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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*

**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  
must be made at least 6 months before the  
marriage

**Funerals** - by arrangement

**оо. Василяни/Basilian Fathers serving the  
Parish:**

*Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator*

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

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**НЕДІЛЯ ХРИСТА ЦАРЯ**



**SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING**

Colossians 1:12-20

John 18:33-37

**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, 25 жовтня: Вітаємо!**

**Понеділок, 26 жовтня, о 7:00 веч.:** Вервиця у каплиці.

**Середа, 28 жовтня, о 7:00 веч.:** Вервиця у каплиці.

**П'ятниця, 30 жовтня, о 7:00 веч.:** Вервиця у каплиці.

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

Щира подяка всім волонтерам, що допомагають у неділю, на Службі Божі, і на протязі тижня, на особливих Службах Божих. Задяки їхній посвяті і бажанню допомогти ми можемо вітати вас на наших літургічних богослуженнях.

Майте на увазі, будь-ласка, що необхідно записатися на недільну Божественну літургію у п'ятницю, до 2:00 год. по обіді.

### **National Day of Prayer for COVID-19 Victims**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is organizing a National Day of Prayer for the victims of COVID-19 to be marked on the occasion of the Feast of All Saints (Roman Rite) on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

At the celebration of the both Sunday Divine Liturgies on that day, we will include petitions for those who have been affected by or died from the coronavirus.

We pray that the Lord send His Holy Spirit upon those who suffer, have suffered or have passed away from the coronavirus and their families. May He bless them with healing, peace, hope and consolation.

### **Feast of Christ the King**

On this last Sunday of October we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The 1920's saw a rise in secularism, in which people increasingly lived their lives as if God did not exist. Dictatorships flourished and many people were taken in by these earthly leaders. Many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt the authority and existence of Christ and to question the power of the Church to continue Christ's authority. Pope Pius XI felt that a feast celebrating the kingship of Christ over all humanity would be especially appropriate at this time when respect for Christ and for the Church was declining rapidly.

The need for such a feast continues to exist in our world today, as the problems observed by Pope Pius XI have not vanished but appear instead to have worsened. The embrace of individualism in today's society moves Jesus from the central role He is meant to occupy in the lives of Christians. This feast allows us to reaffirm and refocus our faith and respect in the Kingship of Jesus just as it did when it was first established.

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

**The Laity's Mission in the Church:** We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

## **TODAY: Sunday, October 25: Welcome!**

**Rosary in October** - Please, note that in October we will have Rosary to the Mother of God on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7:00 PM in the residence chapel. Maximum of 6 people. Registration will be by 4:00 PM on the day of the Rosary. The same precautions apply as for Sunday Divine Liturgies.

**Monday, October 26: 7:00 PM:** Rosary in chapel.

**Wednesday, October 28: 7:00 PM:** Rosary in chapel.

**Friday, October 30: 7:00 PM:** Rosary in chapel.

### **Reports for Parish AGM**

Our Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2020. Committee Chairpersons, please submit your report for the Parish Annual General Meeting to the parish office by Friday, November 13.

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

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

A sincere Thank You to all of our volunteers to who help at the Sunday morning Divine Liturgies or special Liturgies during the week. It is because of their dedication and willingness to help that we are able to welcome you to our Liturgical Services.

Please be reminded that the deadline for registering for Sunday morning Divine Liturgies is Friday 2:00 PM.

### **Reflections On The Kingdom of God and the Kingship of Christ**

What is the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of Christ the King? Here is a beautiful explanation given by Gerald Darring of St. Louis University, Center for Liturgy.

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith.

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is King! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love.

1) We need to assess our commitment to Christ the King today. As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ today, let us remember the truth that he is not our King if we do not listen to him, love him, serve him, and follow him. We belong to his Kingdom only when

we try to walk with him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel and when that Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of our living. If Christ is really King of my life, he must be King of every part of my life, and I must let him reign in all parts of my life. We become Christ the King's subjects when we sincerely respond to his loving invitation: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart" (Matthew 11:29). By cultivating in our lives the gentle and humble mind of Christ, we show others that Jesus Christ is in indeed our King and that he is in charge of our lives.

2) We need to give Jesus control over our lives. Today's Feast of Christ the King reminds us of the great truth that Christ must be in charge of our lives, that we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart and our will. In every moral decision we face, there's a choice between Christ the King and Barabbas, and the one who seeks to live in Christ's Kingdom is the one who says, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Let us ask ourselves the question, "What does Jesus, my King, want me to do or say in this situation? Are we praying each day that our King will give us the right words to say to the people we meet that day, words that will make us true ambassadors of Jesus? Does our home life as well as the way we conduct ourselves with our friends come under the Kingship of Jesus? Or do we try to please ourselves rather than him?"

3) We need to follow Christ the King's lesson of humble service to the truth. Christ has come to serve and to be of service to others. Hence, we are called to his service - service to the truth. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus saying that the reason for his coming - the reason that he was born - was to "bear witness" to the truth. The truth to which Jesus bears witness by His Life and which he teaches us is that God, his Father, is also our loving and forgiving Father, so we are all His children, forming one body. Hence, whatever we do for His children, and our sisters and brothers, we do for Him. So we are called to be a people who reach out to embrace the enemy and the stranger, a people who are called to glory in diversity, a people who will endlessly forgive, a people who will reach out in compassion to the poor and to the marginalized sectors of our society, a people who will support one another in prayer, a people who will realize that we are called not to be served, but to serve. In other words, servant-leadership is the model that Christ the King has given us. "For the Christian, 'to reign is to serve him,' particularly when serving 'the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder'" (CCC #786).

4) We need to obey the law of love of Christ the King. Citizens of Christ's kingdom are expected to observe only one major law - the law of love. "Love God with your whole heart and love your neighbor as yourself." "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. Jesus expects a higher degree of love from His followers: "Love one another as I have loved you."

On this great Feast of Christ, the King, let us resolve to give him the central place in our lives and promise to obey his commandment of love by sharing what we have with all his needy children. (Fr. Antony Kadavil)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-11/sunday-reflection-vatican-news1.html>