

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



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



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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ЧЕТВЕРТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ**

All the choirs of the hierarchs, mighty luminaries of the Ukrainian Church! As faithful followers of the apostles and as good shepherds, you faithfully preserved the flock entrusted to you; you led it along paths of truth and carefully fed it with spiritual food, not hesitating to give up your lives for your sheep. Therefore, together with St. Josaphat, the priest-martyr, implore the Chief Shepherd, Christ God, for Ukrainian nation's faithfulness to His commandments and great mercy for our souls.

Venerable fathers of the Monastery of the Caves, Anthony and Theodosius, the first flowers of the Ukrainian Church, and all the countless righteous ones who followed after their steps, dedicating their lives to God! You shine forth as an example of Christian perfection, and you teach us by prayer and self-denial to configure ourselves to Christ God for the salvation of our souls. Therefore, implore the good God, that we may be made worthy of your intercession, and that together with you, through prayer and sacrifice, we may obtain for Christ's Church and our Ukrainian nation mercy and God's bountiful blessings.



*Sunday of All Saints of
Rus'-Ukraine*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

| SUNDAY HYMNS | | | |
|---|---|--|-------------------|
| OPENING HYMN | В Страсі і Покорі / We Are Gathered Here To Worship pg. 234-235 | | |
| COMMUNION HYMN | Вірую Господи / I Do Believe pg. 246-24 | | |
| CLOSING HYMN | Вже Відходим / As We Leave This Place of Worship pg. 268-269 | | |
| <i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i> | | | |
| SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE | | | |
| SUNDAY, June 17 | Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish | | 10:00 AM |
| MONDAY, June 18 | NO SERVICE | | |
| TUESDAY, June 19 | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom | | 9:00 AM |
| WEDNESDAY, June 20 | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom | | 9:00 AM |
| THURSDAY, June 21 | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom | | 9:00 AM |
| FRIDAY, June 22 | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom | | 9:00 AM |
| SATURDAY, June 23 | NO SERVICE | | |
| SUNDAY, June 24 | 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> | | | |
| SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS | | | |
| DATE | READING | UKRAINIAN | ENGLISH |
| SUNDAY, June 17 | Rm. 6: 18-23 | Glikeria Iwanuck | William Vanderven |
| SUNDAY, June 24 | Rm. 10: 1-10 | Andrij Pelekhaty | Marian Chalifoux |
| SUNDAY, July 1 | Rm. 12: 6-14 | Motria Koropecy | Robert Herchak |
| SUNDAY, July 8 | Rm. 15: 1-7 | Yuliya Pelekhata | Bryan Melnyk |
| <i>Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!</i> | | | |
| 2018 PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE | | PASTORAL MINISTRY & HOLY MYSTERIES | |
| CHAIRPERSON..... Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374 | | CONFESSIONS..... 1/2 hour before Liturgy | |
| SECRETARY..... Richard DeMerchant - 250.893.3484 | | EUCCHARIST..... for the sick - any time | |
| TREASURER..... William Vanderven - 250.478.1458 | | BAPTISMS..... by appointment | |
| FINANCIAL SECRETARY..... David Newberry - 250.598.8197 | | MARRIAGES..... six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made | |
| FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL..... Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872 | | FUNERALS..... by appointment | |
| MAINTENANCE..... Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769 | | ANOINTING..... any time | |
| LITURGICAL COMMITTEE... Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051 | | HOSPITAL VISITS..... any time | |
| MEMBER AT LARGE..... Cindy Lazaruk - 778.677.9072 | | | |
| <p>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."</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. 337

The Liturgy prescribed for today is that of St. John Chrysostom.

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 4: O you, who glorified Christ:* princes and bishops,* monastics and martyrs,* and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times,*pray Christ God to look with favour on our people* and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith* that the souls of prayerful faithful* who revere your sacred memory* may be saved.

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 3: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now: Kontakion, Tone 4: You shine as bright beacons,* O God-inspired and righteous saints of our Church.* By your encouraging example,* you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christian world.* Therefore we humbly bow our heads to you* thanking our great and all-gracious God* Who has made you our intercessors in heaven* where you pray for our souls.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. *Verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Epistle - Romans 6:18-23; 8:28-39 - A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans: Brothers and Sisters, freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawless ness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ (Jesus) who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 3: *Verse:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. *Verse:* Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. *Verse:* Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly.

Gospel - Matthew 8:5-13 - At that time, when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." And Jesus said to the centurion, "You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you." And at that very hour (his) servant was healed.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* 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 3: Нехай веселяться небеснії, нехай радуються земляни,* бо показав владу рукою Своєю Господь,* Він смертю смерть подолав,* первістоком з-поміж мертвих став,* визволив нас із глибин аду,* і подав світові велику милість.

Тропар, глас 4: Хрирославні князі і святителі, преподобні і мученики, і незламні ісповідники всіх часів християнської України, моліть Христа Бога, щоб він споглянув ласкавим оком на наш народ, і дав йому ласку витривати у вірі, і щоб спаслися душі богомольних вірних, що вшановують священну вашу пам'ять.

Слава: Кондак, глас 3: Воскрес Ти нині з гробу, Щедрий,* і нас візвів із брам смерти;* нині Адам веселиться і радіє Єва,* разом же і пророки з патріярхами безустанно оспівують* божественну могутність влади Твоїї.

Нині: Кондак, глас 4: Ясними світилами ви сяєте, Богом натхненні праведники нашої церкви, і прикладом заохотливим служите громадам вірних по всьому християнському світі. Тому-то в покорі схиляємо перед вами наші голови, дякуючи великому і

вселаскавому Богові, що вчинив вас нашими заступниками в небі і молільниками за душі наші.

Прокімен, глас 3: Співайте Богові нашому, співайте;* співайте цареві нашому, співайте.
Стих: Всі народи, заплещіть руками, кликніть до Бога голосом радости.

Апостол - 6:18-23; 8:28-39 - До Римлян послання Св. Ап. Павла читання: Браття і сестри, а звільнившись від гріха, стали рабами праведности. Говорю я по-людському, через неміч вашого тіла. Бо як ви віддавали були члени ваші за рабів нечистості й беззаконню на беззаконня, так тепер віддайте члени ваші за рабів праведности на освячення. Бо коли були ви рабами гріха, то були вільні від праведности. Який же плід ви мали тоді? Такі речі, що ними соромитесь тепер, бо кінець їх то смерть. А тепер, звільнившись від гріха й ставши рабами Богові, маєте плід ваш на освячення, а кінець життя вічне. Бо заплата за гріх смерть, а дар Божий вічне життя в Христі Ісусі, Господі нашім! І знаємо, що тим, хто любить Бога, хто покликаний Його постановою, усе допомагає на добре. Бо кого Він передбачив, тих і призначив, щоб були подібні до образу Сина Його, щоб Він був перворідним поміж багатьма братами. А кого Він призначив, тих і покликав, а кого покликав, тих і виправдав, а кого виправдав, тих і прославив. Що ж скажем на це? Коли за нас Бог, то хто проти нас? Той же, Хто Сина Свого не пожалів, але видав Його за всіх нас, як же не дав би Він нам із Ним і всього? Хто оскаржувати буде Божих вибранців? Бог Той, що виправдує. Хто ж той, що засуджує? Христос Ісус є Той, що вмер, надто й воскрес, Він праворуч Бога, і Він і заступається за нас. Хто нас розлучить від любови Христової? Чи недоля, чи утиск, чи переслідування, чи голод, чи нагота, чи небезпека, чи меч? Як написано: За Тебе нас цілий день умертвляють, нас уважають за овець, приречених на заколення. Але в цьому всьому ми перемагаємо Тим, Хто нас полюбив. Бо я пересвідчився, що ні смерть, ні життя, ні Анголи, ні влади, ні теперішнє, ні майбутнє, ні сили, ні вишина, ні глибина, ані інше яке створіння не зможе відлучити нас від любови Божої, яка в Христі Ісусі, Господі нашім!

Алилуя, глас 3: *Стих:* Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова. *Стих:* Господи, спаси царя і вислухай нас, коли будемо взивати до Тебе. *Стих:* Блажен муж, що боїться Господа, заповіді Його дуже любі Йому.

Євангеліє - Матей 8:5-13 - У той час, коли Ісус увійшов у Капернаум, приступив до нього сотник, благаючи його словами: “Господи, слуга мій лежить дома розслаблений і мучиться тяжко.” Ісус каже до нього: “Я прийду й оздоровлю його.” Тоді сотник у відповідь мовив: “Господи, я недостойний, щоб ти ввійшов під мою покрівлю, але скажи лише слово і слуга мій видужає. Бо і я теж підвладний чоловік, маю вояків під собою, і кажу цьому: Иди, – і йде, а тому: Ходи, – і приходить; і слугі моєму: Зроби це, – і він робить.” Почувши це Ісус, здивувався і сказав тим, що за ним ішли: “Істинно кажу вам: Ні в кого в Ізраїлі я не знайшов такої віри. Кажу вам, що багато прийде зо сходу й заходу, і засядуть з Авраамом, Ісааком та Яковом у Царстві Небеснім, а сини царства будуть викинуті геть у темряву

кромішню, де буде плач і скрегіт зубів.” І сказав Ісус сотникові: “Йди, хай тобі станеться за твоєю вірою!” І видужав слуга тієї ж години.

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

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 FATHER’S DAY!** Heartfelt greetings to all our Fathers on this Father’s Day. Wishing you good health, prosperity, and peace. May the Merciful Lord bless you and your family with His choicest blessings for many happy and blessed years. Многая Літа!
- ◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to MARIA KOROPECKY 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!
- ◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers GORD HRYHORYSHEN, CORNELL BABIE 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**.
- ◆ **TRAVELING ICON:** Anyone interested in gracing their home with Christ The Teacher Icon can call Darlene DeMerchant at 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.

 - ◆ **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.

 - ◆ **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.

 - ◆ **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.*

◆**JUNE 10, SUNDAY DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$50.25; Vigil lights: \$26.00; Loose collection: \$43.50; Envelope collection: \$492.00; Pre-authorized donations June 4 to June 10: \$220.00;
Total: \$831.75

CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR - August 19-26, 2018

Start planning your summer holidays now! Come join us to celebrate our 34th year of camp for children in our Eparchy! Camp St. Volodymyr is a great place to be physically active, build self-confidence and self-esteem, develop life-long skills while reconnecting with nature and building friendships. Our camp is also a wonderful opportunity to experience God through nature and the companionship of others.

Campers will learn about the Ukrainian language and culture along with games, hiking, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and much more!

If you are between the ages of 7-15 this is a summer must do! Registration is \$380. Book by July 4 to save \$50. Bus transportation is also available to and from New Westminster. Register online using Eventbrite. Search "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2018." For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CAMP: Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in helping.

VOLUNTEER as a Camp Counsellor: We are seeking between 8-10 individuals to help plan and organize our camp activities. Apply online using Eventbrite. Search "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2018." Applications due May 15, 2018. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal record check and must sign the camp code of conduct.

VOLUNTEER as a Camp Chef: We are seeking between 4-6 individuals to help us each day in the kitchen. It is your opportunity to get creative and be a part of the campers top 5 things at camp; The Food!

VOLUNTEER as our Camp Nurse: We are looking for an individual to be our camp nurse. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the children in our Eparchy. This position would require valid first aid and nursing certification. Responsibilities would include administering medications brought by campers/staff as well as recording all incidents and treatments. Supplies and medications are provided by the camp.

DONATE Food: We are always happy to accept food donations of fresh fruits and vegetables, breakfast items; cereal, syrup, pancake mix, jam, Nutella, lunch items; chicken soup, Kraft dinner, cheese, drinks; juice boxes, powdered drinks, brownie/cake mixes, Jello, snack bars, cookies or treats. Gift certificates to Superstore and Costco are also welcomed.

DONATE Monetarily: Each year the Eparchy sponsors several children to attend. You can help send a deserving child to camp through your donations. Donation can be made through the Eparchy or online at our Eventbrite page. Tax receipts can be issued for donations of \$25 or more.

Visit our website www.nweparchy.ca

READING THE CATECHISM “CHRIST - OUR PASCHA”



3) *Our Baptism Is “the Blessing of the Jordan”*

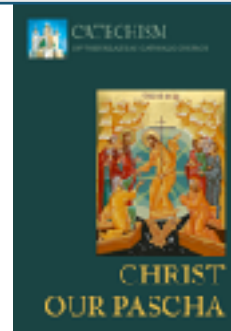
#413 In the Rite of Baptism, the Church prays that “the grace of salvation and the blessing of the Jordan” descend upon the water. We pray that in this Baptism, that which was revealed at the river Jordan will be realized now. There, the Father, through the Holy Spirit, declared Jesus to be his beloved Son. That which

was manifested in Christ - being the Son of God - becomes the reality of all who are baptized. Upon you also, if you possess sincere piety, the Holy Spirit will descend, and from above will be heard over you the voice of the Father, saying not “This is my Son” but “This has now become my son.” For to Christ alone belongs the “is” ... To you belongs “has now become,” since you do not possess the sonship by nature, but receive it by adoption. He is Son eternally, but you receive that grace by advancement.

#414 Baptism is the first Mystery that a person needs to receive in order to enter the Church, the ark of salvation. It is the means by which one becomes a member of the Church, the Body of Christ. “Whence is it that we are Christians? Through our faith would be the universal answer. And in what way are we saved? Plainly because we were regenerated through the grace given in our baptism.” Baptism unlocks the access to the other Holy Mysteries and sacred rites in the Church through which the Lord sanctifies, vivifies, and leads his Church as a whole and each believer in particular. This is why the baptized already become “heirs of the kingdom” and receive the “blessedness of the saints.”

4) *One Baptism for the Remission of Sins*

#415 In Baptism a person receives remission of all sins: “Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (Rom 5:20). Having been united to Christ and having become a temple



of the Holy Spirit, the Christian is freed from enslavement to sin and death through the action of divine grace. He or she becomes capable of growing into the likeness of God. Divine filiation and the capacity for divine likeness through Christ in the Holy Spirit is given to the baptized person once and for all. That is why this Mystery can be received only once in a lifetime. Even after Baptism, however, the person who is not yet tempered in choosing what is good, is inclined to sin. Therefore, one turns to the Mystery of Repentance. In this Holy Mystery, one continues on the path of repentance, conversion, cleansing from sin, and strengthening in the virtues.

5) The Necessity of Faith

#416 As he sends his disciples to preach, Christ assures them: “The one who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mk 16:16). In order to receive the salvific gift of Baptism, faith is essential—faith in Christ, the Son of God, “in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Col 1:14) and the gift of divine filiation: “If you believe with all your heart, you may [be baptized]” (Acts 8:37). “In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Gal 3:26-27).

#417 “Faith and baptism are two kindred and inseparable ways of salvation: faith is perfected through baptism, and baptism is grounded on faith ... First comes the confession [of faith], introducing us to salvation, and baptism follows, setting the seal on our assent.” Having received the gift of Baptism as a kind of seed, we are called to work together with the Holy Spirit in order to bear abundant fruit: “For though the remission of sins is granted to all alike the communication of the Holy Spirit is granted in proportion to the faith of each ... You are running for yourself, so look to your own advantage.”
