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Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці

*Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Parish*

*The No. 1 priority for ... the church is evangelization:
preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world.*

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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. Василян/ Basilian Fathers
serving this Parish

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

21-а Неділя Після Зшестя Святого Духа

Лука 8:5-15



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 8: 5-15

**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.**

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21 Неділя Після Зшестя Святого Духа

Парафія Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та рідних які зедналися сьогодні разом брати участь в цій Службі Божі. Нехай наш Господь через заступництво Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці благословить Вас і Вашу родину.

Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Жовтень

Загальний намір: "Щоб нова Євангелізація поступово зростала в давніх християнських країнах."

Місійний намір: "Щоб святкування Всесвітнього Дня Місії зроджувало плід в новому зобов'язанні євангелізації."

- Тропарі і читання в фіолетовій книжці на стор. 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, 21 Жовтень:

- Спільна Вервиця – 10:00 рано в церкві перед Службою Божою у 10:30 рано.
- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Понеділок, 22 Жовтень: – 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Середа, 24 Жовтень: – 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Четвер, 25 Жовтень:

- Біблійні Студії о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

П'ятниця, 26 Жовтень: – 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Неділя, 28 Жовтень:

- Спільна Вервиця – 10:00 рано в церкві перед Службою Божою у 10:30 рано.
- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.
- Парафіяльні Річні Збори починаються з перекусом в нашій центрі після 10:30 Служби Божої.

Понеділок, 29 Жовтень: – 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Середа, 31 Жовтень: – 7:00 веч. Спільна Вервиця в каплиці.

Четвер, 1 Листопад:

- Біблійні Студії о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

П'ятниця, 2 Листопад: Перша П'ятниця

- 8:30 ранку по Службі Божі Молебень до Серця Христового.

Субота, 3 Листопад: – Просимо Вас завернути свої годинники одну годину взад.

Неділя, 4 Листопад:

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

Четвер, 8 Листопад:

- Біблійні Студії о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

Субота, 10 Листопад: – 9:30 ранку Сходина Л.У.К.Ж.К. піchnуться молебнем до Пречистої Диви Марії а відтак засідання у вітальні під церквою.

October 21, 2012

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes all our guests, friends, visiting relatives and Parishioners in celebrating this Divine Liturgy together. May our Lord, through the intercession of the Protectress, the Blessed Mother of God, bless you and your family!

Papal General Prayer Intention for October: *“Pray that the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.”*

Mission Intention for October: *“Pray that the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelization.”*

- Tropar, Kondak & readings for today in the purple booklet pages: 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, October 21:

- **10:00 am** Communal Rosary in church.

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Monday, October 22: - 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Wednesday, October 24:

- **8:00 am “Pyrohy making”** in the auditorium.

- 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Thursday, October 25: - **BIBLE STUDIES – “Revelations”** at 7 pm – Fellowship Room.

Friday, October 26: - 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Sunday, October 28:

- **10:00 am** Communal Rosary in church.

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

- **Parish Annual Meeting** following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the auditorium.

Monday, October 29: - 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Wednesday, October 31: - 7:00 pm Communal Rosary in Rectory Chapel.

Thursday, November 1: - **BIBLE STUDIES – “Revelations”** at 7 pm – Fellowship Room.

Friday, November 2: First Friday

- 8:30 am Divine Liturgy & Moleben to Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday, November 3: Remember to turn your clock back one hour before going to bed so that you will be on time for church on November 4. If you do not turn the clock back you just might show up in church early.

Sunday, November 4:

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, November 8: - **BIBLE STUDIES – “Revelations”** at 7 pm – Fellowship Room.

Saturday, November 13:

- **UCWLC Meeting begins at 9:30 am with Moleben** to the Mother of God followed by the monthly meeting in the Fellowship Room.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 28, 2012

Our Parish Annual Meeting is fast approaching and our Nominating Committee is in need of assistance.

Are you interested in making our Parish a better place of worship and Fellowship? Are you interested in assisting our fellow Parishioners to be more conscious of the need for Stewardship? Are you interested in encouraging your fellow Parishioners to take an active part in the life and welfare of this Parish?

These are very good qualities that would help you to be a member of the Parish Council.

To be named to the Parish Council, or one of the committees, or to nominate a Parishioner please call one of the Parish Nominating Committee Members listed below.

The Parish needs your input! You can do this by: 1. Praying for the good of the Parish. 2. Offering your time and talents by serving on Parish Council. 3. Supporting the members of the Parish Council by participating in Parish events.

The Nominating Committee consists of:

Chair: Dr. Michael Myckatyn – 604-277-0828

Adam Kozak – 604-929-2581

Bill Humenny – 604-574-5777

Eugene Lupynis – 604-274-8631

Verle Kaweski – 604-224-3785

PICK UP YOUR ANNUAL REPORT IN CHURCH ON OCTOBER 21, 2012. Please note that all Financial questions must be in writing and handed in to the Parish Office by **12 noon on October 25.** Financial Questions raised during the Meeting will be addressed at the next Parish Council Meeting – most likely on Dec. 17, 2012.

A Ukrainian Catholic young Adult male from Saskatchewan, attending a nine month Fine Arts program, in the downtown area, is looking for an apartment or basement suite to rent or for Room and Board. Call Simon at 1-306-862-7949.

PRAYER OF JOHN PAUL II when he visited the Greek Catholic Church of St. Nicholas – TO OUR LADY OF ZARVANIZA – Saturday, 23 June 2001

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Zarvaniza, I thank you for the gift of my visit to the 'Kyivan Rus'. From where the light of the Gospel spread through this whole region.

Here before your miraculous icon, kept in this church of Saint Nicholas, I entrust to you, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, my apostolic journey to Ukraine.

Holy Mother of God, spread your maternal mantle over all Christians and over all people of good will who live in this great nation.

Lead them to your Son, Jesus, who is for everyone the way, the truth and the life.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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PRAYER FOR A VIBRANT PARISH – O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ – The Way, The Truth, and The Life – and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You: Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Live-Giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!



GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2011/2012

Come and join us for lunch, conversation and prayer

Register now for the next Generations of Faith session featuring

“The Holy Mystery of the Anointing of the Sick”

SUNDAY, November 18, at Holy Eucharist Cathedral

501-4th Avenue, New Westminster, from 12:30pm - 4:00pm

There will be a separate session for the children

Early bird registrations will be accepted until November 4

Please register in advance for this event by November 12

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or on the Eparchial website at: www.nweparchy.ca. They can be submitted to your parish office or contact person.

For more information, speak to: **Carol Achtemichuk @ 604.980.4680**

Rides are available to New Westminster

Request for Prayers: for you, your family, or friend – please submit the name to the Parish Office or submit a note and place 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; the shut-ins or those in hospital; those seeking God's guidance or rejoicing with God's favour; or for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; or have been called to their eternal reward or 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, Frances Bethune, Mary Earl, Catherine Hladij, Bohdan Karpinski, Karlo Kozy, Victoria Kuzik, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie Lawryshyn, Oscar Lyseyko, Ben Marchinkow, Jason Obuck, Orest Obuck, John and Elizabeth Pura, Mary Scott, Wasyl Saik, Kaiya Williams, Leon Woznow.

PLEASE VISIT our Parishioners or phone confined to their homes. They need your visits, your phone calls, as well as your prayers.

If there are people you visit requesting our prayers, please call the Parish office.

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

BAZAAR NEWS – PARISH BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 26, 2011 – Doors open – 11 am

Наш Парафіяльний Базар зближається чим–раз ближче. Базаровий Комітет ласкаво просить Вас, якщо Ви приготуєте консерви цього літа, то просимо зробіть декілька “екстра” на наш Базар. Ваша поміч буде оцінена.

1. **The Bazaar “Preserves and Baking” Committee** is requesting any extra **preserves** that you will be making over the summer. Please bring as many as you can spare to the Auditorium kitchen on Tuesdays. They will be sold **at our Parish Bazaar**. Your help is greatly appreciated.
2. **They are also** asking for **Home baking** such as brownies, breads and buns, pies, cakes, cinnamon buns, cookies and any other baking that does not include fillings such as cream or cheese or other dairy products.
3. **The Bazaar “Silent Auction” Committee** is asking for **donations** of all things (ie: Hockey tickets, dinners for two, wine box, etc.) to be bid on **at the Silent Auction**. Please bring them as soon as possible to the Parish Office or place them in the “Silent Auction” box in the Church Fellowship Room.
4. **The Bazaar “Paper Lottery” Committee** is asking for **donations of new items for the children and adult “Paper Lottery”**. **Your help is needed before and during the bazaar**. For more information, call Pat Oleksiew at 604.278.1429. Your help is greatly appreciated.
5. **The Bazaar “Crafts” Committee** is asking for **items for the Crafts Corner**; such as small wooden ornaments or boards, knitting, home decorated aprons and other such useful items, and things for scrapbooking. Drop them off at the Fellowship Room.
6. **The Bazaar “Rummage Sale” Committee** need items for the **Rummage Sale** such as clean slightly used clothing, clean kitchen utensils (pots and the like), household items (picture frames, ornaments and the like). Drop them off at the Fellowship Room. We will not accept used TVs, electronic devices, big living room furniture, or any other item that can carry unwanted creatures.
7. **Dates for “pyrohy making” – Wednesday at 8 am: Oct. 24**. For more information, call Henriette Ukrainetz at 604.291.0087.

For any other information call the Parish Office or Dr. Michael Myckatyn, Bazaar Chairperson, so that we can direct your call to the right person.

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A very special Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the UCWLC of our Parish for the wonderful breakfast they prepared for us on Sunday, October 14.

The 80–year and older Parishioners of our Parish

Church Etiquette: Just a reminder that to have attended the entire Divine Liturgy one must be in Church and have heard the reading of the Gospel as well as the homily, participated in the responses for the consecration and received the final Blessing before leaving the church. We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church (the Nave) before during or after the Service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations – leave the Church proper for those that want to pray.

HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV HAS INVITED YOU TO KYIV IN 2013!

His Beatitude, our Patriarch Sviatoslav, has invited the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church to make a pilgrimage to Kyiv in 2013 to celebrate the 1,025th anniversary of the baptism of Kyivian–Rus, Ukraine! The major celebration will be a special Divine Liturgy on Sunday August 18 at the Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv. Join Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM of Winnipeg and Bishops David Motiuk of Edmonton, Ken Nowakowski of New Westminster and Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R. of Saskatoon on an official pilgrimage to Ukraine 7–21 August. The Pilgrimage will begin in Western Ukraine visiting Lviv, Zarvanytsia, and Ternopil before proceeding to Kyiv for the major celebrations. In the next few weeks more details will be announced as soon as the program is finalized. Solaway Travel has been commissioned to assist our Church in arranging for our travel plans and accommodations on this pilgrimage. To express your interest in being part of this very exciting pilgrimage with our Bishops please contact:

**Myrna Arychuk of Solaway Travel: 3819 Sunset Street, Burnaby, BC V5G 1T4
Tel: 604.430.6789 Fax: 604.430.2244. Myrna – myrna@solawaytravel.com, or Solaway Travel www.solawaytravel.com/**

CONCILIAR DOCUMENTS: A COMPASS TO GUIDE THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

Vatican City, 10 October 2012 (VIS) – "We have reached the eve of the day on which we will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican Council II and the beginning of the Year of Faith", said Benedict XVI at the start of his catechesis during this morning's general audience in St. Peter's Square. "And it is about the great ecclesial event of the Council that I wish to speak", he explained.

"The documents of Vatican Council II are, even in our own time, a compass guiding the ship of the Church as she sails on the open seas, amidst tempests or peaceful waves, to reach her destination". Vatican II, in which Pope Benedict participated as a young professor of fundamental theology at the University of Bonn, was, he said, "a unique experience" during which "I was able to witness the living Church ... which places herself at the school of the Holy Spirit, the true driving force behind the Council. Rarely in history has it been possible, as it was then, to touch almost physically the universality of the Church at a moment of peak fulfillment of her mission to carry the Gospel into all ages and unto the ends of the earth".

In Church history Vatican II was preceded by many other Councils such as Nicea, Ephesus, Chalcedon and Trent. In general though, they met to define fundamental elements of the faith, and particularly to correct errors endangering that faith. This was not the case with Vatican Council II, because at that time "there were no particular errors of the faith to correct and condemn, nor were there specific questions of doctrine and discipline to be clarified. ... The first question that arose during the preparation of this great event was how to begin, what task to give it. Blessed John

XXIII in his opening address of 11 October fifty years ago gave some general guidelines: the faith had to speak with a 'renewed' and more incisive voice, because the world was changing rapidly, but it had to maintain its perennial message intact, without giving way or compromising.

"The Pope", Benedict XVI added, "wanted the Church to reflect upon her faith and upon the truths that guide her. But that serious and profound reflection ... had to be the starting point for a new relationship between the Church and the modern age, between Christianity and certain essential elements of modern thought, not in order to seek conformity, but to show our world, which tends to distance itself from God, the requirements of the Gospel in all its greatness and purity".

"The age in which we live continues to be marked by forgetfulness and deafness towards God. I believe, then, that we must learn the simplest and most fundamental lesson of the Council: that the essence of Christianity consists in faith in God, ... and in the individual and community encounter with Christ Who guides our lives. ... The important thing today, as was the desire of the Council Fathers, is for us to see – clearly and anew – that God is present, that He concerns us and responds to us. And when faith in God is lacking our essential foundations give way because man loses his dignity. ... The Council reminds us that the Church ... has the mandate to transmit God's salvific word of love, so that the divine call which contains our eternal beatitude may be heard and accepted".

The Pope then went on to mention the four conciliar Constitutions, describing them as "the four cardinal points of our guiding compass": "Sacrosanctum Concilium" on the sacred liturgy, which speaks of the centrality of the mystery of Christ's presence in the Church; "Lumen Gentium" which highlights the Church's fundamental duty to glorify God; "Dei Verbum" on divine Revelation, which speaks of the living Word of God that unites and animates the Church throughout history, and finally "Gaudium et Spes" which deals with the way the Church transmits to the world the light it received from God.

"Vatican Council II", Benedict XVI concluded, "is a powerful appeal to us to make a daily rediscovery of the beauty of our faith, to understand it deeply through a more intense relationship with the Lord, and to live out our Christian vocation to the full".

THE HOLY FATHER INAUGURATES THE YEAR OF FAITH

Vatican City, 11 October 2012 (VIS) – "Today, fifty years from the opening of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, we begin with great joy the Year of Faith", said Benedict XVI during the course of a Mass celebrated this morning in St. Peter's Square. Concelebrating with the Pope were cardinals, patriarchs and major archbishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches, Synod Fathers who are currently participating in a synodal assembly on the new evangelisation, presidents of episcopal conferences from all over the world, and a number of Council Fathers from Vatican II. Also present at the celebration were Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I and His Grace Rowan Williams, archbishop of Canterbury and primate of the Anglican Communion.

"In order to evoke the Council", the Holy Father said, "this celebration has been enriched by several special signs: the opening procession, intended to recall the memorable one of the Council Fathers when they entered this basilica; the enthronement of a copy of the Book of the Gospels used at the Council; the consignment of the seven final Messages of the Council, and of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which I will do before the final blessing. These signs help us not only

to remember, they also offer us the possibility of going beyond commemorating. They invite us to enter more deeply into the spiritual movement which characterised Vatican II, to make it ours and to develop it according to its true meaning. And its true meaning was and remains faith in Christ, the apostolic faith, animated by the inner desire to communicate Christ to individuals and all people, in the Church's pilgrimage along the pathways of history".

Extracts from Benedict XVI's homily are given below.

"The Year of Faith which we launch today is linked harmoniously with the Church's whole path over the last fifty years: from the Council, through the Magisterium of the Servant of God Paul VI, who proclaimed a Year of Faith in 1967, up to the Great Jubilee of the year 2000, with which Blessed John Paul II re-proposed to all humanity Jesus Christ as the one Saviour, yesterday, today and forever. Between these two Popes, Paul VI and John Paul II, there was a deep and profound convergence, precisely upon Christ as the centre of the cosmos and of history, and upon the apostolic eagerness to announce Him to the world. Jesus is the centre of the Christian faith. The Christian believes in God Whose face was revealed by Jesus Christ. He is the fulfilment of the Scriptures and their definitive interpreter".

"Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus Christ, consecrated by the Father in the Holy Spirit, is the true and perennial subject of evangelisation. ... This mission of Christ, this movement of His continues in space and time, over centuries and continents. It is a movement which starts with the Father and, in the power of the Spirit, goes forth to bring the good news to the poor, in both a material and a spiritual sense. The Church is the first and necessary instrument of this work of Christ because it is united to Him as a body to its head".

"Vatican Council II did not wish to deal with the theme of faith in one specific document. It was, however, animated by a desire, as it were, to immerse itself anew in the Christian mystery so as to re-propose it fruitfully to contemporary man. ... In his opening speech Blessed John XXIII presented the principal purpose of the Council in this way: "What above all concerns the Ecumenical Council is this: that the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine be safeguarded and taught more effectively. ... Therefore, the principal purpose of this Council is not the discussion of this or that doctrinal theme, a Council is not required for that, ... [but] this certain and immutable doctrine, which is to be faithfully respected, needs to be explored and presented in a way which responds to the needs of our time".

"In the light of these words, we can understand what I myself felt at the time: during the Council there was an emotional tension as we faced the common task of making the truth and beauty of the faith shine out in our time, without sacrificing it to the demands of the present or leaving it tied to the past: the eternal presence of God resounds in the faith, transcending time, yet it can only be welcomed by us in our own unrepeatable today. Therefore I believe that the most important thing ... is to revive in the whole Church that positive tension, that yearning to announce Christ again to contemporary man. But, so that this interior thrust towards the new evangelisation neither remain just an idea nor be lost in confusion, ... I have often insisted on the need to return, as it were, to the "letter" of the Council – that is to its texts – also to draw from them its authentic spirit, and why I have repeated that the true legacy of Vatican II is to be found in them".

"The Council did not formulate anything new in matters of faith, nor did it wish to

replace what was ancient. Rather, it concerned itself with seeing that the same faith might continue to be lived in the present day, that it might remain a living faith in a world of change. ... The Council Fathers wished to present the faith in a meaningful way; and if they opened themselves trustingly to dialogue with the modern world it is because they were certain of their faith, of the solid rock on which they stood. In the years following, however, many embraced uncritically the dominant mentality, placing in doubt the very foundations of the deposit of faith, which they sadly no longer felt able to accept as truths.

"If today the Church proposes a new Year of Faith and a new evangelization, it is not to honour an anniversary, but because there is more need of it, even more than there was fifty years ago! ... Even the initiative to create a pontifical council for the promotion of the new evangelization ... is to be understood in this context. Recent decades have seen the advance of a spiritual "desertification". In the Council's time it was already possible from a few tragic pages of history to know what a life or a world without God looked like, but now we see it every day around us. ... But it is in starting from the experience of this desert ... that we can again discover the joy of believing, its vital importance for us".

"In the desert we rediscover the value of what is essential for living; thus in today's world there are innumerable signs, often expressed implicitly or negatively, of the thirst for God, for the ultimate meaning of life. And in the desert people of faith are needed who, with their own lives, point out the way to the Promised Land and keep hope alive. Living faith opens the heart to the grace of God that frees us from pessimism. Today, more than ever, evangelizing means witnessing to the new life, transformed by God, and thus showing the path".

"The journey is a metaphor for life, and the wise wayfarer is one who has learned the art of living, and can share it with his brethren – as happens to pilgrims along the Way of St. James or similar routes which, not by chance, have again become popular in recent years. How come so many people today feel the need to make these journeys? Is it not because they find there, or at least intuit, the meaning of our existence in the world? This, then, is how we can picture the Year of Faith: a pilgrimage in the deserts of today's world, taking with us only what is necessary: ... the Gospel and the faith of the Church, of which the Council documents are a luminous expression, as is the Catechism of the Catholic Church, published twenty years ago.

"Venerable and dear brothers, 11 October 1962 was the Feast of Mary Most Holy, Mother of God. Let us entrust to her the Year of Faith, as I did last week when I went on pilgrimage to Loreto. May the Virgin Mary always shine out as a star along the way of the new evangelization".

POPE ASKS FAITHFUL TO PRAY FOR YEAR OF FAITH, SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Vatican City, 3 October 2012 (VIS) – Following his catechesis during his general audience this morning, the Pope mentioned his visit tomorrow to Loreto, Italy, "on the fiftieth anniversary of the famous pilgrimage made to that Marian shrine by Blessed Pope John XXIII, a week before the opening of Vatican Council II".

Benedict XVI asked everyone to join his prayers "entrusting to the Mother of God the main ecclesial events we are preparing to experience: the Year of Faith, and the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelisation. May the Blessed Virgin accompany the Church on her mission to announce the Gospel to the men and women of our time".



Ukrainian Food Fair and Bazaar

Saturday
November 24th, 2012

11:00 am - 7:00 pm

FREE Admission and Parking!

Ukrainian Food Served
All Day

Lunch: Starting at 11:00 am

**Purchase To Go: Perogies, Cabbage Rolls,
Sausage Rings and Sauerkraut**

**Other tables: Silent Auction, Raffles, Baking, Preserves,
Christmas Items, Crafts, Rummage,
Kids Korner, and more!**

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We will be offering a **Parish Young Persons Catechism Program** on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding 10:30 a.m. for children from ages 7 to 14 beginning October 7, 2012 and concluding in May 2013.

Classes for children 3 to 6 will continue to be offered during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy following the reading of the Gospel.

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League – St. Mary's Branch, are the sponsors of this program.

Please hand in this form to the Parish office or the UCWLC Executive

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I would like to register my child (Children) for the Parish Young Persons Catechism Program

Name of Child _____ age _____

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Name of Parents (guardian) _____

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