

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



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



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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA - ТРЕТЯ НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ ПАСХИ**

Early in the morning, the Myrrhbearing women brought spices to the tomb of the Lord. They found the stone unexpectedly rolled away, and they asked among themselves: Where are the seals of the tomb? Where are Pilate's guards? The radiant angel came to the wondering women and proclaimed to them: Why do you seek weeping the Life Who gives life to the human race? Christ our God has risen from the dead as almighty, granting life to all; incorruption, enlightenment and great mercy!

Women disciples, why do you open the myrrh with tears? The stone is gone; the tomb is empty: Behold corruption destroyed by life! The seals witness that the guards of the godless have watched in vain. Mortal nature has been saved by the flesh of God. Hell is wailing. Go with joy, and proclaim to the apostles: Christ has slain death as the first-born of the dead. He awaits you in Galilee!

The Myrrhbearers came early to Your tomb, O Christ, seeking You to anoint Your most pure body. Enlightened by the angel's words they proclaimed joyous tidings to the apostles: The Leader of our salvation has been raised; He has captured death, granting the world eternal life and great mercy!

*Christ is Risen -  
Indeed He is Risen!*



*Sunday of the Myrrh-  
Bearing Women*

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

<b>SUNDAY HYMNS</b>			
OPENING HYMN	Христос Воскрес! Ликуйте Нині/Rejoice! For Christ Is Risen! pg. 196-197		
COMMUNION HYMN	Согласно заспіваймо / Let Us Sing and Chant Our Praise. pg.188-190		
CLOSING HYMN	Христос воскрес! Під Небозвід/The Lord Is Risen from the Dead pg.198-199		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
<b>SUNDAY &amp; DAILY SCHEDULE</b>			
SUNDAY, May 5	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, May 6	NO SERVICES		
TUESDAY, May 7	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, May 8	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
THURSDAY, May 9	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
FRIDAY, May 10	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SATURDAY, May 11	NO SERVICES		
SUNDAY, May 12	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, May 5	Act. 6: 1-7	Dmytro Maksymiv	William Vanderven
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
<i>Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!</i>			
<b>2019 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..... 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><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 <a href="#">St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria BC, V8T 1G1</a>, 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. 520*

**Troparion, Tone 2:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,\* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.\*When You raised the dead from the nether world, all powers of heaven cried out:\* O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!

**Troparion, Tone 2:** The noble Joseph took down Your pure body from the tree.\* He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices and placed it in a new tomb.\* But on the third day You arose, O Lord,\* granting the world Your great mercy.

**Glory: Kontakion, Tone 2:** You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God,\* and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection.\* You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all:\* The Saviour is risen from the tomb.

**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 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 - Act 6:1-7 - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:** In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

**Alleluia, Tone 8:** *Verse:* You have shown favour to Your land, O Lord; You have brought back the captives of Jacob. *Verse:* Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced.

**Gospel - Mark 15:43-16:8 -** At that time Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James watched where he was laid. When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the

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stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*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 Verse:** Receive the Body of Christ;\* taste the fountain of immortality.\* Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest Alleluia. (3x).

*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 2:** Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне,\* тоді ад умертвив ти блистінням Божества.\* Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти,\* всі сили небесні взивали:\* Життедавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

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**Тропар, глас 2:** Благообразний Йосиф, з древа знявши пречистеє тіло твоє,\* плащаницею чистою обвив,\* і ароматами в гробі новім, покривши, положив;\* та по трьох днях воскрес еси, Господи,\* даруючи світові велику милість.

**Слава: Кондак, глас 2:** Радуватися мироносицям повелів ти,\* плач праматері Єви втихомирив ти воскресінням твоїм, Христе Боже,\* апостолам же твоїм проповідувати повелів ти.\* Спас воскрес із гробу.

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

**Апостол - Дія. 6:1-7 - 3 книги Діянь Святих Апостолів читання:** Тими днями, коли учнів ставало дедалі більше, зчинилось нарікання гелленістів на євреїв, що вдів їхніх занедбано в щоденній службі. Тоді дванадцятєро прикликали громаду учнів і сказали: «Не личить нам лишити слово Боже і при столах служити. Нагледіть собі, отже, з-поміж вас, брати, сімох мужів доброї слави, повних Духа та мудрости, а ми їх поставимо для цієї служби; самі ж ми будемо пильно перебувати у молитві і служінні слова.» Вподобалось це слово всій громаді й вибрали Стефана, мужа, повного віри і Святого Духа, Филипа, Прохора, Ніканора, Тимона, Пармена та Миколая, прозеліта з Антіохії, і поставили їх перед апостолами і, помолившись, поклали на них руки. І росло слово Боже та множилось число учнів у Єрусалимі вельми, і велика сила священників були слухняні вірі.

**Алилуя, глас 8:** *Стих:* Благоволив ти, Господи, землю твою, ти повернув полон Яковів. *Стих:* Милість і істина зустрілися, правда і мир обцілувалися.

**Євангеліє - Мр 15:43-16:8 - У той час Йосиф Ариматейський, поважний радник, що й сам очікував Божого Царства, прибув і, сміливо ввійшовши до Пилата, попросив тіло Ісуса. Пилат же здивувався, що вже вмер; і прикликавши сотника, спитав його, чи давно помер. Довідавшись від сотника, він видав Йосифові тіло; а Йосиф, купивши полотно, зняв його, обгорнув полотном і поклав його у гробі, що був висічений у скелі; потім прикотив камінь до входу гробу; Марія ж Магдалина й Марія, мати Йосифа, дивились, де його покладено. Якже минула субота, Марія Магдалина, Марія, мати Якова, та Саломія купили пахощів, щоб піти та намастити його. Рано-вранці, першого дня тижня, прийшли вони до гробу, як сходило сонце, та й говорили між собою: "Хто нам відкотить камінь від входу до гробу?" Але поглянувши, побачили, що камінь був відвалений, – був бо дуже великий. Увійшовши до гробу, побачили юнака, що сидів праворуч, одягнений у білу одежу, – і вжахнулись. А він до них промовив: "Не жахайтеся! Ви шукаєте Ісуса Назарянина, розп'ятого Він воскрес, його нема тут. Ось місце, де його були поклали. Але йдіть, скажіть його учням та Петрові, що випередить вас у Галилеї: там його побачите, як він сказав вам." І вони,**

вийшовши, втекли від гробу, бо жах і трепет огорнув їх, і нікому нічого не сказали, бо боялися.

*Замість “Достойно” ми співаємо:* Ангел сповіщав Благодатній: Чистая Діво, радуйся. І знову кажу: Радуйся. Твій Син воскрес тридневний із гробу, і мертвих воздвигнув він; люди, веселіться. Світися, світися, 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. Алілуя (3х).

*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

◆**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.

◆**INVITATION TO A FREE CONCERT:** Island Catholic Schools invites you to a Choral Concert “**Known by the Lord**” at **6:30 pm** on **Tuesday, May 7, 2019** at **St. Andrew’s Cathedral**. Enjoy choir performances by our talented students from John Paul II, Port Alberni; Queen of Angels, Duncan; and Victoria Catholic Schools: St. Joseph’s, St. Patrick’s and St. Andrew’s Regional High School. Come join us as “He counts the stars and calls them all by name.” The concert will also be streamed live at [www.rcdvictoria.org/dicoese-of-victoria-live-stream](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/dicoese-of-victoria-live-stream)

◆**12TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE:** Thursday, May 9, 2019. 12:00 noon – Mass at St. Andrew’s Cathedral (740 View Street) - Bishop Gary Gordon presiding; 12:00 noon – Mass at St. Patrick’s Parish (2060 Haultain Street) - Archbishop Michael Miller CSB presiding The March begins at 1:45 p.m. from Victoria City Hall, at Centennial Square, and will proceed down Government Street to the B.C. Legislature for a Rally for Life at 2:15 p.m. This opportunity to walk together in solidarity is of profound importance in our time when euthanasia, assisted suicide, and abortion have become standard practices and accepted in the social and moral fabric of Canadian society. These increasingly acceptable social mores erode the sanctity of life that threatens not only human life itself but the freedom of conscience and religion in Canada, both of which are listed in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is vitally important that we let our own voice be heard prophetically to all who would silence our cry for the respect and the preservation of life, especially on behalf of the weak and the vulnerable of our society.

◆**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!r

◆**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*

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*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.*

◆**APRIL 28 DONATIONS** - Luncheon: \$257.00; Vigil lights: \$23.50; Loose collection: \$130.00; Envelope collection: \$967.00; Pre-authorized donations Apr 22 to Apr 28: \$120.00  
**TOTAL: \$1,497.50**

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## **POPE FRANCIS STRESSES SAYING ‘THANK YOU’ IN PRAYER**

Prayer teaches a person to say “thank you” Pope Francis stressed during his General Audience in St. Peter’s Square. Greeting the thousands of pilgrims from around the world, he completed his catechesis on the fifth question of the “Our Father,” the expression “as we forgive those who trespass against us.” In fact, he said it is proper to be in debt to God – He gave us everything we have!

“We are all debtors of God and of so many persons who have given us favorable conditions of life,” the Holy Father said. “Our identity is built from the good received. The first is life.”

Why do we owe God so much? The Pope Explained: “He loves us infinitely more than we love Him. And then, try as we might to live according to Christian teachings, there will always be something in our life for which to ask forgiveness: we think of days spent lazily, of moments in which resentment occupied our heart, and so on. It’s these experiences, unfortunately not rare, which make us implore: ‘Lord, Father, forgive us our trespasses.’ So we ask God for forgiveness.”

Pope Francis reminded those listening that Christians know that God provides forgiveness for sins. In fact, he forgives everything and does so always. “However, God’s grace, which is so abundant, is always challenging,” Francis recalled. “One who has received so much must learn to give as much and not keep for himself what he has received.”

The Holy Father cited the parable of the unmerciful servant from the 18th chapter of Matthew: “There was a servant who had contracted an enormous debt with his king: ten thousand talents! A sum impossible to restore; I don’t know how much it would be today, but hundreds of millions. However, the miracle happens, and that servant receives — not a postponement of the payment, but the full condoning of it — an unexpected grace! However, see how, in fact, that servant, immediately after, set upon his brother who owed him one hundred denarii — a small thing —, and, although this figure was accessible, he doesn’t accept excuses or entreaties. Therefore, in the end, the master calls him back and has him condemned. Because, if you don’t make an effort to forgive, you won’t be forgiven; if you don’t make an effort to love, you won’t be loved.”

The Holy Father concluded with an admonition to Christians to be forgiving. And if that is difficult, ask God for the grace to forgive. “God gives every Christian the grace to write a story of goodness in the life of his brothers, especially those that have done something displeasing or mistaken,” Francis said. “With a word, an embrace, a smile, we can transmit to others what we received that is most precious. What is the precious thing we have received? It is forgiveness, which we must be capable of giving also to others.”

**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 Hordashevska, 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 Службениці Непорочної Діви Марії з радістю оголошують Соту Річницю від переходу у вічність першої Службениці і Спів-Засновниці, Блаженної Йосафати Гордашевської, яка упокоїлася в Бозі 7 квітня 1919 року. Знаємо, що Сестра Йосафата була серцем і душою 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 Службениці 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 Службениць 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 Службениці 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 допомозі вірних 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 Службениць 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,

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щоб помолитися з нами Молебень до Блаженної Йосафати та маленького прийняття в церковній залі.

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

Сестри Службниць 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 or [jennsawka@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.nweparchy.ca)

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