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Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці

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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

*33-а Неділя Після Зіслання Святого Духа
Неділя Митаря і Фарисея
Луки 18:10-14*



*33rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee
Luke 18:10-14*

**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 Січень

Загальний намір: Щоб жертви природних катастроф могли отримати духовну і матеріальну підтримку, потрібну до відбудови їхнього життя.

Місійний намір: Посвята християн до миру, повинна зроджувати свідоцтво до імені Христа перед всіма чоловіками і жінками доброї волі.

- Тропарі і читання в жовтій книжці на стор. 6 і 7.
- 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!

Неділя, 29 Січень:

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

Четвер, 2 Лютий: – Свято – Стрітення Господа нашого Ісуса Христа

- 8:30 год. ранку – Служба Божа і свячення свічок
- БІБЛІЙНІ СТУДІЇ о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Велика Подія" на тему «Історія Спасіння».

П'ятниця, 3 Лютий: Перша П'ятниця в місяці

- 8:30 ранку – Служба Божа а відтак Молебень до Серця Христового.

Субота, 4 Лютий:

- 8:30 ранку – Служби Божої не буде
- Поминальна Служба Божа за + Марію Возьну о год. 10:00 рано.

Неділя, 5 Лютий:

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

Четвер, 9 Лютий:

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

П'ятниця, 10 Лютий: – День молитви за хворих

Субота, 11 Лютий:

- 8:30 ранку – Служба Божа
- 9:30 ранку – Молебнем до Пречистої Діви Марії, а відтак Сходини Л.У.К.Ж.К. у вітальні під церквою.

Неділя, 12 Лютий:

- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.
- Велентайн Сніданок після Служб Божих в Авдиторії. Улаштовує ЛУКЖК. Вступ \$8 для дорослих. \$3 для дітей нижчи 12 років. Вступні нагороди.

Понеділок, 13 Лютий:

- 7:00 вечора Сходини Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

Четвер, 16 Лютий:– БІБЛІЙНІ СТУДІЇ о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Велика Подія" на тему «Історія Спасіння».

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee

Papal General Prayer Intention for January: Pray for the victims of natural disasters that they may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Mission Intention: Pray that the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

- **Tropar, Kondak & readings** for today in the **Yellow booklet** pages: 6 & 7.
- **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.**

Sunday, January 29:

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.
- **GENERATIONS OF FAITH - 12:15 pm - 3:30 pm** in our Auditorium. **PARTICIPATE!**

Friday, February 1:

- **8:00 am PYROHY MAKING** - in the Hall kitchen - **Men and Women Appreciated**

Thursday, February 2: - Holy Day - Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

- 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Candles.

Friday, February 3: - First Friday

- 8:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart.

Saturday, February 4: - 8:30 am Divine Liturgy Cancelled

- **10 am Memorial Divine Liturgy for + Mary Wozney - one year of memorial.**

Sunday, February 5:

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.

Thursday, February 9: BIBLE STUDIES begin at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room.

Friday, February 10: - World Day of Prayer for the Sick

- On this day we are encouraged to pray for the healing of our families, our parish and community members.

Saturday, February 11: - 8:30 am Divine Liturgy

- 9:30 am **Moleben** in Church followed by **UCWLC Meeting** in the Fellowship Room.

Sunday, February 12:

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.
- Pancake Breakfast following both Divine Liturgies sponsored by UCWLC.

Admission \$8 / adult. \$3 / child under 12. Door Prizes.

Monday, February 13: - 7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting in the Board Room.

Thursday, February 16: - BIBLE STUDIES begin at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room.

Saturday, February 18:

- **6:00 pm PUSHCHENNIA** in the Auditorium **LAST CHANCE** to purchase **TICKETS** Sunday February 12, 2012.

Прохання молитов: за Вас або за членів Вашої родини, просимо подати ім'я до Парафіяльної канцелярії на телефон 604-879-5830 або кинути записку на тацу.

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 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.

Please remember in your prayers especially: Fr. Vincent Prychidko, OSBM; Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab; Joseph Bayduza; Catherine Hladij, Martha Huzyk, Victoria Kuzik, Bodzie Lawryshyn; Ben Marchinkow; Jason Obuck; William Orysik, Mary Scott, Kaiya Williams, Leon & Polly Woznow, and all the Canadian Armed Forces on peacekeeping missions.

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 you 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 \$9,497.70. 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 \$9497.70. 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.

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 цеквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

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? Let us know by January 30, so we can send you 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/

Please see the Bulletin Board at the front entrance for Poster and Registration forms.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Thank you for your prayers. I was sent home from the hospital on Wednesday evening, January 11, 2012. Your prayers did help; great or small as you may think they are, before God each prayer is important. I still do need your prayers so that I may return to fullness of health. Know that all prayers are answered: As a young child I remember a Sister telling us to pray three Hail Mary's each day and that in your time of need, God will provide you with peace and a priest. This happened to me while I was in the Emergency Room; a Roman Catholic Priest showed up and said that he knew that I was a priest. He prayed with me, anointed me and provided me with the peace I needed to respond to the healing hands of the doctors. If I find the story, which I had read concerning the lost soul and the Hail Mary, I promise I will print it for you.

The Doctor has strongly recommended that I stay away from most responsibilities for the next two weeks. During my recuperation, Father Damien Dutka, OSBM will be here to assist you with all your spiritual needs. Father Damien will likewise be visiting the parishioners that requested a blessing of their home. Please welcome Father Damien warmly and convey to him any message you may want to say to either myself or Bishop Severian.

Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2012 graduating students enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, or who are a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2012. For further details, please refer to the poster in the vestibule of the church, or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under upcoming events.

Bulletin Announcements must be in the office by Wednesday noon. It is your responsibility to notify the office, do not think that 'well they know', Father or the Secretary may know but do not always remember to put it in the bulletin!

Monthly Calendar Announcements for the next two months must be in the office by the 20th day of this month.

ПРОСИМО щоб оголошення до наступного дво-місячного календаря треба подати до канцелярії не дальше як 20-го дня цього місяця.

February 18, 2012 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 4th Annual Hearts and Flowers Fair

At: Holy Eucharist Cathedral Hall, 501 4th Avenue, New Westminster B.C.

Admission: \$3.00/person. Lunch served from 11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Silent Auction, Door prizes, Bingo, Children's games/prizes, White Elephant, and more. Hosted by: the New Westminster Eparchial UCWLC Executive. Prize donations always gratefully accepted. For more information, please call the UCWLC Eparchial President – Lil Saranchuk 604.936.4972

FLEA MARKET – Saturday March 3, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Table rental \$20/table. For rental of tables call Marlayne at 604.274.3164 or

THE PRAYER OF JESUS AT THE LAST SUPPER

VATICAN CITY, 11 JAN 2012 (VIS) – Jesus' prayer during the Last Supper was the theme of Benedict XVI's catechesis during his general audience, which was held this morning in the Paul VI Hall in the presence of 4,000 faithful.

The Pope explained how the emotional backdrop to the Last Supper, in which Jesus bade farewell to His friends, was the immanence of His approaching death. Moreover, in the days in which He was preparing to leave His disciples, the life of the Jewish people was marked by the approaching Passover, the commemoration of the liberation of Israel from Egypt.

"It was in this context that the Last Supper took place", the Holy Father said, "but with an important novelty." Jesus "wanted the Supper with His disciples to be something special, different from other gatherings. It was His Supper, in which He gave something completely new: Himself. Thus Jesus celebrated the Passover as an anticipation of His Cross and Resurrection."

The essence of the Last Supper lay in "the gestures of breaking and distributing the bread, and sharing the cup of wine, with the words that accompanied them and the context of prayer in which they took place. This was the institution of the Eucharist: the great prayer of Jesus and the Church". The words the Evangelists use to describe that moment "recall the Jewish 'berakha'; that is, the great prayer of thanksgiving and blessing which, in the tradition of Israel, is used to inaugurate important ceremonies. ... That prayer of praise and thanks rises up to God and returns as a blessing. ... The words of the institution of the Eucharist were pronounced in this context of prayer. The praise and thanksgiving of the 'berakha' became blessing and transformed the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus".

Jesus' gestures were the traditional gestures of hospitality which a host would extend to his guests, but in the Last Supper they acquired a more profound significance, Pope Benedict explained. Christ provided "a visible sign of welcome to the table upon which God gives Himself. In the bread and the wine, Jesus offered and communicated His own Self". Aware of His approaching death, "He offered in advance the life that would shortly be taken from Him, thus transforming His violent death into a free act of the giving of Self, for others and to others. The violence He suffered became an active, free and redemptive sacrifice".

"In contemplating Jesus' words and gestures that night, we can clearly see that it was in His intimate and constant relationship with the Father that He accomplished the gesture of leaving to His followers, and to all of us, the Sacrament of love", said the Pope. During the Last Supper Jesus also prayed for His disciples, who likewise had to suffer harsh trials. With that prayer "He supported them in their weakness, their difficulty in understanding that the way of God had to pass through the Paschal mystery of death and resurrection, which was anticipated in the offer of bread and wine. The Eucharist is the food of pilgrims, a source of strength also for those who are tired, weary and disoriented".

Benedict XVI went on: "By participating in the Eucharist we have an extraordinary experience of the prayer which Jesus made, and continues to make for us all, that the evil we encounter in our lives may not triumph, and that the transforming power of Christ's death and resurrection may act within each of us. In the Eucharist the Church responds to Jesus' command to 'do this in remembrance of me', she repeats the prayer of thanksgiving and blessing and, therewith, the words of transubstantiation of the

bread and wine into the Body and Blood of the Lord. Our Eucharistic celebrations draw us into that moment of prayer, uniting us ever and anew to the prayer of Jesus".

"Let us ask the Lord that, after due preparation also with the Sacrament of Penance, our participation in the Eucharist, which is indispensable for Christian life, may always remain the apex of all our prayers", the Pope concluded. "Let us ask that, profoundly united in His offering to the Father, we too can transform our crosses into a free and responsible sacrifice of love, for God and for our fellows".

At the end of his catechesis the Holy Father delivered greetings in a number of languages to the pilgrims present in the Paul VI Hall, inviting them to participate with "faith and devotion" in the Eucharist which, he said, is indispensable for Christian life as well as being the school and culmination of prayer. Addressing young people, the sick and newlyweds, he pointed out that last Sunday's Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord is an occasion to reflect upon our own Baptism. "Dear young people", the Pope exclaimed, "live your membership of the Church, the family of Christ, joyfully. Dear sick people, may the grace of Baptism ease your sufferings and encourage you to offer them to Christ for the salvation of humanity. And you, dear newlyweds, ... base your marriage on the faith which you received as a gift on the day of your Baptism".

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Волонтери: чому і навіщо? VOLUNTEERS: WHY? And WHAT FOR?

Katherine Miske, parish president of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Mary (Surrey, British Columbia (off of a new Vancouver Ukrainian internet site))

According to Wikipedia Dictionary, volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve human quality of life. It is the act of selflessly giving community service to something you believe in without the benefit of pay.

In a society where a person's identity and self esteem are often a reflection of their occupation and how much they earn; it is difficult to accept that volunteering is "real meaningful work", not just something retired people do to fill the long hours of the day.

People volunteer for many different reasons. Values and beliefs learned at home or church motivates some; the desire to "give back" for the help they received at some point in their lives motivates others.

Some want to make use of the skills they acquired during their careers, others just for fun and the opportunity to extend their social circle. Everyone has their own personal reasons to give of their time and efforts.

In reality, volunteering benefits not only the group receiving the service, but the volunteer as well. This is especially important for young people and those new immigrants to Canada. Volunteering provides an opportunity to improve your language skills in a social setting, much different than learning English from a textbook. The confidence gained as language skills improve, makes integration into Canadian daily life much easier.

The time spent as a volunteer brings you into contact with people from all walks of life. These social contacts can provide a network of support for all the different aspects of living and working in Canada.

When social contacts are made on a personal level within a volunteer organization, people are more committed personally to assist each other, whether by offering information about possible employment opportunities, new career opportunities or the

necessities of daily living such as housing, medical care.

Volunteering makes a difference. Whether you choose a church group, an ethnic organization that interests you, or a service group, your personal commitment will broaden your horizons and your own personal growth.

In a society where a sense of personal entitlement prevails, we expend a lot of time and effort asking our government, communities, and churches to do things for us, so that our lives are happier and more fulfilled; and somehow we are still empty and unsatisfied in our daily lives.

To paraphrase president John F. Kennedy "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country". Being a volunteer is a giant first step.

NEW EVANGELISATION DEPENDS LARGELY ON FAMILIES

VATICAN CITY, 1 DEC 2011 (VIS) – The Holy Father today received participants in the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Family led by their president, Cardinal Ennio Antonelli. This year's plenary coincides with the thirtieth anniversary of John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation "Familiaris consortio" and his creation of the pontifical council itself.

In his remarks, the Pope noted that "in our time, as in the past, the eclipse of God, the spread of an anti-family ideology and the abasement of sexual morality appear interconnected". This is why "the new evangelisation is inseparable from the Christian family. The family is the Church's 'path', because it is a 'human place' in which we encounter Christ. ... The family founded on the Sacrament of Marriage is an individual microcosm of the Church, a community which is saved and saves, which is evangelised and evangelises. Like the Church, the family is called to live, irradiate and express to the world the love and presence of Christ".

Accepting and transmitting divine love, Benedict XVI explained, "comes about in the spouses' dedication to one another, in generous and responsible procreation, in raising and educating children, in work and social relations, in care for the needy, participation in Church activity and commitment to civil society". The Christian family "reflects the splendour of Christ and the beauty of the divine Trinity in the world" in the extent to which it manages to experience love "as communion and service, as reciprocal gift and openness to everyone".

The Pope then recalled his recent visit to Ancona to close the Italian National Eucharistic Congress where he had met priests and married couples together. "Both these states of life", he said, "have the same roots in Christ's love whereby He gave Himself for the salvation of humanity; they are called to a shared mission of bearing witness to this love, and causing it to be present through service to the community for the edification of the people of God. Such a perspective enables us to overcome a reductive vision in which the family is seen as the mere recipient of pastoral activity. ... The family is the best place to impart human and Christian education, and thus remains the greatest ally of priestly ministry".

CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO BE WITNESSES OF PRAYER

VATICAN CITY, 30 NOV 2011 (VIS) – This morning's general audience was celebrated in the Paul VI Hall in the presence of 5,500 faithful. Having recently completed a series of catecheses dedicated to prayer in the Old Testament, the Pope today began a new cycle on the subject of the prayer of Christ which, he said, was "like a hidden canal irrigating His life, relationships and actions, and guiding Him with increasing firmness

to the total gift of self, in keeping with the loving plan of God the Father".

One particularly significant moment of prayer followed the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. This, the Pope noted, poses a query as to why Jesus, Who was without sin, should have chosen to submit Himself to John's Baptism of penance and conversion. John the Baptist himself raised the question, saying "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?". The Holy Father explained how "by emerging Himself in the Jordan River, Jesus ... expressed His solidarity with people who recognise their sins, who chose to repent and change their lives. He helps us to understand that being part of the people of God means entering into a new life, a life in conformity with God. By this gesture Jesus anticipated the cross, beginning His active life by taking the place of sinners, bearing the weight of the sin of all humankind on His shoulders".

By praying after His Baptism, Jesus demonstrates His intimate bond with the Father, "experiencing His paternity and apprehending the demanding beauty of His love. Speaking to God, Jesus receives confirmation of His mission", with the words that resound from on high: "This is my son, the Beloved" and with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Him. "Through prayer", the Pope said, "Jesus lives in uninterrupted contact with the Father in order to achieve His project of love for mankind". It is in this profound union with the Father that Jesus made the move for the hidden life of Nazareth to His public ministry.

Jesus' prayer had its roots in His family, deeply attached to the religious tradition of the People of Israel, but its "most profound and essential origin is in the fact that He is the Son of God, in a unique relationship with God the Father". In the Gospel narratives "the setting for Jesus' prayers always stands at the crossroads between the traditions of His people and the novelty of a personal and unique rapport with God. The 'deserted place' to which He often retired, the 'mountain' He ascended to pray and the 'night' which gave Him solitude, all recall phases of God's revelation in the Old Testament and indicate the continuity of His plan of salvation".

"Jesus' prayer enters into all stages of His ministry and into every day of His life. It is not interrupted by fatigue. Quite the contrary, the Gospels make it clear that Jesus was wont to spend part of the night in prayer, ... and when the decisions to be taken become more urgent and complex, His prayer becomes longer and more intense".

"Contemplating Jesus' prayer, we should ask ourselves how we pray", said Benedict XVI, "and how much time we dedicate to our relationship with God". In this context he highlighted "the importance of the prayerful reading of Holy Scripture. ... Listening, meditating and remaining in silence before the Lord is an art we learn through constant practice", he said.

Christians are today called "to be witnesses of prayer, because our world often remains closed to the divine, to the hope which leads to the encounter with God. Through profound friendship with Jesus, by living in Him and with Him as children of the Father, through faithful and constant prayer, we can open ourselves to heaven and God. Indeed, by following the paths of prayer, ... we can also help others to follow them".

In conclusion, the Holy Father exhorted the faithful "to maintain an intense relationship with God, to pray, not intermittently but constantly and faithfully, so as to illuminate our lives as Jesus taught us. And let us ask Him to help us communicate with those around us, with those whom we meet on our journey, transmitting to them the joy of meeting the Lord, light of life". AG/VIS 20111130 (730)

CATHOLICS AND ORTHODOX FACE THE SAME CHALLENGES

VATICAN CITY, 30 NOV 2011 (VIS) – Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, is leading a delegation sent by the Holy See to Istanbul to participate in celebrations marking the Feast of St. Andrew, patron of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The Holy See and the Patriarchate exchange regular annual visits for the feast days of their respective patrons.

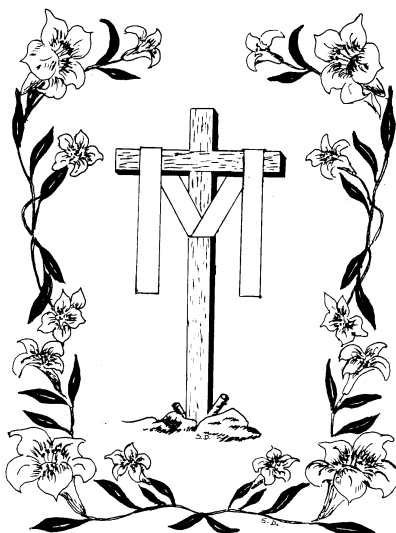
The Holy See delegation to this year's celebration – which coincides with the twentieth anniversary of the election of His Holiness Bartholomew I as Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople – is made up of Cardinal Koch; Bishop Brian Farrell, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity; Fr. Andrea Palmieri, an official of the same dicastery, and Archbishop Antonio Lucibello, apostolic nuncio to Turkey. The group attended a divine liturgy celebrated by Bartholomew I in the patriarchal church of Fanar, then met with the Patriarch and the synodal commission which oversees relations with the Catholic Church.

Cardinal Koch gave Bartholomew I a gift and a message from the Holy Father. In the message, which was read out at the end of the divine liturgy, Benedict XVI recalls his most recent meeting with the Patriarch during last month's Day of Prayer for Peace in the Italian town of Assisi. "I give thanks to the Lord for having allowed me to strengthen the bonds of sincere friendship and true brotherhood which unite us, and to bear witness before the entire world to the broad vision we share".

The message continues: "The present cultural, social, economic, political and religious circumstances place exactly the same challenges before Catholics and Orthodox. Announcing the mystery of salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ needs to undergo deep renewal in many regions which once accepted the light but are now suffering the effects of secularisation which impoverishes man in his deepest dimension. Faced with this emergency we must show all mankind that we have achieved a maturity in the faith, that we are capable of coming together despite human tensions, thanks to our joint search for truth and with the awareness that the future of evangelisation depends upon the witness of unity and the level of charity the Church can show".

The Pope concludes by asking the Lord that, through the intercession of Sts. Andrew, Peter and Paul, both Church may receive "the gift of unity which comes from on high".

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Office of the Bishop

To the Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster

January 19, 2012

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

I have, over the past few years, had an opportunity to speak with many of you with the intent of soliciting your feedback on how best to utilize the Episcopal Residence in New Westminster.

To that end, I am very pleased to announce that the Episcopal Residence will be renamed the Bishop Jerome Chimy Eparchial Centre, and renovated to fully meet its newly expanded role in the life of the Eparchy.

The Bishop Jerome Centre was originally built by our Beloved Bishop in 1976 and became the official residence of the Eparch. During the time of Bishop Jerome, the Episcopal Residence housed not only the Bishop, but up to 3 Sisters Servants, 2 priests and any out of town guests on official visits to the Eparchy. The Episcopal Residence during the time of Bishop Severian housed the Bishop, one or two priests, a hospodar and also allowed Bishop Severian to provide a welcome place for visitors to the Eparchy. As the Eparchy has grown and evolved, other arrangements have been provided for housing the sisters and priests of the Eparchy in the lower mainland and now the Episcopal Residence is no longer needed as simple housing. The interior of the building is showing its age after 36 years of chancery and residential use with minimal renovations.

Acting on your suggestions, and with the support of the Eparchial College of Consultors and Finance Council, various Parish Council Chairs, the Eparchial UCWLC and other interested parties, we have secured rezoning from the City of New Westminster to allow us to legally operate our administrative offices in this location. We have also undertaken to reallocate over 4,300 square feet of space in the new Bishop Jerome Centre from living quarters to become an Eparchial Library, Archives, Chancery, Administrative and Pastoral Centre, Religious Education office and meeting places. The remaining area will be separately accessed and will serve as the official residence of the Bishop and any visitors to the Eparchy.

To ensure the Bishop Jerome Centre is safe for all occupants, we are following the advice and instructions of our structural architect and thus are upgrading the structure to meet all modern code requirements. Other changes to make the Centre more welcoming for all of our faithful and guests include upgrades to provide handicapped accessibility.

In March of 1976, just a few short months after the December 28th, 1975 ground-breaking ceremony was celebrated and the construction of the Episcopal Residence began, Bishop Jerome wrote the following to the faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster:

“As it now stands, construction of the Bishop’s Residence is well under way. Completion is expected sometime in May and the official opening and blessing is anticipated for June 13, 1976.

“The Diocesan Expansion Fund campaign has been launched for the construction of the Bishop’s Residence. However, we should look beyond the physical structure of the residence. We should look at it as a symbol – a symbol of unity of our Eparchy, a symbol of our achievements in this province, a symbol of our awareness of our identity. No one can doubt the importance of this purpose.

“Your generous contribution towards the Diocesan Expansion Fund is a great investment, it is a contribution to our Church and to our national heritage. Therefore let’s all join hands, young and old, rich and poor, strong and weak, to achieve this goal.”

I would like to echo the words of our Founding Bishop of blessed memory and also announce that the renovations to the interior of the building have begun and are expected to continue until the early summer of 2012. The total cost of the renovation is estimated at around \$250,000. We have already raised funds of over \$150,000 including a grant of \$50,000 from Catholic Missions in Canada who were very excited when they saw the plans for this Centre. We are seeking benefactors to help support this enhancement to the future life of the Eparchy and would ask you to consider a contribution to the Bishop Jerome Chimy Eparchial Centre in your annual gifting or perhaps in your will.

Bishop Jerome demonstrated the foresight and courage to construct the Episcopal Residence during the infancy of our Eparchy. All who have seen the vision for this space believe that the Bishop Jerome Chimy Eparchial Centre is a fitting tribute and legacy to our Founding Bishop. The Centre will continue to be a vibrant hub of Eparchial life that reflects the energy of this Spiritual Father and the love he had for all the faithful of the Eparchy. This rededicated facility will continue his work of Evangelization and will be the focal point from which we can follow Jesus’ command to spread the Gospel and share the Good News of Christ’s love and mercy with the people of British Columbia and Yukon.

With prayerful best wishes and assurance of my Episcopal Blessings,

I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

 +Ken

Eparch of New Westminster