

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



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
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ПЕРША НЕДІЛЯ ПОСТУ - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

○ The First Sunday of Great Lent is kept as the anniversary of the restoration of the Holy Icons to veneration and honour after the final defeat of the iconoclast heresy. The 7th Ecumenical Council in the year 787 condemned the iconoclast heresy, but the final restoration of the Holy Icons did not take place until 843, with a solemn procession on the 1st Sunday of Lent in that year. Ever since then, all the churches of the Byzantine tradition, including our Ukrainian Catholic Church, remember that event joyfully.

The reference to “Orthodoxy” in the title of this 1st Sunday of Lent is not denominational; it refers to all those who venerate the Holy Icons properly in divine worship. The Catholic Church fully accepts the 7th Ecumenical Council and the proper veneration and use of the Holy Icons. So the restoration of the Holy Icons is a cause of joy for all Christians who accept the proper use of the Holy Icons.

Let us venerate the holy icons of Christ; of the all-pure Virgin and the saints, whether depicted on walls, on wooden panels or on holy vessels...



Sunday of Orthodoxy

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS	
OPENING HYMN	With Joy we Keep the Holy Fast pg. 1008 (<i>Anthology of Worship</i>)
COMMUNION HYMN	Хрест На Плечі / Gethsemane pg. 162-163
CLOSING HYMN	Поклоняюся Мій Христе / When I Behold the Wondrous Cross pg. 156-157

Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY, March 5	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, March 6	NO SERVICES	
TUESDAY, March 7	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, March 8	Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts	5:00 PM
THURSDAY, March 9	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, March 10	Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts	6:00 PM
SATURDAY, March 11	Divine Liturgy followed by Sorokousty Vespers	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
SUNDAY, March 12	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM

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

SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, March 5	Heb. 11:24-26;32-40	Motria Koropecyky	Rita Vanderven
SUNDAY, March 12	Heb. 1: 10-2:3	Yuliya Pelekhata	Darryl Huculak
SUNDAY, March 19	Heb. 4:14-5:6	Glikeria Iwanuck	Graciela Spaciuk-Schwarz
SUNDAY, March 26	Heb. 6: 13-20	Andrij Pelekhaty	William Vanderven

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

PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE	PASTORAL MINISTRY & HOLY MYSTERIES
CHAIRPERSON.....Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374	CONFESSIONS.....1/2 hour before Liturgy
VICE-CHAIRPERSON.....VACANT	EUCCHARIST.....for the sick - any time
SECRETARY.....Cindy Lazaruk - 778.677.9072	BAPTISMS.....by appointment
TREASURER.....William Vanderven - 250.478.1458	MARRIAGES.....six months notice should
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....David Newberry - 250.598.8197	be given to the parish priest, and he should be
FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL.....Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872	contacted before any other arrangements are made
MAINTENANCE.....Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769	FUNERALS.....by appointment
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE...Motria Koropecyky - 250.658.3051	ANOINTING.....any time
MEMBER AT LARGE.....Lilii Palyvoda - 250.857.1683	HOSPITAL VISITS.....any time
VIBRANT PARISH.....Darlene DeMerchant - 250.727.3837	

Bequests & Wills: Leaving a bequeath is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequeath and will. If anyone wishes to make such a bequeath in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria BC, V8T 1G1, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."

Vibrant Parish Prayer

O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth, and The Life - and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen!



THE VIBRANT 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. 388-461; propers - pg. 329, 618
The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.

Troparion, Tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

Troparion, Tone 2: We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,* and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:* by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

Glory: Now: Kontakion, Tone 8: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,* He suffused it with the beauty of God.* Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word,* we portray it in images.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever. *Verse:* For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

Epistle - Heb. 11:24-26, 32-40, 12:1-2 - A Reading from the Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Hebrews: Brothers and sisters, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

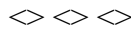
Alleluia, Tone 4: *Verse:* Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name. *Verse:* They called on the Lord, and He heard them.

Gospel - John 1:43-51 - At that time Jesus decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." But Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw

Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Instead of "It is truly..." we sing: In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



Тропар, глас 1: Хоч запечатали камінь юдеї* і воїни стерегли пречисте тіло Твоє,* воскрес Ти, Спасе, на третій день,* даруючи життя світові.* Тому сили небесні взивали до Тебе, Життєдавче * Слава воскресінню Твоєму, Христе,* слава Царству Твоєму,* слава провидінню Твоєму,* єдиний Чоловіколюбче!

Тропар, глас 2: Пречистому образу твоєму поклоняємося, благий,* просячи прощення прогрішень наших. Христе Боже,* бо волею благоволив еси плоттю зійти на хрест,* щоб ізбавити тих, що їх створив еси, від неволі ворожої.* Тому благодарствено кличемо тобі:* Ти радістю сповнив усе,* Спасе наш, прийшовши спасти світ.

Слава: І Нині: Кондак, глас 8: Неописанне Слово Отче* із тебе, Богородице, воплощенням описалося* і, осквернений образ у давнє зобразивши,* з божественною добротою з'єднало,* та, ісповідуючи спасення,* ділом і словом ми це являємо.

Прокімен, глас 4: Благословен еси, Господи, Боже отців наших,* і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я твоє на віки. *Стих:* Бо праведний еси в усьому, що сотворив ти нам.

Апостол - Євр. 11:24-26, 32-40, 12:1-2 - До Євреїв послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: Браття і сестри, вірою Мойсей, коли був виріс, відрікся зватися сином дочки фараона; волів радше страждати разом з людом Божим, ніж дознавати дочасної гріховної втіхи, бо, дивлячись на нагороду, вважав за більше багатство наругу вибраного народу від скарбів Єгипту. І що ще скажу? Часу не вистане мені, коли заходжуся розповідати про Гедсона, про Варака, про Самсона, про Єфту, про Давида й Самуїла та пророків, що вірою підбили царства, чинили справедливість, обітниць осягнули, загордили пащі левам, силу

вогню гасили, вістря меча уникали, ставали сильні, будучи недолугі, на війні проявили мужність, наскоки чужинців відбивали. Жінки діставали назад своїх померлих, які воскресали. Інші загинули в муках, відкинувши визволення, щоб досягнути ліпше воскресіння. Інші наруг і бичів зазнали та ще й кайданів і в'язниці; їх каменовано, розрізувано пилою, брано на допити; вони вмирили, мечем забиті; тинялися в овечих та козячих шкурах, збідовані, гноблені, кривджені; вони, яких світ був невартий, блукали пустинями, горами, печерами та земними вертепами. І всі вони, дарма що мали добре засвідчення вірою, не одержали обіцяного, бо Бог зберіг нам щось краще, щоб вони не без нас досягли досконалість. Тому і ми, маючи навколо себе таку велику хмару свідків, відкиньмо всякий тягар і гріх, що так легко обмотує, і біжімо витривало до змагання, що призначене нам, вдивляючися пильно в Ісуса, засновника й завершителя віри, який, замість радості, що перед ним була, витерпів хрест, на сором не звертаючи уваги, і який возсів праворуч Божого престолу.

Алилуя, глас 4: *Стих:* Мойсей і Арон між єреями його і Самуїл між тими, що призивають ім'я його. *Стих:* Призивали Господа і він вислухав їх.

Євангеліє - Івана 1:43-51 - У той час вирішив Ісус піти в Галилею; і знайшовши Филипа, мовив до нього: «Йди за мною.» А був Филип з Витсаїди, з міста Андрієвого та Петрового. Зустрів Филип Натанаїла і сказав до нього: «Ми знайшли того, про кого Мойсей у законі писав і пророки, – Ісуса Йосифового сина, з Назарету.» Натанаїл же йому на те: «А що доброго може бути з Назарету?» Мовив до нього Филип: «Прийди та подивися.» Побачивши Ісус, що Натанаїл надходив до нього, сказав про нього: «Ось справжній ізраїльтянин, що нема в ньому лукавства.» Натанаїл же йому: «Звідкіль знаєш мене?» Сказав Ісус, промовивши до нього: «Перше, ніж Филип закликав тебе, бачив я тебе, як був еси під смоковницею.» Відповів же йому Натанаїл: «Учителю, ти – Син Божий, ти – цар Ізраїлів.» Ісус відказав, мовивши до нього: «Тому, що я повідав тобі: Бачив я тебе під смоковницею, – то й віриш! Бачитимеш більше, ніж те.» І сказав до нього: «Істинно, істинно кажу вам: Побачите небеса відкриті, й ангелів Божих, як висходять та сходять на Сина Чоловічого.»

Замість “Достойно...” співаємо: Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освящений храм і раю словесний, дівственна похвало, що із неї Бог воплотився і младенцем став – перед віками сущий Бог наш. Лоно бо твоє престолом сотворив і утробу твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, слава тобі.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах. * Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі,* правим належить похвала. В пам'ять вічну буде праведник, злих слухів не убоїться. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **PARISH LENTEN RETREAT with Fr. Greg Faryna on “Finding God on the Mount...” - Monday, March 13** - join us for an evening of spiritual renewal and prayer.

6:00 pm - Fr. Greg will be hearing confessions.

6:30 pm - Vespers.

7:00 pm - retreat talk followed by a fellowship.

DON'T MISS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONFESSION.

◆ **MEET & GREET LUNCHEON** with Honourable Ambassador of Ukraine, Andriy Shevchenko. Tuesday, March 7 @ 6 PM. Ukrainian Cultural Centre (3277 Douglas St.). Admission by donation.

◆ **NEW BOOK LAUNCH:** The Ukrainian Cultural Centre of Victoria, University of Victoria Germanic and Slavic Studies, and McGill-Queen's University Press invite you to the launch of Dr. Bohdan Kordan's new book: “NO FREE MAN: Canada, the Great War, and the Enemy Alien Experience” about Canada's internment operations during the First World War. The author will be present to sign books. DATE: Friday, March 10, from 3:00-4:30 pm at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre (3277 Douglas St.)

◆ **SOROKOUSTY:** Lenten Memorial Services for the deceased is celebrated every Saturday of Lent at the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. The books for the deceased are available at the church entrance. Please remember to pray for the deceased members of your family & friends.

◆ **BLESSING OF THE ICONS:** today at the end of the Liturgy as we celebrate Sunday of Orthodoxy our Church has a beautiful tradition of blessing the icons. Please, place your icons on the tetrapod where they will be blessed.

◆ **DEACON MYKHAILO OZOROVYCH PRIESTLY ORDINATION:** It is with great joy the Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to the ordination of Deacon Mykhailo Ozorovych to the priesthood! On Saturday April 8th at 2:00 pm, Deacon Mykhailo will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ken during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster. On Palm Sunday April 9th at 10:00 am, newly ordained Father Mykhailo will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster. The ordination and first Divine Liturgy banquet-reception will be held in the Cathedral hall immediately following the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy. Tickets for the Reception (on Palm Sunday) are only \$15.00 per person. Free for those under 15 years - but they still must obtain a (free) ticket - important to ensure sufficient food. For tickets, please contact Deacon Mykhailo at: [604.524.8824](tel:604.524.8824) or mykhailo.oz@gmail.com The deadline to obtain banquet tickets is Sunday 2 April.

◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARY PROGRAM:** Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program: The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary Program is known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program. The 2017 program is now receiving applications. Once again we are privileged to offer thirty bursaries of \$500.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time-only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in their second or subsequent year of post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province. Applications are accepted from 1 January, 2017 until 30 June 30, 2017 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference can be found on our web site at <http://kofcbc.org/files/2013/08/Terms-of-Reference-2017.pdf>. Requests for applications should be addressed to: Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon Attn: Dale Hofer, Bursaries Chairman 2300 Teal Place, Vernon, BC V1H 1R1. We would like to once again congratulate the many recipients over the past years and look forward the opportunity to assist many more young people in the advancement of their education.

◆ **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!

◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to 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 Лѣта!

◆ **CONGRATULATIONS to ROBERT & LORRAINE HERCHAK** on their Wedding Anniversary. May you two continue be a blessing to God, to others, and to each other in your marriage together. Многая Лѣта!

◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers CAROL CHAPMAN, MOTRIA KOROPECKY, LYN SALYN, GARY KELLY 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.

◆ **TRAVELING ICON:** Anyone interested in gracing their home with Christ The Teacher Icon can call Darlene DeMerchant at [250.727.3837](tel:250.727.3837)

◆ **JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our St Nicholas Parish Choir and remember that we ALWAYS looking for new members! Contact Motria Koropecy for details at [250.658.3051](tel:250.658.3051)

◆ **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease*

hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God.” We are happy to welcome all children to our St. Nicholas The Wonderworker catechism program. Weekly classes are scheduled Sunday morning during Divine Liturgy. We want your children to learn more about their Catholic faith, sacred scripture, feast days, and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marian Chalifoux at [250.507.1005](tel:250.507.1005)

◆ **THRIFTY’S PRE-PAID FOOD CARDS** - We all have to buy groceries. Why not have 6% of it returned back to the church at no extra charge! Cards are available in \$100, \$200, and \$500 denominations. Talk to Alec after today’s liturgy to pre- order your cards. We need to sell A LOT of them! We encourage you to consider purchasing them for yourselves as gifts too.

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **FEBRUARY 26, SUNDAY DONATIONS:** Coffee: \$43.40; Vigil lights: \$16.80; Loose collection: \$61.05; Envelope collection: \$599.00; Pre-authorized donations Feb 20 to Feb 26: \$120.00

EASTER FOOD FAIR PREPARATION SCHEDULE			
Wed. Mar. 8	Preparing beets for beet/ horseradish relish	10:00-11:30 am	Need 3 volunteers
Thu. Mar. 9	Package beet/horseradish relish	10:00-11:30 am	Need 2 volunteers

As always your assistance in helping out with food preparation for our Easter Food Fair is much appreciated as this is a major fundraiser for the parish. For more information and to confirm your availability please contact Robert at [250.386.7872](tel:250.386.7872)

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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY



The veneration of the Holy Icons is based on our belief in the incarnation of the Son of God, and on our understanding of salvation for the Holy Mother of God and the saints. In the Incarnation, God did not simply speak to us, or come to us intellectually; God became one of us.

The human nature and the divine nature of Jesus Christ, Who is always One unique person, are never separated. Instead, human nature is *redeemed* by Christ's assumption of that human nature. When Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven, He did not leave His human nature behind; He brought that redeemed human nature with Him, and thus accomplished the plan of our redemption. Thus it became right, appropriate, and necessary to venerate the

humanity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Likewise with the Blessed Mother of God and all the saints. To be a saint means that a Christian gains such holiness, such deep union with God, that the image of God in that person, given at creation, shines in and through that person without distortion. In venerating the icons of the saints, then, we venerate the image of God in the saints.

So we venerate the Holy Icons; we love them and we take pride in them. In the twentieth century there has been a remarkable revival of good iconography. Authentic icons are a powerful means of preaching the Gospel, of elevating our souls to God. Of course we wish to have the best icons in our churches, but icons should also be present in our homes. Every family can surely have at least one fine, hand-painted icon, in a place of honour, expressing our faith and reminding us of God's protecting love. Naturally we venerate and enjoy the holy icons throughout the year. But Sunday of Orthodoxy is a day when we remember this in a special way.

EPARCHIAL LENTEN COLLECTION



**To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy, Religious
and Lay-Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster**

23 February 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just over a month ago our Eparchy hosted Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC, Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who gave presentations in our parishes about the life and legacy of this amazing Saint who was convinced that there is no substitution for active love. Throughout the Gospels Jesus Christ invites us to love Him through our neighbors. In the Gospel of Mathew when speaking about works of mercy Jesus says “You did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). This means that when we perform an act of mercy, do something good or just smile and show compassion to those near us we are not merely doing it for Christ’s sake but in a mystical way we are doing it to Him. Saint Mother Teresa who lived out this mystery every day by serving others is a great example for us and a source of inspiration.

Two Sundays ago we heard the Gospel about the Last Judgment. As Christians we believe in inevitability of the Judgment day but sometimes we forget the criteria by which righteous will be distinguished from the wicked on that day. The only canon of judgement mentioned in the Gospel is active love towards our neighbors with whom Jesus has self-identified. Saint Mother Teresa has put it very simply, “When we die, and go home to God, for death is nothing else but going home to God, He will judge us on what we have been to each other, how we have loved each other.”

Each year our Eparchy along with all the other Ukrainian Catholic Eparchies in North America receives requests from our Church in Ukraine for financial assistance for very worthy causes and endeavors in Ukraine. As has been our Eparchial custom for the last few years, during the Great Fast/Lent we take time to remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine who are in need and through our donations we show that we stand in solidarity with them.

In his 1st Letter, apostle John reminds the early Christian church that if anyone has the world’s goods and sees their brother or sister in need yet closes their heart against them, how does God’s life abide in them?

While there are no doubt many worthy causes to donate our funds to in Ukraine, our Eparchy has identified the following beneficiaries for our donations:

- **Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv.** This is the only Ukrainian Catholic University in Ukraine. It is pivotal to the future needs of the leaders of Ukrainian society. Today more than ever, we need to support a free and honest educational endeavours in Ukraine and certainly, the Ukrainian Catholic University is worthy of our support.
- **Caritas Ukraine.** Caritas Ukraine continues to be the main charities organization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine providing social care to the needy of Ukraine in the area of humanitarian aid, clothing distribution, street children's assistance programs, HIV & AIDS programs, anti-trafficking in people programs, emergency aid, home-care programs and much more. Since the Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine and the invasion of Ukraine's Eastern territories almost two million people have been internally displaced. Caritas Ukraine along with partner organizations is attempting to meet the challenges this has brought to Ukrainian society by providing housing, meals, and rehabilitation to these families.
- **Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv.** The building project is ongoing and the interior artwork still needs a lot of work. This Cathedral is meant to be not just for our Ukrainian Catholics in Kyiv, but indeed the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for all of us.
- **Andrew's Pence.** The Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, our Patriarch has many requests for financial support from our Ukrainian Catholic communities of faithful in the poorest areas of Eastern Europe and in the East, in places like Kazakhstan, Siberia, etc. These communities are often located in areas where the local or national governments are not at all supportive. They rely heavily on assistance from their sisters and brothers in the other areas where our Church faithful live, like right here in British Columbia. Our donations to Andrew's Pence assist the Patriarch in providing financial support for these far away and often desolate communities.
- **Synod Administration Fund.** Each Eparchy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout the world is asked to assist in the administrative and operational costs of the Synodal Offices in Kyiv. As members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church our Eparchy is assessed a sum of around \$10,000 annually. Your contributions will assist us in our Synodal Administrative Fund assessment.

In order to assist you in deciding to how much you are able to donate to these worthy causes I have let you know something about them and what your donations will help with. The envelopes provided allow you to indicate the amount as well as to which fund(s) you would like your donation to be given to.

If you would like to receive a tax receipt for your donation, please make the cheque payable to your own parish (ie: Holy Eucharist Cathedral, or St. Nicholas Parish) and a tax receipt will be issued to you directly from your parish. Your parish treasurer will then send a cheque made out to the Eparchy of New Westminster for the total amount collected and indicate the amounts and to whom the collected amount is to be given to. The Eparchy will then add

together the amounts collected from each parish and to whom/which organization the donation is to be given to.

I completely endorse and recommend to you dear Sisters and Brothers that the organizations listed above in this letter. They are truly worthy causes and those in charge will use wisely our donations. Along with your donations, I would ask for your prayerful support of those who work in the service of our Church in Ukraine, bringing the Good News of Our Lord's love and salvation to them. So, Dearly Beloved in Christ, if you can find it in your heart and bank accounts to make a donation, please do so. May the blessing of Our Lord be upon you for your generousities.

I am designating the Sundays of March 19th and 26th of the Great Fast (Lent) for our Eparchial Collection in favour of the needs of our Church in Ukraine. I would ask that this letter along with special envelopes be distributed to our Faithful in our parish bulletins on Sundays March 5th and 12th so that they may prepare themselves for the donation. If for good reason they will be absent from the Divine Liturgy on March 19th and 26th they can make their contribution either prior to the general collection date or by the end of the Great Fast (Lent).

I would like to ask that our parishes provide the funds collected noting the amounts for the various projects be sent to our office no later than Saturday 29 April so that we can send these funds to the appropriate organizations by the first week of May of this year.

I am uniting my prayers with those of yours in our journey through the Great Fast (Lent) to the joyful celebration of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+Ken
Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster