



The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church



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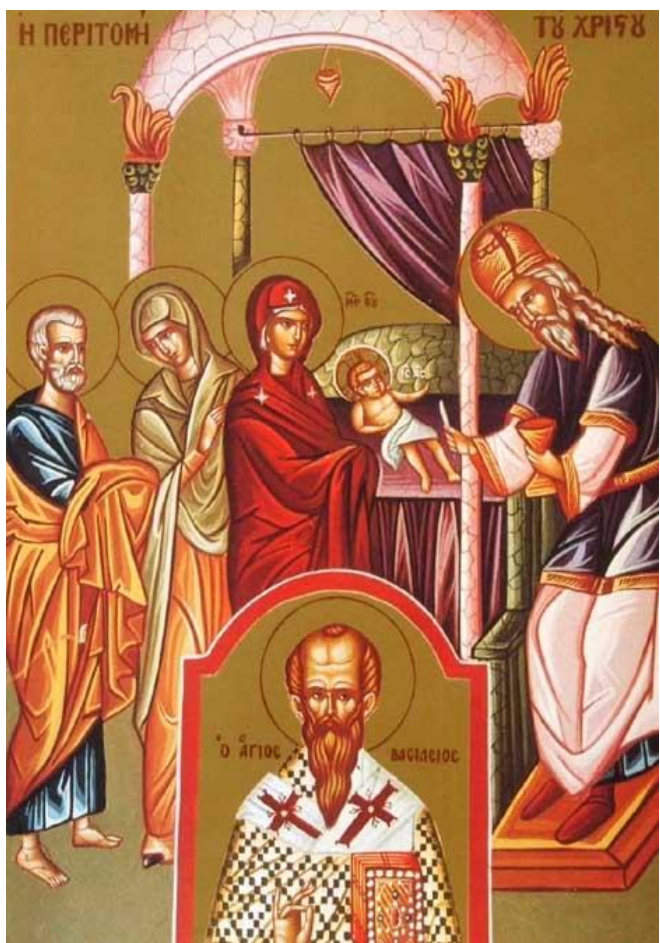


SUNDAY before THEOPHANY, Naming and Circumcision of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Our Father among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia.

New Year's Day – January 1st, 2017 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.

“Peace to all who have been injured or have suffered the loss of a loved one due to the brutal acts of terrorism that have sown fear and death in the heart of many countries and cities. Peace – not merely the word, but real and concrete peace – to our abandoned and excluded brothers and sisters, to those who suffer hunger and to all the victims of violence. Peace to exiles, migrants and refugees, to all those who in our day are subject to human trafficking. Peace to the peoples who suffer because of the economic ambitions of a few, because of sheer greed and the idolatry of money, which leads to slavery. Peace to those affected by social and economic unrest, and to those who endure the consequences of earthquakes or other natural catastrophes.

And peace to the children, on this special day on which God became a child, above all those deprived of the joys of childhood because of hunger, wars or the selfishness of adults.

Peace on earth to men and women of goodwill, who work quietly and patiently each day, in their families and in society, to build a more humane and just world, sustained by the conviction that only with peace is there the possibility of a more prosperous future for all.

Dear brothers and sisters, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given”: He is the “Prince of peace”. Let us welcome Him!”

URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, CHRISTMAS 2016

“...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:

The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated today.

Troparion (Tone 8): You came down from on 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 1): You are seated on high on a fiery throne, with Your Father who is without beginning and Your Divine Spirit. Yet You willed, O Jesus, to be born of a virgin maiden, Your Mother, as a man, You were circumcised on the eighth day. Glory to Your all-gracious will, glory to Your providence, glory to Your condescension, O You who alone love mankind.

Troparion (Tone 1): Your message has spread through all the earth: it accepted the word with which you taught in a manner befitting God. You explained the nature of things and ordered human conduct. O namesake of the royal priesthood, venerable Father Basil, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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

Kontakion (Tone 4): You have appeared as a firm foundation for the Church, maintaining its authority as a sure refuge for mortals, sealing it by your doctrine, O venerable Basil, revealer of heaven.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 3): The Lord of all submits to circumcision and in His love cuts off the failings of mortals; today He gives the world salvation. While in the highest there rejoices Basil the hierarch of the Creator and bearer of Light, and the divine initiate of Christ.

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

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

Prokimenon (Tone 1): My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding (Ps. 48:4).

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

Timothy, my son, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Colossians: (Col. 2:8-12)

Brethren, see to it that no one deceives you through any empty, seductive philosophy that follows mere human traditions, a philosophy based on cosmic powers rather than on Christ.

In Christ the fullness of deity resides in bodily form. Yours is a share of this fullness, in Him Who is the head of every principality and power. You were also circumcised in Him, not with the circumcision administered by hand but with Christ's circumcision which strips off the carnal body completely. In baptism you were not only buried with Him but also raised to life with Him because you believed in the power of God Who raised Him from the dead.

Alleluia (Tone 8): God, be merciful to us and bless us (Ps. 66:2). Make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us. (Ps. 66:2) Give heed, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like sheep (Ps. 79:2). The mouth of the righteous shall declaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak justice (Ps. 36:30).

Gospel: (Mk.1:1-8)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Gospel: (Lk. 2:20-21, 40-52)

At that time the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He

said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Hymn to the Mother of God (Tone 1): *In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices:* the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Verses: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear (Ps.111:6-7). 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

* THANK YOU to all parishioners, guests and visitors who contributed so generously to the "Christmas gift" - "Дар Любові". May God bless you and your family, and reward your generosity! "Christmas gift" is a free will offering taken up during the Christmas season which is shared equally between the Bishop and the Parish Priest. Please note that Revenue Canada does not allow Income Tax receipts for gifts to clergy.

* 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, share their time and work at the parish projects, clean the church inside and in the outside by taking away snow from parking lot and sidewalks, organize socials, 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 bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Steve Usipuk on his birthday (Jan. 7th), Mrs. Mary Emery, Mrs. Mary Borrett, Dob. Mariia Myts, Mr. Joseph Mychaluk, Mr. Joseph Burkatsky (Dec. 26th), Ms. Stella Stephania Black, Mr. Steve Usipuk (Dec. 27th), Mr. John Kolody and Mr. John Chaplin (Jan. 7th) and all whose names are Mary and Joseph, Steven, Stephanias and John who celebrated their heavenly patrons feast-days/name-days days and to all our parishioners, guests, visitors, family members and especially everyone who celebrates Nativity of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ and New Year's Day today – 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 BLESSED NEW 2017 YEAR! EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL BLESSING WITH THE HOLY OIL AND A PIECE OF BLESSED BREAD AS WELL AS TO COME DOWNSTAIRS AND 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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Steven Basarab, Fr. Edward Evanko, Monsignor Jeremiah Desmond, Fr. Serabion ElMakary, Steve and Bernice Usipuk, 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.

* **Pastoral visitations and Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing Schedule** sign up list to arrange the actual date between January 9th and January 31st, 2017 is available at the entrances to the church and in the church hall downstairs.

* **Pierogis making work bee** starts at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 2017.

* **Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th) offerings/donations:** \$ 555.00 (split)

* **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.



* **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.

GREAT COMPLINE SERVICE WITH LYTIA AND GREAT BLESSING OF JORDAN WATER FOLLOWED BY THE THEOPHANY/ EPIPHANY EVE SUPPER (Shchedryy Vecheer) **AND CAROLING WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 5 PM ON THURSDAY** (Jan 5th). Please, sing up and let us know about your participation.

THE GREAT BLESSING OF WATER

What is the significance of the symbolism of water during Theophany and the Feast of Jordan? Why do we use water as a means of grace? Water is the most beautiful of the four elements of the cosmos. We rise from the waters of baptism into a new life, born again of water and the Spirit. Water has been used as symbol for Jesus, "whoever drinks of the water I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (*John 4:13-14*) Once our physical needs are met, our spiritual thirst remains. We thirst for knowledge, we thirst for meaning, we thirst to know who we are. We thirst to know God. If we cannot answer these questions, our inner thirst grows painful.

Introduced in the 4th century, the Great Blessing of Water, in Ukrainian called *Vodokhreshcha*, is a magnificent ritual that is carried out twice: first on the vigil of the Feast (the eve of Theophany) and then on the feast day itself (today, it is usually done once.) A container of water, which stands for the beautiful world of God's original creation and ultimate glorification by Christ in the Kingdom of God, is placed on a low table in front of the Tetrapod surrounded by candles and flowers. It begins with the singing of special hymns and the incensing of the water, and then follows a ceremony which includes: the immersion of the lighted trident candle, breathing on the waters, the immersion of the priest's right hand. At the conclusion of this ceremony, the priest immerses the hand cross into the water during the singing of the Troparion of the Feast. He then sprinkles the people and the church with the newly-blessed water. Following the celebration, the faithful are invited to approach and drink some of the holy water and then fill their containers. They take the water home for various purposes such as; to bless the sick, to bless people on special occasions (anniversaries, etc), to avert calamities such as fire and inclement weather.

At the traditional Supper on the Eve of Theophany (*Shchedryj Vechir*), the faithful drink this water. We should value the efficacy of this holy water, for if we have faith and devotion, the holy water confers actual graces, restrains the power of the devil. You can partake of the blessed water whenever you feel you have a need for the Lord's presence as it represents the Lord's healing and loving presence always.

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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Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

come and share a time of spiritual renewal and inspiration for 2017

The Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to join Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC for an event to learn about the life and legacy of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Fr. Brian was born in Winnipeg and is a Ukrainian Catholic priest. He knew St. Teresa very well and was the postulator for the Cause for Canonization of St. Teresa. Fr. Brian will be sharing interesting insights into the process to have this amazing Catholic nun declared a Saint by Pope Francis. He will share Mother Teresa's message of "love in living action" - especially to the poor - beginning in one's own family, parish community, work, that is, where we are. Fr. Brian will also share some of his experiences as a member of the Missionaries of Charity Fathers.

Victoria: Saturday, January 14, 1-3:30 pm St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria (call Fr. Yuriy, [250-384-2292](tel:250-384-2292) for tickets and information)

Vancouver: Sunday, January 15 at 1-3:30 pm St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish 550 West-14th Avenue, Vancouver (call Deacon Mykhailo, [604-524-8824](tel:604-524-8824) for tickets and information)

Kelowna: Monday, January 16 at 6:30 – 9:00 pm Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna (call Fr. Andrzej, [250-860-7295](tel:250-860-7295) for tickets and information)

Tickets for the events are \$50. Space is limited and these events are expected to sell out quickly so please arrange to get your tickets early.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD **HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

Midnight Mass at Vatican Basilica on Saturday, 24 December 2016

"The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all" (*Tit* 2:11). The words of the Apostle Paul reveal the mystery of this holy night: the grace of God has appeared, his free gift. In the Child given to us, the love of God is made visible.

It is a *night of glory*, that glory proclaimed by the angels in Bethlehem and by ourselves as well, all over the world. It is a *night of joy*, because henceforth and for ever, the infinite and eternal God is *God with us*. He is not far off. We need not search for him in the heavens or in mystical notions. He is close at hand. He became man and he will never withdraw from our humanity, which he has made his own. It is a *night of light*. The light prophesied by Isaiah (cf. 9:1), which was to shine on those who walked in a land of darkness, has appeared and enveloped the shepherds of Bethlehem (cf. *Lk* 2:9).

The shepherds discover simply that "a child has been born to us" (*Is* 9:5). They realize that all this glory, all this joy, all this light, converges to a single point, the *sign* that the angel indicated to them: "You will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (*Lk* 2:12). This is *the enduring sign* for all who would find Jesus. Not just then, but also today. If we want to celebrate Christmas authentically, we need to contemplate this sign: the frail simplicity of a tiny newborn child, the meekness with which he is placed in a manger, the tender affection with which he is wrapped in his swaddling clothes. That is where God is.

With this sign, the Gospel reveals a paradox. It speaks of the emperor, the governor, the high and mighty of those times, yet God does not make himself present there. He appears not in the splendour of a royal palace, but in the poverty of a stable; not in pomp and show, but in simplicity of life; not in power, but in astonishing smallness. In order to meet him, we need to go where he is. We need to bow down, to humble ourselves, to make ourselves small. The newborn Child challenges us. He calls us to leave behind fleeting illusions and to turn to what is essential, to renounce our insatiable cravings, to abandon our endless yearning for things we will never have. We do well to leave such things behind, in order to discover, in the simplicity of the divine Child, peace, joy and the luminous meaning of life.

Let us allow the Child in the manger to challenge us, but let us also be challenged by all those children in today's world who are lying not in a crib, caressed with affection by their mothers and fathers, but in squalid "mangers that devour dignity". Children who hide underground to escape bombardment, on the pavements of large cities, in the hold of a boat overlaid with immigrants... Let us allow ourselves to be challenged by those children who are not allowed to be born, by those who cry because no one relieves their hunger, by those who hold in their hands not toys, but weapons.

The mystery of Christmas, which is light and joy, challenges and unsettles us, because it is at once a *mystery of hope and of sadness*. It has a *taste of sadness*, inasmuch as love is not accepted, and life discarded. Such was the case with Joseph and Mary, who met with closed doors, and placed Jesus in a manger, "because there was no place for them in the inn" (v. 7). Jesus was born rejected by some and regarded by many others with indifference. Today too, that same indifference can exist, whenever Christmas becomes a holiday with ourselves at the centre rather than Jesus; when the lights of shop windows push the light of God into the shadows; when we are enthused about gifts but indifferent to our neighbours in need. This worldliness has kidnapped Christmas; we need to liberate it!

Yet Christmas has above all a *taste of hope* because, for all the darkness in our lives, God's light shines forth. His gentle light does not frighten us. God, who is in love with us, draws us to himself with his tenderness, by being born poor and frail in our midst, as one of us. He is born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread". In this way, he seems to tell us that he is born as *bread for us*; he enters our life to give us his life; he comes into our world to give us his love. He does not come to devour or to lord it over us, but instead to feed and serve us. There is a straight line between the manger and the cross where Jesus will become *bread that is broken*. It is the straight line of love that gives and saves, the love that brings light to our lives and peace to our hearts.

That night, the shepherds understood this. They were among the marginalized of those times. Yet no one is marginalized in the sight of God, and that Christmas, they themselves were the guests. People who felt sure of themselves, self-sufficient, were at home with their possessions. It was the shepherds who "set out with haste" (cf. *Lk 2:16*). Tonight, may we too be challenged and called by Jesus. Let us approach him with trust, starting from all those things that make us feel marginalized, from our limitations and our sins. Let us be touched by the tenderness that saves. Let us draw close to God who draws close to us. Let us pause to gaze upon the crib, and relive in our imagination the birth of Jesus: light and peace, dire poverty and rejection. With the shepherds, let us enter into the real Christmas, bringing to Jesus all that we are, our alienation, our unhealed wounds, our sins. Then, in Jesus, we will enjoy the taste of the true spirit of Christmas: the beauty of being loved by God. With Mary and Joseph, let us pause before the manger, before Jesus who is born as bread for my life. Contemplating his humble and infinite love, let us simply tell him: Thank you. Thank you because you have done all this *for me*.

Source: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20161224_omelia-natale.html



Liturgical celebrations during week:

Tue., Jan. 3rd – 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: **Rest of the soul of Steven Okraince**

(requested by Mrs. Diane Okraince and Family)

Wed., Jan. 4th – 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: **Rest of the souls of the Simpson & Coobs families**

Thurs., Jan. 5th **Theophany/Epiphany Eve** – 10:00 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.)

Fri., 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.

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

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

Sunday, Jan. 8th – 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:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment. **Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick):** Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to **meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Pavlo in advance to arrange a time and a day.**

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."