

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



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
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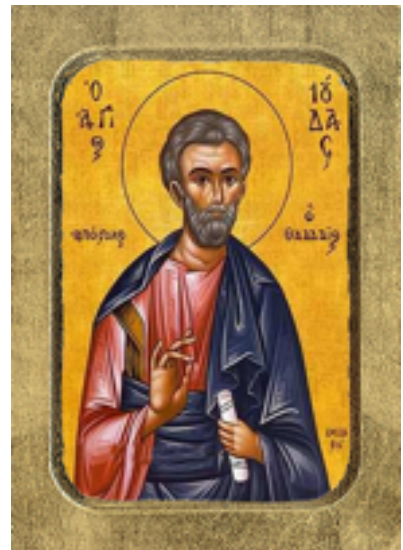
**П'ЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Most wise and praised Apostle Jude, your sound has gone out into all the earth, guiding as lightning to the never-fading Light those darkened by the delusion of ungodliness. Since now you are radiant with this Light, beseech great mercy for our souls!

As if you were a war-chariot of Christ, O wondrous Jude, you put down the pride of idols. By the Word of God, you mystically made captivity captive, and gained life incorruptible, O glorious Apostle. Since now you delight in this life, beseech great mercy for our souls!

You were a disciple of our incarnate God, O Jude, Apostle of Christ. You were sent by Him truly as a sheep among wolves, by your speech turning them away from impiety, bringing them to piety and a godly understanding of the holy Trinity. Therefore we praise you.

You received openly the grace of the divine Spirit, O Apostle Jude, as a participant in the sacred choir of the Apostles. When the fiery breath came down from heaven, breathing forth with a tongue of fire, you utterly consumed the thorns of idolatry. O Preacher, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!



Holy Apostle Jude

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS			
OPENING HYMN	Увійди, Єрею / Come My Friends pg. 238-239		
COMMUNION HYMN	Тіло Христове / Let Me Receive You, O Christ pg. 258-259		
CLOSING HYMN	Вислухай, Боже Могучий / Hear Our Petition pg. 280-281		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE			
SUNDAY, June 19	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, June 20	NO SERVICES		*****
TUESDAY, June 21	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, June 22	Divine Liturgy / Moleben		9AM / 7PM
THURSDAY, June 23	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
FRIDAY, June 24	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SATURDAY, June 25	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SUNDAY, June 26	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 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
SUNDAY, July 10	1 Cor. 1:10-18	Yuliya Pelekhata	Rita Vanderven
<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		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	
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. 341, 844

Troparion, Tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone 1: As we know you to be Christ's relative* and a steadfast martyr,* O Jude, we praise you with sacred hymns.* You trampled on error and kept the faith.* And so on this day as we feast your memory* through your prayers, O apostle,* we receive release from our sins.

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 4: My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now: Kontakion, Tone 2: O Jude, because of your solid mind* you were shown to be a chosen disciple and firm pillar of the Church of Christ.* You proclaimed to the nations His holy word* teaching them to believe in the one God* from Whom you received glory and the gift of healing* to cure the ills of those who flee to you,* O apostle, worthy of all praise.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4: How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom. *Verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their word unto the ends of the world.

Epistle - Romans 10:1-10 - A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans: Brothers and Sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God on their behalf is for salvation. I testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God, but it is not discerning. For, in their unawareness of the righteousness that comes from God and their attempt to establish their own (righteousness), they did not submit to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for the justification of everyone who has faith. Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from (the) law, "The one who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

Alleluia, Tone 4: *Verse:* Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. *Verse:* You have loved justice and hated iniquity. *Verse:* The heavens shall confess our wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. *Verse:* God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

Gospel - Matthew 8:28-9:1 - At that time Jesus came to the other side, to the territory of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him. They were so savage that no one could travel by that road. They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding. The demons pleaded with him, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go then!" They came out and entered the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea where they drowned. The swineherds ran away, and when they came to the town they reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they

begged him to leave their district. He entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their word unto the ends of the world.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



Прокімен, глас 4: Які величні діла Твої, Господи! Все премудрістю сотворив Ти. Стих: Благослови, душе моя, Господа! Господи, Боже мій, Ти вельми великий.

Апостол - 10:1-10 - До Римлян послання Св. Ап. Павла читання: Браття і сестри, бажання мого серця й молитва до Бога за Ізраїля на спасіння. Бо я свідчу їм, що вони мають ревність про Бога, але не за розумом. Вони бо, не розуміючи праведности Божої, і силкуючись поставити власну праведність, не покорились праведності Божій. Бо кінець Закону Христос на праведність кожному, хто вірує. Мойсей бо пише про праведність, що від Закону, що людина, яка його виконує, буде ним жити. А про праведність, що від віри, говорить так: Не кажи в своїм серці: Хто вийде на небо? цебто звести додолу Христа, або: Хто зійде в безодню? цебто вивести з мертвих Христа. Але що каже ще? Близько тебе слово, в устах твоїх і в серці твоїм, цебто слово віри, що його проповідуємо. Бо коли ти устами своїми визнаватимеш Ісуса за Господа, і будеш вірувати в своїм серці, що Бог воскресив Його з мертвих, то спасешся, бо серцем віруємо для праведности, а устами ісповідуємо для спасіння.

Алилуя, глас 4: Стих: Натягни лук і наступай, і пануй істини ради, лагідности і справедливости. Стих: Ти полюбив правду і зненавидів беззаконня.

Євангеліє - Матея 8:28-9:1 - У той час, коли Ісус прибув на той бік, у край гадаринський, зустріли його два біснуваті, що вийшли з гробниць, але такі люті, що ніхто не міг перейти тією дорогою. І почали кричати: “Що нам і тобі, Сину Божий? Прийшов еси сюди, щоб нас мучити перед часом?” Оподаль же від них паслося велике стадо свиней. Біси попросили його: “Як ти нас виганяєш, пошли нас в оте стадо свиней.” “Ідіть” – сказав їм. І вийшли з них, і ввійшли у свиней. Тоді то все стадо кинулося з кручі в море й утопилося в хвилях. А пастихи повтікали й, прибігши в місто, все розповіли, а й про біснуватих. Тоді все місто вийшло Ісусові назустріч і, побачивши його, попросили, щоб відійшов з їхніх околиць. Сівши у човен, він переплив назад і прибув у своє місто.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** Heartfelt greetings to all our Fathers on this Father's Day. Wishing you good health, prosperity, and peace. May the Merciful Lord bless you and your family with His choicest blessings for many happy and blessed years. Многая Літа!

- ◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to MARIA KOROPECKY, MATTEA HUCULAK and 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 12 DONATION:** Coffee: \$40.85; Vigil lights: \$19.75; Loose collection: \$71.00; Envelope collection: \$867.00; Pre-authorized payments June 6 to June 12: \$120.00

HOLY APOSTLE JUDE

St. Jude was one of the Twelve Apostles. He was the son of Joseph and Salome (not the Salome of Bethlehem, not another) and the brother of James, the brother of the Lord. Joseph the carpenter had four sons with Salome: James, Hosea, Simon and Jude. This Jude is sometimes called "Jude, the brother of James" due to his brother being better-known (Luke 6:16, Acts 1:13). St. Jude begins his epistle in this manner: *Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James* (Jude 1:1).

Even though he could call himself the brother of the Lord as much as James, he did not do this, out of humility and shame, for he did not at first believe in Christ the Lord. When the elderly Joseph, before his death, wanted to leave a portion of his estate to Jesus, as well as to his other children, all of them protested, even Jude. Only James voluntarily set aside a share of his portion and intended it for Jesus. Jude is also called Levi and Thaddaeus. Jude preached the Gospel throughout Judea, Samaria, Galilee, Idumea, Syria, Arabia, Mesopotamia and Armenia.

St Jude's Epistle speaks about the Holy Trinity, about the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, about the good and bad angels, and about the dread Last Judgment. The Apostle urges believers to guard themselves against fleshly impurity, to be diligent in prayer, faith and love, to convert the lost to the path of salvation, and to guard themselves from the teachings of heretics. He also says that it is not enough just to be converted to Christianity, but faith must be demonstrated by good works. He cites the rebellious angels and men punished by God (verse 6) to support this.

When Jude was preaching in the regions around Ararat, he was captured by pagans, crucified on a cross and killed by being shot with arrows, that he might reign eternally in the Kingdom of Christ.

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 (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 your help. Good bless you!

CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR - 21-28 AUGUST, 2016
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We are currently in need of a camp nurse, arts & crafts co-ordinator and someone to help to take the leadership role in the kitchen. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be able to fulfill these roles please contact Jennifer Caldwell @ [604.220.0584](tel:604.220.0584) or jennsawka@hotmail.com. Visit our website via www.nweparchy.ca

REGISTRATION

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.

DONATE

We are always happy to accept food donations

NEWS

'Assisted dying' law shows disrespect for life

They are calling it "assisted dying" in Canada. Perhaps euthanasia is too hard to pronounce, and assisted suicide sounds too, well, too exact.

Complexities of Canadian law aside, suffice it to say the Canadian Supreme Court approved "assisted dying" in February 2015, and directed the legislature to amend the law by June 6 this year. But, after three "reads" in the House and one in the Senate, Bill C-14 landed back in the House for revision, missing the deadline. Technically, you are still breaking the law if you help someone commit suicide in Canada.

The complexities of the argument seem to reduce to who gets to kill whom and why. Does one need to be terminally ill? How old must you be to decide for yourself? What does "competent" mean?

The details are, well, the details. It's not just Canada. The fact is the world at large is becoming less and less respectful of human life.

In the Netherlands, you can get help killing yourself if you are over the age of twelve (they call it "voluntary euthanasia") but children under twelve must have their own parents decide to kill them. It's called the Groningen Protocol. It is not really a law, but the Dutch Society for Pediatrics made it mandatory. Think babies born with spina bifida (open spine) and hydrocephalus ("water on the brain").

As the Western Hemisphere braces for more and more babies affected by the Zika Virus, more and more people are arguing for abortion, or worse. It is a terrifying situation.

Which brings me to a four-year-old article in the British *Journal of Medical Ethics*, entitled "After-birth abortion: why should the baby live?"

You read that right.

The article's authors, Francesca Minerva of the University of Melbourne, Australia, and Alberto Giubilini of the University of Oxford, in England, issued a clarification during the media storm following their 2012 argument that both pre-born and post-born, a fetus is a fetus not a person; if it is defective it is OK to get rid of it.

Minerva and Giubilini give lots of reasons for abortion: "the fetus is affected by a severe abnormality that will make the quality of its life extremely poor; the pregnancy puts at risk a woman's health, or even her life; the fetus is the result of sexual abuse; the woman is incapable (for various reasons) of taking care of a child at that particular moment in her life; there are

extreme economic difficulties or social conditions which are hardly compatible with having children, and so on. ..."

Do reasons for abortion justify killing the newborn, the professors ask? They decry the large numbers of Down syndrome children born in Europe. Obviously, they write, if the parents knew they could have aborted these children.

Here's why: "The moral status of an infant is equivalent to that of a fetus, that is, neither can be considered a 'person' in a morally relevant sense" and "It is not possible to damage a newborn by preventing her from developing the potentiality to become a person in the morally relevant sense."

Aside from leaky logic, the thrust of the argument centers on a definition of person that comes startlingly close to the conditions of people now in hospice care around the world. If individuals cease to "be" persons in "the morally relevant sense" must they be kept alive? What is their status? What are their rights?

The defining thought in these discussions -- at either end of the life spectrum -- reduces to the usefulness of the human being involved. Whether eight months or eight years or eighty years, the concept of an "inconvenient" individual melds with the inconvenience of palliative care for the terminally ill.

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Ukrainian Parliament adopted a draft appeal to Ecumenical Patriarch on granting Autocephaly to Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Parliamentarians asked Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I to issue a decree granting autocephalous status to the Orthodox Church in Ukraine and to recognize invalid the act of 1686, by which Moscow annexed Kyiv Metropolis from the jurisdiction of Constantinople.

The Parliament voted in favor of the appeal to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I requesting to grant autocephaly (independence) to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Decree No. 4793 was voted for by 245 MPs, against – by 20, 1 MP abstained, 66 did not vote.

Ukrainian Parliament appealed to the Ecumenical Patriarch asking him as follows:

- to recognize invalid the act in 1686 as the one adopted in violation of the sacred canons of the Orthodox Church;

- to take an active part in overcoming the church schism by convening Ukrainian unification council under the auspices of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which would solve all controversial issues and unite the Ukrainian Orthodox Church;
- for the benefit of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine and the integrity of the Ukrainian nation, to issue the Tomos granting autocephaly to the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, under which it can take its rightful place in the family of Local Orthodox Churches.

“War in Ukraine is something more than a long-running conflict,” state secretary of Vatican in Ukraine

“We know that this war is something much more than a long-running conflict: a constant danger, being a sign confrontation of civilizations, histories and peoples that goes far beyond the borders of Ukraine, which could have serious consequences for the balance, which so constantly violated in many parts of the world,” Vatican Secretary of State Pietro Parolin said in a speech at a meeting of the Council of Churches in Zaporizhzhia June 16.

He recalled the words of Pope Francis on the "war in fragments", which is taking place in the world and the conflict in Ukraine is part of a global confrontation. Therefore, the resolution of the conflict must be global.

“The suffering you are going through, although concerns directly to your land, but appeals to the conscience of all people and the entire international community to exert all efforts to end the drama in Ukraine,” said the Vatican’s Secretary of State.

Cardinal again reiterated that the Holy See has called for the need to comply with international law on the territory and borders of Ukraine. These words are one of the clearest statements of the Vatican on the situation in Ukraine. He emphasized the duty to pray and act. “In the face of the existing confrontation we have a duty above all to pray for peace and to act in God's name is to be close to those who are deprived of basic things by violence,” said the Secretary of State.

At the meeting of the Council of Churches in Zaporizhzhia Cardinal Pietro Parolin symbolically handed the help of Catholics in Europe who gathered at the call of Pope Francis. Recall that the Pope has announced a collection for Ukraine, which was held April 24. The amount will be announced later, but for implementing “Ukraine for the Pope” action, a special technical committee was launched under the leadership of Bishop Ian Sobilo, auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine.

We know that the funds are intended solely for victims of violence in eastern Ukraine, settlers, residents of so-called “gray zone” near the contact line, the population that remains on the territory which is not by Ukrainian government, especially children, the elderly and single-parent families with young children to those who suffered torture and other forms of torture.

“Humanitarian aid allocation will be devoid of ideology or the religious, ethnic or linguistic identity. The only condition is that it is intended to people who are in situation of real need. For the Church all are sons, on an equal footing, sons of the Father in Heavens. Let us start with the most urgent aid, food, medicine, shelter,” said Cardinal Parolin in his speech to the Council of Churches of Zaporozhye, which unites churches and religious organizations.

The Vatican’s Secretary of State will stay in Ukraine until 20 June and after Zaporizhia is to visit Kyiv and Lviv.

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