the end of each Liturgy. "It is in our parish the faithful most frequently encounter Christ through Christian instruction, community prayer and service to ones neighbour. In promoting and enlivening our parish life, we also enliven the entire Church."
- ◆ **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"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."* We are happy to welcome all children to our St. Nicholas The Wonderworker catechism program. Weekly classes are scheduled Sunday morning during Divine Liturgy. We want your children to learn more about their Catholic faith, sacred scripture, feast days, and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marian Chalifoux at 250.507.1005
- ◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.
- ◆ **THRIFTY'S PRE-PAID FOOD CARDS** - We all have to buy groceries. Why not have 6% of it returned back to the church at no extra charge! Cards are available in \$100, \$200, and \$500 denominations. Talk to Alec after today's liturgy to pre- order your cards. We need to sell A LOT of them! We encourage you to consider purchasing them for yourselves as gifts too.

- ◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all those who celebrated their birthdays this past week. May the Lord Our God continue to bless you abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protects you at all times. Многая Лѣта!
- ◆ **TRAVELING ICON:** Anyone interested in gracing their home with Christ The Teacher Icon can call Darlene DeMerchant at 250.727.3837
- ◆ **RENOVATIONS TO THE RECTORY:** In our today's world, everything is costing more and more money. We as a Parish community really need your help. We need your financial help toward the costs of the renovations to the rectory. Renovation Fund is \$30,000 but we are still short over \$15,000 of our goal. We need to rebuild the front porch and steps and the rear stairs as well as do seismic upgrade to the basement which will cost us approximately \$25,000. Please consider donating generously to this work. We thank you and pray for you!
- ◆ **SUNDAY COFFEE VOLUNTEERS** act as hosts and serve light refreshments following the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, providing an opportunity for the faithful to socialize with friends and visitors following their shared worship experience. We thank all of our parishioners who kind volunteer to serve refreshments. Whether you are new to the Parish, or are a long-time members, please join us for coffee.
- ◆ **SUNDAY, MAY 1 DONATION:** Coffee: \$37.00; Vigil lights: \$16.65; Loose collection: \$37.00; Envelope collection: \$653.00; Pre-authorized payments April 25 to May 1: \$230.00; Special donation (in memory of Eugenia Rossa): \$100.00

STEWARDSHIP: SHARING GIFTS OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Christian Stewardship is a way of life based on the awareness that everything we have and everything we care comes from God.

A Christian steward is one who receive's God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible manner, shares them in justice, and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Each of us is called to practise stewardship. We are called to look outward and to place ourselves at the service of our community, especially those most in need.

This Christmas St. Nicholas Parish has chosen to support Anawim House with donations of **non-perishable food items, toiletries, and gently used clothing**. The Anawim Companion Society provides for the charitable needs of people living in poverty. At the Anawim House, people receive help, care and counsel. Basic needs are met in a safe home where people come to and feel like they are part of a community. The Anawim House is an adult only facility. Outreach day programs are offered to those in need of companionship and sharing 6 days per week.

Clearly labelled boxes have been placed in the entrance of the church for donations. Items most in need include:

Toiletries - shampoo, razors, soap, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste

Non-Perishable Food Items - pastas, tomato sauce, cereals, tuna, coffee, sugar, canned fruit, soup bases

Clothing gently used - jeans, t-shirts, sweaters, warm and waterproof jackets

Our parish is blessed by the excellent spirit and generosity of those parishioners who live out their life and faith in the service of others. Thank you so much in advance for your help. Good bless you!

CALLING STEWARDS OF "TIME"

Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions:

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| * steward of outreach * | * steward of caring * |
| * steward of prayer * | * steward of service * |
| * steward of church linen * | * steward of cleaning church * |
| * steward of grounds cleaning * | * steward of property security * |

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. Contact Fr. Yuriy **OR** Darlene DeMerchant for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference.

VIBRANT PARISH - STEWARDSHIP OF THE DIVINE GIFTS

III. Concrete Examples of Parish Stewardship

2. Concrete opportunities for stewardship based on the elements of the "Vibrant Parish"

"Remember, O Lord, those who bring offerings and do good works in Your holy churches, and who remember the poor. Reward them with Your riches and heavenly gifts of grace; for earthly things grant them heavenly ones; for temporal ones, eternal, for corruptible, incorruptible."

(Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great)

Points to Remember:

- All of us should ask ourselves: how can I contribute to making my parish "a place to encounter the Living Christ." We can all contribute in ways, great and small.
- The best way to think about our commitment and involvement in the parish community is from the perspective of the priorities of "the Vibrant Parish," especially its first three elements.

- Each parish needs to make a list of its needs and possibilities for pastoral action, and reach out to its members, asking them to consider offering their time and talents

Practical Time–Talent Opportunities:

It is time to make a commitment. Can I see myself taking on responsibilities or engaging in
NOTE: The lists provided below are given as an example. Each parish is invited to use it, expanding or shortening it according to its concrete needs and possibilities for action.

The Word of God and Catechisis

Catechist
Catechist assistant
Christian initiation instructor (for parents and godparents)
Pre–Marriage instruction volunteer
Adult education facilitator
Bible study leader/member
Catechumenate team leader/member
Parish School volunteer
Youth group leader or coordinator
Young adult leader
Librarian / Media resource volunteer
Parish bookstore volunteer

Missionary Spirit

Evangelization committee member
Visiting lapsed Catholics
Outreach to newly arrived
Outreach to the unbaptized
Parish Neighbourhood Outreach
Media relations volunteer
Parish hospitality (Ushers/greeters)

Liturgy and Prayer

Altar server
Liturgy Committee Member
Sacristan
Reader
Cantor
Choir member
Choir Director
Prayer group leader
Prayer group host

Prayer group member
Caretaker of vestments and linens
Prospora baker
Families praying for special intentions
Church cleaning volunteer
Church decorator (eg. feast preparation)

Communion–Unity (Koinonia)

Parish photographer
Brotherhood member
Sisterhood member
Sunday coffee volunteer
New immigrant volunteer
Baby and child care during church event
Transportation for the immobile to church services and events
Ecumenical team member
Parish social committee member
Kitchen volunteer
Social media coordinator

Serving One's Neighbor (Diakonia)

Adult day care volunteer
AIDS program volunteer
PRO–LIFE ministry volunteer
Bereavement volunteer
Soup kitchen volunteer
Visiting elderly volunteer
Visiting sick volunteer
Visiting shut ins volunteer
Parish food bank volunteer
Needy children volunteer

Leadership–Stewardship

Financial Council member
Pastoral council member
Stewardship Committee/Team member
Auditor
Sunday collection volunteer
Fundraising volunteer
Various professionals:
Medical doctor
Plumber

Carpenter
Electrician
Computer software specialist
Computer hardware specialist
Parish grounds maintenance – landscaping volunteer
Parish building maintenance volunteer
Cleaning volunteer
Lawyer
Realtor
Mechanic
Auto / parish equipment maintenance volunteer
Parish Website maintenance volunteer
Graphic designer
Newsletter/bulletin work volunteer
Secretarial work volunteer
Office volunteer
Parish archivist

(to be continued...)

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MISSION DAYS

Thursday, May 5 - Sunday, May 15: Mission Days - A Ten Day Journey

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit," Mt. 28.19

Dear parishioners, you are invited to embark an extraordinary pilgrimage when all the attention of our entire Church will be towards our common vocation as "missionaries," that is to say a community ready to share God's Word of salvation with others.

We read in the Mission Days Guidebook: "By taking an active role in the spiritual efforts of these ten Mission Days, we are called to better understand that, by their very nature, our parish communities and families (domestic churches) have a *missionary* character. This missionary spirit is a consequence of the gift of our Baptism, by virtue of which we, as Christians, take upon ourselves the responsibility to *believe, live, serve, and share* the witness of our faith in Christ, not just among our family members, but with our neighbours, wherever we may live."

4th Day - Monday, May 9: The Gift of the Consecrated Life - 9am - Divine Liturgy

5th Day - Tuesday, May 10: To be a Disciple of Christ - 9am - Divine Liturgy

6th Day - Wednesday, May 11: Responsibility for the Gift of Faith - 9am - Divine Liturgy

7th Day - Thursday, May 12: Readiness to Witness - Serve - 9am - Divine Liturgy

8th Day - Friday, May 13: Carrying Our Cross - 9am - Divine Liturgy

9th Day - Saturday, May 14: Being Filled with a Missionary Spirit - 10am - Divine Liturgy

10th Day - Sunday, May 15: The Gift of the Holy Spirit - 10am - Divine Liturgy

If you cannot participate in the Mission Days during these 10 days you can make this pilgrimage at home with you family. Dedicate 5-10 min of your time during these 10 days for praying with the "Mission Days Guidebook". The booklets (in both languages) are already available at the church entrance. Please let Fr. Yuriy know if you would like to have an electronic version of the booklet.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - ВОЗНЕСІННЯ ГОСПОДНЕ



May 5

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

Biblical Story

The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

Icon of the Feast

The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is painted with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left hand is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work.

The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the centre of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples represent the Church. The icon expresses the sovereignty of Christ over His Church; He is its Head, its source of inspiration and teaching.

CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR - REQUEST LETTER

May 2016

Dear Parish Chairperson

I am writing to you on behalf of the Committee & Staff of Camp St Volodymyr, which is offering our children within the Eparchy of New Westminster a week of outdoor fun & learning.

Once again, Camp St Volodymyr will be taking place in Kelowna, BC from Sun. Aug. 21–28, 2016. This will be the 33rd year of offering camp to children in our Eparchy.

The cost is \$275 (by Jul 15) & \$330 after. The deadline is Jul 31. Bus transportation is available at a cost of \$40 one-way or \$70 round trip.

All registration forms & camp counsellor application forms available on the camp website, which can be accessed through the eparchial website at www.nweparchy.ca or at the parish office.

In past years, Camp St Volodymyr has been greatly blessed with generous support from our parishes. If it is at all possible that your parish could once again help defer the costs of the Camp, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be sent directly to the Eparchial Office in New Westminster. (502- 5th Ave., New Westminster, BC V3L 1S2). In addition to monetary donations, the camp is looking

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for food items such as frozen perogies/cabbage rolls, cereals, baked goods, pasta, pasta sauce, pancake mix, snacks, juice, fruits etc. Please contact us if you are able to donate such items.

Please keep the staff & children in your prayers.

On behalf of our Bishop, and our Camp Committee, I thank you for giving your consideration towards the support of our Ukrainian Catholic children's camp.

Sincerely,

Jennifer (Sawka) Caldwell
Camp Director

LETTER FROM BISHOP KEN



The Rev. Clergy and Lay-Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster

4 May 2016

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Rev. Clergy and Friends,

We have no doubt all been watching with great sadness the horrific fire damage and situation in **Fort McMurray, Alberta**. So many families have seen their homes burned and business and office, schools and medical facilities also burned down or severely damaged. The latest statistics have reported that more than 1,600 homes have been lost and most all of the cities 84,000 residents have been forced to flee the fire.

I would like to encourage you all of pray for those who have become victims of this fire, who have lost their homes and possessions and in many cases are now not only homeless but also facing unemployment. This coming Sunday, I would encourage you to pray a special litany at the Divine Liturgy for those who are suffering as a result of this devastation asking God to comfort those who have lost so much.

I have made some inquiries as to how we can financially support those victims of the fire in Fort McMurray and it seems that the best way to support them is through an on-line donation to the Canadian Red Cross:

<https://donate.redcross.ca/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1951&ea.campaign.id=50610>

You can go directly to the on-line donation section for the victims of the fire in Fort McMurray by clicking on the link above.

I have sent a note to Bishop David Motiuk of the Eparchy of Edmonton offering him our prayers and solidarity and assuring him that we are ready to assist in whatever way we can. He has expressed his gratitude to us.

With prayerful best wishes,

+Ken
Bishop of New Westminster

MESSAGE FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

2 May 2016

**Brief from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
to the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights regarding Bill C-14,
An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts
(medical assistance in dying)**

As clearly stated in its previous statements on this issue, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops absolutely and categorically disagrees with any attempt at justifying or supporting a “right” to assisted suicide or euthanasia. This is based on the unchanging teaching of our Church, derived from the teaching of Christ himself, that these practices are always inherently wrong (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2276-79; St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* n. 66). For this reason, Bill C-14, which legalizes the killing of certain categories of persons, is a fundamentally unjust law. From the Catholic perspective, no amendments could legitimate the inherent evil in the premises behind the proposed legislation.

While the legislation is itself intrinsically and gravely immoral for the reasons stated above, there are particular characteristics of the current draft of Bill C-14 which make it even more damaging and dangerous to Canadian society. For example, it contains no protections for health care workers who refuse to cooperate in so-called “medical assistance in dying” or to give an effective referral, nor to institutions that refuse to provide the service for religious or conscientious reasons. Leaving such protections to provincial legislators or professional

organizations (such as provincial colleges of physicians, pharmacists, or nurses) would result in a chaotic situation with conflicting rules between provinces and would effectively prompt the resignation or removal of many health care professionals. It could also potentially force the closure of hospitals operated under religious auspices, most of which are Catholic. These institutions employ thousands of physicians and tens of thousands of staff. At a time when our health care system requires more resources, not less, the federal government should not allow lower jurisdictions to drive conscientious health care practitioners from their professions.

It is also regrettable that Bill C-14 fails in what appears to be an attempt to limit the potential harm caused by legalizing assisted suicide, as in the criterion enunciated in section 241.2(d) (that a person's "natural death has become reasonably foreseeable"). Every person who has reflected on their own mortal existence knows that their own natural death is not only reasonably foreseeable, but indeed inevitable. This "safeguard" will protect no one.

The teaching of the Catholic Church and the stance of the Catholic Bishops of Canada affirm the sacredness and dignity of human life. Suicide and euthanasia are contrary to the most profound natural inclination of each human being to live and preserve life. Furthermore, they contradict the fundamental responsibility that human beings have to protect one another and to enhance the quality of health and social care which every human life deserves, from conception to natural death.

Bill C-14, no matter how it may be amended, is an affront to human dignity, an erosion of human solidarity, and a danger to all vulnerable persons – particularly the aged, disabled, infirm and sick who so often find themselves isolated and marginalized. Moreover, it is a violation of the sacrosanct duty of healthcare providers to heal, and the responsibility of legislators and citizens to assure and provide protection for all, especially those persons most at risk. The passage of Bill C-14, occasioned by the seriously flawed Carter decision, will have devastating effects on the social fabric of our country that cannot be predicted today.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Catholic Bishops. As its principal pastors who officially speak on behalf of the Church in Canada, the Bishops are the spiritual leaders and teachers of more than thirteen million Canadian Catholics. Forty-six per cent of Canadians are baptized Catholics.