



# The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian  
Catholic Church in Grindrod, BC



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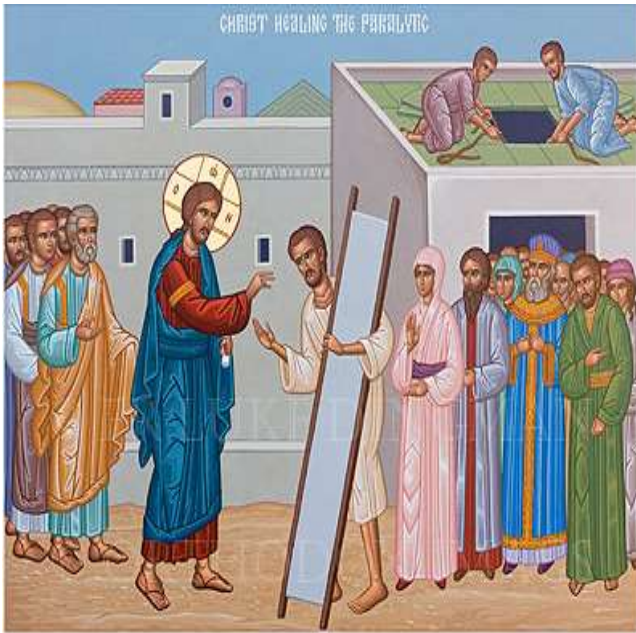
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## Second Sunday of the Great Fast/Lent, Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 A.D



**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.



In today's Gospel reading, the Church opens before us the well-known page of the Holy Gospel about the cure of a paralytic man, who was brought to Christ by his four friends. They honestly cared and asked Christ for a healing of their ill friend. This is truly and a great example for all of us at the time the Great Fast / Lent. It is that only together people can be saved, supporting each other, loving, believing, encouraging, helping and then God will help each of us when we care about others.

The paralytic listened, followed carefully and seriously the words of Jesus Christ. He went back home by being cleansed of his sins and physically healthy. He was truly forgiven by God in order to live a right relationship with the Heavenly Creator. With the help of his friends he got out from the depth of being paralyzed by sin.

We come to the Son of God as well today. Christ welcomes, loves and accepts each and every one of us as we come to Him as the center and goal of our lives. God respects our personal human dignity and transforms us by forgiving our sins and setting us in a right relationship with Him, other people and all His creation.

**“...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!*

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

### Liturgical Propers:

*For the Sundays of Great Lent the Typicon prescribes the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great*

**Troparion** (Tone 2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

**Troparion** (Tone 8): Light of orthodoxy, teacher of the Church; its confirmation! Ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians. Wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace: always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

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

**Kontakion** (Tone 2): You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour, and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises forever.

**Kontakion** (Tone 4): The time for action is now revealed; the Judge is at the door. Let us rise then and keep the fast, offering tears of contrition with alms and crying aloud: Our sins are more numerous than the sands of the sea, but forgive us, O Maker of all, that we may receive incorruptible crowns.

***Now and for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Theotokion:** (Tone 2): The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage, for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

**Prokimenon** (Tone 2): The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation (Ps 117:14).

**Verse:** The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death (Ps 117:18).

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**Epistle:** *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews* (Hebrews 1:10-2:3)

*Brethren*, Scripture says: “Lord, of old you established the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; all of them will grow old like a garment. You will roll them up like a cloak, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

To which of the angels has God ever said, “Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool?” Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to serve those who are to inherit salvation?

In view of this, we must attend all the more to what we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels stood unchanged, and all transgression and disobedience received its due punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore a salvation as great as ours? Announced first by the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who had heard him.



**Alleluia** (Tone 2): The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you (Ps 19:2). Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You (Ps 19:10).

**Gospel:** (Mark 2:1-12)

*At that time*, Jesus came back to Capernaum after a lapse of several days and word got around that he was at home. At that they began to gather in great numbers. There was no longer any room for them, even around the door.

While he was delivering God’s word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed man to him. The four who carried him were unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof over the spot where Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “My son, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves: “Why does the man talk in that way? He commits blasphemy! Who can forgive sins except God alone?”

Jesus was immediately aware of their reasoning, though they kept it to themselves, and he said to them: “Why do you harbour these thoughts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk again?’ That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” (he said to the paralyzed man), “I command you: Stand up! Pick up your mat and go home.” The man stood and picked up his mat and went outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck; all gave praise to God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

*Instead of “It is truly...”*: 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 the 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 Verse:** 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 everyone who came and worked at pierogis making work bees during the past week!

\* 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, organize socials, clean the church, clean the sidewalks and parking lot from snow, put in order a lot of items at under stairs storage room, fixed a washroom, alarm and a copier machine, look after and graciously support our Christian, Catholic parish community! Thank you very much! May the Almighty God always keep you in His tender care by generously blessing and rewarding 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 all our parishioners, guests, visitors, your family members who celebrate their heavenly patrons feast-days/name-days and especially to everyone who celebrate their birthdays, anniversaries or any other important events this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY. WISHING YOU A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME 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 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, 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 Necedor, Lawrence and Ping Beaton, Red Mackay, Theresa Munro, Michelle New, Martin Schinkelwitz, Claud and Eva Gosselin, Adam Laniel, Cryss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich (Fr. Joe Ostopowich's mother), Sandra and Mike Jones, Peter Balla, 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.

**SPIRIT OF AWARENESS:** Dear parishioners, if our brother / sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him /her know that our parish community misses him / her very much!

\* **Pierogies making work bee** starts at **8:30 a.m.** on **Tuesday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome to help our ladies' project in support of our church!

\* **Sunday (Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>) faithful offerings/donations:** \$ 348.00 in Kamloops; \$ 135.00 in Grindrod.

\* **Monthly Parish Breakfast** will be held after the Divine Liturgy on **next Sunday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Please, sign up, come, enjoy delicious breakfast, Christian gathering and support of our vibrant parish!

\* **The Father Le Jeune 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly** will be having their regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Le Jeune Manor. All 4<sup>th</sup> degree members encouraged to attend.



\* **We invite you to our Pro-Life Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction**, on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30p.m., at the OLPH Parish Centre, 635 Tranquille Rd. in Kamloops, BC. *You will hear first-hand stories on adoption and end-of-life care.* Tickets: \$30; phone 778-220-5584

\* **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](http://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.

**Please, feel very welcome to participate in our church choir singing, reading of the Epistle, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, parish cleaning, projects, etc.**

Contact Fr. Pavlo or Mr. Matt Dmyterko for more information. You will be amazed how “BEING” can make a difference!

### **EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER VIBRANT PARISH APPEAL SHARE YOUR HEART**

*“...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)**

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### **It is with great joy the Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to the ordination of Deacon Mykhailo Ozorovych to the priesthood!**

On Saturday April 8th at 2:00 pm, Deacon Mykhailo will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ken during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster.

On Palm Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, newly ordained Father Mykhailo will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster. The ordination and first Divine Liturgy banquet-reception will be held in the Cathedral hall immediately following the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Tickets for the Reception (on Palm Sunday) are only \$15.00 per person. Free for those under 15 years - but they still must obtain a (free) ticket - important to ensure sufficient food. For tickets, please contact Deacon Mykhailo at: **604 524 8824** or [mykhailo.oz@gmail.com](mailto:mykhailo.oz@gmail.com) The deadline to obtain banquet tickets is Sunday 2 April.

**Camp Saint Volodymyr 2017 on August 20-27, 2017.** 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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, 2017). Registration will be available online via Eventbrite “Camp Saint Volodymyr BC 2017.” Early bird registration Ends July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**WAYS TO HELP VOLUNTEER** Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in helping at this year’s camp as a counsellor, chef, arts & crafts or cultural coordinator please contact Jennifer. Applications forms for counsellors are due May 15, 2017. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal records check and must sign the camp code of conduct. **For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or [jennsawka@hotmail.com](mailto:jennsawka@hotmail.com).** Visit our webpage via [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca)

**DONATE** 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.



Chancery Office  
Eparchy of New Westminster

To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy, Religious  
and Lay-Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster

23 February 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just over a month ago our Eparchy hosted Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC, Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who gave presentations in our parishes about the life and legacy of this amazing Saint who was convinced that there is no substitution for active love. Throughout the Gospels Jesus Christ invites us to love Him through our neighbors. In the Gospel of Mathew when speaking about works of mercy Jesus says “You did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). This means that when we perform an act of mercy, do something good or just smile and show compassion to those near us we are not merely doing it for Christ’s sake but in a mystical way we are doing it to Him. Saint Mother Teresa who lived out this mystery every day by serving others is a great example for us and a source of inspiration.

Two Sundays ago we heard the Gospel about the Last Judgment. As Christians we believe in inevitability of the Judgment day but sometimes we forget the criteria by which righteous will be distinguished from the wicked on that day. The only canon of judgement mentioned in the Gospel is active love towards our neighbors with whom Jesus has self-identified. Saint Mother Teresa has put it very simply, “When we die, and go home to God, for death is nothing else but going home to God, He will judge us on what we have been to each other, how we have loved each other.”

Each year our Eparchy along with all the other Ukrainian Catholic Eparchies in North America receives requests from our Church in Ukraine for financial assistance for very worthy causes and endeavors in Ukraine. As has been our Eparchial custom for the last few years, during the Great Fast/Lent we take time to remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine who are in need and through our donations we show that we stand in solidarity with them.

In his 1<sup>st</sup> Letter, apostle John reminds the early Christian church that if anyone has the world’s goods and sees their brother or sister in need yet closes their heart against them, how does God’s life abide in them?

While there are no doubt many worthy causes to donate our funds to in Ukraine, our Eparchy has identified the following beneficiaries for our donations:

- **Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv.** This is the only Ukrainian Catholic University in Ukraine. It is pivotal to the future needs of the leaders of Ukrainian society. Today more than ever, we need to support a free and honest educational endeavours in Ukraine and certainly, the Ukrainian Catholic University is worthy of our support.
- **Caritas Ukraine.** Caritas Ukraine continues to be the main charities organization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine providing social care to the needy of Ukraine in the area of humanitarian aid, clothing distribution, street children’s assistance programs, HIV & AIDS programs, anti-trafficking in people programs, emergency aid, home-care programs and much more. Since the Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine and the invasion of Ukraine’s Eastern territories almost two million people have been internally displaced. Caritas Ukraine along with partner organizations is attempting to meet the challenges this has brought to Ukrainian society by providing housing, meals, and rehabilitation to these families.
- **Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv.** The building project is ongoing and the interior artwork still needs a lot of work. This Cathedral is meant to be not just for our Ukrainian Catholics in Kyiv, but indeed the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for all of us.
- **Andrew’s Pence.** The Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, our Patriarch has many requests for financial support from our Ukrainian Catholic communities of faithful in the poorest areas of Eastern Europe and in the East, in places like Kazakhstan, Siberia, etc. These communities are often located in areas where the local or national governments are not at all supportive. They rely heavily on assistance from their sisters and brothers in the other areas where our Church faithful live, like right here in British Columbia. Our donations to Andrew’s Pence assist the Patriarch in providing financial support for these far away and often desolate communities.

- **Synod Administration Fund.** Each Eparchy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout the world is asked to assist in the administrative and operational costs of the Synodal Offices in Kyiv. As members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church our Eparchy is assessed a sum of around \$10,000 annually. Your contributions will assist us in our Synodal Administrative Fund assessment.

In order to assist you in deciding to how much you are able to donate to these worthy causes I have let you know something about them and what your donations will help with. The envelopes provided allow you to indicate the amount as well as to which fund(s) you would like your donation to be given to.

If you would like to receive a tax receipt for your donation, please make the cheque payable to your own parish (ie: Holy Eucharist Cathedral, or St. Nicholas Parish) and a tax receipt will be issued to you directly from your parish. Your parish treasurer will then send a cheque made out to the Eparchy of New Westminster for the total amount collected and indicate the amounts and to whom the collected amount is to be given to. The Eparchy will then add together the amounts collected from each parish and to whom/which organization the donation is to be given to.

I completely endorse and recommend to you dear Sisters and Brothers that the organizations listed above in this letter. They are truly worthy causes and those in charge will use wisely our donations. Along with your donations, I would ask for your prayerful support of those who work in the service of our Church in Ukraine, bringing the Good News of Our Lord's love and salvation to them. So, Dearly Beloved in Christ, if you can find it in your heart and bank accounts to make a donation, please do so. May the blessing of Our Lord be upon you for your generousities.

I am designating the Sundays of March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of the Great Fast (Lent) for our Eparchial Collection in favour of the needs of our Church in Ukraine. I would ask that this letter along with special envelopes be distributed to our Faithful in our parish bulletins on Sundays March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> so that they may prepare themselves for the donation. If for good reason they will be absent from the Divine Liturgy on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> they can make their contribution either prior to the general collection date or by the end of the Great Fast (Lent).

I would like to ask that our parishes provide the funds collected noting the amounts for the various projects be sent to our office no later than Saturday 29 April so that we can send these funds to the appropriate organizations by the first week of May of this year.

I am uniting my prayers with those of yours in our journey through the Great Fast (Lent) to the joyful celebration of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



+Ken

Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster



**Chancery Office**  
**Eparchy of New Westminster**

**To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy & Religious and Lay-Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster**

8 March 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

### **Eparchial Clergy Transfers 2017**

Having learned only at the beginning of February that Fr. Volodymyr Dmyterko would be departing from his pastoral assignments in Grindrod, Vernon and Penticton to the Eparchy of Stamford, in the USA as of 13 February, for the wellbeing of our parishes, I have to make some clergy transfers. These transfers have been discussed with our Eparchial Clergy and those Clergy whom it will directly affect have graciously agreed to these transfers. I am very grateful for their cooperation and willingness to serve our Eparchy. I also want to ask that our faithful, the parishioners of the parishes mentioned to support these transfers and show welcome to their new priest and his family.

### **As of 1 May 2017 please note the following changes will take place:**

**Fr. Stepan Dovhoshyia**, currently administrator of Holy Eucharist Cathedral Parish in New Westminster is transferred to serve as administrator of Saints Peter & Paul Parish in Grindrod, St. Josaphat's in Vernon, with his residence in Vernon.

**Fr. Andrii Chornenkyy**, currently administrator of Holy Cross Parish in Surrey is appointed pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Surrey and administrator of Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster with his residence in Surrey.

**Deacon Mykhailo Ozorovych**, currently in pastoral internship at Holy Cross Parish in Surrey, once ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, 8 April will be transferred as a pastoral intern and assistant priest to Holy Eucharist Cathedral Parish in New Westminster with his residence in New Westminster. Deacon Mykhailo will continue to be the Eparchial Youth Coordinator.

**As of 15 July 2017 please note the following changes will take place:**

**Fr. Andrzej Wasylinko**, currently pastor of the Dormition of the Mother of God Parish in Kelowna and administrator Holy Resurrection Parish in Penticton is transferred to Holy Trinity Parish in Kamloops with his residence in Kamloops. Fr. Andrzej will continue to provide pastoral care to St. Josaphat's Parish in Vernon until 1 May.

**Fr. Pavlo Myts**, currently administrator of Holy Trinity Parish in Kamloops is transferred to the Dormition of the Mother of God Parish in Kelowna and appointed its pastor and administrator Holy Resurrection Parish in Penticton. Fr. Pavlo will continue to provide pastoral care to Saints Peter & Paul Parish in Grindrod until 1 May.

I want to thank each of these priests for the excellent pastoral care that they have provided to their assigned parishes and assure them of my blessings as they begin their new pastoral assignments. Please support them in their transfers and welcome them in their new pastoral assignments.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+Ken



CONFÉRENCE DES ÉVÊQUES CATHOLIQUES DU CANADA  
CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

10 March 2017

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Prime Minister,

On 8 March 2017 the Government of Canada announced \$650 million over three years for “sexual and reproductive health and rights”. According to a backgrounder provided to the media, a major part of the funding will be toward removing “judicial and legal barriers to the fulfilment of sexual and reproductive health and rights”. As cited by the *Globe and Mail* on 9 March 2017, a federal official has confirmed “these barriers include the anti-abortion laws in many countries.”

Such a policy is a reprehensible example of Western cultural imperialism and an attempt to impose misplaced but so-called Canadian “values” on other nations and people. It exploits women when they are most in need of care and support, and tragically subverts true prenatal health care. It negates our country’s laudable efforts to welcome refugees and offer protection to the world’s homeless, when the youngest of human lives will instead be exterminated and the most vulnerable of human beings discarded as unwanted human tissue.

Your policy and vision, contrary to the fundamental ethic of protecting the most vulnerable and assisting the weakest, are in conflict with the principles instinctively shared by the majority of the world’s population and consistently upheld by the Catholic Church: to defend and protect human life from conception to natural death.

On behalf of all the bishops of Canada I thank you for your consideration and I remain

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI Bishop of Hamilton  
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

## **Christians are the world's most persecuted religious group, according to studies**

*In 2016, at least 90,000 Christians lost their lives because of their faith*

Approximately 90,000 Christians were killed for their faith in 2016 worldwide, making them the most persecuted religious group in the world. That number — which amounts to one Christian killed every six minutes — is down a bit from 2015 when the number was estimated to be approximately 105,000.

According to a *Fox News* report, nearly a third of the deaths in 2016 were at the hands of Islamic extremists like ISIS, and others were killed by state and non-state persecution. Massimo Introvigne, director of CENSUR, told Vatican Radio that approximately 70 percent of the martyred Christians in 2016 were from tribal villages in Africa, and their deaths were partially a result of the fact that Christians often refuse to take up arms during conflicts.



The Center for the Study of Global Christianity also studies Christian martyrdom, both historical and contemporary, and estimates that between 2005 and 2015 there were 900,000 Christian martyrs worldwide—which comes out to an average of 90,000 per year. The Center says historical, sociological, and theological arguments in quantifying Christian martyrdom throughout time must be considered. Their definition of a Christian martyr is: “Believers in Christ who have lost their lives prematurely, in situations of witness, as a result of human hostility.”

The number of Christians martyred in 2016 is likely more than 90,000, however, because studies were not able to include data from China and India — two countries with large Christian populations, but with “underground” churches, so the numbers of persecuted and martyred Christians are hard to come by. *Written by Zoe Romanowsky on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.*

Source: [http://aleteia.org/2017/03/03/christians-are-the-worlds-most-persecuted-religious-group-according-to-studies/?utm\\_campaign=english\\_page&utm\\_medium=aleteia\\_en&utm\\_source=Facebook#link\\_time=1488530013](http://aleteia.org/2017/03/03/christians-are-the-worlds-most-persecuted-religious-group-according-to-studies/?utm_campaign=english_page&utm_medium=aleteia_en&utm_source=Facebook#link_time=1488530013)



\* **BISHOP THOMAS J. LOBSINGER, OMI MEMORIAL BURSARY PROGRAM UNDERWAY:** The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary Program is known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program. The 2017 program is now receiving applications. Once again we are privileged to offer thirty bursaries of \$500.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time-only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in their second or subsequent year of post-secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province. Applications are accepted from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference can be found on our web site at <http://kofcbc.org/files/2013/08/Terms-of-Reference-2017.pdf>

Requests for applications should be addressed to: **Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon**

Attn: Dale Hofer, Bursaries Chairman 2300 Teal Place Vernon, BC V1H 1R1

We would like to once again congratulate the many recipients over the past years and look forward the opportunity to assist many more young people in the advancement of their education.



### **Liturgical celebrations during week:**

**“What good is fasting from food if we do not fast from sins? What good is it to be careful not to eat meat and yet be unconcerned about the violence we are doing to the poor? What gains have we if we avoid wine but are still drunk with pleasure?”**

– *Saint John Chrysostom*

### **Bible readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the Great Fast/Lent**

**Mon.:** Genesis 6:9-22; Proverbs 8:1-22 & Isaiah 8:13-9:6

**Tue.:** Genesis 7:1-5; Proverbs 8:32-9:10 & Isaiah 9:8-10:4

**Wed.:** Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18 & Isaiah 10:12-20

**Thurs.:** Genesis 7:11-8:3; Proverbs 10:1-22 & Isaiah 11:10-12:2

**Fri.:** Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12 & Isaiah 13:2-13

**Mon., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.** The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Tue., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: **Franciscan Order** (requested by Ms. Leah Blain)

**Wed., March 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.** The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

– **3:30 p.m.** The Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts: **Missionaries of Charity** (requested by Ms. Leah Blain)

**Thurs., Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: **The Tudan Family** (requested by Mrs. Rachel Tudan)

**Friday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.** The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (Eng./Ukr.)

– **4:00 p.m.** The Way of the Cross, followed by Sorokousty / Lenten Memorial Service for the deceased.

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m.** Rosary (Eng.)

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

– **2:45 p.m.** 1<sup>st</sup> Hour Service (Eng.) (*Service at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Grindrod, BC*)

– **3:00 p.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.**

### Eparchy of New Westminster

My 2017 Great Fast/Lenten Donation for the Needs of the Church in Ukraine

Name:

Address:

Name of Organization or Fund	Amount enclosed
Ukrainian Catholic University	
Caritas Ukraine	
Holy Resurrection Sobor Building Fund	
Andrew's Pence	
Synod Administration Fund	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	

**Please make your cheque payable to your local parish. Your local parish will issue you an income tax receipt.**