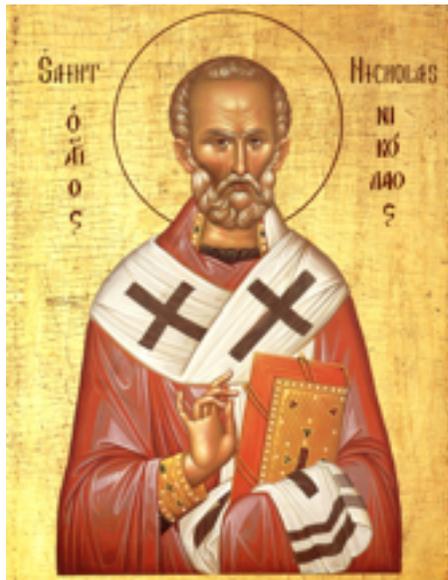


WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!



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**ДЕСЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

With what crowns of praises shall we honour the praised martyrs, the kind intercessors of the faithful people, the adornment of Rus'-Ukraine and joy of the world? Though separated in body, they were united in spirit. By their wisdom they conquered the diabolical powers with the help of Christ, who gives great mercy to the world.

With what ornaments shall we adorn the praised Borys, who manfully endured sufferings, and Hlib, who equalled him in zeal? Both are bright shining lights, which illumine all pious souls with the radiance of virtue. Having learned Christ's commandments, they worthily achieved glory and entreat Him who grants to all great mercy.

O most blessed Martyrs of Christ, you gave yourselves up freely to be sacrificed. With your blood you sanctified the earth, you brightened the air by your departure from this life. Now you live in heaven, in a never-setting light. O Martyrs, who see God, always pray for us.



*Holy Martyrs Borys and
Hlib*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS	
OPENING HYMN	В Страсі І Покопі / We Are Gathered Here To Worship pg. 234-235
COMMUNION HYMN	Пливи Світами / Let All Creation pg. 256-257
CLOSING HYMN	How Glorious Is Our God In Sion pg, 962-963

Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY, July 24	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, July 25	NO SERVICES	*****
TUESDAY, July 26	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, July 27	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
THURSDAY, July 28	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, July 29	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, July 30	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	10:00 AM
SUNDAY, July 31	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 EPISTLE READERS			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, July 24	1 Cor. 4:9-16	Andriy Pelekhayti	Graciela Spaciuk-Schwarz
SUNDAY, July 31	1 Cor. 9:2-12	Natalia Bryndak	William Vanderven
SUNDAY, August 7	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Liliia Palyvoda	Marian Chalifoux
SUNDAY, August 14	1 Cor. 16:13-24	Motria Koropecy	Robert Herchak

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
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	

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

The Divine Liturgy - An Anthology for Worship: Liturgy - pg. 388-461; propers - pg. 329

Troparion, Tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life;* Glory to your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of Humankind.

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 1: You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raised the world.* All humanity acclaims You as God,* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,*

and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy.* “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

Now: Theotokion, Tone 1: When Gabriel uttered to You, O Virgin, his ‘Rejoice!’* – at that sound, the Master of all became flesh in You, the Holy Ark.* As the just David said,* You have become wider than the heavens carrying Your Creator.* Glory to Him Who dwelt in You!* Glory to Him Who came forth from You!* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from You!

Prokimenon, Tone 1: Let Your mercy, O Lord,* be upon us,* as we have hoped in You. Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle - 1 Cor. 4:9-16 - A Reading from the 1st Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Corinthians:

Brothers and Sisters, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

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

Gospel - Matthew 17:14-23 - And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia!



Тропар, глас 1: Хоч запечатали камінь юдеї* і воїни стерегли пречисте тіло Твоє,* воскрес Ти, Спасе, на третій день,* даруючи життя світові.* Тому сили небесні зивали до Тебе, Життєдавче * Слава воскресінню Твоєму, Христе,* слава Царству Твоєму,* слава провидінню Твоєму,* єдиний Чоловіколюбче!

Слава: Кондак, глас 1: Воскрес Ти у славі як Бог із гробу* і світ із Собою воскресив;* людське єство Тебе, як Бога, оспівує* і смерть щезла.* Адам же ликує, Владико,* і Єва нині, з узів визволившись, радіє, зиваючи * Ти, Христе, Той, Хто всім подає воскресіння.

І нині: Богородичний, глас 1: Коли Гавриїл звістив Тобі, Діво: Радуйся!* то з цим голосом прийняв тіло Владика в Тобі, святім кивоті,* як мовив праведний Давид,* і Ти з'явилася просторішою небес, носивши Творця Свого.* Слава Тому, що поселився в Тобі!* Слава Тому, що вийшов із Тебе!* Слава Тому, що визволив нас народженням Твоїм.

Прокімен, глас 1: Милість Твоя, Господи, хай буде над нами,* бо ми надіялись на Тебе.
Стих: Радуйтеся, праведні, в Господі, правим належить похвала.

Апостол - 1 Кор. 4:9-16 - До Коринтян 1-е Послання Святого Апостола Павла

Читання: Браття і сестри, Бог поставив нас, апостолів, останніми, немов призначених на страту ми бо стали видовищем і світові, й ангелам, і людям. Ми нерозумні Христа ради, ви ж у Христі розумні; ми немічні, ви ж – міцні ви славні, ми ж без чести. До цього часу ми голодуємо і спрагли і нагі; нас б'ють, і ми скитаємось. Ми трудимось, працюючи власними руками; нас ображають, а ми благословляємо; нас гонять, а ми терпимо; нас ганьблять, а ми з любов'ю відзиваємось; ми мов те сміття світу стали, покидьки всіх аж досі. Не щоб осоромити вас я це пишу, але щоб як дітей моїх улюблених навести на розум. Бо хоч би ви мали тисячі учителів у Христі, та батьків не багато; бо я вас породив через Євангелію в Христі Ісусі. Отож благаю вас: Будьте моїми послідовниками.

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 - Матея 17:14-23 - І як вони до народу прийшли, то до Нього один чоловік приступив, і навколішки впав перед Ним, і сказав: Господи, змилуйсь над сином моїм, що біснується у новомісяччі, і мучиться тяжко, бо почасти падає він ув огонь, і почасти в воду. Я його був привів до учнів Твоїх, та вони не могли вздоровити його. А Ісус відповів і сказав: О роде невірний й розбещений, доки буду Я з вами? Доки вас Я терпітиму? Приведіть до Мене сюди його! Потому Ісус погрозив йому, і демон вийшов із нього. І видужав хлопець тієї години! Тоді підійшли учні насамоті до Ісуса й сказали: Чому ми не могли його вигнати? А Він їм відповів: Через ваше невірство. Бо поправді кажу вам: коли будете ви мати віру, хоч як зерно гірчичне, і горі оцій скажете: Перейди звідси туди, то й перейде вона, і нічого не матимете неможливого! Цей же рід не виходить інакше, як тільки

молитвою й постом. Коли пробували вони в Галілеї, то сказав їм Ісус: Людський Син буде виданий людям до рук, і вони Його вб'ють, але третього дня Він воскресне. І тяжко вони зажурились.

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

HOLY MARTYRS BORYS & HLIB

Saint Borys was one of the sons of St Volodymyrr the Great, and was named Roman at his baptism. After their father's death the eldest son Sviatopolk planned to kill his brothers Borys, Hlib, and Yaroslav in order to seize power. He sent a message to Borys, pretending that he wished to live in peace with him, and to increase Borys' land holdings inherited from their father.

Some of Volodymyr's advisers told Borys that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kyiv. Saint Borys, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Unfortunately, Sviatopolk was not so scrupulous. He came to the town of Vyshhorod to ask its leaders if they were loyal to him. They assured him that they were ready to die for him.

Sviatopolk sent assassins to the Alta to kill Borys, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin.

Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances, and also killed some of Borys's servants. Wrapping Borys in a cloth, they threw him onto a wagon and drove off with him. When Sviatopolk saw that he was still breathing, he sent some men to finish him off with swords.

Saint Borys received the crown of martyrdom in 1015. He and his brother Hlib became known as Passion-Bearers, since they did not resist evil with violence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **BIG THANK YOU** to Ed Salyn for building the fence at the parish rectory. Also thank you to Robert Herchak for assisting Ed in this task. Thank you for donating your time and talents. May God bless you both abundantly.

◆ **HAPPY 9th ANNIVERSARY OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION** (July 24) to our Bishop Ken. All God's blessings for many more years to come. Eis Polla Eti Despota - На Многая Літа, Владико!

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** Fr. Yuriy will be on holidays 2-21 August. Fr. Joe Ostopowich will be celebrating Liturgies on Sundays, Aug. 7, 14, 21. There will not be daily Liturgies between 2-21 August. Please contact Fr. Joe in case of emergency: 604.763.3639

- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **HYMN BOOKS - SING TO OUR GOD:** books have been purchased and we would be most appreciative for any donations to offset the costs of the books (\$300.00). This is the book we use every Sunday for Liturgy's opening, communion and closing hymns. A very comprehensive resource for all members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church! This hymnal includes music notation and Ukrainian lyrics for every hymn, plus transliteration of all Ukrainian texts. Additionally English lyrics are provided for the vast majority of hymns. Included are hymns for all major feasts within the liturgical year, as well as the following sections: Great Lent, Resurrectional Hymns, Hymns for the Divine Liturgy, General Church Hymns, Hymns to our Lord Jesus Christ, Hymns to the Mother of God, Hymns for Children, plus over 80 pages of Christmas Carols. The hymnal is hardcover and very attractive in appearance.

- ◆ **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 trees 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 donation 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.

- ◆ **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 NADIYA KRAWCHENKO and other 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, JULY 17 DONATION:** Coffee: \$41.80; Vigil lights: \$3.90; Loose collection: \$43.00; Envelope collection: \$996.83; Pre-authorized payments July 11 to July 17: \$120.00

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Poland visit will be inspired by mercy, pope says

Pope Francis said he looks forward to his upcoming visit to Poland for World Youth Day and that his visit will be inspired by mercy during this Jubilee Year.

The "blessed memory of St. John Paul II, who instituted the World Youth Days and was the guide of the Polish people in its recent historic journey toward freedom," will also serve as an inspiration, the pope said in a July 19 video message to the people of Poland.

The pope will join hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world during his July 27-31 visit to celebrate World Youth Day.

The 2016 World Youth Day celebration will mark the 30th anniversary of when St. John Paul II, the former archbishop of Krakow, invited bishops all over the world to hold an annual event for youths in their dioceses. The first international gathering, now held every two or three years, was in 1987 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Pope Francis was born and ministered before becoming pope.

In his video message, the pope said he blessed young people traveling to Krakow and was "praying that it will be a pilgrimage of faith and fraternity."

"I am very anxious to meet you and to offer the world a new sign of harmony, a mosaic of different faces, from many races, languages, peoples and cultures, but all united in the name of Jesus, who is the face of mercy," the pope said.

Addressing the people of Poland, the pope said that despite the trials and difficulties throughout their history, the Polish nation "has persevered through the power of faith, upheld by the maternal hands of the Virgin Mary."

"I am certain that my pilgrimage to the shrine of Czestochowa will immerse me in this proven faith and do me so much good," he said.

Pope Francis said he looked forward to meeting the bishops, priests, men and women religious and the laity, particularly emphasizing the importance of marriage and the family in society.

"The moral and spiritual 'health' of a nation is seen in its families. That is why St. John Paul II showed such great concern for engaged couples, young married couples and families. Continue along this road," the pope said.

In a news conference July 20, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said that among the highlights of the pope's visit will be his stop at the concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau.

More than 1 million people, including St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and St. Maximilian Kolbe, died in those two camps alone, he said.

The pope will also meet with 10 Holocaust survivors and will visit St. Maximilian Kolbe's cell. Father Lombardi noted that the pope's visit will coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Polish saint's death sentence.

Father Pawel Rytel-Andrianik, spokesman for the Polish Bishops' Conference, told journalists that more than 335,000 young people have registered to attend the World Youth Day. He also told journalists that an estimated 1.8 million people are expected to attend the World Youth Day's final Mass July 31 at "Campus Misericordiae" ("Field of Mercy").

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NEWS

The Patriarchate of Constantinople to examine the appeal of the Ukrainian Parliament on granting Autocephaly to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

The Patriarchate of Constantinople has reacted to the appeal of the Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) deputies on granting autocephaly to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, reports *Interfax-Religion*.

The Synod of the Patriarchate of Constantinople has not turned down this appeal but, instead, has charged a special synodal commission with examining it, reports the *Romfea* Greek Church news agency.

As was earlier reported, the Verkhovna Rada recently called upon Patriarch Bartholomew I to issue a Tomos granting autocephaly to the Orthodox Church in the Ukraine and to recognize the 1686 act, in accordance with which the Metropolitan See of Kyiv was transferred to the

Patriarchate of Moscow “in defiance of canons”, as invalid. However, the Patriarchate of Constantinople did not respond to that appeal.

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Almost 4,000 Canadian youth going for World Youth Day 2016

Young pilgrims from all over the world are expected in Krakow, Poland, July 25-31, 2016, to participate in the 31st World Youth Day (WYD). Krakow is the city of Karol Wojtyla – Saint John Paul II – who in his early years as priest, university chaplain, Bishop and then Cardinal Archbishop sowed the seeds of what would become in the first years of his pontificate “World Youth Days”.

Close to 3,750 young Canadian pilgrims are registered to attend this international gathering that has as its theme *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy* (Mt 5.7). Following the examples of the 2011 WYD in Madrid and the 2013 WYD in Rio de Janeiro, the Canadian pilgrims will again gather for a national celebration that will be held this year at 1:00 p.m., on July 26, 2016, the Feast of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event will take place in Krakow's Tauron Arena, which will also be the major English-language site hosted by the Knights of Columbus throughout the WYD celebrations. His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Lacroix, Archbishop of Québec and Primate of Canada will preside at the prayer service which will involve Bishops, priests, consecrated persons, youth ministers, musicians, artists and several thousand young Canadian pilgrims.

In addition to the 3,700 young people, the Canadian delegation will include nine Bishops from Canada. The Pontifical Council for the Laity has invited three of the Canadian Bishops to serve as catechists for the youth pilgrims: Cardinal Lacroix; the Most Reverend Albert LeGatt, Archbishop of Saint-Boniface; and the Most Reverend Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R., Ukrainian Catholic Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon. Young Canadians will have key roles during the various ceremonies, liturgies and events of the Krakow World Youth Day. From July 20 to 25, many Canadian pilgrims will also have the opportunity to participate in various activities for the Days in the Dioceses of Poland.

During his apostolic voyage to the country, Pope Francis will preside at a number of celebrations. These will include the Eucharistic celebration for the 1050th anniversary of the Baptism of Poland which will take place at the national shrine of the Jasna Góra Monastery at which the country's political and religious leaders will also be present; the WYD welcoming ceremony (July 28); the Way of the Cross on Friday evening (July 29) at Blonia Park; the Eucharist with Polish priests, consecrated persons and seminarians at the Sanctuary of Saint John Paul II (July 30); and the WYD Prayer Vigil on Saturday evening and the final Eucharistic celebration on Sunday (July 31) at Campus Misericordiae. The Holy Father will likewise visit the Auschwitz concentration camp where he will pray in the cell of the martyr Saint Maximilian Kolbe on the 75th anniversary of his death, as well as offer a prayer in silence at the International Monument for the victims of the Birkenau extermination camp which was part of the Auschwitz

complex. Among the estimated 1.1 million prisoners who died at Auschwitz were Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and her sister, Rosa, also a Carmelite Sister.

The Holy Father's schedule for the week will also include a celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with young people participating in WYD; a visit to the Children's University Hospital; a meeting with the Bishops of Poland; prayer in the chapel of the tomb of Saint Faustina; and the blessing of two *Caritas* buildings for the poor and the elderly, as well as a meeting with WYD volunteers in the Tauron Arena.

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Holy See at UN: What Is a Human Right Anyway?

Archbishop Bernardino Auza calls for both correct understanding of the foundation of rights and the meaning of the term. Archbishop affirmed in the address that in order for talk of human rights to be effective and useful, there must be an understanding of where human rights come from in the first place.

Since its inception, the United Nations has had a unique role in protecting and promoting human rights throughout the world. As we reflect on the significance of the Seventieth Anniversary of the United Nations and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the international human rights covenants, it is appropriate to note and celebrate how much the United Nations has done to codify and develop international law and to establish international human rights norms.

The ideals enshrined in the Charter and set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are a powerful and perennial reminder of our common humanity and of the human solidarity that flows from it. Today more than ever, they represent a shared patrimony that demands universal respect and observance. Wherever it exists, respect for human dignity and human rights is a moral achievement that must continually be received with gratitude, solidified with perseverance and built upon in the concrete decisions that persons, societies and States make.

This debate comes at a particularly tumultuous time in which human dignity and rights are being denied, suppressed and violated in various ways across the globe: civilians are being targeted in war and armed conflict; persons are being trafficked for slave labor, sex, or organs; ethnic and religious minorities are being singled out for persecution and annihilation; human beings deemed unwanted or useless are being discarded in what Pope Francis has termed the “throwaway culture”; hundreds of millions of peoples risk their lives to flee from persecution and extreme poverty; countless individuals are victims of various forms of discrimination.

The fact that so many are being left behind or disadvantaged because of a failure to appreciate their dignity and rights makes this discussion today all the more important and the actions that must follow it ever more urgent.

In order to foster respect for human dignity and rights, it is essential to understand their source and foundation. While it is a great sign of ethical progress that today almost everyone speaks about human rights and dignity, many do so without acknowledging where human dignity and rights come from. Human dignity, from which human rights flow, is an expression of the intrinsic worth of every person no matter what race or sex, no matter how young or old, strong or vulnerable, healthy or handicapped, wanted or unwelcomed, economically productive or incapacitated, influential or insignificant.

Human dignity is inherent to every human being and to every human life, from the first moment of conception. It is not something that we acquire when we reach a certain physical dimension, mental ability or age, nor is it some kind of “privilege” that can be conceded or taken away by the State, as a matter of policy. Rather, it is intrinsic to every human being, and being antecedent to the demands of the State, ought to be always recognized and protected by the State.

In recent years, numerous assertions of “novel rights” have surfaced that significantly stray from the vision of the human person, on which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the other conventions that form international human rights law, are grounded. Genuine human rights are inalienable and must be universally respected and advanced. In consequence, however, the term “human right” must be strictly and prudently applied, lest it become a rhetorical catch-all, endlessly expanded to suit the passing tastes of the age. Such an elastic approach would discredit and undermine the very concept of human rights. A responsible exercise of human rights necessarily implies a faithful fulfilment of their corresponding responsibilities. This reciprocity of rights and responsibilities does not only apply at the level of individuals, but it also informs the relationship of civil, legislative and judicial authorities with citizens and civil society institutions and groups.

Over the last seventy years, the international human rights architecture has grown substantially, and with it, the work of the United Nations in upholding and protecting the human rights and dignity of all, especially the weakest and most vulnerable. This deserves to be celebrated.

As we celebrate, we must also be aware that there is still much to be done, since violations of fundamental and inalienable human rights and widespread discriminations are crying out for immediate relief and resolution, even as we speak.

Reviewing with satisfaction the progress that has been made, we must continue to foster and consolidate a culture of respect for human rights and create the conditions for future generations to receive, protect, cherish and promote them.

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