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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 in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions: 15 minutes before 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

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Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM

Bishop-Emeritus

7-та Неділя після П'ятидесятниці.
Святий Великомученик Прокопій



7th Sunday after Pentecost.
Holy Great-Martyr Procopius

Romans 15:1-7

Matthew 9:27-35

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

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 238 “Uviydy, yereyu”; 2) **at Communion:** page 258 “Tilo Khrystove”; 3) **Closing:** page 378 “Prosymotia, Divo”

НИНІ: Неділя, 8 липня: Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год. 8:30 і 10:30 рано.

Читання в сім'ї Святого Письма та духовної літератури (КАТЕХИЗМ УГКЦ «ХРИСТОС – НАША ПАСХА»)

674 Щоденне читання в сім'ї Святого Письма, особливо Нового Завіту, має органічно поєднуватися з проказуванням щоденних молитов. Адже в молитві ми звертаємось до Бога, а в Святому Письмі Бог промовляє до нас. Слово Боже допомагає батькам виховувати своїх дітей, а дітям – шанувати батьків. Зрозумівши це, сім'я горнутиметься до Святого Письма як до найкращого свого порадника.

675 Духовна література, до якої належать Життя Святих, твори Отців Церкви та аскетичні твори, сприяє становленню й розвитку особистості в благодаті Святого Духа. Читаючи духовну літературу (наприклад, «Сповідь» святого Августина), можна пізнати досвід покаяння і навернення. У процесі духовного зростання людина простуватиме непростим шляхом аскези – подолання гріховних звичок і спокус, боротьби з пристрастями. Цей шлях людини описували духовні подвижники (наприклад, святий Йоан Ліствичник у «Ліствиці духовній»).

676 Найдоступнішим і найкориснішим твором для сімейного читання протягом століть були й залишаються Життя Святих. У нашій традиції Життя Святих у XVIII ст. уклав святий Дмитро Туптало під назвою «Четьї-Мінеї». У збірнику поміщені Життя Святих на кожен день року, опис церковних свят і принагідні проповіді Отців Церкви. Постаті святих показано в усьому багатоманітті життєвих ситуацій, успішно розв'язаних завдяки святості життя цих людей. Зростання кожного члена сім'ї у святості, подібно до святих, є головною метою сімейної спільноти.

677 Крім читання релігійної літератури, духовному життю домашньої Церкви сприяє також перегляд релігійних відеофільмів і телепередач, релігійних сторінок інтернету, прослуховування радіопередач та аудіозаписів на євангельські теми, читання християнських часописів. Усе це допоможе сучасній сім'ї знаходити духовні вічні скарби, й відповідально та корисно черпати зі справжніх духовних і культурних джерел, запобігати спрощеному й вульгарному розумінню сім'ї, особи, суспільства та навколишнього світу. Таким чином усе те, що священне й величне в храмі, матиме своє місце і в сім'ї як «домашній церкві».

TODAY: Sunday, July 8: Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room.

>> **Marriage** - Dylan Milroy and Yuliya Petrova are getting married (today) July 8, 2018. May God bless them in their marriage.

St. Mary's Parish Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018

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.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for July

Evangelization - Priests and their Pastoral Ministry. That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Maintenance Work for the Exterior of the Church

Dear Parishioners and Friends. Last Fall our parish did extensive maintenance work on the church exterior, at an overall cost that will surpass \$300,000.00. There is still some work to be done.

St. Mary's Parish is asking for your assistance in funding this project. All donations are tax-deductible. "*Convenience Envelopes*" can be found in the front entrance of the church.

To date our parish has received \$49,552.55. We are very grateful for your generosity in helping us defray the costs of this undertaking. May the Lord bless you for your kindness. Thank You!

Sunday Donations July 1, 2018 - \$1,767.00

>>POPE TO UKRAINIAN GREEK-CATHOLIC CHURCH: THANKS FOR YOUR WITNESS TO UNITY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH *Pope Francis met with His Beatitude Sviatoslav the morning of July 3, 2018, at Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican. The meeting was held at the request of the Head of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC), on the occasion of the celebration of the 1030th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine.*

>> **Nominating Committee** - please join the Nominating Committee that will nominate the candidates for our next Annual General Meeting. We need 4 or 5 people at the Nominating Committee. Please, let Fr. Serafym know that you want to join the Nominating Committee. Thank you!

>>CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR: If you are between the ages of 7-14 this is a summer must do! Camp St. Volodymyr is a great opportunity for campers to experience God through nature and the companionship of others. Campers will learn about the Ukrainian language and culture along with games, hikes, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and much more! Come join us August 19-26, 2018 in celebrating our 34th year of offering camp to children in our Eparchy! Register today and use the promo code July 2018 to get \$50 off your registration. Register online using Eventbrite. Search "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2018." For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com. **WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CAMP. DONATE Food** We are always happy to accept food donations of fresh fruits and vegetables, breakfast items; cereal, syrup, pancake mix, jam, Nutella, lunch items; chicken soup, Kraft dinner, cheese, drinks; juice boxes, powdered drinks, brownie/cake mixes, Jello, snack bars, cookies or treats. Gift certificates to Superstore and Costco are also welcomed. **DONATE Monetarily** Each year the Eparchy sponsors several children to attend. You can help send a deserving child to camp through your donations. Donation can be made through the Eparchy or online at our Eventbrite page. Tax receipts can be issued for donations of \$25 or more.

>>Hear Biblical scholar and inspirational speaker Fr. Jim Nisbet from California, in person, presenting the Gospel of Matthew (Part 2) at St Luke's Parish, 20285 Dewdney Trunk Rd, Maple Ridge, Friday through Sunday September 7th through 9th. Cost of the evening and 2 days is \$70 per person or \$130 per married couple, with student and single day rates available. We are looking to form a carpool from St. Mary's to the Seminar - let Adrian know if interested driving or joining the carpool. Register at www.biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration/ For more information, pick up a flyer in the church vestibule or see Adrian.

>>Celebrations! Three important events to celebrate at our Cathedral!

- On 16 May Bishop Ken celebrated his 60th Birthday (in lieu of gifts Bishop Ken asks that donations would be made to the beautification of our Cathedral).

- Andriy Malysh was ordained to the subdiaconate (May 14) and diaconate (May 20) for our Eparchy by Bishop Ken in Lviv. (Personal gifts may be presented directly to Deacon Andriy at this time).

- Holy Eucharist Cathedral Parish has hosted three very talented iconographers (Oleksii, Serhii and Dmytro) from Lviv who have now completed several new icons in our Cathedral.

To celebrate we would like to invite you to a Vespers service and the official unveiling of our icons at the Cathedral on Saturday 14 July 6:00PM to be followed by supper. Donations will be welcome for the supper and no advance tickets are required but please RSVP (to cathedral.nwe@gmail.com) your attendance by Sunday 8 July so we can be prepared to host you.

You Shall Have No Other Gods Before Me”

2110 The first commandment forbids honoring gods other than the one Lord who has revealed himself to his people. It proscribes superstition and irreligion. Superstition in some sense represents a perverse excess of religion; irreligion is the vice contrary by defect to the virtue of religion.

Superstition

2111 Superstition is the deviation of religious feeling and of the practices this feeling imposes. It can even affect the worship we offer the true God, e.g., when one attributes an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary. To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand, is to fall into superstition. [41]

Idolatry

2112 The first commandment condemns polytheism. It requires man neither to believe in, nor to venerate, other divinities than the one true God. Scripture constantly recalls this rejection of “idols, (of) silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.” These empty idols make their worshippers empty: “Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them.” [42] God, however, is the “living God” [43] who gives life and intervenes in history.

2113 Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith. Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God. Man commits idolatry whenever he honors and reveres a creature in place of God, whether this be gods or demons

(for example, satanism), power, pleasure, race, ancestors, the state, money, etc. Jesus says, “You cannot serve God and mammon.” [44] Many martyrs died for not adoring “the Beast” [45] refusing even to simulate such worship. Idolatry rejects the unique Lordship of God; it is therefore incompatible with communion with God. [46]

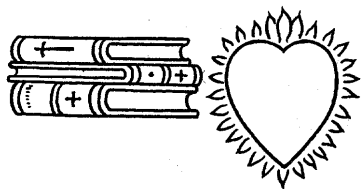
2114 Human life finds its unity in the adoration of the one God. the commandment to worship the Lord alone integrates man and saves him from an endless disintegration. Idolatry is a perversion of man's innate religious sense. An idolater is someone who “transfers his indestructible notion of God to anything other than God.” [47]

Divination and magic

2115 God can reveal the future to his prophets or to other saints. Still, a sound Christian attitude consists in putting oneself confidently into the hands of Providence for whatever concerns the future, and giving up all unhealthy curiosity about it. Improvidence, however, can constitute a lack of responsibility.

2116 All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to “unveil” the future. [48] Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone.

2117 All practices of magic or sorcery, by which one attempts to tame occult powers, so as to place them at one's service and have a supernatural power over others - even if this were for the sake of restoring their health - are gravely contrary to the virtue of religion. These practices are even more to be condemned when accompanied by the intention of harming someone, or when they have recourse to the intervention of demons. Wearing charms is also reprehensible. Spiritism often implies divination or magical practices; the Church for her part warns the faithful against it. Recourse to so-called traditional cures does not justify either the invocation of evil powers or the exploitation of another's credulity.



Irreligion

2118 God's first commandment condemns the main sins of irreligion: tempting God, in words or deeds, sacrilege, and simony.

2119 Tempting God consists in putting his goodness and almighty power to the test by word or deed. Thus Satan tried to induce Jesus to throw himself down from the Temple and, by this gesture, force God to act. [49] Jesus opposed Satan with the word of God: "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test." [50] The challenge contained in such tempting of God wounds the respect and trust we owe our Creator and Lord. It always harbors doubt about his love, his providence, and his power. [51]

2120 Sacrilege consists in profaning or treating unworthily the sacraments and other liturgical actions, as well as persons, things, or places consecrated to God. Sacrilege is a grave sin especially when committed against the Eucharist, for in this sacrament the true Body of Christ is made substantially present for us. [52]

2121 Simony is defined as the buying or selling of spiritual things. [53] To Simon the magician, who wanted to buy the spiritual power he saw at work in the apostles, St. Peter responded: "Your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God's gift with money!" [54] Peter thus held to the words of Jesus: "You received without pay, give without pay." [55] It is impossible to appropriate to oneself spiritual goods and behave toward them as their owner or master, for they have their source in God. One can receive them only from him, without payment.

2122 The minister should ask nothing for the administration of the sacraments beyond the offerings defined by the competent authority, always being careful that the needy are not deprived of the help of the sacraments because of their poverty." [56] The competent authority determines these "offerings" in accordance with the principle that the Christian people ought to contribute to the support of the Church's ministers. "The laborer deserves his food." [57]

Atheism

2123 "Many . . . of our contemporaries either do not at all perceive, or explicitly reject, this intimate and vital bond of man to God. Atheism must therefore be regarded as one of

the most serious problems of our time.” [58]

2124 The name “atheism” covers many very different phenomena. One common form is the practical materialism which restricts its needs and aspirations to space and time. Atheistic humanism falsely considers man to be “an end to himself, and the sole maker, with supreme control, of his own history.” [59] Another form of contemporary atheism looks for the liberation of man through economic and social liberation. “It holds that religion, of its very nature, thwarts such emancipation by raising man's hopes in a future life, thus both deceiving him and discouraging him from working for a better form of life on earth.” [60]

2125 Since it rejects or denies the existence of God, atheism is a sin against the virtue of religion. [61] The imputability of this offense can be significantly diminished in virtue of the intentions and the circumstances. “Believers can have more than a little to do with the rise of atheism. To the extent that they are careless about their instruction in the faith, or present its teaching falsely, or even fail in their religious, moral, or social life, they must be said to conceal rather than to reveal the true nature of God and of religion.” [62]

2126 Atheism is often based on a false conception of human autonomy, exaggerated to the point of refusing any dependence on God. [63] Yet, “to acknowledge God is in no way to oppose the dignity of man, since such dignity is grounded and brought to perfection in God....” [64] “For the

Church knows full well that her message is in harmony with the most secret desires of the human heart.” [65]

Agnosticism

2127 Agnosticism assumes a number of forms. In certain cases the agnostic refrains from denying God; instead he postulates the existence of a transcendent being which is incapable of revealing itself, and about which nothing can be said. In other cases, the agnostic makes no judgment about God's existence, declaring it impossible to prove, or even to affirm or deny.

2128 Agnosticism can sometimes include a certain search for God, but it can equally express indifferentism, a flight from the ultimate question of existence, and a sluggish moral conscience. Agnosticism is all too often equivalent to practical atheism.

-#41 Cf. Mt 23:16-22. -#42 Ps 115:4-5, 8; cf. Isa 44:9-20; Jer 10:1-16; Dan 14:1-30; Bar 6; Wis 13: 1- 15:19. -#43 Josh 3:10; Ps 42:3; etc. -#44 Mt 6:24. -#45 Cf. Rev 13- 14. -#46 Cf. Gal 5:20; Eph 5:5. -#47 Origen, Contra Celsum 2, 40: PG 11, 861. -#48 Cf. Deut 18:10; Jer 29:8. -#49 Cf. Lk 4:9[ETML:C/]. -#50 Deut 6:16. -#51 Cf. 1 Cor 10:9; Ex 17:2-7; Ps 95:9. -#52 Cf. CIC, cann. 1367; 1376. -#53 Cf. Acts 8:9-24. -#54 Acts 8:20. -#55 Mt 10:8; cf. already Isa 55:1. -#56 CIC, can. 848. -#57 Mt 10:10; cf. Lk 10:7; 2 Cor 9:5-18; 1 Tim 5:17-18. -#58 GS 19 -# 1. -#59 GS 20 -# 2. -#60 GS 20 -# 2. -#61 Cf. Rom 1:18. -#62 GS 19 -# 3. -#63 Cf. GS 20 -# 1. -#64 GS 21 -# 3. -#65 GS 21 -# 7.

The Voice of Conscience (from "My Daily Bread")

CHRIST: MY CHILD, refuse to do wrong for anything in the world. It is better to have the whole world against you rather than have Me against you. Whoever loses Me, is losing more than the entire world. Whatever you love on earth is but a reflection of My goodness. If you fix your attention and interest only on worldly things or people, you will soon shut Me out and lose My grace. 2. As soon as you become too interested in worldly pleasure and ease, your conscience objects. You are your own worst enemy when you act against your conscience. The wrong which you do becomes worse when you try to excuse yourself or justify your actions. 3. No man can safely enjoy life except the man whose conscience is clear. The wicked never have true joy nor real interior peace. They may say that they have peace and that they neither expect nor fear any harm from above Either they are lying or they are fools. My justice will suddenly strike them and put an end to their deeds. They will think differently then . 4. A bad conscience is afraid and disturbed A good conscience has peace even in time of hardship. The good man's glory lies in the testimony of a good conscience. 5. There is no true freedom nor profitable joy without a clear conscience and a holy fear of all sin. Blessed is the man whose eyes are on Me and who keeps his earthly desires within My law. A good life follows My wisdom and brings a deeper appreciation of this earthly existence

THINK: God made man intelligent enough to see that he should do what is right. And so the sinner knows that he is a sinner. He knows that his life is not going well. If he wants to cling to sins, he will try to excuse himself in some way, but he cannot fool himself for long. Either he loses his peace of soul or he succeeds in dulling his conscience. The man with a dull conscience will find distractions and interests in many things, but he has not the abiding peace of those who live for Heaven.

PRAY: Dear Lord, grant that I may never be insincere in my daily life. Let me always have the strength, the courage and the loyalty to follow what is right. I do not want to choose any temporary satisfaction or relief which is displeasing to You. Let me live for eternity by always choosing what You want me to choose. May death never catch me by surprise. I hope to live each hour of the day in loyalty to Your holy Will and at peace with You. Amen.

VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER. 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 forever and ever. Amen!