

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



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
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**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA
СЬОМА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ ПАСХИ**

Come, all you nations of the world, let us adore God in three holy Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One. From all eternity, the Father begets the Son, equal to Him in eternity and majesty, equal also to the Holy Spirit, glorified with the Son in the Father, three Persons, and yet a single power and essence and Godhead. In deep adoration, let us cry out to God: Holy is God who made all things through the Son with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit. Holy the Mighty One through whom the Father was revealed to us, and through whom the Holy Spirit came to the world! Holy the Immortal One, the Spirit, the Counsellor, who proceeds from the Father and reposes in the Son. All-holy Trinity, glory to You!

The Holy Spirit provides every gift: He inspires prophecy and perfects the priesthood; He grants wisdom to the illiterate, makes simple fishermen become wise theologians, and establishes perfect order in the assembly of the Church. Therefore, O Comforter, equal in nature and majesty with the Father and the Son, O Lord, glory to You!



PENTECOST



*The Descent of the
Holy Spirit*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS			
OPENING HYMN	Царю Небесний, Боже Могучий / O King of Heaven pg. 240-241		
COMMUNION HYMN	Витай Між Нами / With Solemn Greeting Welcome the Lord pg.244-245		
CLOSING HYMN	Наче Повний Голос Дзвону / Having Shared Your Loving Kindness pg, 270-271		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE			
SUNDAY, May 20	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, May 21	NO SERVICE		
TUESDAY, May 22	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, May 23	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
THURSDAY, May 24	Divine Liturgy / Moleben to the Mother of God		9:00AM/5PM
FRIDAY, May 25	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom		9:00 AM
SATURDAY, May 26	NO SERVICE		
SUNDAY, May 27	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 20	Act. 2: 1-11	Andrij Pelekhaty	Caroline Smudy
SUNDAY, May 27	Heb. 11:33-12:2	Motria Koropecy	Rita Vanderven
SUNDAY, June 3	Rm. 2: 10-16	Yuliya Pelekhata	Darryl Huculak
SUNDAY, June 10	Rm. 5: 1-10	Dmytro Maksymiv	Graciela Spaciuk-Schwarz
<i>Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!</i>			
2018 PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE		PASTORAL MINISTRY & HOLY MYSTERIES	
CHAIRPERSON..... Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374		CONFESSIONS..... 1/2 hour before Liturgy	
SECRETARY..... Richard DeMerchant - 250.893.3484		EUCCHARIST..... for the sick - any time	
TREASURER..... William Vanderven - 250.478.1458		BAPTISMS..... by appointment	
FINANCIAL SECRETARY..... David Newberry - 250.598.8197		MARRIAGES..... six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made	
FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL..... Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872		FUNERALS..... by appointment	
MAINTENANCE..... Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769		ANOINTING..... any time	
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE... Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051		HOSPITAL VISITS..... any time	
MEMBER AT LARGE..... Cindy Lazaruk - 778.677.9072			
<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 євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

The Divine Liturgy - An Anthology for Worship: Liturgy - pg. 270-318; propers - pg. 563

The Liturgy prescribed for today is that of St. John Chrysostom.

After the initial Amen, all kneel and sing:

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth,* who are everywhere present and fill all things,* Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life,* come, and dwell within us;* cleanse us of all that defiles us,* and O Good One, save our souls.

First Antiphon

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Verse: Day to day pours forth the message and night proclaims this knowledge to night.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Verse: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Glory: Now: Only-begotten Son ...

Third Antiphon

Verse: O Lord, by Your power the king shall rejoice and greatly exult in Your salvation.

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

Verse: You gave him his heart's desire and did not deny the request on his lips.

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

Verse: For You have gone before him with gracious blessings, you have placed upon his head a crown of precious stones.

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

Entrance Verse: Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and make music to Your might.

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

Glory: Now: Kontakion, Tone 8: When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,* He parted the nations.* When He divided the tongues of fire,* He called all to unity;* thus with one voice* we glorify the all-Holy Spirit.

Instead of "Holy God..." we sing: All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

Prokimenon, Tone 8: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their words unto the ends of the world. *Verse:* The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

Epistle - Acts 2:1-11 - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: At that time, when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

Alleluia, Tone 1: *Verse:* By the Lord's words the heavens were established, and by the Breath of His mouth all their host. *Verse:* The Lord has looked down from heaven and beheld the whole human race.

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12 - On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'" He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some in the crowd who heard these words said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But others said, "The Messiah will not come from Galilee, will he? Does not scripture say that the Messiah will be of David's family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" So a division occurred in the crowd because of him. Some of them even wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?" The guards answered, "Never before has anyone spoken like this one." So the Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed." Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them, "Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee also, are you? Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee." Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Instead of "It is truly..." we sing: O my soul, magnify the one Divinity in three Persons.

Irmos, Tone 4: Rejoice, O Queen, boast of virgins and mothers, for every tongue, though capable and eloquent, cannot hymn you as is your due, and every mind is confounded in seeking to comprehend the way in which you gave birth. Wherefore with one accord we glorify you.

Communion Verse: Your good Spirit will lead me to the land of righteousness. Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia!



Після початкового Амінь усі клякають і співають:

Царю небесний, утішителю, Душе істини, що всюди еси і все наповняєш, скарбе дібр і життя подателю, прийди і вселися в нас, і очисти нас від усякої скверни, і спаси, Благий, душі наші.

Перший Антифон

Стих: Небеса повідають славу божу, творіння ж рук його сповіщає твердь.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: День дневі передає слово і ніч ночі об'являє розуміння.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих: На всю землю вийшло вістуння їх і до кінців вселенної глаголи їх.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Слава: І нині: Єдинородний Сину...

Третій Антифон

Стих: Господи, силою твоєю возвеселиться цар і спасінням твоїм возрадується вельми.

Тропар, глас 8: Благословен еси, Христе Боже наш, що премудрими рибаків явив, зіславши їм Духа Святого, і ними уловив вселенну. Чоловіколюбче, слава тобі.

Стих: Бажання серця його дав ти йому і хотіння уст його ти не відмовив йому.

Тропар, глас 8: Благословен еси, Христе Боже наш...

Стих: Бо попередив ти його благословенням благостінним, поклав ти на голові його вінець із каменя цінного.

Тропар, глас 8: Благословен еси, Христе Боже наш...

Вхідне: Вознесися, Господи, силою твоєю, оспівуватимемо і співатимемо сили твої.

Тропар, глас 8: Благословен еси, Христе Боже наш...

Слава: І нині: Кондак, глас 8: Коли ти, зійшовши, язики змішав,* розділив ти народи, Всевишній.* Коли ж вогненні язики ти роздавав,* у з'єднання всіх ти призвав.* І одноголосне славимо* Пресвятого Духа.

Замість “Святий Боже” співаємо: Ви, що в Христа хрестилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Алілуя!

Прокімен, глас 8: На всю землю вийшло вістування їх* і до кінців вселенної глаголи їх.
Стих: Небеса повідають славу божу, творіння ж рук його сповіщає твердь.

Апостол - Дія 2:1-11 - 3 книги Діань Святих Апостолів читання: Тими днями, як настав день П'ятидесятниці, всі вони були вкупі на тім самім місці. Аж ось роздався зненацька з неба шум, неначе подув буйного вітру, і сповнив увесь дім, де вони сиділи. І з'явилися їм поділені язики, мов вогонь, і осів на кожному з них. Усі вони сповнились Святим Духом і почали говорити іншими мовами, як Дух давав їм промовляти. А перебували в Єрусалимі між юдеями побожні люди з усіх народів, що під небом. І як зчинився той шум, зійшлась велика юрба і хвилювалася, бо кожний чув, як вони говорили його мовою. Здивовані й остовпілі, вони один до одного казали: «Хіба не галилеяни всі оці, що розмовляють? Як же воно, що кожний з нас чує нашу рідну мову: партяни, мідяни, еламїї, і мешканці Месопотамїї, Юдеї і Каппадокїї, Понту й Азїї, Фригїї і Памфілії, Єгипту й околиць Лівїї, що біля Кирени, римляни, що тут перебувають, юдеї і прозеліти, критяни й араби – ми чуємо їх, як вони нашими мовами проголошують величні діла Божі?»

Алілуя, глас 1: Стих: Словом Господнім небеса утвердилися і духом уст його вся сила їх.
Стих: З неба споглянув Господь, видів усіх синів людських.

Євангеліє: Івана 7:37-52, 8:12 - Останнього ж великого дня свята стояв Ісус і закликав на весь голос: «Коли спраглий хтось, нехай прийде до мене і п'є! Хто вірує в мене, як Писання каже, то ріки води живої з нутра його потечуть!» Так він про Духа казав, що його мали прийняти ті, які увірували в нього. Не прийшов був ще Дух Святий, бо Ісус не був ще прославлений. Численні ж з народу, вчувши ті слова, казали: «Він дійсно пророк.» Інші ж: «Він – Христос.» Ще інші: «Чи з Галилеї Христос прийде? Хіба в Писанні не сказано, ще з роду Давидового Христос прийде, з села Вифлеєму, звідки був Давид?» І роздор виник із-за нього серед народу. Бажали і схопити його деякі, та ніхто не наклав рук на нього. Повернулись, отже, слуги до первосвящеників та фарисеїв, а ті питають їх: «Чому не привели його?» Слуги ж відказують: «Ніколи чоловік не говорив так, як цей чоловік говорить.» Фарисеї ж: «Чи й не ви дали себе звести? Невже хтось із старшини або фарисеїв увірував у нього? Та проклятий той народ, що закону не знає!» Але озвався до них Никодим, що приходив до нього вночі, а був же один з них: «Чи дозволяє наш закон засуджувати чоловіка, не вислухавши його спершу та й не довідавшись, що він робить?» Ті ж йому: «Чи і ти з Галилеї? Розвідайся, то й побачиш: з Галилеї пророк не приходить.» І ще промовляв до них Ісус, і так їм казав: «Я – світло світу. Хто йде за мною, не блукатиме у темряві, а матиме світло життя.»

Замість “Достойно” ми співаємо: Величай, душе моя, в трьох особах суще єдине божество.

Ірмос, глас 4: Радуйся, царице, матеродівственна славо, всякі бо легкомовні благоговірливі уста промовити не можуть, щоб тебе оспівувати достойно, і безсильний ум усякий, щоб твоє рожество розуміти. Тому тебе одноголосне славимо.

Причасний: Дух Твій благий наставить мене на землю праву. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to BISHOP KEN, CHRISTINA VYSHNEVSKA 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!
 - ◆ **UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTRE AGM:** at 2pm in the Library upstairs. Please bring your UCC membership card. Members must be a member of UCC for 1 year before being on the Board of Directors. Paid members for 2018 can vote.
 - ◆ **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** next Sunday, May 20 right after coffee & fellowship we will be going to the Royal Oak Cemetery (4673 Falaise Dr) where Fr. Yuriy will be blessing the graves.
 - ◆ **VYSHYVANKA DAY PICNIC** - Monday, May 21st, 2 pm at Beckwith park (857 Beckwith Ave). Wear your vyshyvanka (embroidery) and bring a plate of finger food to share!
 - ◆ **HELP NEEDED:** on Saturday, May 26 between 9-11am we need 4-5 people to help with weeding, lawn care, shrubs trimming and other yard works around the church. Please contact Robert to coordinate.
 - ◆ **SUNDAY PRESENTATION AND MORE:** Please join us for a presentation on **Sunday, May 27** - *“Byzantine Liturgy (Divine Liturgy of Eastern Catholic Church)*. The presentation will take place after Liturgy and during our fellowship time. The following **Sunday, June 3** we begin our morning service with what is called *The Liturgy of Oblation or Proskomedie* and is celebrated by the priest prior to the Divine Liturgy during which the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist. The Proskomedie on that Sunday will be celebrated on the tetrapod.
 - ◆ **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, CORNELL BABIE 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.
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- ◆ **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)** - We are seeking donations, or sponsors, who would be willing to help St. Nicholas Parish purchase an **Automated external defibrillator (AED)**. Did you know that sudden cardiac arrest is a major public health problem and effects an estimated 500 000 people every year? Sudden cardiac arrest is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. Using an automated external defibrillator or AED on a person who is having sudden cardiac arrest may save the person's life. AEDs are designed to be simple to use in any location. AED is a small, lightweight, and portable electronic device that delivers an electric shock through the chest wall of a person whose heart has stopped beating. We would like to have our own AED on site so that we can be prepared if we someone should need to be treated for sudden cardiac arrest. Our goal is to raise \$1500.00 to purchase 1 AED for the parish. Please share and contribute what you can. Help us achieve our goal for providing this important life saving tool for our parishioners and guests.

 - ◆ **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**.

 - ◆ **TRAVELING ICON:** Anyone interested in gracing their home with Christ The Teacher Icon can call Darlene DeMerchant at 250.727.3837.

 - ◆ **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.

 - ◆ **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.

 - ◆ **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
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\$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.

- ◆ **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.*

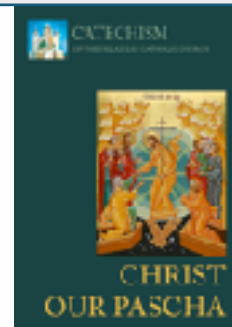
- ◆ **MAY 13, SUNDAY DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$49.75; Vigil lights: \$29.50; Loose collection: \$95.00; Envelope collection: \$467.00; Pre-authorized donations May 7 to May 13: \$220.00; **Total: \$861.25**

READING THE CATECHISM "*CHRIST - OUR PASCHA*"



5. Pentecost

#255 On the fiftieth day after Christ's Resurrection, the Church celebrates the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles (see Acts 2:1-4). This sending of the Holy Spirit signals the fulfilment of God's condescension to creation, a condescension that



began at the creation of the world. In the Holy Spirit, God offers himself to the human race. This gift of God's life is always a blessing for us, and thus we refer to it as grace. The gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the opportunity to become partakers of God's nature, to be divinized, to enter into the communion of the Persons of the Most Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit fills creation with his grace and perfects it in accordance with God's plan: "God's Spirit was to spiritualize the darkness of matter, to illuminate it, and to draw it into the sphere of God's life."

#256 The Holy Spirit bestows upon us a wealth of gifts. And though there is one Spirit, there are many gifts (see 1 Cor 12:4). "There is not a single gift that creation possesses that has not come from the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit brings meaning and purpose to the history of humankind, directing it toward Christ, the Divine Logos. The Holy Spirit is the Source and Giver of every human life. It is the Holy Spirit who creates humankind in the image of Christ, making it a living soul, his temple and the dwelling place of the Most Holy Trinity.

a. The Promise to Send the Holy Spirit

#257 The Incarnation of the Son of God and the Descent of the Holy Spirit comprise one salvific event. In the Old Testament, the Descent of the Holy Spirit is prefigured in several ways: the cloud that covered the tabernacle (see Ex 40:34-38); the fire that came down upon the sacrifice offered by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kgs 18:30-40); and the "moist wind" (Dn 3:50) that prefigured the "breath" of the life-giving Spirit. In the description of Pentecost in the New Testament, the signs indicating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles were "fiery tongues" and "the sound like the rush of a violent wind" (Acts 2:2).

#258 Christ himself foretold the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf" (Jn 15:26). The Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, will come at the request of the Son: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth" (Jn 14:16-17). The Risen Christ begins this Pentecost, by granting his apostles the power to forgive sins: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20:22-23).

#259 The Holy Spirit descends in order to witness to Christ: "He will testify on my behalf" (Jn 15:26). In the words of the apostle Paul, no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit (see 1 Cor 12:3). The Holy Spirit teaches the apostles everything that Christ had taught: "The Holy Spirit ... will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you" (Jn 14:26). "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come" (Jn 16:13). "Any truth spoken by anyone is spoken by the Holy Spirit."

#260 The grace of the Holy Spirit is indispensable for humankind's salvation. Although gifted with an intellect and will, without grace, a human being is only a soul and body, because it does not understand the Spirit of God. Being conscious of the absolute necessity of divine grace, the Church begins every divine service with the prayer "Heavenly King" thus invoking the Holy Spirit. The liturgical invocation of the Holy Spirit (in Greek, epiklesis) "upon us and these gifts here present" completes the consecration of the Holy Gifts and our own selves.

See, Fire and Spirit are in the womb of her who bore you; see, Fire and Spirit are in the river, in which you were baptized. Fire and Spirit are in our baptismal font; in the Bread and the Cup are Fire and Holy Spirit ... In your Bread there is hidden the Spirit, who is not consumed; in your Wine there dwells the Fire, that is not drunk; the Spirit is in your Bread, the Fire in your Wine - a manifest wonder that our lips have received.

b. The Sending Down of the Holy Spirit

#261 The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles after Christ was glorified in his Resurrection and ascended into heaven, and enthroned at the right hand of the Father. Made worthy to receive the Holy Spirit, the apostles become "new tablets of grace, truly inscribed by God, living scrolls initiated into his mysteries, holding the word of salvation written with the finger of the Father." Fulfilled are the words of John the Baptist about the expected Saviour: he will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Lk 3:16).

#262 The Holy Spirit grants understanding among peoples, overcoming alienation and divisions planted by sin. These are described in the Old Testament in the image of the tower of Babylon (see Gn 11:1-9). The Spirit prepares all nations of the world to encounter Christ:

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power (Acts 2:8-11)

#263 The Holy Spirit teaches the apostles what to say (see Acts 4:8-12). That same Spirit directs them to listen more to God than to people (see Acts 4:19). The apostles are inspired by the Holy Spirit to preach Christ boldly: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31). The Spirit leads them to preach even among the Gentiles, overcoming human reservations (see Acts 10:9-20).

#264 The Holy Spirit, who descended upon the apostles, builds the Church of Christ: "Pour out now the power which has its origin in you, the sovereign Spirit, whom you have given to your beloved Son Christ, and that he has handed on to the apostles who built

the Church.” The apostles profess the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church at the Council in Jerusalem: “It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...” (Acts 15:28).

#265 The Holy Spirit fashions the Church and gives life to her as the Body of Christ, making her the place of salvation: “For where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church.” All people are called to the Church, “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages” (Rev 7:9; see Rev 14:6), regardless of culture and background. It is this same Spirit within the Church who reveals to Christians the very mystery of salvation: “For progress in the knowledge of truth we give thanks to that divine and magnificent Spirit, the Author and Leader of the Church.”

c. The Life-Creating Spirit is the Giver of Grace

#266 The Source of all grace is God the Father. From the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit, the grace of God descends upon all creation and sustains its existence. By the power of grace, being has been wisely ordered, the laws of nature have been established, and the beauty of the universe and of humankind has been designed. Of all that was created, only humankind, called to life in God, has been granted the ability to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, the Treasury of Blessings, who grants God’s grace in a variety of gifts (see 1 Cor 12:4-13). In this cooperation (in Greek, synergia), the natural powers (in Greek, energiai) of humankind are united with the divine and uncreated gift of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

#267 The bearer of God’s grace in the world is Christ’s Church. Through the ministrations of the Holy Mysteries, by means of sanctification and blessing, she apportions grace to those who believe in Christ. Through prayer, ascetical effort, and a life of virtue, Christians grow in the grace of the Holy Spirit to the fullness of divinization. Transfigured by grace, human nature abides in God’s nature, “without division or confusion.” At the same time, in humankind and through humankind, the nature of all creation is transfigured to its final consummation, as “a new heaven and a new earth” (Rev 21:1).

#268 Through his Resurrection, Jesus Christ revealed new life, and in the Holy Spirit he grants this life to us. The Holy Spirit is “Life and Life-giver; Light and Light-giver; absolute Good and Spring of Goodness.” The Christian is a kind of “master” of creation who sanctifies and transforms it because of the grace of the Holy Spirit:

For after we have obeyed the Lord, and in his Spirit nurtured on earth the values of human dignity, fellowship, and freedom, and indeed all the good fruits of our nature and enterprise, we will find them again, but freed of stain, burnished, and transfigured.

#269 In the kneeling prayers of Pentecost, the Church invokes the Holy Spirit to descend upon all creation and upon all humankind, living and deceased. In the Holy Spirit, Jesus

Christ, who conquered death, now grants new life to all creation: “In the Holy Spirit all creation is renewed and presses forward to its original state; for he is equal in power to the Father and the Word.”

#270 Within the life-giving Spirit, there is no death or division. Therefore, at the feast of Pentecost we visit the graves of the departed and prayerfully experience our living bond with them. “On this all-perfect and saving feast you have deigned to accept the supplicatory prayers of forgiveness for those who are held in Hades; you who grant us great hope that unto the departed, held in the bondage of grief, there be sent from you rest and refreshment.” On this feast, churches and homes are decorated with greenery, a sign of Life. This is truly a feast of life—the Green Feast or ‘Feast of Greenery,’ known in Ukrainian as Zeleni Sviata.

CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR - August 19-26, 2018

Start planning your summer holidays now! Come join us to celebrate our 34th 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 and building friendships. Our camp is also a wonderful opportunity to experience God through nature 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 7-15 this is a summer must do! Registration is \$380. 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 2018.” For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 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 2018.” Applications due May 15, 2018. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal record check and must sign the camp code of conduct.

VOLUNTEER as a Camp Chef: We are seeking between 4-6 individuals to help us 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!

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.

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<p>'SELFIE' CULTURE LEADS TO ALIENATION, DEPARTURE FROM REALITY, pope says</p>

While taking selfies can be an occasion to capture treasured memories, it can also be a sign that young men and women are deprived of meaningful human interaction with others, Pope Francis said.

Responding to questions May 14 at a meeting with 1,700 priests and lay leaders of the Diocese of Rome gathered at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the pope said he realized the negative social implications of technology a few days earlier when he was greeting teens participating in a program of the international network of "Scholas Occurrentes."

"They were all there waiting for me," he said. "When I arrived, they made noise, as young people do. I went to greet them and only a few gave their hand. The majority were with their cellphones (saying), 'photo, photo, photo. Selfie!'"

"I saw that this is their reality, that is the real world, not human contact. And this is serious. They are 'virtualized' youths," the pope said. "The world of virtual communication is a good thing, but when it becomes alienating, it makes you forget to shake hands."

Archbishop Angelo De Donatis, vicar of the Diocese of Rome, had asked Pope Francis about his impressions of the meeting in March in preparation for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on "young people, faith and vocational discernment" and how the church should respond to the needs of young men and women.

The pope said he had "a good impression" of the presynod meeting and the meeting's final document was "beautiful." He also praised the commitment of the young delegates and their seriousness in addressing the challenges facing young people today.

Drug use, he said, is one of the main problems facing young men and women today. However, youths also can be "easy prey" to a different kind of drug: cultural alienation.

Young people today receive proposals that are alienating them "from values, from insertion into society, alienating them from reality: they propose a life of fantasy," the pope said.

"It worries me that they communicate and live in a virtual world. They live like this, communicate like this and do not have their feet on the ground," he said. "We must make young people 'grounded' in the real world; to touch reality without destroying the good things the virtual world may have because they are useful. This is important: reality, concreteness."

An important way to help young people engage with the reality around them is to encourage them to get involved in charity work and in the corporal works of mercy, he said. "Do something for others, because this helps them be concrete, it grounds them, and they enter into a social relationship."

Since many parents today "are from a generation whose roots are not very strong," the pope said young people lost in the virtual world should engage in dialogue with their grandparents and the elderly.

Citing an unnamed poet, Pope Francis said, "All that the tree has flowered comes from what it has in the ground below.' Go to the roots!"

"In my opinion, this is one the most difficult problems facing youths today: they are uprooted. They must find their roots without turning back. They must find them to go forward," the pope said.