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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.



On September 8th, we celebrated a very special day in the life of our church, the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Theotokos/ Mother of God. Mary is called Blessed because she was specially chosen from all the women who ever lived to fulfil a very special plan that God was about to make known. "His incarnation," God living in the World as Flesh. Now the incarnation required an earthly mother. But who was worthy of such a calling?

God went to prepare "the perfect earthly dwelling" for His Only Begotten Son's entry into this earthly world. But in the end it was Mary's YES, a reply that was given freely and of her own accord that allowed God's salvific plan to be realised.

"Today, God, Who dominates the spiritual thrones of heaven, welcomes on earth the holy throne which He had prepared for Himself. In His love for the human race, He, Who established the heavens in wisdom, has fashioned a living heaven. From a barren stem He has brought forth for us His Mother as a branch full of life. O God of miracles and hope of those who have no hope; O Lord, glory to You!"
(a sticheras of Vespers)

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"...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:

Troparion (Tone 8): You came down from oh high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Troparion (Tone 4): Your nativity, O Virgin Mother of God, has made joy known to all the world, for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing; and by making death of no effect He bestowed on us eternal life.

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

Kontakion (Tone 8): When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion (Tone 4): By your birth, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our life.”

Prokimenon (Tone 6): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance (Ps 27:9).

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence (Ps 27:1).

Prokimenon (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour (Lk 1:46-47).

Epistle: *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians:* (Gal. 6:11-18)

Brethren, see, I write to you in my own large handwriting! Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised are making a play for human approval – with an eye to escaping persecution for the cross of Christ. The very ones who accept circumcision do not follow the law of Christ. The very ones who accept circumcision do not follow the law themselves. They want to be circumcised only that they may boast about your bodily observance.



May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means nothing whether one is circumcised or not. All that matters is that one is created anew. Peace and mercy on all who follow this rule of life, and on the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no man trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of Jesus in my body. Brethren, may the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Alleluia (Tone 1): I have exalted one chosen from among My people; with My holy oil I have anointed him (Ps 88:20-21). Indeed, My hand shall sustain him, and my arm shall make him strong (Ps 88:22). Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear (Ps 44:11).

Gospel: (John 3:13-17)

The Lord said: “No one has gone up to heaven except the One who came down from there – the Son of Man (who is in heaven). Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him. Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Instead of “Dostoino/It is truly”: O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary, born from a barren womb. Virginity is alien to mothers and childbearing is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). **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 Mr. Steve and Mrs. Bernice Usipuk for planting in the month of May and to Mr. Matt and Mrs. Adelle Dmyterko, and Mr. Dave and Mrs. Mary Emery for picking up, cleaning and cooking red beets from our parish community garden lot this week in preparation for bake sales!

* to everyone who thoughtfully and generously congratulated Nazariy on his 6th birthday! Thank you very much!

* 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. Louise McGarvey on her birthday (Sept, 12th), 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 CHURCH TODAY! WISHING YOU A BLESSED WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH FELLOWSHIP 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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Steven Basarab, Fr. Serabion EIMakary, Steve and Bernice Usipuik, Ann Kuz, Ann Derzak, Dave and Mary Emery, Elsie Kinaschuk, John and Mildred 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, Theresa Munro, Michelle New, Martin Schinkelwitz, Adam Laniel, Cryss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich (Fr. Joe Ostopowich's mother), Sandra and Mike Jones, members of our parish 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.

* **FAITHFUL GIVING...** Remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays. When traveling, working or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca 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, 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*)

* **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: **Steward** of property security; **Steward** of grounds cleaning; **Steward** of cleaning church; **Steward** of church linen; **Steward** of outreach; **Steward** of caring; **Steward** of prayer; **Steward** of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others. Contact Fr. Pavlo OR Mr. Matt Dmyterko for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference.

* **BLESSING ON THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:** We pray today that the Lord will enable all students and teachers to grow in wisdom, understanding and virtue, for the glory of God's name; and that He would give them health and long for the up-building of His holy Church. Blessing on the beginning of the school year for all students & teachers as well as myrovania/blessing with the holy oil and distribution of the blessed with wine to everyone will take place after the Divine Liturgy today.

* **Our Parish Council Meeting** will be held at 7:00 pm. on **Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 A.D**

* **Monthly Parish Breakfast** will be held after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 18th, 2016**. Please sign up.

* **Sunday (Sept. 4th) offering:** \$ 476.00

SHARE YOUR HEART

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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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Glory to Jesus Christ!

7 September 2016

Dear Friends,

The Vancouver Friends of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) and the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation (UCEF) is hosting a special fundraising gala for UCU on 11 November in Vancouver. I fully support this initiative and would also ask you to support it.

Ticket information is in the attachment. Please note that there are ten places at each table. Perhaps you could consider purchasing a full table for yourself and inviting friends to join you.

The theological and philosophical faculty of the UCU has papal accreditation. The history, IT, humanities, journalism and business programs are among the best in the country. UCU and its various faculties are open to students of all religious denominations and confessions in Ukraine and internationally. The seminarians (more than two hundred of them) at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Lviv, Ukraine receive their academic formation from UCU free of charge. In fact a good number of the clergy of our Eparchy have received their academic formation from UCU!

Today UCU is not only a flagship of reform in higher education but is an acknowledged leader in the transformation of Ukrainian society. The university is setting the highest academic standards while being in the forefront of social responsibility. Most of the students come from humble economic backgrounds and can dream of a world class education only with our help.

I cannot emphasize enough how important this educational institution is for the future of Ukraine. Local resources are sharply limited during this time of war and foreign invasion. This means that it is vital for us in the west where education is valued and esteemed to support UCU.

For more information about UCU please visit the English language website. <http://ucu.edu.ua/eng/>

Sponsoring this event is the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation. Donations to UCU can be made directly to UCEF, which will issue you a charitable donation income tax receipt. <http://ucef.ca/new-generation-for-a-new-ukraine-2/>

What you can expect during the evening gala...

- * Silent auction
- * A great meal
- * Dynamic guest speakers, featuring award winning CTV journalist Mr. Victor Malarek
- * Meeting representatives of the UCU community
- * Musical entertainment

Looking forward to seeing you on 11 November!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,
+ Ken Nowakowski, Bishop

A NEW GENERATION for A NEW UKRAINE

Vancouver Friends of Ukrainian Catholic University invite you to a

FUNDRAISING GALA

In support of

The Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv

Friday, November 11th, 2016

SUTTON PLACE HOTEL

Versailles Ballroom – doors open @5:00pm

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*Canadian Award Winning Journalist & Author
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Tickets \$150.00 per person



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* **The Father Le Jeune 4th Degree Assembly** will be having their regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7:00 pm at the Le Jeune Manor. All 4th degree members encouraged to attend. This is the first meeting of the new season.

* **40 Days For Life (Sept. 28 – Nov. 6, 2016)** Every day for 40 days, there will be a prayer vigil from 3:30 – 5:30 pm at the highly visible location on 3rd Avenue between Nicola and Columbia Street (north of RIH and outside Sacred Heart Cathedral). Optional prayers will be provided to assist those participating focus on the value and protection of Life. The Cathedral will be open from 3pm to 6pm daily for those who are unable to stand for 2 hours or who would like to enter to pray before or after the vigil. Signs indicating **CHOOSE LIFE** etc. will be available. **Please contact Domenica** at domenicaspina@yahoo.ca to confirm that you have received this invitation and to indicate the day(s) your Church faithful would like to participate in the vigil.

* **EWTN Needs Media Missionaries!** Has EWTN Global Catholic Network impacted your life? Would you like to tell others about Christ and His Church with EWTN? If so, become an EWTN Media Missionary right where you are and make your parish, community, family, and friends aware of EWTN as the best source for Catholic television, radio, online and print resources. To learn more, go to: www.ewtnmissionaries.com or call us 205-795-5771.

WHY CATHOLICS ARE LEAVING THE FAITH BY AGE 10 – AND WHAT PARENTS CAN DO ABOUT IT



Young Catholics are leaving the faith at an early age – sometimes before the age of 10 – and their reasons are deeper than being “bored at Mass,” the author of a new report claims.

“Those that are leaving for no religion – and a pretty big component of them saying they are atheist or agnostic – it turns out that when you probe a bit more deeply and you allow them to talk in their own words, that they are bringing up things that are related to science and a need for evidence and a need for proof,” said Dr. Mark Gray, a senior research associate at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University.

“It’s almost a crisis in faith,” he told CNA. “In the whole concept of faith, this is a generation that is struggling with faith in ways that we haven’t seen in previous generations.”

Gray recently published the results of two national studies by CARA – which conducts social science research about the Church -- in the publication *Our Sunday*

Visitor. One of the surveys was of those who were raised Catholic but no longer identified as Catholic, ages 15 to 25. The second survey was of self-identified Catholics age 18 and over.

In exploring why young Catholics were choosing to leave the faith, he noted “an emerging profile” of youth who say they find the faith “incompatible with what they are learning in high school or at the university level.” In a perceived battle between the Catholic Church and science, the Church is losing.

And it is losing Catholics at a young age. “The interviews with youth and young adults who had left the Catholic Faith revealed that the typical age for this decision to leave was made at 13,” Gray wrote. “Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed, 63 percent, said they stopped being Catholic between the ages of 10 and 17. Another 23 percent say they left the Faith before the age of 10.”

Of those who had left the faith, “only 13 percent said they were ever likely to return to the Catholic Church,” Gray wrote. And “absent any big changes in their life,” he said to CNA, they “are probably not coming back.”

The most common reason given for leaving the Catholic faith, by one in five respondents, was they stopped believing in God or religion. This was evidence of a “desire among some of them for proof, for evidence of what they’re learning about their religion and about God,” Gray said.

It’s a trend in the popular culture to see atheism as “smart” and the faith as “a fairy tale,” he said.

“And I think the Church needs to come to terms with this as an issue of popular culture,” he continued. “I think the Church perhaps needs to better address its history and its relationship to science.”

One reason for this might be the compartmentalization of faith and education, where youth may go to Mass once a week but spend the rest of their week learning how the faith is “dumb,” he noted.

In contrast, if students are taught evolution and the Big Bang theory at the same school where they learn religion, and they are taught by people with religious convictions, then “you’re kind of shown that there’s not conflicts between those, and you understand the Church and Church history and its relationship to science,” he said.

With previous generations who learned about both faith and science as part of a curriculum, that education “helped them a lot in dealing with these bigger questions,” he explained, “and not seeing conflict between religion and science.”

Fr. Matthew Schneider, LC, who worked in youth ministry for four years, emphasized that faith and science must be presented to young people in harmony with each other.

A challenge, he explained, is teaching how “faith and science relate” through philosophy and theology. While science deals only with “what is observable and measurable,” he said, “the world needs something non-physical as its origin, and that’s how to understand God along with science.”

“It was the Christian faith that was the birthplace of science,” he continued. “There’s not a contradiction” between faith and science, “but it’s understanding each one in their own realms.”

How can parents raise their children to stay in the faith? Fr. Schneider cited research by Christian Smith, a professor of sociology at the University of Notre Dame, who concluded that a combination of three factors produces an 80 percent retention rate among young Catholics.

If they have a “weekly activity” like catechesis, Bible study or youth group; if they have adults at the parish who are not their parents and who they can talk to about the faith; and if they have “deep spiritual experiences,” they have a much higher likelihood of remaining Catholic, Fr. Schneider said.

More parents need to be aware of their children’s’ beliefs, Dr. Gray noted, as many parents don’t even know that their children may not profess to be Catholic.

The Church is “very open” to science, he emphasized, noting the affiliation of non-Catholic scientists with the Pontifical Academy of Science, including physicist Stephen Hawking.

There is “no real conflict” between faith and science, Gray said.

“The Church has been steadily balancing matters of faith and reason since St. Augustine’s work in the fifth century,” he wrote.

“Yet, the Church has a chance to keep more of the young Catholics being baptized now if it can do more to correct the historical myths about the Church in regards to science,” he added, “and continue to highlight its support for the sciences, which were, for the most part, an initial product of the work done in Catholic universities hundreds of years ago.”

By Matt Hadro, Washington D.C., Sep 5, 2016 (CNA/EWTN News).

Ecclesiology as Spirituality: A Little Church History Lesson: LETTER FROM UKRAINE by Andriy Chirovsky, October 2001 Part 2:

This Catholic Church of Kyiv looks to the Vatican City State as a kind of guarantee that the Catholic Church will not become a servant of the state, as the Moscow Patriarchate has clearly done, from the times of the Tsars through the rule of the commissars and still today. June’s papal visit underlined this fact in a strange way. In order to appease those Orthodox who followed Alexei’s warnings about the nefarious intentions of the Pope who, it was said, was out to steal sheep away from Moscow’s Church in Ukraine the entire trip was billed as the State Visit of the Head of State of the Vatican, that quaint little country whose army is gaily attired in uniforms by Michelangelo, armed with the latest in pike-style weapons.

Yet that the Pope is the citizen of no country, the subject of no earthly ruler, is precisely what Ukrainian Greco-Catholics were willing to suffer and die for in Siberia. The recent beatification of twenty-six martyrs only solidified the long-standing belief that the Church should remain beyond government control.

Not one Ukrainian Greco-Catholic bishop was willing to cooperate with the secret police and join the Moscow Patriarchate, though they were asked to do so repeatedly. Most died, either in prison or as a result of their tortures. The patriarch of this Church, Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, was released by the Soviets in a deal brokered by journalist Norman Cousins between John F. Kennedy, Pope John XXIII, and Nikita Khrushchev, shortly after the Cuban missile crisis. Expected to die soon, after suffering eighteen years in Siberian concentration camps, he stubbornly lived on for twenty-one years, dying a scant five years before his Church came out of the underground not in the thousands but in the millions, to the utter surprise of the Moscow Patriarchate, the Vatican, the KGB, and the CIA.

There were martyrs of Nazi oppression as well. Even though the Germans struck a less barbaric pose at first and may have confused some Ukrainian Greco-Catholics who had been suffering under Bolshevik oppression, the Church soon saw things as they were. Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky used his residences and monasteries to save Jews from extermination and wrote a courageous letter to Himmler condemning the slaughter, while most of German-occupied Europe remained anxiously silent. He also wrote a pastoral letter entitled “Thou Shalt Not Kill,” in which he threatened with excommunication any of his flock who took part in the genocide. Among those recently beatified was a priest who took his bishop’s orders seriously and was murdered by the Nazis for it. Sheptytsky himself was honored by the Pope repeatedly, but his beatification requires the detailed examination of his voluminous archives from forty-four years at the helm of the Church.

Today that Church has the most ambitious theological school in the country, the L’viv Theological Academy, whose Harvard-trained rector, Father Borys Gudziak, asked John Paul to bless its cornerstone, its students, its faculty, its buildings, and its future. Outside of Ukraine, the Church is represented in nine dioceses in North America, with bishops in South America, Australia, Western Europe, and Poland. It has the only doctoral program in Eastern Christian Studies in the Western hemisphere at its Sheptytsky Institute in Ottawa, which already works ecumenically and is poised to expand its services to Eastern Catholics and Orthodox as well in an ecumenical vision taken from its own intrepid leaders and echoed by the Bishop of Rome.

Education is the priority of a new generation of self-starting leaders who push for authentic catechesis and place the highest demands on theological students. Armed with thorough knowledge of classical and modern languages, alumni of the L’viv Theological Academy (today is called the Ukrainian Catholic University) are among the best educated university graduates in Ukraine. Through a strange twist in post-Soviet history, the government of Ukraine has not yet recognized theology as a university

discipline, depriving those highly qualified young people of job opportunities and basic benefits accruing to university graduates. The Pope made sure to emphasize the need to rectify this situation. In a wily move, Fr. Gudziak welcomed President Leonid Kuchma to the Pope's last and best attended service (over one million came to the Byzantine Liturgy in L'viv) by asking the crowd to thank the president for his openness on the issue of accrediting theological studies. A cheer went up and saved the president from embarrassment. Most of those present would have preferred to boo him on worldwide television. We'll see if he follows through on the Pope's suggestion.

Patriarch of Melkite Greek Catholic Church Voiced Proposals for Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

His Beatitude Gregory III, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, Alexandria and Jerusalem of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, in his speech to the Holy Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which is now ongoing in Bryukhovychi (Lviv), proposed steps how to "strengthen our unity, our communion of the Church."

Patriarch Gregory III considers his "synodal" visit a blessing for both Churches. Patriarch voiced actual proposals, "which resonate with the Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops of the Catholic Church regarding communion and witness of the Church in the Middle East."

The first thing that the Patriarch offers to Ukrainian Greek Catholics is setting up a permanent body for working communication between the two churches that are the most numerous among the Greek Catholic Churches. Second - to work together on the establishment of the Assembly of the Greek Catholic Church, which could be very useful for the development of our churches within the communion with Rome. Third - to set up a joint commission to study the provisions of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (CCEC), which are important for our churches, including the ecclesiology, rights of Patriarchs etc.



Regarding the fourth proposal, the Head of the Melkite Church said that he founded a large seminary in the Holy Land in Beit Sahuri, near Bethlehem, that can accommodate 25 seminarians. "Today the Seminary is empty because I cannot send there the Arab seminarians. I can offer it for your Church's usage," Patriarch Gregory III suggests. He also has proposed to work together on convening the Extraordinary Synod of the Greek Catholic Churches to strengthen the role of churches in communion with Rome, to strengthen relations between our Churches and Rome, as well as with the Orthodox Churches.

The head of Melkite Church offers to form a commission of Eastern and Latin theologians, familiar with the Eastern tradition. The purpose of this commission is to explain the role of the Eastern Catholic Churches of the Byzantine Greek tradition, particularly in ecclesiastical terms, and their relationship with Rome as part of our full communion with the Church that "presides in charity."

In addition, the Patriarch has reported to the Synod of Bishops on the situation in Syria, where the war is ongoing for six consequent years. "About one hundred and fifty churches have been destroyed or severely damaged. Thousands of homes have turned into ruins. About five hundred thousand of our faithful have been forced out of their homes, their villages. We are experiencing a real immigration tsunami that leaves in our communities no stone unturned... all Syrian citizens are going along this cross road," he said.

The distinguished guest noted that as pastors, they performed their work to the best of their ability. "The theme of this session of your Holy Synod is diakonia - the service to one another. The life of our patriarchal Church is an ongoing diakonia. We permanently care about making our diakonia consistent with the scope of the terrible tragedy of our people. We are knocking on all doors for help to provide daily basic needs. We are rebuilding our churches, catechetical centers and war-torn premises for our faithful. However, poverty is a great disaster, which affects all," Patriarch Gregory III said.

This was reported by the Information Department of the UGCC: www.ugcc.org.ua

Pope Francis: Deliver us from indifference, selfishness and self-sufficiency

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis warned against a "false freedom" which has created "many new forms of slavery" during his Jubilee Audience in St. Peter's Square on Saturday.

The Holy Father's catechesis focused on the word 'redemption,' which he said is "little used, but it is important because it points to the most radical liberation God is able to perform for us, for all humanity, and for the entirety of creation."

"It appears that the people of today no longer love to think of being liberated and saved by the intervention of God; in fact, people today are under the illusion that their liberty is a force with which to obtain all things. They even boast of this," - Pope Francis said - "But in reality, it is not like this. How many illusions are being sold under the pretext of freedom, and how many new forms of slavery are being created in our time in the name of a false freedom!"

"There are so many slaves: 'I do this because I want to do it, I take drugs because I like it, I'm free, I will do something else.' They are slaves!" - the Holy Father continued - "They become slaves in the name of freedom. We have all seen such people eventually end up in the ground. We need God to deliver us from all forms of indifference, selfishness and self-sufficiency." Pope Francis said we have been called instead to a new state of life.

“By becoming one of us, the Lord Jesus not only takes on our human condition, but he also raises us up to the possibility of being children of God,” – the Pope said – “By His death and resurrection, the unblemished lamb Jesus Christ has conquered death and sin to free us from their domination. He is the Lamb who was sacrificed for us, so we might receive a new life of forgiveness, love and joy. How beautiful are these three words: forgiveness, love and joy!”

“All that He has assumed has also been redeemed, liberated and saved,” Pope Francis said.

“Certainly, it is true that life puts us to the test, and sometimes we suffer for it,” – he continued – “Nevertheless, in these moments we are invited to turn our gaze to the crucified Jesus, who suffers for us and with us, as certain proof that God does not abandon us. Never forget, however, that in anguish or persecution - as in everyday suffering - we are always freed by the merciful hand of God, who raises us to himself and leads us to new life.”

The Pope said the love of God has no limits, and we are able to discover “ever-new signs” of God’s attention to us.

“Our whole life, though marked by the fragility of sin, is placed under the gaze of God who loves us,” Pope Francis said. “How many pages of Holy Scripture tell us about the presence, closeness, and tenderness of God for all people, especially for children, the poor and the afflicted!” – the Holy Father said – “God has a great tenderness - a great love - for children, for the weak, for those discarded by society. The more we are in need, the more his gaze on us is filled with mercy. He shows a merciful compassion towards us because he knows our weaknesses. He knows our sins and forgives us; He always forgives!” Pope Francis concluded his catechesis by asking the pilgrims to “let us open ourselves to Him, so we receive his Grace: Because, as he Psalm says, ‘with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is the fullness of redemption.’”

Over 30,000 pilgrims attended the special Saturday Audience, which takes place once a month during the Jubilee of Mercy.

Source: <http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-deliver-us-from-indifference-selfishn>



Liturgical celebrations during week:

Mon., Sept. 12th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings and good health to Roberta and Robert Leiby

Tue., Sept. 13th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: + Peter Okraincee
– 6:15 p.m. Vespers

Wed., Sept. 14th (**Exaltation of the Life-Giving Cross**) – 9:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God’s protection to our parishioners

Thurs., Sept. 15th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Mae Amantea

Sat., Sept. 17th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: Silvano Cupello

Sunday, Sept. 18th, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.)

- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: God’s blessings to all our parishioners, guests and visitors (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:

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."

