

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



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



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Bishop: Most Rev. Ken Nowakowski (www.nweparchy.ca)*

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ДВАДЦАТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ**

Saint Nestor the Chronicler, of the Kyiv Caves, was born in Kyiv in 1050. He came to Saint Theodosius as a young man, and became a novice. Saint Nestor took monastic tonsure under the successor to St. Theodosius, the igumen Stephen, and under him was ordained a hierodeacon.

In the monastery Saint Nestor had the obedience of being the chronicler. In his work he speaks about the first mention of the Kyivan nation in historical sources in the year 866. He tells of the creation of the Slavonic alphabet and of the Baptism of St. Olha at Constantinople. The Chronicle of St. Nestor has preserved for us an account of the first church in Kyiv (under the year 945), of the “testing of the faiths” by St. Volodymyr (in 986) and the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine (in 988).

St. Nestor died around the year 1114, having left to the other monastic chroniclers of the Kyiv Caves the continuation of his great work. He was buried in the Near Caves of St. Anthony.



*Holy Martyr Nestor the
Chronicler*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS	
OPENING HYMN	Увійди, Єрею / Come My Friends pg. 238-239
COMMUNION HYMN	Витай Між Нами / With Solemn Greeting pg. 244-245
CLOSING HYMN	Боже Великий Єдиний pg. 264

Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY, October 27	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, October 28	NO SERVICES	
TUESDAY, October 29	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, October 30	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
THURSDAY, October 31	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, November 1	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, November 2	NO SERVICES	
SUNDAY, November 3	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM

Please Note: to request a Divine Liturgy for a special intention, please see Fr. Yuriy to arrange for it!

SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, October 27	Gal. 1:11-19	Kateryna Yaremyn	Marian Chalifoux
SUNDAY, November 3	Gal. 2:16-20	Liliia Palyvoda	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, November 10	Gal. 6:11-18	Motria Koropecy	Bryan Melnyk
SUNDAY, November 17	Eph. 2:4-10	Yuliya Pelekhata	Carol Chapman

Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!

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	

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."

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 of our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom
An Anthology for Worship: Liturgy - pg. 270-318; propers - pg. 337*

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: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now: Theotokion, Tone 3: Today the Virgin stands before us in the church,* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,* apostles exult with prophets,* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokimenon, Tone 3: Sing to our God, sing; * sing to our King, sing. *Verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Epistle - Gal. 1:11-19 - A Reading from the Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Galatians: Brothers and Sisters, now I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when (God), who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Kephias and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles, only James the brother of the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 3: *Verse:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. *Verse:* Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Gospel - Luke 7:11-16 - At that time Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people."

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

Слава: Кондак, глас 3: Воскрес Ти нині з гробу, Щедрий,* і нас визвів із брам смерти;* нині Адам веселиться і радіє Єва,* разом же і пророки з патріярхами безустанно оспівують* божественну могутність влади Твоєї.

І нині: Богородичний, глас 3: Діва сьогодні стоїть перед нами у храмі* та з хорами святих невидимо за нас молиться Богу.* Ангели з архиєреями поклоняються, апостоли ж з пророками радуються,* бо за нас благає Богородиця споконвічного Бога.

Прокімен, глас 3: Співайте Богові нашому, співайте;* співайте цареві нашому, співайте.
Стих: Всі народи, заплещіть руками, кликніть до Бога голосом радости.

Апостол - Гал. 1:11-19 - До Галатів Послання Святого Апостола Павла Читання:
Браття і сестри, звіщаю ж вам, браття, що Євангелія, яку я благовістив, вона не від людей. Бо я не прийняв, ні навчився її від людини, але відкриттям Ісуса Христа. Чули бо ви про моє поступовання перше в юдействі, що Божу Церкву жорстоко я переслідував та руйнував її. І я перевищував в юдействі багатьох своїх ровесників роду мого, будучи запеклим прихильником моїх отцівських передань. Коли ж Бог, що вибрав мене від утроби матері моєї і покликав благодаттю Своєю, уподобав виявити мною Сина Свого, щоб благовістив я Його між поганями, я не радився зараз із тілом та кров'ю, і не відправився в Єрусалим до апостолів, що передо мною були, а пішов я в Арабію, і знову вернувся в Дамаск. По трьох роках потому пішов я в Єрусалим побачити Кифу, і в нього пробув днів із п'ятнадцять. А іншого з апостолів я не бачив, крім Якова, брата Господнього.

Алилуя, глас 3: *Стих:* Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова. *Стих:* Господи, спаси царя і вислухай нас, коли будемо взивати до Тебе.

Євангеліє - Лука 7:11-16 - У той час Ісус пішов у місто, що зветься Наїн, а з ним ішли його учні й сила народу. Коли ж вони наблизились до міської брами, якраз виносили мертвого сина, єдиного в матері своєї, що була вдовою; і було з нею досить людей з міста. Побачивши її, Господь зглянувся над нею і сказав до неї: "Не плач." І приступивши, доторкнувся до мар, і ті, що несли, зупинились. Тоді Ісус сказав: "Юначе, кажу тобі, встань!" І мертвий підвівся і почав говорити. І він віддав його матері. Страх огорнув усіх, і вони прославляли Бога та й говорили: "Великий пророк устав між нами", і: "Бог навідався до народу свого."

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

Молитва По Святім Причастю: Тайнственно 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

◆**SPECIAL GUESTS:** next Sunday, November 3, Bishop Ken Nowakowski will be visiting our parish along with the Metropolitan Volodymyr Vityshyn of the Archeparchy of Ivano-Frankivsk in Ukraine.

◆**PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers SYLVIA KELLY, EVE BRUCE-LOCKHART 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.

◆**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE:** If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious colour-coded *Bible Timeline*. It is a great way to get the “big picture” of the Bible and see how our Faith is rooted in Scripture. You’ll see how the Bible reveals God’s loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice. St. Nicholas parish will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on **Friday, November 1** at **6:30-7:30pm**. For more information contact Fr Yuriy @ st.nicholas.victoria@gmail.com or 250.384.2292.

◆**VICTORIA COOL AID SOCIETY** is seeking donations of **gently used blankets (twin size is preferable), sleeping bags, warm clothing and winter coats/gear**. As the weather cools down, we are seeing an increased need and any help you could offer would be so much appreciate. Donations can be brought to Rock Bay Landing at 535 Ellice Street or Sandy Merriman House (women’s shelter) at 809 Burdett Avenue.

◆**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 Koropecy 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.*

◆**OCTOBER 20 DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$54.00; Vigil lights: \$16.00; Loose collection: \$45.00; Envelope collection: \$603.14; Pre-authorized donations Oct 14 to Oct 20: \$170.00. **TOTAL: \$888.14.** May God bless and reward you abundantly for your generosity!

* ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR *			
Saturday, December 14 / 11:00 am - 2:00 pm			
FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE			
DATE	TASK	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
Tue. Oct. 29	Peel potatoes/shred cheese	8:30 - 10:30 am	Need 3 volunteers
Wed. Oct. 30	Make potato balls	8:30 - 12:00 pm	Need 6-7 volunteers
Thu. Oct. 31	Make pyrohy	8:30 - 1:30 pm	Need 25+volunteers
Sat. Nov. 2	Bag frozen pyrohy	10:00 - 12:00 pm	Need 3-4volunteers
Tue. Nov. 5	Make cabbage rolls	9:00 -12:00 pm	Lunch will be served. Need 12-15 volunteers
Thu. Nov. 7	Package cooked cabbage rolls	10:00 - 11:30 am	Need 2-3 volunteers
Tue. Nov. 12	Peel potatoes/shred cheese	8:30 - 10:30 am	Need 3 volunteers
Wed. Nov.13	Make potato balls	8:30 - 12:00 pm	Need 6-7volunteers
Thu. Nov. 14	Make pyrohy	8:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch will be served. Need 25+ volunteers

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 @ 250.386.7872 or @ rlherchak@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED



**Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster**

To the Very Reverend, Reverend Fathers and religious and lay-faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster and to people of good will

18 October 2019

Dear Friends,

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

This year, as our entire Church commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Ukrainian Catholic Church's emergence from its clandestine/underground existence we remember the times of persecution and martyrdom for the Catholic faith, but equally we celebrate and honor the witness of the faith of many martyrs of the Ukrainian land who have been proclaimed blessed by Saint John Paul II during his historic visit to Ukraine in 2001. At that time, as I was working as the head of the press office for the catholic churches in Ukraine in preparing the visit of the Holy Father to Ukraine, I witnessed the beatification of the Blessed Martyrs of Ukraine. Perhaps many of you, my dear brothers and sisters, were not only witnesses of those times, but together were raised in faith with the martyrs of the Ukrainian land.

That is why I would like that the veneration of the New Martyrs and our growth in faith, through their testimony, continued and grew in our Eparchy. On this occasion, I invited His Grace Metropolitan Volodymyr Vijtyshyn, Archbishop of Ivano-Frankivsk to our Eparchy to pray with us, to share his testimony about the times of the underground Church, and with me to bless the side Altar of Holy Eucharist Cathedral, which will be dedicated to the New Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. With the blessing of the Head of the Church, His Beatitude our Patriarch Sviatoslav and the consent of the members of the Permanent Synod of Bishops, the relics of three new martyrs will be placed for veneration on November 2, 2019 in our Cathedral: Blessed Hiero-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, Blessed Martyr Tarsykia Matskiv and Blessed Martyr Volodymyr Priyma.

I cordially invite our whole Eparchy to the veneration and glorification of the Blessed New Martyrs so that, through their prayers, we may grow and build our parish communities here in British Columbia. A special event for the consecration of the side altar and the display of relics

27 October, 2019

will take place at Holy Eucharist Cathedral (501 4th Ave, New Westminster) on November 2, 2019 as follows:

11:00 - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

12:30 - lunch

1:30 - *Times of persecution of Ukrainian Catholic Church* Presentation by Metropolitan Volodymyr Vityshyn

3:00 - Moleben to the New Martyrs.

As we grow in faith, venerate, and glorify the New Martyrs of the Ukrainian land, we not only ask God for His graces for ourselves, our family, our parish, and our community, we are also inspired by the heroism of their lives and witness, which allows us to overcome the difficulties and challenges we face daily, and helps us to carry the Word of God to all people.

May the Lord bless us all through the intercession of the Blessed New Martyrs of Ukraine! Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Ken

Bparch of New Westminster



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Всесвітлішим, всечеснішим та преподобним отця,

Преподобним сестрам,

Дорогим у Христі сестрам і братам Нью-Вестмінстреської єпархії, та всім людям доброї волі

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Цього року, коли вся наша Церква відзначає 30-ти річчя виходу УГКЦ із підпілля, ми пригадуємо часи переслідування та мучеництва за віру Христову, але рівно ж ми вшановуємо та почитаємо свідчення віри багатьох мучеників української землі, які були зачислені до лику блаженних святим Папою Іваном Павлом II під час свого візиту до України в 2001 р. Працюючи керівником прес-служби у приготуванні візиту Святішого Отця до України, я був свідком беатифікації блаженних новомучеників української землі. Можливо багато і з Вас, мої дорогі брати і сестри, були не лише свідками того часу, але разом зростали у своїй вірі із мучениками української землі.

Саме тому я б хотів, щоб почитання наших новомучеників та зростання у вірі завдяки їхньому свідченню і далі продовжувалось та розвивалось у нашій єпархії. З цієї нагоди я запросив Високопреосвященного владика Володимира Війтишина, Архієпископа та Митрополита Івано-Франківського до нашої єпархії, щоб разом з нами молитися, ділитися своїм свідчення про час підпілля та благословити бічний престіл нашого катедрального храму, який буде присвячений блаженним новомученикам УГКЦ. З

благословення Глави Церкви, Блаженнішого Патріарха Святослава та згоди Постійного Синоду єпископів у нашому катедральному храмі знаходитимуться моці трьох новомучеників: Блаженного Священномученика Миколая Чарнецького, Блаженної Преподобномучениці Тарсикії Мацьків та Блаженного Мученика Володимира Прийми. Моці будуть виставлені для почитання у катедральному храмі із 2 листопада 2019 р.

Я радо запрошую всю нашу єпархію до почитання та прославлення блаженних новомучеників, щоб за їх молитвами ми зростали та розбудовували наші спільноти тут у Британській Колумбії. Особлива подія освячення бічного престолу та виставлення моці для почитання відбудеться **2 листопада 2019** за таким розкладом:

11:00 – Архиєреськай Божественна Літургія

12:30 - обід

13:30 - Презентація: Час переслідування УГКЦ (митр. Володимир Війтишин) 15:00 - Молебень до Новомучеників.

Зростаючи, почитаючи та прославляючи новомучеників української землі ми не тільки вимолюємо Божих ласк для себе, своєї сім'ї, парафії та спільноти, ми також стаємо натхненні подвигом їхнього життя та свідчення, що дозволяє нам долати труднощі, виклики та нести Слово Боже до всіх людей.

Нехай Господь благословить всіх нас, а блаженні новомученики української землі заступаються за нас!

Ваш у Христі,

+ Кен

Правлячий архиєрей Нью-Вестмінстерської єпархії



HOLODOMOR COMMEMORATION

Saturday, November 30; 4-6 pm

Ukrainian Cultural Center

3277 Douglas St, Victoria

Ukrainians were starved to death by the Soviet regime led by Joseph Stalin. All grain and food was forcibly seized and the borders were shut. In little more than a year, a quarter of the population perished. This crime of genocide is known as the Holodomor. On November 30 we remember the forgotten.

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CHURCH IS A TENT, NOT A FORTRESS

The Church Must Always Have an Open Door

“The nature of the Church emerges from the Book of the Acts, which is not a fortress but a tent capable of enlarging its space (Cf. *Isaiah* 54:2) and giving access to all.”

The Holy Father explained that after Paul’s “transforming encounter with Jesus,” the new believer was received by the Church of Jerusalem. But some were hostile and Paul was asked to go to his home in Tarsus, “where Barnabas met him to involve him in the long journey of the Word of God.”

As the Pope points out, the “long journey” of spreading the Word was often rejected, sometimes resulting in persecution. Yet, the Word continued to be proclaimed everywhere.

“This journey begins following intense persecution (Cf. *Acts* 11:19); but the latter, instead of causing a setback for evangelization, became an opportunity to widen the field wherein to spread the good seed of the Word. The Christians were not scared,” Francis said. “They had to flee, but they fled with the Word and spread the Word a bit everywhere.”

The Pope stressed the Church as always having an “open door”, a concept that generated some controversy during the time of the apostles. For instance, some thought that Gentiles or Pagans who wished to join the Church should first be circumcised as were Jews. The idea was that these converts should first embrace Jewish practice, then receive Christian baptism.

“A very delicate theological, spiritual and disciplinary question was addressed, namely, the relation between faith in Christ and the observance of the Law of Moses,” the Pope noted. But the apostles found a solution: “They invited not to impose circumcision on the Gentiles, but to ask them only to reject idolatry and all its expressions.

“Let us ask the Lord to reinforce in all Christians, especially in Bishops and presbyters, the desire and the responsibility of communion. May He help us to live dialogue, listening and encounter with brothers in the faith and with those that are distant, to enjoy and manifest the fruitfulness of the Church, called to be in every time “joyous Mother of many children” (Cf. *Psalms* 113:9).”

