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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 in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions: 15 minutes before/at
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

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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.

Неділя Закхея. Святі праведні Симеон
Богоприємець і Анна Пророчиця



Zacchaeus Sunday. The Holy and
Just Simeon the God-receiver and the
Prophetess Anna

1 Timothy 4:9-15

Luke 19:1-10

**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 258 "Tilo Khrystove"; 3) **Closing:** page 276 "V syl'niy nadiyi"

НИНІ: Неділя, 3 лютого - Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано.

Нині о 10:00 год. – Час Третій (Молитва)

- **Нині о 12:45 год.** – Біблійні студії; книга «Вихід» у класі #120, під церквою. Просимо взяти участь.

Неділя, 10 лютого: ЛУКЖ Пенкейк Сніданок. Наша ЛУКЖ гоститиме свій річний Валентинів пенкейк сніданок після двох ранішніх Служб Божих. Запрошуємо всіх прийти і насолодитися їдою і компанією.

Понеділок, 11 лютого, о 7:00 год. веч.: **Збори Парафіяльної ради** у залі під церквою.

Церковні календарі за 2019 р. знаходяться у притворі церкви. Просимо взяти один календар на родину.

Коробки з конвертками для пожертв за 2019 р. знаходяться у притворі церкви. Просимо уважно найти і взяти свої конвертки.

Наші щирі вітання і побажання пані Ярославі Татарнюк, яка святкуватиме свій 96-й День народження 4 лютого. Многая Літа!

ПРАЗНИК ГОСПОДНЬОГО СТРІТЕННЯ (о. Юліян Катрій, ЧСВВ)
"Радуйся благодатна, Богородице Діво, бо з Тебе засяяло Сонце правди Христос Бог наш, що просвічує тих, що в темряві" (Тропар празника).

Різдвяне коло свят завершується празником Господнього Стрітєння, який святкуємо 2 лютого, на сороковий день після Христового Різдва. Цей празник своїм змістом тісно пов'язаний з Христовим Різдвом, бо як у Різдві, так і тут Христос при своїм пожертвуванні у святині об'являє нам Свою божественність. Від зустрічі Божої Дитини і Його Пресвятої Матері з праведним Симеоном і сам празник у Східній Церкві називається Стрітєння. Візьмемо до уваги три питання: основу празника, його встановлення та дух богослуження.

Празник Стрітєння засновується на події з життя нашого Спасителя, яку записав святий євангелист Лука (2, 22-40). Закон Мойсея приписував, щоб кожна жінка після народження дитини 40 днів не сміла входити до храму, бо в той час вона вважалася нечистою. Ці 40 днів називалися днями очищення. Після закінчення цих днів мати новонародженої дитини приходила до храму і приносила жертву очищення. Багатша жінка жертвувала однолітнє ягня на всепалення та молодого голуба або горлицю, а вбога повинна була принести пару голубів або пару горлиць. Пречиста Діва Марія, як Божа Мати, не була зобов'язана до обряду очищення, бо освятилася Христовим Різдвом, як каже кондак празника: "Утробу Дівичу освятив Ти різдвом Твоїм". Та все-таки вона в

покорі виконує припис закону і приносить у жертву дві горлиці.

Крім того, над первородним хлопчиком 40 дня відбувався ще обряд пожертвування Богові і його викуплення. Той, хто повинен був освятити й викупити всіх людей, дозволяє, щоб найперше сам був посвячений Богові і викуплений. "Предвічний Бог, — каже литійна стихира, — що колись на Синаю дав закон Мойсееві, сьогодні являється як Дитина. Як Творець закону Він виповняє закон, і по закону приноситься у храм і дається старцеві".

На окрему увагу заслуговує тут ще зустріч Божого Дитяти і його Пречистої Матері з праведним

Симеоном. Святий Лука каже, що Симеон "був праведний та побожний, очікував утіхи Ізраїля, і Дух Святий був на ньому. Йому було відкрито Святим Духом, що не бачитиме смерти перш, ніж побачить Христа Господа" (2, 25-26). За Божим просвіченням Симеон у Дитячку Ісуса пізнає Месію, бере Його на свої руки і гарною молитвою дякує Господеві Богу за ласку, що його очі побачили обіцяного Спасителя. Наша Церква відправу вечірні кожного разу завершує молитвою Симеона "Нині відпускаєш". Старець Симеон пророкує Пресвятій Богородиці її майбутню жертву і терпіння задля Ісуса Христа.

Parish Maintenance Fund

Donations for our Maintenance Fund for 2019: \$507.00

Maintenance and repairs to our church and parish complex are ongoing. Please continue to help our parish build up its *Maintenance Fund* to offset these costs. All donations are tax-deductible. "*Convenience Envelopes*" can be found in the front entrance of the church and *Parish Maintenance Fund* envelopes are included in your envelope packet. We are very grateful for your generosity. Thank You!

Thank You

On behalf of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster and myself, we would like to thank all who took part in our global fundraising program, "**Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка**", for Caritas Ukraine. Because of all your generous donations, we were able to help needy, disadvantaged, disabled and orphaned children in Ukraine. This year we raised **\$3.285.00**, bringing us to a total of \$26,094.00 collected for Caritas Ukraine since the start of our appeal in 2012. For more information, please contact Dana Koren Lupynis or Natalia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at Caritas "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.

Щиро дякуємо всім тим що взяли участь і нехай Бог благословить Вас.

Thank You and God Bless - Dana Koren Lupynis

Sunday Donations: January 27, 2019: \$874.00

TODAY: Sunday, February 3: Coffee and sweets available following the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies.

- Today at 10:00 AM – Third Hour Prayer

- Today at 12:45 PM – Bible Study; the Book of Exodus in the classroom #120, in the church basement. Please take part in it.

Sunday, February 10: UCWLC PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Our UCWLC Ladies will be hosting their annual Valentine Pancake Breakfast after both morning Divine Liturgies. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Monday, February 11: 7:00 PM: Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room.

2019 Parish Calendars can be found in the church vestibule.

The **2019 Parish donation envelope** boxes are in the church vestibule.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mrs. Yaroslava Tatarniuk who will be celebrating her 96th birthday on February 4. Многая Літа!

>>>Adult Ukrainian Classes. The new term started January 21 and will run for 10 weeks. We welcome beginners, intermediate, and advanced students. Classes are held Monday nights, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 14th Avenue and Ash Street. To register, or for more information, please call Susan at 604.802.4948.

>>>FIRST CONFESSION & SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

We will be having classes preparing children 7 years of age or older for their first sacrament of Confession and their Solemn Holy Communion. If you have a child in your family or maybe you know someone that would like their child to receive these sacraments please let us know.

>>>CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY: Noted Biblical Scholar and inspirational speaker Fr. Jim Nisbet returns to our Parish, to present The Second Book of Samuel and The First Book of Kings on March 22 (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm), 23 & 24 (9:00 am - 4:00 pm), with Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning and Mass at the end of the Seminar. Fr. Jim goes line by line and has a way of bringing Scriptures to life, easily understood and relevant to our times. The Adult 3-Day registration rate is \$70 and the Married Couple registration rate is \$130. Day rates and student discounts are available. Please pre-register at: www.biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration or use the form available in the church vestibule. For more information, please see Deacon Howard or Adrian after Divine Liturgy, or send an email to biblestudies@shaw.ca.

>>>NB: Our Divine Liturgy prayers are printed in both Ukrainian and English languages. If you are familiar with the service, you should be able to follow the text and be "on the same page" with the rest of the congregation.

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 to register.

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

Sunday of Zaccheus; Post-feast of the Encounter; the Holy and Just Simeon Who Received God and the Prophetess Anna;

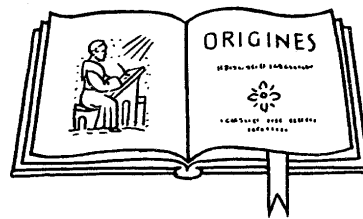
Glory to Jesus Christ!

I still remember when our oldest daughter was little and I was teaching her to play “hide and go seek.” I’d make a big deal about counting nice and loud and she would hide around the corner, still essentially in plain sight, and wait for me to finish. Then I’d start slowly “looking for her” until I got close enough to where she was, at which point she would jump out and scream “I found you!” and start rolling around on the ground laughing. At first, I didn’t think she understood the game until I thought about it and realized that she actually understood the game much better than I did! What makes the game fun is not the seeking or even the finding. What makes the game fun is being found, looking forward to the anticipation of being caught. That’s why we have so much fun with the “you’re getting warmer” hints that we give to the seeker. Imagine how sad it would be if you actually won and no one found you!

Our Gospel story today also features a game of “hide and seek.” Zacchaeus, small in stature, thinks that he is seeking the Lord and so he climbs a tree to get a good view because of the crowd. Christ himself stops and addresses Zacchaeus

and invites himself over to this sinful tax collector’s house. Zacchaeus wasn’t it, it was actually Christ who was seeking him as He testifies at the end of the dinner- He had “come to seek and save the lost.”

As we prepare for Great and Holy Lent with this first preparatory Sunday, we might be tempted to get weighed down by all the practices which we think that we will take on while we are searching for God. But we’d be wrong. God is seeking us. He’s it, and He is hoping that we will let ourselves be caught. Zacchaeus’ excitement and effort paid off in that it allowed Christ to catch and save him. As we begin our journey towards the Great Fast, let us emulate his desire and be open to being found by our Good Shepherd, the one who loves us! (*from Royal Doors - English Language Resources for Ukrainian Greek Catholics*)



Man's Lower Nature (from "My Daily Bread")

CHRIST: MY CHILD, unless You learn to control your feelings, You will always find it hard to obey those who have authority over you. Your feelings do not reason. They simply turn away from what is unpleasant, be it right or wrong. Feelings can be calmed in some degree by an intelligent outlook. Still, you will never have a more troublesome and dangerous enemy than your own unreasoning feelings and blind desires.

2. By Prayer and meditation you will acquire a grander outlook on life. You will see the unreasonableness and mean selfishness of your feelings and moods. I will show you the glorious goal which I have set for you. When you have grasped the higher purpose of your earthly life, you will acquire a holy contempt for whatever opposes that purpose. This heavenly knowledge and eternal goal will bring unity and order into your life. You will then find it easier to guide your lower nature according to My Will.

3. At times you will have to use stubborn resistance and even violence against the unreasoning tendencies within you. Sometimes you need to disregard your likes and dislikes, and follow your better judgment. With My truth to guide you and My sacraments to strengthen you, you cannot fail in this

daily combat for Heaven.

THINK: An obedient horse can help man in his daily tasks, but a stubborn mule can do more harm than good. So is it with man's own nature. His reason and will, strengthened by grace, must guide his unreasoning appetites and desires to right action. A good life is one which follows God's law. Only God's Will can lead me to Heaven.

PRAY: Lord Jesus, I hope to follow You each day of my life. With Your help, I hope to have strength to be firm against my blind tendencies and desires. You are my King and Leader. Make me a loyal follower. I desire and hope to live the kind of life which You desire of me. Grant me Your grace. You have shown me how great it is and how necessary for salvation. Grant it to me so that I may overcome this weak nature of mine, which draws me on toward sin and eternal death. In my flesh, I feel the law of sin contradicting the law of my mind, and in many things making me a slave of my feelings. I can not resist these feelings unless You help me, by pouring into my heart the grace of ardent loyalty to You. I am in continual need of grace to overcome this nature which, from its youth, always tends to evil. I hope in Your help. Amen.



Catholic Bishops of British Columbia and Yukon

With recreational use of cannabis now legal in Canada, Catholics are understandably asking themselves some questions: Is the use of cannabis now morally permissible? How should I respond to the availability of legal marijuana?

To begin, it's important to recall that Catholics look to the teachings of Jesus, Sacred Scripture and the Church for guidance on moral matters. The mere fact that an activity is made legal by the government does not automatically mean that it is morally acceptable.

It is also helpful to clarify that there are different reasons for using cannabis. Some of these uses are acceptable, while others are not.

The various drug compounds in cannabis can have legitimate therapeutic uses. For instance, they may be used as an alternative to other drugs for controlling pain or nausea. When properly dispensed for therapeutic purposes, cannabis use is acceptable.

This is no different than the use of any other medicine that helps promote health and wellbeing. If an individual thinks that the use of cannabis may be helpful for a serious health reason, then that person should consult with a physician.

Whenever possible, ways to avoid smoking cannabis should be sought, since smoking in any form is a serious health hazard. The drug compounds in cannabis can be separated from the cannabis plant and consumed in a pill/capsule form, taken as an oil, or be added to food. If cannabis is prescribed by a physician for therapeutic use, then alternatives to smoking are preferable.

Like many other drugs, marijuana also has intoxicating effects, causing users to experience a "high" often accompanied by grogginess and impaired judgement. When cannabis is used therapeutically, the resulting impairment can be accepted as a foreseen but unintended secondary effect of the drug's beneficial use.

In the Catholic tradition, the recreational use of a substance merely for its intoxicating effects, rather than therapeutically, is not permitted. Deliberate intoxication, whether through alcohol or marijuana, is wrong for several reasons.

First, people do things while drunk or high that they would not otherwise choose to do; the loss of good judgment and of natural inhibition can lead to serious harm and poor, even immoral, choices. When there is no genuine medical need for using a drug and it is used merely to cause inebriation, it is sinful behaviour.

Second, potential health consequences are also associated with the use of cannabis: some research suggests that the use of cannabis by young people under 25 may precipitate mental health disorders in those who are vulnerable.

Another concern about cannabis is that it artificially alters consciousness, which can be a way of avoiding challenges that we are facing in our lives. In such a situation,

marijuana is used as a means to temporarily reduce intense psychological pain. If this is the case, an individual should seek professional medical and therapeutic support, rather than use substances as a form of self-medication to address the pain. This kind of psychological pain ought to be alleviated by legitimate means.

Fourth, some people become addicted to cannabis. When this happens, stopping its use can be difficult. In such a situation, a person may be unable to take full responsibility for their drug use, precisely because of the addiction. However, with support, it is possible for them to seek help in overcoming the addiction. Friends, family, family doctors, and clergy can offer support in finding a counsellor, therapist, or medical professional.

If you or someone close to you is using or considering using marijuana, there are several things to think about.

To start with, you might ask: is this a medical and therapeutic use of a drug? Again, consult your physician, and explore what the most appropriate treatment is for you. If there is a medical reason, then use the drug responsibly, under medical supervision.

If, on the other hand, the use of cannabis is purely recreational and not for therapeutic reasons, then such use is contrary to Catholic moral teaching. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: “The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is morally wrong” (n. 2291). Those who knowingly engage in this behaviour should discuss this with a priest in Confession.

If someone you love is abusing drugs – cannabis, alcohol or other substances – then that person should be assisted in getting help.

In closing, our prayer is that God, who showed compassionate love in the person of Jesus Christ, may assist each of us in our healing journey.

Given on the Feast of St. Andrew, the 30th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

+J. Michael Miller, CSB –Archbishop of Vancouver

+Gary Gordon – Bishop of Victoria

+Greg Bittman – Bishop of Nelson

+Ken Nowakowski – Bishop of New Westminster (Ukrainian)

+Stephen Jensen–Bishop of Prince George

+Joseph Phuong Nguyen – Bishop of Kamloops

+Hector Vila – Bishop of Whitehorse