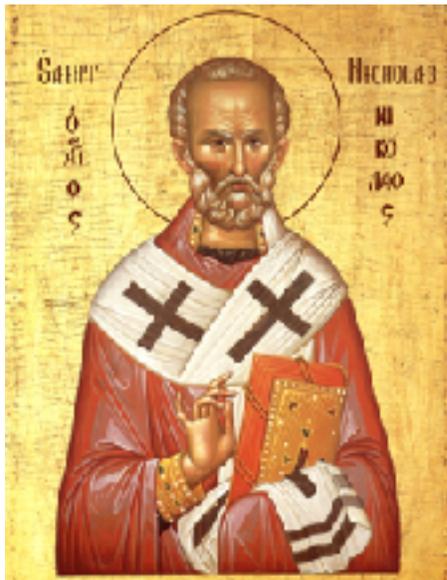


WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER - СЬОМА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ ПАСХИ

Let us honour today those mystical trumpets of the Spirit, namely, the God-mantled Fathers, who speaking of divine things, sang in the midst of the Church a hymn in unison, teaching that the Trinity is one, not differing in substance or Godhead, refuting Arius and defending the orthodox faith. They always intercede with the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

The foolish Arius divided the unity of the Holy Trinity into three different and unequal substances. But the God-bearing Fathers came together in Council. Burning with the zeal of Elijah the Tishbite and with the sword of the Holy Spirit, they cut down these shameful blasphemies; for they were directed by the Spirit.

Who has severed Your garment, O Saviour? It was Arius who divided the Trinity who is equal in glory and eternal majesty. For he denied that You are one of the most Holy Trinity. He taught the transgressing Nestorius to say that the Virgin is not the Mother of God; but the Council of Nicea proclaimed You as the Son of God who is enthroned with the Father and the Spirit.



*Sunday of the Fathers of
the First Council of
Nicea (325)*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS	
OPENING HYMN	O Маріє, Мати Божа / Virgin Mary, Blessed Mother pg. 356-357
COMMUNION HYMN	Маріє, Діво Благословенна / O Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Lady pg. 346-347
CLOSING HYMN	На гору днесь Єлеонську / Today, on The Mount pg. 208-209

Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY, May 28	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, May 29	NO SERVICES	
TUESDAY, May 30	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, May 31	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
THURSDAY, June 1	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, June 2	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, June 3	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Vespers	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
SUNDAY, June 4	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, May 28	Act.2:16-18;28-36	Glikeria Iwanuck	Marian Chalifoux
SUNDAY, June 4	Act. 2: 1-11	Andrij Pelekhaty	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, June 11	Heb. 11:33-12:2	Lillia Palyvoda	Bryan Melnyk
SUNDAY, June 18	Rm. 2: 10-16	Motria Koropecy	Peter Iwanuck

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.....VACANT	EUCCHARIST.....for the sick - any time
SECRETARY.....Cindy Lazaruk - 778.677.9072	BAPTISMS.....by appointment
TREASURER.....William Vanderven - 250.478.1458	MARRIAGES.....six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made
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.....Lillia Palyvoda - 250.857.1683	
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. 551

First Antiphon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory: Now: Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Перший Антифон

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

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

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

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

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

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

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

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Слава: І Нині: Єдинородний Сину ...

Третій Антифон

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** next Sunday, June 4 right after coffee & fellowship we will be going to the Royal Oak Cemetery (4673 Falaise Dr) where Fr. Yuriy will be blessing the graves.

◆ **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 – Христос Воскрес!

◆ **ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** will be accepting applications for the following positions:

- Full-time Administrative Assistant at St. Joseph’s School, Victoria
- Early Childhood Educator, St. Joseph’s School, Victoria
- Out of School Care Worker, St. Joseph’s School, Chemainus

Application forms and details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** October 12-24, 2017. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus; an unforgettable experience with Fr, Joe Ostopowich, Sr. Angelica SSMI, brother & sister pilgrims. For details and price call Myrna Arychuk at [604.617.7200](tel:604.617.7200)

◆ **PARISH CALENDAR OF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** If you would like to be included in our Parish Calendar of Birthday and Anniversary celebrations, please put date in our calendar located at the church vestibule. Each week, we will list the names in our parish bulletin so we can celebrate these happy occasions together!

◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

◆ **TRAVELING ICON:** Anyone interested in gracing their home with Christ The Teacher Icon can call Darlene DeMerchant at [250.727.3837](tel:250.727.3837)

- ◆ **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](tel:250.658.3051)

- ◆ **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](tel:250.507.1005)

- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **MAY 14, SUNDAY DONATIONS:** Coffee: \$58.30; Vigil lights: \$21.50; Loose collection: \$37.00; Envelope collection: \$555.00; Pre-authorized donations May 8 to May 14: \$120.00

CAMP SAINT VOLODYMYR; AUGUST 20-27

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 34th 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, 2017). Registration will be available online via Eventbrite "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2017." Early bird registration Ends July 6, 2017.

WAYS TO HELP

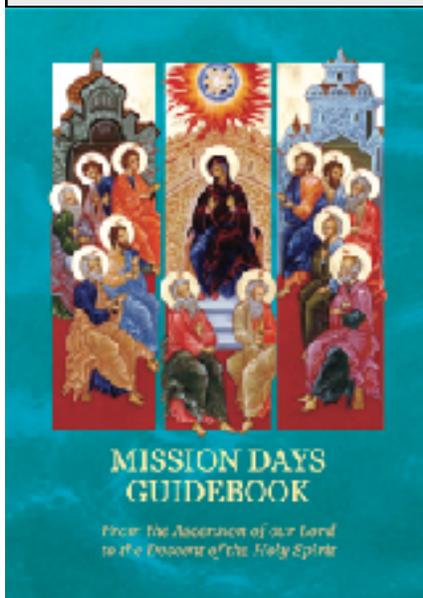
VOLUNTEER: Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in helping at this year's camp as a counsellor, chef, arts & crafts or cultural coordinator please contact Jennifer. Applications forms for counsellors are due May 15, 2017. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal records check and must sign the camp code of conduct.

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.

TO REGISTER:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-st-volodymyr-bc-2017-tickets-32623288133?aff=utm_source%3Ddeb_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

MISSION DAYS - ДЕКАДА МІСІЙНОСТІ



4th Day - Monday, May 29: Branches that Bear Fruit - 9am - Divine Liturgy

5th Day - Tuesday, May 30: Where to Look for Truth? - 9am - Divine Liturgy

6th Day - Wednesday, May 31: Personal Responsibility - 9am - Divine Liturgy

7th Day - Thursday, June 1: Community of Prayer - 9am - Divine Liturgy

8th Day - Friday, June 2: Serving Those in Need - 9am - Divine Liturgy

9th Day - Saturday, June 3: "Tend my sheep!" - 10am - Divine Liturgy

10th Day - Sunday, June 4: Our Mission: to Carry the Holy Spirit to Others... - 10am - Divine Liturgy

CELEBRATING THE STRENGTH OF CANADA'S DIVERSITY

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is pleased to announce the launch of its project, Celebrating the Strength of Canada's Diversity: Youth Engaging Youth. The project is undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada's Department of Heritage Canada 150 Fund. With the Celebrating the Strength of Canada's Diversity: Youth Engaging Youth Project, the UCC will work with its member organizations across the country to organize youth-led and driven Canada 150 celebratory events in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario.

The end goal is to focus on youth working together in the spirit of diversity and inclusion to share experiences and create actively engaging celebratory events for Canadians for Canada's 150th anniversary. The project will result in 50 events, engaging 1250 – 2500 youth in actively designing and administering the events, and attracting up to 50,000 Canadians. Galyna Paliychuk (our Canada 150 Community animator in BC) will work with Ukrainian Canadian youth on organizing youth-led and driven Canada 150 celebratory events in British Columbia. The BC youth will organize ten events in our province (ranging from sport to celebratory to cultural activities) working in partnership with youth from other ethno-cultural, linguistic, and Indigenous communities.

At this stage of the YEY project Galyna Paliychuk is reaching out different communities and groups to indicate young leaders within those communities/groups and help them to develop their ideas of events within the scope of YEY (non-commercial multicultural events, June-August 2017).

If your organization has young and enthusiastic leaders who might be interested in organizing or developing current multicultural youth event in BC under the UCC Youth Engaging Youth project umbrella with the financial support of the Government of Canada's Department of Heritage Canada 150 Fund, please contact:

Galyna Paliychuk

BC Canada 150 animator / Youth Engaging Youth coordinator at UCC National

Cell: [604.767.7608](tel:604.767.7608)

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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - ВОЗНЕСІННЯ ГОСПОДНЄ



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

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

Biblical Story

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

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

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

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

Icon of the Feast

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

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

MISSION DAYS TASKS

Monday, May 29: Branches that Bear Fruit

- 1. Personal/Family.* Let us take interest to learn how my parish lives during the week and whether I might dedicate some of my time or talents. In our families let us take note of our children's God-given talents and encourage them to share those talents for the good of others.
- 2. Parish.* Let us express our gratitude to those who offer a variety of ministries and services in our parish community. Let us resolve to take an active part in organizational parish meetings, especially for pastoral planning.
- 3. Beyond the parish.* Let us give a good example of volunteerism in the Christian community and invite others to share their gifts, even those who are distant from the Church.

Tuesday, May 30: Whsere to Look for Truth?

- 1. Personal/Family.* By ourselves or together as a family let us once again read His Beatitude Sviatoslav's Pastoral Letter, "The Vibrant Parish: a Place to Encounter the Living Christ" (2011) and ask ourselves if anything has changed in our lives from that time.
- 2. Parish.* Let us make an effort to ensure that our parishioners have access to a variety of good reading material. Let us take care that in our parish everyone can do something for his or her growth in understanding the truths of our faith.
- 3. Beyond the parish.* Let us share His Beatitude's Pastoral Letter on the "Vibrant Parish" with those who have never heard of it. If I have read some good book or seen a film with a positive religious theme, I will share it with others.

Wednesday, May 31: Personal Responsibility

1. *Personal/Family.* Let us ask ourselves as a family, what have we done over the past year to help our parish grow. Let us go to our pastor and tell him what personal responsibility I am ready to take upon myself in the life of the parish.

2. *Parish.* Let us think about how volunteers are organized in our parish and what we might do better, so that our parishioners recognize their personal responsibility for the life of the parish community.

3. *Beyond the parish.* I will tell others what my responsibility is in the parish and why I go to my parish (what I like the most about it).

Thursday, June 1: Community of Prayer

1. *Personal/Family.* Let us make an examination of conscience regarding our personal prayer and our common prayer as a family. Today-tomorrow I will pray for the health and salvation of each family member, neighbor, friend, co-worker.

2. *Parish.* Let us do some new way to advertise our parish services (billboards, social media, pamphlets...). Let us help parish prayer groups and additional members.

3. *Beyond the parish.* If we know someone who does not go regularly to church, let us invite them to join us. If they decline, let us ask them if we can pray for any special intention on their behalf.

Friday, June 2: Serving Those in Need

1. *Personal/Family.* Over the past year how have I done good to a neighbor in need? As a family let us resolve to engage in some form of charitable works once a month for the benefit of someone who lives close and is in need.

2. *Parish.* Let us frequently inform our parishioners about different social ministry initiatives in our parish. Let us keep the community informed about parish members who are in need (especially the elderly who live alone). Let us encourage our parish youth to organize and implement some initiative for the benefit of the needy on the territory of our parish.

3. *Beyond the parish.* Let us look if among my neighbors there isn't some individual or family that is in dire need. Let us try to help this person, these persons, with a kind word, with some concrete assistance.

Saturday, June 3: "Tend my sheep!"

1. *Personal/Family.* This evening let us especially pray for our pastor or parish administrator and all our clergy, thank God for their ministry.

2. *Parish.* Let us give special attention to those in our Church who work in missionary territory or are engaged in various chaplaincies. Pastors, try to follow the work of the Pastoral-missionary department of the UGCC and inform our faithful about the life of our Church in those areas where we have no formal ecclesial structure.

3. *Beyond the parish.* Today-tomorrow let us make a donation to support the missionary activity of our Church and our eparchy.

Sunday, June 4: Our Mission: to Carry the Holy Spirit to Others...

1. *Personal/Family.* As we close these Mission Days let us look at the list of gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves: what gifts do I see in my family, what fruits have I brought over the past year.

2. *Parish.* Let us open our eyes to the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our parish community. In planning our parish life let us focus on the fruits of the Holy Spirit we would like to bring forth.

3. *Beyond the parish.* Let us teach ourselves to see our personal behavior and our entire life in the Christian community through the lens of mission: as an opportunity to bear witness to God's love and goodness before others.

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