

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



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA - ЧЕТВЕРТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ ПАСХИ

The Paralytic was like an unburied dead man, and when he saw You, O Lord, he cried out: Have mercy on me, for my bed has become my grave. Of what use is my life? I have no need for the Sheep Pool, for there is none to put me into the water. Therefore, I come to You, O Fountain of all healing, that with all I may cry to You: O Lord Almighty, glory to You!

Jesus went up to Jerusalem to the Sheep Pool which in Hebrew was called Bethesda. And there lay a great multitude of sick people in its five porticoes; for the angel of the Lord went down at certain times and stirred the water, granting healing to those who approach in faith. The Lord saw there a man with a chronic illness, and He asked him: Do you want to be healed? The sick man replied: I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred. I have spent my money on physicians and received no help from anyone. The Physician of soul and body said to him: Take up your pallet and walk; proclaim to the whole world the greatness of My mercy and My mighty deeds.

O ineffable goodness who created the human form, You came to heal those who are ill. O Christ, by Your word You raised the Paralytic at the Sheep Pool; You healed the suffering of the woman with the flow of blood; You showed mercy to the tormented daughter of the Canaanite woman; and You did not disdain the prayer of the centurion. Because of this we cry out in praise: O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

*Christ is Risen -
Indeed He is Risen!*



Sunday of the Paralytic

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS			
OPENING HYMN	Христос Воскрес! Під Небовзід / The Lord is Risen from the Dead pg.198-199		
COMMUNION HYMN	Маріє Діво Благословенна/O Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Lady pg.346-347		
CLOSING HYMN	Христос Воскрес! Радість з Неба / Let All Profess pg. 200-202		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE			
SUNDAY, May 12	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, May 13	NO SERVICES		
TUESDAY, May 14	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, May 15	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
THURSDAY, May 16	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
FRIDAY, May 17	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SATURDAY, May 18	NO SERVICES		
SUNDAY, May 19	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 12	Act. 9: 32-42	Kateryna Yaremyn	Marian Chalifoux
SUNDAY, May 19	Act. 11: 19-30	Liliia Palyvoda	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, May 26	Act. 16: 16-34	Glikeria Iwanuck	Bryan Melnyk
SUNDAY, June 2	Act.2:16-18;28-36	Motria Koropecy	Carol Chapman
<i>Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!</i>			
2019 PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE		PASTORAL MINISTRY & HOLY MYSTERIES	
CHAIRPERSON..... Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374		CONFESSIONS.....1/2 hour before Liturgy	
VICE-CHAIRPERSON.....Richard DeMerchant - 250.893.3484		EUCARIST.....for the sick - any time	
SECRETARY.....Luba Kucharyshyn - 780.476.4260		BAPTISMS.....by appointment	
TREASURER.....William Vanderven - 250.478.1458		MARRIAGES.....six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made	
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....David Newberry - 250.598.8197		FUNERALS.....by appointment	
FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL.....Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872		ANOINTING.....any time	
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE...Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051		HOSPITAL VISITS.....any time	
MEMBER AT LARGE.....Wayne Saunders - 780.710.2027			
<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 евангельського 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 of our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom
An Anthology for Worship: Liturgy - pg. 270-318; propers - pg. 524*

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

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 3: Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic,* lift my soul by Your divine presence,* for by many sins and foolish actions,* I, too, am now afflicted and crippled.* Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You:* Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

Now: Kontakion, Tone 8: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your Apostles:* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon, Tone 1: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. *Verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle - Act 9:32-42 - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: In those days Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralysed. Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!' And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 1: *Verse:* Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. *Verse:* For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever."

Gospel - John 5:1-15 - At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep (Gate) a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes. In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled. For from time to time an angel of the Lord used to come down into the pool; and the water was stirred up, so the first one to get in after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease afflicted him. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." He answered them,

"The man who made me well told me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who told you, 'Take it up and walk'?" The man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd there. After this Jesus found him in the temple area and said to him, "Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you." The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well.

Instead of "It is truly..." we sing: The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.* Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of "Blessed is He" we sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (1x).

Instead of "We have seen the true light" we sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (1x).

Instead of "Let our mouths be filled" we sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord" we sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

At the end of the Liturgy we sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

And to us he has granted life eternal,* we bow down before his resurrection on the third day.

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



Тропар, глас 3: Нехай веселяться небесні, нехай радуються земляни,* бо показав владу рукою Своєю Господь,* Він смертю смерть подолав,* первістком з-поміж мертвих став,* визволив нас із глибин аду,* і подав світові велику милість.

Слава: Кондак, глас 3: Душу мою, Господи, у гріхах всіляких* і безглуздими діяннями тяжко розслаблену,* воздвигни божественним твоїм заступництвом,* як і розслабленого воздвигнув ти древньо,* щоб я кликав до тебе, спасаючись:* Слава, Христе, владі твоїй.

І нині: Кондак, глас 8: Хоч і у гріб зійшов ти, Безсмертний,* та адову зруйнував ти силу,* і воскрес еси як переможець, Христе Боже,* жінкам-мироносицям звістивши: Радуйтеся,* і твоїм апостолам мир даруєш,* падшим подаєш воскресіння.

Прокімен, глас 1: Будь, Господи, милість твоя на нас,* бо уповали ми на тебе. *Стих:* Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала.

Апостол - Дія. 9:32-42 - 3 книги Діян Святих Апостолів читання: Тими днями Петро, обходячи всі усюди, прибув і до святих, що мешкали в Лідді. Там він знайшов одного чоловіка, на ім'я Еней, що лежав на ліжку вісім років і був паралітик. Петро сказав до нього: «Енею, Ісус Христос тебе оздоровляє. Устань і сам постели собі ліжку!» І вмить той підвівся. І бачили його всі мешканці Лідди та Сарону, і навернулися вони до Господа. Була ж у Яффі одна учениця, на ім'я Тавита, що значить у перекладі Дорка (Сарна). Вона була повна добрих діл та милостині, що чинила. І сталося тими днями, що вона занедужала й умерла. Обмили її і поклали в горниці. А що Лідда лежить близько Яффи, учні, почувши, що Петро там, послали двох чоловіків з проською до нього: «Не отягайся прийти аж до нас!» Петро негайно рушив з ними. І як прийшов, вони його повели наверх у горницю, де всі вдови оточили його з плачем, показуючи йому туніки й плащі, що їх робила Дорка, будучи з ними. Велівши всім вийти з хати, Петро став на коліна й почав молитися, а повернувшись до тіла, мовив: «Тавито, встань!» І та відкрила свої очі й, побачивши Петра, сіла. Він же подав їй руку та й підвів її і, прикликавши святих та вдів, поставив її живою. Довідалась про це вся Яффа, і багато повірило в Господа.

Алилуя, глас 1: *Стих:* Милості твої, Господи, повік оспівуватиму, з роду в рід. *Стих:* Бо сказав ти: Повік милість збудується.

Євангеліє - Івана 5:1-15 - У той час Ісус прибув до Єрусалиму. А є в Єрусалимі при Овечих воротах купелеве місце, по-єврейському воно зветься Витесда, що має п'ять критих переходів. Лежала в них сила недужих, сліпих, кривих, усохлих, які чекали, коли то зрушиться вода: ангел бо Господній сходить час від часу в купелеве місце та й заколючував воду, і хто, отже, перший поринав по тому, як вода заколючувалася, то одужував, – хоч яка б там була його хвороба. Один чоловік там був, що нездужав тридцять і вісім років. Побачив Ісус, що він лежить, а довідавшись, що було воно вже дуже довго, каже до нього: «Бажаєш одужати?» «Не маю нікого, пане, – одрікає йому недужий, – хто б мене, коли ото вода зрушиться, та й спустив у купіль: бо ось тільки я прийду, а вже інший передо мною поринає.» Мовить Ісус до нього: «Устань, візьми ложе твоє і ходи!» Відразу ж і одужав той чоловік, і взяв ложе своє і почав ходити. Був же той день – субота. Юдеї і кажуть до одужалого: «Субота адже ж! Не личить тобі ложе носити!» А той їм у відповідь: «Візьми ложе твоє і ходи, – сказав мені, хто мене оздоровив.» Спитали його: «Хто він – той, що

сказав тобі: Візьми і ходи?» Та одужалий не знав, хто він, бо Ісус зник у натовпі, що юрмився на тому місці. Щойно потім знайшов його Ісус у храмі й мовив до нього: «Оце ти видужав, – тож не гріши більше, щоб щось гірше тобі не сталося.» Чоловік пішов і оповів юдеям, мовляв, той, хто його оздоровив, – Ісус.

Замість “Достойно” ми співаємо: Ангел сповіщав Благодатній: Чистая Діво, радуйся. І знову кажу: Радуйся. Твій Син воскрес триденний із гробу, і мертвих воздвигнув він; люди, веселіться. Світіся, світіся, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на тобі возсіяла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне. А ти, Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, востанням рождення твого.

Причасний: Тіло Христове прийміть,* джерела безсмертного споживіть. Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя!

Замість “Благословен, хто йде в ім’я Господнє” співаємо: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (1х).

Замість “Ми бачили світло істинне” співаємо: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (1х).

Замість “Нехай сповняться” співаємо: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (3х).

Замість “Будь ім’я Господнє” співаємо: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (3х).

Наприкінці Літургії співаємо: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (3х).

І нам дарував життя вічне, поклоняємось його триденному Воскресенню.

Молитва По Святім Причастю: Таїнственно удостоївшись бути причасником Твого пречистого тіла і чесної крові, Христе Боже, оспівую і благословлю, поклоняюся, і славлю, і величаю спасіння Твої, Господи, нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь. (*більше Молитов По Святім Причастю на ст. 80-87 в маленькій книжечці “Божественна Літургія”*).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**HAPPY 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!

◆**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30PM.

◆**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 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 Koropecky for details at [250.658.3051](tel: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](tel: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. 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.*

◆**MAY 5 DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$39.50; Vigil lights: \$18.00; Loose collection: \$65.00; Envelope collection: \$653.31; Pre-authorized donations Apr 29 to May 5: \$345.00; **TOTAL: \$1,120.81**

SPECIAL SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE JUBILEE COLLECTION



Sunday, 26 May

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate joyfully announce the 100th Anniversary of the passing into eternal life of the first Sister Servant and Foundress, Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskya, who died on April 7, 1919. We know that Sister Josaphata was the heart and pulse during the initial period in the life of this new religious community of women. Her heart beat for the people, whom she nurtured and served wherever the need was the greatest. Above all, she served with the gift of prayer, since prayer for her always had priority in her life. Sisters Servants throughout the world will be celebrating this Centenary.



Due to the persecution of our Church and religious orders, communities and lay-faithful under Soviet rule, the Motherhouse of the Sisters Servants was forced to re-locate from Lviv, Ukraine to Rome, where a building was purchased in 1947. The heart of this home is the chapel. To be faithful to the Eastern Byzantine tradition, the Sisters Servants would like to complete a project long planned and desired: installing an iconostasis in the Motherhouse chapel.

The Sisters in Rome welcome many visitors from various parts of the world yearly and the highlight of their visit is to pray in the chapel before the relics of Blessed Josaphata. It has been drawn to the Sisters' attention by some of the visitors that there is no iconostasis in the chapel. With the assistance of our faithful world-wide the iconostasis can be installed for the glory of God and as a way of thanking Blessed Josaphata for her intercession for all our needs since her entry to Heaven a hundred years ago.

The Superior General Sister Sofija Lebedowicz of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate is making her visitation with all the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Canada, from coast to coast, arriving in early May. Her greatest joy would be to have the iconostasis installed in the Motherhouse chapel by April 07, 2020. And this will be a reality with the generous assistance of our faithful in all the Canadian Eparchies. Sr. Sofija will be visiting our Cathedral Parish on Friday 28 June for a special Moleben to Blessed Josaphata followed by light reception in the Cathedral Hall. At this time we would like to present the gift from our Eparchy her.

To mark this occasion, the Eparchy of New Westminster invites everyone to participate in a special collection Sunday 26 May towards the Iconostasis in the SSMI General Headquarters in Rome, where we have the relics of Blessed Josaphata. Special donation envelopes will be provided for your donation. Cheques should be made payable to your local parish and you will receive an income tax receipt for donations of \$20 or more.

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate have been working with our faithful in British Columbia for more than a half a century. We know of their many years of dedication in visiting our parishes providing catechesis for our children, working at our Eparchial summer youth camp, visiting the sick and shut-ins and in many other ways supporting our parishes and clergy.



Сестри Служебниці Непорочної Діви Марії з радістю оголошують Соту Річницю від переходу у вічність першої Служебниці і Спів-Засновниці, Блаженної Йосафати Гордашевської, яка упокоїлася в Бозі 7 квітня 1919 року. Знаємо, що Сестра Йосафата була серцем і душею початкуючого нового згромадження. Вона цілковито віддалася служінню там де була найбільша потреба. Понад усе, Сестра Йосафата скріпляла других даром молитви, яка у неї була все на першому місці. Сестри Служебниці по цілому світі святкуватимуть це Століття.

Через переслідування, яких зазнала наша Церква, духовенство та миряни в часи Радянського Режиму в Україні, Головний Осідок Згромадження Сестер Служебниць треба було перенести з Львова до Риму де був придбаний дім в 1947 році. Центром і серцем цього Дому є каплиця. Вірні нашій Східній Візантійській традиції Сестри Служебниці хочуть закінчити давно вже запланований проект: вставити Іконостас в каплиці Головного Дому.

Сестри в Римі щороку радо приймають гостей з різних країн світу, які часто відвідують каплицю щоби помолитися біля тлінних останків Блаженної Йосафати. Деякі звертали увагу сестрам про брак Іконостасу в каплиці. Завдяки допоміжній вірній Іконостас буде вставлений на славу Божу і як вияв вдячності Блаженній Йосафаті за її заступництво у всіх наших потребах від часу її відходу у вічність вже сто років тому.

Сестра Софія Лебедович, Генеральна Настоятелька, проводить візитацію усіх Сестер Служебниць Непорочної Діви Марії в цілій Канаді і приїжджає на початку травня. Вставлення Іконостасу в каплиці Головного Дому до 7 квітня 2020 року було би великою радістю для неї, і це буде реальністю за щедрою допомогою наших вірних по всіх Канадських Єпархіях. Сестра Софія відвідуватиме нашу Катедру в п'ятницю 28 травня, щоб помолитися з нами Молебень до Блаженної Йосафати та маленького прийняття в церковній залі.

Щоб відзначити оказію Ювілею Блаженної Йосафати, Нью-Вестмінстерська Єпархія 26 травня проведе спеціальну збірку на Іконостас для каплиці Головного Дому Сестер Служебниць в Римі, де зараз знаходяться нетлінні останки Блаженної Преподобної Матері Йосафати. Спеціальні коштовані конверти для пожертв будуть надані. Чеки повинні бути виписані на місцеву парафію, щоб отримати податковий чек на пожертву у розмірі 20 доларів або більше.

Сестри Служебниці Непорочної Діви Марії служать нашими вірними в Британській Колумбії вже понад півстоліття. Ми знаємо про їхню багаторічну відданість відвідуванню наших парафій, навчанню катехизації наших дітей, праці в нашому Єпархіальному літньому дитячому таборі, відвідуванню хворих, і багатьма іншими способами підтримки наших парафій і духовенства.

CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR - AUGUST 18-25, 2019

Start planning your summer holidays now! Come join us to celebrate our 35th 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, growing spiritually and building friendships. Our camp is also a wonderful opportunity to experience God through nature, in a catechetical program, liturgical services 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 7-14 this is a summer must do! Registration is \$390. 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 2019." For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ [604.220.0584](tel: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 2019." Applications due May 15, 2019. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal record check and must sign the camp code of conduct.

VOLUNTEER as a Head Chef or Camp Chef

We are seeking between 4-6 individuals to help 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! Full time and part time opportunities

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

WITH DEATH OF JEAN VANIER, CATHOLICISM LOSES A LIVING SAINT

Theoretically, all baptized Catholics are supposed to strive for sanctity. If you're like most of us, however, you rarely meet someone who just seems to radiate holiness - not a faux saccharine piety, but the real deal. We're talking about the sort of personality with whom, after an encounter, you walk away thinking, "I just saw a living saint."

20th century Catholicism bred a handful of such figures, among whom both Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier figured especially prominently - making it apt, perhaps, that Vanier died on the very day Pope Francis is in North Macedonia paying tribute to the feisty "saint of the gutters" with whom Vanier was so often compared, and paired, in life.

Vanier, who was 90, died from cancer Tuesday morning in a facility in Paris run by the L'Arche community that he founded in 1964. Upon hearing the news, Francis released a brief statement through a spokesman saying he's "praying for [Vanier] and for the entire L'Arche community."

By the time I arrived on the Vatican scene in the late 1990s, Vanier was already a fixture on the global Catholic scene, famed for his outreach to people with physical, mental and emotional disorders. His idea was not to treat such people as the objects of charity, but rather as friends and even teachers, founding communities in which they lived alongside people without disabilities in a spirit of mutual respect and care.

I remember distinctly the first time I came face-to-face with Vanier, which was during a Vatican news conference in the run-up to the Great Jubilee Year of 2000. He'd been asked to speak on a panel about some papal initiative, and for much of the discussion, to be honest, he didn't seem especially dialed in.

Yet when I asked Vanier if Pope John Paul II had become a more powerful symbol for the people he lived and worked with because the aging pontiff was himself, in a sense, “disabled,” Vanier lit up.

His response was simple and unequivocal: “The pope has never been more beautiful than he is right now,” he said, and then explained how what the world often sees as weakness and embarrassment can, seen through different eyes, often reveal itself as a tremendous gift.

It’s hard to describe now, but the sincerity and conviction with which he spoke was electric, and by the time he was done, I was sold.

Vanier was born in 1928 in Geneva to Canadian parents, and went to study in Canada, England and France. In 1945, he visited his father in Paris who was then serving as the Canadian Ambassador to France, where he saw first-hand the horrors of the Holocaust as he and his mother volunteered to assist concentration camp survivors.

Vanier earned a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Institut Catholique de Paris in the mid-1960s with a dissertation on happiness in Aristotle, and, at that stage, he saw a scholarly career stretching ahead. Moved by a desire to do “something else,” however, he abandoned academia.

Through friendship with a French priest, Vanier became aware of people suffering from disabilities and invited a couple of other friends to come live with him and a handful of disabled persons in Trosly-Breuil, France, thereby launching the L’Arche movement.

In 1971, Vanier also co-founded the Faith and Light movement, focused on people with learning disabilities. L’Arche has spread to more than 37 countries, and Faith and Light to roughly 80.

Over the years, Vanier has received virtually every honor and distinction to which any humanitarian could aspire, including the Companion and Order of Canada, the French Legion of Honor, the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award, the Knights of Columbus Gaudium et Spes Award and the Templeton Prize. Vanier’s life, and the community he founded, were chronicled in the 2017 film *Summer in the Forest*.

Undoubtedly, however, Vanier would say he was less interested in prizes and recognition than in the various ways his community’s spirit took root around the world.

Henri Nouwen is one good example. The famed Catholic priest and writer met Vanier while Nouwen was teaching at Harvard in the mid-1980s, and a friendship blossomed. Vanier invited Nouwen to join him at Trosly-Breuil, where Nouwen discovered a new sense of purpose. He eventually moved into a L’Arche center in Ontario in 1986, where he became its pastor for the last decade of his life.

While in Ontario, Nouwen became close to a man named Adam Arnett, who had several developmental disabilities. Nouwen always insisted that he, not Arnett, got the most out of their relationship, and he'd eventually write about the experience in the 1997 book *Adam: God's Beloved*.

There's another layer to the story, because while Nouwen was discovering Vanier and L'Arche at Harvard he was also teaching a deeply thoughtful young Ukrainian Greek-Catholic priest by the name of Borys Gudziak.

A decade later, Gudziak would be tasked with rebuilding a genuinely Catholic University in Ukraine after the fall of communism, and he began with a diagnosis: That the Ukrainian people were suffering from a profound "trust deficit," after seven decades of being programmed during the Soviet era to lie, conceal, and hide their true selves.

To remedy that trust deficit, Gudziak turned to Nouwen, Vanier and L'Arche, inviting mentally handicapped people to become part of the university community. At the Ukrainian Catholic University, the mentally handicapped actually serve as "professors of human relations."

"This is not some kind of handout," Gudziak told me in 2012. "We need the gifts they have. They don't care if you're a rector, a doctor, or how rich you are. What they force us to confront is the most important pedagogical question of all: Can you love me?"

If one measure of a life is the way it shapes others, then Vanier's living legacy in such unlikely venues as Ukraine suggests that his life was a prodigy indeed. Requiescat in pace, Jean Vanier.