

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



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
ПАРАФІЯ СВ. МИКОЛАЯ ЧУДОТВОРЦЯ**



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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER - СЬОМА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ ПАСХИ

Come, all you nations of the world, let us adore God in three holy Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One. From all eternity, the Father begets the Son, equal to Him in eternity and majesty, equal also to the Holy Spirit, glorified with the Son in the Father, three Persons, and yet a single power and essence and Godhead. In deep adoration, let us cry out to God: Holy is God who made all things through the Son with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit. Holy the Mighty One through whom the Father was revealed to us, and through whom the Holy Spirit came to the world! Holy the Immortal One, the Spirit, the Counsellor, who proceeds from the Father and reposes in the Son. All-holy Trinity, glory to You!

The Holy Spirit provides every gift: He inspires prophecy and perfects the priesthood; He grants wisdom to the illiterate, makes simple fishermen become wise theologians, and establishes perfect order in the assembly of the Church. Therefore, O Comforter, equal in nature and majesty with the Father and the Son, O Lord, glory to You!



PENTECOST



PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!



SUNDAY HYMNS	
OPENING HYMN	Царю Небесний, Боже Могучий / O King of Heaven pg. 240-241
COMMUNION HYMN	Витай Між Нами / With Solemn Greeting Welcome the Lord pg.244-245
CLOSING HYMN	Наче Повний Голос Дзвону/Having Shared your Loving Kindness pg.270-271

Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY, June 4	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, June 5	NO SERVICES	
TUESDAY, June 6	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, June 7	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
THURSDAY, June 8	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, June 9	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, June 10	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Vespers	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
SUNDAY, June 11	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, June 4	Act. 2: 1-11	Andrij Pelekhaty	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, June 11	Heb. 11:33-12:2	Liliia Palyvoda	Bryan Melnyk
SUNDAY, June 18	Rm. 2: 10-16	Motria Koropecy	Peter Iwanuck
SUNDAY, June 25	Rm. 5: 1-10	Yuliya Pelekhata	Caroline Smudy

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.....Liliia 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 евангельського 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. 563

After the initial Amen, all kneel and sing:

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth,* who are everywhere present and fill all things,* Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life,* come, and dwell within us;* cleanse us of all that defiles us,* and O Good One, save our souls.

First Antiphon

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

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

Verse: Day to day pours forth the message and night proclaims this knowledge to night.

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

Verse: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

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

Glory: Now: Only-begotten Son ...

Third Antiphon

Verse: O Lord, by Your power the king shall rejoice and greatly exult in Your salvation.

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

Verse: You gave him his heart's desire and did not deny the request on his lips.

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

Verse: For You have gone before him with gracious blessings, you have placed upon his head a crown of precious stones.

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

Entrance Verse: Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and make music to Your might.

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

Glory: Now: Kontakion, Tone 8: When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,* He parted the nations.* When He divided the tongues of fire,* He called all to unity;* thus with one voice* we glorify the all-Holy Spirit.

Instead of "Holy God..." we sing: All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

Prokimenon, Tone 8: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their words unto the ends of the world. *Verse:* The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

Epistle - Acts 2:1-11 - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: At that time, when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

Alleluia, Tone 1: *Verse:* By the Lord's words the heavens were established, and by the Breath of His mouth all their host. *Verse:* The Lord has looked down from heaven and beheld the whole human race.

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12 - On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'" He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some in the crowd who heard these words said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But others said, "The Messiah will not come from Galilee, will he? Does not scripture say that the Messiah will be of David's family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" So a division occurred in the crowd because of him. Some of them even wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?" The guards answered, "Never before has anyone spoken like this one." So the Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed." Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them, "Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee also, are you? Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee." Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Instead of "It is truly..." we sing: O my soul, magnify the one Divinity in three Persons.

Irmos, Tone 4: Rejoice, O Queen, boast of virgins and mothers, for every tongue, though capable and eloquent, cannot hymn you as is your due, and every mind is confounded in seeking to comprehend the way in which you gave birth. Wherefore with one accord we glorify you.

Communion Verse: Your good Spirit will lead me to the land of righteousness. Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia!



Після початкового Амінь усі клякають і співають:

Царю небесний, утішителю, Душе істини, що всюди еси і все наповняєш, скарбе дібр і життя подателю, прийди і вселися в нас, і очисти нас від усякої скверни, і спаси, Благий, душі наші.

Перший Антифон

Стих: Небеса повідають славу божу, творіння ж рук його сповіщає твердь.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: День дневі передає слово і ніч ночі об'являє розуміння.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: На всю землю вийшло вістуння їх і до кінців вселенної глаголи їх.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Слава: І нині: Єдинородний Сину...

Третій Антифон

Стих: Господи, силою твоєю возвеселиться цар і спасінням твоїм возрадується вельми.

Тропар, глас 8: Благословен еси, Христе Боже наш, що премудрими рибаків явив, зіславши їм Духа Святого, і ними уловив вселенну. Чоловіколюбче, слава тобі.

Стих: Бажання серця його дав ти йому і хотіння уст його ти не відмовив йому.

Тропар, глас 8: Благословен еси, Христе Боже наш...

Стих: Бо попередив ти його благословенням благостінним, поклав ти на голові його вінець із каменя цінного.

Тропар, глас 8: Благословен еси, Христе Боже наш...

Вхідне: Вознесися, Господи, силою твоєю, оспівуватимемо і співатимемо сили твої.

Тропар, глас 8: Благословен еси, Христе Боже наш...

Слава: І нині: Кондак, глас 8: Коли ти, зійшовши, язики змішав,* розділив ти народи, Всевишній.* Коли ж вогненні язики ти роздавав,* у з'єднання всіх ти призвав.* І одноголосне славимо* Пресвятого Духа.

Замість “Святий Боже” співаємо: Ви, що в Христа хрестилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Алілуя!

Прокімен, глас 8: На всю землю вийшло вістування їх* і до кінців вселенної глаголи їх.
Стих: Небеса повідають славу божу, творіння ж рук його сповіщає твердь.

Апостол - Дія 2:1-11 - 3 книги Діань Святих Апостолів читання: Тими днями, як настав день П'ятидесятниці, всі вони були вкупі на тім самім місці. Аж ось роздався знеацька з неба шум, неначе подув буйного вітру, і сповнив увесь дім, де вони сиділи. І з'явилися їм поділені язики, мов вогонь, і осів на кожному з них. Усі вони сповнились Святим Духом і почали говорити іншими мовами, як Дух давав їм промовляти. А перебували в Єрусалимі між юдеями побожні люди з усіх народів, що під небом. І як зчинився той шум, зійшлась велика юрба і хвилювалася, бо кожний чув, як вони говорили його мовою. Здивовані й остовпілі, вони один до одного казали: «Хіба не галилеяни всі оці, що розмовляють? Як же воно, що кожний з нас чує нашу рідну мову: партяни, мідяни, еламїї, і мешканці Месопотамії, Юдеї і Каппадокії, Понту й Азії, Фригії і Памфілії, Єгипту й околиць Лівії, що біля Кирени, римляни, що тут перебувають, юдеї і прозеліти, критяни й араби – ми чуємо їх, як вони нашими мовами проголошують величні діла Божі?»

Алілуя, глас 1: Стих: Словом Господнім небеса утвердилися і духом уст його вся сила їх.
Стих: З неба споглянув Господь, видів усіх синів людських.

Євангеліє: Івана 7:37-52, 8:12 - Останнього ж великого дня свята стояв Ісус і закликав на весь голос: «Коли спраглий хтось, нехай прийде до мене і п'є! Хто вірує в мене, як Писання каже, то ріки води живої з нутра його потечуть!» Так він про Духа казав, що його мали прийняти ті, які увірували в нього. Не прийшов був ще Дух Святий, бо Ісус не був ще прославлений. Численні ж з народу, вчувши ті слова, казали: «Він дійсно пророк.» Інші ж: «Він – Христос.» Ще інші: «Чи з Галилеї Христос прийде? Хіба в Писанні не сказано, ще з роду Давидового Христос прийде, з села Вифлеєму, звідки був Давид?» І роздор виник із-за нього серед народу. Бажали і схопити його деякі, та ніхто не наклав рук на нього. Повернулись, отже, слуги до первосвящеників та фарисеїв, а ті питають їх: «Чому не привели його?» Слуги ж відказують: «Ніколи чоловік не говорив так, як цей чоловік говорить.» Фарисеї ж: «Чи й не ви дали себе звести? Невже хтось із старшини або фарисеїв увірував у нього? Та проклятий той народ, що закону не знає!» Але озвався до них Никодим, що приходив до нього вночі, а був же один з них: «Чи дозволяє наш закон засуджувати чоловіка, не вислухавши його спершу та й не довідавшись, що він робить?» Ті ж йому: «Чи і ти з Галилеї? Розвідайся, то й побачиш: з Галилеї пророк не приходить.» І ще промовляв до них Ісус, і так їм казав: «Я – світло світу. Хто йде за мною, не блукатиме у темряві, а матиме світло життя.»

Замість “Достойно” ми співаємо: Величай, душе моя, в трьох особах суще єдине божество.

Ірмос, глас 4: Радуйся, царице, матеродівственна славо, всякі бо легкомовні благоговірливі уста промовити не можуть, щоб тебе оспівувати достойно, і безсильний ум усякий, щоб твоє рожество розуміти. Тому тебе одноголосне славимо.

Причасний: Дух Твій благий наставить мене на землю праву. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **PANAKHYDA:** after Divine Liturgy we will be celebrating Panakhyda for the repose of the servant of God Patriarch Emeritus Lubomyr. Вічна Пам'ять!

◆ **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** today 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 ALEC ROSSA 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!

◆ **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

◆ **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

◆**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

◆**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

◆**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 28, SUNDAY DONATIONS:** Coffee: \$48.75; Vigil lights: \$19.25; Loose collection: \$60.00; Envelope collection: \$570.00; Pre-authorized donations May 22 to May 28: \$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%3Demail%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit.

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest.

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42- 47).

HIS BEATITUDE LUBOMYR (HUSAR) PASSED INTO ETERNITY



26 February 1933 - 31 May 2017

May 31, 2017, at 6:30 pm after a serious illness His Beatitude Lubomyr (Husar), Archbishop Emeritus of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church died at the age of 85.

January 26, 2001 - February 10, 2011 he served as a Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Born in Lviv, Ukraine, on February 26, 1933, Lubomyr Husar fled from Ukraine with his

parents in 1944, ahead of the advancing Soviet army. He spent the early post-World War II years among Ukrainian refugees in a displaced persons camp near Salzburg, Austria. In 1949, he emigrated with his family to the United States of America. From 1950 to 1954, he studied at St. Basil's College (Ukrainian) Seminary in Stamford, Connecticut. He continued his studies at Catholic University of America in Washington DC, and at Fordham University in New York. He was ordained a Ukrainian Greek Catholic priest of the Eparchy of Stamford on March 30, 1958. From 1958 to 1969 Fr. Husar taught at St. Basil's College Seminary, and also between 1966 and 1969 was the pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish in Kerhonkson, New York.

In 1969, Fr. Lubomyr went to Rome, where he earned a doctorate in Dogmatic theology at the Pontifical Urbanian University in 1972.

During his stay in Rome he joined the Ukrainian Studite monastic community at the Studion Monastery not far from Castelgandolfo, Italy, and was elected hegumen (superior) of the monastery in 1974. He was consecrated a bishop in 1977 in the Studion monastery chapel in Castelgandolfo by Patriarch Josyf Cardinal Slipyj. He was named Archimandrite (Abbot) of the Studite Monks in Europe and North America in 1978. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, he returned to his native country and served as spiritual director of the newly re-established Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv.

In 1994, he established a new Studite monastery near Ternopil, Ukraine. The Synod of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Bishops elected him Exarch of the Archiepiscopal Exarchy of Kyiv-Vyshhorod in 1995. In 1996, the Synod elected him as auxiliary bishop with special administrative delegated authority to His Beatitude Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky, Major Archbishop of Lviv. Upon the death of Cardinal Lubachivsky on December 14, 2000, Pope John Paul II named Bishop Husar apostolic administrator of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Archeparchy of Lviv. In January of 2001, the Synod elected him Major Archbishop of the Church and Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. The following month, he was named a cardinal by Pope John Paul II. In 2001, Cardinal Husar along with the Catholic bishops, clergy and faithful of Ukraine welcomed Pope John Paul II on his first visit to a former Soviet Republic.

His Beatitude also became the first Chancellor of the newly established Ukrainian Greek Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. Under his leadership in August 21, 2005, the major archiepiscopal see of Kyiv-Halych was officially transferred to Kyiv, the capital city of Ukraine. On 10 February 2011 Pope Benedict XVI announced that he has accepted the resignation of His Beatitude Lubomyr Cardinal Husar, father and head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and major archbishop of Kyiv-Halych in accordance with 126 § 2 of the Code of Canons of the Oriental Churches. Cardinal Husar remained active in ecclesial and social life of Ukraine.

The funeral will take place in Kyiv at the Holy Resurrection Patriarchal Sobor on Monday, June 5. Вічна Пам'ять - Memory Eternal!

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Ukrainian cardinal known for simplicity, humor, holiness dies at 84

Ukrainian Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, known for his “velvety baritone” when chanting the Divine Liturgy or making one of his regular appearances on television or radio programs, died May 31 near Kyiv at the age of 84.

Like many Ukrainian Catholics around the world, he knew what it meant to be a refugee, to spend time in a displaced persons' camp, to immigrate and to start all over again.

But the experience also helped him become fluent in five languages, “and he could joke in all of them,” said Ukrainian Bishop Borys Gudziak of Paris.

And in a post-Soviet Ukraine, where leadership often meant “a compulsive passion” for money and power, “he lived in exemplary simplicity,” Bishop Gudziak told Catholic News Service June 1.

“In Ukrainian folklore, a blind elder is considered a sage,” the bishop said. “He was the wise man of the country, a real father whose embrace, word, warm smile and sense of humor — often self-deprecating — gave people a sense of joy and peace.”

Cardinal Husar also was an avid blogger and published his last piece May 1, a blog about politicians who show their loyalty to a church only to gain votes.

He saw a lack of ethical behavior and declining moral standards as a major problem at home and abroad, one that required a creative pastoral response.

“Addressing the problem of morality is not a matter of reciting rules, rules, rules, but of helping people to do God’s will,” he said in an interview with CNS in 2005.

Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, who was only 40 years old in 2011 when he succeeded Cardinal Husar as archbishop of Kyiv-Halych and head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, cried as he spoke to reporters June 1 about the cardinal’s death.

“He was the spiritual father of the Ukrainian people, and today, in one moment, we became orphans,” Archbishop Shevchuk told the press. The cardinal was a “great man, great pastor, great Ukrainian.”

One of the first questions reporters asked was when the process for Cardinal Husar’s beatification would begin. Archbishop Shevchuk replied that everyone who met the cardinal saw the beauty of his holiness, but the formal sainthood process requires prayer and time. Standard Vatican rules require a waiting period of five years from the time of a person’s death before the process can begin.

In a condolence message to Archbishop Shevchuk, Pope Francis recalled the cardinal’s “tenacious fidelity to Christ despite the deprivations and persecutions” suffered by the Ukrainian Catholic Church, which was forced into the underground by the communists.

“His fruitful apostolic activity to promote the organization of Greek Catholic faithful who were descendants of those forcibly transferred from Western Ukraine” and, simultaneously, his efforts to promote “dialogue and collaboration” with the Orthodox also were noted by the pope.

The cardinal’s body was being driven to Lviv, his hometown, June 1 for two days of memorial services there. His funeral was scheduled for June 5 in Kyiv.

Born Feb. 26, 1933, Lubomyr Husar fled Ukraine with his parents in 1944 ahead of the advancing Soviet army. He spent the early post-World War II years among Ukrainian refugees in a displaced persons’ camp near Salzburg, Austria. In 1949, he immigrated with his family to the United States, eventually becoming a U.S. citizen.

From 1950 to 1954, he studied at St. Basil’s College Seminary in Stamford, Connecticut. He continued his studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington and at Fordham University in New York. He was ordained a priest of the Ukrainian Diocese of Stamford in 1958.

For the next 11 years, he taught at the Ukrainian seminary in Stamford and served in parish ministry. Sent to Rome, he earned a doctorate in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical Urbanian University in 1972 and joined the Ukrainian Studite monastic community.

He was ordained a bishop by Cardinal Josyf Slipyj in 1977 while the church in Ukraine was still illegal and operating from exile in Rome.

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, he returned to his native country and served as spiritual director of the newly re-established Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv.

The synod of Ukrainian bishops elected him exarch of Kyiv-Vyshhorod, a position he took up in 1996. Several months later, the synod elected him an auxiliary bishop with special delegated authority to assist Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky, the major archbishop of Lviv.

Cardinal Lubachivsky died in December 2000, and in January 2001 the synod elected then-Bishop Husar to succeed him as head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. St. John Paul II made him a cardinal a month later.

Under his leadership and despite strong protests from the Russian Orthodox Church, in August 2005 Cardinal Husar established the major archiepiscopal see of Kyiv-Halych and transferred the main church offices to Ukraine’s capital.

Cardinal Husar’s death leaves the College of Cardinals with 221 members, although Pope Francis is scheduled to create five new cardinals in late June.

(cnstopstories.com)

Church that suffered under Soviets and rebounded loses its 'sage'

Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, the former head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, died on Wednesday at the age of 84 after having inherited a church "on its knees" in the post-Soviet period and leading it through a renaissance. Eerily reminiscent of St. Nicholas, the prototype for Santa Claus, Husar is being remembered as a sage and moral hero.

Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, the former head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, died on Wednesday in Ukraine, according to a statement from the synod of the largest Eastern Catholic churches in full communion with Rome.

For more than a decade (2001-2011), Husar was the face and voice of this resilient, defiant Catholic community that is the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. In a span of six decades, the church saw almost 3,000 clerics killed in Siberian gulags during the Soviet occupation of the country.

In November 1991, after driving 3.5 million faithful underground and confiscating virtually every church property that mattered, a post-Soviet Ukraine allowed the Greek Catholic Church to reemerge. From that point, it rose from the catacombs to become a miracle - and Husar played a key role in its renaissance.

Today, the Greek Catholic Church claims more than 5 million faithful and 3,000 priests, with 100 new priests ordained each year, and more than 800 seminarians.

He was born in 1933 in Lviv, in western Ukraine. His family fled to the United States in 1944, seeking refuge both from the Nazis and the Soviets. He studied at Catholic University and at Fordham, later obtaining a doctorate in theology at Rome's Urban University.

He was ordained a priest in 1958 in Stamford, Connecticut, where he ministered to the Ukrainian diaspora.

Cardinal Josyf Slipyj, at the time the exiled head of the Ukrainian Catholics, ordained Husar a bishop in a secret ceremony in 1977.

The Vatican refused to acknowledge the ordination because doing so would have angered the Russian Orthodox Church and upset Paul VI's Ostpolitik, a policy of outreach to the Soviets. As a result, Husar spent more than a decade as a bishop with all the burdens but none of the privileges.

Husar's episcopacy would remain a secret for the next nineteen years, until it was formally recognized by John Paul II and the Greek Catholic synod in 1996, when he was made an auxiliary bishop to Cardinal Ivan Lubachivsky. In 2000, Husar succeeded Lubachivsky as head of the church.

Technically, the Vatican recognized Husar as the “Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych,” but the world’s six to ten million Greek Catholics, both in Ukraine and in immigrant communities elsewhere, regarded him as their “Patriarch.”

A chubby, smiling figure eerily reminiscent of St. Nicholas - complete with a trimmed white beard, suspenders, and welcoming persona - he led the largest of the 22 Eastern churches in communion with Rome during some of its darkest days.

“In Ukraine, St. Nicholas is a very beloved saint, for his goodness and generosity to the poor and the children, so anyone being compared to St. Nicholas would be, I think, honored,” said Bishop Borys Gudziak, eparch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Eparchy of Paris.

Speaking to Crux on the phone before heading to Ukraine for the funeral, which will take place on Monday, Gudziak had nothing but fond memories of Husar. The two knew each other for over 50 years.

After officially being recognized as a bishop by St. John Paul II in 1996, for all intents and purposes Husar became the leader of a church which, according to Gudziak, was “on its knees, suffering post traumatic shock.”

The Greek Catholic Church was highly divided at the time, something which according to Gudziak was evident in the fact that Husar only got elected after several votes were cast, and by the minimum margin possible: 14-12.

“By the time he died, the synod counted 50 bishops, and it’s a unified synod of gentlemen with a common cause,” Gudziak said.

Though the office is for life, Husar made it clear beginning in 2009 that he intended to step down, in part because of declining health, including being legally blind. He stepped down in 2011.

“I learned a lot from his Beatitude,” Gudziak said. “We had many beers together, many laughs and I will carry for the rest of my life many of the lessons that he taught. [They were] lessons of simplicity, of poverty, of joy and peace.”

Retired since 2011, Husar died being considered one of the most respected public intellectuals in the country. Hundreds of thousands are expected to go either to Kyiv or L’viv in upcoming days to say farewell.

“In the Ukrainian tradition, a blind old man is the prototype of the sage,” Gudziak said. “He always enjoyed a good table, he’s now at the sacramental table of the kingdom. I don’t begrudge him that. Now we have to carry on his legacy.”

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