

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



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH  
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**FORGIVENESS SUNDAY - НЕДІЛЯ ПРОЩЕННЯ**



Adam was banished from Paradise through disobedience and cast out from delight, beguiled by the words of a woman. Naked he sat outside the garden, lamenting, “Woe is me!” Therefore let us all make haste to accept the season of the Fast and hearken to the teaching of the Gospel, that we may gain Christ’s mercy and receive once more a dwelling-place in Paradise.

O precious Paradise, unsurpassed in beauty, tabernacle built by God, unending gladness and delight, glory of the righteous, joy of the prophets and dwelling of the saints, with the sound of your leaves pray to the Maker of all: may He open to me the gates which I closed by my transgression, and may He count me worthy to partake if the Tree of Life and of the joy that was mine when I dwelt in you before.

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

<b>SUNDAY HYMNS</b>			
OPENING HYMN	Lord and Creator pg. 1006 ( <i>Anthology of Worship</i> )		
COMMUNION HYMN	Тіло Христове / Let Me Receive You pg. 258-259		
CLOSING HYMN	На Вавилонських Ріках pg. 138		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
<b>SUNDAY &amp; DAILY SCHEDULE</b>			
SUNDAY, March 3	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, March 4	NO SERVICES		
TUESDAY, March 5	Third Hour		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, March 6	Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts		9:00 AM
THURSDAY, March 7	Divine Liturgy followed by Sorokousty		9:00 AM
FRIDAY, March 8	Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts		6:00 PM
SATURDAY, March 9	NO SERVICES		
SUNDAY, March 10	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
<i>Please Note: to request a Divine Liturgy for a special intention, please see Fr. Yuriy to arrange for it!</i>			
<b>SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS</b>			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
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
SUNDAY, March 24	Heb.4:14-5:6	Dmytro Maksymiv	Darryl Huculak
<i>Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!</i>			
<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			
<p><b>Bequests &amp; Wills:</b> 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 <a href="#">St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria BC, V8T 1G1</a>, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____ % of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."</p>			

### 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 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. 270-318; propers - pg. 357, 614  
The Liturgy prescribed for today is that of St. John Chrysostom.*

**Troparion, Tone 8:** You came down from on 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.

**Glory: Now: Kontakion, Tone 6:** O Master, Guide to Wisdom\*, Bestower of prudent counsel,\* Instructor of the foolish and Defender of the poor ones,\* make firm my heart and give it

understanding.\* Give me a word, O Word of the Father:\* Behold, I shall not stop my lips from crying out to You:\* In Your mercy, have mercy on me who am fallen.

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

**Epistle - Romans 13:11-14:4 - A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Romans:** Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

**Alleluia, Tone 6:** *Verse:* It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Your name, O Most High. *verse:* To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

**Gospel - Matthew 6:14-21 -** The Lord said If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. ‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* 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 8:** З висоти зійшов Ти, Милосердний,\* і триденне погребення прийняв Ти,\* щоб нас звільнити від страждань.\* Життя і воскресіння наше,\* Господи, слава Тобі.

**Слава: І нині: Кондак, глас 6:** Премудрости наставнику,\* розуму подателю,\* немудрих учителю і нищих захиснику,\* утверди і врозуми серце моє, Владико.\* Ти дай мені слово, Отче Слово,\* бо оце устами моїми не забороню, щоб звали тебе.\* Милостивий, помилуй мене, падшого.

**Прокімен, глас 8:** Помоліться і хвалу віддайте\* Господеві, Богу нашому. *Стих:* Відомий Бог у Юдеї, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я Його.

**Апостол - Римлян 13:11-14:4 - До Римлян перше послання Святого Апостола Павла читання:** Браття і сестри, вже пора вам прокинутись із сну: тепер бо ближче нас спасіння, ніж тоді, як ми увірували. Ніч проминула, день наблизився. Відкиньмо, отже, вчинки темряви й одягнімось у зброю світла. Як день, – поведьмося чесно: не в ненажерстві та пияцтві, не в перелюбі та розпусті, не у сварні та заздощах; але вдягніться у Господа Ісуса Христа і не дбайте про тіло задля похотей. Слабкого в вірі приймайте, не вступаючи з ним у суперечки. Один вірить, що можна все їсти, а слабкий (у вірі) їсть городину. Хто їсть, хай тим, що не їсть, не гордує; а хто не їсть, хай того, що їсть, не судить, бо Бог його прийняв. Ти хто такий, що чужого слугу судиш? Своєму господареві стоїть він або падає; а стоятиме, бо Господь має силу втримати його.

**Алилуя, глас 6:** *Стих:* Благо є сповідуватись Господеві і співати імені твому, Всевишній. *Стих:* Сповідати зарання милість твою і істину твою на всяку ніч.

**Євангеліє - Матея 6:14-21 -** Господь промовив, як людям ви простите прогріхи їхні, то простить і вам ваш Небесний Отець. А коли ви не будете людям прощати, то й Отець ваш не простить вам прогріхів ваших. А як постите, то не будьте сумні, як оті лицеміри: вони бо змінюють обличчя свої, щоб бачили люди, що постять вони. Поправді кажу вам: вони мають уже нагороду свою! А ти, коли постиш, намасти свою голову, і лице своє вмий, щоб ти посту свого не виявив людям, а Отцеві своєму, що в таїні; і Отець твій, що бачить таємне, віддасть тобі явно. Не складайте скарбів собі на землі, де нищить їх міль та іржа, і де злодії підкопуються й викрадають. Складайте ж собі скарби на небі, де ні міль, ні іржа їх не нищить, і де злодії до них не підкопуються та не крадуть. Бо де скарб твій, там буде й серце твоє!

**Причасний:** Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його на висотах. 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").*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **CONGRATULATIONS** to LORRAINE & ROBERT HERCHAK on their Wedding Anniversary. May you two continue be a blessing to God, to others, and to each other in your marriage together. Многая Літа!
- ◆ **TOMORROW, MONDAY, March 4** - first day of Lent. Let us set on a journey of renewal of the spirit in prayer and practicing the Christian virtues!
- ◆ **SOROKOUSTY:** Lenten Memorial Services for the deceased will be celebrated every Thursday of Lent at the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. The books for the deceased are available at the church entrance. Please remember to pray for the deceased members of your family & friends.
- ◆ **NEXT SUNDAY - BLESSING OF THE ICONS:** on the first Sunday of Lent (*Mar. 10*) we celebrate Sunday of Orthodoxy and in our Church there is a beautiful tradition of blessing the icons. Please, bring an icon that you would like to have blessed.
- ◆ **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.
  
  - ◆ **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
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personal care products. Be Sensitive to Others. Thank you for your understanding. *St. Nicholas parish.*

◆**FEBRUARY 24, SUNDAY DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$41.80; Vigil lights: \$20.10; Loose collection: \$78.75; Envelope collection: \$620.38; Pre-authorized donations Feb 18 to Feb 24: \$120.00; **TOTAL: \$881.03**

## COMMUNAL RIGHT OF MUTUAL FORGIVENESS

When the disciples of the Lord asked him to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1-13), He left us with what we refer to as the Lord's Pray, the "Our Father". In this prayer we pray as a community or family, we do not say "My Father who are in Heaven..." we pray: "Our Father..."

We ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Before beginning our Great Fast (Lenten) Journey together, as a parish family community, it is important for us to express to each other our desire to forgive each other for anything that we may have done that may have hurt or offended someone over the past year, or indeed during our life time so that we can be free without these heavy burdens to walk together as a united family as true daughters and sons of God!

This Communal Right of Mutual Forgiveness is not the Mystery/ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and does not replace that Mystery/Sacrament, but rather is a tangible sign to each other of our forgiveness and also the experience of being forgiven. Hence there is no need to name our offences, but rather with total sincerity in our hearts let us say to each other: "Forgive me sister/ brother" and answer with sincerity and love, "May God have mercy on you and I know that I forgive you."

**Priest:** Благословіть, Брати і Сестри, і простіть мені грішному, чим згрішив я в цей день і по всі дні життя мого словом, ділом, думкою і всіма почуттями моїми (*вклоняється*). Bless me, my Sisters and Brothers, and forgive me, a sinner, whatever offences I may have committed this day and all the days of my life by word, deed and thought as well as by all my senses (*bows to all the faithful*).

**Faithful:** May God forgive you, Reverend Father. Bless us also and forgive our offences voluntary and involuntary (*also bow*).

**Priest:** May the Lord God by His grace forgive you all your sins and have mercy on you. Let us pray for our Most Holy Universal Pontiff, Francis Pope of Rome, for His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav, for our Most Reverend Metropolitan Lawrence, for our God-loving Bishop Ken and the God-loving Bishop Severian.



**Faithful:** May God save and have mercy.

**Priest:** For the noble benefactors and founders of this holy church, for those who serve and who have served in it.

**Faithful:** May God save and have mercy.

**Priest:** For those who are absent and for those who are travelling.

**Faithful:** May God protect and have mercy.

**Priest:** For our benefactors and those who are kind to us.

**Faithful:** May God reward and have mercy.

**Priest:** For those who hate us and for those who love us.

**Faithful:** May God forgive and have mercy.

**Priest:** For the sick and suffering.

**Faithful:** May God heal and have mercy.

**Priest:** For our departed relatives and faithful of our parish and Eparchy.

**Faithful:** May God grant them remembrance and rest and everlasting be their memory.

**Priest:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

**Faithful:** Amen.

## NEWS

### **On invasion anniversary, Ukraine prelate blasts Russian ‘great lies’**

Marking the fifth anniversary of Russia’s invasion of eastern Ukraine, the leader of the country’s Greek Catholic Church said Tuesday that while his people are suffering as a result, the world needs to shift from seeing Ukraine as a problem to seeing it as a solution.

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“You hear the word ‘Ukraine,’ and you immediately think of problems ... humanitarian, socio-political, ecumenical, diplomatic, military, the list goes on,” said Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Patriarch of the Greek Catholic Church, the largest of the Eastern churches in communion with Rome.

Yet, he said, “we’re convinced that in our people, our country, things are fermenting that are important for all of you, for the whole world.”

In effect, Shevchuk said, Ukraine is striving to pass from a post-Soviet society marked by endemic corruption and violence to an “authentic, modern democracy” rooted in “European values.”

That promise came with a warning: “The war in Ukraine is not a Ukrainian war,” he said. “It’s a European war, a war in Europe. Sooner or later, it will knock on your doors ... it has global repercussions.”

The Greek Catholic leader then challenged what he called two “great lies” and forms of “disinformation” about the conflict, both of which, he implied, are fostered by Russia.

The first is any reference to the violence in Ukraine as a “fratricidal war,” as if one segment of Ukrainian society is fighting another. Shevchuk said if that were true, Russia wouldn’t have more tanks in eastern Ukraine right now than are owned by all EU countries combined.

He insisted that the Greek Catholic Church has parishes in the territory occupied by Russia, and he said the people there “don’t want a war with Ukraine. They feel like prisoners, hostages, of the powerful of this world.”

The second “great lie” Shevchuk strove to debunk is the notion that this is a war between Ukraine and Russia, meaning an ethnic war between two different peoples.

“Most [Ukrainian] soldiers who die every day speak Russian,” he said, and told the story of a Russian-speaking village where residents turned out to resist the arrival of Russian tanks.

“A citizen who has tasted liberty, whether he speaks Russian, or Hungarian, or Polish or Ukrainian,” Shevchuk said, “will defend this liberty.”

Instead, Shevchuk said, this is a war between two different “ways of seeing the future,” between a “return to the Soviet past” and “authentic democracy and resistance to outside despotism.”

Shevchuk was speaking at a Rome event to mark the anniversary of the Russian incursion attended by ambassadors and other representatives of virtually all Western governments,

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including the United States, in what seemed a show of solidarity for Ukraine in its conflict with Russia.

Russian forces entered eastern Ukraine on Feb. 20, 2014, ostensibly after people in the region known as Crimea voted to join the Russian federation. Since that time, violence among Russian troops, Ukrainian forces, and pro- and anti-Russian paramilitary groups, according to the United Nations, has claimed around 13,000 lives, with more than 3,000 being civilian casualties.

Shevchuk quoted a line from Peter the Great, who described Ukraine as the “bees” of the Russian empire: “They bring honey for our culture, and wax for education and intelligence. When the subject is liberty, however, they bring out their stingers and defend their liberty to the death.”

Recalling that Tuesday would have been the 86<sup>th</sup> birthday of the late Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, Shevchuk quoted his predecessor to the effect that there is no real political process in Ukraine because “every oligarch has his own party.” The intersection of politics and big money, Shevchuk said, comes at the expense of the common good.

The Greek Catholic leader recalled that this month is also the fifth anniversary of Ukraine’s “Revolution of Dignity,” when he said ordinary citizens “rediscovered their role as protagonists,” which he said now “characterizes the life of Ukrainian society.”

Today, Shevchuk said, one major challenge for civil society is to resist the appeal of “populisms,” which he said offer “quasi-magical solutions to all problems.” Noting that at one point 44 candidates were running for the Ukrainian presidency in national elections this year, he said the Greek Catholic Church is urging citizens to resist anyone posturing as a “political messiah” and justifying the use of violence for political ends.

Shevchuk explained that part of the promise of contemporary Ukraine is to carve out a “third way” between two dominant models of church/state relations.

The first, he said, is the Russian model, in which the state rather than the church is the ultimate guarantor of Christian values, implying a tight union between throne and altar. The second is the “liberal model of secular Europe, where the price of admission to a modern democratic society is abandoning traditional Christian values.”

In Ukraine, he said, there’s a third possibility symbolized by the Cathedral of Santa Sophia in Kyiv, which he called an “icon of divine wisdom” which is the “source of human civilization.” Ukraine, he said, is “seeking to rediscover this message,” often drawing on the social doctrine of the Catholic Church.

Shevchuk also addressed the ecumenical situation in his country after the Patriarchate of Constantinople recognized an independent, or “autocephalous,” Orthodox church in Ukraine. He

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said he didn't want to enter into the dispute between Constantinople and Moscow that decision created, but he said he could say that the Ukrainian people saw Patriarch Bartholomew's move as a "pastoral gesture that opened the doors of heaven to those who were consigned to damnation."

As for the Greek Catholic Church's relationship with other churches in Ukraine, Shevchuk summarized the situation this way: "We want to be friends with everyone, but not everyone wants to be friends with us."

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<b>ST. NICHOLAS EASTER FOOD FAIR</b>			
Saturday, April 6, 2019 / 11:00 am - 2:00 pm			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TASK</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>
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
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