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**Служби Божі / Divine Liturgies**

В Неділю / Sunday

8:30 am recited - Bilingual

10:30 am sung - Ukrainian

**У Свята / Holy Day of Obligation**

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

**Щодня / Daily Scheduled**

7:30 am Matins/Утреня in chapel

8:25 am in church

**First Friday - 8:25 am** Divine Liturgy  
followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus or Mother of God

**Сповіді** починаючи десять хвилин перед  
Службою Божою

**Confessions** begin ten minutes before the  
Divine Liturgy or by appointment

**Baptism** by appointment - membership in  
Parish is required

**Marriages** by appointment made at least six  
months in advance. Membership in Parish  
is required

**Funerals** by arrangement in the Parish Office

**оо. Василяни/Basilian Fathers serving in  
this Parish**

Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor  
Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM

*Bishop Emeritus*

*Четверта Неділя Великого Посту  
Марка 9:17-31*



*Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Mark 9:17-31*

**SPECIAL NOTICE - Do not park in the  
RESERVED stalls in front of St. Mary's  
Gardens when you come for the  
Sunday Divine Liturgy. Your car will  
be towed.**

**Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Березень:**

**Загальний намір:** "Щоб увесь світ визнав вклад жінок у розвиток суспільства".

**Місійний намір:** "Щоб Святий Дух наділив витривалістю, тих, що терплять дискримінацію, переслідування, чи загрозу смерти за Христа, особливо в Азії.

- Тропарі і читання в зеленій книжці на стор. 5 і 6.
- Кава і солодке Сьогодні після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано, у вітальні під церквою.

**Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (non-perishable) в першу і третю неділю кожного місяця. Просимо допомагати!**

**Сьогодні, Неділя, 18 Березень:**

- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

**Четвер, 22 Березень:**

- БІБЛІЙНІ СТУДІЇ о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Велика Подія" на тему «Історія Спасіння».

**Заупокійні Служби Божі і Сорокоусти** за померлих членів Ваших Родин будуть відправлятися кожної п'ятниці о год. 7 вечора під час Великого Посту.

Зробіть відповідні зарядження. Ковертки з пожертвами за відправлення сорокоустних парастасів знаходяться в притворі церкви. Просимо зложити їх на недільну тацу під час Служб Божих, або передати їх Отцям, чи занести до парафіяльної канцелярії.

**П'ятниця, 23 Березень:**

- 8:25 ранку – Служба Божа а відтак Молебень до Серця Христового.
- 7 вечора – **Заупокійні Служби Божі і Сорокоусти.**

**Неділя, 25 Березень: СВЯТО БЛАГОВІШЕННЯ**

- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

**Четвер, 29 Березень:**

- БІБЛІЙНІ СТУДІЇ о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Велика Подія" на тему «Історія Спасіння».

**П'ятниця, 30 Березень:**

- 7 вечора – **Заупокійні Служби Божі і Сорокоусти.**

**Субота, 31 Березень:**

- 11:00 рано до 2 попол . – **Продаж Великодного Печива.** Також будети мати нагоду купити обід: зупу, пироги, і так далі.

**Неділя, 1 Квітня: «Квітна Неділя»**

- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

*Sunday, March 18, 2012*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*Papal General Prayer Intention for March: Pray that the whole world may recognize the contribution of women to the development of society.*

*Mission Intention for March: Pray that the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.*

- **Tropar, Kondak & readings** for today in the **green** booklet pages: 5 & 6.
- **Coffee and sweets are available today** following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Room. All guests and parishioners are invited.

**Food Bank Donations:** We encourage all parishioners to contribute to the Food Bank on the **first and third Sundays** of every month. **PLEASE ADD YOUR SUPPORT.**

**TODAY, Sunday, March 18:**

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.
- **Catechism for First Communicants** following the **Divine Liturgy.**

**Thursday, March 22:**

- **BIBLE STUDIES** begin at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room.

**Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty** for the deceased of individual family members will be celebrated **every Friday during Great Lent at 7 pm.** Arrange to have the deceased members of your family remembered during the Service. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please fill them out and place them in the Sunday collection plate, or give to Father, or bring to the Parish Office.

**PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER BAKE SALE – ATTENTION ALL MEN AND WOMEN** you are asked to come to help with: **making Cabbage Rolls** on Wednesday, March 21 @ 8 am. For information call Henriette: 604.291.0087. Bread Baking on Monday, March 19 @ 9:30 am; Wednesday, March 26 @ 9:30 am.

**Friday, March 23:**

- 8:25 am Divine Liturgy followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart.
- **7 pm Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty.**

**SATURDAY, March 24: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

- **9:30 am to 12:30 pm** – You are invited to come out to help clean the kneelers in church. For your added comfort Fr. Josaphat will make homemade soup for lunch.

**Sunday, March 25: FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.
- **Catechism for First Communicants** following the **Divine Liturgy.**

**Thursday, March 29:**

- **BIBLE STUDIES** begin at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room.

**Friday, March 30:**

- **7 pm Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty.**

**Saturday, March 31:**

- **EASTER BAKE SALE** from 11:00 am – to – 2 pm in the Cultural Center. **Pre-Orders made before March 26 are to be picked up at 11 am.** A lunch for your sustenance will be available: Borscht, pyrohy, dessert and coffee.

**Request for Prayers:** to pray for you, your family member, or friend – please submit the name to the Parish Office by phone 604-879-5830 or by written note on the collection plate.

**Пам'ятайте помолитися:** за Вашу родину, за членів Парафії, а особливо за тих які знаходяться в лікарнях, або тих що очікують Божої відповіді на їхні молитви, або радіють Божою відповіддю, або за тих які відзначають уродини, або роковини, або за тих що покликані до їхньої вічної винагороди, або за родину яку вони залишили.

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** your family; your fellow parishioners; especially the shut-in or those in the hospital; those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

**Please remember in your prayers especially:** Fr. Vincent Prychidko, OSBM; Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab; Joseph Bayduza; Mary Earl, Catherine Hladij, Martha Huzyk, Victoria Kuzik, Bodzie Lawryshyn; Ben Marchinkow; Jason Obuck; Fenia Orysik, William Orysik, Mary Scott, Kaiya Williams, all the Canadian Armed Forces on peacekeeping missions. Also remember the family of + Pauline Sullivan (Pidsadny). Her funeral was last Friday. May God grant her eternal memory.

**PLEASE VISIT** our Parishioners who are confined to their hospital beds or their homes. They need our visits as well as our prayers.

**If there are Parishioners that you visit and we are not listing them for all to pray for them,** please call the Parish office with that information, or for the fathers to visit them.

**Please remember to pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

**Церковна Звукова Система:** Повний кошт нової системи виносить \$18,132.00.

Просимо Вас допомогти покрити кошта. Просимо зложити Ваші пожертви. Нехай Наша Пресвята Богородиця і Покровителька Благословить Вас усіх за Вашу щедрість!

**До цього часу ми одержали \$10,047.70.** Нехай Найсвятійша Родина – Ісус, Марія і Йосиф благословить за Вашу щедрість! Корейська Місія Св. Павла Чонг пожертвувала \$9,065.70. Нехай наша Свята Покровителька Мати Божа благословить за їхню щедрість.

**CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM:** The total cost of the new system is \$18,132.00. You are asked to help with the cost. Please make your donation by marking your envelope or cheque with the words: "Church Sound System".

**To date we have received \$10,047.70.** May the Holiest of Families – Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless your generosity! The Korean Mission of St. Paul Chong donated \$9,065.70. May our Blessed Protectress, the Mother of God, bless their generosity.

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! We need your help on Tuesday evening during the Bingo, from approximately 6 to 10 pm!**

Please offer your time and talents as much as you can: from one hour to the whole evening. We need sellers of special cards, call back persons, paymaster, even office assistance. Come out as often as you can. We will not refuse your help!

**BC is going to Unity – August 16-19, 2012**

**At Pinawa, MB – Wilderness Edge Retreat Center – just north of Winnipeg**

**Unity is a gathering of Ukrainian Catholics from across Canada to further understand, embrace and celebrate our faith through prayer, education and fellowship. Unity is open to young adults 18 (1994) to 35 years of age.**

**Come and pre-register today! Cost: \$225 before May 31** includes all meals, accommodation, sessions and social event for the program. Transportation extra.

Some of the program highlights include BBQ, Bonfire, Liturgy, Keynote Speakers, Breakout Sessions, and Zabava,

Fundraising will begin in the coming months to help with transportation costs.

**Interested? Contact the following names for more information.**

– Jennifer Sawka: jennsawka@hotmail.com, Ph: 604.876.5691

– Fr. Theo: theomac@lycos.com Ph: 1-250.384.2292

– [www.ucyc.ca/unity2012/](http://www.ucyc.ca/unity2012/)

Please see the Poster at the front entrance and Registration forms.

**MAKE IT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – SIGN UP TODAY!**

*A SPECIAL Request: At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy, please close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church pews clean and neat. Thank you.*

Спеціальне прохання: після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і допоможемо, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

**This note is to ALL PARISHIONERS:** Please come on time for the Divine Liturgy. Realize that when you come into the Church proper after the Great Entrance, you have missed most of the Divine Liturgy and have not really attended the prescribed service for a Sunday.

**Church Etiquette:** Be aware that to have attended the entire Divine Liturgy one must receive the Final Blessing before leaving the Church Service. We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church before, during or after the service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations – leave the Church proper (the Nave) for those that want to pray.

**Це пригадка для всіх вірних.** Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдете до Церкви після Великого Входу, Ви пропустили більшу частину Служби Божої, і дійсно не вислухали приписаної Служби Божої на неділю.

**Церковна Етика:** Будьмо свідомі, що беручи участь у Св. Літургії ми мусимо одержати кінцеве Благословення перед тим як ми залишимо Службу Божу. Ми рівнож просимо не виходити з Церкви перед закінченням Служби Божої. Ми просимо Вас не спілкуватися в Церкві перед, під час і після Служби Божої. Прошу це робити в притворі Церкви або у Вітальні під церквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

**Conversion of the Heart – part 5**

## Infection of Evil

It is important to remember that feelings of anger, fear and hurt are not always wrong but are natural and necessary aspects of human life. Such emotions may be seen as indispensable "bursts" of energy that allow us to deal with difficult situations and dangers we encounter in life. They are alarm signals that alert us to an urgent need to defend ourselves, to look for help or to run away. In this positive sense, anger and fear have also a spiritual dimension such as the "fear of the Lord," "righteous anger," "zeal for justice" or "hatred of evil" of which the Bible speaks.

It is, however, easy for us to cling to these emotions, to feed on them, to pervert them — even the spiritual ones — into hatred and a vicious desire for revenge. It is these perverted emotions that are the means of evil's victory: the carriers of a dreadful infection it tries to spread in the world. We need, therefore, to become aware of them as soon as they threaten to infect our hearts, struggle with them and let go of them in prayer and repentance. In other words, we must take responsibility for them. We must realize that such emotions are our emotions and that, although we may have no choice about whether we experience them, we do have a choice about what we do with them.

We can *choose* to justify our feelings of resentment and fear or we can struggle with them and refuse to allow them to take root in our hearts and control our lives. We can cling to our anger and hate for those who have hurt us, or we can pray for them and ask that the grace of repentance may be given to them: that they may realize the evil they have done and be forgiven. It is this choosing not to hate but to forgive to which the Gospel calls us. It is only this kind of forgiveness that can heal our own hearts from their darkness and pain.

We do not need to *feel* kind and loving towards those who have done evil to us or to others; we do not need to feel sorry for them. All we must do is to pray for them. If we find even that unbearably difficult, we might find it helpful to remind ourselves that we, too, add every day — however little — to the sum of the world's pain. Only God can ever know what great evil might yet result from all the "little" evil we have done and what might be the final outcome of our lack of love, our resentments or our fears.

## Not Judging

The Gospel tells us that we cannot counter evil with more evil, but only with forgiveness and love. It does not tell us that we should ignore or excuse the evil done to us, or refuse to protect others and ourselves against it: that there should be no police, no prisons and no laws. But it does tell us that we must guard our hearts against the evil within — the evil of anger and hate — so that they may not poison our hearts and thus lead us into more evil, destruction and pain.

Christ also said that we must not judge others or we too shall be judged. We must not judge even the worst evil-doers as "damned" and cast them out of our prayers and our hearts. We must not pass moral judgment on them at all. We may, and even should, judge their acts and try to prevent them from committing them again, but we must not presume to judge their hearts or cut them off from any possibility of reconciliation. We cannot condemn any human being, not even ourselves, because we never fully understand what goes on in the human heart. The final judgment is reserved for God.

Christ's command does not apply only to those who have done evil to us, but to all evil-doers, however dreadful their acts, however full of hatred and evil they may seem. This at first may not make much sense to us. When we hear of some unspeakable evil

committed against others — murder, abuse, a devastating war, genocide or a holocaust — how can we not judge those who have done such evil, who have caused such terror and pain? How can we forgive the wrongs that others have had to undergo? How can we ask God's mercy for them?

It is true that we have no right to forgive what we have not suffered, horrors we have not gone through and perhaps could not forgive if we had. But this does not mean that their perpetrators may be excluded from Christ's commandment of love. Thus we can and should ask God to give the evil-doers the grace to repent for what they have done, so that he can forgive them. And we can, and must, pray for their victims — the living and the dead — that the evil done to them may not lead them to despair. That one day the grace of forgiveness may be given to them; that their hearts may be healed of anger and hate and so find peace. This is what we as Christians have been called to do: to participate in Christ's work of healing the suffering and evil in the world — not by violence and force, but by compassion and love.

### **LENT, A TIME TO SHOULDER OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITIES**

Vatican City, 22 February 2012 (VIS) – During his general audience this morning, the Holy Father dedicated his catechesis to the subject of Lent (which begins today, Ash Wednesday), the period of forty days leading up to the Easter Triduum, memorial of the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Benedict XVI reminded the 7,500 pilgrims gathered in the Paul VI Hall that, in the early days of the Church, Lent was a time in which catechumens began their journey of faith and conversion prior to receiving Baptism. Later, all the faithful were invited to participate in this period of spiritual renewal. Thus "the participation of the whole community in the various stages of the Lenten journey underlines an important dimension of Christian spirituality: the fact that redemption is available not just for the few, but for everyone, thanks to Christ's death and resurrection".

"The time leading up to Easter is a time of 'metanoia', a time of change and penance, a time which identifies our human lives and our entire history as a process of conversion, which begins to move now in order to meet the Lord at the end of time".

The Church calls this period "Quadragesima", a period of forty days which has precise references in Holy Scripture. Indeed, "forty is the symbolic number with which the Old and New Testaments represent the most important moments of the People of God's experience of faith. It is a figure which expresses a time of expectation, purification, return to the Lord, awareness that God is faithful to His promises; ... a time within which we must make our choice, shoulder our responsibilities without further delay. It is a time for mature decisions".

Noah spent forty days in the Ark during the Flood, then had to wait forty days more before he could return to dry land. Moses spent forty days on Mount Sinai to collect the Commandments. The Jewish People spent forty years wandering in the desert, then enjoyed forty years of peace under the government of the Judges. The inhabitants of Niniveh made forty days penance to obtain God's forgiveness. The reigns of Saul, David and Solomon, the first kings of Israel, lasted forty years each. In the New Testament, Jesus spent forty days praying in the wilderness before beginning His public life and, following the resurrection He (Jesus) spent forty days instructing His disciples before ascending to heaven.

The liturgy of Lent, the Pope explained, "has the aim of facilitating our journey of spiritual renewal in the light of this long biblical experience. Above all, it helps us to

imitate Jesus Who, in the forty days He spent in the wilderness, taught us to overcome temptation through the Word of God. ... Jesus went into the wilderness in order to be in profound contact with the Father. This was a constant aspect of Christ's earthly life. He always sought out moments of solitude to pray to His Father and abide in intimate and exclusive communion with Him, before retuning among mankind. But in the 'wilderness' ... Jesus was beset by temptation and the seduction of the Evil One, who suggested a messianic path, a path which was far from God's plans because it involved power, success and dominion, not love and the total gift of self on the Cross".

Benedict XVI went on to suggest that the Church herself is a pilgrim in the "wilderness" of the world and history. This wilderness is made up of "the aridity and poverty of words, life and values, of secularism and the culture of materialism which enclose people within a worldly horizon and detach them from any reference to transcendence. In such an atmosphere the sky above us is dark veiled with clouds of selfishness, misunderstanding and deceit. Nonetheless, even for the Church today, the wilderness can become a period of grace, because we have the certainty that even from the hardest rock God can cause the living water to gush forth, water which quenches thirst and restores strength".

"During Lent", said the Holy Father in conclusion, "may we discover fresh courage to accept situations of difficulty, affliction and suffering with patience and faith, aware that, from the darkness, the Lord will cause a new day to shine forth. And if we have been faithful to Jesus, following Him on the way of the Cross, the luminous world of God, the world of light, truth and joy, will be ours again".

At the end of the catechesis Benedict XVI greeted pilgrims in various languages. Speaking Polish he highlighted how "fasting and prayer, penance and works of mercy" are the principal means of preparation for Easter.

The Pope also addressed a special greeting to faithful of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, who were present in the Paul VI Hall. The ordinariate was set up a little over a year ago for groups of Anglican clergy and faithful wishing to enter into full visible communion with the Catholic Church. The general audience ended with the apostolic blessing.

## **CHRISTIANS NEED TO UNDERSTAND THEIR FAITH IN ORDER TO HELP OTHERS TO GOD**

Vatican City, 24 February 2012 (VIS) – Yesterday morning the Holy Father met with priests of the diocese of Rome. Following a reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, Benedict XVI delivered a long off-the-cuff commentary on the Gospel passage.

The Apostle says: "I ... beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".

The first call we receive is that of Baptism, the Pope explained, the second is the vocation to be pastors at the service of Christ. "The great ill of the Church in Europe and the West today is the lack of priestly vocations. Yet, the Lord calls always, what is lacking are ears to listen. We listen to the Lord's voice and must remain attentive when that voice is addressed to others. We must help to ensure the voice is heard so that the call will be accepted".

According to St. Paul, the primary virtue which must accompany vocation is humility. This is the virtue of the followers of Christ Who, "being equal to God, humbled Himself, accepting the status of servant, and obeying even unto the cross. This was the Son's

journey of humility, which we must imitate. ... The opposite of humility is pride, the root of all sin. Pride means arrogance, which above all seeks power and appearance. ... It has no intention of pleasing God; rather of pleasing itself, of being accepted, even venerated, by others. The 'self' becomes the centre of the world; the prideful self which knows everything. Being Christian means overcoming this original temptation, which is also the nucleus of original sin: being like God, but without God".

By contrast "humility is above all truth, ... recognition that I am a thought of God in the construction of His world, that I am irreplaceable as I am, in my smallness, and that only in this way am I great. ... Let us learn this realism; not seeking appearance, but seeking to please God and to accomplish what He has thought out for us, and thus also accepting others. ... Acceptance of self and acceptance of others go together. Only by accepting myself as part of the great divine tapestry can I also accept others, who with me form part of the great symphony of the Church and Creation". In this way, likewise, we learn to accept our position within the Church, knowing that "my small service is great in the eyes of God".

Lack of humility destroys the unity of Christ's Body. Yet at the same time, unity cannot develop without knowledge. "One great problem facing the Church today is the lack of knowledge of the faith, 'religious illiteracy'", the Pope said. "With such illiteracy we cannot grow. ... Therefore we must reappropriate the contents of the faith, not as a packet of dogmas and commandments, but as a unique reality revealed in all its profoundness and beauty. We must do everything possible for our catechetical renewal in order for the faith to be known – God to be known, Christ to be known, the truth to be known, and for unity in the truth to grow".

We cannot, Benedict XVI warned, live in "a childhood of faith". Many adults have never gone beyond the first catechesis, meaning that "they cannot – as adults, with competence and conviction – explain and elucidate the philosophy of the faith, its great wisdom and rationality" in order to illuminate the minds of others. To do this they need an "adult faith". This does not mean, as has been understood in recent decades, a faith detached from the Magisterium of the Church. When we abandon the Magisterium, the result is dependency "on the opinions of the world, on the dictatorship of the communications media". By contrast, true emancipation consists in freeing ourselves of these opinions, the freedom of the children of God. "We must pray to the Lord intensely, that He may help us emancipate ourselves in this sense, to be free in this sense, with a truly adult faith, ... capable of helping others achieve true perfection ... in communion with Christ".

The Pope went on: "Today the concept of truth is viewed with suspicion, because truth is identified with violence. Over history there have, unfortunately, been episodes when people sought to defend the truth with violence. But they are two contrasting realities. Truth cannot be imposed with means other than itself! Truth can only come with its own light. Yet, we need truth. ... Without truth we are blind in the world, we have no path to follow. The great gift of Christ was that He enabled us to see the face of God".

"Where there is truth, there is charity", the Pope concluded. "This, thanks be to God, can be seen in all centuries, despite many sad events. The fruits of charity have always been present in Christianity, just as they are today. We see it in the martyrs, we see it in so many nuns, monks, and priests who humbly serve the poor and the sick. They are the presence of Christ's charity and a great sign that the truth is here".

## **NEW EVANGELISATION ALSO BEGINS IN THE CONFESSIONAL**

Vatican City, 9 March 2012 (VIS) – This morning Benedict XVI received 1,300 priests and deacons who are participating in an annual course on the "internal forum" organised by the Apostolic Penitentiary.

Benedict XVI underscored the importance of adequate theological, spiritual and canonical preparation for confessors, noting that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is essential to the life of faith and is closely associated with the announcement of the Gospel. "The Sacraments and the announcement of the Word must, in fact never be seen as separate from one another", he said. "The priest represents Christ, the Envoy of the Father, and continues His mission through 'word' and 'Sacrament', in the totality of body and soul, of sign and word".

Thus sacramental Confession is an important aspect of new evangelisation. "True conversion of hearts, which means opening ourselves to the transforming and regenerative action of God, is the 'motor' of all reform and turns into an authentic force for evangelisation. During Confession, the repentant sinner, thanks to the gratuitous action of divine Mercy, is justified, forgiven and sanctified. ... Only those who allow themselves to be profoundly renewed by divine Grace can internalise and therefore announce the novelty of the Gospel". All the saints of history bear witness to this close relationship between sanctity and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. New evangelisation itself "draws life blood from the sanctity of the sons and daughters of the Church, from the daily process of individual and community conversion, conforming itself ever more profoundly to Christ".

The Pope reminded his audience that, in administering the Sacrament of Penance, priests are instruments facilitating the meeting between mankind and God. The repentant sinner feels a profound desire to change, to receive mercy, to re-experience, through the Sacrament, "the encounter and embrace of Christ.

"Thus you will", the Holy Father added, "become collaborators and protagonists of as many possible 'new beginnings' as sinners you encounter. ... New evangelisation also begins in the confessional, in the mysterious encounter between man's endless plea ... and the mercy of God, which is the only adequate response to humankind's need for the infinite". If the faithful are truly able to experience the mercy of Christ in the Sacrament "they will become credible witnesses of sanctity, which is the goal of new evangelisation".

The Pope went on to explain that these questions become even more critical when the people involved are priests who, to collaborate in new evangelisation, must be the first to renew an awareness of themselves as sinners, and of their need to seek sacramental forgiveness in order to renew their encounter with Christ.

In conclusion Benedict XVI exhorted his listeners to ensure "that the novelty of Christ is always the focus of, and the reason for, your priestly lives, so that the people who meet you may, through your ministry, proclaim as Andrew and John did that 'we have found the Messiah'. Thus each Confession, from which each Christian will emerge renewed, will represent a step forward for new evangelisation".

## **SILENCE IS INDISPENSABLE FOR PRAYER**

Vatican City, 7 March 2012 (VIS) – During his general audience this morning

Benedict XVI concluded a series of catecheses dedicated to the prayer of Jesus. Today he turned his attention to the theme of alternating words and silence which characterised Christ's earthly life, above all on the Cross, and which is also significant in two aspects of our own lives.

Addressing the 10,000 pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope explained that the first of these aspects "concerns accepting the Word of God. Interior and exterior silence are necessary in order to hear that Word", he said. Yet, "our age does not, in fact, favour reflection and contemplation; quite the contrary it seems that people are afraid to detach themselves, even for an instant, from the spate of words and images which mark and fill our days".

However, "the Gospels often show us ... Jesus withdrawing alone to a place far from the crowds, even from His own disciples, where He can pray in silence". Moreover, "the great patristic tradition teaches us that the mysteries of Christ are linked to silence, and only in silence can the Word find a place to dwell within us".

"This principle", the Holy Father went on, "holds true for individual prayer, but also for our liturgies which, to facilitate authentic listening, must also be rich in moments of silence and of non verbal acceptance. ... Silence has the capacity to open a space in our inner being, a space in which God can dwell, which can ensure that His Word remains within us, and that love for Him is rooted in our minds and hearts, and animates our lives".

The Pope then turned to focus on the second important aspect of the relationship between silence and prayer. "In our prayers", he said, "we often find ourselves facing the silence of God. We almost experience a sense of abandonment; it seems that God does not listen and does not respond. But this silence, as happened to Jesus, does not signify absence. Christians know that the Lord is present and listens, even in moments of darkness and pain, of rejection and solitude. Jesus assures His disciples and each one of us that God is well aware of our needs at every moment of our lives".

"For us, who are so frequently concerned with operational effectiveness and with the results ... we achieve, the prayer of Jesus is a reminder that we need to stop, to experience moments of intimacy with God, 'detaching ourselves' from the turmoil of daily life in order to listen, to return to the 'root' which nourishes and sustains our existence. One of the most beautiful moments of Jesus' prayer is when, faced with the sickness, discomfort and limitations of his interlocutors, He addresses His Father in prayer, thus showing those around him where they must go to seek the source of hope and salvation".

Christ touches the most profound point of His prayer to the Father at the moment of His passion and death, Pope Benedict said. And citing the Catechism of the Catholic Church he concluded by noting that "His cry to the Father from the cross encapsulated 'all the troubles, for all time, of humanity enslaved by sin and death, all the petitions and intercessions of salvation history are summed up in this cry of the incarnate Word. Here the Father accepts them and, beyond all hope, answers them by raising His Son. Thus is fulfilled and brought to completion the drama of prayer in the economy of creation and salvation'".

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARISH**

# UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy, Religious  
and Laity of the Eparchy of New Westminster

9 February 2012

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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 endeavours 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.

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:

- 1. 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 endeavourer in Ukraine and certainly, the Ukrainian Catholic University is worthy of our support.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv:** The building project is near completion and the interior artwork will begin very soon. This Cathedral is meant to be not just for our Ukrainian Catholics in Kyiv, but indeed the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for all of us.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Synod Administration Fund:** Each Eparchy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout our 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 \$3,000.00 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 in the information sheet. They are truly in need and 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 generosities.

I am designating Sundays March 11 & 18, 2012, the THIRD and FOURTH Sundays 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 as of Sunday February 26 & March 4 so that they may prepare themselves for the donation. If for good reason they will be absent from the Divine Liturgy on March 11 or 18 so they can make their contribution either prior to 11 or 18 of March or by the end of the Great Fast (Lent).

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



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1 March 2012

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Beloved in Christ!

**RE: His Beatitude Sviatoslav's Historic Visit  
to the Eparchy of New Westminster**

I am pleased to announce that our Patriarch, His Beatitude Sviatoslav will be visiting our Eparchy later this year. His visit will take place during this special year commemorating the centennial of the appointment of Blessed Nykyta Budka, as the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for our Country. Below is the general plan of the visit. More details of the visit will be announced in a few months. I would encourage each of you to plan to attend one or more of the events scheduled.

In September of this year for the very first time in the history of our Church in Canada, we will be hosting the annual meeting of the Synod of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Bishops. It will be held in Winnipeg from 9 – 15 September and most of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops from around the world will be in attendance.

Please keep the visit of our Patriarch and the Synod of Bishops' meeting in your daily prayers.

**August 31st**

- 1. The official blessing** of the Bishop Jerome Chimy Eparchial Centre and Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn Eparchial Library in New Westminster. This will be an event **open by invitation only** due to limited space at the Eparchial Centre. There will be an opportunity for the faithful to come and not only visit but take advantage of the services that will be offered at the Eparchial Centre as of the end of July of this year when it will be open for service to the faithful of our Eparchy.
- 2. Moleben at 6:30 PM – Holy Eucharist Cathedral**, celebrating the Year of Blessed Nykyta Budka and the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Holy Eucharist Parish in New Westminster. The Moleben is open to the public and no advance tickets or passes are required for admission. A special reception with the Patriarch will follow the Moleben in the Parish Hall. **Tickets are required in advance for the reception** and will be available to be purchased in advance by contacting Fr. Yuriy Vyshnevskyy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral.

**September 1st**

- 3. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's parish in Vancouver at 10:00 AM.** The Divine Liturgy is open to the public and no tickets or special passes are required for admission. Official celebratory banquet to follow the Divine Liturgy with the Patriarch will be held at the St. Mary's Cultural Centre. **Tickets are required in advance for the banquet and will be available to be purchased in advance by contacting Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM at St. Mary's Parish.**

**September 2nd**

4. **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Dormition parish in Kelowna at 11:00 AM.** The Divine Liturgy is open to the public and no tickets or special passes are required for admission. Official celebratory banquet to follow the Divine Liturgy with the Patriarch will be held in the Parish Hall. **Tickets are required in advance for the banquet and will be available to be purchased in advance by contacting Fr. Andriy Werbowy at Holy Dormition Parish.**

With my blessings I have approved that our parishes in Kamloops, Penticton, Grindrod, and Vernon are to celebrate the September 2nd Sunday Divine Liturgy on Saturday 1st September so that our clergy in those communities can arrive at the parish in Kelowna no later than 10:00 am on Sunday 2nd September. Our parish in Prince George may celebrate Divine Liturgy for Sunday 2nd September on Friday 31 August in order to allow Fr. Dmyterko to drive to Kelowna on Saturday September 1st to be in Kelowna for the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

In order to plan for the visit of our Patriarch we have established two CORE Planning Teams. One planning team is for the Lower Mainland and a second team for the Interior.

For the Lower Mainland I have appointed a CORE Planning Team consisting of Frs. Vyshnevskyy, Ewanko, Tyrkalo, & Chornenkyy as well as Srs. Daria & Ruth and the chairpersons from the four parishes in the Lower Mainland and the Eparchial UCWLC president.

In order to plan for the visit of our Patriarch to Kelowna I have appointed Fr. Andriy Werbowy to head up the CORE Planning Team. For this planning team, I have also appointed Frs. Wasylinko and Myts, and have recommended that three more persons be added to the CORE Planning Team from our parish in Kelowna.

Starting Sunday, March 4th at all Sunday and Weekday Liturgies in the Eparchy through to the Visit of His Beatitude Sviatoslav, I would ask that the following Litany be used in the "special intentions" part of our Liturgies:

**Priest: "We also pray that our Lord through the prayers of Blessed Nykyta Budka first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Canada bless the upcoming visit of His Beatitude Sviatoslav to our Eparchy and the annual Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops' meeting to take place in Winnipeg in September, Lord hear us and have mercy!"**

**Faithful: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

With assurance of my prayerful best wishes and Episcopal Blessings, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+Ken

Eparch of New Westminster