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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,
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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.

М'ЯСОПУСНА НЕДІЛЯ.

Св. мученики Памфіл, Порфирій, Валент,
Павло та інші



MEATFARE SUNDAY.

Holy Martyrs Pamphilius, Porphyrius,
Valentius, Paul and others

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Matthew 25:31-46

**The Protection of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish** welcomes all guests, friends,
and Parishioners participating in this
Divine Liturgy.

НИНІ: Неділя, 16 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.

Нині, о 10:00 год. ран. - Час Третій (Молитва)

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: Basilian Chant: "Na Vavylons'kykh rikakh"

Communion: page 252: "Nazaretu liubyi tsvite"

Closing: page 138: "Na Vavylons'kykh rikakh"

ВЕЛИКИЙ ПІСТ починається в понеділок, 24 лютого. Протягом Великого Посту відправлятимуться:

- Божественна Літургія і Сорокоусти (молитва за померлих з наших родин і друзів) по п'ятницях о 7:00 год. веч. у церкві.
- Хресна Дорога по середах о 7:00 год. веч. у каплиці.
- Літургія Передшеосвячених дарів по вівторках о 7:00 год. веч. у церкві.

Ви можете подати нові імена на Сорокоусну відправу, використовуючи Сорокоусні конвертки, що знаходяться у притворі церкви. Просимо брати участь у цих богослуженнях по можливості якнайчастіше.

Parish Maintenance Fund

Donations for our Maintenance Fund for 2020: \$362.00.

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!

М'ЯСОПУСНА Й СИРОПУСНА НЕДІЛІ

"Господь гряде, і хто стерпить Його страх, хто явиться перед лицем Його, але, душе моя, будь готова на стрічу" (Третя пісня канону утрені М'ясопусної неділі)

Притча про блудного сина минулої неділі символічно показала нам незглибиме милосердя Бога, який приймає навіть найбільшого грішника, коли той кається і шкодує, що здійснив гріхи. Та щоб хтось не наважився грішити тільки тому, що Господь Бог

милосердний і простить йому, то свята Церква у двох наступних неділях для перестороги наводить дві справді драматичні сцени: день Страшного Суду і вигнання з раю наших прародичів — Адама й Єви. Ці дві сцени змальовують нам Божу справедливість. У М'ясопусну неділю святе Євангеліє говорить про день Страшного Суду, а Сиропусна неділя оплакує вигнання наших прародичів з раю.

Неділя Блудного Сина наче говорила до нас: "Блудні діти, поверніть з дороги гріха та в покорі й каятті вертайтеся до батьківського

дому, бо наш Отець Небесний безконечно милосердний, то простить і вам". — А М'ясопусна й Сиропусна неділі грізним тоном перестерігають нас: "Господь Бог не тільки безконечно милосердний, але й безконечно справедливий, тож не грайтеся з гріхом, але бійтеся строгої руки Божої справедливості й кари".

День Страшного Суду всім нам пригадує велику відповідальність, яка чекає на кожного з нас за наше життя.

А швидка й дуже строга Божа кара, що впала на наших прародичів за один-єдиний тяжкий гріх, переконує кожного, що з Богом не можна жартувати. Тож одна й друга неділя доводять нам необхідність виправлення нашого життя, посту й покути, жалю за гріхи, бо тільки тоді зможемо мати надію на Боже милосердя у день Страшного Суду.

Christmas Candle. 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 \$2463, bringing us to a total of \$24,953 collected for Caritas Ukraine since our appeal started in 2012. Щиро дякуємо всім тим що взяли участь і нехай Бог благословить Вас. Thank You and God Bless -- Dana Koren Lupynis. For more information, please contact Dana Koren Lupynis, Natalia Lupynis or Emelia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at Caritas "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6. The churches in New Westminster invite you to join the World Day of Prayer, 1:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, 501-4th Avenue. The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer.

This year's theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," which provides an opportunity to pray, celebrate, and give hope to women touched by injustice, especially in Zimbabwe. Everyone is welcome to attend the World Day of Prayer service, which will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

TODAY: Sunday, February 16: 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.

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

Today: at 10:00 AM – Third Hour (Prayer)

Saturday, February 22: UCWLC Meeting. 9:30 AM: Moleben with meeting to follow. Please try to attend for discussions and socializing.

GREAT LENT begins on Monday, February 24. During Great Lent we will celebrate:

- Divine Liturgy and the Sorokousty Service (praying for our deceased family members and friends) on Fridays at 7:00 PM in church.
- Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in chapel.
- Presanctified Liturgy on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in church.

You can submit new names for the Sorokousty Service by using the Sorokousty envelopes that are found in the church vestibule.

Please make it a point to attend as many of the services as you are able to.

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 Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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.

Scripture Brought to Life – Fr. Jim Nisbet returns to our Parish on March 20 to 22, presenting *The First Book of Kings*. This is not your average Bible Study. Fr. Jim's explanation of scripture is personally meaningful, nourishing to both the heart and soul, no matter the stage of our faith journey. Please register soon.

Cost for the full three days is \$75 (single) or \$140 (married couples). Day rates available. Please see Deacon Howard or Adrian Kopystynsky for more information. Register at: biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR August 16-23, 2020, Kelowna BC

Start planning your summer holidays now! If you are between the ages of 7-15 this is a summer must do! Come join us to celebrate our 37th year of camp for children in our Eparchy! Registration for campers and counsellors will begin in April. Bus transportation available from New Westminster. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know. For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com.

Byzantine Iconography Workshop

May 20 - 26, 2020. Venue: The Unitarian Church of Vancouver
949 West 49 Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Master Iconographer - Theodorus Papadopoulos

Information & Registration: www.theodoreicons.com/vancouver
or contact: krmail@telus.net phone: 604.536.7466

Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

[<https://www.o.ca.org/saints/lives/2020/02/23/5-sunday-of-meatfare-of-the-last-judgment>]

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to

every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Martyrs Pamphilius the Presbyter, Valens the Deacon, and those with them, at Caesarea in Palestine

(Commemorated on February 16)

[<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/02/16/100533-martyrs-pamphilius-the-presbyter-valens-the-deacon-and-those-wit>]

The Holy Martyrs Pamphilius the Presbyter, Valens the Deacon, Paul, Porphyrius, Seleucius, Theodulus, Julian, Samuel, Elias, Daniel, Jeremiah and Isaiah suffered during the persecution against Christians, initiated by the emperor Diocletian in the years 308-309 at Caesarea in Palestine.

The holy martyr Pamphilius, a native of the city of Beirut, was educated at Alexandria, after which he was made a priest at Caesarea. He devoted much labor to collating manuscripts and correcting copyist errors in the texts of the New Testament. The corrected texts of Saint Pamphilius were copied and distributed to anyone who wanted them. Many pagans were converted to Christ through them.

His works were collected into the extensive library of spiritual books available for the enlightening of Christians. Saint Jerome (4th-5th century) deeply respected Saint Pamphilius and considered himself fortunate to have located and acquired several of his manuscripts.

Actively assisting Saint Pamphilius in proclaiming the faith in Christ were Saint Valens, deacon of the church at Eleia, a man stooped with age and well-versed in the Holy Scriptures, and Saint Paul, ardent in faith and love for Christ the Savior. All three were imprisoned for two years by Urban, the governor of Palestinian Caesarea.

During the rule of his successor Firmilian, 130 Christians were sentenced in Egypt and sent to Cilicia (Asia Minor) to work in the gold mines. Five young brothers accompanied them to the place of exile. On their return to Egypt they were detained at Caesarea and thrown into prison for confessing Christ.

The youths appeared before Firmilian, together with those imprisoned earlier: Saints Pamphilius, Valens and Paul. The five Egyptian youths took the names of Old Testament prophets, Elias, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel and Daniel. Asked where they were from, the youths said that they were citizens of Jerusalem, meaning the heavenly Jerusalem. Firmilian knew nothing of such a city, since Jerusalem had been razed to the ground by the emperor Titus in the year 70. The emperor Hadrian (117-138) built a new city on the site, which was called Aelia Capitolina.

Firmilian tortured the youths for a long time. He sought to learn the location of the unknown city, and he sought to persuade the youths to apostatize. But nothing was accomplished, and the governor ordered them to be beheaded by the sword with Pamphilius, Valens and Paul.

Before this occurred, a servant of Pamphilius endured suffering. This was the eighteen-year-old youth Porphyrius, meek and humble. He had heard the sentence of death for the condemned martyrs, and asked the governor's permission to bury the bodies after their execution. For this he was sentenced to death, and thrown into a fire.

A witness of this execution, the pious Christian Seleucius, a former soldier, in saluting the deeds of the sufferers, went to Pamphilius and told him about the martyric death of Saint Porphyrius. He

was seized by soldiers and, on Firmilian's orders, was beheaded by the sword together with the condemned.

One of the governor's servants, Theodulus, a man of venerable age and a secret Christian, met the martyrs being led to execution, embraced them and asked them to pray for him. He was taken by soldiers to Firmilian, on whose orders he was crucified.

The young Julian, a native of Cappadocia who had come to Caesarea, saw the bodies of the saints which had been thrown to wild beasts without burial. Julian went down on his knees and venerated the bodies of the sufferers. Soldiers standing by at the wall seized him and took him to the governor, who condemned him to burning. The bodies of all twelve martyrs remained unburied for four days, but neither beasts nor birds would touch them. Embarrassed by this situation, the pagans permitted Christians to take the bodies of the martyrs and bury them.

“The Word of God should bear visible fruit in everyday lives because only those who keep the Word, that is, obey it, will be called blessed in the Lord (see Luke 11:28). In our parishes, there should not be a single family which does not own a Bible. I encourage all our faithful to read the Sacred Scriptures on a daily basis; this is done ideally through participation in parish bible-study groups or through prayerful reading at home.”
(His Beatitude Sviatoslav)

Life's Daily Warfare

(from “My Daily Bread”)

CHRIST:

MY CHILD, your daily life is truly a warfare. There is a continual struggle within you and around you. The final purpose of this struggle is to win men for Heaven or for hell. The parties engaged in this battle are My Blessed in Heaven, My Church on earth, and I, on the one side, with the world, the flesh, and the devil on the other.

2. The battleground in this warfare is the soul of each and every person on earth. Too often a man joins his own enemies and helps them defeat My efforts to save him. This is done either through foolish pride, or through blind selfishness, or simply through a blameworthy ignorance.

3. The world fights Me by its false standards of self-respect, ambition, and success. These are merely different names for self-seeking without regard for others, not even Me. True self-respect, and right ambition are those which direct your eyes to your highest perfection and eternal happiness, above all that is temporary and incomplete.

4. The flesh fights Me with its animal desires, its likes and dislikes, which make it harder for you to think clearly and to strive for what is right. Your blind self-seeking and your stubborn pride offer you many false reasons for doing what is really bad for you. With these influences continually at work, you are open to continual self-deception.

5. The devil makes clever use of the enemies mentioned above. He tempts you through worldly people and through your own weaknesses. Your only defense against these enemies is to become a spiritual man. With My help you must have a supernatural outlook on all things.

I shall grant you interior vision which will easily detect the clever camouflage of Satan and quickly recognize sin under its numberless disguises. I shall fill your heart with a firm and constant love for Me, so that you may go on daily, fighting for My glory without self-consideration.

THINK:

The daily battle for eternal life goes on at every moment in every human life. God wants me to be an intelligent and active soldier of Jesus, His divine Son. In His teachings and sacraments Jesus offers me the knowledge and strength to be a loyal follower of His. If I cooperate with His holy plan, His eternal, heavenly outlook will replace my narrow, earthbound outlook on life. Through my interior and exterior imitation of Him I shall be a spiritual man. Then shall I help spread Christ's victory not only within my own soul, but also within the souls of the people around me. In fact, my prayers and sacrifices will bring many graces to people all over the world.

PRAY:

Jesus, King of my soul, lead me along life's daily battlefield. Teach me to view all of my daily experiences as one great act of love and loyalty to You. I want to fulfill my daily obligations with a sense of serving You. When temptations face me, I shall fight them for love of You. Help me keep this spiritual outlook on all my daily activities. People must not dim my vision of You. Even in helping others, let it be an act of personal loyalty to You. By my example I hope to inspire others with a

keener desire to follow You. By humble and timely advice I shall try to help others see Your holy Will. By my prayers I shall try to obtain for others the graces which they need to fight sin and to practice virtue. Amen.