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Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці

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Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies

В Неділю/Sunday

8:30 am partially sung

10:30 am sung

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

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

Неділя Митаря і Фарисея

Луки 18:10-14



Sunday of the Publican & 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.**

Парафія Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та рідних які зєдналися 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 Січень

Загальний намір: Пізнати Христа, свідчити віру. Щоб у цьому Році християни поглиблювали пізнання таїнства Христа і свідчили радісно свою власну віру.

Місійний намір: Щоб спільноти Середнього Сходу прийняли від Святого Духа силу вірності і витривалости, особливо тоді, коли вони дискриміновані.

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 допоможім, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

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

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

Сьогодні – Неділя, 20 Січень:

- 10:30 рано – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма зараз по Євангелії під час Служби Божої.

Понеділок, 21 Січень:

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

Четвер, 24 Січень:

- 7:00 вечора – **Біблійні Студії:** Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

Неділя, 27 Січень:

- 10:30 рано – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма зараз по Євангелії під час Служби Божої.

Четвер, 31 Січень:

- 7:00 вечора – **Біблійні Студії:** Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

П'ятниця, 1 Лютень: Перша П'ятниця

- 8:25 рано – Служба Божа а відтак Молебень до Серця Христового.

Субота, 2 Лютень: – Свято – Стрітення Господа нашого Ісуса Христа

- 10:00 рано – Служба Божа і свячення свічок.

Неділя, 3 Лютень:

- 10:30 рано – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма зараз по Євангелії під час Служби Божої.

Четвер, 7 Лютень:

- 7:00 вечора – **Біблійні Студії:** Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

Субота, 9 Лютець: – 6:00 вечора – Пушчення і забава.

Неділя, 10 Лютець:

– 10:30 рано – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма зараз по Євангелії під час Служби Божої.

Понеділок, 11 Лютець: – Перший день посту – стримуємося від м'яса і молочних продуктів.

– 8:25 рано і 7:00 вечора, Служби Божі. Заохочуємо Вас почати Великий Піст і просити Бога за ласки потрібні нам, щоби жити життям більше згідним з Божим світом. Церква також заохочує нас більше постити і молитися під час цього часу.

BEGINNING - February 14

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

“THE CREED” A NEW STUDY DURING THIS YEAR OF THE FAITH”

This twelve (12) part series - “The Creed - is A Journey through the Catechism” This will be the first of four parts or Pillars

The Creed makes the Catechism of the Catholic Church come alive, showing you how your personal journey of faith fits into the amazing story of salvation told in the Creed. Far more than a list of “faith facts” the Catechism provides a sure map for your journey of faith, which can be easily navigated and deeply enriching with the right tools.

In this Series - “THE CREED” - you will:

- 1. Learn why the Catechism should be treated less like a fact book and more like a roadmap for our faith journey.**
- 2. Learn what God’s innermost secret is and how we are called to participate in it.**
- 3. See that our journey of faith is a journey from *Blessing to Blessing*, that the God who made us **wills that we return to Him.****
- 4. Discover how the Catechism can be seen as a new Catechesis for the New Evangelization.**
- 5. Learn how what we believe emerges from the living story of salvation history.**
- 6. Discover the role the angels play in aiding our salvation, and how they are truly present to us. and much more**

To purchase a workbook for the program - \$ 29.00/each - contact Susan Lazaruk or come to the Parish office.

П’ятниця, 24 Лютець: – 7 вечора – Запокійні Служби Божі і Сорокоусти.

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!

Monthly Papal Intentions for January

General Intention: The Faith of Christians - That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.

Mission Intention: Middle Eastern Christians - That the Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

Tropar, Kondak & readings in the yellow booklet - pages: 3 & 4

- 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.

Sunday, January 20:

- 10:30 am – Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers following the reading of the Gospel during the Divine Liturgy.

Migrants and Refugees, “Welcome Home” – I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Mt. 25:35) The Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Eparchy of New Westminster is home to Catholics from many countries and here, in the lower mainland the Divine Liturgy is celebrated in twenty-two languages. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms. As Catholics, we are called to reach out to and pray for all migrants and refugees to emphasize the unity of the global human family and the values of acceptance, hospitality, and love. During every Divine Liturgy we pray for all to be as one (family) in other words we “welcome one another in our family.” On Sunday, January 20, we will gather as one family in a global celebration that the Vatican has invited us all to celebrate the “99 World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Pilgrimage of Faith and Hope.”

Monday, January 21:

- 7 pm – Parish Council Meeting in the Board Room.

Thursday, January 24:

- 7 pm – BIBLE STUDIES: We are taking “Revelations” in the Fellowship Room.

Sunday, January 27:

- 10:30 am – Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers following the reading of the Gospel during the Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, January 31:

- 7 pm – BIBLE STUDIES: We are taking “Revelations” in the Fellowship Room.

Friday, February 1: – First Friday

- 8:25 am Divine Liturgy followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart.

Saturday, February 2: – Holy Day – Presentation of our Lord in the Temple
– 10:00 am – Divine Liturgy and **Blessing of Candles.**

Sunday, February 3:

– 10:30 am – **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** following the reading of the Gospel during the Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, February 7:

– 7 pm – **BIBLE STUDIES:** We are taking “**Revelations**” in the Fellowship Room.

Saturday, February 9: PUSHCHENNIA in the Auditorium **6:00 pm doors open.**

Sunday, February 10:

– 10:30 am – **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** following the reading of the Gospel during the Divine Liturgy.

Monday, February 11: First day of Great Lent – abstain from meat & dairy products

– **8:25 am and 7 pm Divine Liturgy.** You are encouraged to begin Great Lent by asking our Lord for the graces needed to live a life more in-tune with God's Word. The church also encourages us to fast and pray more during this time.

Thursday, February 14: beginning at 7 pm: “THE CREED” A NEW STUDY DURING THIS YEAR OF THE FAITH” BEGINS in the Fellowship Room. Come and participate in this wonderful new series that will help each us grow in our faith.

Friday, February 15: – 7 pm Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty

Заупокійні Служби Божі і Сорокоусти за померлих членів Ваших Родин будуть відправлятися кожної п'ятниці о год. 7 вечора під час Великого Посту, починаючи від 15-го Лютого. Зробіть відповідні зарядження.

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

Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty for the deceased of individual family members will be celebrated every Friday during Great Lent at 7 pm beginning on February 15, 2013. Arrange to have the deceased members of your family remembered during these Services. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please fill them out and **place** them in the Sunday collection plate, **or** give to Father, **or** bring to the Parish Office.

SUNDAY, February 24, at Richmond Funeral Home from 1 pm – 4pm. We will explore the ethical teaching of the Catholic Church on dying, the process of grieving and our Services for the Dead. Registration before February 10. Forms are available on the Eparchy website @ nweparchy.ca.

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

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.

“CATHOLICS COME HOME” - ads began on December 13. For the next six weeks these compelling TV commercials (Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Vancouver) will be aired on Citytv, CTV, Global and ethnic television stations inviting viewers to “Come Home to Christ and the Church.” We anticipate that many will come to the Divine Liturgies in the following weeks in response to these ads, and we need to offer them a warm and friendly welcome. In the weeks ahead, pray for those you know who have stopped practising their faith, and say a friendly hello to unfamiliar faces. To view the commercials and for more information about this initiative, visit www.rcav.org.

PRAYER FOR EVANGELIZATION ‘YEAR OF FAITH’ - O God, who wills that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of truth, pour out Your Spirit upon us and grant that we may respond zealously to Your urgent call to lead back to the Church those who have strayed. Prepare their hearts and minds to be receptive to the saving Gospel of Your Son. Send us workers to gather in Your abundant harvest, so that all Your people, obedient to the Word and sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the way of Salvation and love. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO submit a short biography of individual persons and/or families who have contributed to the life and growth of the Parish. This can be your own family or of other members who may not be in the Parish today. These will be compiled into a book as a history of our Parish. **PLEASE SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION to the parish office.**

REQUEST from the HISTORY and PICTORAL COMMITTEE: To all Parishioners

- We are looking for pictures of any priest who served at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church before the year 2000. Please provide Orest Kernycky with any pictures, he will copy them and return them to you the following week. You can also put them into the collection basket, in an envelope with your name, phone number, the name of the priest, and the year the picture was taken. Thank you for your assistance.

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!

**DO YOU LIVE IN GREATER VANCOUVER?
HAVE YOU MOVED INTO GREATER VANCOUVER RECENTLY?**

We encourage you to register your name and address and e-mail with the parish. People come to arrange for baptisms, marriages, funerals, or special blessings. Only then do the fathers discover that they have been participating in the Liturgical Services for years but have not registered as Parishioners. We may recognize you, we may see you in church but we do not know your name or address. **Please print your name, address, telephone number, e-mail and postal code** on your donation envelope, or contact the Parish Office.

REMEMBER: To be considered a member of this Parish one must be registered in the Parish, attend the Divine Liturgy regularly and make regular contributions to maintain the Parish.

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

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. Steven Basarab, Mary Balsevicius, Joseph Bayduza, Frances Bethune, Mary Earl, Catherine Hladij, Alice Humenick, Bohdan Karpinski, Brian Kluchkowsky, Karlo Kozy, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie and Shirley Lawryshyn, Oscar Lyseyko, Ben Marchinkow, Jason Obuck, Orest Obuck, John Pura, Mary Scott, Kaiya Williams, Leon Woznow, Tiny Zarski.

PLEASE VISIT our Parishioners or those 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.

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

Pre-order your historic DVD of Major Archbishop Sviatoslav's visit to our parish. This DVD contains the complete Divine Liturgy celebrating Bishop Budka's hundredth anniversary of arrival to Canada. The price of the DVD is dependent on how many copies we order. Please indicate how many copies you would like. The DVD will be available sometime in February of 2013.

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.

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each **to two 2013 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 15th, 2013. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church, or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under upcoming events.

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@solawaytravel.com, or Solaway Travel www.solawaytravel.com/**

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.

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

Складаємо щиросердечну подяку Парохові о. Йосафатові Тиркало, п. Василеві Шміглю, всім дорогим приятелям, парафіянам і членам ЛУКЖ за участь в Похоронні Відправі нашого дорогого мужа, батька, дідуся і прадідуся Василя, а також за їхні теплі вирази співчуття, за пожертви на Служби Божі і за квіти. Дякуємо Господарському Комітетові за приготування обіду. Нехай Господь Бог Благословить Вас всіх своїми щедрими ласками за Вашу доброту! Анна Саїк з Родиною

A sincere Thank you to Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, Mr. Bill Smigel, all our friends, parishioners and members of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Women's League for their participation at the Funeral Divine Liturgy for our dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Wasyl. Thank you all for your warm expression of condolences, flowers, cards and offerings of Divine Liturgies. Also thank you to the Catering Staff for the funeral luncheon. May our Lord bless you for your compassion and kindness! Anna Saik and Family

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.

THE THREE WISE MEN WERE SEEKERS AFTER GOD

Vatican City, 6 January 2013 (VIS) – Today, Sunday the Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Holy Mass in the Vatican Basilica and conferred episcopal ordination on Angelo Vincenzo Zani, elected titular archbishop of Volturmo and named secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education; Fortunato Nwachukwu, elected titular archbishop of Acquaviva and named apostolic nuncio to Nicaragua; Georg Ganswein, private secretary to Benedict XVI, named titular archbishop of Urbisaglia and prefect of the pontifical household; and Nicolas Henry Marie Denis Thevenin, elected titular archbishop of Eclano and named apostolic nuncio to Guatemala. Concelebrating with the Holy Father were Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, SDB, Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, and the four archbishops-elect. The rite of ordination took place after the proclamation of the Gospel and the announcement of the date of Easter, which will be celebrated on 31 March this year.

During the homily the Holy Father spoke of the Three Wise Men, referring to them as "seekers after God", for whom "the truth meant more than the taunts of the world". Speaking about what it means to be a bishop the Pope affirmed that he "must be courageous" and have "the courage to contradict the prevailing mindset".

Below you will find the complete text of Benedict XVI's words:

"For the Church which believes and prays, the Wise Men from the East who, guided by the star, made their way to the manger of Bethlehem, are only the beginning of a great procession which winds throughout history. Thus the liturgy reads the Gospel which relates the journey of the Wise Men, together with the magnificent prophetic visions of the sixtieth chapter of the Book of Isaiah and Psalm 71, which depict in bold imagery the pilgrimage of the peoples to Jerusalem. Like the shepherds, who as the first visitors to the newborn Child in the manger, embodied the poor of Israel and more generally those humble souls who live in deep interior closeness to Jesus, so the men from the East embody the world of the peoples, the Church of the Gentiles – the men and women who in every age set out on the way which leads to the Child of Bethlehem, to offer him homage as the Son of God and to bow down before him. The Church calls this feast "Epiphany" – the appearance of the Godhead. If we consider the fact that from the very beginning men and women of every place, of every continent, of all the different cultures, mentalities and lifestyles, have been on the way to Christ, then we can truly say that this pilgrimage and this encounter with God in the form of a Child is an epiphany of God's goodness and loving kindness for humanity (cf. Tit 3:4).

Following a tradition begun by Pope John Paul II, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord also as the day when episcopal ordination will be conferred on four priests who will now cooperate in different ways in the ministry of the Pope for the unity of the one Church of Jesus Christ in the multiplicity of the Particular Churches. The connection between this episcopal ordination and the theme of the pilgrimage of the peoples to Jesus Christ is evident. It is the task of the Bishop in this pilgrimage not merely to walk beside the others, but to go

before them, showing the way. But in this liturgy I would like to reflect with you on a more concrete question. Based on the account of Matthew, we can gain a certain idea of what sort of men these were, who followed the sign of the star and set off to find that King who would establish not only for Israel but for all mankind a new kind of kingship. What kind of men were they? And we can also ask whether, despite the difference of times and tasks, we can glimpse in them something of what a Bishop is and how he is to carry out his task.

These men who set out towards the unknown were, in any event, men with a restless heart. Men driven by a restless quest for God and the salvation of the world. They were filled with expectation, not satisfied with their secure income and their respectable place in society. They were looking for something greater. They were no doubt learned men, quite knowledgeable about the heavens and probably possessed of a fine philosophical formation. But they desired more than simply knowledge about things. They wanted above all else to know what is essential. They wanted to know how we succeed in being human. And therefore they wanted to know if God exists, and where and how he exists. Whether he is concerned about us and how we can encounter him. Nor did they want just to know. They wanted to understand the truth about ourselves and about God and the world. Their outward pilgrimage was an expression of their inward journey, the inner pilgrimage of their hearts. They were men who sought God and were ultimately on the way towards him. They were seekers after God.

Here we come to the question: What sort of man must he be, upon whom hands are laid in episcopal ordination in the Church of Jesus Christ? We can say that he must above all be a man concerned for God, for only then will he also be truly concerned about men. Inversely, we could also say that a Bishop must be a man concerned for others, one who is concerned about what happens to them. He must be a man for others. But he can only truly be so if he is a man seized by God, if concern for God has also become for him concern for God's creature who is man. Like the Wise Men from the East, a Bishop must not be someone who merely does his job and is content with that. No, he must be gripped by God's concern for men and women. He must in some way think and feel with God. Human beings have an innate restlessness for God, but this restlessness is a participation in God's own restlessness for us. Since God is concerned about us, he follows us even to the crib, even to the Cross. "Thou with weary steps hast sought me, crucified hast dearly bought me, may thy pains not be in vain", the Church prays in the *Dies Irae*. The restlessness of men for God and hence the restlessness of God for men must unsettle the Bishop. This is what we mean when we say that, above all else, the Bishop must be a man of faith. For faith is nothing less than being interiorly seized by God, something which guides us along the pathways of life. Faith draws us into a state of being seized by the restlessness of God and it makes us pilgrims who are on an inner journey towards the true King of the world and his promise of justice, truth and love. On this pilgrimage the Bishop must go ahead, he must be the guide pointing out to men and women the way to faith, hope and love.

Faith's inner pilgrimage towards God occurs above all in prayer. Saint Augustine once said that prayer is ultimately nothing more than the realization and radicalization of our yearning for God. Instead of "yearning", we could also translate the word as "restlessness" and say that prayer would detach us from our false security, from our being enclosed within material and visible realities, and would give us a restlessness for God and thus an openness to and concern for one another. The Bishop, as a pilgrim of God, must be above all a man of prayer. He must live and be in constant inner contact with God; his soul must be open wide to God. He must bring before God his own needs and the needs of others, as well as his joys and the joys of others, and thus in his own way establish contact between God and the world in communion with Christ, so that Christ's light can shine in the world.

Let us return to the Wise Men from the East. These were also, and above all, men of courage, the courage and humility born of faith. Courage was needed to grasp the meaning of the star as a sign to set out, to go forth – towards the unknown, the uncertain, on paths filled with hidden dangers. We can imagine that their decision was met with derision: the scorn of those realists who could only mock the reveries of such men. Anyone who took off on the basis of such uncertain promises, risking everything, could only appear ridiculous. But for these men, inwardly seized by God, the way which he pointed out was more important than what other people thought. For them, seeking the truth meant more than the taunts of the world, so apparently clever.

How can we not think, in this context, of the task of a Bishop in our own time? The humility of faith, of sharing the faith of the Church of every age, will constantly be in conflict with the prevailing wisdom of those who cling to what seems certain. Anyone who lives and proclaims the faith of the Church is on many points out of step with the prevalent way of thinking, even in our own day. Today's regnant agnosticism has its own dogmas and is extremely intolerant regarding anything that would question it and the criteria it employs. Therefore the courage to contradict the prevailing mindset is particularly urgent for a Bishop today. He must be courageous. And this courage or forcefulness does not consist in striking out or in acting aggressively, but rather in allowing oneself to be struck and to be steadfast before the principles of the prevalent way of thinking. The courage to stand firm in the truth is unavoidably demanded of those whom the Lord sends like sheep among wolves. "Those who fear the Lord will not be timid", says the Book of Sirach (34:16). The fear of God frees us from the fear of men. It liberates.

Here I am reminded of an episode at the very beginning of Christianity which Saint Luke recounts in the Acts of the Apostles. After the speech of Gamaliel, who advised against violence in dealing with the earliest community of believers in Jesus, the Sanhedrin summoned the Apostles and had them flogged. It then forbade them from preaching in the name of Jesus and set them free. Saint Luke continues: "As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonour for the name of Jesus. And every day... they did not

cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah” (Acts 5:40ff.). The successors of the Apostles must also expect to be repeatedly beaten, by contemporary methods, if they continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that can be heard and understood. Then they can rejoice that they have been considered worthy of suffering for him. Like the Apostles, we naturally want to convince people and in this sense to obtain their approval. Naturally, we are not provocative; on the contrary we invite all to enter into the joy of that truth which shows us the way. The approval of the prevailing wisdom, however, is not the criterion to which we submit. Our criterion is the Lord himself. If we defend his cause, we will constantly gain others to the way of the Gospel. But, inevitably, we will also be beaten by those who live lives opposed to the Gospel, and then we can be grateful for having been judged worthy to share in the passion of Christ.

The Wise Men followed the star, and thus came to Jesus, to the great Light which enlightens everyone coming into this world (cf. Jn 1:9). As pilgrims of faith, the Wise Men themselves became stars shining in the firmament of history and they show us the way. The saints are God’s true constellations, which light up the nights of this world, serving as our guides. Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, told his faithful that they must shine like stars in the world (cf. 2:15).

Dear friends, this holds true for us too. It holds true above all for you who are now to be ordained Bishops of the Church of Jesus Christ. If you live with Christ, bound to him anew in this sacrament, then you too will become wise men. Then you will become stars which go before men and women, pointing out to them the right path in life. All of us here are now praying for you, that the Lord may fill you with the light of faith and love. That that restlessness of God for man may seize you, so that all may experience his closeness and receive the gift of his joy. We are praying for you, that the Lord may always grant you the courage and humility of faith. We ask Mary, who showed to the Wise Men the new King of the world (cf. Mt 2:11), as a loving mother, to show Jesus Christ also to you and to help you to be guides along the way which leads to him. Amen.

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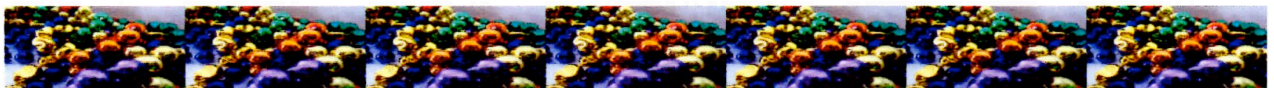
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