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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

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. Василян/Basilian Fathers serving the
Parish:** - Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM
Administrator. Email: serh70@outlook.com
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.**

22-а Неділя після П'ятидесятниці

*Святі мученики Галактіон і
Епістима*



22nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Holy Martyrs Galaction and
Epistemis*

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 16:19-31

**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 i pokori"; 2) **at Communion:** page 244 "Vitai mizh namy"; 3) **Closing:** page 336 "Vykhvaliaite doly, hory"

НИНІ: Неділя, 5 листопада - Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано. // Річні Парафіяльні Збори є після другої Служби Божої у залі, під церквою.

-**Від понеділка до суботи** о 7:30 і о 8:30 ранку - Служба Божа в каплиці
- **Середа, 8 листопада** -10:30 ранку - Служба Божа. (Св. Архангел Михаїл)

СОБОР СВЯТОГО АРХИСТРАТИГА МИХАІЛА (8 листопада)

(о. Юліян Катрій, ЧСВВ)

"Усі небесні сили, святі ангели й архангели, моліть Бога за нас грішних" (Велике повечер'я).

Наш церковний рік це наче прегарна мозаїка, яку творять Господські, Богородичні празники та велика кількість празників мучеників і святих. Осередок цієї величної мозаїки — це Господь Наш Ісус Христос, як Бог і як Чоловік. На землі день і ніч славить Його Церква-паломниця, а в небі вічну славу співає Йому Церква прославлена: превеликий хор ангелів і святих. Святі ангели це одвічний Божий хор слави, це Божа сторожа і Божі слуги. Ангели сповняють також велику роль у відкупленні людського роду.

Свята Церква, пам'ятаючи про велике значення ангелів для Божої слави і нашого спасення, в мозаїці церковного року залишила окреме місце і на почитання ангелів. Тут на першому місці стоїть празник Собор святого архистратига Михаїла та інших безтілесних сил. Для заохочення до більшого почитання ангелів скажемо дещо про їхній культ, про мету цього празника та його духовне значення для нас.

ЗНАЧЕННЯ ПРАЗНИКА ДЛЯ НАС

Празник святого архангела Михаїла і святих ангелів доводить нам велике значення ангелів для нашого спасення. Він пригадує нам і на наші обов'язки щодо святих ангелів, а передусім нашого ангела-хоронителя. Протягом усього нашого життя, кожної хвилини й на кожному місці він з волі Божої є над нами, нас хоронить, нам піддає добрі думки, остерігає нас від гріха, за нас заступається перед Богом.

Наш ангел — хоронитель — це наш провідник до неба, помічник у спокусах, товариш у хвилині смерті. Він постійний свідок наших думок, наших слів і наших діл. Лише колись у вічності ми побачимо, наскільки ми завдячуємо своєму ангелові — хоронителеві. Звідси впливає наш обов'язок святих ангелів почитати, їх славити та їм кожного дня дякувати за поміч і опіку. "Прославляти ангелів, — читаємо у проповіді, що її приписують святому Йоанові Золотоустові на Собор архангелів, — це наш обов'язок. Вони прославляють Творця, об'являють його милосердя і любов до людей". Від колиски доручаймо наших дітей їхньому ангелові — хоронителеві, учимо їх його любити та щодня до нього молитися. Історія Церкви знає дуже багато випадків, у яких ангел — хоронитель у чудесний спосіб захистив дітей під час небезпеки. "Ангели є придані нам, — каже слуга Божий митрополит Андрей Шептицький, — як хоронителі й опікуни на ціле життя, тож без сумніву та повсякденна опіка ангела для кожного з нас зокрема повинна бути поштовхом до сердечного почитання і вдячності для нашого ангела хоронителя" (Про почитання святих, 1941).

Наша набожність до свого ангела-хоронителя буде йому особливо милою, коли ми не тільки будемо його почитати і до нього молитися, а коли будемо його наслідувати. Він дає нам гарний взірець святости. Він нас учить своїм прикладом, як любити Бога, Йому служити та Його славити. Тож намагаймося так гаряче Бога любити, як він Його любить, і так ревно сповняти Божу волю, як він її сповняє, і як сповняють її всі ангельські хори в небі.

TODAY – Sunday, Nov. 5. Coffee and sweets available following the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies. //-

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, November 5th, 12:00 noon: The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room following the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy. Please make it a point to attend. All committee heads are required to attend and to orally present their annual report.

– **From Monday to Saturday** – at 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM – Divine Liturgy in the Chapel.

– **Wed., Nov. 8**, at 10:30 AM – the Divine Liturgy in church. (St. Archangel Michael).

Maintenance Work for the Exterior of the Church *(updated Nov. 1, 2017)*

The roof work is almost completed. There are some areas that still need to be addressed. The access stair will remain until all the roof work has been completed.

Once the access stair has been removed then the contractor will finish pressure washing the exterior of the building that has been inaccessible to this point. This area will then be caulked and the surface sealed.

We anticipate that the maintenance project should be completed by the latter half of November (weather permitting). At this time, the anticipated cost will surpass \$300,000.00.

The over-all cost of this project is not unexpected and should not be surprising. The parish was aware that the cost of any exterior maintenance and repairs would be substantial. This work was long overdue.

Dear Parishioners and Friends. Funding this project will diminish our parish reserves. St. Mary's Parish needs your help in funding this project. Can you help us? Envelopes with the label "*Church Renovation Fund*" can be found in the front entrance of the church. Please help us to defray the cost of this most necessary renovation and maintenance project. All donations are tax-deductible.

To date we have received \$23,139.00 towards our renovation and maintenance project. Thank You!

Sunday Donation for October 29 – \$1,656.05

>> Have you just moved into our parish? Are you registered in our parish? Has your phone number or address changed? For new parishioners, please let us know who you are so that we can better welcome you! Registration forms are available in the parish office. For Parishioners who have moved, help us to update our records by informing the parish office.

St. Mary's Parish Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017

As in past years, our Bazaar Committee is kindly requesting any extra preserves (jams, pickles, relishes, etc.) that you will be making over the summer. They will be sold at our Parish Bazaar. Your help is greatly appreciated.

RUMMAGE SALE at our upcoming Bazaar. If you have any gently used clothes, books, dishware, games, etc. please bring them to the Church hall any Sunday between 12-1pm (after the 10:30 liturgy).

PYROHY MAKING DATES FOR PARISH BAZAAR

We will be starting our pyrohy making sessions shortly. If you have the time/desire to help with this year's Bazaar, please reserve the following dates:

Saturday, November 18 – 8 am–3 pm. This date was suggested for anyone who cannot come and help during the week. Both men and women are invited to help at all the dates, if possible.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for NOVEMBER

Evangelization: To witness to the Gospel in Asia That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**Martyr Galaction and his wife
Martyr Episteme (on Nov. 5)**

There was a rich and distinguished couple named Kletophon and Leukippe, who lived in the Syrian city of Emesa, and for a long time they were childless. They gave much gold to the pagan priests, but still they remained childless.

The city of Emesa was governed by a Syrian named Secundus, put there by the Roman Caesars. He was a merciless and zealous persecutor of Christians, and to intimidate them he ordered that the instruments of torture be displayed on the streets. The slightest suspicion of belonging to "the sect of the Galilean" (as thus Christians were called by the pagans), was enough to get a man arrested and handed over for torture. In spite of this, many Christians voluntarily surrendered themselves into the hands of the executioners, in their desire to suffer for Christ.

A certain old man by the name of Onuphrius, concealed his monastic and priestly dignity beneath his

beggar's rags. He walked from house to house in Emesa, begging alms. At the same time, whenever he saw the possibility of turning people away from the pagan error, he preached about Christ.

Once, he came to the magnificent house of Leukippe. Accepting alms from her, he sensed that the woman was in sorrow, and he asked what was the cause of this sadness. She told the Elder about her familial misfortune. In consoling her, Onuphrius began to tell her about the one true God, about His omnipotence and mercy, and how He always grants the prayer of those turning to Him with faith. Hope filled the soul of Leukippe. She believed and accepted Holy Baptism. Soon after this it was revealed to her in a dream that she would give birth to a son, who would be a true follower of Christ. At first, Leukippe concealed her delight from her husband, but after the infant was born, she revealed the secret to her husband and also persuaded him to be baptized.

They named the baby Galaction and his parents raised him in the Christian Faith and provided him a fine education. He could make an illustrious career for himself, but Galaction sought rather an unsullied monastic life in solitude and prayer.

When Galaction turned twenty-four, his father resolved to marry him off and they found him a bride, a beautiful and illustrious girl by the name of Episteme. The son did not oppose the will of his father, but by the will of God, the wedding was postponed for a time. Visiting his betrothed, Galaction gradually revealed his faith to her. Eventually, he converted her to Christ and he secretly baptized her himself.

Besides Episteme he baptized also one of her servants, Eutolmius. The newly-illuminated decided on the initiative of Galaction, to devote themselves to the monastic life. Leaving the city, they hid themselves away on Mount Publion, where there were two monasteries, one for men and the other for women. The new monastics had to take with them all the necessities for physical toil, since the inhabitants of both monasteries were both old and infirm.

For several years the monastics struggled in work, fasting and prayer. Once, Episteme had a vision in her sleep: she and Galaction stood in a wondrous palace before a radiant King, and the King bestowed golden

crowns on them. This was a prefiguring of their impending martyrdom.

The pagans became aware of the existence of the monasteries, and a military detachment was sent to apprehend their inhabitants. But the monks and the nuns succeeded in hiding themselves in the hills. Galaction, however, had no desire to flee and so he remained in his cell, reading Holy Scripture. When Episteme saw that the soldiers were leading Galaction away in chains, she began to implore the Abbess to permit her to go also, since she wanted to accept torture for Christ together with her fiancé and teacher. The Abbess tearfully blessed Episteme to do so.

The saints endured terrible torments, while supplicating and glorifying Christ. Their hands and legs were cut off, their tongues were cut out, and then they were beheaded.

Eutolmius, the former servant of Episteme, and who had become her brother in Christ and fellow ascetic in monastic struggles, secretly buried the bodies of the holy martyrs. He later wrote an account of their virtuous life and their glorious martyrdom, for his contemporaries and for posterity.

[<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/11/05/103176-martyr-galaction-and-his-wife-at-emesa>]



**Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster**

To the Rev. Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster

3 November 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I have designated 19 November as Catholic Missions In Canada (CMIC) awareness Sunday in our Eparchy. I want each of our faithful to know how important has been and continues to be to our Eparchy. Without a doubt over the last decade they have been our greatest benefactor and a very respected partner. I would like to share with you information about CMIC.

Catholic Missions In Canada was founded in 1908 as The Catholic Church Extension Society, with the Ukrainians being of special concern in the early 20th Century, throughout the nation, but especially in the western provinces, where they were settling in the thousands to begin life on vast farmlands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Not only language and culture separated the Ukrainians in the strange new land, but also very different religious rites and traditions from the established Latin rite Church. Of grave concern was the lack of Ukrainian Catholic clergy in Canada.

Roman Catholic Father Alfred Burke, and Archbishop Fergus McEvay (Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto 1908–1911), to become the co-founders of The Catholic Church Extension Society, knew that something concrete had to be done or their Ukrainian brothers and sisters would be in grave danger of losing their Catholic faith.

In 1908, with the founding of The Catholic Church Extension, the efforts of these two men not only raised awareness of the needs of the Ukrainian Catholic faithful among the clergy and laity of the Latin rite Catholic Church already established in Canada, but from them, also the means to provide the financial, corporal and spiritual assistance that was needed to allow them to keep their faith.

Archbishop McEvay also convinced the Latin Rite episcopacy to allow the use of the (then) new St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto to become a centre for training Ukrainian Catholic priests.

Perhaps more importantly, however, in 1910, McEvay met with our Great Metropolitan Andriy Sheptytsky (Archbishop of Lviv) who was appointed the apostolic visitor to Canada, to begin recommendations for the establishment of a Ukrainian Eparchy in Canada. The result? An Apostolic Exarchate for the faithful was erected by Pope Pius X in 1912, with Winnipeg as the seat of the bishop. In the same year, the first Ukrainian Catholic bishop for Canada was named: the Blessed

Nykyta Budka, only 35 years of age when he was consecrated in Lviv by Metropolitan Andriy.

In 1918, Bishop Budka in 1918 wrote a letter to express his feelings about the relationship of The Catholic Church Extension and the Ukrainian Church :

“What does your help mean for Catholic [Ukrainian] Ruthenians in Canada?...You have supported the main factor in my exceptionally hard mission work with money, [and] by encouraging and creating interest and sympathy in the Catholic world...[I want to thank you] for all your help to the priests by [Liturgy] intentions, to poor colonies by chapel funds and church vestments...may the Giver of all goods bless you.”

Our partnership with Catholic Missions In Canada continues today, with almost \$300,000 in grant allocations having been approved for 2018 to assist Ukrainian eparchies in Canada in 2018.

To learn more about Catholic Missions In Canada send for your free magazine and 2018 calendar—featuring Ukrainian saint days, liturgical feasts and daily Gospel readings, by calling toll-free 1-866-937-2642 or visit cmic.info

Dear Friends, on Nov. 19 you will find in your bulletins a specially addressed envelope for your donation to Catholic Missions In Canada. You will receive a tax receipt directly from CMIC for your donation. Please be generous so that CMIC may continue to not only assist our Eparchy but also other Eparchies and Diocese in Canada that are in need of financial support.

With assurance of my prayerful best wishes and Episcopal blessings, I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ!

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Awareness Sunday, November 19, 2017

Our partners in faith

Catholic Missions In Canada* was founded in 1908 to provide financial, corporal and spiritual assistance to the thousands of Ukrainian Catholic immigrants arriving to settle Canada in the early 20th Century. Our mission? To allow the faith of settlers celebrating the Ukrainian Catholic rite to not only thrive, but to flourish in their new country.

Our founders were instrumental in the establishment of the first Ukrainian diocese in Canada, with Winnipeg as the seat of the first Ukrainian Catholic bishop in Canada, the Blessed Nykyta. Bishop Budka in 1918 wrote:

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Closer Friendship with God (from My Daily Bread)

CHRIST: MY CHILD, I have said that the Kingdom of God is within you. Turn to Me with your whole heart. Do not think too much of this world, and your soul will find rest in Me. Do not let this earthly life take all of your attention. Think often of Me and of My Will in your life. Then you will become more conscious of My presence within your soul. I bring you the gifts of peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. These gifts are not given to those who pay too much attention to this earthly life.

2. One who loves Me and lives My truth, is a supernatural person. By My grace he becomes free from sinful and dangerous desires. He can freely turn to Me. He is able to rise above the visible world around him and enjoy My friendship.

3. As iron, cast into the fire, loses its rust and becomes bright with the flame, so too a man who turns his whole heart to Me, is purified of all sluggishness and changed into a new man.

THINK: If I take this step and concentrate more on God's place in my daily life, I shall find the peace of Christ. Earthly worries and distractions become small in the presence of God. The more I am impressed by Him, the less shall I be impressed by everything else.

PRAY: My God, I want to be deeply impressed by You and Your holy Will in my daily life. Teach me to live this life of mine in Your presence, sharing with You my thoughts, desires, and every activity throughout the day. Let me recognize and follow Your Will as it comes to me through people and events in my daily life. Amen.