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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*

*Друга Неділя по Зісланні Святого Духа*

**СВЯТО ПРЕСВЯТОЇ ЄВХАРИСТІЇ**

*Маття 4:18-23*



*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

**FEAST OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

*Matthew 4:18-23*

**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 Червень**

**Загальний намір:** "Щоб віруючі люди визнали в Євхаристії живу присутність Воскреслого Христа, який супроводить їх у щоденному житті".

**Місійний намір:** "Щоб християни в Європі віднайшли свою дійсну ідентичність і брали участь з великим запалом у голошенні Євангелії".

- Тропарі і читання в жовтій книжці на стор. 2, 3, 4 і 5.

- **Кава і солодке Сьогодні** після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано, у вітальні під церквою.

**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.

**Сьогодні, Неділя, 10 Червень: Празник Свято Пресвятої Євхаристії**

- 10:00 ранку – Молебень до Серця Христового.

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

**Субота, 16 Червень:**

- 8:25 ранку – Служба Божа

- 9:30 ранку – Молебень до Серця Христового, а відтак Сходина Л.У.К.Ж.К. у вітальні під церквою.

**Неділя, 17 Червень: Празник Чоловіколюбця, Серця Христового, День Батька**

- 10:00 ранку – Молебень до Серця Христового.

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

**Понеділок, 18 Червень:**

- 7:00 вечора – Сходина Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

**Неділя, 24 Червень:**

- 10:00 ранку – Молебень до Серця Христового.

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

**П'ятниця, 29 Червень: Обов'язуюче Свято**

**всехвальних і первоверховних апостолів Святих апостолів Петра і Павла**

- 10:00 год. ранку – Служба Божа

- 7:00 вечора – Служба Божа

**Субота 30 Червень:**

- 8:25 ранку – Служби Божої не буде.

- 10 ранку – Поминальна Служба Божа за + Михайла Салія у 40-ий день.

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

June 10, 2012

Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Papal General Prayer Intention for June:** "Pray that believers may recognize in the Eucharist the living presence of the Risen One who accompanies them in daily life."

**Mission Intention for June:** "Pray that Christians in Europe may rediscover their true identity and participate with greater enthusiasm in the proclamation of the Gospel."

- **Tropar, Kondak & readings** for today in the **yellow** booklet pages: 2, 3, 4 & 5.

- **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.

**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.*

**TODAY, Sunday, June 10: Feast of the Holy Eucharist**

- 10:00 am - Moleben to the Sacred Heart.
- Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.
- Catechism for First Communicants will continue following the Divine Liturgy.

**Saturday, June 16:**

- 8:25 am - Divine Liturgy
- 9:30 am Moleben in Church followed by UCWLC Meeting in the Fellowship Room.

**Sunday, June 17: Feast of Christ the Lover of Mankind - Father's Day**

- 10:00 am - Moleben to the Sacred Heart.
- Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.
- Catechism for First Communicants will continue following the Divine Liturgy.

**Monday, June 18:**

- 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting in Board Room.

**Sunday, June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist and Ukrainian Saints**

- 10:00 am - Moleben to the Sacred Heart.
- Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.
- Catechism for First Communicants will continue following the Divine Liturgy.

**Friday, June 29: Holy Day of Obligation - Feast of Saints Peter and Paul**

- 10:00 am and 7:00 pm - Divine Liturgy. All able bodied persons should attend.

**Saturday, June 30:**

- 8:25 am - Divine Liturgy **CANCELLED.**
- 10:00 am - 40 day Memorial Divine Liturgy for + Michael Salij.

**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.**



**Prayer for the  
Beatification  
of the  
Servant of**

**God Metropolitan Andrey:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, You always reward Your faithful servants, not only with special gifts of Your love, but also with the eternal reward of the saints in heaven, and in many cases You grant them the recognition of sanctity by Your Church here on earth. We humbly pray: grant that Your faithful servant Metropolitan Andrey be numbered among the saints. Throughout his just life, “full of suffering and trials,” he was a good shepherd for his flock and a great labourer for Christian unity. And through his beatification and intercession, grant our entire people the great gift of unity and love. Amen.  
[www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca](http://www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca)

**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:** Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Vincent Prychidko, OSBM; Fr. Steven Basarab, Joseph Bayduza, Elizabeth Duda, Mary Earl, Catherine Hladij, Victoria Kuzik, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie Lawryshyn, Ben Marchinkow, Jason Obuck, Fenia Orysik, Mary Scott, Wasyl Saik, Kaiya Williams, Leon Woznow, and the Canadian Armed Forces on peacekeeping missions.

**PLEASE VISIT** our Parishioners or phone those that are confined to their hospital beds or their homes. They need your visits, your phone calls, as well as your prayers.

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

### **CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR – August 20 – 27, 2012**

Look at our new website! Camp St. Volodymyr has been enriching campers in their Ukrainian Catholic Faith and Culture since 1983. Located in Kelowna, campers spend a week participating in age tailored activities such as Ukrainian dancing, arts & crafts, singing, catechesis, sports and water activities. Camper fees: \$260 before July 12 and \$310 after. Third and fourth child from same family – \$150 each. The deadline for registering is Thursday, July 26. Registration forms can be downloaded from the eparchial website at [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca).

Bus transportation is available from New Westminster.

For further information contact Jennifer Sawka @ 604.876.5691 or [jennsawka@hotmail.com](mailto:jennsawka@hotmail.com) or Father Andriy 250.860.7295. Register early. Space is limited!

**Support our Camp!** Donations are always greatly appreciated. We are always happy to accept food donations of vegetables, fruits, cereals, and treats for children, as well as monetary donations. Tax receipts can be issued with donations of \$25 or more.

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Almighty and Merciful God, Inspire those You have chosen To hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witnesses of Your love and care for the world. May they find support and encouragement in our words and in our prayers. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and all the Saints. Amen.

### **MAY THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SUPPORT THE FAITH OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

Vatican City, 23 May 2012 (VIS) - Following his catechesis in this morning's general audience, Benedict XVI pronounced greetings in various languages to the more than 20,000 pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square. Speaking Polish, he recalled that next Sunday marks the Solemnity of Pentecost. "Together with Mary and the Apostles, let us persevere in prayer", he said. "With Christ, let us ask our Father God for His Spirit to permeate our thoughts and actions, that we may become increasingly worthy of the dignity of children of God".

In other languages the Holy Father said "Let us pray to God to send the Holy Spirit with abundance of gifts that we may become courageous witnesses of Christ. ... May the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost always support and nourish the life of faith of the Christian community. Dear young people, place the search for God above all other things. ... Dear sick people, may the Spirit be a help and comfort in your moment of greatest need".

**MAJOR ARCHBISHOP, HIS BEATITUDE, SVIATOSLAV'S, FIRST PASTORAL VISIT TO THE  
EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**AUGUST 29 to SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

**The spiritual leader of the world's 6 million Ukrainian Catholics, will be visiting the New Westminster, Richmond, Vancouver and Kelowna Ukrainian Catholic Parishes which are part of the Eparchy (Diocese) of New Westminster. This event of the first Pastoral visit of His Beatitude, Sviatoslav, on the Labour Day Weekend, invites the Ukrainian community to experience and share their celebration of faith and nationality.**

**The Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude, Sviatoslav, will help commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Servant of God, Martyr, Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka's appointment as the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Canada (October 14, 1912).**

**Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude, Sviatoslav:**

- 1. – will bless the newly renovated Bishop Jerome Chimy Eparchial Centre in New Westminster on Friday, August 31. That same evening, there will be a prayer service and reception at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster (501 – 4 Avenue).**
- 2. – will be the main celebrant at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mary's) Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vancouver (560 West 14 Avenue) at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2012. A formal banquet will follow in the parish hall (3150 Ash Street).**
  - 2a. – The Banquet is reserved seating for 400 persons. Tickets for this event are \$60/ticket with a \$30 tax receipt. Tickets for the banquet are available from the parish office (604.879.5830), from Mrs. Pat Sorochnik (604.433.0661) and Dr. Michael Myckatyn.**
- 3. – will be in Kelowna, Sunday, September 2, at the Dormition of the Mother of God Church (1091 Coronation Avenue) where he will be the main celebrant at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. A formal banquet will follow for which tickets must be purchased.**

**Your invitation to participate:**

**To prepare for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. during the visit of our Major Archbishop Sviatoslav, in the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vancouver we are extending an invitation to former choir members of St. Mary's Parish choir as well as singers of: Holy Eucharist Parish in New Westminster, Dormition Parish in Richmond and Holy Cross Parish in Surrey and St. Nicholas in Victoria to participate.**

**The only PROVISIO is that all singers attend and participate in the three Sunday Divine Liturgies at St Mary's in Vancouver prior to Saturday, September 1, 2012, (that is: AUGUST 12; AUGUST 19; AUGUST 26).**

**These three Sunday Divine Liturgies at 10:30 a.m. would serve as rehearsals to adequately prepare for the occasion. If the current and/or prospective singers cannot meet this REQUIREMENT, IN FAIRNESS TO THE CHOIR AND ITS CONDUCTOR, they are respectfully asked NOT TO APPEAR IN THE CHOIR LOFT ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY.**

**His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church** was born May 5, 1970 in Striy, Lviv region of Ukraine. He began his religious education in 1991–1992 at the Don Bosco theological seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He continued his education from 1992 to 1994 in the Lviv Theological Seminary. He was ordained a priest on June 26, 1994 by His Beatitude, Myroslav Cardinal Lubachivsky.

From 1994 to 1999 he studied at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, where he received his doctoral degree in theological anthropology and the moral roots of theology in the Byzantine theological tradition. Upon the successful completion of his doctorate, he returned to Lviv, Ukraine where he held several different administrative and formation positions including: vice rector and eventually rector at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary from 1999 to 2007; 2001 he was appointed vice-dean of the theology department at the Lviv Theological Academy which is now the Ukrainian Catholic University; in 2002 he was named head of the secretariat of the Patriarchal Curia in Lviv and personal secretary to His Beatitude Lubomyr Cardinal Husar.

On January 14, 2007, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI blessed the decision of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to name Father Sviatoslav Shevchuk as auxiliary bishop of the Protection of the Blessed Mother Eparchy in Buenos Aires, Argentina. On April 10, 2010 he was named Apostolic Administrator for the Eparchy of Argentina.

On March 23, 2011 at an election held by the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church he was named Major Archbishop of the Church. On March 24, the election was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI and he was enthroned on March 27, 2011 in Kyiv, Ukraine in the Patriarchal Cathedral of The Resurrection.

### **AN INTERVIEW WITH HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV Ukraine: The Mother of God Destroyed the Soviet Empire Archbishop Schevchuk Reflects on Rebuilding the Church in Ukraine**

ROME, MAY 25, 2012 (Zenit.org) – Marie–Pauline Meyer interviewed Major–Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Primate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine for the weekly program “Where God Weeps,” in cooperation with Aid to the Church in Need.

**Q: I notice that you are not wearing a Crucifix, but rather an image of Our Lady? Can you tell us there is a tradition here?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: This is worn to show the dignity of the Episcopal office of the Eastern Bishops. We always have to wear the icon of the Mother of God and this specific icon, which was handmade, was given to me by my Patriarch on the day of my Episcopal ordination. This icon has a special significance as my Patriarch told me if I am ever sad, my consolation is the Mother of God.

**Q: The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was liquidated after the Second World War and you grew up during a period of Soviet persecution. What was this like for you personally?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: I grew up in a completely atheistic society where all forms of the transcendental were eliminated. We were taught that there is no God. The family, however, taught a different value and became the vehicle that transmitted the Christian faith. It was during these times that I was able to assist in very specific situations in the manifestation of the Church as a community and as a body of Christ. For example, when a person dies, the Church unites around this person in prayer. This was how, for the first time I met a

priest who came in the middle of the night to celebrate the funeral and then would quietly disappear. And, like a small boy I was curious as to who this person – the priest – was and what was he doing. I saw in that person a real witness of the presence of Christ. This priest was imprisoned twice because of his ministry and through this priest, I really found someone and something worth giving one's life for. This was an alternative, especially for us young people, to the official values that society was teaching us. This is how I discovered the presence of the Church in an atheistic society.

**Q: Were you allowed to go the seminary?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: The traditional definition of a seminary as a visible structure and a community, of course not, but a seminary as a way to prepare a person for the priesthood yes. This priest I met was also the rector of the secret seminary, the underground seminary. This was a discovery for me of a whole new world.

**Q: Did you then study at this seminary at night?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: It was not always at night and it was infrequent that I met my professors. My way of studying was rather strange, perhaps. I met my seminary professors at least once every two months and when I met with them, I was always given a book. I would then copy and study the book for two months. This method allowed me to study and have a copy for myself of the Gospel of St. Luke for example. This is how my initial formation began. This kind of formation would have taken years to prepare me properly for the priesthood and I know that it was not enough, but this is how I started my priestly formation.

**Q: Were you not afraid of being discovered by the secret police?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: As a teenager, at that time I was not aware of the dangers because it was completely a secret and every teenager had his own secret. Neither my mother nor my father were aware of this and this was my personal secret. It was after a year that I understood the dangers that could have resulted had I been discovered by the secret police. My parents: my mother was a music teacher and my father was an engineer. Had I been discovered my parents would have lost their jobs. Many people in Ukraine, in the past, who were discovered were either imprisoned or exiled. At that time, however, I did not fully understand nor was I aware of the dangers and the persecution, which was going on in Ukraine.

**Q: So nothing happened to you?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: Thanks be to God nothing happened. For me and my own perspective, in order for me to openly become a priest, the Mother of God had to destroy the Soviet Union. I remember praying; it is impossible for humans to destroy the evil of the Soviet empire but for God nothing is impossible.

**Q: We have heard or read about the secret Divine Liturgies under Communism. What was your experience?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: Without the Holy Eucharist, the Church would not exist. The Holy Eucharist was the central point of our life. I remember once a priest I met. He never talked at great length about the sufferings, persecutions and tortures, but he mentioned that even in prison, all the priests would celebrate the liturgy. We were amazed; how could this be possible? Where did you get a Chalice and a Paten? He took off his glasses and said: 'This is what we used; one lens served as the chalice with a drop of wine and on the other a piece of bread was placed, which served as the paten. This is how they celebrated the liturgy in the prison or around the premises of the concentration camps.

**Q: Do you remember your first public Divine Liturgy?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: My first public mass was in 1991 when I just came back from military service with the Soviet Army. I was drafted to the Soviet Army. Before my military service, everything was in secret but afterwards everything was suddenly in the open and everything was just exploding. I assisted at the Divine Liturgy in the church in my native city of Striy in the Ukraine. It was amazing. I felt like I was in heaven. The Byzantine liturgy is an icon of the heavenly liturgy, the resurrected Christ, who celebrates His Eucharist in heaven. I felt I was in heaven.

**Q: Are you able to keep this sense every time you celebrate the liturgy?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: Yes, and perhaps the Christian in the free world, very often, never fully appreciates this great gift of the Eucharist. Freedom sometimes is like a persecution, a challenge, which is why it is important for me, and a part of my mission to explain to all Christians in the free world, the greatness of this mystery – the Eucharistic sacrifice – and the great privilege of receiving the Eucharist daily.

**Q: How about the Ukrainians who were damaged by Communism?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: Communism destroyed our society and one of the wounds in our flesh was the destruction of human dignity. It is quite often difficult to build a real democracy in these states because people are afraid to reveal themselves as a person, and to be free, not only internal but externally from the shackles – the vestiges of repression of their former societies [under Soviet rule]; to be free to take responsibility not only for one's destiny, one's own life and perhaps one's country. I think that only through the grace of the Holy Spirit can the Church heal these wounds. The grace of the Holy Spirit is a spirit of freedom and those Christians, who were in prison, can be free. We have the political freedom but we lack an internal personal freedom, a freedom from sin, a freedom to be good, to construct a new society and a new Church community. We have a big task and a big challenge, not only in Ukraine but also the Ukrainians in the diaspora.

**Q: What is this challenge?**

Archbishop Shevchuk: We have the freedom to construct our churches and are free to celebrate our liturgy but the big challenge today is secularization. The people are losing the sense of the transcendent or perhaps they do not appreciate being a Christian in the modern world. My task is to transmit my enthusiasm to them. Do not be afraid to be a Christian. During my time in the former Soviet Union it was dangerous to be a Christian. Today, in Europe, to be a Christian is not so convenient; it is important and I would like to repeat this – do not be afraid of being a Christian even when it is not convenient.

**SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS OF UKRAINE**

Vatican City, 26 May 2012 (VIS) – Made public today was a letter, written in Latin and dated 17 April, in which the Holy Father appoints Cardinal Angelo Comastri, vicar general of His Holiness for Vatican City, as his special envoy to the closing celebrations of the National Eucharistic Congress of Ukraine, due to be held in Lviv on 3 June, sixth centenary of the establishment of the archiepiscopal and metropolitan see of Lviv of the Latins.

**TO YOUNG PEOPLE: AIM AT HIGH IDEALS! BE SAINTS!**

Vatican City, 2 June 2012 (VIS) – At around midday today, following the celebration of Terce in the Duomo of Milan, Benedict XVI travelled by car to the stadium of San Siro where he was greeted by a crowd of around 80,000 made up of young people who have recently received or are about to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, members of their families and catechists.

"Assisted by your itinerary (of formation), you have learned to recognize the wonderful things the Holy Spirit has done and does in your lives, and in all those who say 'yes' to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You have discovered the great value of Baptism, the first of the Sacraments, the entranceway to Christian life. You received all this thanks to your parents who ... committed themselves to educating you in the faith".

"Now you have grown and can say your own 'yes' to God, a free and conscious 'yes'. The Sacrament of Confirmation confirms Baptism and infuses you abundantly with the Holy Spirit. Now you, full of gratitude, have the chance to accept His great gifts which, on life's journey, will help you to become faithful and courageous witnesses of Jesus. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are stupendous, enabling you to be formed as Christians, to live the Gospel and to be active members of the community".

"All of Christian life is a journey. It is like following a path up a mountain, sometimes a difficult path, in company with Jesus. ... With the precious gifts (of the Holy Spirit) your friendship with Him will become more authentic and closer. It is constantly nourished by the Sacrament of the Eucharist, ... for which reason I invite you to participate joyfully and faithfully in Sunday Mass, and ... to attend Confession, which is the meeting with Jesus Who forgives our sins and helps us to do good. ... Learn to enter into dialogue with the Lord, tell Him of your joys and concerns, and ask for light to support you on your journey".

"In the family, be obedient to your parents, listen to the instructions they give you so as to grow, like Jesus, 'in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour'. Finally, do not be lazy but hard-working, particularly in your studies. That is your daily duty and a great opportunity you have to develop and to prepare your future. Be open and generous towards others, vanquishing the temptation to place yourselves at the centre, because selfishness is the enemy of authentic joy.

"If you now have a taste of the beauty of being part of the community of Jesus, then you too will be able to make your contribution to help it grow. ... Every day, including here today, the Lord is calling you to great things, Remain open to what He is suggesting and, if He calls you to follow Him on the path of the priesthood or consecrated life, do not say no! ... Jesus will fill your hearts for all your lives".

"I say with conviction: **Aim at high ideals! ... Be saints!** Yet, you may ask, is it possible to be saints at your age? I tell you that it is, ... as is clear from the witness of many saints who were your peers, such as Domenico Savio and Maria Goretti. Sanctity is the normal path for Christians, it is not reserved for the chosen few but open to everyone, though naturally with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit ... and the guidance of our Mother, ... Mary, the Mother of Jesus. ... May the Virgin Mary, then, always watch over the beauty of your 'yes' to Jesus, her Son, the great and faithful Friend of your lives".

## **Celebrating the Solemnity of the Body of Christ**

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of "Christ the Lover of Mankind" (in the Ukrainian Rite) the Feast of "Corpus Christi", Latin for "the Body of Christ." In this Mystery (sacrament), the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, tells us: "The Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity, of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and, therefore, *the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially* contained."

Christ said: that it was truly His Body that He was offering under the species of bread, so the Church has always believed "that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the Body of Christ Our Lord and the wine into His Blood."

Before the consecration during the Divine Liturgy, what looks like bread is indeed bread, and nothing more. However, after the consecration, It is no longer bread at all; It is “my Lord and my God,” my Creator, my Redeemer. Now I bow reverently to It. Now, I pray, I would defend it with my life, if necessary.

If I eat ordinary bread, which is inferior to me, I digest it and absorb it into my body. The bread becomes part of my body; it takes on human life.

However, when I eat Christ’s Body, I consume ‘Something’ that is infinitely superior to me. It does not become a part of me; rather, I become a member of Christ’s Body; I take on the life of God.

In the Old Testament, in the Book of Exodus, Moses sealed God’s covenant with His people by sprinkling the people with the blood of an ox. In the New Testament, as the reading from John’s Gospel shows, Christ seals His new and everlasting covenant by giving us His Body to eat and His own Blood to drink.

Now if the blood of goats and bulls can sanctify the unclean, St. Paul says in the Letter to the Romans, how much more will be Blood of Christ “purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God?”

What should our response to this fact be? The answer is belief, trust, love, and gratitude. The very word “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving.” Our response should be continuous, but this will not happen unless we set time aside for it, particularly after receiving Holy Communion.

Throughout the Bible, God’s love for Israel and the Church is compared to the love of a bridegroom for a bride. How do loving husbands and wives treat each other?

We have all seen young lovers. We have all heard them on the phone: “Goodbye, darling”; “Goodbye, darling”; “Goodbye”; “Goodbye.” Neither wants to be the one to hang up first.

We should feel something of this affection after receiving Holy Communion. For His part, Jesus Christ, has shown that He never wants to leave us by remaining permanently on our Altars.

We have also seen the unity of married couples: husband and wife living together, wanting to be together, working for each other even when apart, each feeling incomplete when they have to be without the other. How do they show their love?

In the film *Fiddler on the Roof*, Tevye asks his wife Golde, “Do you love me?” She answers, “For 25 years I have washed your clothes, cooked your meals, cleaned your house, given you children, milked the cow.... If that is not love, what is?”

Similarly, Christ, Who said that the first and greatest commandment is to love God, said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” In other words, “Do what you know I want you to do,” not out of fear, but lovingly, like a good spouse.

Even the most loving husbands and wives do not always feel “in love,” but they still continue the acts that freely performed constitute the daily living out of their commitment.

Even when you do not feel like it, therefore, keep on doing the things God wants: spending time with Him before the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle on the Altar, telling Him you love Him throughout the day, appreciating His gifts – the graces, talents and treasures that He has bestowed upon us, asking Him for help, even just sitting thinking about Him, resting in His presence.

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## **PASTORAL VISIT OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV TO THE EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER**

**His Beatitude Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk** - Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, lives in Kyiv, Ukraine. He will be visiting British Columbia in August and September this year. His visit will take place during this special year commemorating the centennial of the appointment of Blessed Nykyta Budka, Martyr, as the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for all of Canada. Everyone is invited to participate in the public events during His Beatitude's visit that will take place in New Westminster, Vancouver and Kelowna:

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### **Friday, August 31st**

**6:30 PM Moleben at Holy Eucharist Cathedral, 501-4th Avenue, New Westminster, BC**, to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of the appointment of the first Bishop for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada, Blessed Nykyta Budka, Martyr; and the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Holy Eucharist Parish. The Moleben is open to the public and no advance tickets or passes are required for admission. Advance tickets for reception that will follow are \$25.00/each or \$30.00/each after August 1st. Tickets can be purchased from **St. Mary's Parish Office - 604.879.5830**, or Phone: 604.526.1261

### **Saturday, September 1st**

**10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish 560 West 14th Avenue, Vancouver, BC**, to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of the appointment of the first Bishop for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada, Blessed Nykyta Budka, Martyr; and the first visit of our present Major Archbishop, His Beatitude Sviatoslav. The Divine Liturgy is open to the public and no tickets or special passes are required for admission. Advance tickets for the Banquet that will follow in the Parish Cultural Centre are \$60.00/each for which a \$30.00 tax receipt issued. Tickets can be purchased from **St. Mary's Parish office - 604.879.5830**, or from **Mrs. Pat Sorochnik - 604.433.0661** or from **Dr. Michael Myckatyn**.

### **Sunday, September 2nd**

**11:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Dormition of the Mother of God Parish - 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, BC**. to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of the appointment of the first Bishop for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada, Blessed Nykyta Budka, Martyr; and the first visit of our present Major Archbishop, His Beatitude Sviatoslav. The Divine Liturgy is open to the public and no tickets or special passes are required for admission. Advance tickets for the Banquet that will follow in the Parish Hall are \$50.00/each. Tickets can be purchased from **St. Mary's Parish Office - 604.879.5830** or Phone: 1.250.860.7295