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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

оо. Василяни/Basilian Fathers serving the

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Administrator Email: serh70@outlook.com

Father Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM- local Superior

Most Rev. Severian Yakumyshyn, OSBM

Bishop-Emeritus

19-та Неділя після П'ятидесятниці.

**Священномученик Григорій,
єпископ Великої Вірменії**



19th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of
Greater Armenia**

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Luke 6:31-36

**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 234 "V strasi is pokori"; 2) **at Communion:** page 258 "Tilo Khrystove"; 3) **Closing:** page 270 "Nache povnyi holos dzvonu"

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

- 10:00 ранку – Вервиця до Пречистої Діви Марії
- понеділок, 1 жовтня, о 7:00 вечора - Вервиця до Пречистої Діви Марії у церкві.
- середа, 3 жовтня, о 7:00 вечора - Вервиця до Пречистої Діви Марії у каплиці.
- п'ятниця, 5 жовтня, о 7:00 вечора - Вервиця до Пречистої Діви Марії у церкві.

- **неділя, 7 жовтня** – наш Парафіяльний празник (свято). Вл. Кен Новаковський буде з нами. Обід після (10:30) Служби Божої. Запрошуємо всіх взяти участь!

Із Католицького Народного Катехизму

Бог заповідає нам такі добрі вчинки: молитву, піст і милостиню.

Архангел Рафаїл сказав до Товії: "Молитва з постом — річ добра... Ліпше творити милостиню, ніж нагромаджувати золото" (Тов. 12, 8).

Молитвою називаємо різні види віддання честі Богу — прийняття Св. Тайн, слухання Служби Божої, проповіді і т.п. Постом називаємо не лише утримання від споживання деяких страв як щодо їх кількості, так і щодо якості, але й подолання чуттєвого бажання, напр., цікавості. Милостинєю називаємо будь-яку послугу, зроблену ближньому, а насамперед діла милосердя щодо тіла і щодо душі.

Молитва, піст і милостиня — найкращі дороги до досконалості. Молячись, постячи, творячи діла милосердя, переборюємо в собі три головні похоті: гордість, похоть тіла і похоть очей. Таким чином наша душа може вільніше підноситися до Бога.

Гордість долаємо молитвою, похоть тіла (бажання тілесних розкошів) — постом, похоть очей

(бажання багатства) — милостинєю. Отже, через молитву, піст і милостиню ми відриваємося від справ цього світу, цим самим досконаліше з'єднуючись із Богом.

Найнепомітніший вчинок може стати доброю справою, якщо здійснюємо його з наміром звеличити Бога.

Збуджуючи в собі добрі наміри, християнин робить свої вчинки Божими, тобто сповненими цінності і заслуги (св. Анз.). Ось чому св. Павло каже: "Чи ви... їсте, чи п'єте, чи щонебудь робите, усе робіть на славу Божу!" (I Кор. 10, 31). Тут мається на увазі не лише споживання їжі чи напоїв, але й працю, і відпочинок, сон і т.п. Отже, протягом одного дня можна легко виконати сотні добрих справ. Не конче потрібно збуджувати добрі наміри перед кожним або при кожному вчинкові; достатньо зробити це від часу від часу (св. Тома з Акв.). Тому збуджуй щодня ранком добре намірення і відновлюй його частіше протягом дня. За наміренням судимо про цінність вчинку. Проаналізуємо це на прикладі поцілунку Юди. Знак

найтіснішої приязні, поцілунок, став найпідлішим учинком унаслідок злісного наміру. Намірення для діла є тим, чим корінь для дерева. Якщо корінь здоровий, то здоровим буде дерево і добрими будуть його плоди; якщо ж корінь зіпсований, то немає соків ані в дереві, ані в плодах. Це стосується і наших намірів... Чим є фундамент для будинку, тим є намір для діла (св. Григ. В.).

Від виконання добрих учинків залежить наше спасіння.

Без добрих вчинків немає спасіння. Св. Іван Хреститель каже: "...кожне дерево, що не приносить доброго плоду, зрубають і в вогонь кинуть" (Мат. 3, 10). А Христос говорить: "Не кожний, хто промовляє до мене "Господи, Господи!" — ввійде в Царство Небесне, лише той, хто чинить волю Отця мого, що на небі" (Мат. 7, 21). Під час страшного суду Спаситель жадатиме від нас звіту про діла милосердя (Мат. 25, 31). Згадаймо притчу про неврожайне фігове дерево (Лука 13, б), про таланти (Мат. 25, 14), про розумних і нерозумних дів (Мат. 25).

Самою праведністю (яка полягає в тому, щоб не убивати, не красти, не обманювати і т.д.) Бог не задовільняється. Під час страшного суду буде багато таких, які підуть у вогонь не тому, що творили зло, а тому, що не робили добра (св. Єр.). Не робити нічого доброго означає те саме, що робити зло (св. Золот.). Небо — це плата за виконану працю; хто не працював, той не може чекати нагороди.

Кожна людина має трьох приятелів: гроші, свояків і добрі діла.

Перший приятель (гроші) залишає її у хвилину смерті, другий (свояки) товаришує їй тільки до гробу і лише третій іде з нею аж перед престол Бога. Тому говориться у св. Письмі про померлих: "учинки їх за ними йдуть" (Одкр. 14, 13).

За наші добрі вчинки Бог дарує нам витривалість, а коли ми все ж скоїмо важкий гріх, наділяє нас щедрими діючими ласками, щоб ми навернулися. До Давида, який спіткнувся, посилає Бог пророка Натана, Петра опам'ятовує Спаситель одним своїм поглядом.

Здійснюючи добрі діла, грішник отримує діючі ласки, потрібні для його навернення; праведник досягає помноження ласки освячуючої та вічного щастя, а також заслугове вислухання молитов, а часто і нагороди вже тут, на землі.

Добрі діла грішника сприяють його наверненню. Роблячи добро, грішник відвертається від земних створінь, а звертається до Бога, і в його душі робиться щораз ясніше, а у серці — тепліше. Таким чином грішник поступово змінює свій спосіб життя. "Молитва і тяжкий гріх не можуть бути з собою у згоді" (св. Тер.). Це ж можна сказати і про піст і милостиню. Молитва грішника не має заслуги, але завдяки їй досягає він ласки прощення. Таку силу має молитва не завдяки заслугам того, хто молиться, а лише тому, що Бог обіцяв: "Хто просить, той одержує" (св. Альф.). Проте слід пам'ятати, що людина у стані тяжкого гріха не може за допомогою лише добрих учинків досягти вічних заслуг.

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

- 10:00 AM – Rosary to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- Mon., Oct. 1, at 7:00 PM – Rosary to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church.

- Wed., Oct. 3, at 7:00 PM - Rosary to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the chapel

- Fri., Oct. 5, at 7:00 PM - Rosary to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church

- **Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018** – Our Parish Praznyk (Parish Feast Day). Bp. Ken Nowakowski will be with us. Dinner after 10:30 AM Div. Liturgy. All are welcome!

>> **Reports for AGM** – The Committee Chairpersons, please, submit in advance your reports for the Parish Annual General Meeting Nov. 4, 2018.

Parish Bazaar - Saturday, November 17, 2018

Jams & Preserves

Our Bazaar Committee is kindly requesting any extra preserves (jams, pickles, relishes, etc.) that you may have made over the summer be donated to our bazaar. They will be sold during the event. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Pyrohy making

Our Parish Bazaar will soon be upon us. We are asking for volunteers in helping to make Pyrohy (perogies) for this parish event. Gentlemen, that means you too! Work begins at 8:00 AM on the following dates: October 10 & 17. Come join us!

>>**Donated Bazaar Items** – on Sunday, at 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM you can bring your items to donate to our Bazaar. Please, bring them to the front entrance of the Auditorium. Thank you!

Maintenance Work for the Exterior of the Church

To date our parish has received \$51,010.00 to help us defray the costs of maintenance work done on the church exterior. All donations are tax-deductible. “*Convenience Envelopes*” can be found in the front entrance of the church. We are very grateful for your generosity. May the Lord bless you for your kindness. Thank You!

A Request from the Parish Office

Please help us keep our records current:

- If you are new to our Parish and would like to receive offering envelopes please contact the Office.

- If you have recently moved or have a new phone number please contact the Office (604.879.5830).

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for October

Evangelization – The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

>>**Our Parish Bookstore:** now open Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and every Last Sunday of the month from 9:30-Noon. Items to sell include cd's, cards, liturgical books and more. For required information contact T. Pacholko at: lenaanneocha@shaw.ca or the Fathers.

>>**A new term of Ukrainian classes** for adults begins Monday, September 17 at St. Mary's. Beginners, intermediate and advanced classes for 10 weeks (6:45-8:45 pm). All are welcome. Please call Susan at 604 733 3756.

Sunday Donations September 23, 2018 - \$842.00
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>> **DOCUMENTARY FILM.** You may be interested in attending an upcoming documentary film (75 minute documentary). The Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada - Vancouver Branch invites you to the Vancouver premiere of the multi-award winning feature documentary called "**Recovery Room**" – a story of hope, resilience and compassion in time of war. The film is being shown on Sunday, Oct. 21st at 1:30 pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral located at 154 East 10th Avenue, Vancouver. [contact email: usfofbc@gmail.com]

>>**The corporal works of mercy are:** 1) to feed the hungry; 2) to give drink to the thirsty; 3) to clothe the naked; 4) to shelter the homeless; 5) to visit the sick; 6) to visit the imprisoned; 7) to bury the dead. **The spiritual works of mercy are:** 1) to counsel the doubtful; 2) to forgive all injuries; 3) to instruct the ignorant; 4) to bear the wrongs patiently; 5) to admonish the sinner; 6) to comfort the sorrowful; 7) to pray for the living and the dead.

LIFE IN CHRIST – A Catholic Catechism for Adults
Part 4: Life in Christ
Section 22: The Mystery of Chrismation (Confirmation)

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his [or her] own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in [our] own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to

Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God "-Acts 2: 1-11.

AS WITH ALL THINGS IN LIFE there are beginning points - places where we start. We begin our Christian initiation with the Mystery (Sacrament) of Baptism, by which we are forever marked as followers of Christ and, therefore, share in His dignity as adopted children of God.

The Mystery of Chrismation (Sacrament of Confirmation) seals our relationship with Christ and His Church. It signals our maturity as Christians and empowers us to fulfil our responsibility to proclaim the Gospel in our everyday lives.

Another step in the process of initiation occurs when we receive the body and blood of Christ in the Mystery (Sacrament) of the Holy Eucharist. Reception of the Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion) for the first time signals our spiritual growth and marks our communion with the Blessed Trinity.

We become full members of the Church once we have received the Mysteries (Sacraments) of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

1. What is the Mystery of Chrismation (Sacrament of Confirmation)?

In the Mystery of Chrismation the baptized "are bound more perfectly to the Church; they are endowed with special strength of the Holy Spirit, are thus more strictly obliged, as true witnesses of Christ, to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" - Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. As one of the Mysteries of initiation, Chrismation must be received if the grace of Baptism is to have its complete effect.

2. When was the Mystery of Chrismation (Sacrament of Confirmation) established?

The Scriptures do not give us the scene of the actual institution of the Mystery of Chrismation. But Christ's institution of the Mystery is revealed in Scripture by the fact that He promised to send, and actually did send, the Holy Spirit to strengthen the apostles, and by the fact that the apostles did administer this Mystery soon after the Resurrection.

Philip went down to [the] city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit - Acts 8:5, 14-17.

3. What does Jesus Christ accomplish in us through the Mystery of Chrismation (Sacrament of Confirmation)?

Through Chrismation Jesus gives us:

- a. An increase of the Divine Life;
- b. A new and deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit;
- c. The mystical (sacramental) mark or character of Chrismation (Confirmation);
- d. An increase of strength to profess, defend and spread the faith.

4. What is the sign of the Mystery of Chrismation (Sacrament of Confirmation)?

The sign of the Mystery of Chrismation is the imposition of hands and anointing with chrism oil with the words: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

The imposition of hands signifies the conferring of full and perfect adulthood. This is an ancient ceremony, which symbolizes the giving of a special power.

Chrism, the oil used in Chrismation, is a mixture of olive oil and perfume oils, consecrated by the bishop of the Eparchy on Holy Thursday during the Chrism Divine Liturgy.

In the Eastern Rites, the priest normally bestows this Mystery immediately following Baptism.

In the Latin rite the bishop normally bestows this Mystery to the person around the age of twelve. During Adult Baptisms the priest will confer this Mystery.

5. What is the effect of the distinctive "character" or "seal" given in the Mystery of Chrismation (Sacrament of Confirmation)?

The character or seal of Chrismation perfects that which was received in Baptism, especially the gifts and talents specific to the person. It also grants to the confirmed person the power to publicly profess the faith of Christ Jesus, especially in everyday life.

6. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Chrismation?

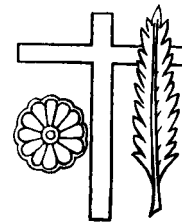
Our new relationship with the Holy Spirit after Chrismation is similar to that of the apostles after the first Pentecost. On that day they were enlightened so as to better understand the Mysteries of God. They were also strengthened to be able to bear witness to Jesus.

At our Chrismation this same Holy Spirit comes with special sacramental

graces to enlighten our minds and strengthen our wills so that we will be able to live up to our Christian commitments.

7. What are the powers, which enable us to profess, defend and spread the faith?

These powers are the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the graces of the Mystery of Chrismation. These graces enable us to meet the challenges to our faith and to take advantage of the possibilities of spreading the faith in our everyday life. *"When they take you before synagogues and before rulers and authorities, do not worry about how or what your defence will be or about what you are to say. For the holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say."* - Luke 12:11-12.



8. How do the gifts of the Holy Spirit help us?

These gifts open us to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism we receive these gifts in embryo. By Chrismation they become more fully developed. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

9. Why must a confirmed Christian be concerned with world problems and social justice?

In the Gospels Jesus teaches his followers that they must not only show concern for everyone but must actively, as much as possible, work to resolve the issues of social justice. In the parable of

the Last Judgment, for example, Jesus promises eternal life to those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, etc. This is presented as a duty, not an optional activity. Those choosing to ignore these basic duties and neglecting to perform them on behalf of others were cast into eternal punishment (cf. Matthew 25:31-46).

Responding to the question, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. Here Jesus teaches us the duty to assist anyone in need - even strangers (cf. Luke 10:25-27).

In another parable, Jesus relates the story of a rich man and a beggar named Lazarus. The rich man did not abuse or directly harm Lazarus. However, he was guilty of neglecting to provide care for the basic needs of a suffering person. The rich man, too, entered into eternal punishment for failure at least to attempt to alleviate human misery and suffering (cf. Luke 16:19-31).

From these teachings of Jesus, it is easy to see that it is the duty of all Christians to be concerned with the problems facing any members of the human family. Confirmed Catholics cannot limit their areas of concern and assistance to relatives and those in their immediate circle of acquaintances. At first glance, it might seem to be impossible for individuals to do much about the social problems of distant peoples. This is not necessarily true. Moreover, many of the problems, especially of poverty and homelessness, are very real to people living in our own country.

The problems of insuring social justice are many and varied. They include world hunger, peace, distribution of wealth, exchange of goods between nations, education, job opportunities, urbanization, etc. The popes of recent years have issued a series of encyclical letters giving Christian guidelines on how to attempt to resolve these basic injustices that are daily occurrences to many suffering people.

Jesus came to save all people. He loves all people. As long as any one person is a victim of any form of injustice, each Christian must cooperate to find ways to alleviate the problem.

10. How do Christians profess and spread their faith?

Christians profess and spread their faith by:

a. Praying for all people. *"First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone" - 1 Timothy 2:1.*

b. Professing belief in Christ. *"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father" - Matthew 10:32-33.*

c. Giving good example. *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; rather it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" - Matthew 5:14-16.*