

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



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

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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
СІМНАДЦЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ**

O most pure Mother of God, you are a mighty defender for those in sorrow. You are a ready help to those in trouble. You are the salvation and confirmation of the world. You are the depth of mercy, the fount of God's wisdom and the protectress of the world. O faithful, let us sing and praise her glorious protection, saying: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you, and through you He grants great mercy to the world.

The wondrous prophet Isaiah foretold: The mountain of the Lord will be revealed in the last days, and the house of the Lord will be upon the mountain. O Queen and Lady, we have seen this prophecy truly fulfilled in you, because the mountains and hills have been adorned by the many churches named after your feasts. Therefore, we joyfully sing out to you: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you, and through you He grants great mercy to the world.

O awesome beauty, you are the true prophetic fulfilment for all the faithful. You are the glory of the apostles and the joy of the martyrs, the pride of virgins and a wondrous protection for the whole world. O Lady, with the mantle of your mercy, protect our Church and all the people who sing out to you: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you, and through you He grants great mercy to the world.



*Protection of the Most
Holy Mother of God*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS	
OPENING HYMN	О Спомагай Нас / Always protect us pg. 364-366
COMMUNION HYMN	Маріє, Діво, Благословенна / O Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Lady pg. 346-347
CLOSING HYMN	Під Твою Милість / Unto Your Loving Protection pg. 372-373

Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY, October 1	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, October 2	NO SERVICES	
TUESDAY, October 3	NO SERVICES	
WEDNESDAY, October 4	NO SERVICES	
THURSDAY, October 5	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, October 6	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, October 7	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Vespers	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
SUNDAY, October 8	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, October 1	2 Cor. 6:16-7:1	Motria Koropecyky	William Vanderven
SUNDAY, October 8	2 Cor. 9:6-11	Yuliya Pelekhata	Marian Chalifoux
SUNDAY, October 15	Heb. 13:7-16	Glikeria Iwanuck	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, October 22	Gal. 1:11-19	Andrij Pelekhatyi	Bryan Melnyk

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 Koropecyky - 250.658.3051	
MEMBER AT LARGE.....Lilii 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. 357, 701

Troparion, Tone 8: You came down from oh high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

Troparion, Tone 4: Today we believers radiantly celebrate,* flooded in light by your coming to us, O Mother of God,* beholding your pure image,* we say with contrition:* shelter us with

your precious protection* and deliver us from every evil,* entreating Your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 3: Today the Virgin stands before us in the church* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,* Apostles exult with prophets,* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Now: Kontakion, Tone 8: When You rose from the tomb,* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam.* Eve exults in Your resurrection,* and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead,* O most merciful One.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8: Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God. *Verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Epistle - 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1 - A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians: Sisters and Brothers, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, 'I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.' Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Апостол - 2 Кор. 6:16-7:1 - До Коринтян друге послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: Браття і сестри, ми бо храм Бога живого, як сам Бог сказав був: «Я поселюся в них, і посеред них буду ходити. Буду їхнім Богом, вони ж будуть моїм народом. Тож вийдіть з поміж них і відлучіться, – каже Господь. Нечистого не дотикайтесь, і я вас прийму. Я буду вам Отцем, ви ж будете мені синами та дочками – каже Господь Вседержитель.» Маючи ж такі обітницї, о любї, очистьмо себе від усякої скверни тіла і духа, довершуючи наше освячення в Божому острасі.

Alleluia, Tone 8: *Verse:* Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour. *Verse:* Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. *Verse:* Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. *Verse:* The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance.

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28 - At the time the Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Євангеліє - Матея 15:21-28 - В той час вийшовши звідти, Ісус відійшов у землі тирські й сидонські. І ось жінка одна хананеянка, із тих околиць прийшовши, заголосила до Нього й сказала: Змилуйся надо мною, Господи, Сину Давидів, демон тяжко дочку мою мучить! А Він їй не казав ані слова. Тоді учні Його, підійшовши, благали Його та казали: Відпусти її, бо кричить услід за нами! А Він відповів і сказав: Я посланий тільки до овечок загинулих дому Ізраїлевого... А вона, підійшовши, уклонилаь Йому та й сказала: Господи, допоможи мені! А Він відповів і сказав: Не годиться взяти хліб у дітей, і кинути щенятам... Вона ж відказала: Так, Господи! Але ж і щенята їдять ті кришки, що спадають зо столу їхніх панів. Тоді відповів і сказав їй Ісус: О жінко, твоя віра велика, нехай буде тобі, як ти хочеш! І тієї години дочка її видужала.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* I will take the cup of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to JULIANA VYSHNEVSKA 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!

◆ **CHURCH HALL RENOVATIONS:** Dear parishioners, this past summer the parish council approved making some renovations in our church hall by updating some furnishings that were at least 20 years old and showing signs of wear and aging: *replaced the hot water tank, *replaced the toilets to minimize the use of water, *installed wood laminate floor in the entire hall, *installed tile laminate floor in the kitchen and both washrooms, *installed carpet down the front stairs of the hall and outside the washrooms. We were able to keep the labour cost down as several members of our parish helped to remove the flooring and the stage. The total of the entire project is \$21,594.37 (\$17,550.82 - flooring; \$4,043.55 - plumbing). We are asking for your financial support to help offset the costs of the renovations. Please consider donating generously. We thank you and pray for you!

◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers ARTHUR BOBAY, who is recovering after surgery, and other 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)

- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **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.

◆**PARISH LIBRARY:** please visit our parish library and browse through the books on spirituality, church history, iconography, history of the Ukrainians in Canada, children's books and more... The library is located in the church vestibule.

◆**WE SHARE THE AIR:** Please keep it healthy and fragrant free. Someone in this area is scent-sensitive. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other respiratory ailments. PLEASE DO NOT *wear perfume, cologne, lotion, aftershave and other fragrances; *USE unscented personal care products. Be Sensitive to Others. Thank you for your understanding. *St. Nicholas parish.*

◆**SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY DONATIONS:** Coffee: \$33.26; Vigil lights: \$15.00; Loose collection: \$25.00; Envelope collection: \$475.00; Pre-authorized donations Sept 18 to Sept 24: \$120.00

<p style="text-align: center;">FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</p>
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“We sing your praises, O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of Christ our God, and we glorify your all-glorious patronage.” (Hymn of Praise from the Sixteenth Century)

Among the Marian feasts listed in our Liturgical Year, the feast of the Patronage of the Most Holy Mother of God deserves special consideration. The cult of the Mother of God as the Protectress of our nation reaches like a golden thread from the times of the Kyivan princes to the present day. The secret of honouring the Mother of God as a Protectress lies, perhaps, in the fact that we are dealing here not with human but with heavenly and more powerful intercession. Every person, family and nation would like to enjoy such an intercession and protection. From the very beginning of our Kyivan State, we have had great and powerful enemies. It is small wonder then that our people sought the assistance and protection of the Most Holy Mother of God whose intercession is all-powerful. For our people, then, the feast of the Patronage has always been, and still remains, a day of great manifestation of love and gratitude to the Most Holy Mother of God, a day of joyous praise and glorification of her protection and intercession.

The Institution of the Feast of Patronage:

The chief motive that led to the institution of this feast was a vision granted to St. Andrew, the Fool for Christ, when the Saracens besieged the capital of Constantinople. The people, terror-stricken, gathered in the church of the Most Holy Mother of God at Blachernae where her mantle was preserved, and there they held an all-night prayer vigil. The greatly distressed people filled the church to overflowing. Among the gathering were St. Andrew and his disciple, Epiphany, both of whom also prayed for the protection of the city. After the service, St.

Andrew saw the Most Holy Mother of God in radiant light as she was approaching from the royal doors (a name the Greeks gave to the main doors of the church) in the company of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Theologian and amid the singing of a great choir of Saints. The Mother of God proceeded toward the altar where she knelt down and prayed long, shedding tears. Afterwards she arose, removed from her head a luminous veil, and stretched it out wide over the people in church. Then she disappeared. St. Andrew and his disciple, Epiphany, saw the vision and understood that the Mother of God came to rescue the city. News of the miracle spread throughout the whole city like a flash of lightning. The enemy retreated and the city was saved.

From this veil, which in Ukrainian is called *pokrov*, the feast got its name: *Pokrov Presvyatoyi Bohorodytsi* (The Veil (or Protection) of the Most Holy Mother of God). The veil became the symbol of the protection and intercession of the Blessed Virgin.

Who was St. Andrew the Fool? Historians generally agree that he was a Slav from the southern part of Rus'-Ukraine. He, together with other slaves, was brought to Constantinople where he became the slave of a wealthy lord. Here he learned and loved the Christian faith. Meditating on the words of St. Paul: "We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ" (I Cor 4:10), he began to act like a fool, hence, his name. Having gained his freedom from his master, he spent much time in prayer and the reading of Holy Scriptures.

At what period of time did St. Andrew live and when did the miracle of protection take place? It is difficult to give a clear and adequate answer to this question. The opinions of the historians in regard to this question are divided. Some say that St. Andrew lived during the reign of Leo I, the Great (457-474), that is, in the fifth century, while others, who represent the majority, place the time of his existence during the reign of Emperor Leo VI, the Wise, (886-911), that is, at the beginning of the tenth century.

The feast of the Patronage was a local feast among the Greeks, which they ceased to celebrate after the fall of Constantinople in 1453. No one knows precisely why October first became the day of the feast. Probably because St. Andrew had the vision on that day, or perhaps because, as some think, on that day the Eastern Church celebrates the memory of St. Roman the Melodist, who composed many hymns in honour of the Most Pure Virgin Mary. On the day following the feast, the Church commemorates St. Andrew the Fool.

The service of this feast reflects the hundreds of years of deep faith of the Eastern Church and of the faith of our people in the intercession and protection of the Most Holy Mother of God. In the sticheras of the vespers service, the Church calls upon all the faithful to celebrate the feast of the Patronage: "Come, all you lovers of the feast, and let us praise the venerable protection of the Mother of God. For she stretched forth her Hands imploringly to her Son, and the world fell under her protection. Therefore, let us celebrate gloriously with our lips and hearts, with spiritual songs and melodies, together with all lovers of the feast."

*** ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR ***

Saturday, December 2, 2017

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE

DATE	TASK	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
Wed. Oct. 4	Make potato balls for perogies	9:00 - 12:00 noon	Need 5-6 volunteers
Thu. Oct.5	Making perogies	9:30 - 1:30 am	Need 22-28 volunteers
Sat. Oct.7	Bag frozen perogies	9:00 - 10:30 pm	Need 3 volunteers

As always your assistance in helping out with food preparation for our Christmas food Fair is much appreciated as this is a major fundraiser for the parish.

We encourage you to invite your friends to these work sessions, specially those interested in learning how to make perogies and cabbage rolls.

For more information and to confirm your availability to help contact Robert at 250.386.7872