

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



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ДВАДЦЯТЬ ТРЕТЯ НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ**

Rome presents you as a garden of sweet-smelling flowers, O much suffering Parasceva, perfuming the thoughts of the faithful with the fragrance of the virtues, and ever dispelling the stench of the passions with grace, O glorious one, beauty of the martyrs, boast of virgins, and abyss of miracles.

You have been given to all as glory beyond price by Christ our God, having suffered in Rome; and, abiding therein, O glorious martyr, you drive away from men the wickedness of the demons by your assistance. Therefore, we all bless you and praise your holy sufferings today, O much suffering Parasceva.

Preserved by the power of Christ, O most glorious Parasceva, you ignored the pain of your body and entered upon your struggles with faithful resolve, paying no heed to your human weakness; and, strengthened by hope, you have received illumination with those who came before you.

The Queen stood at the right and of the Saviour, as David sang; and your soul, adorned as with vesture of gold, you set before your Lord as a sacrifice, and you offered Him the blood of your body like incense of sweet savour. O all-praised martyr Parasceva, pray for us to Christ God, the Master of all, that He save our souls.



*Holy Martyr Parasceve
of Iconium*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS			
OPENING HYMN	В Страсі і Покорі / We Are Gathered pg. 234-235		
COMMUNION HYMN	Витай Між Нами / With Solemn Greeting pg. 244-245		
CLOSING HYMN	О Спомагай Нас / Always Protect Us pg. 364-366		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE			
SUNDAY, October 21	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, October 22	NO SERVICE		
TUESDAY, October 23	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, October 24	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
THURSDAY, October 25	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
FRIDAY, October 26	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SATURDAY, October 27	NO SERVICE		
SUNDAY, October 28	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, October 28	Eph. 2:4-10	Yuliya Pelekhata	Marian Chalifoux
SUNDAY, November 4	Eph. 2:14-22	Dmytro Maksymiv	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, November 11	Eph. 4:1-6	Kateryna Yaremyn	Bryan Melnyk
SUNDAY, November 18	Eph. 5:9-19	Glikeria Iwanuck	Carol Chapman
<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	SECRETARY.....Richard DeMerchant - 250.893.3484	CONFESSIONS.....1/2 hour before Liturgy	EUCARIST.....for the sick - any time
TREASURER.....William Vanderven - 250.478.1458	FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....David Newberry - 250.598.8197	BAPTISMS.....by appointment	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	MAINTENANCE.....Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769	FUNERALS.....by appointment	ANOINTING.....any time
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE...Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051	MEMBER AT LARGE.....Cindy Lazaruk - 778.677.9072	HOSPITAL VISITS.....any time	
<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. 349

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

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.

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 6: With his life-giving hand* Christ our God, the Giver of life,* raised all the dead from the murky abyss* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.* He is for all the Saviour,* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Now: Theotokion, Tone 6: Undaunted patroness of Christians,* O steadfast intermediary with the Creator,* turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,* but in Your kindness come to help us who cry out to You in faith.* Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead,* for You are ever the patroness of those who honour You, O Mother of God.

Prokimenon, Tone 6: Save Your people, O Lord,* and bless Your inheritance. *Verse:* Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest you turn from me in silence.

Epistle - Eph. 2:4-10 - A Reading from the Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Ephesians: Brothers and Sisters, God, is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Alleluia, Tone 6: *Verse:* He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. *Verse:* He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

Gospel - Lk 8: 26-39 - At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the

Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia!

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



Тропар, глас 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!

Слава: Кондак, глас 6: Животворною рукою Життєдавець, Христос Бог,* воскресив з темних безодень всіх померлих* і подав воскресіння людському роду:* Він бо усіх Спаситель,* воскресіння, життя і Бог усіх.

І нині: Богородичний, глас 6: Заступнице християн бездоганна,* Посереднице до Творця незамінна,* не погорди молінням грішних,* але випереди, як Блага, з поміччю нам, що вірно Тобі співаємо.* Поспішишь на молитву і скоро прийди на моління,* заступаючи повсякчас, Богородице, тих, що Тебе почитають.

Прокімен, глас 6: Спаси, Господи, * людей Твоїх * і благослови спадкоємство Твоє. *Стих:* До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене.

Апостол - Еф. 2:4-10 - До Ефесян Послання Святого Апостола Павла Читання: Браття і сестри, Бог, багатий милосердям, з-за великої своєї любови, якою полюбив нас, мертвих нашими гріхами, оживив нас разом із Христом – благодаттю ви спасені! – І разом з ним воскресив нас, і разом посадовив на небі у Христі Ісусі; щоб у наступних віках він міг показати надзвичайне багатство своєї благодаті у своїй доброті до нас у Христі Ісусі. Бо ви спасені благодаттю через віру. І це не від нас: воно дар Божий. Воно не від діл, щоб ніхто не міг хвалитися. Бо ми його створіння, створені у Христі Ісусі для добрих діл, які Бог уже наперед був приготував, щоб ми їх чинили.

Алилуя, глас 6: *Стих:* Хто живе під охороною Всевишнього, під покровом Бога небесного оселиться. *Стих:* Скаже він Господеві: Ти заступник мій і пристановище моє, Бог мій, на котрого я надіюся.

Євангеліє - Лк 8:26-39 - І вони припливли до землі Гадаринської, що навпроти Галілеї. І, як на землю Він вийшов, перестрів Його один чоловік із міста, що довгі роки мав він демонів, не вдягався в одягу, і мешкав не в домі, а в гробах. А коли він Ісуса побачив, то закричав, повалився перед Ним, і голосом гучним закликав: Що до мене Тобі, Ісусе, Сину Бога Всевишнього? Благаю Тебе, не муч мене! Бо звелів Він нечистому духові вийти з людини. Довгий час він хапав був його, і в'язали його ланцюгами й кайданами, і стерегли його, але він розривав ланцюги, і демон гнав по пустині його. А Ісус запитався його: Як тобі на ім'я? І той відказав: Легіон, бо багато ввійшло в нього демонів. І благали Його, щоб Він їм не звелів іти в безодню. Пасся ж там на горі гурт великий свиней. І просилися демони ті, щоб дозволив піти їм у них. І дозволив Він їм. А як демони вийшли з того чоловіка, то в свиней увійшли. І череда кинулась із кручі до озера, і потопилась. Пастухи ж, як побачили теє, що сталось, повтікали, та в місті й по селах звістили. І вийшли побачити, що сталось. І прийшли до Ісуса й знайшли, що той чоловік, що демони вийшли із нього, сидів при ногах Ісусових вдягнений та при умі, і полякались... Самовидці ж їм розповіли, як видужав той біснуватий. І весь народ Гадаринського краю став благодати Його, щоб пішов Він від них, великий бо страх обгорнув їх. Він же до човна ввійшов і вернувся. А той чоловік, що демони вийшли із нього, став благодати Його, щоб бути при Ньому. Та Він відпустив його, кажучи: Вернися до дому свого, і розповіж, які речі великі вчинив тобі Бог! І той пішов, і по цілому місту звістив, які речі великі для нього Ісус учинив!

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах. Аلیلія, аلیلія, аلیلія!

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

◆ **TODAY AFTER LITURGY - COME AND MEET CASSIAN SOLTYKEYVYCH**, past president of SUSK (Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union). Cassian Soltykevych, actively volunteers with SUSK, and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) National Executive. He is the immediate past President of SUSK, the goal of which is to build an endowment fund that will sustain and support Ukrainian student organizations across Canada in perpetuity. The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK), or Союз Українського Студентства Канади (СУСК), serves as a national forum through which concerns and issues relevant to Ukrainian Canadian students are discussed and acted upon.

- ◆ **VESELKA** will be hosting a Silent Auction on Saturday, November 24 to fund raise for their trip to Ukraine in August 2019. Doors open at 6PM; tickets - \$40. Wine, appetizers, live music & prizes. Make this a special evening. The dancers are also selling frozen perogies to raise funds for their trip. Veselka is sponsoring the Ukrainian Supper on November 23 so bring your family and friends to support their efforts. Veselka is available for performances throughout the year. Please submit requests online. Visit their website at veselkadancers.com for more information, call their office at 250.475.1174

 - ◆ **SVYAT VECHIR DINNER:** The Ukrainian Studies Society is hosting Ukrainian Christmas Eve Traditions, “Svyatay Vechir” (Holy Night) dinner on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 6PM at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre.

 - ◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers GORD HRYHORYSHEN and other members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

 - ◆ **ST. NICHOLAS BOOK STORE:** The Divine Liturgy An Anthology of Worship - **\$25**; “Christ Our Pascha” Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church/“Христос Наша Пасха” Катехизм Української Католицької Церкви - **\$25**; “Sing to Our God” hymn book - **\$15**; Молитовник “Прийдіте Поклонімся” - **\$10**; “The Rosary - The Prayer Rule of the Mother of God in the Ukrainian Catholic Church” - **\$10**.

 - ◆ **PARISH CALENDAR OF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** If you would like to be included in our Parish Calendar of Birthday and Anniversary celebrations, please put date in our calendar located at the church vestibule. Each week, we will list the names in our parish bulletin so we can celebrate these happy occasions together!

 - ◆ **JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our St Nicholas Parish Choir and remember that we ALWAYS looking for new members! Contact Motria Koropeccky 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
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\$500 denominations. Talk to Alec after today's liturgy to pre- order your cards. We need to sell A LOT of them! We encourage you to consider purchasing them for yourselves as gifts too.

- ◆ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others. Contact Fr. Yuriy **OR** Darlene DeMerchant for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference.

- ◆ **PARISH LIBRARY:** please visit our parish library and browse through the books on spirituality, church history, iconography, history of the Ukrainians in Canada, children's books and more... The library is located in the church vestibule. Please use a library book sign out form when borrowing a book.

- ◆ **SUNDAY COFFEE VOLUNTEERS** act as hosts and serve light refreshments following the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, providing an opportunity for the faithful to socialize with friends and visitors following their shared worship experience. We thank all of our parishioners who kind volunteer to serve refreshments. Whether you are new to the Parish, or are a long-time members, please join us for coffee. Please speak with Robert if you would like to volunteer.

- ◆ **WE SHARE THE AIR:** Please keep it healthy and fragrant free. Someone in this area is scent-sitive. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other respiratory ailments. PLEASE DO NOT *wear perfume, cologne, lotion, aftershave and other fragrances; *USE unscented personal care products. Be Sensitive to Others. Thank you for your understanding. *St. Nicholas parish.*

- ◆ **OCTOBER 21, SUNDAY DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$37.50; Vigil lights: \$10.00; Loose collection: \$29.75; Envelope collection: \$447.00; Pre-authorized donations Oct 15 to Oct 21: \$120.00 **TOTAL: \$644.25**

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ICONOSTASIS
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**Saints Cyril & Methodius, Equal of the Apostles,
and Enlighteners of the Slavs**
(May 11)



Saints Cyril and Methodius came from an illustrious and pious family living in the Greek city of Thessalonica. St Methodius was the oldest of seven brothers, St Constantine [Cyril was his monastic name] was the youngest. At first St Methodius was in the military and was governor in one of the Slavic principalities dependent on the Byzantine Empire, probably Bulgaria, which made it possible for him to learn the Slavic language. After living there for about ten years, St Methodius later received monastic tonsure at one of the monasteries on Mount Olympus (Asia Minor).

St Constantine studied all the sciences of his time, and also knew several languages. He also studied the works of St Gregory the Theologian. Because of his keen mind and penetrating intellect, St Constantine was called “Philosopher” (wise). Upon the completion of his education, St Constantine was ordained to the holy priesthood and was appointed curator of the patriarchal library at the church of Hagia Sophia. He soon left the capital and went secretly to a monastery.

The emperor soon summoned both of the holy brothers from the monastery and sent them to preach the Gospel to the Khazars. Along the way they stayed in the city of Korsun (city in modern day Ukraine), making preparations for their missionary activity. There the holy brothers miraculously discovered the relics of the hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome.

There in Korsun St Constantine found a Gospel and Psalter written in Slavonic, and a man speaking the Slavic tongue, and he learned from this man how to read and speak this language. On the way home, the brothers again visited Korsun and, taking up the relics of Saint Clement, they returned to Constantinople. St Constantine remained in the capital, but St Methodius was made hegumen of the small Polychronion monastery near Mount Olympus, where he lived a life of asceticism as before.

Soon messengers came to the emperor from the Moravian prince Rostislav, who was under pressure from German bishops, with a request to send teachers to Moravia who would be able to preach in the Slavic tongue. The emperor summoned St Constantine and said to him, “You must go there, but it would be better if no one knows about this.”

St Constantine prepared for the new task with fasting and prayer. With the help of his brother St Methodius and the disciples Gorazd, Clement, Sava, Naum and Angelyar, he devised a Slavonic alphabet and translated the books which were necessary for the celebration of the divine services: the Gospel, Epistles, Psalter, and collected services, into the Slavic tongue. This occurred in the year 863.

After completing the translation, the holy brothers went to Moravia, where they were received with great honor, and they began to teach the services in the Slavic language. This aroused the malice of the German bishops, who celebrated divine services in the Moravian

churches in Latin. They rose up against the holy brothers, convinced that divine services must be done in one of three languages: Hebrew, Greek or Latin.

St Constantine said, “You only recognize three languages in which God may be glorified. But David sang, ‘Praise the Lord, all nations, praise the Lord all peoples (Ps 116/117:1).’ And the Gospel of St Matthew (28:18) says, ‘Go and teach all nations....’” The German bishops were humiliated, but they became bitter and complained to Rome.

The holy brothers were summoned to Rome for a decision on this matter. Taking with them the relics of St Clement, Sts Constantine and Methodius set off to Rome. Knowing that the holy brothers were bringing these relics with them, Pope Adrian met them along the way with his clergy. The holy brothers were greeted with honor, the Pope gave permission to have divine services in the Slavonic language, and he ordered the books translated by the brothers to be placed in the Latin churches, and to serve the Liturgy in the Slavonic language.

At Rome St Constantine fell ill, and the Lord revealed to him his approaching death. He was tonsured into the monastic schema with the name of Cyril. On February 14, 869, fifty days after receiving the schema, Saint Cyril died at the age of forty-two.

St Cyril commanded his brother St Methodius to continue with their task of enlightening the Slavic peoples with the light of the true Faith. St Methodius entreated the Pope to send the body of his brother for burial in their native land, but the Pope ordered the relics of St Cyril to be placed in the church of St Clement, where miracles began to occur from them.

After the death of St Cyril, the Pope sent St Methodius to Pannonia, after consecrating him as Archbishop of Moravia and Pannonia. In Pannonia St Methodius and his disciples continued to distribute services books written in the Slavonic language. This again aroused the wrath of the German bishops. They arrested and tried St Methodius, who was sent in chains to Swabia, where he endured many sufferings for two and a half years.

After being set free by order of Pope John VIII of Rome, and restored to his archdiocese, St Methodius continued to preach the Gospel among the Slavs. He baptized the Czech prince Borivoi and his wife Ludmilla, and also one of the Polish princes. The German bishops began to persecute the saint for a third time, because he did not accept the erroneous teaching about the procession of the Holy Spirit from both the Father and the Son. St Methodius was summoned to Rome, but he justified himself before the Pope, and preserved the Orthodox teaching in its purity, and was sent again to the capital of Moravia, Velehrad.

Here in the remaining years of his life St Methodius, assisted by two of his former pupils, translated the entire Old Testament into Slavonic, except for the Book of Maccabees, and many other books.

Sensing the nearness of death, St Methodius designated one of his students, Gorazd, as a worthy successor to himself. The holy bishop predicted the day of his death and died on April 6, 885 when he was about sixty years old. The saint's burial service was chanted in three languages, Slavonic, Greek, and Latin. He was buried in the cathedral church of Velehrad.

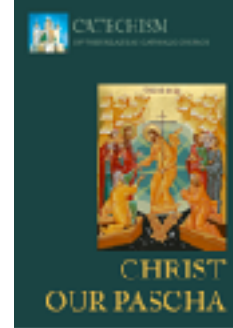
READING THE CATECHISM "*CHRIST - OUR PASCHA*"



4) *The Rite of Blessing of a Couple on Their Twenty-fifth or Fiftieth Anniversary*

#484 The holy Church highly values the witness of those married couples who have shared their lives together for twenty-five, fifty, or seventy-five years. She solemnly and publicly blesses them, thanking the Lord for their witness to mutual fidelity and love, and presents

them as a living model for other married couples.



b. The Holy Mystery of Orders

#485 In his love for humankind, God the Father “so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him” (Jn 3:16-17). The Son of God, Jesus Christ, calls himself the Good Shepherd: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (Jn 10:11). Christ fulfills in himself God’s promise of the one Shepherd for the People of God: “I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd” (Ez 34:23). Christ passes on his pastorship to his chosen apostles whom he called, and also to their successors. This he does so that through them he would continue to remain in the Church and lead it.

1) The Priesthood of Christ

#486 Christ, as the God-man, renewed the bond between God and the human race, becoming the sole Mediator between God and humanity (see 1 Tim 2:5). Ascending to heaven in his human nature, he was revealed as the Intercessor for us before the face of God (see Heb 9:24). Christ is the eternal Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek.” This means that Christ “has become a priest not through a legal requirement concerning physical [bodily] descent [from Aaron] but through the power of an indestructible life” (Heb 7:16), because mediation in him is perfect and abiding. Having brought himself as an offering of reconciliation on the cross, Christ was at once the Priest and the Offering. That is why his sacrifice, offered once for all, is perfect (see Heb 7:27).

CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 8 // 11am - 2pm

DATE	TASK	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
Tue. Oct. 30	Peel potatoes/shred cheese	8:30-10:30 am	Need 2-3 volunteers
Wed. Oct. 31	Make potato balls	8:30 am-11:30 am	Need 5-6 volunteers
Thu. Nov. 1	Make pyrohy - LUNCH to follow	9:00 am-1:30 pm	Need 22-25 volunteers
Sat. Nov. 3	Bag frozen pyrohy	9:00 am-11:00 am	Need 3-4 volunteers
Thu. Nov. 8	Make cabbage rolls - LUNCH to follow	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Need 12-15 volunteers
Sat. Nov. 10	Package cooked cabbage rolls	12:00-1:30 pm	Need 2-3 volunteers
Tue. Nov. 13	Prep. sauerkraut & cottage cheese for pyrohy	9:00 am-11:00 am	Need 2 volunteers
Thu. Nov. 15	Make pyrohy (sauerkraut & cottage cheese) - LUNCH to follow	9:00 am-1:30 pm	Need 22-25 volunteers
Sat. Nov. 17	Bag frozen pyrohy	9:00 am-11:00 am	Need 3-4 volunteers
Sat. Nov. 20	Bake kolachi	8:30 am-1:30 pm	Need 5-6 volunteers
Tue. Nov. 27	Bake kolachi	8:30 am-1:30 pm	Need 5-6 volunteers
Tue. Dec. 4	Make pampushky & other pastries	8:30 am-12:00 pm	Need 5-6 volunteers
Fri. Dec. 7	Set up tables, package & price, put up signs	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Need 4-5 volunteers
Sat. Dec. 8	FOOD FAIR - 11:00am-2:00pm	8:30 am-4:00 pm	Need 20+ volunteers in shifts for sales & clean up

HOT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

As always your assistance in helping out with the preparations for our Christmas Food Fair is very much appreciated as this is a major fundraiser for our parish. Please invite your friends and other family members to help with the various food prep, specially to make pyrohy and cabbage rolls. For more information contact Robert Herchak

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WHO IS JESUS?

In his recent meeting with the faithful Pope Francis addressed a fundamental question “Who is Jesus?”

Of course, Peter gives the right answer: “You are the Christ.” But within a few moments of conversation, Jesus tells Peter: “Get behind me, Satan!”

Pope explains that before asking who the disciples say he is, Jesus first asks who others say he is.

“It emerges that the people consider Jesus a great prophet,” the Pope said. “But, in reality, He isn’t interested in people’s opinion polls and gossip. He isn’t interested either in His disciples responding to His questions with ready-made formulas, quoting famous personalities of Sacred Scriptures, because a faith that is reduced to formulas is a myopic faith.”

Jesus, the Pope explains, doesn’t want the disciples to be concerned with who others say he is, but to experience a personal relationship with him and receive him at the centre of their life. So when Jesus answers with such conviction, Jesus explains some difficult reality to him.

“However, when Jesus says clearly to us what He said to the disciples, namely, that His mission is carried out not on the wide path of success, but on the arduous pathway of the suffering Servant, humiliated, rejected and crucified, then it can happen to us also, as to Peter, to protest and rebel because this is opposed to our expectations. In those moments, we also deserve Jesus’ salutary rebuke: ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men’ (v. 33),” the Pope said.

Francis reminded the faithful that following Christ means denying oneself, letting go of “egoistic pride” and taking up the cross. It demands following a fundamental rule: “Whoever would save his life will lose it.”

“Often in life, for many reasons, we mistake the way, seeking happiness only in things, or in persons that we treat as things,” Francis concluded. “However, we only find happiness when true love encounters us, surprises us and changes us. Love changes everything! And love can also change us, each one of us. The testimonies of the Saints demonstrate it.”

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