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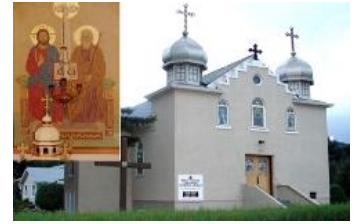
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29th SUNDAY after PENTECOST – November 13th, 2015 A.D.
Sunday of the Holy Ancestors (Sunday of the Forefathers from Adam, Biblical Patriarchs and the Prophets up to Saint John the Baptist)

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit – *Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav*

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders

with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

In the Old Testament times, the Jewish People as well as all the nations around them lived with the great hope of the coming of the promised Messiah. This was based on the repeated promises of God who spoke through the prophets. But as the time drew near - it began to pose a problem. Their spiritual and religious obligations interfered with their personal, cultural and political interests. Let us hope and pray that our faith and religious observances do not become just another obligation, but a living faith flowing deep within us.

“...Open the doors of your hearts and your homes to Christ, allow His Holy Spirit to transform you, purify and strengthen you in God's love!” – *Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk “The Vibrant Parish”*

“...Відчиніть двері своїх душ і домівок Христові, дозвольте Його Святому Духові вас перемінити, очистити і скріпити Божою любов'ю!” – *Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука “Жива Парафія”*



Christian Greetings:

Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever! Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky!

Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віки!

Christ is among us! – He is and will be!

Liturgical Propers:

Troparion (Tone 4): When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: * “Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.”

Troparion (Tone 2): By faith You justified Your ancestors and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations. The saints exult in glory; from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed. By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (Tone 4): My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 6): Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the man-made idol, o thrice blessed youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: “In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,” for You can do whatever You will.

Prokimenon (Tone 4): How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom (Ps 103:24).

Verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us (Dn 3:27).

Prokimenon (Tone 4): Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name for ever (Dn 3:26).

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: (Col 3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory. Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and that lust which is idolatry. These are the sins which provoke God’s wrath. Your own conduct was once of this sort, when these sins were your very life. You must put that aside now: all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner, Scythian, slave or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you.



Alleluia (Tone 4): Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. (Ps 44:5). You have loved justice and hated iniquity (Ps 44:8). Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name (Ps 98:6). They called on the Lord, and He heard them (Ps 98:6).

Gospel: (Luke 14:16-24)

Jesus told this parable: “A man was giving a large dinner and he invited many. At dinner time he sent his servant to say to those invited, ‘Come along, everything is ready now.’ But they began to excuse themselves, one and all. The first one said to the servant, ‘I have bought some land and must go out and inspect it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going out to test them. Please excuse me.’ A third said, “I am newly married and so I cannot come.’

The servant returning reported all this to his master. The master of the house grew angry at the account. He said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

The servant reported, after some time, ‘Your orders have been carried out, my lord, and there is still room.’ The master then said to the servant, “Go out into the highways and along the hedgerows and force them to come in. I want my house to be full, but I tell you that not one of those invited shall taste a morsel of my dinner’.”

Communion Verses: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1). Alleluia! (3x).

Our Eparch, Bishop Ken is requesting that at the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war. For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ...
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

GRATITUDE

* to everyone organized, donated, prepared delicious food, washed the dishes and cleaned after it and actively participated in our monthly breakfast Saint Nicholas’ Day celebrations, decorated church and rectory with Christmas decorations!

* to every person who participated in our parish Saint Philip’s Fast (Advent) Missions!

* to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness, time, donations, knowingly and unknowingly, organize and lead praying with rosaries, attend services during the week, work at the

parish projects, clean the church, prepare coffee and sweets, fixed the ceiling light in the kitchen, look after and graciously support our Christian, Catholic parish community! Thank you very much! May the Almighty God generously bless and reward your care, time and generosity!

“Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!” – *(Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)*

CONGRATULATIONS

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to all our parishioners, guests, visitors, family members and all those who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY. WISHING YOU A BLESSED WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE AT OUR PARISH SOCIAL IN THE CHURCH HALL TODAY!

Special Petitions:

* We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop's initiatives and programmes, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.

* We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

III. REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Steven Basarab, Fr. Serabion ElMakary, Steve and Bernice Usipuik, Ann Kuz, Ann Derzak, Dave and Mary Emery, Elsie Kinaschuk, John Kolody, Joseph Mychaluk, Zonia Rurka, Eugene Palsitt, Adeline Palsitt, Orest Hrycewich, Myron and Myrna Wizniak, Bill and Elsie Zachary, Matt Dmyterko, Allan and Sharon Ludwig, Jesse Pawlyshyn, Joe and Olga Burkatsky, Orest Kociuba, Kalyna Kociuba, Allan Bodnaruk, Maria Chorny, Katrien Sobhy, Marg Musey, Jacob and Ann Dressler, Rosemary Pellizzon, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Mary Borrett, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Larry and Valray Necember, Lawrence and Ping Beaton, Red Mackay, Les Blain, Theresa Munro, Michelle New, Randy Hamilton, Adam Laniel, Cryss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich (Fr. Joe Ostopowich's mother), members of our parishes and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends; especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, nursing and senior homes, those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings for Christian families!

REMINDER for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation.

IV. The Mass with the Rite of the Opening of the Door of Mercy will be celebrated at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Kamloops, BC on Sunday, Dec. 13th, 2015 A.D.

V. The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm. on Tuesday, December 15th, 2015.

VI. Please, share to Kamloops Food Bank. Special boxes are located at the entrance to the church.

VII. Christmas Candle Eparchial Fundraiser: Since 2012 our Eparchy of New Westminster has been collecting funds to help disadvantaged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. Our fundraising program is part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. We have had great momentum over the last few years raising over \$19,000 with support from our BC Parishes as well as Parishes in other Provinces and parts of the United States.

This appeal will again take place in December 2015 and we encourage everyone to remember these Children during our Christmas season with a voluntary donation. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Candle, with your name and address and include it with the Sunday Collection at any Ukrainian Catholic Church in BC or mail it to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster. All donations over \$20.00 will receive a tax receipt and cheques can be made out to Eparchy of New Westminster with Christmas Candle Project in the memo. Candles

will also be available for purchase at all the Ukrainian Catholic Parishes in BC for a minimum donation of \$5.00 per candle. We Thank You for your past support and ask that you again consider supporting this ongoing Eparchial appeal and lighting these candles as part of your Christmas Eve celebrations.

Caritas is an organization that is supported and approved by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk and His Excellency Bishop Ken Nowakowski. 100% of the proceeds go to Caritas Ukraine. For more information, please contact Dana Koren Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com

VIII. **Parish Family Calendar:** If you would like to be included in our Parish Family Calendar of Birthdays, Name-Days and Anniversaries celebrations, please put your birth date in the calendar at the table near the front door of the church. Each week, we will list those who are celebrating their birthdays in our bulletin so that we can celebrate these happy occasions together!

IX. Sunday (Dec. 6th) **collection:** \$ 615.00 CAD

LITURGICAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2015-2016 SEASON
at The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kamloops, BC

Dec. 24th Thursday - 3:30 pm - Christmas Eve/Sviatyi Vecheer

Great Compline followed by the Divine Liturgy. Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

Dec. 25th Friday - 10:00 am - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

The Divine Liturgy. Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

Dec. 26th Saturday - 10:00 am – The Divine Liturgy

Feast in Honour of the Mother of God

Dec. 27th Sunday - 10:00 am - The Divine Liturgy

Feast in Honour of Saint Steven Deacon-Martyr

Dec. 31st Thursday - 5:00 pm - New Year's Eve

Vespers: Thanksgiving for God's blessings and graces received in 2015

Jan. 1st Friday - 10:00 am - The Divine Liturgy (This is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

Circumcision of Our Lord, Feast of St. Basil the Great, New Year's Day.

Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

Jan. 5th Tuesday - 5:00 pm

Great Blessing of Water followed by

The Theophany/Epiphany Eve Supper/Shchedryi Vecheer

Jan. 6th Wednesday - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy (This is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

Feast of Theophany (Jordan). Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

Jan. 7th Thursday - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Різдво ГИХ (CHRISTMAS according to old, Julian calendar). Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing Schedule sign up list to arrange the actual date between January 9th and January 31st, 2016 will be available at the entrance to the church.



OFFICE OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER
RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST,
SESSION 3 with LEAH SMIGEL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015
PARISH OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD,
RICHMOND, 8700 Railway Avenue, BC, V7C 3K3
FROM 7:00 PM TILL 8:30 PM
(refreshments available)

Come, bring your Bible, and join us for conversation and prayer!

Ideas to help to prepare for the Nativity of Jesus Christ.

- Clean house together in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ.
- Sing a well-known song together that speaks of the coming of the Messiah.
- Make an ornament for your family Christmas tree.

- Offer a prayer of thanks for someone who went out of their way to make your day better.
- Look at everything your family does to prepare for Christmas and how you can all share these tasks.
- As a family, go without snacks or even a meal. Contribute the money saved to a local soup kitchen or food pantry.
- Bake and decorate Christmas cookies as a family. Keep half and give the rest away.
- Donate a package of heavy-weight socks to your local homeless shelter.
- Locate Israel and Bethlehem on a globe or world map. Pray for peace in the land and continent of Jesus' birth.

Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas! The Real Reason for the Season!



**PASTORAL LETTER on the occasion of the proclamation of the Holy Year of Mercy
in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church**

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

Together with the Universal Church we are entering into a time of special grace -The Holy Year of Mercy, which, according to the will of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, will last from December 8th 2015 to November 26th 2016.

This year, which is also called an Extraordinary Jubilee Year, has been dedicated by the Pope to God's mercy. This is a time of God's special blessings, to undertake a pilgrimage to a Cathedral in our Local or Universal Church. This is a time for healing the wounds of body and soul, a return to God - a rediscovery of Mercy. Standing on the threshold of the Jubilee Year, let us reflect on how we accept God's Mercy, how we live it and how we testify about it to ourselves, our neighbors and all people so that we may take advantage of the many spiritual fruits of this fertile time.

When God desired to reveal himself to man, to introduce us to Himself and reveal the truth about Himself, he described Himself, first of all, as The Merciful God. Revealing His glory to Moses at Sinai, the Lord said of himself: "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex. 34: 6). God, the Father has poured upon us his merciful love in his Son Jesus Christ. This is what our Saviour taught when he said to his disciples, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (Jn. 3, 16). Being a Christian is to first of all believe in God's mercy for ourselves,- to believe in God's love. The Evangelist John emphasizes this sharing of faith saying, "So we know and believed the love that God has for us" (I Jn. 4, 16).

An important aspect of this Holy Year is an invitation to everyone to receive God's mercy. It is given to us, - the Church, by the Holy Spirit - the Spirit of God's love. To personally accept and live this mercy we turn to the Holy Mystery of Penance or Reconciliation. Unfortunately, in many parts of the world this Sacrament is almost forgotten, rarely preached about and even more rarely gone to. The reasons for this sad state of affairs are many, but in the first place there is less knowledge and experience of God's presence and as a consequence, a loss of a sense of sin. Our great desire is that the faithful of our Church use the Year of God's Mercy to rediscover, appreciate and experience more frequently the Source of Mercy, which the Lord has revealed to us sinners in the Mystery of Penance. This appeal I direct to Pastors who have a duty to administer the Mystery to the faithful. I also appeal particularly to those baptized persons who call themselves Christians, but rarely confess and therefore have no ability to live God's mercy and to receive God's love.

A particular requirement of anyone who experiences this Holy Year is to share God's mercy. Our motto this year will be the words "Merciful like the Father" that resonate from the call of our Lord Jesus to his disciples: "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful" (Lk. 6, 36). These words remind us that the gift of mercy that we ourselves receive from Our Lord requires us to be merciful to our neighbors. In this way we not only express our gratitude to God for His mercy on us, but reveal to our neighbors the face and gracious presence of God in this world, a world that is so frequently scarred by human suffering, loneliness, fear and hopelessness. Faithful of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, no matter on which continent of globe they live, feel the suffering and pain of millions of citizens of Ukraine caused by an unjust war against us. Therefore, we must use every opportunity that presents itself to be merciful.

I call upon all our faithful to remember the Church's teaching on specific works of mercy for the soul and the body, for individuals and for the wider community, showing all the love and creativity and drawing on our faith to implement them in everyday life. Mercy washes away our sins, transforms our hearts and our lives and brings us closer to God through a transformation - to become more like Him. Our mercy should primarily be directed to our family members and neighbors, so that in the words of, Pope Francis the door of every home becomes "the door of mercy". Let us be attentive to the needy members of the parish community, which for us is the Family of God: there must never be people who feel forgotten, abandoned and overlooked in their needs. Since love has no boundaries, acts of mercy have to go out and meet poor people,

regardless of their nationality, social status, religious affiliation or political preferences. Let all who meet us through our sincere interest in them, good words and effective help, feel the presence of the Merciful Father.

Another of our duties this year is to become witnesses of God's mercy. Our faith teaches us to see the opportunity so that we may exercise our Evangelical vocation to witness the wonderful works of God's mercy in the world. Our brothers and sisters in our native land have always remembered this vocation. We recall how they witnessed Christ before the torturers and unjust judges in difficult times of persecution. So today - when Ukrainian soldiers and those who support them physically and spiritually have become remarkable witnesses to the strength of love in the face of external aggression. All our faithful in Ukraine and throughout the World are called to become tireless evangelists of God's mercy, which has so clearly and generously manifested itself in the history of our Church and people. Indeed, the experience of salvation in times of persecution and the power of God's love that still animates and leads our people is given to us not only for ourselves, but also as a sign of hope for a lost and fearful world. This sign, which is our history, speaks more with God's than human words: "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever" (Ps. 125: 1) and "But I will sing of your might; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been a fortress for me and a refuge in the day of my distress. O my strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love" (Ps. 59, 17-18). So do not be silent about God's great works, the works of the Lord's mercy on us, so that all people, among whom we live, know that - He is our God, our salvation, and having recognized this, they will come closer to God in their hearts and in their works.

In this Holy Year let us place ourselves and the world under the Protection of Mary the Mother of Mercy. "God is in its midst, it will not be shaken" (Ps. 46, 6) - these words of the psalmist are found in Saint Sophia – Holy Wisdom Cathedral in Kyiv, from which flows the spring of our forefather's faith. They express the abiding confidence of our people in God's mighty protection for the city and the country through the unstoppable prayers to our Heavenly Intercessor depicted on the "Indestructible wall", The Kyiv Oranta.

Our people in different parts of Ukraine and the world venerate the Virgin and beg her help through miracle-working icons. This year, with much love let us focus our thoughts and our pilgrim steps to the princely city of Yaroslav, a city, near the western border of Ukraine and Poland, where in the territory of the Przemysl - Warsaw Archeparchy we find our ancient and miraculous Icon of the Virgin - "Doors of Mercy". God in His providence has chosen the Most Holy Virgin as the "door" through which He came to mankind in His Only Begotten Son, incarnate through the power and action of the Holy Spirit.

May this same Spirit may fill our hearts with God's love and mercy. May it transform our lives, making us a images of the presence and work of our merciful Father in the world. May we be accompanied this year by The Most Holy Virgin - Mother of Mercy, and all the saints and righteous of the Ukrainian land - faithful witnesses of God's mercy and God's love!

The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

+Sviatoslav

Given in Kyiv at the Patriarchal Sobor of the Resurrection of Christ

On the feast of the Saint-Martyr Josaphat, archbishop of Polotsk, on November 25th, 2015

POPE'S HOMILY: WIDOWS ARE AN IMAGE OF THE CHURCH SEEKING TO STAY FAITHFUL

The Church remains faithful if she keeps her eyes fixed on Jesus, but she becomes lukewarm and mediocre if she seeks comfort in worldly things. That was Pope Francis' message today as he reflected on the Gospel reading at Mass in the Casa Santa Marta.

Pope Francis noted that the reading from St Luke's Gospel tells the story of the widow who puts her two coins in the temple treasury box, while other wealthy worshippers make a great show of the money they're putting in. Jesus says that "this poor widow put in more than all the rest" because the others were giving away money from their surplus wealth, while she, in her poverty, "has offered her whole livelihood."

In the Bible, Pope Francis said, the widow is the woman who is alone, who has no husband to look after her, who has to manage on her own, who survives on charity. The widow in this Gospel passage, he said, was "a widow who had placed her trust only in the Lord." I like to look at the widows in the Gospel, he said, as an image of the "widowed" Church who is waiting for Jesus to return.

The Church is the bride of Christ, Pope Francis said, but her Lord has gone and her only treasure is in her Lord. If the Church remains faithful, then she leaves everything while waiting for her Lord to return. If she does not have so much faith in the love of her Lord, then she tries to get by in other ways, seeking security in things that are more of this world than of God.

The widows of the Gospels, the Pope continued, speak beautifully to us about Jesus and His Church. There is the widow of Nain who was crying as she accompanied her son to be buried outside the city gates. There is the widow who goes to the unjust judge in order to defend her sons, knocking on his door every day and bothering him continuously until he delivers a just sentence for

her. This is the widowed Church who prays and intercedes for her children, Pope Francis explained. But the heart of the Church is always with Jesus, the Bridegroom in heaven.

According to the desert fathers, the Pope said, our souls also resemble the Church, and the closer our souls, our lives, are to Jesus, the more we are able to avoid worldly, useless things that lead us away from Christ. While the 'widowed' Church waits for Jesus, he said, she can be faithful, trusting that her husband will return, or she can be unfaithful to her widowhood, a lukewarm, mediocre, worldly Church seeking comfort in other things.

In these last days of the liturgical year, Pope Francis concluded, we would do well to ask ourselves if our souls are searching for the Lord, or if they're looking for comfort in things which do not please the Lord. Let our souls say "Come Lord Jesus! Come!" And may we leave behind all those useless things which stop us from staying faithful.

UGCC Head to authority: Do not deprive people of their last livelihoods

His Beatitude Sviatoslav urged Ukrainian authorities not to shift the burden of the current problems on the shoulders of the weakest and most vulnerable people.

In the Sunday sermon, on November 29 during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ the patriarch said: "These days of sorrow we remember the terrible famine - genocide of the Ukrainian people, which is known worldwide as the Holodomor of 1932-1933. At a time when the earth yield abundant fruit, the madding criminal ruler took all food from people, and ultimately took away their lives".

"We see", said the patriarch, "that history again and again reproduces the parable of the foolish ruler. But today, remembering the millions of victims of this great crime, praying for them before the throne of God, let us be vigilant that such crimes do not recur in our land. For there are enough madding rulers today. "

In this connection, the Head of the Church appealed "to all of our legislators who are to decide these days on the budget for next year on the reform of the Tax Code." "Do not deprive people of their last livelihoods," he called. "Do not shift burden of our modern life on the shoulders of the weakest, on the shoulders of those who have nothing to live for."

"The Church as mother and teacher," he said, "is calling today to protect the most vulnerable and poor. "Listen to the voice of God's wisdom, which teaches to properly manage the land that was given to us today as the promised land for our possession," he said. "And to all those who are anxiously thinking how to survive this winter as survive in times of economic hardship and devastation in our state, I am turning with the word consolation and hope,: "God continues to care for us, even if fools do not know how to manage God's land. All-wise Lord, the source of our life is with us." It is reported by the Information Department of the UGCC.

As reported, Ukraine ranks first in the list of Europe's poorest countries with an average annual income of \$1437.

This is attested by Swiss bank Credit Suisse rating, according to European Pravda.

Belarus occupies the second place with the income of \$ 1,551, the third place is occupied by Moldova of \$ 3104. The study states that data on the countries of Eastern Europe are very limited, so the figures can differ from reality.

The leader of the ranking is Switzerland, where the average adult wealth is \$ 576,000. It is followed by Iceland, Norway, United Kingdom, Sweden and Luxembourg, where the income of an adult citizen is above 300 thousand dollars.

In 2015, the total "global wealth" reached \$ 250 trillion. The half of the world wealth is now concentrated in the hands of only 1% of the population.

The highest growth of household wealth was observed in the US and China, and for the first time the Chinese middle class outnumbered that of the US - 109 million people vs. 92 million people. Source: RISU

The Head of the UGCC: "Our greatest tyrant and enslaver is selfishness – the source of our grief"

Only a nation who loves its neighbors can be a free nation, looking attentively and bravely into the eyes of history and with all abilities and strengths build up a future in God. It was said by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the UGCC in his homily to the faithful during the consecration of the Temple of Nativity of the Mother of God in Irpen (Kyiv region).

The preacher mentioned that in today's Gospel we hear a story of a salvation. We see Jesus Christ as an emancipator Who rescues a person from his/her slavery, erect his/her, give a dignity back, making valuable again...

"Very often a word "woman" in Scriptures means "God's nation". And in the image of this healing Jesus Christ rescues and heals not only one person but the whole nation. What was a problem of people present at the synagogue that day? The disease of that woman was laid in a personification of a so-called spirituality that identifies a person before God. It is an excellent example of a spiritual selfishness... She seemed to be crippled, bent over and completely incapable of standing erect, describes Luke. Thus, a person who looks only after him-/herself, caring for a personal welfare even in a spiritual life, is similar to such a crippled person, enslaved with a personal selfishness", - told His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

Up to his mind, a person who takes care only of him-/herself, in spiritual life praying about personal ego and personal problems, has to be hypocrite and Pharisee. Such person cannot stand erect before God, cannot obtain a liberty of full and

live conversation with Lord and Creator. And God, in His turn, takes care of a person and teaches how to take care of a neighbor. That is a case of healing and emancipation that God gives a person.

The Head of the Church pointed out, even those who pray everyday can be spiritual egoists. “We want God accomplish our will. It is like we use Him as an instrument for fulfilling our personal, God’s and people’s needs. Then we become a center of the universe and want everybody go around us. However, such way of life is similar to that crippled woman, left of a freedom. For our greatest tyrant and enslaver is selfishness – the source of our grief: personal, family and even social. A society of egoists is sentenced for a collapse and destruction. But a community of people who can love God and neighbor, care for the neighbor more than for themselves, - and it is really a community of free people”, - thinks His Beatitude Sviatoslav. The UGCC Department of Information: www.ugcc.org.ua



Liturgical celebrations during week:

Tue., Dec. 15th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Eva Fuergutz**

– 6:15 p.m. Moleben to Emanuel (Eng./Ukr.)

Wed., Dec. 16th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Clarke O’Flynn**

Thurs., Dec. 17th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Trevor Howe**

Fri., Dec. 18th, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Josh O’Flynn**

Sat., Dec. 19th, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Allan Lee**

Sunday, December 20th, 2014 – 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.)

– 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God’s blessings for all parishioners.** (Eng./Ukr.)

Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions.

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptisms: by appointment.

Marriages: please make an appointment to meet with the parish priest.

Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing, please contact Fr. Pavlo to arrange a time.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. *You are a member of the Catholic Church* (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion);
2. *You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;*
3. *You attend Divine Services regularly;*
4. *Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;*
5. *You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy* (water and medicine does not break the fast).
6. *You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.*
7. *To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.*

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

Bequests and Wills: Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process.

In your kindness please remember The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kamloops, BC in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church at 109 Tranquille Road, Kamloops, BC V3B 3E8 the sum of \$____ (or ____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish, it's needs and pastoral ministry."

