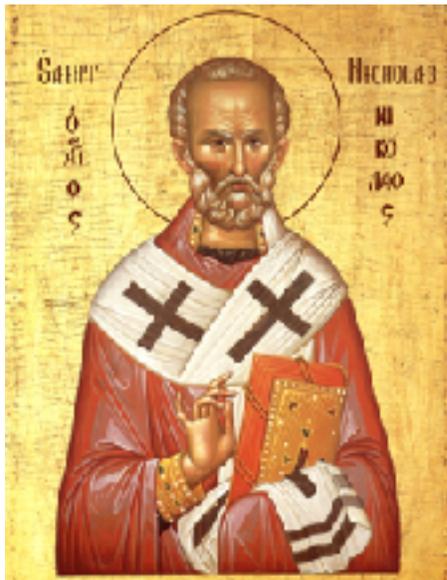


WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!



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

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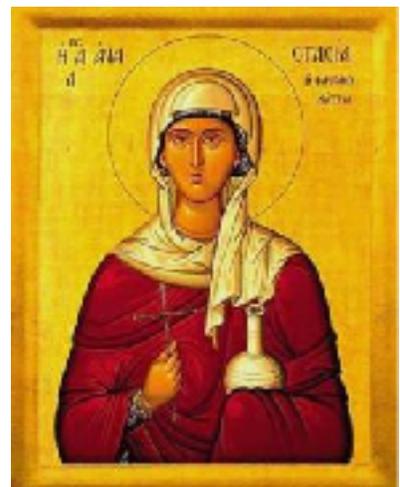
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**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ДВАДЦЯТЬ ПЕРША НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ**

You are manifested to those who celebrate your memory as a treasure of virginity, an enclosed paradise, a holy offering and divine portion! You are a living icon, bride of Christ, a model for those who lead the ascetic life, the adornment of martyrs and a fountain springing with waters of healing, all-praised Anastasia!

You bore the torturing of your body with patience greatly-suffering Anastasia! You were maimed and burned before your unjust death, receiving the crown of victory. Now you dwell in the heavenly bridal-chambers.

Come, let us all zealously praise in songs the adornment of the martyrs, the flowering of virgins and greatest jewel of monastics: The greatly-suffering Anastasia, the boast of Rome, a most pleasing and undefiled sacrifice, an unshakable foundation of piety, for she has struggled most gloriously in the contest!



*The Holy Venerable-
Martyr Anastasia*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS	
OPENING HYMN	В Сильній Надії / Almighty Father pg. 276-278
COMMUNION HYMN	Пливи Світами / Let All Creation pg. 256-257
CLOSING HYMN	Наче Повний Голос Дзвону/Having Shared Your Loving Kindness pg. 270-271

Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY, October 29	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, October 30	NO SERVICES	
TUESDAY, October 31	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, November 1	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
THURSDAY, November 2	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, November 3	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, November 4	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Vespers	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
SUNDAY, November 5	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM

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

SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, October 29	Gal. 2:16-20	Liliia Palyvoda	Peter Iwanuck
SUNDAY, November 5	Gal. 6:11-18	Motria Koropecy	Caroline Smudy
SUNDAY, November 12	Eph. 2:4-10	Yuliya Pelekhata	Rita Vanderven
SUNDAY, November 19	Eph. 2:14-22	Glikeria Iwanuck	Darryl Huculak

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 be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....David Newberry - 250.598.8197	FUNERALS.....by appointment
FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL.....Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872	ANOINTING.....any time
MAINTENANCE.....Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769	HOSPITAL VISITS.....any time
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE...Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051	
MEMBER AT LARGE.....Liliia Palyvoda - 250.857.1683	
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. 341

Troparion, Tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 4: My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now: Theotokion, Tone 4: By your birth, O immaculate one,* Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins,* celebrate as they cry out to you:* “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God* and nourisher of our life.”

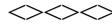
Prokeimenon, Tone 4: How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom. *Verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

Epistle - Gal. 2:16-20 - A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians: Brothers and Sisters yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 4: *Verse:* Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. *Verse:* You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Gospel - Luke 8: 5-15 - The Lord spoke this parable: ‘A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.’ As he said this, he called out, ‘Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’ Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that “looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.”’ ‘Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.’

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia!



Тропар, глас 4: Світлу про воскресіння розповідь від ангела почувши* і від прадідного засуду звільнившись,* Господні учениці, радіючи, казали апостолам:* Здолано смерть, воскрес Христос Бог,* що дає світові велику милість.

Слава: Кондак, глас 4: Спас і мій визволитель,* як Бог, із гробу воскресив землян від узів* і розбив брами адові* та воскрес на третій день, як Владика.

І нині: Богородичний, глас 4: Йоаким і Анна народженням Твоїм, Пречиста, з неслави бездітності,* Адам же і Єва від тління смерті, визволилися.* Звільнений від вини за гріхи, Твій народ святкує, взиваючи: Неплідна народжує Богородицю і кормительку Життя нашого.

Прокімен, глас 4: Які величні діла Твої, Господи! Все премудрістю сотворив Ти. Стих: Благослови, душе моя, Господа! Господи, Боже мій, Ти вельми великий.

Апостол - Гл. 2:16-20 - До Галатів послання Св. Ап. Павла читання: Браття і сестри, довідавшись, що людина оправдується не ділами закону, а через віру в Ісуса Христа, ми й увірували в Христа Ісуса, щоб оправдатися нам вірою в Христа, а не ділами закону; бо ніхто не оправдається ділами закону. Коли ж, шукаючи оправдання у Христі, виявилось, що й ми самі грішники, – то невже Христос – служитель гріха? Жадним робом! Бо коли я знову відбудовую те, що зруйнував був, то я себе самого оголошую переступником. Я бо через закон для закону вмер, щоб для Бога жити: я – роз'ятий з Христом. Живу вже не я, а живе Христос у мені. А що живу тепер у тілі, то живу вірою в Божого Сина, який полюбив мене й видав себе за мене.

Алилуя, глас 4: Стих: Натягни лук і наступай, і пануй істини ради, лагідности і справедливости. Стих: Ти полюбив правду і зненавидів беззаконня.

Євангеліє - Лука 8:5-15 - Сказав Господь притчу оцю: Ось вийшов сіяч, щоб посіяти зерно своє. І, як сіяв, упало одне край дороги, і було повитоптуване, а птахи небесні його повидзьобували. Друге ж упало на ґрунт кам'янистий, і, зійшовши, усохло, не мало бо вогкості. А інше упало між терен, і вигнався терен, і його поглушив. Інше ж упало на добрую землю, і, зійшовши, уродило стократно. Це сказавши, закликав: Хто має вуха, щоб слухати, нехай слухає! Запитали ж Його Його учні, говорячи: Що означає ця притча? А Він відказав: Вам дано пізнати таємниці Божого Царства, а іншим у притчах, щоб дивились вони і не бачили, слухали і не розуміли. Ось що означає ця притча: Зерно це Боже Слово. А котрі край дороги, це ті, хто слухає, але потім приходить диявол, і забирає слово з їхнього серця, щоб не ввірували й не спаслися вони. А що на кам'янистому ґрунті, це ті,

хто тільки почує, то слово приймає з радістю; та кореня не мають вони, вірують дочасно, і за час випробовування відпадають. А що впало між терен, це ті, хто слухає слово, але, ходячи, бувають придушені клопотами, та багатством, та життьовими розкошами, і плоду вони не дають. А те, що на добрій землі, це оті, хто як слово почує, береже його в щирому й доброму серці, і плід приносять вони в терпеливості.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Аلیلія, аلیلія, аلیلія!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **TODAY AFTER LITURGY:** presentation “Christ Our Pascha - Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church”.

◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30pm

◆ **SUNDAY PRESENTATIONS WITH COFFEE:** Please join us for a series of presentations on the Faith, the Prayer and the Life of our Church. Presentations will be taken place on Sundays after Divine Liturgy and during our fellowship time and shouldn't last more than 30min. Sunday, Nov. 5 - “Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky - a gift to humanity”; Sunday, Nov. 12 - “Eastern Catholic Churches. What are they?” Stay for coffee and learn something new.

◆ **DIOCESE OF VICTORIA JOB POSTING:** Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization – please see the bulletin board and website for a list of the responsibilities and position requirements. Please note that only those shortlisted for an interview will be contacted. Deadline for applications is November 27, 2017.

◆ **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 ЛітZаа!

◆ **CHURCH HALL RENOVATIONS:** Dear parishioners, this past summer the parish council approved making some renovations in our church hall by updating some furnishings that were at least 20 years old and showing signs of wear and aging: *replaced the hot water tank, *replaced the toilets to minimize the use of water, *installed wood laminate floor in the entire hall, *installed tile laminate floor in the kitchen and both washrooms, *installed carpet down the front stairs of the hall and outside the washrooms. We were able to keep the labour cost down as several members of our parish helped to remove the flooring and the stage. The total of the entire project is \$21,594.37 (\$17,550.82 - flooring; \$4,043.55 - plumbing). We are asking for your financial support to help offset the costs of the renovations. Please consider donating generously. We thank you and pray for you!

- ◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers ARTHUR BOBAY, who is recovering after surgery, 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)

- ◆ **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 Koropecky for details at [250.658.3051](tel:250.658.3051)

- ◆ **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* We are happy to welcome all children to our St. Nicholas The Wonderworker catechism program. Weekly classes are scheduled Sunday morning during Divine Liturgy. We want your children to learn more about their Catholic faith, sacred scripture, feast days, and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marian Chalifoux at [250.507.1005](tel:250.507.1005)

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

- ◆ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: **Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service.** Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others. Contact Fr. Yuriy **OR** Darlene DeMerchant for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference.

- ◆ **PARISH LIBRARY:** please visit our parish library and browse through the books on spirituality, church history, iconography, history of the Ukrainians in Canada, children's books and more... The library is located in the church vestibule.

*** ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR ***
11:00 am - 2:00 pm ; Saturday, December 2, 2017

FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE

DATE	TASK	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
Tue. Oct. 31	Steam & rib cabbage	9:30 - 12:00 noon	Need 5-6 volunteers
Thu. Nov. 2	Make cabbage rolls	9:30 - 1:30 pm (lunch served)	Need 12-15 volunteers
Fri. Nov. 3	Package frozen cabbage rolls	9:00 - 10:30 am	Need 2-3 volunteers
Tue. Nov. 7	Peel potatoes	8:30 - 10:00 am	Need 2-3 volunteers
Wed. Nov. 8	Make potato balls	8:30 - 11:30 am	Need 5-6 volunteers
Thu. Nov. 9	Make pyrohy	9:00 - 1:30 pm	Need 22-25 volunteers
Sat. Nov. 11	Bag frozen pyrohy	9:00 - 11:00 am	Need 3-4 volunteers
Tue. Nov. 14	Steam & rib cabbage	10:00 - 12:30 pm	Need 5-6 volunteers
Thu. Nov. 16	Make cabbage rolls	10:00 - 1:30 pm (lunch served)	Need 12-15 volunteers
Sat. Nov. 18	Package frozen cabbage rolls	10:00 - 11:30 am	Need 2-3 volunteers
Thu. Nov. 23	Make pyrohy (sauerkraut & cottage cheese; lunch served)	9:00 - 1:30 pm	Need 20-25 volunteers
Sat. Nov. 25	Bag frozen pyrohy	9:00 - 11:00 am	Need 3-4 volunteers
Tue. Nov. 28	Bake kolachi	8:30 - 1:30 pm	Need 5-6 volunteers
Wed. Nov. 29	Bag frozen kolachi	10:00 - 11:00 am	Need 1 volunteer
Thu. Nov. 30	Bake kolachi (if needed)	8:30 - 12:30 pm	Need 5-6 volunteers
Fri. Dec. 1	Set up tables, package & price; put up signs etc.	9:00 - 4:00 pm	Need 5-6 volunteers
Sat. Dec. 2	FOOD FAIR	8:30 - 4:00 pm	Need 20+ volunteers for set up, sales, clean up.

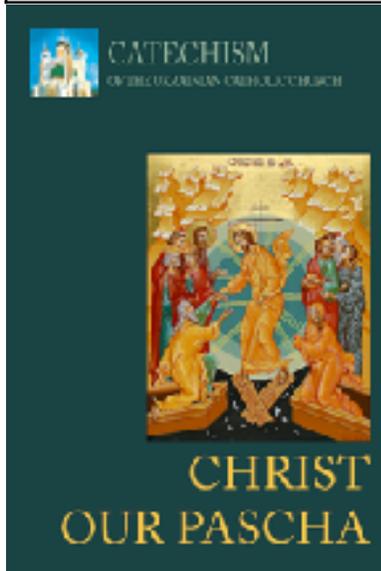
As always your assistance in helping out with food preparation for our Christmas food Fair is much appreciated as this is a major fundraiser for the parish. Please invite your friends to these work sessions, specially those interested in learning how to make perogies and cabbage rolls. For more information and to confirm your availability to help contact Robert at [250.386.7872](tel:250.386.7872) or rlherchak@gmail.com

◆ **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.

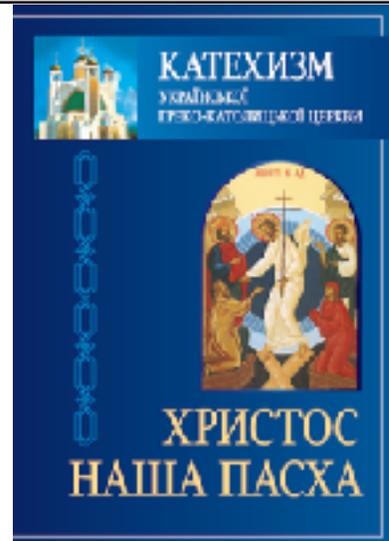
◆ **WE SHARE THE AIR:** Please keep it healthy and fragrant free. Someone in this area is scent-sensitive. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other respiratory ailments. PLEASE DO NOT *wear perfume, cologne, lotion, aftershave and other fragrances; *USE unscented personal care products. Be Sensitive to Others. Thank you for your understanding. *St. Nicholas parish.*

◆ **OCTOBER 22, SUNDAY DONATIONS:** Coffee: \$78.55; Vigil lights: \$8.00; Loose collection: \$80.00; Envelope collection: \$390.66; Pre-authorized donations Oct 16 to Oct 22: \$120.00

READING THE CATECHISM “CHRIST - OUR PASCHA”



The source of the Christian life is faith in the risen Christ. By its very name, Christ - Our Pascha, our Catechism already points to the Paschal foundations of our faith. This faith, formulated by the Church in the Creed, is expressed in her liturgical prayer. Through this liturgical prayer we become partakers of Christ's Passover - partakers of new life in Christ. Therefore, the coupling of the Symbol of Faith with the



Anaphora [*The Anaphora, is the part of the Divine Liturgy during which the offerings of bread and wine are consecrated as the body and blood of Christ.*] of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great forms the methodological key for the text of the Catechism and the Anaphora is at the very heart of this Catechism.

The Catechism is composed of three parts: “The Faith of the Church”, “The Prayers of the Church”, and “The Life of the Church.” This division reflects the very essence of Christian salvation. In the prayer of the Anaphora, while remembering all the events of salvation history -

the crown being the Passover of Christ - the Church professes the foundational truths of the Christian faith. These truths, along with an explanation of the Symbol of Faith, are presented in Part One of the Catechism.

Part Two of the Catechism develops the liturgical understanding of Christ's Passover, based upon the words of Christ's institution of the Eucharist at the Mystical Supper (Last Supper) and as cited by the Anaphora. This is the Eucharistic heart from which proceed all the cycles of Church's liturgical prayer (daily, weekly, yearly); from which flow the Holy Mysteries and their celebration; and from which spiritual life is born, and devotion flourishes.

By faith and prayer the Church is filled with grace for the sanctification of humankind and the transformation of all spheres of human existence. The spiritual and moral dimensions of personal, family, and sociopolitical life, prayerfully remembered in the Anaphora, are presented in Part Three of the Catechism.

LETTER FROM BISHOP KEN



**Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster**

To the Rev. Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster

26 October 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In 2016-2017 our Eparchy and indeed the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church has had as its main pastoral theme, "Service to Others". We have focused our attention on how we as a family, a Christian community can help our sisters and brothers in need in other parts of the world and also our neighbours who live in our own area and province. The need has been great especially for those who due to the wild fires that ravished so much of our British Columbian forests and forced thousands of people to flee their homes. The needs of our sisters and brothers in Ukraine continue to be somewhat overwhelming and again our faithful have contributed to lessen their suffering and show them solidarity.

29 October, 2017

This year the Synod of Bishops at their annual meeting have asked us to make “Liturgy and Prayer” our main focus or theme for 2017-2018. Over the next few months you will be receiving more information about this theme and suggestions as to how in our parishes and family life we will seek to learn more about “Liturgy and Prayer”.

In order to provide our faithful with good pastoral care we also have to turn our attention to something we call stewardship. This means the way we support our parishes with our time, talent and treasures. On average our Eparchy faces an annual financial deficit of approximately \$140,000. The main reason for the shortfall at the Eparchial level is because we must subsidize some of our parishes in the areas of clergy salaries, and insurance premiums, and from time to time, even general running costs.

Our Eparchy has the following major financial commitments:

Cost Center	Approximation of Costs
Clergy salaries, benefits, ongoing education, etc.	\$39,000
Mandatory annual contributions to the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops, the Western Assembly of Catholic Bishops in Canada, and Holy Spirit Seminary in Ottawa	\$44,000
Saint Volodymyr Eparchial Youth Camp and other youth activities	\$30,000
General running costs of the Eparchial Chancery Offices and Episcopal residence, including administrative costs, utilities, insurance, property taxes, maintenance, etc.	\$65,000
Total	\$529,000

Thanks to the generous contributions of our parishes, returns on our limited investment portfolio, and donations from private individuals, various organizations and fundraising efforts we are able to realize about \$400,000. Because of this annual deficit we rely on Catholic Missions in Canada for financial assistance. While Catholic Missions in Canada has been a faithful supporter, I hope you agree that it is not wise to place such a heavy reliance on Catholic Missions in Canada’s ability to continue providing for us. Over the next few weeks you will have an opportunity to learn more about Catholic Missions in Canada.

With prayerful best wishes,

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