

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



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



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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - П'ЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ПОСТУ**

Having gone to dwell in the wilderness, you had blotted out from your soul the images of your sensual passions, and marked upon it the God-given imprint of holiness. You attained such glory, blessed Mother, as to walk upon the surface of the water, and in your prayers to God you were raised up from the earth. And now, all-glorious Mary, standing before Christ with boldness, entreat Him for our souls.

The desire of your soul and the passions of your flesh you have cut down with the sword of abstinence; your sinful thoughts you have choked with the silence of the ascetic life. With the streams of your tears you have watered all the wilderness, and caused the fruits of repentance to spring up for us: therefore, O saint, we celebrate your memory.

We now behold a new wonder, greater than the wonders of old. For who has ever known a mother to bear a child without the help of man? Who has known a mother to hold in her arms the Source of all Creation? It was God's own will to be born in this manner; and you, O most pure Virgin, carried Him as an infant in your arms. Because of this, you can approach God with the boldness of a mother. Therefore, we venerate you, and ask you to always beseech Him to have mercy on us and save our souls.



*Our Venerable Mother,  
Mary of Egypt*

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

<b>SUNDAY HYMNS</b>			
OPENING HYMN	With Joy We Keep the Holy Fast pg. 1008 <i>(from Anthology)</i>		
COMMUNION HYMN	Витай Нам, Хресте / We Sing Your Praises pg. 4-5		
CLOSING HYMN	Кант до Святого Хреста / Kant to the Holy Cross		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
<b>SUNDAY &amp; DAILY SCHEDULE</b>			
SUNDAY, March 18	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, March 19	NO SERVICES		
TUESDAY, March 20	Third Hour		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, March 21	Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts		9:00 AM
THURSDAY, March 22	Akathist to the Passion of Christ		9:00 AM
FRIDAY, March 23	Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts		6:00 PM
SATURDAY, March 24	Divine Liturgy followed by Sorokousty Vespers		9:00 AM 6:00 PM
SUNDAY, March 25	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 18	Heb. 9:11-14	Glikeria Iwanuck	Mattea Huculak
SUNDAY, March 25	Phil. 4:4-9	Andrij Pelekhaty	Juliana Vyshnevskya
SUNDAY, April 1	Act. 1: 1-8	Motria Koropecy	Darryl Huculak
SUNDAY, April 8	Act. 5: 12-20	Yuliya Pelekhata	Graciela Spaciuk-Schwarz
<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	
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><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 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!



#### 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. 270-318; propers - pg. 357, 635*  
*The Liturgy prescribed for today is that of St. Basil the Great.*

**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.

**Troparion, Tone 8:** The divine image was faithfully preserved in you, O mother,\* for taking up the Cross, you followed Christ.\* By your deeds you have taught us to see beyond the flesh,

which passes,\* and care for the soul, a thing immortal.\* And so, O venerable Mary,\* your spirit rejoices with the angels.

**Glory: Now: Kontakion, Tone 3:** Once you were filled with every impurity,\* now through repentance you have been revealed as a bride of Christ,\* following the angelic life, you crushed demons with the weapon of the Cross.\* Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been shown to be a bride of the kingdom.

**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 4:** God is wonderful in His saints,\* the God of Israel.

**Epistle - Heb. 9:11-14 - A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews:** Brothers and sisters, when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

**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.

**Gospel - Mark 10:32-45 -** At that time, taking the Twelve aside, Jesus began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish (me) to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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*Instead of “It is truly right...” we sing:* In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins’ pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

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



**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.

**Тропар, глас 8:** В тобі, мати, дбайливо зберігся образ, бо, прийнявши хрест, ти пішла слідом за Христом і ділом навчала ти погорджувати тілом, бо воно проминає, а дбати про душу - єство безсмертне. Тим-то з ангелами разом радується, преподобна Маріє, дух твій.

**Слава: І нині: Кондак, глас 3:** Перше блудами всякими сповнена, як Христова невіста через покаяння днесь явилася, ангельське життя наслідуючи, демонів оружжям хреста ти убиваєш. Ради цього як невіста царева ти явилася, Маріє преславна.

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

**Прокімен, глас 4:** Величний Бог у святих своїх,\* Бог Ізраїлів.

**Апостол - Євр. 9:11-14 - До Євреїв послання Святого Апостола Павла читання:** Браття і сестри, Христос же, з'явившись як архиерей майбутніх благ, через більший і досконаліший намет, що зроблений не людською рукою, тобто не земної будови, – і не з кров'ю козлів та телят, але з власною кров'ю, – увійшов, раз назавжди у святиню і знайшов вічне відкуплення. Бо коли кров волів і козлів та попів із телиці, як покропить нечистих, освячує, даючи їм чистоту тіла, то скільки більше кров Христа, – який Духом вічним приніс себе самому Богові непорочним, – очистить наше сумління від мертвих діл, на служіння Богові живому! В тобі, мати, дбайливо зберігся образ, бо, прийнявши хрест, ти пішла слідом за Христом і ділом навчала ти погорджувати тілом, бо воно проминає, а дбати про душу – єство безсмертне. Тим-то з ангелами разом радується, преподобна Маріє, дух твій. Перше блудами всякими сповнена, як Христова невіста через покаяння днесь явилася, ангельське життя наслідуючи, демонів оружжям хреста ти убиваєш. Ради цього як невіста царева ти явилася, Маріє преславна.



**Алилуя, глас 8:** *Стих:* Прийдімо з похвалами пере обличчя Його, і псалмами воскликнім Йому. *Стих:* Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах.

**Євангеліє - Марко 10:32-45** - У той час взяв Ісус дванадцятьох і почав їм говорити, що має статися з ним: "Оце йдемо в Єрусалим, і Син Чоловічий буде виданий первосвященникам та книжникам, і засудять його на смерть, і видадуть його поганам; і насміхатимуться з нього, плюватимуть на нього, бичуватимуть його й уб'ють, він же по трьох днях воскресне." Яків же та Йоан, сини Заведея, підходять до нього та й кажуть йому: "Учителю, хочемо, щоб ти нам зробив те, чого попросим." Він же їм відповів: "Що хочете, щоб я зробив вам?" "Зволь нам, – ті йому кажуть, – щоб ми сиділи: один праворуч, другий ліворуч від тебе у твоїй славі." Ісус же сказав їм: "Не знаєте, чого просите. Чи можете пити чашу, яку я п'ю, і христитися хрищенням, яким я хрищусь?" Ті йому відповіли: "Можемо." Ісус сказав їм: "Чашу, яку я п'ю, питимете, і хрищенням, яким я хрищуся, христитиметесь. Сидіти ж праворуч від мене чи ліворуч, – не моя річ вам дати, а кому приготовано." Почули про те десятеро, тож обурились на Якова та Йоана. Тоді Ісус прикликав їх і сказав їм: "Ви знаєте, що ті, яких вважають князями народів, верховодять ними, а їхні вельможі утискають їх. Не так воно хай буде між вами, але хто з-між вас хоче стати великим, хай буде вам слугою, і хто з-між вас хоче бути першим, хай буде рабом усіх. Бо й Син Чоловічий прийшов не на те, щоб йому служити, лише щоб служити й віддати своє життя як викуп за багатьох."

*Замість "Достойно" співаємо:* Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, о священний храме і раю словесний, дівственна похвало, що із неї Бог воплотився і младенцем став, перед віками суцїй Бог наш. Лоно бо твоє престолом сотворив і утробу твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, слава тобі.

**Причасний:** Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його на висотах. В пам'ять вічну буде праведник,\* злих слухів не убоїться. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя.

## КАНТ ДО СВЯТОГО ХРЕСТА - KANT TO THE HOLY CROSS

Жалем гнітенний, водем журбою, до Тебе Хресте Святий спішу,  
Ти одним щастям, щастям спокою, одну отіху в Тобі знайду.  
Спішу до Тебе вкритий гріхами, прощення прошу і ласк Твоїх,  
Змий серце ласки Твоєї струями, очисти з серця злобу і гріх.

Burdened with our sorrows wretchedness of sin, seeking your forgiveness and strength within,  
Only You can here me, heal me of my pain, only you dear Cross and life with you again.  
Souls beg your mercy, hope, joy, love, peace, to live with you dear Cross when life here does cease,  
Cleanse our hearts of errors, purify our thoughts, praying to you Cross for all the souls that you have bought.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to LILIA PALYVODA, JOHN HENTZELMAN 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, OLGA ZACHARY, 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.
  - ◆ **THANK YOU** to all those who came yesterday and helped with selling, serving & cleaning during our Annual Easter Food Fair. Also THANK YOU to all who helped with the food preparation in the last two months. May God bless & reward you all for your stewardship.
  - ◆ **OUR CONDOLENCES TO KARLICKI FAMILY** on the loss of Walter Karlicki who passed away last week. Funeral will take place at the McCall's Funeral Home (4665 Falaise Dr.) on Friday, April 20, at 2pm. May our Lord place Walter's soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may his memory be everlasting - Вічна пам'ять!
  - ◆ **OUR CONDOLENCES TO KOWALCHUK FAMILY** on the loss of Marilyn Kowalchuk who passed away on Wednesday, Mar 14. More details to follow. May our Lord place Marilyn's soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may her memory be everlasting - Вічна пам'ять!
  - ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Thursday, March 22 at 6:30pm.
  - ◆ **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**.
  - ◆ **SOROKOUSTY:** Lenten Memorial Services for the deceased will be celebrated every Saturday 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. Please let Fr. Yuriy know if you need a new book for the deceased.
  - ◆ **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
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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 Koropecy 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
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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.*

◆**MARCH 11, SUNDAY DONATIONS:** Coffee: \$ 21.80; Vigil lights: \$12.35; Loose collection: \$45.55; Envelope collection: \$482.00; Pre-authorized donations Mar 5 to Mar 11: \$220.00

## HOLY WEEK / EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### **Mon, Tue, Wed, March 26, 27, 28**

5:00 PM - Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

### **Thursday, March 29**

9:00 AM - Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

5:00 PM - Passion Matins (Reading of the Passion Gospels)

### **Friday, March 30 - Good Friday**

11:00 AM - Vespers with laying out of the Plashchanytsya (Shroud)

5:00 PM - Jerusalem Matins

### **Saturday, March 31**

9:00 AM - Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

### **Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday**

8:00 AM - Service at the Tomb of Our Lord; Paschal Matins

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy & blessing of Paska and Easter Food

### **Mon, Tue, April 2, 3**

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

### **Sunday, April 8 - Thomas Sunday**

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy followed by Spilne Svyachene (*parish Easter brunch*)

## READING THE CATECHISM “CHRIST - OUR PASCHA”



### 4) *Invoking the Holy Spirit*

**#381** The prayer in which we invoke the Holy Spirit “upon us and upon these gifts” is called the epiclesis (from the Greek, meaning call upon or call down). The Holy Spirit descends on the gifts so that they may become for us “sobriety of soul, forgiveness of sins, fellowship of the Holy Spirit, fulfilment of the kingdom of heaven.” In the

epiclesis, “we implore the merciful God to send forth his Holy Spirit upon the offering to make the bread the Body of Christ and the wine the Blood of Christ. For whatever the Holy Spirit touches is hallowed and changed.”

**#382** All those who have communion in the Body of Christ become one whole, with him and among themselves: “Unite all of us, who share in this one bread and cup, with one another into the communion of the one Holy Spirit.” This is why, together with the whole Church, with the Mother of God and all the saints, we commemorate all the deceased in the hope of resurrection to eternal life. But we also commemorate all the living, along with their spiritual and bodily needs. We ask that the Lord remember them - give them life by the gift of his love.

**#383** We complete the holy offering with the words: “Grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and sing the praises of your most honoured and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.” Renewed in God’s love through the reciprocal giving of ourselves, “all of us, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit” (2 Cor 3:18).



## 2018 EPARCHIAL LENTEN COLLECTION

**Chancery Office  
Eparchy of New Westminster**

To The Very Reverend and The Reverend Clergy,  
Religious, and Lay-Faithful  
of the Eparchy of New Westminster



25 February 2018

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

## Eparchial Lenten Collection

We have already begun our Lenten Journey towards the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, having completed the second week of the Great Fast.

Lent is a time of restoration and renewal primarily in three areas. First of all, we try to give greater attention to our prayer life. Then we might choose to “give-up” or abstain from certain types of foods or activities, either privately or together as a family. And finally, we pay greater attention to those in need, both near and far, through works of charity.

Each year our Eparchy takes a special collection for the needs of our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. These funds are collected at the parish level and then each parish forwards the collected amount to the Eparchy. In turn, we donate these funds to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) which is a Papal aid agency that focuses primarily on the needs of the Eastern Churches (our own Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak is on its board of directors). CNEWA then forwards the funds to the designated recipients, providing us with financial and activity reports on how the funds were distributed.

This year I would like to suggest for your consideration the following donation recipients:

1. **Andrew’s Pence:** This is a special collection that we give to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the head of our Church. He uses these funds to support the pastoral ministry of our clergy in areas of Eastern Ukraine and in other parts of the world where we have communities in need of assistance.
  2. **Holy Resurrection Patriarchal Sobor** building fund in Kyiv: Funding is needed in order to complete interior decorations, including icons and mosaics.
  3. **Operational expenses of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.** The work of the Synod is important for the life of the whole Church and of our eparchy in particular. It is where all our Bishops gather to decide on the things that truly matter in the life of our Church, exchanging ideas, developing programs, sharing resources in such areas as catechesis, liturgical texts, clergy formation, youth activities, pastoral care of migrants, etc. As each Eparchy is expected to contribute towards the Synod’s operational expenses, your donations in this area will be most helpful.
  4. **Caritas Ukraine:** Caritas Ukraine is the official charitable organization of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine. Each year at Christmas time through the sale of candles to our faithful, our Eparchy participates in a collection for special youth projects in Ukraine. However, there are still many other projects that need funding. Especially in this time of occupation and military aggression, Caritas Ukraine continues to provide humanitarian aid to the many victims of war and their families.
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*18 March, 2018*

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Over the next few Sundays your parish will provide special envelopes with a place to indicate the amount you are donating to the various organizations I have listed above. You can certainly donate at any time, but I am asking that a **special collection be made on Sunday, March 18**, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and the total funds collected in the parish for our Lenten donation to Ukraine be sent to our Chancery Offices no later than 20 April. We would like to send to CNEWA the funds to be forwarded to Ukraine by the last week of April.

Thank you for your generosity and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

With prayerful best wishes,

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