

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



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
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**SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF NICEA
НЕДІЛЯ ОТЦІВ ПЕРШОГО СОБОРУ В НІКЕЇ**

Declaring that the Light could not be seen, Arius fell into the pit of the impious ones; his body was torn apart by the justice of God, and he gave up his soul in a violent manner. He was another Judas by his thoughts and deeds. But the Council of Nicea proclaimed You as the Son of God who is enthroned with the Father and the Spirit.

The foolish Arius divided the unity of the Holy Trinity into three different and unequal substances. But the God-bearing Fathers came together in Council. Burning with the zeal of Elijah the Tishbite and with the sword of the Holy Spirit, they cut down these shameful blasphemies; for they were directed by the Spirit.

Let us honour today those mystical trumpets of the Spirit, namely, the God-mantled Fathers, who speaking of divine things, sang in the midst of the Church a hymn in unison, teaching that the Trinity is one, not differing in substance or Godhead, refuting Arius and defending the orthodox faith. They always intercede with the Lord to have mercy on our souls.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS			
OPENING HYMN	На Гору Днесь Єлеонську / Today on The Mount pg. 208 -209		
COMMUNION HYMN	Пливи Світами / Let All Creation Sing Out In Triumph pg. 256-257		
CLOSING HYMN	Наче Повний Голос Дзвону / Having Shared Your Loving Kindness pg, 270-271		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE			
SUNDAY, May 13	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, May 14	NO SERVICE		
TUESDAY, May 15	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, May 16	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
THURSDAY, May 17	Divine Liturgy / Moleben to the Mother of God		9:00AM/5PM
FRIDAY, May 18	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SATURDAY, May 19	NO SERVICE		
SUNDAY, May 20	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, May 13	Act.2:16-18;28-36	Glikeria Iwanuck	Peter Iwanuck
SUNDAY, May 20	Act. 2: 1-11	Andrij Pelekhaty	Caroline Smudy
SUNDAY, May 27	Heb. 11:33-12:2	Motria Koropecy	Rita Vanderven
SUNDAY, June 3	Rm. 2: 10-16	Yuliya Pelekhata	Darryl Huculak
<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. 551

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

First Antiphon

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of joy.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Verse: For the Lord most high is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Verse: He has subdued peoples to us, and nations under our feet.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Verse: God ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord, at the sound of the trumpet.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Glory: Now: Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

We sing the usual Third Antiphon, but with the festal refrain: Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion, Tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion, Tone 4: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit,* and assuring them through your blessing* that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

Troparion, Tone 8: Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 8: The apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrine confirmed the Church's one faith, and wearing the garment of truth woven from theology that descends from on high, she rightly imparts the mystery of godliness and sings its glory.

Now: Kontakion, Tone 6: When you had fulfilled Your plan for us* and united things on earth with those in heaven,* You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* in no way distant, but remaining inseparable,* You cried to those who love You:* I am with You and there is none against you.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. *Verse:* For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Epistle - Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in

Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: ‘You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” ’ When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed.

Alleluia, Tone 1: *Verse:* The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of sun to its setting. *Verse:* Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him.

Gospel - John 17:1-13 - Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.

Instead of “It is truly...” we sing: O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens.

Irmos, Tone 5: O Mother of God, you transcended both mind and word, and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One: it is you who, with one accord, we, the faithful, magnify.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him 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).*

Instead of: “**We have seen the true light...**” (1x) “**May our mouths be filled...**” (3x) and “**Blessed be the Name of the Lord...**” (3x), *we sing:* Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory.



Перший Антифон

Стих: Всі народи, заплещіте руками, воскликніть Богові голосом радості.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: Бо Господь Всевишній – страшний, цар великий по всій землі.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: Він покорив людей нам і народи під ноги наші.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: Зійшов Бог під оклики веселі, Господь – під голос сурми.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Слава: І Нині: Єдинородний Сину ...

Третій Антифон

Співаємо звичайний третій антифон, але з приспівом: Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що родився від Діви, співаємо тобі: Алилуя.

Тропар, глас 6: Ангельські сили на гробі твоїм* і сторожі омертвіли * Марія ж стояла при гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла твого.* Полонив ти ад і, не переможений від нього,* зустрів ти Діву, даруючи життя.* Воскреслий з мертвих, Господи, слава тобі!

Тропар, глас 4: Вознісся ти у славі, Христе Боже наш,* радість сотворивши ученикам обітуванням Святого Духа,* утвердивши їх благословенням,* бо ти еси Син Божий,* ізбавитель світу.

Тропар, глас 8: Препрославлений ти, Христе Боже наш,* світила на землі – отців наших оснував ти* і ними до істинної віри всіх нас направив ти.* Багатомилосердний, слава тобі.

Слава: Кондак, глас 8: Апостолів проповідування і отців догмати* єдину віру утвердили церкві,* яка і, ризу істини з богословія вишнього носячи,* право править, і славить благочестя велике таїнство.

І Нині: Кондак, глас 6: Сповнивши промисел щодо нас* і те, що на землі, з'єднавши з небесним,* вознісся ти у славі, Христе Боже наш,* ніяк не відлучаючись, але невідступнео перебуваючи,* ти кличеш до тих, що люблять тебе:* Я з вами і ніхто проти вас.

Прокімен, глас 4: Благословен еси, Господи, Боже отців наших,* і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я твоє навіки. Стих: Бо праведний еси в усьому, що сотворив ти нам.

Апостол - Дія. 20:16-18, 28-36 - 3 книги Діань Святих Апостолів читання: Тими днями Павло вирішив плисти попри Ефес, щоб не баритися в Азію поспішав бо, щоб, по змозі, на день П'ятидесятниці бути в Єрусалимі. З Мілету він послав у Ефес і прикликав пресвітерів церкви. Коли ж вони прийшли до нього, він до них промовив: «Ви знаєте, як з першого дня, коли я вступив у Азію, увесь час поводився я з вами. Зважайте на самих себе й на все стадо, над яким Дух Святий поставив вас єпископами, щоб пасли церкву Божу, що він придбав кров'ю власною. Я знаю, що по моїм відході ввійдуть поміж вас вовки хижі, які не щадитимуть стада. Та й з-поміж вас самих повстануть люди, що говоритимуть погубні речі, щоб потягнути за собою учнів. Тому чувайте, пригадуйте собі, що я три роки, ніч і день, не переставав кожного з вас із сльозами наводити на розум. А тепер передаю вас Богові і слову його благодаті, що може збудувати й дати вам спадщину між усіма освяченими. Ні срібла, ні золота, ані одежі я не вимагав ні від кого. Ви самі знаєте, що моїм потребам і тих, які зо мною, служили оці руки. У всьому я показав вам, що, так працюючи, треба допомагати слабосильним і пам'ятати слова Господа Ісуса, що сам сказав: «Більше щастя – давати, ніж брати.» Промовивши це, він упав на коліна і з усіма ними почав молитися.

Алилуя, глас 1: Стих: Бог богів, Господь мовив, і призвав землю від сходу сонця до заходу. Стих: Зберіть йому преподобних його, що заповідують завіт його в жертвах.

Євангеліє - Івана 17:1-13 - Ісус, підвівши очі свої до неба, проказав: «Отче, прийшла година! Прослав свого Сина, щоб Син твій тебе прославив, згідно з владою, що її ти дав йому над усяким тілом: дарувати життя вічне тим, яких ти передав йому. А вічне життя у тому, щоб вони спізнали тебе, єдиного, істинного Бога, і тобою посланого – Ісуса Христа. Я тебе на землі прославив, виконавши те діло, яке ти дав мені до виконання. Тепер же прослав мене, Отче, у себе – славою тією, що її я мав у тебе перед тим, як постав світ! Я об'явив твоє ім'я людям, яких ти від світу передав мені. Вони були твої, ти ж передав мені їх, і зберегли вони слово твоє. Нині збагнули вони, що все, тобою дане мені – від тебе; слова бо, тобою мені дані, я їм дав, і сприйняли вони їх, і справді збагнули, що від тебе я

вийшов, і увірували, що ти мене послав. Молю ж за них: не за світ молю, лише за тих, яких ти передав мені, бо вони – твої. І все моє – твоє, твоє ж – моє, і в них я прославився. Я вже більш не у світі, а вони у світі, і я до тебе йду. Отче Святий! Заради імени твого бережи їх, тих, що їх ти мені передав, щоб були одно, як ми! Бувши з ними у світі, я беріг їх у твоє ім'я; тих, яких ти передав мені, я їх стеріг, і ніхто з них не пропав, лише син загибелі, щоб збулося Писання. Тепер же іду до тебе, і кажу те, у світі бувши, щоб вони радоштів моїх мали у собі вщерть.

Замість “Достойно...” ми співаємо: Величай, душе моя, Господа, що з плоттю во славі вознісся на небеса.

Ірмос, глас 5: Тебе, вище ума і слова Матір Божу, що в часі безлітнього несказанно родила, вірні однодумно величаємо.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте його в вишніх. 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”).

Замість “Ми бачили світло істинне...” (x1) “Нехай сповняться уста...” (x3) і “Нехай буде ім'я...” (x3), співаємо: Вознесися на небеса Боже і по всій землі слава Твоя.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:** On the occasion of Mother's Day, best wishes go to all our mothers: good health, long life and the Lord's choicest blessings. May the Holy Mother of God guard and protect you. Many Happy and Blessed Years!

◆ **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** next Sunday, May 20 right after coffee & fellowship we will be going to the Royal Oak Cemetery (4673 Falaise Dr) where Fr. Yuriy will be blessing the graves.

◆ **VYSHYVANKA DAY PICNIC** - Monday, May 21st, 2 pm at Beckwith park (857 Beckwith Ave). Wear your vyshyvanka (embroidery) and bring a plate of finger food to share!

◆ **SUNDAY PRESENTATION AND MORE:** Please join us for a presentation on **Sunday, May 27** - *“Byzantine Liturgy (Divine Liturgy of Eastern Catholic Church).* The presentation

will take place after Liturgy and during our fellowship time. The following **Sunday, June 3** we begin our morning service with what is called *The Liturgy of Oblation or Proskomedia* and is celebrated by the priest prior to the Divine Liturgy during which the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist. The Proskomedia on that Sunday will be celebrated on the tetrapod.

- ◆ **KNEELING DURING EASTER SEASON** – a reminder that traditionally from Easter Sunday until Pentecost we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. As a sign of our redemption and final resurrection, we offer our prayers to God while standing.
 - ◆ **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.
 - ◆ **NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS:** st.nicholas.victoria@gmail.com
 - ◆ **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)** - We are seeking donations, or sponsors, who would be willing to help St. Nicholas Parish purchase an **Automated external defibrillator (AED)**. Did you know that sudden cardiac arrest is a major public health problem and effects an estimated 500 000 people every year? Sudden cardiac arrest is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. Using an automated external defibrillator or AED on a person who is having sudden cardiac arrest may save the person's life. AEDs are designed to be simple to use in any location. AED is a small, lightweight, and portable electronic device that delivers an electric shock through the chest wall of a person whose heart has stopped beating. We would like to have our own AED on site so that we can be prepared if we someone should need to be treated for sudden cardiac arrest. Our goal is to raise \$1500.00 to purchase 1 AED for the parish. Please share and contribute what you can. Help us achieve our goal for providing this important life saving tool for our parishioners and guests.
 - ◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to 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. Христос Воскрес!
 - ◆ **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
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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.*

◆**MAY 6, SUNDAY DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$17.50; Vigil lights: \$7.35; Loose collection: \$45.00; Envelope collection: \$720.22; AED: \$200.00; Pre-authorized donations Apr 30 to May 6: \$345.00; **Total: \$1335.07**

MISSION DAYS - ДЕКАДА МІСІЙНОСТІ

Thursday, May 10 - Sunday, May 20
Mission Days - A Ten Day Journey

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit," Mt. 28.19

Dear parishioners, you are invited to embark an extraordinary pilgrimage that will last for ten days - from the Ascension (May 10) to the Pentecost (May 20). During this time the attention of our entire Church will be towards our common vocation as "missionaries," that is to say a community ready to share God's Word of salvation with others.

We read in the Mission Days Guidebook: "By taking an active role in the spiritual efforts of these ten Mission Days, we are called to better understand that, by their very nature, our parish communities and families (domestic churches) have a *missionary* character. This missionary spirit is a consequence of the gift of our Baptism, by virtue of which we, as Christians, take upon ourselves the responsibility to *believe, live, serve, and share* the witness of our faith in Christ, not just among our family members, but with our neighbours, wherever we may live."

Let our entire parish community gather on May 10, the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, in our church to begin this pilgrimage together.

3rd Day - Sunday, May 13: God is With Us - We Belong to God - 10am - Divine Liturgy

4th Day - Monday, May 14: Branches that Bear Fruit

5th Day - Tuesday, May 15: Where to Look for Truth? - 9am - Divine Liturgy

6th Day - Wednesday, May 16: Personal Responsibility - 9am - Divine Liturgy

7th Day - Thursday, May 17: Community of Prayer - 9am - Divine Liturgy

8th Day - Friday, May 18: Serving Those in Need - 9am - Divine Liturgy

9th Day - Saturday, May 19: "Tend my sheep!"

10th Day - Sunday, May 20: Our Mission: to Carry the Holy Spirit to Others... - 10am - Divine Liturgy

If you cannot participate in the Mission Days during these 10 days you can make this pilgrimage at home with you family. Dedicate 5-10 min of your time during these 10 days for praying with the “Mission Days Guidebook”. Please let Fr. Yuriy know if you would like to have an electronic version of the booklet.

READING THE CATECHISM “CHRIST - OUR PASCHA”

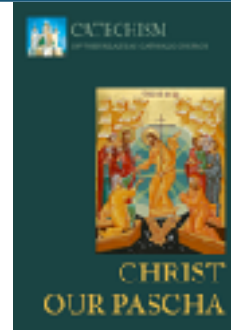


C. The Holy Mysteries of Christian Life *a. The Mystery - Christ is in our Midst*

#403 In Holy Scripture and the teaching of the Fathers, the meaning of the term mystery [which is the word for sacrament in various Eastern Christian languages] is particularly extensive. “The mystery of God’s will” is what Saint Paul calls God’s “plan for the

fullness of time, to gather up all things in [Christ], things in heaven and things on earth” (Eph 1:9-10). For Christians, mystery ultimately means Christ in our midst (see Col 1:27). Therefore, knowledge of the mystery of God’s salvation is the knowledge of Christ, “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col 2:3). Briefly stated, mystery - the Mystery - is Christ, and all that he did and does for us.

#404 After his Ascension, Christ continues to remain among his disciples - Christians throughout the ages - and to act for their and the whole world’s salvation. We proclaim this in the kontakion of the feast: “You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, in no way distant, but remaining inseparable.” These words echo the Lord’s assurance: “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Mt 28:20). In his Church, Christ continues to teach, feed, heal, forgive, and revive. Thus, the Church herself can be called the mystery of his presence, the place where God and people meet. The fifth-century Pope of Rome Saint Leo the Great explained: “that which till then [Christ’s Ascension] was visible of our Redeemer was changed into a sacramental presence.”



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

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (May 10)
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The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.



The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE *(by George Weigel)*



Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv has long understood that one of its foundations is martyrdom.

When I first visited Lviv, the principal city of western Ukraine, in 2002, the transportation from plane to airport terminal was an old bus

towed by a Soviet-era tractor; today, the airport is a model of cleanliness and efficiency. In 2002, the Old Town was shabby and begrimed; today, it's become a major tourist destination, and while there is still more clean-up to do, the charms of an old Habsburg city are beginning to reveal themselves. To sit in a downtown restaurant and speak with the city's mayor about his plans for further development, it's easy to forget that you're in a country at war.

But then you come to the Garrison Church of Sts. Peter and Paul.

There, Father Stepan Sus of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is running an urban ministry so dynamic that he has twenty other priests working with him. The church itself is full of architectural and decorative interest: built in the Baroque style the early seventeenth century as the city's "Jesuit Church" (and therefore modeled on the Church of the Gesù in Rome), Sts. Peter and Paul long served as a center of military chaplaincy for the Austrian and Polish troops garrisoned in Lviv. Then, in 1946, the property was seized by the Soviet regime and the church was turned into a book depository in which some two million volumes were stored. After the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 and Ukraine achieved independence, there was a fuss over ownership and it was not until 2010 that the church was deemed the property of the Greek Catholic Archeparchy of Lviv.

Father Sus is full of energy, and on both weekdays and Sundays, the church celebrates the Divine Liturgy several times, with confessions available for over 11 hours each day. But when Father Sus takes you to a small memorial to the left of the church's entrance, his mien becomes more sober and you begin to understand that the vibrant ministry underway at this site of ecclesial resurrection has its costs. For there, amidst shell casings, bits of shrapnel, spent bullets, and an icon, are the pictures of the young men of the parish who have been killed in the war Russia has been conducting in the Donbass region of eastern Ukraine since 2014. Since the invasion of the Donbass by Russian "little green men," Father Sus has conducted 76 funerals in the garrison church. Each of those young lives, sacrificed to defend a country against an aggression the West would prefer to ignore, is a powerful and poignant reminder that freedom is never free.

So is the memorial to Bohdan Solchanyk in the foyer of one of the sparkling new buildings that grace the campus of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. UKU (as it's known from its initials in transliterated Ukrainian) is another marvel. The only Catholic institution of higher learning in the former Soviet space, UKU was a dream 25 years ago. Today, it's a stunning reality — the most highly-rated university in Ukraine on several indices of accomplishment, thanks to the work of an extraordinary faculty and administrative team first assembled by Bishop Borys Gudziak.

UKU is a university that takes Catholic mission with utmost seriousness: in this case, the mission to heal and evangelize a society still traumatized by more than seven decades of communism, war, and the Soviet attempt to destroy Ukraine's national identity. The university has long understood that one of its foundations is martyrdom, for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic

Church was brutally persecuted after World War II and gave the faith thousands of many witnesses-unto-death. When Bohdan Solchanyk, a history lecturer at UKU preparing his doctorate and engaged to be married went to Kyiv in 2013 to participate in the nonviolent demonstrations we now know as the Maidan Revolution of Dignity, he was certainly aware of that foundation. Then he, too, became a martyr, shot through the head by a sniper as he peacefully called for a Ukraine cleansed of corruption in society, culture, politics, and economics.

The vibrant ministry at Lviv's garrison church and the exceptional university being built at UKU are signs of hope in a world where the bad news sometimes seems to be all the news there is. The war in the Donbass is real, however, and the West needs to take it far more seriously.

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