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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

*Неділя про Розслабленого
Йоана 5:1 -15*



*Sunday of the Paralytic
John 5:1 -15*

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 Квітень

Загальний намір: "Щоб багато молодих людей послухали Божий поклик до священства і богопосвятного життя та йти за ним."

Місійний намір: "Щоб воскреслий Христос був знаком певної надії чоловікам і жінкам африканського суходолу."

– 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.

Сьогодні, Неділя, 29 Квітень:

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

Парастаси

Sunday, April 29

Graveside Services

Gardens of Gethsemani 2 p.m.

If the weather is inclement at the cemetery, then the service will be held at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church one hour later

П'ятниця, 4 Травень: Перша П'ятниця

– 8:30 ранку – Служба Божа а від так **Молебень до Пречистої Діви Марії.**

Неділя, 6 Травень:

– 10:00 ранку – **Молебень до Пречистої Діви Марії.**

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

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 допоможим, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

Sunday May 6, 1:30 pm @ Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, "Blessed Nykyta, Bishop and Martyr," presented by Father Edward Danylo Evanko.

Admission: \$15.00 adults; \$5.00 youth 13–19 years; Children 12 years and under free. Tickets in advance or at the door, contact Joyce 604–944–1971.

Refreshments to follow in parish hall.

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

Life

Life is given to us by God

And by Him it's taken away.

Don't you wonder how the choice is made?

Who goes? And who of us must stay?

We should enjoy each new day

And try to cause no sorrow

For who knows? ... but you and I

May not be here tomorrow.

April 29, 2012

Sunday of the Paralytic

Papal General Prayer Intention for April: "Pray that many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the priesthood and religious life."

Mission Intention for April: "Pray that the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of the African continent."

- 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.

TODAY, Sunday, April 29:

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



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Friday, May 4: First Friday

- 8:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Moleben to the Mother of God.

Sunday, May 6:

- 10:00 am - Moleben to the Mother of God.
- Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.
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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.**

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 \$11,547.70. 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.

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.

Kids are quick:

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we did not have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

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, Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab; Joseph Bayduza; Elizabeth Duda, Mary Earl, Catherine Hladij, Victoria Kuzik, Bodzie Lawryshyn; Ben Marchinkow; Jason Obuck; Fenia Orysik, Mary Scott, Kaiya Williams, Leon Woznow, and all the Canadian Armed Forces on peacekeeping missions. Also remember the family of + Wasyl Orysik. His funeral was last Thursday. May God grant him 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.

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.

A SPECIAL NOTE 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.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! We need your help on Tuesday evening during the Bingo, from approximately 5 to 8 pm! or from 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!

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 \$11,547.70. 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.

CANCER RELAY FOR LIFE WALK – Our parish is participating for the 8th year in the annual Cancer fundraiser held on Saturday, June 9th at Mahon Park, North Vancouver from 10 am – 10 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to support our church team by giving a donation and coming out to walk a lap in honour of someone who is battling cancer. The money raised goes directly to fund **RESEARCH, PROVIDE INFO** about cancer care and treatment, **OFFER SUPPORT** to people living with cancer and **PREVENT CANCER** through healthy lifestyles. We do need your support. Please contact B. Ballhorn (604-732-3166) for further details.

"THE GIFT OF THE LOVE OF GOD"

Vatican City, 13 February 2012 (VIS) – The Pope's Message for the forty-ninth World Day of Prayer for Vocations was made public today. The Day is due to be celebrated on 29 April, fourth Sunday of Easter, and the theme of Benedict XVI's reflections this year is: "Vocations, the Gift of the Love of God". Ample extracts of the English-language version of the document are given below:

'The source of every perfect gift is God who is Love – Deus caritas est: 'Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him'. Sacred Scripture tells the story of this original bond between God and man, which precedes creation itself. ... We are loved by God, even 'before' we come into existence! Moved solely by His unconditional love, He created us 'not out of existing things', to bring us into full communion with Him".

"The profound truth of our existence is thus contained in this surprising mystery: every creature, and in particular every human person, is the fruit of God's thought and an act of His love, a love that is boundless, faithful and everlasting. The discovery of this reality is what truly and profoundly changes our lives".

"It is a love that is limitless and that precedes us, sustains us and calls us along the path of life, a love rooted in an absolutely free gift of God. Speaking particularly of the ministerial priesthood, my predecessor, Blessed John Paul II, stated that 'every ministerial action ... provides an incentive to grow in ever greater love and service of Jesus Christ, ... a love which is always a response to the free and unsolicited love of God in Christ'. Every specific vocation is in fact born of the initiative of God; it is a gift of the Love of God! He is the One Who takes the 'first step', ... because of the presence of His own love 'poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit'.

"In every age, the source of the divine call is to be found in the initiative of the infinite love of God, Who reveals Himself fully in Jesus Christ. As I wrote in my first

Encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, 'God is indeed visible in a number of ways. In the love-story recounted by the Bible, He comes towards us, He seeks to win our hearts, all the way to the Last Supper, to the piercing of His heart on the Cross, to His appearances after the Resurrection and to the great deeds by which, through the activity of the Apostles, He guided the nascent Church along its path'.

"The love of God is everlasting; He is faithful to Himself. ... Yet the appealing beauty of this divine love, which precedes and accompanies us, needs to be proclaimed ever anew, especially to younger generations. This divine love is the hidden impulse, the motivation which never fails, even in the most difficult circumstances. ... We need to open our lives to this love. It is to the perfection of the Father's love that Jesus Christ calls us every day! The high standard of the Christian life consists in loving 'as' God loves; with a love that is shown in the total, faithful and fruitful gift of self".

"It is in this soil of self-offering and openness to the love of God, and as the fruit of that love, that all vocations are born and grow. By drawing from this wellspring through prayer, constant recourse to God's word and to the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, it becomes possible to live a life of love for our neighbours, in whom we come to perceive the face of Christ the Lord".

"These two expressions of the one divine love must be lived with a particular intensity and purity of heart by those who have decided to set out on the path of vocation discernment towards the ministerial priesthood and the consecrated life; they are its distinguishing mark. Love of God, which priests and consecrated persons are called to mirror, however imperfectly, is the motivation for answering the Lord's call to special consecration through priestly ordination or the profession of the evangelical counsels. St. Peter's vehement reply to the Divine Master: 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you' contains the secret of a life fully given and lived out, and thus one which is deeply joyful.

"The other practical expression of love, that towards our neighbour, and especially those who suffer and are in greatest need, is the decisive impulse that leads the priest and the consecrated person to be a builder of communion between people and a sower of hope. The relationship of consecrated persons, and especially of the priest, to the Christian community is vital and becomes a fundamental dimension of their affectivity".

"Dear brother bishops, dear priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, catechists, pastoral workers and all of you who are engaged in the field of educating young people: I fervently exhort you to pay close attention to those members of parish communities, associations and ecclesial movements who sense a call to the priesthood or to a special consecration. It is important for the Church to create the conditions that will permit many young people to say 'yes' in generous response to God's loving call.

"The task of fostering vocations will be to provide helpful guidance and direction along the way. Central to this should be love of God's word nourished by a growing familiarity with Sacred Scripture, and attentive and unceasing prayer, both personal and in community; this will make it possible to hear God's call amid all the voices of daily life. But above all, the Eucharist should be the heart of every vocational journey: it is here that the love of God touches us in Christ's sacrifice. ... Scripture, prayer and the Eucharist are the precious treasure enabling us to grasp the beauty of a life spent fully in service of the Kingdom.

"It is my hope that the local Churches ... will become places where vocations are carefully discerned and their authenticity tested, places where young men and women

are offered wise and strong spiritual direction. ... As a response to the demands of the new commandment of Jesus, this can find eloquent and particular realisation in Christian families, whose love is an expression of the love of Christ Who gave himself for His Church. Within the family ... young people can have a wonderful experience of this self-giving love. Indeed, families are not only the privileged place for human and Christian formation; they can also be 'the primary and most excellent seed-bed of vocations to a life of consecration to the Kingdom of God', by helping their members to see, precisely within the family, the beauty and the importance of the priesthood and the consecrated life. May pastors and all the lay faithful always cooperate so that in the Church these 'homes and schools of communion' may multiply, modelled on the Holy Family of Nazareth, the harmonious reflection on earth of the life of the Most Holy Trinity".

"I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing to all of you, ... and especially those young men and women who strive to listen with a docile heart to God's voice and are ready to respond generously and faithfully".

POSTURE DURING SERVICES

Writing in 1956, C.S. Lewis stated, "My model here is the behaviour of the congregation at a 'Russian Orthodox' service, where some sit, some lie on their faces, some stand, some kneel, some walk about, and no one takes the slightest idea of what anyone else is doing. That is good sense, good manners, and good Christianity" (Letter of 23 March 1956 to "Mrs. Ashton"). It certainly must have been a blessed community 'that' Mrs. Lewis visited, for certainly posture during services seems one of the most hotly debated topics in some circles.

Two things must be admitted at the outset, and then nuances will (and must) follow. First, the tradition of the Sacred Canons (the historical legislation of the Byzantine Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox) is clear: kneeling is prohibited on Sundays and the days following Easter (from Pascha until the eve of Pentecost when we celebrate Kneeling Vespers) according to not one, but two ecumenical councils as well as the canons of both St. Peter of Alexandria and St. Basil the Great. To that point it must also be added that the instructions of "kneel," "sit", and "stand" found in the service books used in most of our parishes today are editorial editions, not contained in the official synodal text.

That being said, several other things must be added. First, if kneeling is prohibited on Sundays and Paschal-tide, it is certainly permitted on other days. In fact, there are times when our service books instruct kneeling to occur, such as during the transfer of the gifts at the kathisma of the Presanctified Liturgy (according to the Ordo celebrationis). During certain times of the year, specific details are given as to when bowing and prostrations should occur, and the different types of bows and prostration necessary (such as Father Dolnytsky's Typikon treating Great Lent). Thus, kneeling during the week and on Saturdays is a praiseworthy practice. There are many examples in both the Old and New Testaments of holy men and women, including David, Stephan, and Peter, and even Jesus himself, praying on her ground (thus either kneeling or prostrate).

Secondly, the prohibitions against kneeling during services were relative. This means they were not absolute. This can be said because there was a time that when one confessed a sin they were assigned a period of penance. One type of penance was to be a "kneeler," which meant one would have to go through a period of time (perhaps

years) of kneeling (and not receiving the sacraments). These people would still kneel on Sundays! To this must be added the reality that unfortunately not all of our parishioners are praying during the week, to say nothing of attending services. There thus is one opinion that since many of the faithful are not kneeling or prostrating during the week they should at least kneel or prostrate on Sundays. This position is certainly worth consideration.

There must be an ideal recognized, however, that standing during services is the ideal on Sundays and Paschal-tide. "We stand up when praying on the first of the week, though not all of know the reason. For it is not only that it serves to remind us that when we have risen from the dead together with Christ we ought to seek the things above, in the day of resurrection of the grace given us, by standing at prayer, but that it also seems to serve in a way as a picture of the expected age" – St. Basil the Great.

When services are long (Sunday services at my parish last nearly four hours) there are times when the faithful can (and should) sit, such as during the readings from the Pslater, the Epistle, and the homily. Even in Ukraine, where pews are less common (and people stand the entire time, including the homilies), there are benches along the walls for the elderly and others who need to sit at different times. However, a young person should be able to stand for the forty-five minutes of service common in many of our parishes. The instruction in the pew book to sit during the litany prior the Our Father is especially strange given the seriousness of the parts immediately preceding and following, and in fact this instruction is not observed in many parishes that do sit and follow the instructions at other times. This reflects the idea that the entire liturgy is holy, not just certain words.

Finally, two things must be added. First, we should not draw attention to ourselves during the liturgy. If at your parish everyone kneels on Sunday, kneel. Or, if you do stand, stand at the back of the 'church' so that you do not cause confusion for others.

Second, remember the words of C.S. Lewis! Not taking sense of other people's posture is "good sense, good manners, and good Christianity." May God grant us all the grace to mind our manners!

What I Learned in Class This Week – Sub-deacon Alex M. Laschuk, PROGRESS Ukrainian Catholic News, #08/2231, April 15, 2012 p. 11



**GENERATIONS
OF FAITH
2011/2012**

Come and join us for lunch, education, conversation and prayer

This year we are examining the Mysteries (Sacraments) We begin with lunch followed by the main presentation for all registrants grade 8 and older. **COME ask your questions concerning Marriage. Childcare will be provided for children grade 7 and under **Register now for the fourth session of Generations of Faith****

"The Holy Mystery of Marriage"

Sunday April 29, 2012 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

At Holy Cross Church, 13753 – 108 Avenue – Surrey, BC

Registration TODAY

Rides to Surrey and return are available after the 10:30 am Liturgy on Sunday, April 29 for those who do not have transportation.

A Wonderful Story

A woman came out of her house and saw three old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognise them. She addressed them saying, "I do not think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."

"Is the man of the house home?" they asked.

"No", she replied. "He's out."

"Then we cannot come in", they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened. The husband then said: "Go tell them I am home and invite them in!"

The woman went out and invited the men in.

"We do not go into a house together," they replied.

"Why is that?" she asked.

One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!" he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!"

His wife disagreed. "My dear, why do we not invite Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the three old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest."

Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other two also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success: "I only invited Love, Why are you coming in?" The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would have stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!"

Let us pray that where there is pain, peace and mercy may reign. Where there is self-doubting, a renewed confidence in your ability to work through it may be your guide. Where there is tiredness, or exhaustion, that understanding, patience, and renewed strength may prevail. Where there is fear, that love, and courage strengthen your heart.

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied David "How could he, with just two worms."

Cherokee Legend

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youths' rite of Passage?

The father of the young Cherokee takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN! He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm!

The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold.

It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold.

It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him.

He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we do not know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him. He may not give us the answer we want, but he is there.

Moral of the story: Just because you cannot see God, it does not mean that He is not there.

DRUG PROBLEM

I was wondering if you had a DRUG problem when you were young because I sure did.

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why did we not have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied: I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I did not put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me. I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word.

I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbours to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behaviour in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, Canada would be a better place.

Author unknown

GOD'S EMBROIDERY

When I was a little girl, my mother used to embroider a great deal. I would sit at her knee and look up from the floor and ask what she was doing. She informed me that she was embroidering. I told her that it looked like a mess from where I was. As from the underside I watched her work within the boundaries of the little round hoop that she held in her hand, I complained to her that it sure looked messy from where I sat.

She would smile at me, look down and gently say, "My dear, you go about your playing for a while, and when I am finished with my embroidering, I will put you on my knee and let you see it from my side."

I would wonder why she was using some dark threads along with the bright ones and why they seemed so jumbled from my view. A few minutes would pass and then I would hear Mother's voice say, "Dear, come and sit on my knee." This I did only to be surprised and thrilled to see a beautiful flower or a sunset. I could not believe it, because from underneath it looked so messy.

Then Mother would say to me, "My dear, from underneath it did look messy and jumbled, but you did not realize that there was a pre-drawn plan on the top. It was a design. I was only following it. Now look at it from my side and you will see what I was doing."

Many times through the years I have looked up to my Heavenly Father and said, "Father, what are You doing?"

He has answered, "I am embroidering your life."

I say, "But it looks like a mess to me. It seems so jumbled. The threads seem so dark. Why can they not all be bright?"

The Father seems to tell me, "My child, you go about your business of doing My business, and one day I will bring you to Heaven and put you on My knee and you will see the plan from My side."

HEAVEN & HELL — There is truth in this.

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I do not understand."

"It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."

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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