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"Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world."*

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Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies

Неділя/Sunday: 8:30 am in English

10:30 am (sung) in Ukrainian

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:30 am and 7:00 pm

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

7:30 am and 8:30 am Liturgy in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions: - 15 minutes before
and 15 minutes in the beginning of the Divine
Liturgy - Or by appointment during the week

Baptism by appointment

Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/

Eucharist for the sick - any time

Marriages - the arrangements with the priest
have to be made months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

оо. Василіяни/Basilian Fathers serving the

Parish: - Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM

Administrator. Email: serh70@outlook.com

Father Marcos Zubyk, OSBM

Father Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - local Superior

Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM

Bishop-Emeritus

**Парафія Покрови Пресвятої
Богородиці** вітає всіх гостей,
приятелів та парафіян, які беруть
участь у цій Службі Божі.

Перша Неділя Посту

СВЯТИЙ мученик КОНОН

Йоан 1: 43-51



First Sunday of Lent

Holy Martyr Conon

John 1: 43-51

**The Protection of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Parish** welcomes all
guests, friends, and Parishioners
participating in this Divine Liturgy.

Songs at 10:30 Divine Liturgy: 1) **Opening:** on page 234 “V strasi is pokori”; 2) **at Communion:** page 154 “Pid khrest Tviy stayu”; 3) **Closing:** page 144 “Preterpivyi”

НИНІ: Неділя, 5 березня: Кава і солодке після Служб Божих о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано у залі під церквою.

- **Вівторок, 7 березня,** о 7:00 год. вечора - Служба Передшеосвячених Дарів у каплиці.

- **Середа, 8 березня:** –9:30 рано – Третій Час і презентація “Walking in the Footsteps of Christ” у класі, під церквою.

- **Середа, 8 березня:** – о 7:00 год. вечора - Ресна Дорога у каплиці.

>>**П'ятниця, 10 березня:** –7:00 вечора – **Заупокійна Служба Божа і Сорокоусти** за померлих членів ваших родин.

>>**Конвертки з недільними пожертвами на 2017 рік** знаходяться в притворі церкви. Просимо взяти їх додому. Ці особи, які не мають недільних конверток, але хотіли б їх мати, то просимо ласкаво залишити у Парафіяльній Канцелярії своє ім'я, адресу й телефонічне число.

Молитва Живої Парафії. Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дїбр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

>>**DEACON MYKHAILO OZOROVYCH PRIESTLY ORDINATION:** It is with great joy the Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to the ordination of Deacon Mykhailo Ozorovych to the priesthood! On Saturday April 8th at 2:00 pm, Deacon Mykhailo will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ken during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster. On Palm Sunday April 9th at 10:00 am, newly ordained Father Mykhailo will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster. The ordination and first Divine Liturgy banquet-reception will be held in the Cathedral hall immediately following the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy. Tickets for the Reception (on Palm Sunday) are only \$15.00 per person. Free for those under 15 years – but they still must obtain a (free) ticket – important to ensure sufficient food. For tickets, please contact Deacon Mykhailo at: 604.524.8824 or mykhailo.oz@gmail.com The deadline to obtain banquet tickets is Sunday 2 April.

>> **Wed. March 8**, at 7 PM – 9 PM – **Meeting with Honourable Ambassador of Ukraine, Andriy Shevchenko**. Where: at BCIT Burnaby campus, building SE2–Townsquare D (map is available at <https://commons.bcit.ca/venture/PDF/bcitmap.pdf>) This event is a joint effort of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and Ukrainian Student Club of BCIT. This event is an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas, plan, and ongoing projects for the benefit of fruitful cooperation between our countries.

>> **“Bitter Harvest”** is a movie about the manmade famine in 1930s, in Ukraine. It is showing daily from Mar 3 to 9. Bitter Harvest is being shown in Langley. #20090, 91A Avenue, Langley, BC, V1M 3Y9 Phone: (604) 513–8747. Friday & Sunday 13:15 16:50 19:25 22:00 Saturday 14:20 16:50 19:25 22:00 Mon–Thurs 16:50 19:25 22:00. Also “Bitter Harvest” is showing in Mission BC at The Junction Plaza, 32555 London Avenue, Mission, BC, V2V 6M7 (604) 820–2733. It is showing daily from Mar 3 to 9. Premiere on Friday 19:10 21:40, all other days 11:50 14:20 16:45 19:10 21:40 (It appears that many of our BC Ukrainians did not contact Cineplex to apply pressure, in order to have it more available.)

>> **During Lent, UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS DO NOT: 1. Attend dances; 2. Hold boisterous parties or 3. Eat meat on Fridays.** Also, on the first day of Lent, on Monday, and on the Good Friday they abstain from meat and dairy products. **The period of the Great Fast** is a time of greater sacrifice, a time of reflecting on one’s relationship with God, a time for deepening one’s faith.

>> **400TH ANNIVERSARY.** St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Parish, together with the Basilian Fathers in Vancouver, cordially invites you to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Basilian Order of St. Josaphat.

Our celebrations will be in the form of a Parish Mission to be held from March 24 – 26, 2017. The celebrations will culminate with a Solemn Divine Liturgy at St. Mary’s Parish on Sunday, March 26 at 10:00 am. (Only one Divine Liturgy on that Sunday.) A Banquet will follow in the Parish Auditorium. Please see the advertisement in the bulletin for more details.

Tickets for the March 26th Banquet will be available after both Divine Liturgies beginning Sunday, March 5, 2017. During the week they will be available at the Parish Office. Last day of ticket sales will be Sunday, March 19. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

>> **April Bible Seminar: The Acts of the Apostles (con’t) and The Book of Revelation.** Would you like to hear scripture presented in a way that comes to life and has meaning in today’s world? Then you will want to come and listen to the Catholic Bible Seminar given by Father Jim Nisbet, a renowned scriptural scholar and inspirational speaker from the RC Diocese of Monterey in California. It is being held at our Parish. DATE & TIME: April 28 (7–9 PM), and 9 AM to 5 PM April 29 & 30, 2017. WHERE: The Boardroom. FEE: 3 days: Married couples \$130, Adult \$70. By the day: Friday (\$20), Saturday (\$30) & Sunday (\$30). Students \$5 off each day. If you were not at last year’s session, portions of the previous session will be played after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Watch the bulletin for details. For more information and to register visit

<http://biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration> or pick up a form from the vestibule in the church. See Deacon Howard or Adrian for more details.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for March

Support for Persecuted Christians. That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy, Religious and Lay-Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster

23 February 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ! Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just over a month ago our Eparchy hosted Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC, Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who gave presentations in our parishes about the life and legacy of this amazing Saint who was convinced that there is no substitution for active love. Throughout the Gospels Jesus Christ invites us to love Him through our neighbors. In the Gospel of Mathew when speaking about works of mercy Jesus says "You did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). This means that when we perform an act of mercy, do something good or just smile and show compassion to those near us we are not merely doing it for Christ's sake but in a mystical way we are doing it to Him. Saint Mother Teresa who lived out this mystery every day by serving others is a great example for us and a source of inspiration.

Two Sundays ago we heard the Gospel about the Last Judgment. As Christians we believe in inevitability of the Judgment day but sometimes we forget the criteria by which righteous will be distinguished from the wicked on that day. The only canon of judgement mentioned in the Gospel is active love towards our neighbors with whom Jesus has self-identified. Saint Mother Teresa has put it very simply, "When we die, and go home to God, for death is nothing else but going home to God, He will judge us on what we have been to each other, how we have loved each other."

Each year our Eparchy along with all the other Ukrainian Catholic Eparchies in North America receives requests from our Church in Ukraine for financial assistance for very worthy causes and endeavors in Ukraine. As has been our Eparchial custom for the last few years, during the Great Fast/Lent we take time to remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine who are in need and through our donations we show that we stand in solidarity with them.

In his 1st Letter, apostle John reminds the early Christian church that if anyone has the world's goods and sees their brother or sister in need yet closes their heart against them, how does God's life abide in them?

While there are no doubt many worthy causes to donate our funds to in Ukraine, our Eparchy has identified the following beneficiaries for our donations:

Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. This is the only Ukrainian Catholic University in Ukraine. It is pivotal to the future needs of the leaders of Ukrainian society. Today more than ever, we need to support a free and honest educational

endeavours in Ukraine and certainly, the Ukrainian Catholic University is worthy of our support.

- **Caritas Ukraine.** Caritas Ukraine continues to be the main charities organization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine providing social care to the needy of Ukraine in the area of humanitarian aid, clothing distribution, street children's assistance programs, HIV & AIDS programs, anti-trafficking in people programs, emergency aid, home-care programs and much more. Since the Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine and the invasion of Ukraine's Eastern territories almost two million people have been internally displaced. Caritas Ukraine along with partner organizations is attempting to meet the challenges this has brought to Ukrainian society by providing housing, meals, and rehabilitation to these families.

- **Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv.** The building project is ongoing and the interior artwork still needs a lot of work. This Cathedral is meant to be not just for our Ukrainian Catholics in Kyiv, but indeed the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for all of us.

- **Andrew's Pence.** The Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, our Patriarch has many requests for financial support from our Ukrainian Catholic communities of faithful in the poorest areas of Eastern Europe and in the East, in places like Kazakhstan, Siberia, etc. These communities are often located in areas where the local or national governments are not at all supportive. They rely heavily on assistance from their sisters and brothers in the other areas where our Church faithful live, like right here in British Columbia. Our donations to Andrew's Pence assist the Patriarch in providing financial support for these far away and often desolate communities.

- **Synod Administration Fund.** Each Eparchy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout the world is asked to assist in the administrative and operational costs of the Synodal Offices in Kyiv. As members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church our Eparchy is assessed a sum of around \$10,000 annually. Your contributions will assist us in our Synodal Administrative Fund assessment.

In order to assist you in deciding to how much you are able to donate to these worthy causes I have let you know something about them and what your donations will help with. The envelopes provided allow you to indicate the amount as well as to which fund(s) you would like your donation to be given to.

If you would like to receive a tax receipt for your donation, please make the cheque payable to your own parish (ie: Holy Eucharist Cathedral, or St. Nicholas Parish) and a tax receipt will be issued to you directly from your parish. Your parish treasurer will then send a cheque made out to the Eparchy of New Westminster for the total amount collected and indicate the amounts and to whom the collected amount is to be given to. The Eparchy will then add together the amounts collected from each parish and to whom/which organization the donation is to be given to.

I completely endorse and recommend to you dear Sisters and Brothers that the organizations listed above in this letter. They are truly worthy causes and those in charge will use wisely our donations. Along with your donations, I would ask for your prayerful support of those who work in the service of our Church in Ukraine, bringing the Good News of Our Lord's love and salvation to them. So, Dearly Beloved in Christ, if you can find it in your heart and bank accounts to

make a donation, please do so. May the blessing of Our Lord be upon you for your generousities.

I am designating the Sundays of March 19th and 26th of the Great Fast (Lent) for our Eparchial Collection in favour of the needs of our Church in Ukraine. I would ask that this letter along with special envelopes be distributed to our Faithful in our parish bulletins on Sundays March 5th and 12th so that they may prepare themselves for the donation. If for good reason they will be absent from the Divine Liturgy on March 19th and 26th they can make their contribution either prior to the general collection date or by the end of the Great Fast (Lent).

I would like to ask that our parishes provide the funds collected noting the amounts for the various projects be sent to our office no later than Saturday 29 April so that we can send these funds to the appropriate organizations by the first week of May of this year.

I am uniting my prayers with those of yours in our journey through the Great Fast (Lent) to the joyful celebration of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,
+Ken Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster

Martyr Conon of Isauria (*March 5*)

The Holy Martyr Conon of Isauria was born in Bethany, a village near the Asia Minor city of Isauria, whose inhabitants had accepted Christianity from the Apostle Paul. From his youth, Saint Conon was accorded the special protection of the "Archistrategos" ("Leader of the Heavenly Hosts") Michael, who appeared to him and assisted him in many difficult circumstances in life.

At the insistence of his parents, Conon was betrothed to a maiden named Anna. He persuaded her to live with him in virginity after the wedding. The young couple lived as brother and sister, devoting themselves entirely to God. Saint Conon brought also his parents to the Christian Faith. His father, Saint Nestor, received a martyr's death for denouncing idol-worshippers.

After burying both his mother and wife, Saint Conon continued his service to God, devoting himself entirely to monastic works, fasting and prayer. In his declining years the holy ascetic was glorified with the gift of wonderworking. By virtue of his preaching and miracles many pagans were converted to Christ. It is said that even the evil spirits were forced to serve him.

When a persecution against Christians broke out in Isauria, one of the first to suffer was Saint Conon. He was subjected to fierce torments for his refusal to offer sacrifice to idols. When the people of Isauria learned of the tortures to which the saint was being subjected, they came forth bearing arms to defend the martyr. Frightened by the people's wrath, the torturers fled, and the Isaurians found the martyr wounded and bloodied at the place of torture.

Saint Conon wished to endure martyrdom for the Lord, but he lived two more years. Saint Conon died in the second century and was buried beside his parents and wife.