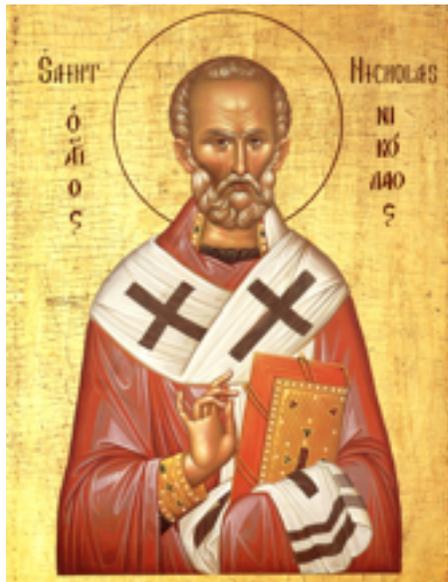


**WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!**



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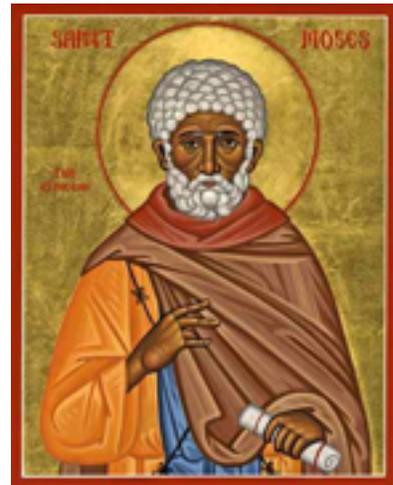
**П'ЯТНАДЦЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**M**oses of great renown wisely abandoned the adornments of the world and subdued the carnal passions with the mighty pangs of abstinence! He cast down the greatly crafty one and received a crown of victory! By his prayers, O Lord, grant great mercy to all!

**Y**ou possessed exemplary abstinence, blessed Moses, all-night watching, a vigilant eye, and a mind which perceived the beauty of God! Therefore you received the grace of healing that you may cure cruel sufferings. We beseech you, Father, to ask great mercy for all!

**C**overed by the hand of God, Father Moses, you passed unharmed through the crafty assaults and pursuits of the demons! You were armed with dispassion and were numbered among the venerable ones: pray that great mercy be granted to those who honour you with faith!

**D**weller of the wilderness and angel in the body,\* you were a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Moses!\* You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer:\* healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith:\* glory to Him who gave you strength!\* Glory to Him who granted you a crown!\*\* Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!



*St. Moses the Black*

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

<b>SUNDAY HYMNS</b>			
OPENING HYMN	Увійди Єрею / Come My Friends pg. 238-239		
COMMUNION HYMN	Витай Між Нами / With Solemn Greeting Welcome the Lord pg. 244-245		
CLOSING HYMN	Боже Великий Єдиний pg. 264-265		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
<b>SUNDAY &amp; DAILY SCHEDULE</b>			
SUNDAY, August 28	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, August 29	NO SERVICES		*****
TUESDAY, August 30	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, August 31	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
THURSDAY, September 1	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
FRIDAY, September 2	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SATURDAY, September 3	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom		10:00 AM
SUNDAY, September 4	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, August 28	2 Cor. 4:6-15	Glikeria Iwanuck	Peter Iwanuck
SUNDAY, September 4	2 Cor. 6:1-10	Andrij Pelekhatyi	Caroline Smudy
SUNDAY, September 11	Gal. 6:11-18	Natalia Bryndak	Rita Vanderven
SUNDAY, September 18	2 Cor. 9:6-11	Liliia Palyvoda	Darryl Huculak
<i>Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!</i>			
<b>PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE</b>		<b>PASTORAL MINISTRY &amp; HOLY MYSTERIES</b>	
CHAIRPERSON.....Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374		CONFESSIONS.....1/2 hour before Liturgy	
VICE-CHAIRPERSON.....Darlene DeMerchant - 250.727.3837		EUCHARIST.....for the sick - any time	
SECRETARY.....Cindy Lazaruk - 778.677.9072		BAPTISMS.....by appointment	
TREASURER.....William Vanderven - 250.478.1458		MARRIAGES.....by appointment	
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....David Newberry - 250.598.8197		FUNERALS.....by appointment	
FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL.....Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872		ANOINTING.....any time	
MAINTENANCE.....Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769		HOSPITAL VISITS.....any time	
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE...Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051			
MEMBER AT LARGE.....Caroline Smudy - 778.440.9419			
VIBRANT PARISH.....Darlene DeMerchant - 250.727.3837			
<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. 388-461; propers - pg. 349*

**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.

**Prokeimenon, 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 - 2 Cor. 4:6-15 - A Reading from the 2nd Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Corinthians:** Brothers and Sisters, For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**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 - Matthew 22:35-46 -** At that time one of them [a scholar of the law] tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus questioned them, saying, "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They replied, "David's." He said to them, "How, then, does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him 'lord,' saying: 'The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet"'? If David calls him 'lord,' how can he be his son?" No one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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



**Тропар, глас 6:** Ангельські сили на гробі Твоім\* 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 випередь, 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 - 2 Кор. 4:6-15 - До Коринтян 2-е Послання Святого Апостола Павла**  
**Читання:** Браття і сестри, Бог, який сказав: «Нехай із темряви світло засяє», – він освітлив серця наші, щоб у них сяяло знання Божої слави, що на обличчі Ісуса Христа. А маємо цей скарб у глиняних посудинах, щоб було видно, що велич сили є від Бога, а не від нас. Нас тиснуть звідусіль, але ми не пригноблені; ми в труднощах, та ми не втрачаємо надії; нас гонять, та ми не покинуті; ми повалені, та не знищені. Увесь час носимо в тілі мертвоту Ісуса, щоб і життя Ісуса в нашій житті було явним. Нас бо весь час живими віддають на смерть із-за Ісуса, щоб і життя Ісуса було явним у нашій смертній тілі. І так смерть діє в нас, а життя у вас. Та мавши той самий дух віри, про який написано: «Я вірував, тому й говорив», – то й ми віримо, тому й говоримо; бо знаємо, що той, хто воскресив Господа Ісуса, – воскресить і нас з Ісусом і поставить з вами. Бо все це ради вас, щоб розмножена благодать через багатьох збагатила подяку на славу Божу.

**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 - Мт 22:35-46 - У той час один із них, законоучитель, спитав його, спокушаючи: “Учителю, котра найбільша заповідь у законі?” Він же сказав до нього: “Люби Господа, Бога твого, всім твоїм серцем, усією твоєю душею і всією думкою твоєю: це найбільша й найперша заповідь. А друга подібна до неї: Люби ближнього твого, як себе самого. На ці**

дві заповіді ввесь закон і пророки спираються.” Коли фарисеї були вкупі, Ісус спитав їх: “Що ви думаете про Христа? Чий він син?” Кажуть йому: “Давидів.” Він до них мовить: “Як же Давид у надхненні називає його Господом, кажучи: Господь промовив Владиці моему: Сідай праворуч мене, доки не покладу твоїх ворогів тобі під ноги. Коли, отже, Давид його Господом називає, то як він може бути його сином?” І ніхто не міг йому відповісти й слова, і від того дня ніхто не важився більше його запитувати.

**Причасний:** Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його на висотах. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to NADIYA KRAWCHENKO, DARLENE DeMERCHANT 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!
- ◆ **AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!** - St. Nicholas Parish would like to congratulate deacon MYKHAILO OZOROVYCH on the occasion of his diaconal ordination by Bishop Ken that took place today in Ukraine. May the blessings of the Lord be upon you as you follow in His way. May you find joy and peace as He inspires you each day. Многая Літа!
- ◆ **ROYAL BC MUSEUM EXHIBIT:** The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (BC Branch), the Ukrainian Cultural Centre of Victoria and the Consulate of Ukraine for British Columbia, invite you to participate in the opening ceremony of an exhibit dedicated to 125 years of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. Saturday, September 10th, 2016 at 2 pm. Royal BC Museum, Victoria, B.C. - 675 Belleville Street
- ◆ **HYMN BOOKS - SING TO OUR GOD:** books have been purchased and we would be most appreciative for any donations to offset the costs of the books (\$300.00). This is the book we use every Sunday for Liturgy's opening, communion and closing hymns. A very comprehensive resource for all members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church! This hymnal includes music notation and Ukrainian lyrics for every hymn, plus transliteration of all Ukrainian texts. Additionally English lyrics are provided for the vast majority of hymns. Included are hymns for all major feasts within the liturgical year, as well as the following sections: Great Lent, Resurrectional Hymns, Hymns for the Divine Liturgy, General Church Hymns, Hymns to our Lord Jesus Christ, Hymns to the Mother of God, Hymns for Children, plus over 80 pages of Christmas Carols. The hymnal is hardcover and very attractive in appearance.
- ◆ **THE DIVINE LITURGY - AN ANTHOLOGY FOR WORSHIP:** books have been purchased and we would be most appreciative for any donations to offset the costs of the books (\$400.00). This is a one-volume source for singing the Divine Liturgy in English with sections

in Ukrainian. This book contains Sundays, Festal and Weekday Musical Settings for the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Music for the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, the Hours in English, Propers for the Liturgical Year, Tables for Scriptural Readings, Hymns and Carols, Blessings and Other Brief Rites. May the use of the Anthology bring abundant blessings to all of us, and with one voice and one heart sing the praises of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

◆ **WE NEED YOUR HELP:** Dear Parishioners. You probably noticed that we trimmed all the chestnut tress on the church property and we removed one tree for a cost of \$1,500. We want to let you know that we received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 towards this expense and we would welcome any donations to cover the rest of this cost. We also received another generous donations in the amount of \$1,000 to cover the cost of the repair of our industrial fridge in the kitchen. May God bless our donors abundantly for their generous donations to support our parish.

◆ **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

◆ **VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER:** Please help yourself to a copy of the Vibrant Parish Prayer card located in each pew. You are most welcome to take one home with you. This prayer is recited at the end of each Liturgy. "It is in our parish the faithful most frequently encounter Christ through Christian instruction, community prayer and service to ones neighbour. In promoting and enlivening our parish life, we also enliven the entire Church."

◆ **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

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

◆ **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.

- ◆ **TRAVELING ICON:** Anyone interested in gracing their home with Christ The Teacher Icon can call Darlene DeMerchant at 250.727.3837
  
- ◆ **RENOVATIONS TO THE RECTORY:** In our today's world, everything is costing more and more money. We as a Parish community really need your help. We need your financial help toward the costs of the renovations to the rectory. Renovation Fund is \$30,000 but we are still short over \$15,000 of our goal. We need to rebuild the front porch and steps and the rear stairs as well as do seismic upgrade to the basement which will cost us approximately \$25,000. Please consider donating generously to this work. We thank you and pray for you!
  
- ◆ **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.
  
- ◆ **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.
  
- ◆ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 DONATION:** Coffee: \$44.05; Vigil lights: \$17.05; Loose collection: \$32.00; Envelope collection: \$604.00; Pre-authorized payments Aug 15 to Aug 21: \$120.00

## **VENERABLE MOSES THE ETHIOPIAN OF SCETE**

Saint Moses Murin the Ethiopian lived during the fourth century in Egypt. He was an Ethiopian, and he was black of skin and therefore called "Murin" (meaning "like an Ethiopian"). In his youth he was the slave of an important man, but after he committed a murder, his master banished him, and he joined a band of robbers. Because of his bad character and great physical strength they chose him as their leader. Moses and his band of brigands did many evil deeds, both murders and robberies. People were afraid at the mere mention of his name.

Moses the brigand spent several years leading a sinful life, but through the great mercy of God he repented, left his band of robbers and went to one of the desert monasteries. Here he wept for a long time, begging to be admitted as one of the brethren. The monks were not convinced of the sincerity of his repentance, but the former robber would not be driven away nor silenced. He continued to ask that they accept him.

St Moses was completely obedient to the hegumen and the brethren, and he poured forth many tears of sorrow for his sinful life. After a certain while St Moses withdrew to a solitary cell, where he spent the time in prayer and the strictest fasting in a very austere lifestyle.

Once, four of the robbers of his former band descended upon the cell of St Moses. He had lost none of his great physical strength, so he tied them all up. Throwing them over his shoulder, he brought them to the monastery, where he asked the Elders what to do with them. The Elders ordered that they be set free. The robbers, learning that they had chanced upon their former ringleader, and that he had dealt kindly with them, followed his example: they repented and became monks. Later, when the rest of the band of robbers heard about the repentance of St Moses, then they also gave up their thievery and became fervent monks.

St Moses was not quickly freed from the passions. He went often to the hegumen, Abba Isidore, seeking advice on how to be delivered from the passions of profligacy. Being experienced in the spiritual struggle, the Elder taught him never to eat too much food, to remain partly hungry while observing the strictest moderation. But the passions did not cease to trouble St Moses in his dreams.

Then Abba Isidore taught him the all-night vigil. The monk stood the whole night at prayer, so he would not fall asleep. From his prolonged struggles St Moses fell into despondency, and when there arose thoughts about leaving his solitary cell, Abba Isidore instead strengthened the resolve of his disciple.

In a vision he showed him many demons in the west, prepared for battle, and in the east a still greater quantity of holy angels, also ready for fighting. Abba Isidore explained to St Moses that the power of the angels would prevail over the power of the demons, and in the long struggle with the passions it was necessary for him to become completely cleansed of his former sins.

St Moses undertook a new effort. Making the rounds by night of the wilderness cells, he carried water from the well to each brother. He did this especially for the Elders, who lived far from the well and who were not easily able to carry their own water. Once, kneeling over the well, St Moses felt a powerful blow upon his back and he fell down at the well like one dead, laying there in that position until dawn. Thus did the devils take revenge upon the monk for his victory over them. In the morning the brethren carried him to his cell, and he lay there a whole year crippled. Having recovered, the monk with firm resolve confessed to the hegumen, that he would continue to live in asceticism. But the Lord Himself put limits to this struggle of many years: Abba Isidore blessed his disciple and said to him that the passions had already gone from him. The Elder commanded him to receive the Holy Mysteries, and to go to his own cell in peace. From that time, St Moses received from the Lord power over demons.

Accounts about his exploits spread among the monks and even beyond the bounds of the wilderness. The governor of the land wanted to see the saint. When he heard of this, St Moses decided to hide from any visitors, and he departed his own cell. Along the way he met servants of

the governor, who asked him how to get to the cell of the desert-dweller Moses. The monk answered them: "Go no farther to see this false and unworthy monk." The servants returned to the monastery where the governor was waiting, and they told him the words of the Elder they had chanced to meet. The brethren, hearing a description of the Elder's appearance, told them that they had encountered St Moses himself.

After many years of monastic exploits, St Moses was ordained deacon. The bishop clothed him in white vestments and said, "Now Abba Moses is entirely white!" The saint replied, "Only outwardly, for God knows that I am still dark within."

Through humility, the saint believed himself unworthy of the office of deacon. Once, the bishop decided to test him and he bade the clergy to drive him out of the altar, reviling him as an unworthy Ethiopian. In all humility, the monk accepted the abuse. Having put him to the test, the bishop then ordained St Moses to be presbyter. St Moses laboured for fifteen years in this rank, and gathered around himself 75 disciples.

When the saint reached age 75, he warned his monks that soon brigands would descend upon the skete and murder all that were there. The saint blessed his monks to leave, in order to avoid violent death. His disciples began to beseech the monk to leave with them, but he replied: "For many years already I have awaited the time when the words which my Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, should be fulfilled: "All who take up the sword, shall perish by the sword" (Mt. 26: 52). After this, seven of the brethren remained with the monk, and one of them hid nearby during the attack of the robbers. The robbers killed St Moses and the six monks who remained with him. Their death occurred in about the year 400.

### **+ BISHOP RICHARD OF CHICAGO EPARCHY (1942-2016)**

Bishop of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy Richard Steven (Seminack) passed away at the age of 74 on August 16, after battling cancer. Most Reverend Bishop Richard Stephen Seminack was born on March 3, 1942 to Raymond and Anna Cwiek Seminack in Philadelphia, PA. His paternal grandparents emigrated from Ternopil, Ukraine while his maternal grandparents came from Peremshil, Ukraine. The oldest of seven children, Richard attended St. Martin of Tours Catholic Elementary School and Father Judge Catholic High School in Philadelphia. The call to the priesthood motivated his transfer to St. Basil's Seminary Preparatory High School, Stamford, Connecticut in his senior year. Upon graduation from St. Basil's College in 1963, he attended the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC for Theology. Bishop Seminack's major was Eastern and Western Canon law. He was ordained by Metropolitan Archbishop Ambrose (Senyshyn) for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia on May 25, 1967. After an interim assignment at St. Josaphat Church, Philadelphia, he was sent to Rome, Italy to study at the Oriental Institute, from which he earned a degree in Eastern Canon Law in June, 1968.

On September 19, 1977, he followed Fr. Lubachiwsky, later to become Cardinal Major Archbishop Myroslaw Ivan (Lubachiwsky), as chaplain for the Sisters of St. Basil the Great. Besides being chaplain at the Motherhouse, in Fox Chase, Fr. Seminack was also chaplain and religion teacher at St. Basil Academy, Campus Minister at Manor College, in Jenkintown, PA as well as administrator of Sacred Heart Mission, Fox Chase. This collage of pastoral ministries was rigorous enough, however, it was during this time that he trained and became a commissioned officer (Lieutenant) in the United States Navy Chaplain Corps in August, 1979. He was transferred to Assumption of the BVM Church, Miami, Florida on June 22, 1982, Bishop Seminack encountered a bi-lingual transient parish community that had various substitute retired pastors. The parishioners bonded with their new young pastor and restored the neglected church building and community in the name Christ. Much of his time was caring for the needs of the elderly sick or infirm members of the congregation.

While on assignment in Florida, part of the territory of the Archeparchy became the Eparchy of St Josaphat, in Parma, Ohio. Msgr. Seminack was soon appointed by Bishop Robert (Moskal) Pastor to Holy Trinity Church, Carnegie, PA on June 8, 1984. Here he worked until his announced nomination to the episcopal see of Chicago, as eparch.

Offices and positions he held in St Josaphat Eparchy are: Eparchial Director of Religious Education; Eparchial Consultor; Executive Board Member of the Priests' Pension Program;; Chairman of the Eparchial Presbyteral Council; and member of the Examiners for Junior Clergy. Other duties and assignments included being Protospesbyter of the Southern Deanery; member of the Archeparchial Administrative Council, Spiritual Director of the Philadelphia Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, regional Spiritual Director of the League of Ukrainian Catholics; Vice-dean of the Philadelphia Deanery; Executive Board Member of Ascension Manor 11. As Director of Religious Education, he implemented a Catechist Certificate Program, helped develop and also taught in the Diaconal Training Program and coordinated various projects that produced catechetical tools for the Eparchy, including "Life in the Trinity: An Introduction to the Mysteries of Christian Initiation". Upon his enthronement as fourth Eparch of St Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago June 4, 2003 by His Beatitude Lubomyr, Bishop Richard relied upon his earlier experiences in church life to help him exemplify the motto of his episcopal coat of arms. Insofar as the episcopal state is an embodiment of Christ—as Teacher, Shepherd, King, Priest, and even sacrificial Lamb, Bishop Richard plunged fully into the life of the Eparchy of St Nicholas.

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