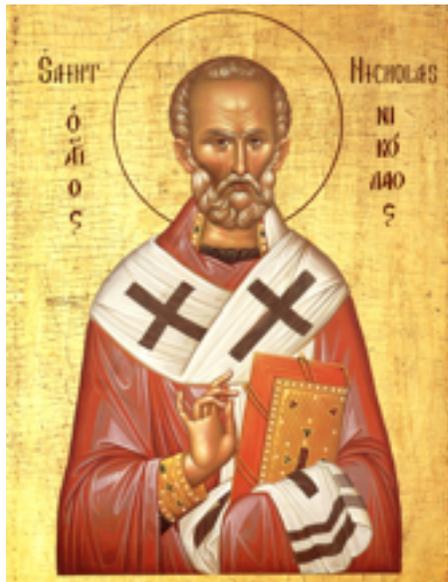


WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
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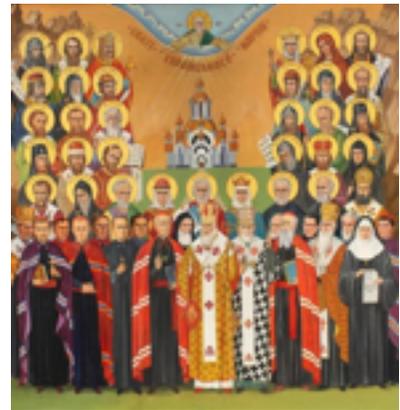
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**ЧЕТВЕРТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

All the choirs of the hierarchs, mighty luminaries of the Ukrainian Church! As faithful followers of the apostles and as good shepherds, you faithfully preserved the flock entrusted to you; you led it along paths of truth and carefully fed it with spiritual food, not hesitating to give up your lives for your sheep.

Venerable fathers of the Monastery of the Caves, Anthony and Theodosius, the first flowers of the Ukrainian Church, and all the countless righteous ones who followed after their steps, dedicating their lives to God! You shine forth as an example of Christian perfection, and you teach us by prayer and self-denial to configure ourselves to Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

○ St. Olga, morning star of Christ's gospel proclaimed in the city of Kyiv, and St. Volodymyr, equal-to-the-Apostles, Baptizer of Rus'-Ukraine, and all holy princes, God-pleasing leaders of our nation! By your holy lives you opened the doors of truth and grace. You are our constant protectors and intercessors, our honour and glory. Therefore, may your names shine forth forever, and may they be for us an inspiration to faithfulness and perseverance in the holy faith, for the salvation of our souls.



*Sunday of All Saints of
Rus-Ukraine*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS			
OPENING HYMN	В Страсі І Покорі / We Are Gathered Here To Worship pg. 234-235		
COMMUNION HYMN	Пливи Світами / Let All Creation Sing Out In Triumph pg. 256-257		
CLOSING HYMN	Наче Повний Голос Дзвону/Having Shared Your Loving Kindness pg. 270-271		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE			
SUNDAY, June 12	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, June 13	NO SERVICES		*****
TUESDAY, June 14	NO SERVICES		*****
WEDNESDAY, June 15	NO SERVICES		*****
THURSDAY, June 16	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
FRIDAY, June 17	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SATURDAY, June 18	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SUNDAY, June 19	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
<i>Please Note: to request a Divine Liturgy for a special intention, please see Fr. Yuriy to arrange for it!</i>			
SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, June 12	Rm. 6: 18-23	Andriy Pelekhayti	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, June 19	Rm. 10: 1-10	Natalia Bryndak	Carol Chapman
SUNDAY, June 26	Rm. 12: 6-14	Liliia Palyvoda	Peter Iwanuck
SUNDAY, July 3	Rm. 15: 1-7	Motria Koropecy	Caroline Smudy
<i>Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!</i>			
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		EUCHARIST.....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	
FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL.....Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872		ANOINTING.....any time	
MAINTENANCE.....Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769		HOSPITAL VISITS.....any time	
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE...Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051			
MEMBER AT LARGE.....Caroline Smudy - 778.440.9419			
VIBRANT PARISH.....Darlene DeMerchant - 250.727.3837			
<p>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."</p>			

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. 337

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 4: O you, who glorified Christ:* princes and bishops,* monastics and martyrs,* and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times,*pray Christ God to look with

favour on our people* and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith* that the souls of prayerful faithful* who revere your sacred memory* may be saved.

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 3: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now: Kontakion, Tone 4: You shine as bright beacons,* O God-inspired and righteous saints of our Church.* By your encouraging example,* you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christian world.* Therefore we humbly bow our heads to you* thanking our great and all-gracious God* Who has made you our intercessors in heaven* where you pray for our souls.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. *Verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

Epistle - Romans 6:18-23; 8:28-39 - A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans: Brothers and Sisters, freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawless ness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ (Jesus) who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 3: *Verse:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. *Verse:* Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. *Verse:* Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly

Gospel - Matthew 8:5-13 - At that time, when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." And Jesus said to the centurion, "You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you." And at that very hour (his) servant was healed.

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



Тропар, глас 3: Нехай веселяться небеснії, нехай радуються земляни,* бо показав владу рукою Своєю Господь,* Він смертю смерть подолав,* первістоком з-поміж мертвих став,* визволив нас із глибин аду,* і подав світові велику милість.

Тропар, глас 4: Хрирославні князі і святителі, преподобні і мученики, і незламні ісповідники всіх часів християнської України, моліть Христа Бога, щоб він споглянув ласкавим оком на наш народ, і дав йому ласку витривати у вірі, і щоб спаслися душі богомольних вірних, що вшановують священну вашу пам'ять.

Слава: Кондак, глас 3: Воскрес Ти нині з гробу, Щедрий,* і нас візвів із брам смерті;* нині Адам веселиться і радіє Єва,* разом же і пророки з патріярхами безустанно оспівують* божественну могутність влади Твоїї.

Нині: Кондак, глас 4: Ясними світилами ви сяєте, Богом натхненні праведники нашої церкви, і прикладом заохотливим служите громадам вірних по всьому християнському світі. Тому-то в покорі схиляємо перед вами наші голови, дякуючи великому і вселаскавому Богові, що вчинив вас нашими заступниками в небі і молільниками за душі наші.

Прокімен, глас 3: Співайте Богові нашому, співайте;* співайте цареві нашому, співайте.
Стих: Всі народи, заплещіть руками, кликніть до Бога голосом радості.

Прокімен, глас 7: Чесна перед Господом смерть преподобних його.

Апостол - 6:18-23; 8:28-39 - До Римлян послання Св. Ап. Павла читання: Браття і сестри, а звільнившись від гріха, стали рабами праведности. Говорю я по-людському, через неміч вашого тіла. Бо як ви віддавали були члени ваші за рабів нечистості й беззаконню на беззаконня, так тепер віддайте члени ваші за рабів праведности на освячення. Бо коли були ви рабами гріха, то були вільні від праведности. Який же плід ви мали тоді? Такі речі, що ними соромитесь тепер, бо кінець їх то смерть. А тепер, звільнившись від гріха й ставши рабами Богові, маєте плід ваш на освячення, а кінець життя вічне. Бо заплата за гріх смерть, а дар Божий вічне життя в Христі Ісусі, Господі нашім! І знаємо, що тим, хто любить Бога, хто покликаний Його постановою, усе допомагає на добре. Бо кого Він передбачив, тих і призначив, щоб були подібні до образу Сина Його, щоб Він був перворідним поміж багатьма братами. А кого Він призначив, тих і покликав, а кого покликав, тих і виправдав, а кого виправдав, тих і прославив. Що ж скажем на це? Коли за нас Бог, то хто проти нас? Той же, Хто Сина Свого не пожалів, але видав Його за всіх нас, як же не дав би Він нам із Ним і всього? Хто оскаржувати буде Божих вибранців? Бог Той, що виправдує. Хто ж той, що засуджує? Христос Ісус є Той, що вмер, надто й воскрес, Він праворуч Бога, і Він і заступається за нас. Хто нас розлучить від любови Христової? Чи недоля, чи утиск, чи переслідування, чи голод, чи нагота, чи небезпека, чи меч? Як написано: За Тебе нас цілий день умертвляють, нас уважають за овець, приречених на заколення. Але в цьому всьому ми перемагаємо Тим, Хто нас полюбив. Бо я пересвідчився, що ні смерть, ні життя, ні Анголи, ні влади, ні теперішнє, ні майбутнє, ні сили, ні вишина, ні глибина, ані інше яке створіння не зможе відлучити нас від любови Божої, яка в Христі Ісусі, Господі нашім!

Алилуя, глас 3: *Стих:* Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова. *Стих:* Господи, спаси царя і вислухай нас, коли будемо взивати до Тебе. *Стих:* Блажен муж, що боїться Господа, заповіді Його дуже любі Йому.

Євангеліє - Матея 8:5-13 - У той час, коли Ісус увійшов у Капернаум, приступив до нього сотник, благаючи його словами: “Господи, слуга мій лежить дома розслаблений і мучиться тяжко.” Ісус каже до нього: “Я прийду й оздоровлю його.” Тоді сотник у відповідь мовив: “Господи, я недостойний, щоб ти ввійшов під мою покрівлю, але скажи лише слово і слуга мій видужає. Бо і я теж підвладний чоловік, маю вояків під собою, і кажу цьому: Иди, – і йде, а тому: Ходи, – і приходить; і слугі моєму: Зроби це, – і він робить.” Почувши це Ісус, здивувався і сказав тим, що за ним ішли: “Істинно кажу вам: Ні в кого в Ізраїлі я не знайшов такої віри. Кажу вам, що багато прийде зо сходу й заходу, і засядуть з Авраамом, Ісааком та Яковом у Царстві Небеснім, а сини царства будуть викинуті геть у темряву кромішню, де буде плач і скрегіт зубів.” І сказав Ісус сотникові: “Йди, хай тобі станеться за твоею вірою!” І видужав слуга тієї ж години.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах. Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **ZABAVA-VESELKA PARTY-POTLUCK DINNER & DANCE:** Saturday, June 18th; 5:00 PM Happy Hour; 6:00-Potluck; 7:00- Graduation Announcements; 7:30- Zabava. This is a potluck dinner please bring choice of main dish, salad or dessert. It is also bring your own alcohol. \$10.00 donation per family to cover expenses.
- ◆ **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 Літа!
- ◆ **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. We want to let you know that we received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 towards this expense and we would welcome any donations to cover the rest of this cost. We also received another generous donations in the amount of \$1,000 to cover the cost of the repair of our industrial fridge in the kitchen. May God bless our donors abundantly for their generous donations to support our parish.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **MOLEBEN TO CHRIST THE LOVER OF MANKIND:** please join us for Moleben 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.

- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: **Steward of property security**; **Steward of grounds cleaning**; **Steward of cleaning church**; **Steward of church linen**; **Steward of outreach**; **Steward of caring**; **Steward of prayer**; **Steward of service**. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but

about “BEING” present to others. Contact Fr. Yuriy **OR** Darlene DeMerchant for more information. You will be amazed how “BEING” can make a difference.

◆**SUNDAY, JUNE 5 DONATION:** Coffee: \$31.00; Vigil lights: \$17.00; Loose collection: \$27.00; Envelope collection: \$1,207.44; Pre-authorized payments May 30 to June 5: \$330.00

STEWARDSHIP: SHARING GIFTS OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
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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 (www.anawimhouse.com) 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 you help. Good bless you!

CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR - 21-28 AUGUST, 2016

The purpose of camp is to provide an opportunity for youth to experience God through nature and the companionship of others. Children will experience Ukrainian language and culture during camp along with games, religious activities, hikes, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and other summer camp activities. This marks the 33rd year of our Ukrainian Catholic Summer Camp. Camp will take place in Kelowna at the OAC facility. Camp offers a wide range of activities for campers aged 7-15 (as of December 31, 2016). Registration is available online via Eventbrite "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2016."

Early bird registration Ends July 7, 2016.

WAYS TO HELP

VOLUNTEER: Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in helping at this year's camp as a counsellor, chef, arts & crafts or cultural coordinator please contact Jennifer. Applications forms for counsellors are due June 15, 2016. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal records check and must sign the camp code of conduct. For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com. Visit our website via www.nweparchy.ca

DONATE: We are always happy to accept food donations of vegetables, fruits, cereals, and treats for children such as cakes, cookies, as well as monetary donations. Tax receipts can be issued with donations of \$25 or more.

NEWS

Pope sets up group to allocate crisis funds in Ukraine

After raising funds for humanitarian relief in Ukraine through a special collection in Europe, Pope Francis has established a committee to decipher the most urgent needs and get help to where it's most needed.

According to a June 9 communique from the Vatican "the Pope has decided to establish a specific technical committee on-site, composed of a president and four members" to help with the distribution of the funds raised through the collection.

The president of the committee, appointed by the Vatican's Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin in a recent letter, is Bishop Jan Sobilo, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Kharkiv-Zaporizhia. The Latin rite diocese is located in northeastern Ukraine, near to the front line of the separatist-held areas in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts.

It will be up to Bishop Sobilo, a native of Poland, to name the other members of the committee apart from one, who will be appointed jointly by the *Caritas Internationalis* and the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum*.

The formation of the committee, which has been given a year-long mandate, follows Pope Francis' decision to take up an April 24 collection in all the Catholic parishes of Europe to promote humanitarian support for all those suffering or displaced due to the fighting in eastern Ukraine.

Conflict erupted in Ukraine in November 2013, when the former government refused to sign the Association Agreement with the European Union, leading to months of violent protests.

Tensions deepened in February 2014, when the country's former president was ousted following the protests, and a new government appointed. In March of that year, Ukraine's eastern peninsula of Crimea was annexed by Russia, and pro-Russian separatists have since taken control of eastern portions of Ukraine.

More than 6,500 people, including civilians, have died in the fighting between Ukraine's military and the separatists. Roughly 2 million others have been forced to flee due to violence and a lack of basic humanitarian necessities such as food and medicine.

The rebels have been supported by both Russian arms and troops, according to both Ukraine and Western nations. A ceasefire was brokered and officially began Feb. 15, 2015; however, the agreement fell through and low-level fighting has continued, with new deaths reported each day.

Pope Francis' collection was aimed "exclusively for the benefit of the victims of the war, without distinction of religion, confession, or ethnicity."

The headquarters of the new committee tasked with distributing the funds raised will be located in the Curia of the Kharkiv-Zaporizhia diocese. Those who work with the committee, either at the headquarters or in the field, will do so on a volunteer basis to ensure that all of the funds raised by the collection will benefit those affected by the war.

According to the Vatican communique, Cardinal Parolin's letter appointing the committee's president also stipulated certain conditions for proposals on what the funds will be used for.

One stressed that any proposals must be received directly from inter-religious or inter-confessional establishments, from individuals areas of need, or from individual bishops, including non-Catholics, where there are no formal establishments.

Since the collection and the committee are personal initiatives of the Pope, the final referents of the project are the Secretariat of State and the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, which can be contacted through the Apostolic Nunciature in Ukraine.

The "technical supervision" of the implementation of the committee's work, however, has been entrusted to Cor Unum.

In an exclusive, sit-down interview with CNA last month, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, said Ukrainians are grateful for the Pope's help and attention to the conflict.

"We are very grateful to the Holy Father for his initiative, first of all to bring attention of the international community to the suffering of Ukrainian citizens in Ukraine."

All Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, are willing to cooperate with the Pope in his initiative in order to reach the people who are suffering and in need, he said, expressing his gratitude that Francis "is trying to awaken the consciousness of European Christians to that silence about the unjust war against Ukraine."

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The Holy and Great Council: Pope sending observers to Orthodox meeting

Pope Francis will send high-level observers to the pan-Orthodox council meeting in Crete as a sign of respect, support and encouragement of the Orthodox Church.

The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church was scheduled to open June 19, which is Pentecost on the Julian calendar, and run through June 26.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople invited Pope Francis to send observers to the meeting on the Greek island of Crete, and the pope chose Cardinal Kurt Koch and Bishop Brian Farrell, respectively the president and secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

Sending the Vatican's top ecumenical officers demonstrates that "it is the Holy Father's judgment that this is supremely important for the Orthodox, for our relationship with the Orthodox Church and, beyond that, it's supremely important for the Christian witness in a world that is ever more confused about the role of religion," Bishop Farrell told Catholic News Service June 8.

Council members - 24 bishops from each of the 14 autocephalous Orthodox churches - are scheduled to approve six documents, including statements on: the mission of the Orthodox Church in the contemporary world; the pastoral care of Orthodox living outside their church's

traditional homeland; how the autonomy of new Orthodox churches is determined; rules regarding marriage; the importance of fasting; and relations with other Christians.

Leaders of the Orthodox churches have been discussing hopes for such a meeting for almost 100 years. Planning meetings began in the 1960s, but even as the start date drew near, there were some fears that not all 14 self-governing Orthodox churches would send delegations.

The Orthodox Church of Bulgaria demanded June 1 that the meeting be postponed until a discussion could be held on its list of concerns, which included criticism of the how little the texts under consideration could be amended. The Bulgarians also objected to the invitation of observers from non-Orthodox churches and said they would not participate if the meeting went ahead as scheduled.

After the Antiochian Orthodox Church also asked for a delay and signalled a willingness to stay away from the meeting, a Russian Orthodox leader asked June 3 that a pre-council meeting be held by June 10 to work out some of the remaining concerns.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate, however, issued a statement June 6 saying the process already agreed upon by the heads of the 14 churches would not change and calling upon all 14 churches "to rise to the occasion and participate, on the pre-determined dates, in the sessions of the Holy and Great Council." The Catholic Church is hopeful that the council will take place, Bishop Farrell said.

"Every process that highlights and strengthens unity among Christ's followers is in line with the Gospel and every process that does not bring about unity is a negation of the prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper" that his disciples be one, the bishop said. "It is hugely important for Christianity and, therefore, for the Catholic Church that the pan-Orthodox council be an effective sign of the unity of Orthodoxy."

Bishop Farrell said the Orthodox decision to open the meeting on Pentecost is not simply symbolic, but is a spiritual affirmation that the meeting and its deliberations must be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Among all the churches and Christian communities the Catholic Church has formal relations with, the Orthodox are unique. The Catholic Church recognizes the Orthodox as a "sister church," which has maintained apostolic succession of its bishops, a valid priesthood and sacraments. However, different Orthodox churches and, especially different sectors within those churches, do not always recognize the Catholic Church as a "sister church" with valid sacraments; the draft Orthodox document on relations with other Christian churches does not directly address the issue, but insists ecumenical dialogue is "imperative."

"In the Catholic view," Bishop Farrell said, "Orthodoxy is the Eastern part of the church and, as Pope John Paul often repeated, we long for the day that the church can breathe with both lungs" - East and West. The council could be "a big step in the right direction," he said.

"We would like our presence to be a sign of our great support for the unity of the Orthodox Church," he said, "and for their efforts to respond to the many challenges of living in today's society and their intention to do that as a body rather than as separated into independent churches."

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Zabava!

Veselka Party
Dinner and Dance

Saturday, June 18th

5:00 – Happy Hour

6:00 – Potluck

7:00 – Graduation

Announcements

7:30 – Zabava!

Potluck / BYOB

\$10 donation per family to cover expenses