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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
10:30 am *and* ***7:00 pm***

Щодня/Daily Scheduled
7:30 am Matins *in church*
8:15 am Div. Lit. *in church*

First Friday - 8:15 am *Divine Liturgy and Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Сповіді/*Confessions:*
- 1/2 години перед Службою Божою
- *1/2 hour before Divine Liturgy*
- Або наперід домовитися під час тиждня
- *Or by appointment during the week*

Baptism by appointment *- membership in Parish is required*

Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/ Eucharist for the sick *- any time*

Marriages by appointment *made at least six months in advance. Membership in Parish is required*

Funerals by arrangement *in the Parish Office*

оо. Василіяни/*Basilian Fathers serving the Parish*
- Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM, Pastor
Email: pastor@stmarysbc.com
- Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM
Bishop Emeritus

24-а Неділя
Після Зіслання Святого Духа
Лука 8:41-56

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 8:41-56

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 Божій. Нехай наш Господь через заступництво Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці благословить Вас і Вашу родину.

Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Листопад

Загальний намір: Священики в труднощах. Щоб священики в труднощах знайшли в своєму терпінні потіху, підтримку в своїх сумнівах і підтвердження в своїй вірі.

Місійний намір: Континентальна місія в Латиській Америці. Щоб континентальна місія мала як плід висилку місіонерів Латинської Америки іншим Церквам.

- ***Кава і солодке сьогодні*** *після неділних Служб Божих у вітальні під церквою.*

- ***Тропарі і читання*** *в кремовій книжці на стор. 1 і 2.*

Спеціяльне 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.

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

Подяка від о. Йосафата Тиркала, ЧСВВ: Я дуже щиро дякую всім нашим Парафіянам і Приятелям, які відвідують цю Церкву. Ваші молитви і слова заохочування є оціненні дуже високо. Я закінчив третій період в цій Парафії і від 31-ого жовтня, 2013р. я є перенесений до Монастиря Святих Петра і Павла в Мондері, Алберта. (Sts. Peter and Paul Monastery Mundare, Alberta. Box 379, p/c T0B 3H0. Personal Email: frjot@telus.net. тел. 780-764-3860). Я знаю, що куди і де мені сказано служити я завсіди буду цінити і пам'ятати Ваші молитви і слова заохоти зростати і служити нашому Господеві з довір'ям в Нього і завсіди виконувати Божу Волю. Щиро дякую Вам за таке чудове пращальне прийняття, яке відбулося минулої неділі в нашій Авдиторії.

о. Йосафат Тиркало, ЧСВВ

Вітаємо сьогодні нового пароха/адміністратора - Впр. Отця Серафима Григорюка, ЧСВВ, котрий приїхав до нас з Мондеру. Молимось Господеві щоб Він благословив його душпастирську працю між нами.

<u>Сьогодні</u> Неділя, 03 Листопада: Собор Арх. Михаїла

- **Парафіяльна Катехитична програма** під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано.
- **Можна буде дістати безплатно застрик проти ґрипи (Flu)** після Служби Божої в 9:30 рано, і 12:00 попол. і 6:00 вечора, в Бордрумі в нашім Центрі.

Неділя, 10 Листопада: Св. Священномученика Йосафата, Архиєпископа
– **Парафіяльна Катехитична програма** під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано.

Понеділок, 11 Листопада:
– **Поминальний День Воїна –** Панахида відправиться по 10:00 Службі Божій.

"Cabbage Roll Making" dates for the Bazaar: **Wednesdays at 8 am:** Nov. 13 and Nov. 28. For more information, call Henriette Ukrainetz at 604.291.0087.

П'ятниця, 15 Листопада:
– Початок "Пилипівки" (перед Різдвяним Постом).

Неділя, 17 Листопада:
– **Парафіяльна Катехитична програма** під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано.

- **Beginning at 1 pm at Holy Eucharist Cathedral (*501 – 4th Avenue, New Westminster). Special Introduction*** and overview of the Pastoral letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav "**THE VIBRANT PARISH: A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST!"** Please join us! **Welcoming and hospitality begins at 1 pm and Session from 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

Четвер, 21 Листопада: Входу в Храм Пресвятої Богородиці
– Служба Божа у 8:15 рано.

Неділя, 24 Листопада:
– **Парафіяльна Катехитична програма** під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано.

Субота, 30 Листопада: – Парафіяльний Базар від 11 ранку до 7 вечора

Two side by side cemetery plots are available at Forest Lawn in the Ukrainian section called Devotion. For more information contact 604.929.2581.

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.

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!

U R G E N T L Y N E E D E D

Volunteers are urgently needed to help on Tuesday evenings, with the Church bingo!

5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

The only requirements are a willingness to work and the ability to count and make change.

NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!

Contact Ed Pacholko at 604-552-8862

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: our Parish and grant harmony to all members; you our faithful Parishioners; and your family!*

Monthly Papal Intentions for November

General Intention*:* **People in Despair - Suffering Priests** - That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

Missionary Intention*:* **World Mission Day - Latin American Churches** - That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send missionaries to other Churches.

- ***Coffee and sweets available following the Sunday Divine Liturgies*** *in the Fellowship Room. All guests and parishioners are invited.*
- ***Tropar, Kondak & readings*** *in the cream booklet pages 1 and 2.*

A SPECIAL Request: *At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy, please close all Liturgy and 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.*

Thank you from Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM. I thank all our Parishioners and friends that attend this church. Your prayers and words of encouragement are appreciated very much. I conclude my third tenure in this parish as of October 31, 2013 and am moving to Saints Peter and Paul Monastery in Mundare, Alberta. (Box 379, p/c T0B 3H0. Personal Email: frjot@telus.net phone: 780-764-3860). I know that where ever I am asked to serve, I will carry your encouraging words and prayers to help me grow and serve our Lord with Trust in Him always doing God's Will. I thank you for the wonderful farewell reception and fellowship that you provided last Sunday in the Auditorium. Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM

Today we welcome Fr. Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM as our new pastor/administrator. He was serving the Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Mundare, as Pastor and Superior of the monastery. We pray that God bless his pastoral work among us.

Sunday, November 03: Feast of St. Michael, Archangel

- **Catechism** for Pre-Schooler's during 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.
- **Free flu shots in the Boardroom following Divine Liturgy ending at 9:30am and 12 noon** and 6:00pm. Sponsored by Shoppers Drug Mart

Friday, November 08:

- 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy in memory of + John Pura in Church.

Sunday, November 10: Feast of St. Josaphat, Bishop Martyr
- **Catechism** for Pre-Schooler's during 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

November 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY
- Panachyda for all fallen soldiers will be celebrated following the 10:00 Divine Liturgy.

"Cabbage Roll Making" dates for the Bazaar at Wednesdays at 8 am: Nov. 13 and Nov. 28. For more information, call Henriette Ukrainetz at 604.291.0087.

Friday, November 15:
- **'Pylypiwka' (Philips Fast) before Christmas begins**.

Sunday, November 17:
- **Catechism** for Pre-Schooler's during 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

✵ **Beginning at 1 pm at Holy Eucharist Cathedral (*501 – 4th Avenue, New Westminster). Special Introduction*** and overview of the Pastoral letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav "**THE VIBRANT PARISH: A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST!"** Please join us! **Welcoming and hospitality begins at 1 pm and Session from 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

Wednesday, November 21: Feast of Presentation in the Temple of Bl. V M
– 8:15 am Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, November 24:
- **Catechism** for Pre-Schooler's during 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, November 30: – Parish BAZAAR from 11 AM to 7 PM. Ukrainian Food served all day as well as other activities and sales – see Poster

When you donate towards the Deacon, Lector vestments, you will be remembered in the prayers of the Lector/Deacon during every Liturgy.
We are awaiting two green Deacon vestments at a cost of $550/each plus shipping.
Your donation is greatly appreciated. May the Mother of God continue to intercede for you before the throne of our Heavenly Father!

DONATIONS: from the previous list		$291.40.
DONATIONS:	Bessie Lashin	100.
Total donations to date for the green Deacon Vestments:		391.40.

We have also received a special **anonymous donation of $1,576.40** to cover the cost for: 8 Acolyte Black Cassocks, two Acolyte Procession Candles, and a decanter to be used for special Eucharistic celebrations.

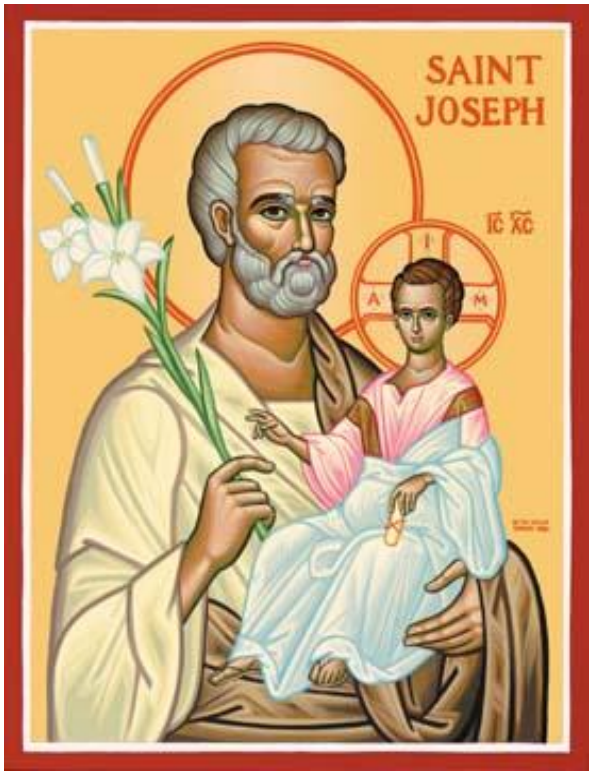
Thank you to all donors for your gracious donations for the vestments that we have received and blessed and for those we are waiting for and will bless when they arrive. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, our Protectress, intercede for you and obtain for you the graces for you and your family – for your health and for your daily lives.

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS: The Divine Liturgy begins at 8:30 A.M. or at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings. You have the responsibility to arrive before the church bells ring announcing the beginning of the Service. Realize that in order to have attended the Sunday Service you would have: received the Opening Blessing, listened to the Gospel, participated in the Consecration of the Holy Gifts, and following Holy Communion, would have received the Dismissal Blessing to strengthen you to proclaim the Good News throughout the week.

Church Etiquette: 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.

Це пригадка для всіх вірних. Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдети 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.



Prayer to St. Joseph for God's Blessing upon our Parish, our families and each member of our Parish

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 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.

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 вміли 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 доступити 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.

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.

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.

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 відповідю, або за тих які відзначують 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, Catherine Hladij, Alice Humenick, Bohdan Karpinski, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie and Shirley Lawryshyn, Ben Marchinkow, Василь Марусяк, Joseph Nadelko, Roma Nowakowski, (Bishop Ken's mother), Orest Obuck, Mary Scott, Dave Shelast, Tiny Zarski.

Please Visit: our Parishioners that are 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 so that father might know to visit them.

VIBRANT PARISH

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!

Можна замовити за $15.00, кижку КАТЕХИЗМ – "ХРИСТОС – НАША ПАСХА"

КАТЕХИЗМ УГКЦ – ХРИСТОС – НАША ПАСХА

Львів – Видавництво "Свічадо" 2010

ЧАСТИНА 1: ВІРА ЦЕРКВИ

0.5.1.2. Безначальний Отець

90 Церква називає "Отцем" Того, Хто не має отця, для якого був би сином.[1] Слова євангелиста Йоана, що "в началі було Слово", Святі Отці розуміли як ствердження того, що цим "началом" є Особа Отця. Він, Хто є особовим Началом усього, Сам є без начала, яке б Його спричинило. Іншими словами, Отець – *безначальне Начало*. Цей антиномічний вислів виражає свободу Божої Особи Отця, який нічим і ніким не зумовлений. "Отець безначальний, бо ні від кого іншого, навіть від Себе Самого, не отримав буття."[2] Отець – як Начало творіння – усе наповнює та водночас перевершує усе сотворене.

91 У своєму досвіді Церква завжди споглядала Отця у відношенні до Сина і Святого Духа, а Тройцю – як сопричастя Осіб. Віруємо в єдиного Бога, в Тройці славленого Отця нерожденого, безначального, нескінченного; Сина ж родженого, але собезначального Отцеві і співнескінченного; і Духа Святого, що від Отця ісходить і в Сині являється, але також собезначального і рівного Отцеві і Синові, – у Тройцю єдиносущну, але роздільну Особами, Тройцю за іменами, але єдиного Бога."[3]

92 Отець є Отцем тому, що є Отцем Сина і Джерелом ісходження Святого Духа. Син і Святий Дух – "від Отця, хоч і не після Отця."[4] Родження Слова й ісходження Духа не можна сприймати в категоріях часу: Отець поза часом родив Сина співприсносущного і співпрестольного, і Дух Святий був в Отці з Сином сопрославляємий, єдина сила, єдине єство, єдине Божество."[5] Бог Отець є Началом найтіснішого і нероздільного сопричастя (грецькою мовою – *койнонія*) у любові Божих Осіб.

93 Особова інакшість Отця від Сина і Святого Духа полягає в тому, що Отець – нероджений. Він, Сам будучи нерожденим, є Началом Особи Сина та Особи Святого Духа. Нерожденість Бога-Отця – це Його необумовленість ніким і нічим іншим. "Отець називається так, бо родить Сина, а Син [є Сином] через родження від Отця, а Дух Святий – через ісходження від Отця, будучи, однак, від Нього невіддільним."[6]

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1 АТАНАСІЙ ВЕЛИКИЙ, *Лист до Серапіона,* I, 16 : PG 26, 568-569.

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94 В анафорі Літургії святого Василія Великого Церква називає Отця "незбагненний" і "неописанний". "Незбагненність" Отця означає, що кожен етап нашого богопізнання не є остаточним, адже до *глибин* пізнати Бога може тільки Сам Бог: "Того, що в Бозі, ніхто не знає, крім Духа Божого" (1Кр. 2:11). Наше богопізнання зростатиме у вірі, за словами святого апостола Павла, аж до бачення "обличчям в обличчя" (пор. 1Кр. 13:12). Незбагненність Бога для людини є запорукою нескінченного богопізнання, яке є "вічним життям."

95 "Неописанність" Отця, як і Його "незбагненність", є свідченням неможливості звести Особу Бога до будь-яких форм вираження, образних чи словесних, якими користуються люди. Отця неможливо зобразити іконографічно, адже Отець не воплотився і не прийняв образу людини. Отця об'явив Єдинородний Син, який є "образом Бога невидимого." (пор. Кл. 1:15)

0.5.2. Віруємо в єдинородного Сина

"І в єдиного Господа Ісуса Христа, Сина Божого єдинородного, від Отця родженого перед усіма віками – світло від світла, Бога істинного від Бога істинного, родженого, несотвореного, єдиносущного з Отцем" (Символ віри)

"Ти … безначальний, невидимий, незбагненний, неописанний, незмінний; Отче Господа нашого Ісуса Христа […] Який є образом благости Твоєї, печать рівнообразна, що в собі являє Тебе – Отця, живе Слово, Бог істинний, предвічна премудрість, життя, освячення, сила, справжнє світло" (Анафора святого Василія Великого)

96 Бог Отець у Своїй свободі й любові родить Сина. Невидима Отча любов, з якої родиться Син, у Сині стає видимою: "Невидиме Сина є Отець, а видиме Отця є Син."[7] У цій любові Отець і Син – одне. Водночас роджений Син є іпостасно (особово) інший від Отця. Отець народив іншого від Себе, відкриваючись усеціло в Синові, як Іншому.[8]

97 Син Божий є "відблиском слави [Отця], образом Його істоти." (Євр. 1:3) Його особове родження від Отця є родженням "Світла від Світла, Бога істинного від Бога істинного." Син Божий "у Собі являє Отця", є "Слово живе",[9] яке було "споконвіку" в Бога й було Бог. (пор. Йо. 1:1) Той же самий Син Божий є "образом Божої благості, печаттю рівнообразною",[10] "образом Бога невидимого." (пор. Кл. 1:15) Син Божий, отже, є водночас Словом та Образом Божим.

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7 Іриней Ліонський, *Проти єресей,* IV, 6, 6 : PG 7, 989 C.

8 Пор. Атанасій Великий, *Лист до Серапіона,* I, 16 : PG 26, 568-569.

9 Див.: *Анафора Літургії святого Василія Великого*.

10 Див.: *Анафора Літургії святого Василія Великого*.

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE – WE HAVE REACHED A CROSSROAD: LET US CHOOSE LIFE! October 28, 2013

Two recent Canadian court decisions have confirmed the inherent dignity of human life and the necessity to continue defending it until its natural end. The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) rejoices with all people and groups who have at heart respect for the life of each and every Canadian.

The most recent decision came on October 18, 2013, when the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the earlier decision of the Court of Appeal of Ontario, in the Rasouli case, by ruling that medical doctors must obtain consent from a patient or his or her substitute decision maker before withdrawing life-sustaining treatment that may result in death. A week earlier, on October 10, the British Columbia Court of Appeal upheld Canada's laws prohibiting euthanasia and assisted suicide, in a 2 to 1 decision, by overturning the June 15, 2012, lower court decision of Justice Lynn Smith in the Carter case (which ruled that Canada's assisted suicide law was discriminatory and, thus, unconstitutional).

These two decisions are encouraging for those who believe in the sanctity of human life. But they are only two steps towards the acknowledgement by all of this fundamental and ultimate value. We are very preoccupied by the ongoing debate over Quebec's Bill 52 (An Act Respecting End-of-Life Care). In a way, we have reached a crossroad. We must ask ourselves what sort of society we want to bequeath to our children and our children's children. Let us choose to build a society which *prioritizes* the needs of the weak and vulnerable by giving them our attention, our support and our care.

The hour is extremely serious. This is a question of life and death. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we cannot remain indifferent. We must reach out to our family, parish, social and professional networks to discuss these pressing issues and share our Catholic perspective. Today, the Lord is counting on each one of us, as full-fledged citizens, to defend life by intervening actively in the social debate on euthanasia and assisted suicide.

COLF calls on Canadians from coast to coast to become more informed about these issues by consulting the following resources:

- Catholic Organization for Life and Family (www.colf.ca)
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (www.epcc.ca)
- Living with Dignity (www.vivredignite.com/en/welcome.html)
- Physicians Alliance for the Total Refusal of Euthanasia (www.totalrefusal.blogspot.ca/p/the-physicians-alliance.html).

As Pope Francis recently reminded us all: "The future of a people is in the elderly and in the children. A people that does not care for their elderly and their children does not have a future, because it will not have a memory and will not have a promise!"

Life is God's to give *and to take.*

The Catholic Organization for Life and Family is cosponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Its mission is to promote the human life and dignity, and the essential role of the family.

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic

Ukrainian Food Fair and Bazaar

Saturday November 30, 2013

11:00 am – 7:00 pm

FREE Parking and Admission!

Silent Auction, Raffles, 50/50 Draws,
Baking, Preserves, Christmas Items, Crafts, Rummage,
Kids Korner, and more!

Perogies, Cabbage Rolls, Sausage Rings and Sauerkraut to go

Lunch: Starting at 11:00 am

Ukrainian Food Served All Day

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Centre

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For more Information

Phone Parish Office: 604-879-5830

Synaxis of St. Michael the Archangel

"All heavenly Powers, holy Angels and Archangels, pray to God for us sinners." (Great Compline)

Our Liturgical Year is like a beautiful mosaic made up of the feast of our Lord, the Mother of God, and an immense throng of Martyrs and Saints. The center of this splendid mosaic is our Lord Jesus Christ, as God and as Man. Day and night, His Pilgrim Church on earth and in heaven, the Church in glory, that is - the very great choir of Angels and Saints- everlasting choir of glory; they are the messengers and servants of God. The Angels also fulfill a great role in the redemption of the human race.

Holy Church, conscious of the great significance of the Angels for the glory of God and our salvation, has provided a special place for the veneration of the Angels in the mosaic of the Liturgical Year. Here, first place is given to the feast of the Synaxis of St. Michael the Archangel and the rest of the Angelic Powers. To encourage greater devotion to the Angels, it seems appropriate to say a few words here about their cult, the purpose of this feast, and its spiritual significance for us.

The Aim of the Feast of the Synaxis of St. Michael the Archangel

The chief aim of the feast is to praise and honor St. Michael the Archangel and the entire heavenly host. All his glory stems from the fact that in defence of God's glory he lead all the good angels against the rebellion of Satan. Hence, his noble title "Chief Captain or Commander-in-Chief" of the Angels. He is represented in iconography as a military leader clothed in full armour with a helmet on his head and a fiery sword in his hand, while under his feet writhes the dragon, symbol of Satan.

The service of this day sings the praises of St. Michael's greatness before the throne of God, his zeal and faithfulness to God, his protection of us, and his intercession on our behalf. Here we give a few expressions of praise taken from the sticheras of the Vespers and matins services: "O Leader of the Angelic Choirs", "O Michael, brilliant representative of the Thrice-radiant Divinity", "O leader of the heavenly Powers, Michael, Chief Captain of the Divine Choirs", "Michael, Archchieftain of the heavenly Powers", "You are the first among the bodiless Angels", "You are the leader, the champion, and the chief captain of the Angels, O Commander-in-Chief", "of the angelic armies you are the highest", "among Christians you are a saving defender", "O Michael, Chief Captain, we faithfully sing to you as to a powerful defender, protector, and deliverer of men." On the day of his feast, St. Michael calls all the faithful to a common assembly with the Angels in order to give fitting glory to God: "As the leader of the divine Powers, Michael today calls all the choirs of men to form one glorious feast with the Angels, a feast of divine synaxis (assembly) so that we, together with them, may sing a holy hymn to God." (Stichera at the Praises in Matins)

This feast glorifies also the angelic choirs for they too, with St. Michael, form a most wonderful assembly. Hence, today we praise also the Angels, we magnify them, we thank them and implore their protection: "Come O lovers of feasts and

lovers of Christ," we sing in the stichera of Litiya, "with the flowers of virtue, pure thoughts and a good conscience, let us honour the assembly of Archangels for they stand continuously before God, singing the thrice-holy hymn and praying for the salvation of our souls." In the first Sessional Hymn in the Matins service, we sing: "You who continuously stand before the awesome throne, illuminated by the brilliant rays of the thrice-radiant God, enlighten us and drive away the darkness of sin from us who solemnly celebrate your assembly; and fervently pray for us that we may be delivered from misfortune, O most illustrious Intercessors."

The Significance of the Feast

The feast of the Archangel Michael and the holy Angels indicates to us the significant role the Angels play in our salvation. This feast also reminds us of our duties towards the Angels, especially toward our Guardian Angel. Throughout our entire life, at every moment and in every place our guardian angel watches over us, protects us, inspires us with good thoughts, warns us against sin, and intercedes for us before God. Our Guardian Angel is our guide to heaven, our helper against temptation, our companion at the hour of death. He is the constant witness of our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. Only in heaven will we one day see how much we owe to our Guardian Angel. From this comes our duty to venerate the holy Angels, to praise them, and to thank them everyday for their assistance and protection. "To glorify the Angels is our obligation," we read in a sermon ascribed to St. John Chrysostom on the Synaxis of Archangels, "for they glorify the Creator, reveal his love and mercy toward man." Let us entrust our children to their Guardian Angels from the time they are in the cradle; let us teach our children to love their angels and pray to them every day. Church history records numerous instances in which the Guardian Angel miraculously protected children who were in danger. "The Angels are given to us," says the servant of God Andrew Sheptytsky, "for Guardians and Protectors throughout our whole life; therefore, it goes without saying that the daily protection of our Guardian Angels should lead each and every one of us to sincerely venerate and thank our Guardian Angels." (On the Veneration of Saints, 1941)

Devotion to our own Guardian Angel is pleasing to him, not only when we venerate and pray to him, but above all, when we imitate him. He gives us a beautiful example of holiness. He teaches us by his example how to love God, how to serve him and glorify him. Therefore let us strive to love God as our Angel loves him, with greater fervour, and zealously carry out God's will, as he does and as do all the other Angels in heaven.

[*A Byzantine Rite, Liturgical Year*, Basilian Fathers Publication, 1992, translated by Fr. Demetrius E. Wysochansky, OSBM, pages 239-245.]

BAZAAR NEWS – PARISH BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 30, 2013

Doors open – 11 am to 7 pm

– Your help is needed and greatly appreciated –

– We also need your help before and during the bazaar –

Наш Парафіяльний Базар зближається чим-раз ближче. Базаровий Комітет ласкаво просить Вас, якщо Ви приготовляєте 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. "**Home baking" Committee** is looking for your baking to help stock the sales shelves with 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 many 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 to **Barbara Ballhorn**. Contact her for more information at **(604) 732-3166.**
4. **The Bazaar "Paper Lottery" Committee** is asking for **donations of new items for children and adults for their booth.** For more information, **contact Pat Oleksiew at (604) 278.1429.**
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. For more information, **contact Pat Sorochuk at (604) 433-0661.**
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 Tuesdays in the Auditorium. We will not accept used TVs, electronic devices, big living room furniture, or any other item that can carry unwanted creatures.
7. **Donations for "Raffle Prizes" Committee** need small new items to put into Raffle Baskets. For more information **call Olga Kochan at (604) 274-9804.**
8. **Making Cabbage rolls – Wednesday November 13 and Thursday November 28 at 8 am.**
   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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Sunday
November 17, 2013

Holy Eucharist Cathedral
501 - 4th Avenue
New Westminster, BC
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Welcoming and hospitality from 1pm

Session from 1:30 to 3:30 pm