



Українська Католицька Парафія
Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці

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*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 partially sung

10:30 am sung

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

8:20 am in church

First Friday - 8:20 am Divine Liturgy followed
by Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or
Mother of God

Сповіді - 30 хвилин перед Службою Божою
або наперед домовитися під час тижня

Confessions - 30 minutes before the Divine
Liturgy or by appointment during the week

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

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Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM

Bishop Emeritus

10 Неділя по Зісланні Святого Духа

Матя 17:14-22



10 Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 14:22-34

**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 Липень

Загальний намір: Щоб Світовий День Молоді в Бразилії заохотив усіх молодих стати учнями і місіонерами Євангелії.

Місійний намір: Щоб в Азії відкрилися двері місіонерам Євангелії.

- **Тропарі і читання** в жовтій книжці на стор. 2 і 3 .

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

В цьому часі тільки один священик служити в парафії. Щоби вз'яти участь у Св. Сповіді, заохочуємо Вас приходити до церкви 30 хвилин скоріше перед Св. Літургію. Ви можете також наперед домовитися і прийти до Каплиці в резиденції під час тиждня.

Спеціальне прохання: після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і допоможим, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

Сьогодні, Неділя, 28 Липня:

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

П'ятниця, 2 Серпня: Перша П'ятниця

- **8:20 ранку** – Служба Божа а від так Молебень до Серця Христового.

Неділя, 4 Серпня:

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

Вівторок, 6 Серпень: Преображення Г. Н. І. Христа

- 10:00 год. ранку – Служба Божа і **благословення овочів**

- 7:00 год. вечора – Служба Божа і **благословення овочів**

Неділя, 11 Серпня:

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

Четвер, 15 Серпень: Обов'язуюче Свято - Успіння Пресвятої Богородиці

- 10:00 год. ранку – Служба Божа і **благословення зілля і квітів**

- 7:00 год. вечора – Служба Божа і **благословення зілля і квітів**

Неділя, 18 Серпня:

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

Неділя, 25 Серпня:

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

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

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.

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.

CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR August 18 – 25th, 2013 Camp St. Volodymyr will be celebrating its 30th anniversary. We have been enriching campers in their Ukrainian Catholic Faith and Culture since 1983. Located in Kelowna, campers spend a week participating in age tailored activities such as Ukrainian dancing, arts & crafts, singing, catechesis, sports and water activities. Camper fees: \$310 after July 5. 3rd/4th child from same family is \$150 each. Bus transportation is available from New Westminster. Registration forms can be downloaded from the eparchial website at www.nweparchy.ca/. For more information contact Jennifer Sawka @ 604.876.5691 jennsawka@hotmail.com. Register early. Space is limited!

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

YEAR OF FAITH Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessings as we celebrate this Year of Faith that we may deepen our personal encounter with Christ, that we may be more able to share our faith with those around us; to share our love for the Church and its people as Christ showed His love for us. By this, we renew our baptismal call by living out our daily moments with faith, hope and love. We ask through the prayers of the Most Holy Mother of God and all the saints. Amen.

Special Petition for Evangelization – *Let us ask our Heavenly Father for His gifts of wisdom & courage in our efforts of spreading the Good News and building up God's kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord.*

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

Monthly Papal Intentions for July

General Intention: - That World Youth Day in Brazil may encourage all young Christians to become disciples and missionaries of the Gospel.

Missionary Intention: That throughout Asia doors may be open to messengers of the Gospel.

- **Tropar, Kondak & readings** in the yellow booklet pages 2 & 3.

- **Coffee and sweets** are available today following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room. **All guests and parishioners are invited.**

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - only one priest is serving the parish. To receive the Mystery of Reconciliation, (Confession), you are encouraged to come thirty (30) minutes before the Divine Liturgy. You may also make an appointment to come during the week to the chapel in the rectory.

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 other reading material in the pews. Each and every participant is invited to do their part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church pew pockets and pews clean and neat. Thank you.

TODAY, Sunday, July 28:

- **Parish Pre-Schooler's Catechism Program** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Friday, August 2: Feast of Christ the Lover of Mankind - First Friday

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

Sunday, August 4:

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

Tuesday, August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration

- 10:00 am **and** 7:00 pm - Divine Liturgy and **Blessing of Fruit**

Sunday, August 11:

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

Thursday, August 15: Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Day of Obligation

- 10:00 am **and** 7:00 pm - Divine Liturgy and **Blessing of Herbs and Flowers.**
All able bodied persons are obliged to attend.

Sunday, August 18:

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

Sunday, August 25:

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

Saturday, August 17, 2013 - Pilgrimage to the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes, Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission, BC. - You are invited by St. Joseph's Parish in Mission to take part in the Divine Liturgy at 1:00 pm. celebrated by **Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver** and assisting clergy.

Confessions are heard on site between 10:00 am and 1 pm. After the Divine Liturgy there will be a procession to the Grotto, where the Rosary is prayed, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Picnic and Fellowship to follow. Even though there is a food concession on site, **please bring your own picnic lunch and chairs.** Details on poster on the Hallway Board before entering the Fellowship Room.

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To Request Prayers for: yourself, your family, or a friend - please submit the name to the Parish Office or place a 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; fellow parishioners; those confined to their hospital beds or their homes; 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: Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab, Mary Balsevicius, Joseph Bayduza, Frances Bethune, Elizabeth Duda, Mary Earl, Quenten Fabiano, Catherine Hladij, Alice Humenick, Bohdan Karpinski, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie and Shirley Lawryshyn, Ben Marchinkow, Joseph Nadelko, Roma Nowakowski, (Bishop Ken's mother), Orest Obuck, John Pura, Mary Scott, Dave Shelast, Tiny Zarski.

Please Visit: our Parishioners that in the hospital or have difficulty getting around in their homes. They need your visit, your phone call, as well as your prayers.

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

If there are people you visit requesting prayers, or a visit from the Priest, please inform the Parish office.

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 that want to pray.

Молитва Митрополита Андрея Шептицького за українську родину

Боже великий, Боже отців наших! Дай нашому народові якнайбільше добрих, святих християнських родин. Дай нам таких батьків, які голосно й відверто признавалися б до божественної Твоєї Євангелії і до Твоєї служби. Дай нам батьків, які для своїх дітей були б прикладом християнського життя, правдивими опікунами та добрими провідниками в житті. Дай нам таких матерів, що вмiли б добре, по-християнськи виховувати своїх дітей, а для своїх чоловіків були б поміччю, потіхою та доброю радою. Дай нам таких дітей, які були б потіхою та славою батьків і красою свого народу. Благослови, всемогутній Боже, український нарід. Даруй йому ласку вірно Тобі служити і досягнути колись вічної нагороди в небі, бо Тобі, Боже, у Святій Тройці єдиний, Отче, Сину і Духу Святий, належить вся слава, честь і поклін навіки вічні. Амінь.

Prayer by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky for Ukrainian Families

God Almighty, O God of our Fathers! Grant to our nation many good and holy Christian families. Give us fathers who will loudly and openly confess your holy Gospel and be in Your service. Give us fathers who will be a good example of Christian life for their children, true protectors and good leaders in life. Grant us mothers who are capable of bringing up their children in a Christian way, and are a joy and help as well as good advisors for their husbands. Grant us children who will be the pride and joy of their parents and the splendour of their nation. Almighty God, bless our Ukrainian nation. Grant her the grace to faithfully serve You and one day to be granted the eternal reward in heaven. For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

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.*

You may purchase a DVD of Major Archbishop Sviatoslav's visit September 1, 2012. The cost of this commemorative DVD is \$10 each. This DVD contains the complete Divine Liturgy celebrating Bishop Budka's hundredth anniversary of arrival to Canada in our Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mar's) Parish. You can purchase copies of this DVD in in the Parish office.

You will be remembered in a very special way during every Divine Liturgy. In order for this to happen you are invited to make a donation towards the purchase of Deacon, Lector, and Acolyte vestments.

We are planning to purchase three sets of Deacon/Lector vestments in the following colours: Gold, Blue and Red: each set will cost \$800 and one set of white vestments at a cost of \$1,000. We also need to purchase one set of White Acolyte (Altar Server) vestments (for taller servers) at a cost of not more than \$1,000/set. Total cost – \$3,400.

Each time the Deacon, Lector or Altar Server vests, they include in their prayers the persons that have provided them with the vestment.

Your donation is greatly appreciated. May the Mother of God continue to intercede for you before the throne of God!

DONATIONS:	UCWLC	1,000.
	Parishioner: Anonymous	1,700.
	Parishioner: Anonymous	100.
	Ben & Bonny Marchinkow	<u>100.</u>
Total donations to date:		2,900.

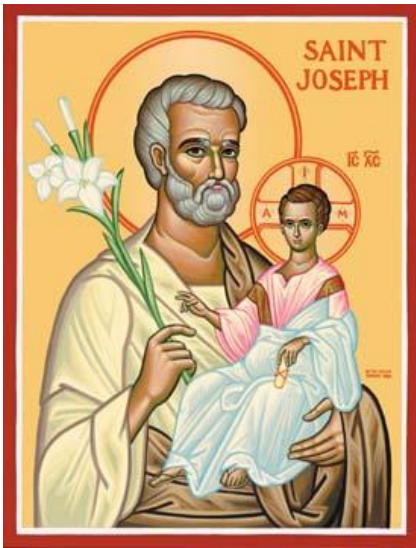
Bulletin Announcements must be in the office by Wednesday noon. It is your responsibility to notify the office, do not think that 'well they know', Father or the Secretary may know but do not always remember to put it in the bulletin!

A quiet, Catholic female student from Mexico, fluent in Spanish, English, speaks intermediate French, and a little bit of German is looking for room and board in a Ukrainian Catholic family as soon as possible. If you can help, please call the parish office.

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.

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.



St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect our fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, and their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labour and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labour alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over them faithfully.

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 Life-Giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Special Petition for Vocations - We pray for those in the Priesthood, religious and consecrated life, and those in vocation discernment: Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you are even remotely familiar with Holy Scripture, you will find this hilarious! It comes from a Roman Catholic Elementary school test. Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. Children wrote the following statements, about the Bible. They have not been retouched or corrected.

- Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
- Sampson was a strongman who let him self be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe od the Apostles.
- Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
- The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. After wards, Moses went up to mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.
- The First Commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- The Seventh Commandments is Thou shalt not admit adultery.
- Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of geritol.
- The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

- David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the harp. He fought the Goliath, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
- Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 concubines.
- When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- When the three wise men from the east arrived they found Jesus in the manger.
- Jesus was born because Mary had an Immaculate Conception.
- St. John the Baptist dumped water on his head.
- Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
- It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 disciples.
- The apostles were the wives of the apostles.
- St. Paul converted to Christianity, he preached holy matrimony, which is another name for marriage.
- Christians have only one spouse. This is called Monotony.



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

By: Father Michael Venditti @ ByzantineCatholicPriest.com

The Divine Liturgy, Part Ten:

“The Prokeimenon and Alleluia: Keeping the Lord's Day, Does not Mean Just an Hour on Sunday”



When we last left the Divine Liturgy we were talking about the Prokeimenon and Alleluia. Next would be the Gospel and homily, which we are going to skip over since the summer is drawing to a close and we need to make a little more headway. So, we are going to move on to a part of the Liturgy which does not ordinarily take place, but which I want to cover anyway since there are some important points connected with it.

This part of the Liturgy is called the Dismissal of the Catechumens. A catechumen is someone who is not baptized, but who is preparing for baptism. Not all converts to our faith are catechumens because most converts to our faith are already baptized into some other Christian denomination, whether it be Protestant or Orthodox or whatever. A catechumen is someone who has never been baptized into

any kind of church, and who is in the process of preparing for baptism. Ordinarily this preparation takes place during the Great Fast, so that the catechumen can be welcomed into the Church at Easter time. So, a Presbyterian or a Methodist or a Baptist or a United Church person or an Orthodox person who wanted to become a Byzantine Catholic would not become a catechumen, since he or she would have already been baptized. They would have to be prepared, of course; but when the time came for them to be received into the Church, they would simply make a profession. They would not be baptized again, since they would have already been baptized. But when someone wants to join the Church who has never been baptized, he becomes what is called a catechumen. (The norm, since Vatican II, is that any one Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is considered to have received a valid Baptism. All others would need to be baptized.)

Now, to understand the dismissal of the Catechumens as it exists in the Divine Liturgy today, one has to understand something of the history of the early Church. For the first three hundred years of the Church's existence, Christians were persecuted. For this reason, the members of the Church would gather in secret to celebrate the Divine Liturgy — in Rome, for example, they used to go into the underground cemeteries called catacombs to celebrate the Eucharist, as you know. The emperor — or whoever was persecuting the Church at the time — would sometimes plant spies among the Christians in an attempt to find out where these secret places were. Because of this, the early Christians had a strict rule: if you were not a full member of the Church, you were not allowed to attend the service. You were not even allowed to know where it was going to be. If you open up your pew book to page 77 you will find that prayer that we all recite together just before we receive Holy Communion: *“O Lord, I believe and profess...”*; there is a part of that prayer where we say, *“Accept me as a partaker of Your mystical supper, O Son of God; for I will not reveal Your mystery to Your enemies....”* This is what that line means. It is an oath of secrecy. Before being given Holy Communion, we are promising not to reveal anything about what happens at our service to anyone on the outside. That way we prevent the enemies of the Church from finding out where we are and what we are doing so they cannot come and cut our heads off.

Now, the catechumens, who were preparing for baptism, could not be permitted to witness the Eucharist itself because of this necessity of secrecy; but they were preparing to be received into the Church, so they could not be entirely excluded. So, they were permitted to attend the Liturgy up to and including the Gospel and the homily, after which they were required to leave. They were not permitted to remain for the whole Liturgy until after they were baptized. * In, fact, the first time they were permitted to witness the entire Divine Liturgy was on the day they were baptized and received Holy Communion. The first half of the Divine Liturgy — from the beginning

up to the homily — was and is sometimes referred to as the Liturgy of the Catechumens, with the rest of the Liturgy being sometimes referred to as the Liturgy of the Faithful. The Dismissal of the Catechumens is a very brief service that takes place right after the Gospel, the homily, and the Litany which follows, which consists of a short litany with “*Lord, have mercies,*” followed by a prayer for the enlightenment of the catechumens as they prepare for baptism. The reason you are not familiar with this part of the Liturgy is because in the Ukrainian Church today we do not do this ceremony unless there are catechumens present. Some Eastern Churches do it all the time regardless of whether there are catechumens.

The only difference between the Dismissal of the Catechumens as done in the early Church and what we do today is that, today, the catechumens are not required to leave. In fact, as early as the sixth century in Byzantium it became more and more common for the catechumens to remain in church for the whole service, since the absence of the persecutions made secrecy no longer necessary. Remember, also, that the empire had become Christian, so there were fewer and fewer converts to the Church; most Christians were being born into the Church and baptized as babies. Nevertheless, the ceremony for the Dismissal of the Catechumens remained a part of the Liturgy. In fact, it was around this same time — between the sixth and eighth centuries — that the dismissal began to take on a new meaning, namely, the expulsion of sinners: those who could not receive Holy Communion because they had committed mortal (serious) sins but had not yet confessed or completed their penance. In the early Church, confession was often not handled as privately as it is today. Those who had committed the three most serious sins — adultery, murder and apostasy (which is the sin of denying the faith) — were known to the people and had to do their penance publicly. And after the Gospel, during the Dismissal of the Catechumens, they had to stand up and walk out of the church in full view of everyone; that humiliation was part of their penance.

Now, the Dismissal of the Catechumens may seem to us to be an unnecessary relic of the past, especially in the Ukrainian Church where we only do it if there are, in fact, catechumens present. Once in a great while we may have a catechumen, as we did a few years ago; confession is handled completely in private now. But I think the Dismissal of the Catechumens offers us a rich point for meditation and reflection. The desire of the earliest Christians to safeguard the Blessed Eucharist from the enemies of the Church, their desire to make sure that Christ was received in Holy Communion only by those who were worthy and in the state of grace, should cause us to reflect on the care we take in our own lives regarding the Holy Eucharist that we so often approach to receive. Do we make sure, when we approach for Communion, that we are, in fact, in the state of grace, free from mortal sin? And when we do receive, are we fully conscious of Him whom we are receiving into our souls, and the implications

that implies for how we should then live our lives?

* Though it looks like a depiction of a baptism, the icon is actually a scene from the Martyrdom of St. Demetrios, who was murdered while in a bathhouse. Consistent with the non-temporal approach used in much of the iconography of Byzantium, he is being wrapped in his burial shroud by the faithful even as the soldiers are approaching. Either interpretation would be appropriate for this homily.



DO YOU LIVE IN GREATER VANCOUVER?

HAVE YOU MOVED INTO GREATER VANCOUVER RECENTLY?

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? HAS IT BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU WERE HERE? After the service, do not hesitate to introduce yourselves to Fr. Josaphat and find out more information regarding St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Often the Pastor discovers that you 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 and when you come to arrange for baptisms, marriages, funerals, or special blessings we finally come to know who you are. **We encourage you to register your name, address, phone number and e-mail with the parish. Please print your name, address, telephone number, e-mail and postal code on your donation envelope, or contact the Parish Office.**

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If Parishioners or visitors would like to arrange a meeting with the Pastor, please approach Rev. Fr. Josaphat after the Divine Liturgy or call him at 604-879-5830, or email him to: Pastor@stmarysbc.com. Fr. Josaphat would be pleased to meet with you to discuss: Home or Hospital visits to the sick, plan for your Marriage, Baptism, Funeral or help to prepare for any other Service. Or you may need Spiritual Support or help to be a full member of the Parish. What ever your need please approach Fr. Josaphat.

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