

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



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



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**Tue-Fri DL - 9am; Sun DL - 10am**

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Bishop: Most Rev. Ken Nowakowski ([www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca))*

### **MEATFARE SUNDAY - М'ЯСОПУСНА НЕДІЛЯ**

When you shall come, O righteous Judge, to execute just judgment, seated on Your Throne of glory, a river of fire will draw all men amazed before Your judgment seat; the powers of heaven will stand beside You, and in fear mankind will be judged according to the deeds that each has done. Then spare us, Christ, in Your compassion, with faith we entreat You, and count us worthy of Your blessings with those that are saved.

The books will be opened and the acts of men will be revealed before the unbearable judgment-seat; and the whole vale of sorrow shall echo with the fearful sound of lamentation, as all the sinners, weeping in vain, are sent by Your just judgment to everlasting torment. Therefore, we beseech You, O compassionate and loving Lord: spare us who sing Your praise, for You alone are rich in mercy.

The trumpets shall sound and the tombs shall be emptied, and all mankind in trembling shall be raised. Those that have done good shall rejoice in gladness, awaiting their reward; those that have sinned shall tremble and bitterly lament, as they are sent to punishment and parted from the chosen. O Lord of glory, take pity on us in Your goodness, and count us worthy of a place with them that have loved You.



**Sunday of the Last  
Judgement**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!**

<b>SUNDAY HYMNS</b>	
OPENING HYMN	When You Shall Come pg. 1004 ( <i>Anthology of Worship</i> )
COMMUNION HYMN	Тіло Христове / Let Me Receive You pg. 258-259
CLOSING HYMN	На Вавилонських Ріках pg. 138

*Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!*

<b>SUNDAY &amp; DAILY SCHEDULE</b>		
SUNDAY, February 24	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, February 25	NO SERVICE	
TUESDAY, February 26	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, February 27	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
THURSDAY, February 28	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, March 1	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, March 2	NO SERVICE	
SUNDAY, March 3	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!*

<b>SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS</b>			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, February 24	1 Cor. 8:8-9:2	Kateryna Yaremyn	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, March 3	Rm. 13:11-14:4	Glikeria Iwanuck	Bryan Melnyk
SUNDAY, March 10	Heb.11:24-26;32-40	Motria Koropecy	Carol Chapman
SUNDAY, March 17	Heb.1:10-2:3	Yuliya Pelekhata	Peter Iwanuck

*Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!*

<b>2018 PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>PASTORAL MINISTRY &amp; HOLY MYSTERIES</b>
CHAIRPERSON..... Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374	CONFESSIONS..... 1/2 hour before Liturgy
VICE-CHAIRPERSON..... Richard DeMerchant - 250.893.3484	EUCARIST..... for the sick - any time
SECRETARY..... Luba Kucharyshyn - 780.476.4260	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
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE... Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051	HOSPITAL VISITS..... any time
MEMBER AT LARGE..... Wayne Saunders - 780.710.2027	

**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!



#### ST. NICHOLAS 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 місієного 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. 270-318; propers - pg. 353, 610, 816  
The Liturgy prescribed for today is that of St. John Chrysostom.*

**Troparion, Tone 7:** By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

**Troparion, Tone 4:** The head of the Forerunner has dawned from the earth\* shedding rays of incorruption and healing on those who believe;\* from on high it assembles the multitude of angels,\* from below it summons the human race\* to glorify Christ God with one voice.

**Glory: Kontakion, Tone 2:** O Forerunner of Grace and prophet of God,\* having obtained your head from the earth like a sacred rose,\* we always receive gifts of healing;\* for again as of old you proclaim repentance in the world.

**Now: Kontakion, Tone 1:** When You come on earth, O God, in glory,\* and the universe trembles,\* while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgement,\* and the books are opened and all secrets disclosed,\* then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,\* and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand,\* O Judge who are most just.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 3:** Great is our Lord and great is His strength;\* and of His knowledge there is no end. *Verse:* Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to Him.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 7:** The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

**Epistle - 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 - A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Corinthians:** Brothers and sisters, 'food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**Alleluia, Tone 8:** *Verse:* Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour. *Verse:* Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. *Verse:* The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon. *Verse:* They who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish the courts of our God.

**Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46 -** The Lord said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord,

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when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

**Prayer After Holy Communion:** Having been made worthy to partake in a mystical way of Your immaculate Body and precious Blood, O Christ our God, I acclaim and bless, worship and glorify You, and proclaim the greatness of Your saving acts, now and for ever and ever. Amen. *(more Prayers After Holy Communion on pg. 324-326 in the Anthology book).*



**Тропар, глас 7:** Знищив Ти хрестом Твоїм смерть,\* відчинив розбійникові рай,\* мироносицям плач на радість перемінив\* і апостолам звелів проповідувати,\* що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже,\* даючи світові велику милість.

**Слава: І нині: Кондак, глас 1:** Коли прийдеш, Боже, на землю зо славою\* і затрепече все,\* а ріка вогненна потече перед судищем,\* і книги розгортаються, і таємне з'являється,\* – тоді ізбав мене від вогню негасимого\* і сподоби мене праворуч тебе стати,\* Судде найправедніший.

**Прокімен, глас 3:** Великий Господь наш і велика сила його,\* і розумові його немає міри. *Стих:* Хваліте Господа, бо благий псалом, Богові нашому нехай солодке буде хваління.

**Апостол - 1 Коринтян 8:8-9:2 - До Коринтян перше послання Святого Апостола Павла читання:** Браття і сестри, страва не зближує нас до Бога: коли не їмо, не втрачаємо нічого, ані коли їмо, не набуваємо нічого. Але глядіть, щоб оця ваша свобода не стала причиною падіння для слабких. Бо коли хтось побачить тебе, що маєш знання, як ти у капищі сів за стіл, то чи ж його сумління, будши слабке, не буде заохочене їсти ідолоські жертви? Таким то чином твоє знання погубить немічного брата, за якого Христос помер. Грішивши так проти братів і ранивши їх слабовите сумління, ви грішите проти Христа. Тому, якщо страва призводить брата мого до гріха, повік не буду їсти м'яса, щоб не

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спокушувати мого брата. Хіба я не вільний? Хіба я не апостол? Хіба я Ісуса, Господа нашого, не бачив? Хіба ви не моє діло у Господі? Коли іншим я не апостол, то бодай вам, бо ви, у Господі, є достовірним доказом мого апостольства.

**Алилуя, глас 8:** *Стих:* Прийдіте, возрадуємося Господеві, воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві нашому. *Стих:* Ідім перед лицем його з ісповіданням і псалмами воскликніть йому.

**Євангеліє - Матея 25:31-46** - Сказав Господь: "Якже прийде Син Чоловічий у своїй славі, й ангели всі з ним, тоді він сяде на престолі своєї слави. І зберуться перед ним усі народи, і він відлучить їх одних від одних, як пастух відлучує овець від козлів; і поставить овець праворуч себе, а козлів ліворуч. Тоді цар скаже тим, що праворуч нього: Прийдіть, благословенні Отця мого, візьміть у спадщину Царство, що було приготоване вам від створення світу. Бо я голодував, і ви дали мені їсти; мав спрагу, і ви мене напоїли; чужинцем був, і ви мене прийняли; нагий, і ви мене одягли; хворий, і ви навідались до мене; у тюрмі був, і ви прийшли до мене. Тоді озвуться праведні до нього: Господи, коли ми бачили тебе голодним і нагодували, спрагненим і напоїли? Коли ми бачили тебе чужинцем і прийняли, або нагим і одягнули? Коли ми бачили тебе недужим чи в тюрмі й прийшли до тебе? А цар, відповідаючи їм, скаже: Істинно кажу вам: усе, що ви зробили одному з моїх братів найменших – ви мені зробили. Тоді скаже й тим, що ліворуч: Ідіть від мене геть, прокляті, в вогонь вічний, приготований дияволу й ангелам його; бо голодував я, і ви не дали мені їсти; мав спрагу, і ви мене не напоїли; був чужинцем, і ви мене не прийняли; нагим, і ви мене не одягнули; недужим і в тюрмі, і не навідались до мене. Тоді озвуться і ті, кажучи: Господи, коли ми бачили тебе голодним або спраглим, чужинцем або нагим, недужим або в тюрмі, і тобі не послужили? А він відповість їм: Істинно кажу вам: те, чого ви не зробили одному з моїх братів найменших – мені також ви того не зробили. І підуть ті на вічну кару, а праведники – на життя вічне."

**Причасний:** Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його на висотах. Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі,\* правим належить похвала. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя!

**Молитва По Святім Причастю:** Таїнственно удостоївшись бути причасником Твого пречистого тіла і чесної крові, Христе Боже, оспівую і благословлю, поклоняюся, і славлю, і величаю спасіння Твої, Господи, нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь. (*більше Молитов По Святім Причастю на ст. 80-87 в маленькій книжечці "Божественна Літургія"*).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to WAYNE SAUNDERS 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!

- ◆ **FIRST CONFESSION & SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** Dear friends, as of the first Sunday of lent St. Nicholas parish will be having classes preparing children 7 years of age or older for their first sacrament of Confession and their Solemn Holy Communion. If you have a child in your family or maybe you know someone that would like their child to receive these sacraments please let us know. The classes will be taking place during 6 Sundays of Lent: March 10, 17, 24 31 and April 7, 14 (the classes will be taking place during Liturgy (0.5 hrs) & after Liturgy (0.5 hrs). For more information and to register please contact Marian Chalifoux @ [250.383.9374](tel:250.383.9374) or Fr. Yuriy at [250.384.2292](tel:250.384.2292) or [st.nicholas.victoria@gmail.com](mailto:st.nicholas.victoria@gmail.com)
- ◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers GORD HRYHORYSHEN 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.
- ◆ **ST. NICHOLAS BOOK STORE:** The Divine Liturgy An Anthology of Worship - **\$25**; “Christ Our Pascha” Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church/“Христос Наша Пасха” Катехизм Української Католицької Церкви - **\$25**; “Sing to Our God” hymn book - **\$15**; Молитовник “Прийдіте Поклонімся” - **\$10**; “The Rosary - The Prayer Rule of the Mother of God in the Ukrainian Catholic Church” - **\$10**.
- ◆ **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.
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- ◆ **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. Please use a library book sign out form when borrowing a book.
  
  - ◆ **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. Please speak with Robert if you would like to volunteer.
  
  - ◆ **WE SHARE THE AIR:** Please keep it healthy and fragrant free. Someone in this area is scent-sitive. 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.*
  
  - ◆ **FEBRUARY 17, SUNDAY DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$74.25; Vigil lights: \$17.10; Loose collection: \$30.00; Envelope collection: \$657.00; Pre-authorized donations Feb 11 to Feb 17: \$170.00; **TOTAL: \$948.35**
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**POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS MOST REV. BORYS GUDZIAK AS  
NEW METROPOLITAN-ARCHBISHOP OF THE UKRAINIAN  
ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA**



On Monday, February 18th, 2019, the Vatican Information Service announced that the Holy Father has appointed Most Rev. Borys Gudziak as Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians and Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA and thus concurring with the recommendation of the appointment offered by the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, which met in September of 2018 in Lviv, Ukraine.

The Archeparchy of Philadelphia was declared by Pope Francis as “sede vacante” following the resignation of Most Rev. Stefan Soroka on April 16, 2018. Most Rev. Andriy Rabyi was named by Pope Francis as the Apostolic Administrator of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia until the appointment of the new Metropolitan-Archbishop.

At the present time Most Rev. Borys Gudziak serves as the eparch of St. Volodymyr the Great Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, which includes France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and Switzerland. He is the founder and president of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. In addition, Archbishop Borys is the head of Department of External Church Relations of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Bishop Andriy Rabyi, Apostolic Administrator, Bishop John Bura, Auxiliary Bishop, clergy, monastic orders and faithful of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia wholeheartedly and joyfully welcome the news and invite everyone to the installation of Most Rev. Borys Gudziak as the seventh Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, which will take place on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA.

**THE FIRST AND SECOND FINDING OF THE PRECIOUS  
HEAD OF THE HOLY, GLORIOUS PROPHET,  
FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN**

*(Feb. 24)*

After the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, his body was buried by disciples in the Samaritan city of Sebaste, and his venerable head was hidden by Herodias in an unclean place. Saint Joanna, the wife of King Herod’s steward Chuza (Luke 8:3), secretly took the holy head and placed it into a vessel and buried it on the Mount of Olives in one of Herod’s properties.



After many years, this property passed into the possession of a government official who became a monk with the name of Innocent. He built a church and a cell there. When they started to dig the foundation, the vessel with the venerable head of John the Baptist was uncovered. Innocent recognized its great holiness from the signs of grace emanating from it. Thus occurred the First Finding of the Head. Innocent preserved it with great piety, but fearful that the holy relic might be abused by unbelievers, before his own death he again hid it in that same place, where it was found. Upon his death the church fell into ruin and was destroyed.

During the days of Saint Constantine the Great, when Christianity began to flourish, the holy Forerunner appeared twice to two monks journeying to Jerusalem on pilgrimage to the holy places, and he revealed the location of his venerable head.

The monks uncovered the holy relic and, placing it into a sack of camel-hair, they proceeded homewards. Along the way they encountered an unnamed potter and gave him the precious burden to carry. Not knowing what he was carrying, the potter continued on his way. But the holy Forerunner appeared to him and ordered him to flee from the careless and lazy monks, with what he held in his hands. The potter concealed himself from the monks and at home he preserved the venerable head with reverence. Before his death he placed it in a water jug and gave it to his sister.

From that time the venerable head was successively preserved by devout Christians, until the priest Eustathius (infected with the Arian heresy) came into possession of it. He beguiled a multitude of the infirm who had been healed by the holy head, ascribing their cures to the fact that it was in the possession of an Arian. When his blasphemy was uncovered, he was compelled to flee. After he buried the holy relic in a cave, near Emesa, the heretic intended to return later and use it for disseminating falsehood. God, however, did not permit this. Pious monks settled in the cave, and then a monastery arose at this place. In the year 452 Saint John the Baptist appeared to Archimandrite Marcellus of this monastery, and indicated where his head was hidden. This became celebrated as the Second Finding. The holy relic was transferred to Emesa, and later to Constantinople.

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## ST. NICHOLAS EASTER FOOD FAIR

Saturday, April 6, 2019 / 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

DATE	TASK	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
Tue. Feb. 26	Steam & rib cabbage	9:00 - 12:00 pm	Need 6-7 volunteers
Thu. Feb. 28	Make cabbage rolls	9:00 - 12:30 pm	Need 12-15 volunteers LUNCH
Fri. Mar. 1	Package frozen cabbage rolls	9:30 - 11:00 am	Need 2-3 volunteers
Tue. Mar. 5	Peel potatoes & shred cheese	8:30 - 10:30 am	Need 3 volunteers
Wed. Mar. 6	Make potato balls	8:30 - 12:00 noon	Need 6-7 volunteers
Thu. Mar. 7	Make pyrohy	9:00 - 1:00 pm	Need 25-28 volunteers LUNCH
Tue. Mar. 12	Bag frozen pyrohy	9:30 - 11:30 am	Need 3-4 volunteers
Tue. Mar. 19	Peel potatoes & shred cheese, prep. sauerkraut & cottage cheese	8:00 - 11:30 am	Need 3-4 volunteers
Wed. Mar. 20	Make potato, sauerkraut, cottage cheese balls	8:30 - 12:00 pm	Need 6-7 volunteers
Thu. Mar. 21	Make pyrohy	9:00 - 1:00 pm	Need 25-28 volunteers LUNCH
Mon. Mar. 25	Bag frozen pyrohy	9:30 - 11:30 am	Need 3-4 volunteers
Tue. Mar. 26	Cook/shred beets for beet horseradish	9:00 - 10:30 am	Need 3 volunteers
Wed. Mar. 27	Package beet horseradish	9:30 - 10:30 am	Need 2 volunteers

As always your assistance in helping out with food preparation for our Easter Food Fair is much appreciated as this is a major fundraiser for the parish. For more information and to confirm your availability please contact Robert @ 250.386.7872