

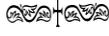


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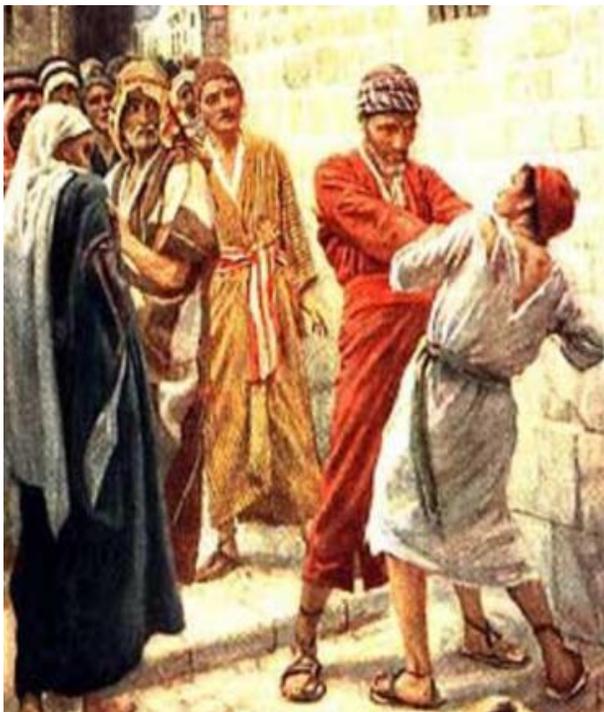
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13th Sunday after Pentecost- August 14th, 2016 A.D.



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.

What Jesus thought concerning evil deeds and their consequences is illustrated by the Parable of the Tenants in the vineyard. The image of the vineyard is a beloved one for the people of the lands of the Bible and of the Mediterranean. The Old Testament prophets described Israel as God's vineyard. In the Christian tradition the Church is called the Lord's vineyard.

There is joy and fulfillment in belonging to and working for the vineyard of which the lord Himself is the Owner and Provider of all things visible and invisible to our eyes; there is joy watching its rich fruits grow and sharing them with others. But on the other hand, the

wonderful privilege of belonging to and working for the Lord's vineyard, a precious gift which the Lord alone gives, bears significant responsibilities and serious consequences.

As the baptized persons and called Christians, we also belong in a special and unique way to the Lord's vineyard and are working in it, whether faithfully or unfaithfully. How can we become fully aware that we live by the gracious hospitality of God, that He is the Host and we are the guests, so that we will use the talents and resources which He has given us properly? What do you as a tenant or steward of God's gifts return to God as His "share of the harvest?"

Jesus concluded the parable with a warning: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom." The vineyard, the kingdom, will be given to a people who produce the fruits of the kingdom.

Let us remember, the Lord does expect something unusual back from us. He expects to see the results of His teaching reflected in our daily lives.

"...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 Віку!*

Liturgical Propers:

Text from "The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship"; Pg. 341 (Tone 4)

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."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great (Ps 103:1).

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

Epistle: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: (1 Cor. 16:13-24)

Brethren, Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, and act like men. In a word, be strong. Do everything with love. You know that the household of Stephanus is the first fruits of Achaia and is devoted to the service of the saints. I urge you to serve under such men and under everyone who cooperates and toils with them. I was very happy at the arrival of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, because they made up for your absence. They have refreshed my spirit as they did yours. You should recognize the worth of such men.

The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the assembly that meets in their house, send you cordial greetings in the Lord. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

It is I, Paul, who send you this greeting in my own hand. If anyone does not love the Lord, let a curse be upon him. O Lord, come! The favor of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus.

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).

Gospel: (Mt. 21:33-42)

The Lord told this parable: "There was a property owner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug out a vat, and erected a tower. Then he leased it out to tenant farmers and went on a journey. When vintage time arrived he dispatched his slaves to the tenants to obtain his share of the grapes. The tenants responded by seizing the slaves. They beat one, killed another, and stoned the third. A second time he dispatched even more slaves than before, but they treated them the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, thinking, "They will respect my son." When they saw the son, the tenants said to one another. "Here is the one who will inherit everything. Let us kill him and then we shall have his inheritance!" With that they seized him, dragged him outside the vineyard, and killed him. What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do to those tenants when he comes?" They replied, "He will bring that wicked crowd to a bad end and lease his vineyard out to others who will see to it that he has grapes at vintage time." Jesus said to them, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the keystone of the structure. It was the Lord who did this and we find it marvelous to behold"



Communion Verses: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Alleluia! (x3)

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, share their time and work at the parish projects, clean the church, 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!

CONGRATULATIONS

May the Almighty God grant many, happy and blessed years in good health and salvation to Mrs. Mary Emery on her birthday on Aug. 17th, to our cantor Mr. Myron Musey and Mr. Myron Wizniak on their patron's feast day/name-day on Aug. 17th, and to all our parishioners, your family members, our guests and visitors who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special joyful and important celebrations 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. HAVE A BLESSED AND RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL WEEK!

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, Elsie Zachary, Matt Dmyterko, Allan and Sharon Ludwig, Steve and Jesse Pawlyshyn, Joe and Olga Burkatsky, Orest Kociuba, Kalyna Kociuba, Allan Bodnaruk, Maria Chorny, Katrien Sobhy, Marg Musey, Kathleen 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, Cruss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich (Fr. Joe Ostopowich's mother), Sandra and Mike Jones, members of our parishioners and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, 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 to all 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.

SUMMER GIVING... Remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy. When traveling, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches and attend the Divine Liturgy.

Please remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, (especially during summer) we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be generous! **"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)

* **Sunday** (Aug. 7th) **collection:** \$ 419.00

SHARE YOUR HEART

EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER VIBRANT PARISH APPEAL

"... We need your urgent and immediate support to guarantee the viability of our Eparchy for future generations of your children and grandchildren. We want to ensure the survival of pastoral services including the celebration of the sacraments in the Ukrainian Catholic tradition, such as Divine Liturgies, Baptism, Marriages, Funerals and the great Feasts, which means so much to us..." **+Ken (Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster)**

WAYS TO GIVE

- **CHEQUE** (Please make your cheques payable to the Eparchy of New Westminster)
- **BEQUESTS** (You have the ability to leave a legacy that will commemorate your love of God by remembering the Eparchy in your will)
- **GIFT OF PUBLICLY TRADED STOCK** (Please contact the Chancery office for further details on how to make a gift of stock)

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO

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CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT: *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* (Matthew 19:14) We are happy to welcome all children to our Holy Trinity catechism program. We want your children to learn more about their Catholic faith, sacred scripture, feast days, icons, singing and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts at 250.376.3690.

* **Camp Saint Volodymyr 2016- August 21-28:** The purpose of camp is to provide an opportunity for youth to experience God through nature and the companionship of others. Children will experience Ukrainian language and culture during camp along with games, religious activities, hikes, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and other summer camp activities.

This marks the 33rd year of our Ukrainian Catholic Summer Camp. Camp will take place in Kelowna at the OAC facility. Camp offers a wide range of activities for campers aged 7-15 (as of December 31, 2016). For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ [604.220.0584](tel:604.220.0584) or jennsawka@hotmail.com. Visit our website via www.nweparchy.ca

DONATE TO THE CAMP: We are always happy to accept food donations of vegetables, fruits, cereals, and treats for children such as cakes, cookies, as well as monetary donations. Tax receipts can be issued with donations of \$25 or more.

Collection of food for 2016 Camp Saint Volodymyr as in previous years, we are collecting non-perishable food for the camp. A special box is placed at the church entrance.

***On behalf of Pastor, Parish Council & Parishioners of the Dormition of the Mother of God Parish in Kelowna**, we would like to invite each one of you to participate in our Parish feast-day (Praznyk), which will take place on Sunday, August 14th. The Pontifical Divine Liturgy will begin at 11:00 a.m. with banquet to follow. Tickets (Adult-\$20; children 6-12 yrs - \$10; under 6 yrs. - free). To reserve tickets please e-mail: fr.wasylinko@gmail.com or call [250-860-7295](tel:250-860-7295). We look forward to celebrating with you at our parish in Kelowna (1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 7A8)!"

* **Celebration to honour Roman Catholic Bishop-Emeritus David Monroe:** join the clergy and the faithful of the Diocese of Kamloops on Monday August 15th at 6:00 pm for a Mass of thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Cathedral. There will be a reception to follow the Mass at the Colombo Lodge located at 814 Lorne Street in Kamloops, BC.

* **Roman Catholic Bishop-Elect Joseph Nguyen's ordination and installation** will be on Thursday August 25th, 2016 at 3:00 pm at the Sandman Centre in downtown Kamloops. Bishop-elect Nguyen will be the sixth bishop in the history of the Kamloops Diocese and this occasion will mark the first the first time that a Bishop has been ordained in Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops. For out of town travelers, please note that there are several hotels and a wide selection of restaurants, shopping, and amenities within walking distance of the Sandman Centre.



Pope in Assisi: forgiveness can truly renew Church and world

Pope Francis made a private pilgrimage on Thursday to the Italian town of Assisi and spoke about the importance of forgiveness, saying only the path of forgiveness can truly renew the Church and the world. He lamented that "too many people are caught up in resentment and harbour hatred because they are incapable of forgiving." "These people," he went on, "ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them."

The Pope's words came during an address delivered inside the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels in Assisi after earlier going to pray in silence inside the small Porziuncola chapel where the Italian saint founded the Franciscan order in the 13th century. The purpose of Pope Francis' pilgrimage there was to mark the 800th anniversary of the "Pardon of Assisi" during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

After addressing those inside the basilica, the Pope spent about an hour hearing the confessions of 19 people before greeting the friars and local religious authorities including an Imam from Perugia. He then went to the nearby infirmary to visit a number of friars who are ill before going outside where he briefly greeted pilgrims waiting outside in the square and once again stressed the importance of forgiving others.

Please find below a translation into English of Pope Francis' prepared remarks inside Assisi's Basilica of St Mary of the Angels:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today I would like, before all else, to recall the words that, according to an ancient tradition, Saint Francis spoke in this very place, in the presence of all the townsfolk and bishops: "I want to send you all to heaven!" What finer thing could the Poor Man of Assisi ask for, if not the gift of salvation, eternal life and unending joy, that Jesus won for us by his death and resurrection?

Besides, what is heaven if not the mystery of love that eternally unites us to God, to contemplate him forever? The Church has always professed this by expressing her belief in the communion of saints. We are never alone in living the faith; we do so in the company of all the saints and of our loved ones who practiced the faith with joyful simplicity and bore witness to it by their lives. There is a bond, unseen but not for that reason any less real, which makes us, by baptism, "one body" moved by "one Spirit" (cf. Eph 4:4). When Saint Francis asked Pope Honorius III to grant an indulgence to all who visited the Porziuncola, he was perhaps thinking of Jesus' words to the disciples: "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (Jn 14:2-3).

Forgiveness – pardon – is surely our direct route to that place in heaven. Here at the Porziuncola everything speaks to us of pardon! What a great gift the Lord has given us in teaching us to forgive and in this way to touch the Father's mercy! We have just heard the parable where Jesus teaches us to forgive (cf. Mt 18:21-35). Why should we forgive someone who has offended us? Because we were forgiven first, and of infinitely more. The parable says exactly this: just as God has forgiven us, so we too should forgive those who do us harm. So too does the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Our Father, in which we say: "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Mt 6:12). The debts are our sins in the sight of God, and our debtors are those whom we, for our part, must forgive.

Each of us might be that servant in the parable burdened with so great a debt that he could never repay it. When we kneel before the priest in the confessional, we do exactly what that servant did. We say, "Lord, have patience with me". We are well aware of our many faults and the fact that we often fall back into the same sins. Yet God never tires of offering us his forgiveness each time we ask for it. His is a pardon that is full and complete, one that assures us that, even if we fall back into the same sins, he is merciful and never ceases to love us. Like the master in the parable, God feels compassion, a mixture of pity and love; that is how the Gospel describes God's mercy towards us. Our Father is moved to compassion whenever we repent, and he sends us home with hearts calm and at peace. He tells us that all is remitted and forgiven. God's forgiveness knows no limits; it is greater than anything we can imagine and it comes to all who know in their hearts that they have done wrong and desire to return to him. God looks at the heart that seeks forgiveness.

The problem, unfortunately, comes whenever we have to deal with a brother or sister who has even slightly offended us. The reaction described in the parable describes it perfectly: "He seized him by the throat and said, 'Pay what you owe!'" (Mt 18:28). Here we encounter all the drama of our human relationships. When we are indebted to others, we expect mercy; but when others are indebted to us, we demand justice! This is a reaction unworthy of Christ's disciples, nor is it the sign of a Christian style of life. Jesus teaches us to forgive and to do so limitlessly: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (v. 22). What he offers us is the Father's love, not our own claims to justice. To trust in the latter alone would not be the sign that we are Christ's disciples, who have obtained mercy at the foot of the cross solely by virtue of the love of the Son of God. Let us not forget, then, the harsh saying at the end of the parable: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart" (v. 35).

Dear brothers and sisters, the pardon of which Saint Francis made himself a "channel" here at the Porziuncola continues to "bring forth heaven" even after eight centuries. In this Holy Year of Mercy, it becomes ever clearer that the path of forgiveness can truly renew the Church and the world. To offer today's world the witness of mercy is a task from which none of us can feel exempted. The world needs forgiveness; too many people are caught up in resentment and harbour hatred, because they are incapable of forgiving. They ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them rather than finding the joy of serenity and peace. Let us ask Saint Francis to intercede for us, so that we may always be humble signs of forgiveness and channels of mercy.

<http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-in-assis-forgiveness-can-truly-renew-church>

The Head of the UGCC in Krylos: "To see the living God, who is among us, we must believe and open our hearts..."

We arrived today at this place, extremely important for the history of our Church - a monument of the Kyivan Christianity, - in order to ask Him in the Year of God's Grace like the blind from the Gospel who were going to God, for mercy for our country and land and for the much suffering Ukrainian people. Jesus Christ is among us and is speaking to us through the word of his Gospel. He desires to touch our biggest needs with his merciful hand, accept our prayers and give his divine healing God's grace.

This was said to the pilgrims in Krylos (Halych) in Ivano-Frankivsk region by the Father and Head of the UGCC his Beatitude Sviatoslav during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on August 7.

"The key to success, to healing is faith, - emphasized the Head of the Church in his homily. - To explain and show faith, Christ reveals to us that as eyes or ears are receptors able to receive light and sound of this visible world, in the same way faith is a means of vision and listening to what is invisible." For in order to see, we have to open eyes, similarly, to see the living God who is among us, we must believe and open our hearts. Then God's grace will come there. Because the one who doesn't want to see, will not see, the one who doesn't want to hear, will not hear, regardless of how many times God's Word and the Church's teaching would appeal to him.

According to the preacher, in the Gospel God asks today our whole Church which has brought to the God's Throne pains, sufferings and tears of its people: "Do you believe that I can do it?" "We must be open to receive what God wants to give us in this Year of God's Grace. Let's ask Him to heal our blindness and open our ears for Him. For His pains and sufferings are our pains and sufferings, and our pains and sufferings are His pains and sufferings," pointed out His Beatitude Sviatoslav. That is why the Pope Francis, meeting the youth from the whole world last Sunday, while answering the boys' and girls' question "Where is God when a person is suffering?" said the following words: "Our merciful God is suffering in him." For He is closer to us than we are to ourselves. He understands all of our needs more deeply than we can see, understand and realize. So we can say that our Savior Himself "is suffering today in the body of the afflicted Ukrainian people so He can be bestow on us His God's grace."

The Primate of the UGCC reminded about God's signs of His presence among us, through which we can receive God's grace, particularly at this pilgrimage: "These are the open Doors of God's grace, which we can enter, the Sacrament of Penance, when God forgives our sins and heals our mental and physical wounds. So we can say that we are not alone on our life path because God is walking with us. But we must believe in it."

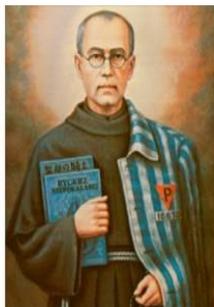
"We venerate our Lady here and pray to Her, - went on the preacher. - And She was the first who saw the living embodied God in Her Son and the first who heard from the Archangel Gabriel that God would come to people. Let us entrust our needs to our Heavenly Mother, who is present here in a visible way through the ancient miraculous icon; let us ask for the gift of faith - and we will have the key to God's proximity, which is our faith."

It is worth noting that the Head of the UGCC was joined in the Liturgy by: Bishop Volodymyr (Vijtyshyn), Archbishop and Metropolitan of Ivano-Frankivsk; Bishop Ihor (Vozyak), Archbishop and Metropolitan of Lviv; Bishop Vasyl (Semenyuk),

Archbishop and Metropolitan of Ternopil-Zboriv; Bishop Bohdan (Dziurakh), the Secretary of the UGCC Synod of Bishops; Bishop Vasyl (Ivasyuk), Eparch of Kolomyia- Chernivtsi; Bishop Teodor (Martynyuk), Auxiliary Bishop of Ternopil-Zboriv; and Bishop Josaphat (Moshchych), Auxiliary Bishop of Ivano-Frankivsk.

We also would like to remind you that on August 6-7 there took place the All-Ukrainian Patriarchal Pilgrimage to the Galician miraculous icon of our Lady, the Patroness of the Galician land, in the village of Krylos (ancient Halych).

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St. Maximilian Kolbe: examining his sacrifice on 75th anniversary of his death

On the 75th anniversary of the death of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a leading scholar on the life of the saint describes him as “a witness of heroic charity.” Father James McCurry is the Minister Provincial of our Lady of Angels Province of the Franciscan Friars Conventual in the U.S. and the author of a biography on Maximilian Kolbe, who belonged to the same Order. Father McCurry met many times and became “the best of friends” with the Polish man for whom Father Kolbe gave up his own life inside the Auschwitz concentration camp. He was interviewed by Susy Hodges.

Father McCurry has met and gained first-hand testimonies from people who knew Maximilian Kolbe including the man for whom the priest sacrificed his own life, Franciszek Gajowniczek, a Polish sergeant who was married with young children.

He described how Father Kolbe stood up and offered his own life because “he was so moved by “the plight” of “this father of a family” who had been chosen to die by the Nazis. After being spared his life because of St. Maximilian’s heroic gesture, Gajowniczek survived the horrors of the 2nd World War and went on to live until the age of 93. Father McCurry said they met many times after the canonization of Maximilian Kolbe and Gajowniczek would often say of Fr. Kolbe: “He didn’t die just for me but for all of us - to give us a witness of heroic charity.”

Father McCurry said St Maximilian stood “as a symbol of gospel freedom” against the backdrop of all the cataclysms of the 20th century including the two world wars and the rise of the communist totalitarian system.

Asked about his feelings when he watched Pope Francis sit in silent prayer during his recent visit to the underground cell in Auschwitz where Maximilian Kolbe was killed by the Nazis, Father McCurry said it gave him “a deep resonance” because he himself has visited that same cell many times, remarking: “it reduces one to silence.” He spoke of how the atmosphere in that cell “is sacred” because it proves to everybody that “good can triumph over evil,” even in Auschwitz that was designed by the Nazis to be “a place of horror, hate and despair.” <http://www.news.va/en/news/st-maximilian-kolbe-examining-his-sacrifice-on-75t>



Liturgical celebrations during week:

Mon., Aug. 15th (**Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary**) – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings and Protection of the Mother of God for all our parishioners

Tue., Aug. 16th – 7:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings for all our parishioners

Wed., Aug. 17th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Benito and Rosa Abate

Fri., Aug. 19th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Geogina D’Souza

Sat., Aug. 20th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Giovanni and Caterina Sblattero

Sunday, Aug. 21st, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.)

- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings for all our parishioners, guests and visitors (Eng./Ukr.)

N.B. After the Liturgy will be blessing of flowers and herbs, distributing of the blessed bread and blessing with the Holy Oil.

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:

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.

