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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 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*

**оо. Василяни/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*

**НЕДІЛЯ ЗАКХЕЯ.** Св. преподобні  
Ксенофонт і його дружина, Марія



**ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY.** St. Xenophon  
and his wife, Mary, venerables

1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

**Парафія Покрови Пресвятої  
Богородиці** вітає всіх гостей, приятелів  
та парафіян, які беруть участь у цій  
Службі Божі. (Христос Рождається!  
Славимо Його!)

**The Protection of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary Parish** welcomes all guests, friends,  
and Parishioners participating in this  
Divine Liturgy. (Christ is Born! Let us  
glorify Him!)

**НИНІ: Неділя, 26 січня:** Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано.

Нині, о 10:00 год. ран. – Вервиця до Пречистої Діви Марії

### Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

**Opening:** page 50: “Vistku holosyt”

**Communion:** page 52: “Vo Vyfleyemi nyini novyna”

**Closing:** page 54: “Vozveselimsia vsi razom nyini”

**Неділя, 2 лютого:** Свято Стрітеня Господа нашого Ісуса Христа. Як звичайно, ми будемо благословити свічки.

**Конветки для пожертв на 2020** у коробках знаходяться у притворі церкви. (Уважно перевірте і виберіть тільки свою коробку.)

**Церковні календарі за 2020 р.** знаходяться у притворі церкви. Просимо взяти один календар на родину.

#### **Християнське розуміння держави**

954 Держава є формою організації життя нації. Кожен народ прагне забезпечити свою ідентичність через створення держави. Як політична спільнота, держава існує задля спільного добра тоді, коли через відповідну діяльність поглиблює, конкретизує та охороняє моральні цінності народу. Така держава сприяє розвитку кожної особи й тому не нехтує основними суспільними цінностями свободи, справедливості, рівності.

955 Держава реалізує свої функції, використовуючи механізм політичної влади. Влада потрібна, щоб координувати зусилля громадян для досягнення спільного добра. Одним із основних обов'язків держави є обмежувати різні вияви зла правовими засобами. У цьому аспекті політична влада є моральною силою суспільства. Державна влада, верховним носієм якої є народ, повинна сприяти розвитку громадянського суспільства, демократичних інституцій, забезпечувати свободи та права громадян.

#### **Функції державної влади**

956 Мета державної влади полягає в створенні передумов для гармонійного

розвитку осіб, суспільних груп і всього суспільства. Звідси випливає обсяг функцій державної влади у сферах законодавства, адміністрування та судочинства.

957 Митрополит Андрей навчає: «Керівна влада має за мету служити спільному благу, зберігати й боронити природну й істинну свободу громадян, сімей і громадських організацій»<sup>1</sup>. Представники державної влади повинні дотримуватися моральних вимог, які суспільство ставить перед владою. Християни – носії політичної влади – відповідальні не тільки перед суспільством і законом, а й перед Богом.

958 До основних функцій державної влади належать: захист від зовнішньої агресії та відповідна зовнішня політика; захист конституційного устрою, окресленого через економічні закони, цивільне та кримінальне право; справедливе державне адміністрування та судочинство; піклування про загальний добробут. Влада покликана піклуватися про спільне благо, визначальними ознаками якого є релігійна свобода, культура, освіта й наука.

<sup>1</sup> АНДРЕЙ ШЕПТИЦЬКИЙ, *Як будувати рідну хату?* (1942 р. Б.), Львів: Свічадо 1999, 7.

**TODAY: Sunday, January 26:** Coffee and sweets available following the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies.

**Today: 9:40 AM** - Catechism Class for Children with Susan Lazaruk in the classroom under the church.

Today: at 10:00 AM – Rosary to the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Today:** Please help us to take down the Christmas decorations and manger scene after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

**We extend condolences** to the Basilian Fathers and to the Chimy Family on the passing of Rev. Myron Chimy, OSBM on January 23rd. Fr. Myron was the Provincial Superior of the Canadian Province of the Sacred Heart from 1996 - 2004. He was also the nephew of our first Eparch Bishop Jerome Chimy, OSBM. **Вічна Пам'ять!**

**Sunday, February 2: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Candles will be blessed after the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies.** On this feast day candles are blessed and distributed to the faithful (or they may bring their own candles to be blessed). Along with our prayers, the candles are lit in times of trial and hardship, uncertainty, anxiety, joy, thanksgiving, or any time we feel the need to dispel the darkness in our lives with their light.

>>>**Please note that the Parishioners are being targeted by scams.** Parishioners are scamed through emails or by phone calls. The scammers pretend to be priests. It is happening across British Columbia and even across Canada. It is happening in Catholic churches, as well as in other churches.

### Farewell for Bishop Ken Nowakowski

**February 29, 2020:** Holy Eucharist Cathedral Parish in New Westminster would like to invite you to a farewell reception for Bishop Ken. Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM with reception to follow. Let us take this opportunity to celebrate Bishop Ken's new appointment as Bishop of the Holy Family of London Eparchy, and most importantly his 12 years of dedicated service, enthusiastic leadership and prayerful ministry in the Eparchy of New Westminster.

The **2020 Parish donation envelope** boxes are in the church vestibule. Please take a moment to find your box. (Please make sure that it is your box that you have taken).

**2020 Parish Calendars** can be found in the church vestibule.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

**Promotion of World Peace.** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

## Parish Maintenance Fund

Donations for our Maintenance Fund for 2020: \$267.00.

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!

(excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

### MAN: THE IMAGE OF GOD

1701 “Christ, . . . in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, makes man fully manifest to himself and brings to light his exalted vocation.” [2] It is in Christ, “the image of the invisible God,” [3] that man has been created “in the image and likeness” of the Creator. It is in Christ, Redeemer and Savior, that the divine image, disfigured in man by the first sin, has been restored to its original beauty and ennobled by the grace of God. [4]

1702 The divine image is present in every man. It shines forth in the communion of persons, in the likeness of the union of the divine persons among themselves (cf chapter two).

1703 Endowed with “a spiritual and immortal” soul, [5] The human person is “the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake.” [6] From his conception, he is destined for eternal beatitude.

1704 The human person participates in the light and power of the divine Spirit. By his reason, he is capable of understanding the order of things established by the Creator. By free will,

he is capable of directing himself toward his true good. He finds his perfection “in seeking and loving what is true and good.” [7]

1705 By virtue of his soul and his spiritual powers of intellect and will, man is endowed with freedom, an “outstanding manifestation of the divine image.” [8]

1706 By his reason, man recognizes the voice of God which urges him “to do what is good and avoid what is evil.” [9] Everyone is obliged to follow this law, which makes itself heard in conscience and is fulfilled in the love of God and of neighbor. Living a moral life bears witness to the dignity of the person.

1707 “Man, enticed by the Evil One, abused his freedom at the very beginning of history.” [10] He succumbed to temptation and did what was evil. He still desires the good, but his nature bears the wound of original sin. He is now inclined to evil and subject to error: Man is divided in himself. As a result, the whole life of men, both individual and social, shows itself to be a struggle, and a dramatic one, between good and evil, between light and darkness. [11]

1708 By his Passion, Christ delivered us from Satan and from sin. He merited

for us the new life in the Holy Spirit. His grace restores what sin had damaged in us.

1709 He who believes in Christ becomes a son of God. This filial adoption transforms him by giving him the ability to follow the example of Christ. It makes him capable of acting rightly and doing good. In union with his Savior, the disciple attains the perfection of charity which is holiness. Having matured in grace, the moral life blossoms into eternal life in the glory of heaven.

[2](#) GS 22.

[3](#) Col 1:15; cf. 2 Cor 4:4.

[4](#) Cf. GS 22.

[5](#) GS 14 # 2.

[6](#) GS 24 # 3.

[7](#) GS 15 # 2.

[8](#) GS 17.

[9](#) GS 16.

[10](#) GS 13 # 1.

[11](#) GS 13 # 2.

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**Venerable Xenophon, his wife,  
Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius  
and John, of Constantinople**

(Commemorated on January 26)

(<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/01/26/100314-venerable-xenophon-his-wife-mary-and-their-two-sons-arcadius-and>)

Saint Xenophon, his wife Maria, and their sons Arcadius and John, were noted citizens of Constantinople and lived in the fifth century. Despite their riches and position, they distinguished themselves by their simplicity of soul and goodness of heart. Wishing to give their sons John and Arcadius a more complete education, they sent them off to the Phoenician city of Beirut.

By divine Providence the ship on

which both brothers sailed was wrecked. The waves tossed the brothers ashore at different places. Grieved at being separated, the brothers dedicated themselves to God and became monks. For a long time the parents had no news of their children and presumed them to be dead.

Xenophon, however, already quite old, maintained a firm hope in the Lord and consoled his wife Maria, telling her not to be sad, but to believe that the Lord watched over their children. After several years the couple made a pilgrimage to the holy places, and at Jerusalem they met their sons, living in asceticism at different monasteries. The joyful parents gave thanks to the Lord for reuniting the family.

Saints Xenophon and Maria went to separate monasteries and dedicated themselves to God. The monks Arcadius and John, having taken leave of their parents, went out into the wilderness, where after long ascetic toil they were glorified by gifts of wonderworking and discernment. Saints Xenophon and Maria, laboring in silence and strict fasting, also received from God the gift of wonderworking.

## **The Last and Highest Goal**

(from "My Daily Bread")

CHRIST: MY CHILD, My true friends refuse to pursue things simply because they are pleasant. They do not want anything which has only temporary value. All their hopes and ambitions aim at the success which I give, the success which will never pass away. They know that too much love for earthly things can draw them away from the only lasting joy and glory. So in all their daily activities, they keep an eye on Me and My commandments.

2. Among all the wonders of heaven and earth, there is no one like Me. My works are supremely good and My judgments are perfectly true. By My providence the universe is ruled.

3. Let others seek whatever else they desire besides Me. As for you, let nothing please you except Me alone, your Hope, your Eternal Salvation.

4. Daily look for Me above all things. Try to find Me in all things. I alone am the Giver of true peace and lasting happiness.

THINK:

No tongue can describe the peace which God gives to those who sincerely want His Will above all else. Many never find this peace because they lack the trust and courage to live entirely God's way. They try to obey God's law only in part. God loves the man who is honest enough to want first things first.

PRAY:

My loving Saviour and merciful God, can I be so foolish as to think that I can find happiness without You? Can sin ever bring me true joy when it separates me from You, the Fountain of lasting joy? No. I hope, with Your help to keep my eyes fixed on You throughout my daily life. I hope to avoid whatever displeases You,

and to live as You wish me to live each hour of the day. Your Will shows the way to undying peace and happiness. Let me love Your Will in all things. Amen.

## **Vanity in Daily Life**

CHRIST: MY CHILD, vanity is another name for foolish expectation and for useless pretense. Some people expect too much from the good things of this world. Others pretend to be bigger than they really are and try to attract more attention than they deserve.

2. Vanity of vanities, and all is vanity for those who do not love Me, or refuse to follow My commandments. Nothing is permanent under the sun. When you love anything for its own sake, and not because it helps you do My Will, you are a victim of vanity. Death shall take all these things away from you, and nothing will be left. How wise is the man who appreciates this truth!

3. It is vanity to strive too intently for perishable riches and to fix your hopes on them. It is vanity also to be over-eager for honors, or to consider your self better than others. It is vanity to follow blindly the desires of the flesh and to want things which will bring a great penalty later on.

4. It is vanity to wish for a long life while caring little about living a good life. It is vanity to give your entire attention to the present life without thinking of the life which will come later. It is vanity to love only what is speedily passing away, instead of fixing your heart on Heaven the home of endless joy.

THINK:

If the dead could relive their lives, how differently many of them would value things I Now they know how foolish are many things for which they lived, and worked, and even sinned. The good, however, now enjoy perfect joy and happiness with God in Heaven because

they refused to offend Him for any worldly comfort or glory. My life is my choice. Will I try to please God in all things, or will I prefer some earthly satisfaction against His holy Will?

PRAY:

Lord, grant me heavenly wisdom, so that I may learn to seek You above everything else. May I find You, enjoy Your presence in my life, and love You above everything else. Let me understand all things according to their importance in Your eyes. Grant that I may prudently avoid the flatterer and patiently bear with those who make my life more difficult. It is great wisdom to fight the undue influence of human words and to keep my eyes on Your holy law. In this way I shall go safely onward along the way that leads to eternal life, unending happiness, and the only lasting success. Amen.

### **Frailty of Human Nature**

CHRIST: MY CHILD, all human beings are weak. Do not think that you are stronger than others. Circumstances do not create the weakness of a man. They simply draw it out and show what he really is. You must be convinced of this fact. Your will is weak, and your blind human desires are strong.

2. It should not be too hard for you to admit your frailty. See how often you are troubled by a small matter! At times you resolve to become a better man. Then along comes a small temptation, and away goes your resolution. Just when you think you are safe, when you least expect it, you find yourself pushed over by a slight temptation. Even when you do not give full consent to it, your feelings and desires confuse you. Hateful imaginations rush in on you and refuse to leave.

3. Before you can become serious

about self-perfection, you must be convinced of its necessity. See how weak you are! You often tend toward what is wrong. You confess your sins today, and tomorrow you commit the same faults again. You resolve to be on your guard, and an hour later you act as though you had never made the resolution. You are so weak and unsteady. It is only right, then, that you should humble yourself and refuse to think too highly of yourself.

4. You are more inclined to go backward than forward. You do not remain in the same state of mind for any length of time. Your moods and attitudes change with the changing hours of the day. If you would only turn to Me! I can help you rise above these changing moods. Let your heart turn to Me and find its rest in Me.

THINK:

My human nature is like a spirited horse. It must be controlled at every step. It would like to run free and uncontrolled. Therefore, I need not be surprised at my changing feelings and moods. They are not the higher self within me. God will honor me only for what I am trying to be. I would improve much faster if I begged His help more frequently by prayer and the sacraments. Too often I fail to put up a fight against my unreasonable feelings and blind desires. At other times I try to fight them alone. Only with God's help can I make any permanent progress. With the knowledge He gives me through His holy Church, and with the strength He offers me in His sacraments, I can live a holy life in spite of the restless lower self within me.

PRAY:

Dear Lord, my smallness and weakness are perfectly known to You. Have pity on me. Pull me out of the mud of self, so that I may not be stuck in it

forever. Consider the labors and trials of my daily life. Please stand by me in my efforts. Strengthen me in my resolutions. I have often failed because I depended on myself alone. Now, however, I shall seek advice and direction as often as I need it. Only in this way can I hope to make progress in true and solid virtue. Make me wise and honest in my daily efforts, so that I may no longer waste valuable time. I hope to become at last the kind of person You want me to be. Without You I can do nothing. Lord, help me. Amen.

### **Daily Renewal of Intention**

CHRIST: MY CHILD, progress in virtue depends on My grace and your own determination. My grace is always at your disposal. It is your determination that wavers and changes. Your intention would be more firm if you obtained more grace to help you. By prayer and sacrifice, and with an increased use of My sacraments, seek more grace. Then you would find your will stronger to follow your intention throughout the day.

2. It is not always enough to make good intentions in the morning. You must also recall and renew them during the day. Examine how faithfully you are following your intention, and seek to improve yourself in this effort. When you break your resolution, begin again. This is far better than abandoning your good intention altogether. Anyone can make good resolutions, but keeping them and renewing them is the work of a real man.

3. If you are afraid to start again or are discouraged by failure, it is because you do not understand what goes on in your daily life. Without Me you can do nothing.

Put your trust in My help, Then confidently do your best to follow your resolutions. If you fail, renew your intention at once and begin again. I will judge you more by your efforts than by your failures. It is your natural pride that makes you afraid to begin, or discourages you when you fail. Pride wants immediate success.

4. Be honest, and you will be humble. Make a sincere effort, but do not be surprised at your weakness and unexpected failures. Beg for My grace, and go on trying. Leave all else in My hands. He who keeps trying to please Me will never be abandoned by Me.

### **THINK:**

Am I brave enough to renew my intentions and good resolutions each day, and to make an honest effort to follow them? God's help will not fail me. My old faults will slowly disappear as I advance in the practice of the opposite virtues. Thus, if I have a fault of laziness, I can best conquer it by seeking more opportunities to perform good deeds. And so will it be with my other faults.

### **PRAY:**

Lord, let me do whatever is necessary to fight my faults and to advance in the opposite virtues. If I need to avoid some person or place, if I have to take some particular step, let me do so without any foolish delay. It is for Your glory and for my own greater good. Lord, now I begin, and shall keep on beginning again and again because I desire to please You. Amen.