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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. Василян/ Basilian Fathers serving the**

**Parish:** *Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM,*

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*Father Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM- local Superior*

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*Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM  
Bishop-Emeritus*

**7-МА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ  
СВ. ОТЦІ ПЕРШИХ ШІСТЬОХ ВСЕ-  
ЛЕНСЬКИХ СОБОРІВ.** Преп. Макрина,  
сестра св. Василя Вел.; преп. Дій



**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUME-  
NICAL COUNCILS.** St. Macrina, venerable,  
sister of St. Basil; St. Dia, venerable

Hebrews 13:7-16

John 17:1-13

**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.

## **НИНІ: Неділя, 19 липня: Вітаємо!**

Якщо ви хочете брати участь на Літургії кожного тижня, будь-ласка, почекайте до четверга того тижня і вже тоді сконтактуйтеся з парафіяльним офісом. Тоді вам скажуть, чи є свобідне місце на Божественну Літургію, в якій ви хочете брати участь.

Дякуємо всім волонтерам, які допомагають нам, як ми потроху вертаємося відправляти Божественну Літургію як парафіяльна родина.

Дякуємо за ваші щедрі пожертви. Нехай наш Господь благословить і нагородить вас!

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July**

**Our Families:** We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

### **A Prayer for our Parishioners**

O Heavenly Father, shine the rays of Your guiding light upon us and all the members of our parish, so that being made confident by Your guidance, we may fulfill all our duties with sincere motives and loving hearts. Be close to us in times of stress and strain so that our courage and our hope may never fail. Protect us with Your sheltering arm, turning sorrow into joy, darkness into sunshine and death into life; so that when our work on earth is done, we may triumphantly enter into Your Heavenly Kingdom for all eternity. Amen.

### **A Prayer for our Parish**

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God! Teach us as a community to walk in Your way more trustfully, to accept Your teaching more faithfully, and to share Your life more lovingly.

By the power of the Holy Spirit help us in our work, as members of Your Church, to build Your kingdom on earth, so that we may come one day as one Family, to the Kingdom of the Father, where You live forever and ever. Amen.

### **Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your icon tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us.

Mary, Model of Christian love, we know we cannot heal every ill or solve every problem. But with God's grace, we intend to do what we can. May we be true witnesses to the world that love for one another really matters. May our daily actions proclaim how fully our lives are modeled after yours, Mother of Perpetual Help. Amen.

## **TODAY: Sunday, July 19: Welcome!**

**Note:** At the end of Liturgy please lower your kneeler. This will indicate where sanitization is required.

If you would like to attend Divine Liturgy every week, please wait until Thursday of that week to contact the parish office. You will then be advised if there is space available for the Divine Liturgy you wish to attend.

We thank all of our volunteers who have offered to help us as we slowly return to celebrating Divine Liturgy as a Parish Family.

Thank you for your most generous donations and continued support. May Our Lord bless and reward you!

**Sincerest condolences** are extended to the family of late Elizabeth Pura. The Funeral is on Tuesday, July 21, at 10:00 AM. Вічна Пам'ять! (Please register in the Parish Office before attending the Funeral).

**Sincerest condolences** are extended to Marlayne Andrijaszyn and Family on the passing of her husband Zeone. A private family Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 29. Вічна Пам'ять!

**Please note:** In order to participate at a Sunday Liturgy; you cannot show up for the service you must do the following:

You must pre-register for a particular Sunday Divine Liturgy (either 8:30 or 10:30) by contacting the parish office either by email: [office@stmarysbc.com](mailto:office@stmarysbc.com) or by phone at 604-879-5830.

·Give the names of all who will be attending. You must receive a confirmation of your attendance, either by phone or by email. If you have not received confirmation of registration, please do not show up at the church.

·You must pre-register for a Sunday Divine Liturgy by 2:00 PM on the Friday before each weekend.

At the time of registering please let the parish office know if you use a walker or wheelchair, or otherwise need assistance in entering the church.

**The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.** The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Adorned with the robe of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible. The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Church’s teaching. By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life.

## **Venerable Macrina, sister of Saint Basil the Great**

[Commemorated on July 19]

[<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/07/19/102055-venerable-macrina-sister-of-saint-basil-the-great>]

Saint Macrina was the sister of the holy hierarchs Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa, and was born in Cappadocia at the beginning of the fourth century. Her mother, Emilia, saw an angel in a dream, naming her unborn child Thekla, in honor of the holy Protomartyr Thekla. Saint Emilia (January 1) fulfilled the will of God and named her daughter Thekla. Another daughter was named Macrina, in honor of a grandmother, who suffered during the time of persecution under the emperor Maximian Galerius.

Besides Macrina, there were nine other children. Saint Emilia herself guided the upbringing and education of her daughter Macrina. She taught her reading and writing in the Scriptural books and Psalms of David, selecting examples from the sacred books which spoke of a pious and God-pleasing life. Saint Emilia taught her daughter to pray and to attend church services. Macrina was also taught the proper knowledge of domestic governance and various handicrafts. She was never left idle and did not participate in childish games or amusements.

When Macrina grew up, her parents betrothed her to a certain pious youth, but the bridegroom soon died. Many young men sought marriage with her, but Macrina refused them all, having chosen the life of a virgin and not wanting to be unfaithful to the memory of her dead fiancé. Saint Macrina lived in the home of her parents, helping them fulfill the household tasks as an overseer together with the servants, and she helped with the upbringing of her younger brothers and sisters. After the death of her father she became the chief support for the family.

When all the children grew up and left the parental home, Saint Macrina convinced her mother, Saint Emilia, to leave the world, to set their slaves free, and to settle in a women's monastery. Several of their servants followed their example. Having taken monastic vows, they lived together as one family, they prayed together, they worked together, they possessed everything in common, and in this manner of life nothing distinguished one from another.

After the death of her mother, Saint Macrina guided the sisters of the monastery. She enjoyed the deep respect of all who knew her. Strictness towards herself and temperance in everything were characteristic of the saint all her life. She slept on boards and had no possessions. Saint Macrina was granted the gift of wonderworking. There was an instance (told by the sisters of the monastery to Saint Gregory of Nyssa after the death of Saint Macrina), when she healed a girl of an eye-affliction. Through the prayers of the saint, there was no shortage of wheat at her monastery in times of famine.

Saint Macrina died in the year 380, after a final prayer of thanks to the Lord for having received His blessings over all the course of her life. She was buried in the same grave with her parents.

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## **Venerable Dius, Abbot of Antioch**

[Commemorated on July 19] [<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/07/19/102054-venerable-dius-abbot-of-antioch>]

Saint Dius was born in Antioch, Syria towards the end of the fourth century into a pious Christian family. From his youth he was noted for his temperance. He ate food in small quantities, but not every day, and his flesh was humbled by vigil and unceasing prayer. For these deeds the Lord granted Saint Dius dispassion and the gift of wonderworking.

In a vision, the Lord ordered Saint Dius to go to Constantinople and there to serve both Him and the people. Saint Dius settled beyond the city in a solitary place, where people feared to live. Saint Dius bravely contended with the evil spirits which tried to expel him from this place. The Lord heard the prayer of His saint: his staff took root, began to grow and with time was transformed into an immense oak, which stood for a long time even after the death of Saint Dius.

The surrounding inhabitants began to come to the saint for advice and guidance, and they sought healing from illnesses of body and soul. Saint Dius doctored the infirm with prayer, and whatever was offered him he distributed to the poor, the homeless and the sick.

Reports of Saint Dius reached even the emperor Theodosius the Younger. He came to Saint Dius for a blessing together with Patriarch Atticus of Constantinople (406-425). The emperor wanted a monastery to be built on the place of Saint Dius' efforts, and he provided the means for its construction. The Patriarch ordained the monk as a priest and made him the igumen. Soon numerous monastic brethren gathered to Saint Dius. The monastery was in need of a well, and they dug for a long time without success. Through the prayers of the monk the Lord brought forth a spring of pure water, which soon filled up the entire well. Once, through his prayers, the monk raised up a drowned man. The Lord worked many other miracles through His saint.

In extreme old age Saint Dius became grievously ill. He took his leave of the brethren, received the Holy Mysteries, and lay upon his cot like one dead. At the monastery His Holiness Patriarch Atticus (Comm. on Cheesefare Saturday) came for the funeral service and also Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria, who was then at Constantinople. The holy Elder unexpectedly rose up from his death bed and said, "The Lord has granted me fifteen more years of life." Great was the joy of the brethren.

Saint Dius did live another fifteen years, helping all with guidance and counsel, healing the sick, and being concerned for the poor and homeless. Shortly before his death, a radiant man in priestly garb appeared to him in the altar of the church and told him of his impending death. Having given thanks to the Lord for this news, Saint Dius quietly died and was buried in his monastery.

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## **ГЛАВА УГКЦ ЗАКЛИКАВ МОН НЕ ВИКЛЮЧАТИ ПРЕДМЕТІВ ДУХОВНО-МОРАЛЬНОГО СПРЯМУВАННЯ З НАВЧАЛЬНОЇ ПРОГРАМИ**

[2 червня 2020]

[[https://risu.org.ua/ua/index/all\\_news/state/church\\_state\\_relations/80433/](https://risu.org.ua/ua/index/all_news/state/church_state_relations/80433/)]

Глава Української Греко-Католицької Церкви Блаженніший Святослав висловив стурбованість у зв'язку з тим, що згідно з наказом №641 Міністерства освіти та науки України від 18 травня 2020 року вилучаються відповідальні за світоглядні дисципліни комісії.

Про це йдеться в окремому Зверненні Глави Церкви «Майбутнє нашої Церкви, України і народу залежить від освіти та виховання наших дітей», повідомляє Департамент інформації УГКЦ.

Звернення спрямоване до батьків, вихователів та всіх людей доброї волі, які займаються вихованням дітей.

У зверненні, зокрема, йдеться про Комісію з філософсько-світоглядних дисциплін, Комісію з етики та Комісію з християнської етики.

«Ми глибоко стурбовані, що ці зміни можуть завдати шкоди якості та розвитку предметів світоглядного характеру в межах навчальних програм різних рівнів і, внаслідок цього, зведуть нанівець зусилля, спрямовані на цілісний розвиток дітей і молоді», – наголошується у тексті.

Предстоятель нагадує, що впродовж тридцяти років предмети духовно-морального спрямування вивчаються в середніх і вищих закладах освіти України як обов'язковий предмет або як предмет за вибором.

«Їх впровадження в навчальні програми було вимогою українського суспільства після здобуття Незалежності України та відходу від комуністично-атеїстичного світогляду в напрямку демократичних цінностей, щоб гідність і права людини не лише декларувалися, а й реалізувалися. Розвиток якості викладання цих предметів – результат багаторічних зусиль громадян України – батьків, вчителів, педагогічних колективів, релігійних і громадських організацій, Церков», – пише Блаженніший Святослав у зверненні.

Він вважає, що предмети світоглядного характеру, як-от «Основи християнської етики», «Християнська етика в українській культурі», «Основи сім'ї», є відповіддю на виховні виклики, які стоять сьогодні перед українським суспільством.

Глава Церкви зазначає, що батьки мають право і обов'язок впливати на зміст навчальних програм, згідно з якими навчаються їхні діти.

«Сьогодні ми переживаємо, – відзначає Предстоятель, – часи тривоги, непевності, змін не лише через пандемію Covid 19. Це пов'язано й з іншими чинниками: війною, економічними, політичними та духовно-моральними викликами, які постають перед нашим суспільством. Водночас бачимо, що нівелюються шляхи плекання культурних і світоглядних цінностей, які були сформовані тисячолітньою християнською традицією, що є основою української ідентичності. Натомість впроваджуються нищівні ідеології та програми, які є чужими для нашої культури, суперечать християнській моралі та обмежують гідність і свободу людини».

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## **МОЛИТВА ПІД ЧАС СПАЛАХУ КОРОНАВІРУСУ**

Ісусе Христе, ти подорожував по містах і селах, оздоровлюючи від хвороб і немочей. За Твоїм повелінням хворі видужували. У час пандемії коронавірусу повели цій хворобі відступити, щоб ми відчули Твою оздоровлюючу любов.

Вилікуй тих, хто хворий вірусом. Нехай вони відновлять свої сили та здоров'я завдяки якісній медичній допомозі.

Вилікуй нас від нашого страху, який заважає націям спільно працювати та сусідам допомагати один одному.

Вилікуй нас від нашої гордості, яка може змусити нас претендувати на невразливість до захворювання, що не знає меж.

Залишайся поруч у цей час невизначеності та смутку. Будь з тими, хто помер від вірусу. Нехай вони спочивають з Тобою у вічному спокої. Будь з родинами тих, хто хворий або помер, коли вони турбуються і сумують, захищай їх від хвороб і відчаю. Нехай вони знають Твій спокій.

Будь з лікарями, медсестрами, дослідниками та всіма медичними працівниками, котрі прагнуть вилікувати та допомогти постраждалим та, котрі піддають себе ризику в своїй праці. Нехай вони знають Твій захист і спокій.

Будь з нашими священиками та духовними опікунами. Нехай вони знають, що їх люблять і піклуються про них.

Будь з лідерами всіх націй. Дай їм передбачення діяти милосердно та зі справжньою турботою про добробут людей, котрим вони призначені служити. Надай їм мудрості інвестувати у довгострокові рішення, які допоможуть підготуватися або запобігти майбутнім спалахам. Нехай вони пізнають Твій мир, коли разом працюють над досягненням його на землі.

Будь ми вдома чи за кордоном, в оточенні багатьох людей, які страждають цією хворобою, або наодинці, Ісусе Христе, залишайтеся з нами, коли ми терпимо і сумуємо. Замість нашої тривоги дай нам спокій.

Бо Ти - Бог милосердя, доброта та любов, і ми прославляємо Тебе, Отця, і Сина, і Святого Духа, нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

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## **Knowledge Without Virtue**

(an excerpt from "My Daily Bread")

CHRIST:

MY CHILD, the desire for knowledge is natural and normal, but it is not good unless this knowledge helps you to become a better man. A simple workingman who follows My words is far better than a learned professor who does not care about My commandments.

2. Your daily life is a journey toward eternity. The knowledge which helps you to gain Heaven, is the first and most important knowledge for you. The more you learn of Me and My doctrine, the better for you.

3. All other knowledge is to be esteemed according to how it helps you to live a holier and more useful life. There are many things which are unimportant in your particular walk of life.

4. If some men were more diligent in rooting out their faults and correcting their defects, they would be much better off than they now are, with their learned discussions about many things.

5. It is better to be great than merely to be considered great. You will be great if you learn My words and act on them in your daily life. If you merely talk about a holy life, you may impress men, but I know you for what you are a failure forever.

THINK:

Some people value education for itself. They see in it man's greatest achievement. They are mistaken. Knowledge is of no value unless it makes me a better man. It should broaden my view of life, bring me a deeper understanding of people and things, and make me better prepared to receive God's graces. If education makes me more self-centered and proud, if it makes me despise others, it is bad for me. True education should help me live a virtuous life by helping me appreciate God's wonderful creation.

PRAY:

Holy Spirit, my God, inspire me with a love for good and with a healthy knowledge. Show me how to live what I learn, as far as that is possible in my daily life. It is better to live your words than to preach them eloquently or teach them beautifully. The man who can quote line after line of Holy Scripture, is not as great in Your eyes as the one who puts those lines into daily practice. Show me ever more clearly how completely I belong to You. Let no other knowledge ever obscure this first and highest knowledge. Amen.