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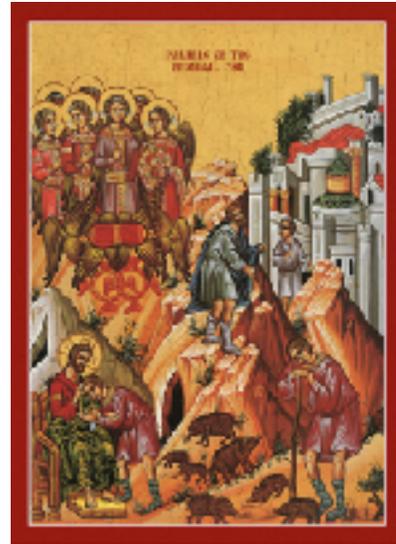
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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
НЕДІЛЯ БЛУДНОГО СИНА**



Seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own sinful condition, we might come to our senses and return to God through repentance. For those who have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father is patiently and lovingly waiting for our return. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us.

This parable offers us insight into the world in which we live. Here we can see the challenge of life in this world and the alienation from God that can happen when sin reigns in our lives. As a result of sin in our lives, we lose the joy of communion with God, we defile and lose our spiritual beauty, and we find ourselves far away from our real home, our real life. In true repentance, we realize this, and we express a deep desire to return, to recover what has been lost.

On this day the Church reminds us of what we have abandoned and lost, and beckons us to find the desire and power to return. Our Heavenly Father is waiting and ready to receive us with His loving forgiveness and His saving embrace.

SUNDAY HYMNS

OPENING HYMN	Hear Now, Faithful pg. 1002 (<i>Anthology</i>)
COMMUNION HYMN	Вірюю, Господи / I Do Believe pg. 246-247
CLOSING HYMN	На Вавилонських Ріках pg. 138

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, Feb. 9	Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, Feb. 10	NO SERVICES	
TUESDAY, Feb. 11	Divine Liturgy for +Glikeria Iwanuck	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
THURSDAY, Feb. 13	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, Feb. 14	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, Feb. 15	NO SERVICES	
SUNDAY, Feb. 16	Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM

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

SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS

DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, Feb. 9	1 Cor. 6:12-20	Dmytro Maksymiv	William Vanderven
SUNDAY, Feb. 16	1 Cor. 8:8-9:2	Kateryna Yaremyn	Marian Chalifoux
SUNDAY, Feb. 23	Rm. 13:11-14:4	Liliia Palyvoda	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, Mar. 1	Heb. 11:24-32	Liliya Korchynska	Bryan Melnyk

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

PASTORAL MINISTRY & HOLY MYSTERIES

CONFESSIONS.....1/2 hour before Liturgy
 EUCHARIST.....for the sick - any time
 BAPTISMS.....by appointment
 MARRIAGES.....six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made
 FUNERALS.....by appointment
 ANOINTING.....any time
 HOSPITAL VISITS.....any time

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DIVINE LITURGY PROPER

The Divine Liturgy of our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom
An Anthology for Worship: Liturgy - pg. 270-318; propers - pg. 333, 605

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 the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Glory: Now: Kontakion, Tone 3: Kontakion, Tone 3: Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.* Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal:* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

Prokimenon, Tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise,* and He has become my salvation. *Verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20: A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Corinthians: Brothers and sisters, ‘All things are lawful for me’, but not all things are beneficial. ‘All things are lawful for me’, but I will not be dominated by anything. ‘Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food’, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, ‘The two shall be one flesh.’ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia, Tone 2: *Verse:* The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Gospel - Luke 15:11-32 - The Lord spoke this parable: ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of

my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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 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.

Слава: І нині: Кондак, глас 3: Від батьківської слави твоєї я віддалився безумно,* у злomu я розтратив багатство, яке передав ти мені.* Тому тобі блудного голос приношу:* Согрешив я перед тобою, Отче щедрий,* прийми мене – каюся,* і вчини мене, як одного з наємників твоїх.

Прокімен, глас 2: Господь – моя сила і моя пісня, * і Він став моїм спасінням. *Стих:* Тяжко покарав мене Господь, та не передав мене смерті.

Апостол - 1 Коринтян 6:12-20: До Коринтян перше послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: Браття і сестри, «Все мені можна», та не все корисне. «Все мені можна», та я не дам нічому заволодіти надо мною. «Їжа для живота, і живіт для їжі!» Бог же одне і друге знищить. Тіло ж не для розпусти, але для Господа, і Господь для тіла. Бог же і Господа був воскресив – та й нас воскресить своєю силою. Хіба не знаєте, що тіла ваші – члени Христові? Узявши, отже, члени Христові, – зроблю їх членами блудниці? Хай так не буде! Чи не знаєте, що той, хто пристає до блудниці, є з нею одним тілом? Бо «будуть, – каже, – двоє одним тілом.» Хто ж пристає до Господа, є одним духом. Утікайте від розпусти! Усякий гріх, що його чинить людина, є поза її тілом; а хто чинить розпусту, грішить супроти власного тіла. Хіба ж не знаєте, що ваше тіло – храм Святого Духа, який живе у вас? Його ви маєте від Бога, тож уже не належите до себе самих. Ви бо куплені високою ціною! Тож прославляйте Бога у вашому тілі!

Алилуя, глас 2: Стих: Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова.

Євангеліє - Лука 15:11-32 - Ісус оповів притчу оцю: У чоловіка одного було два сини. І молодший із них сказав батькові: Дай мені, батьку, належну частину маєтку! І той поділив поміж ними маєток. А по небагатьох днях зібрав син молодший усе, та й подався до далекого краю, і розтратив маєток свій там, живучи марнотратно. А як він усе прожив, настав голод великий у тім краї, і він став бідувати. І пішов він тоді і пристав до одного з мешканців тієї землі, а той вислав його на поля свої пасти свиней. І бажав він наповнити шлунка свого хоч стручками, що їли їх свині, та ніхто не давав їх йому. Тоді він спам'ятався й сказав: Скільки в батька мого наймитів мають хліба аж надмір, а я отут з голоду гину! Устану, і піду я до батька свого, та й скажу йому: Прогрішився я, отче, против неба та супроти тебе... Недостойний я вже зватись сином твоїм; прийми ж мене, як одного з своїх наймитів... І, вставши, пішов він до батька свого. А коли він далеко ще був, його батько вгледів його, і переповнився жалем: і побіг він, і кинувсь на шию йому, і зачав цілувати його! І озвався до нього той син: Прогрішився я, отче, против неба та супроти тебе, і недостойний вже зватися сином твоїм... А батько рабам своїм каже: Принесіть негайно одягу найкращу, і його зодягніть, і персня подайте на руку йому, а сандалі на ноги. Приведіть теля відгодоване та заколіть, будемо їсти й радіти, бо цей син мій був мертвий і ожив, був пропав і знайшовся! І почали веселитись вони. А син старший його був на полі. І коли він ішов й наближався до дому, почув музики та танці. І покликав одного зо слуг, та й спитав: Що це таке? А той каже йому: То вернувся твій брат, і твій батько звелів заколоти теля відгодоване, бож здоровим його він прийняв. І розгнівався той, і ввійти не хотів. Тоді вийшов батько його й став просити його. А той відповів і до батька сказав: Ото, стільки років служу я тобі, і ніколи наказу твого не порушив, ти ж ніколи мені й козеняти не дав, щоб із приятелями своїми потішився я... Коли ж син твій вернувся оцеї, що проїв твій маєток із блудницями, ти для нього звелів заколоти теля відгодоване... І сказав він йому: Ти завжди зо мною, дитино, і все моє то твоє! Веселитись та тішитись треба було, бо цей брат твій був мертвий і ожив, був пропав і знайшовся!

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

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 BIRTHDAY** to KATERYNA YAREMYN and all those who celebrated their birthdays this past week. May the Lord Our God continue to bless you abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protects you at all times. Многая Літа!

✿ **NEXT SUNDAY - Feb. 16:** please join us for the Sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist) of ROBERT KNEZACEK.

✿ **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Sunday, February 23 after Divine Liturgy.

✿ **FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR BISHOP KEN:** Holy Eucharist Cathedral parish would like to invite you on **Saturday, February 29, 2020** to a farewell reception for Bishop Ken that will begin with Divine Liturgy at 11:00AM with reception to follow. Let us take this opportunity to celebrate Bishop Ken's new appointment as Bishop of the Holy Family of London Eparchy and most importantly his 12 years of dedicated service, enthusiastic leadership and prayerful ministry in the Eparchy of New Westminster.

✿ **CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR - Aug 16-23, Kelowna BC:** Start planning your summer holidays now! If you are between the ages of 7-15 this is a summer must do! Come join us to celebrate our 37th year of camp for children in our Eparchy! Registration for campers and counsellors will begin in April. Bus transportation available from New Westminster. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know. For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com.

✿ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers SYLVIA KELLY, CHARLOTTE KRAKOWSKI, RICHARD NEWBERRY 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:** “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**.

✿ **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.

✿ **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).

✿ **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.*

✦ **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."

✦ **FEBRUARY 2 DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$49.00; Vigil lights: \$26.30; Loose collection: \$65.00; Envelope collection: \$1,503.00; Candles: \$52.00; Pre-authorized donations Jan 27 to Feb 2: \$380.00. **TOTAL: \$2,075.30.** May God bless and reward you abundantly for your generosity!



✦ **PLEASE DONATE ONLINE** to St. Nicholas Parish using this link: www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/45460

CANADA'S BISHOPS CALL ASSISTED SUICIDE PLAN 'DEEPLY TROUBLING'

As Canada's government works to expand the criteria for individuals seeking medically assisted suicide, the head of Canada's Catholic bishops has written to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau saying his government has failed to provide an impartial consideration of the matter.

"Suffering and death are indeed terrifying and the instinct to flinch from pain is universal. But euthanasia and assisted suicide are not the answer," wrote Archbishop Richard Gagnon, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"We strongly urge the Government of Canada, before proceeding further, to undertake a more extensive, thorough, impartial, and prolonged consultation on the question, in order to ensure all pertinent factors - social, medical, and moral - are carefully and thoroughly considered," he continued.

The letter is in response to the Trudeau's government's efforts to extend the categories of individuals who are allowed to seek medical support to end their lives, following a ruling from the Superior Court of Quebec saying it is unconstitutional only to allow the practice to individuals who are already near death.

Gagnon, who is also the archbishop of Winnipeg, called the move "deeply troubling."

“The government’s attempt to expand euthanasia to include advance directives, as well as extending it to situations in which death is not reasonably foreseeable, is deeply troubling,” he wrote. “Further attempts to make it available to mature minors, the mentally ill, and the cognitively impaired are evidence that the current safeguards are inadequate and can be legally challenged and overturned.”

The four-page letter went on to challenge the federal government for not appealing the Quebec ruling and also for an “inappropriate, inadequate, and biased” survey that was recently conducted by Canada’s Department of Justice on the matter.

The archbishop said that the survey was the wrong forum to consider such a serious moral question and that two weeks was not a long enough period to study properly the questions raised by assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Further, he faulted the survey for not giving adequate attention to vulnerable parties, such as the elderly and isolated, whom he said may feel pressured to seek assisted suicide so as not to become a burden to their caretakers.

“At this point in Canada’s history, we should ask, with integrity and honesty, what kind of culture we are leaving to future generations,” he pleaded.

“We, as Bishops of the Catholic faithful in Canada, call on the government to engage in a more rigorous, impartial and prolonged study of the problems inherent in euthanasia/assisted suicide by involving those whose experiences offer a different perspective and even present inconvenient truths,” the letter went on to request.

Gagnon concluded his letter with a plea that greater efforts be given to support palliative care initiatives and hospice programs as a “comprehensive and ethical” alternative to assisted suicide.

To date, he said the government and the media have been too quick to prefer assisted suicide and euthanasia as a quick remedy to the complexities raised by death.

Palliative care, he said, “is more humane because it is anchored in the recognition that human life has an objective value over and above our free choices.”

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