



The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church

Parish Administered by Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts
109 Tranquille Road, Kamloops, BC V3B 3E8
Church Tel.: 250-376-3690 Rectory Tel.: 250-461-7249

Emails: mostholyltrinitypar@shaw.ca pavlor10@gmail.com

Parish Executive Council Chairperson: Mr. Matt Dmyterko

UCWLC President: Mrs. Adelle Dmyterko - Tel: 250-554-3107

Cantor: Mr. Myron Musey

Parish web-site: <http://kamloops.nweparchy.ca/>

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster: www.nweparchy.ca



SUNDAY before THEOPHANY – January 3rd, 2016 A.D.



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.

The Feast of Theophany is the culmination of the Christmas Season, which starts on December 25 and ends on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the baptism of Christ the Holy Trinity appeared clearly to mankind for the first time. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father's testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son.

Christ's baptism in the Jordan was also "theophany," a manifestation of God to the world, because it was the beginning of our Lord's public ministry. The theme of "manifestation" or "revelation" is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, "Christ has appeared and enlightened the world." Thus, January 6 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Church celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ.

In mystical commemoration of this event, the Great Blessing of Water is performed on this day. The holy water is given to the faithful to consume and to use in blessing their homes. In the weeks following the Feast, clergy visit the homes of parishioners and conduct a service of blessing using the holy water that was blessed on the Feast of Theophany.

"...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:

Christ Is Born! – Glorify Him!

Chrystos Rozhdayet'sia! – Slavimo Yoho!

Христос Рождається! - Славимо Його!

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

Liturgical Propers:

Tropars, Kondakions, Prokimenon and Verses are on pages 103-105, Tone 7th in liturgical book "The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom"

Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy: (2 Tim. 4:5-8)

Timothy, my son: be steady and self-possessed; put up with hardship, perform your work as an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. I for my part am already being poured out like a libation. The time of my dissolution is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on a merited crown awaits me; on that Day the Lord, just judge that he is, will award it to me – and not only to me, but to all who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.



Gospel: (Mk. 1:1-8)

Here begins the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In Isaiah the prophet it is written: "I send my messenger before you to prepare your way: A herald's voice in the desert, crying, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, clear him a straight path.'"

Thus it was that John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins. All the Judean countryside and the people of Jerusalem went out to him in great numbers. They were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, and wore a leather belt around his waist. His food was grasshoppers and wild honey. The theme of his preaching was: "One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized you in water; he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

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 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, plow the snow, 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 Mr. Steve Usipuik on his birthday (Jan. 8th), to Mr. Bill/Vasyl' Zachary (Jan. 1st), Mr. John Kolody (Jan. 7th), and Mr. John Chaplin (Jan. 7th) on their heavenly patron's feast/name-days, and 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 CHURCH TODAY. WISHING YOU A BLESSED WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH SOCIAL AT 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. **“Christmas Candle” - “Різдвяна свічка” Eparchial Fundraiser:** - as part of a global fundraising program sponsored by Caritas, our parish makes available for sale special Christmas Candles. The funds collected from this fundraiser will be used entirely to help needy, disadvantaged, disabled and orphaned children in Ukraine. Suggested donation for a candle is \$5.00.

V. **GREAT COMPLAIN SERVICE WITH LYTIA AND GREAT BLESSING OF JORDAN WATER FOLLOWED BY THE THEOPHANY/ EPIPHANY EVE SUPPER** (Shchedriy Vecheer) **AND CAROLING WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 5 PM ON TUESDAY** (Jan 5th).

V. **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!

VI. **Christmas** (Dec. 25th) **collection:** \$ 535.00 CAD; **Sunday** (Dec. 27th) **collection:** \$ 502.00 CAD

VII. **Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing Schedule sign up list** to arrange the actual date between January 8th and January 31st 2016 is available at the entrances to the church and in the church hall downstairs.

Pope Francis celebrates Christmas Mass at Vatican Basilica

(Vatican Radio) "Today, the Son of God is born, and everything changes. The Saviour of the world comes to partake of our human nature; no longer are we alone and forsaken." Those were the words of Pope Francis in his homily for Christmas Mass "During the Night," celebrated in St Peter's Basilica.

There is no room for doubt or indifference, the Pope said. "All sadness has been banished, for the Child Jesus brings true comfort to every heart." And so, the Pope said, "when we hear tell of the birth of Christ, let us be silent and let the Child speak. Let us take His words to heart in rapt contemplation of His face. If we take Him in our arms and let ourselves be embraced by Him, He will bring us unending peace of heart."

This, the Holy Father said, is because the Christ Child teaches us what is truly essential in life: "In a society so often intoxicated by consumerism and hedonism, wealth and extravagance, appearances and narcissism, this Child calls us to act soberly, in other words, in a way that is simple, balanced, consistent, capable of seeing and doing what is essential. In a world which all too often is merciless to the sinner and lenient to the sin, we need to cultivate a strong sense of justice, to discern and to do God's will. Amid a culture of indifference which not infrequently turns ruthless, our style of life should instead be devout, filled with empathy, compassion and mercy, drawn daily from the wellspring of prayer."

Pope Francis concluded his homily with the prayer that we might gaze upon the Baby Jesus, the Son of God "with eyes full of amazement and wonder"; and that in His presence, our hearts "might burst forth in prayer: 'Show us, Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation'."

<http://www.news.va>



Liturgical celebrations during week:

Tue., Jan. 5th – 9:00 a.m. The Royal Hours:

5:00 p.m. – Great Blessing of Water followed by The Theophany/Epiphany Eve Supper and Carolling
(Shchedryi Vecheer) (Eng./Ukr.)

Wed., Jan. 6th *Theophany/Epiphany, (Jordan)* – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners, relatives and friends** (Eng./Ukr.) **(This is a Holy Day of Obligation.)**

After the Liturgy will be Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

Thur., Jan. 7th (*Різдво ГИХ (CHRISTMAS according to Old, Julian Calendar)*) – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners, relatives and friends** (Eng./Ukr.)

After the Liturgy will be Myrovania/Blessing with Holy Oil.

Fri., Jan. 8th – 9:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy: **Deod Lazzarin Family**

Sat., Jan. 9th – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Fibey Family**

Sunday, Jan. 10th, 2016 – 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."

