



The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian
Catholic Church in Grindrod, BC



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Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women – April 30th, 2017 A.D.

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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.

The third Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Church as the Sunday of the Holy Myrrbearers. About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to His sepulcher, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called Myrrh-bearers.

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of

our Savior's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went bodily unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial.

“...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 during Easter Season (April. 16th - May 24th): Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!
Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres! Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес! Christ is among us! - He is and will be!

Liturgical Propers:

Text from "The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship"; Pg. 501. The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Liturgical Instruction: After the priest exclaims "Blessed is the Kingdom" and we have responded "Amen," the clergy sing the following Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then the clergy sing the first half, and we conclude it. This is done every day until the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

Troparion: *Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.* (3x)

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 2): The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree. He wrapped it in a clean shroud, and with aromatic spices and placed it in burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, granting the world Your great mercy.

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

Kontakion (Tone 2): You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God, and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your resurrection. You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all: "The Saviour is risen from the tomb."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 8): Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! and giving peace to Your apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

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).

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles': (Acts 6:1-7)

In those days, as the number of disciples grew, the ones who spoke Greek complained that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food, as compared with the widows of those who spoke Hebrew. The Twelve assembled the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Look around among your own number, brothers, for seven men acknowledged to be deeply spiritual and prudent, and we shall anoint them to this task. This will permit us to concentrate on prayer and the ministry of the word. The proposal was unanimously accepted by the community. Following this they selected Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit; Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, who had been a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who first prayed over them and then imposed hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread, while at the same time the number of the disciples in Jerusalem enormously increased. There were many priests among those who embraced the faith.

Alleluia (Tone 8): You have shown favor to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob (Ps 84:2). Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced (Ps 84:11).

Gospel: (Mark 15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph from Arimathea arrived – a distinguished member of the Sanhedrin. He was another who looked forward to the reign of God. He was bold enough to seek an audience with Pilate and urgently requested the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus should have died so soon. He summoned the centurion and inquired whether Jesus was already dead. Learning from him that he was dead, Pilate released the corpse to Joseph. Then, having bought a linen shroud, Joseph took him down, wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a new tomb which had been cut out of rock. Finally he rolled a stone across the entrance of the tomb. Meanwhile, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus observed where he had been laid.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils with which they intended to go and anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise, on the first day of the week they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked, they found that the stone had been rolled back (It was a huge one.) On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. This frightened them thoroughly, but he reassured them: "You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He has been raised up; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. Go now and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.'" They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling; and because of their great fear, they said nothing to anyone.

Instead of "It is truly...": The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Irmos (Tone 1): Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verses: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Alleluia! (x3)

Instead of "Blessed is He...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Instead of "We have seen the true light...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Instead of "Let our mouths...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

Priest: And to us He has granted life eternal!

Faithful: We bow down before His resurrection on the third day!

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 parishioners for organizing, sharing and participating in Easter Dinner/Spil'ne Sviachene at the church hall and praying at blessing of the graves at the cemeteries past Sunday!

* 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, fixed lawn sprinklers and parish residence door, 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 COFFEE-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, 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, 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!

* **Blessing and distributing** of Artos/Easter Bread and myrovania / blessing with Holy Oil of all the faithful is After the Liturgy today.

* **KNEELING DURING THE EASTER SEASON** - until Pentecost we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. As a sign of our redemption and final resurrection, we offer our prayers to God while standing.

* **ZAHALNYTSIA**. Due to the festive Easter season, the Friday after Easter (April 10) is not a fasting day. Let us celebrate and rejoice in Jesus Christ's Glorious Resurrection!

* **Sunday (Apr. 23rd) faithful offerings/donations:** \$ 605.00 in Kamloops

* **Parish mission at Our lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church in Kamloops BC. All evenings begin with Mass** celebration (at 7 pm from May 1 to 3, 2017) and be followed by a talk of Sister Marie Therese Langer. Everyone is welcome!

* **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Oct. 12-24, 2017 Walk in the footsteps of Jesus; an unforgettable experience with Fr, Joe Ostapowich, Sr. Angelica SSMI, brother & sister pilgrims. For details and price call Mrs. Myrna Arychuk at **604 - 617 - 7200**

* **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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help out with weekly cleaning in the church and organizing of coffee social after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, work-bees, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know.

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

* **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 34th 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 6th, 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.** Visit our webpage via 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.

***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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* **The Gospel of the Body and the Little Way** with Christopher West in Bruno, SK. April 30 - May 3, 2017. For more information visit <https://www.sttherese.ca/programs-events/theology-of-the-body-tob>

* **50th PARISH ANNIVERSARY:** Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church in Surrey, BC will be holding the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Parish this year. The dates are: **Saturday, October 21 at 5:00 PM – Banquet** (5 STAR CATERING SUNRISE BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTRE 5640 188 Str.); **Sunday, October 22 - Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am.**

If you would like to submit some photos or other materials for 50th Anniversary Celebration, please use the following e-mail address: 50holycross@gmail.com

* **NEW JOB POSTINGS:** CISKD is looking for a Full-time Principal for their ACEND Online School, as well as a 1.0 FTE teacher for St. Ann's Catholic School in Quesnel, BC, and a Learning Resource Center Coordinator for St. Ann's Academy in Kamloops, BC. Please see the attached postings for more information.

* **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies global prayer event** will be on May 5-7 and the Diocese of Kamloops is invited to participate. People can participate from wherever they are at the time by praying at least one rosary for an end to abortion. For more information and to register see www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org

The World Health Organization estimates that 40-50 million abortions are carried out each year worldwide; 125,000 human lives destroyed each day; more than 40 since you commenced reading this email. Amid this gloom there is some cause for hope though. The number of abortions in the United States has fallen to its lowest level since 1980 and in Italy to the lowest in 40 years.

Saint John Paul II once called pro-life efforts such as the One Million Rosaries campaign "the most important work on earth". If you would like to help, I would be most grateful if you would be so kind as to forward this information to your parishes so that it might be included in parish bulletins, websites, noticeboards, etc. in the lead up to the event. A draft notice is attached in case this helps. A more detailed version is available on the website. If you and your Priests would like to help further, we have found that a word of encouragement from the pulpit greatly increases participation.

Last year, even though we were just starting our international outreach, we had tremendous support from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines with the Archdiocese of Capiz alone pledging more than 11,000 rosaries. We also had wonderful support from the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Boys Town communities (over 37,000 rosaries pledged) and the Missionary Carmelite sisters.

* **Couples for Christ** *Invites you to witness the goodness of Christ through a [Christian Life Program \(CLP\) Orientation \(For Families, Singles, Handmaids, & Servants of the Lord\)](#)* Saturday- June 10, 2017 (9 am-5 pm), Saturday- June 17, 2017 (9 am-5 pm), Saturday- June 24, 2017 (9 am-5 pm, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cathedral in Kamloops, BC. The CLP is an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of and response to God's call to them as Christian couples. Please contact the following: Benny/Maria Esguerra 250-374-9376; Omar/Rochelle Directo 250-554-1096; Sister Analisa 250-372-5470.

* **David Haas in Concert/Music & Liturgy Workshop:** Concert - Friday May 5, 2017 at 7:00pm. Tickets \$20 each or \$50 per family. Concert tickets will be available at the door. Music and Liturgy Workshop – Saturday May 6, 2017 from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Cost \$20. Workshop registration is required for planning purposes. To register or for more information please see the attached poster or contact Darlene.jackson@nelsondiocese.org 250-448-2725.

Pope Francis and Coptic Pope Tawadros honour 21st-century martyrs

'Your sufferings are also our sufferings,' Francis tells Egyptian Christians

Placing flowers, lighting a candle and praying at the site where dozens of Coptic Orthodox Christians were killed by an ISIS militant last year, Pope Francis and Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II have paid homage to those who were killed for their faith. Pope Francis and Pope Tawadros walked in a short procession to the Church of St Peter, where 29 people died and 31 were wounded on December 11. The faithful chanted a song of martyrs, and some clashed cymbals under the darkened evening sky. Inside the small church, the leaders of several other Christian communities in Egypt as well as Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople sat before the congregation, which included family members of the victims.

A portion of one wall of the complex was splattered with blood, and pictures of those killed – many with bright smiles to the camera – were hung above. Some of the church's stone columns were pock-marked from the debris or shrapnel sent flying from the explosion.

Each of the eight Christian leaders seated before the congregation, beginning with Pope Francis, read a verse from the Beatitudes in the Gospel of St Matthew. Pope Francis and Pope Tawadros then each said a few words in prayer, and everyone shared a sign of peace.

Led by Pope Francis, the eight leaders went to the back of the church, where each lit a small candle and placed white flowers beneath the photos of the martyrs. Pope Francis leaned low to touch the blood-stained wall and made the Sign of the Cross.

Earlier, in a historic and significant move toward greater Christian unity, Pope Tawadros and Pope Francis signed an agreement to end a long-standing disagreement between the two communions over the sacrament of baptism.

The Coptic Orthodox Church had required new members joining from most non-Coptic churches – including those who had previously been baptized as Catholic – to be baptized again.

The Catholic Church recognizes all Christian baptisms performed with water and in "the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit". Orthodox who enter the Catholic Church are received as full members, but not baptised again.

In the joint declaration, the two leaders “mutually declare that we, with one mind and heart, will seek sincerely not to repeat the baptism that has been administered in either of our churches for any person who wishes to join the other.”

The document was signed during a courtesy visit to Pope Tawadros at the Coptic Orthodox Cathedral.

In his speech to Pope Tawadros and other Coptic Orthodox leaders, Pope Francis said: “The innocent blood of defenseless Christians was cruelly shed.” He told them it was that innocent blood “that united us”. “Your sufferings are also our sufferings,” he said, the first day of a two-day visit to Egypt’s capital. “How many martyrs in this land, from the first centuries of Christianity, have lived their faith heroically to the end, shedding their blood rather than denying the Lord and yielding to the enticements of evil or merely to the temptation of repaying evil with evil,” he said.

He encouraged Catholic and Coptic Orthodox to work hard to “oppose violence by preaching and sowing goodness, fostering concord and preserving unity, praying that all these sacrifices may open the way to a future of full communion between us and peace for all”.

Pope Tawadros, in his speech, said Pope Francis was following in the footsteps of his namesake, St Francis of Assisi, who came to Egypt nearly 1,000 years ago to meet Sultan al-Kamel and engage in “one of the most important experiences of intercultural dialogue in history – a dialogue that is renewed today with your visit.”

Calling Pope Francis one of the symbols of peace “in a world tormented by conflicts and wars”, the Coptic Orthodox leader underlined that the world was thirsting for sincere efforts of spreading peace and love, and stopping violence and extremism.

Pope Tawadros said Pope Francis’s visit “is a message for the rest of the world”, showing Egypt as a model of mutual respect and understanding.

Despite Christianity’s deep roots in Egypt, which was evangelised by St Mark, Christians have lived through some difficult and turbulent periods, he said. But that only made people’s desire to love even greater, showing that “love and tolerance are stronger than hatred and revenge and that the light of hope is stronger than the darkness of desperation”.

“The criminal minds” behind all the violence and threats hurting Egypt will never be able to break or weaken the hearts of its citizens who are united and showing an example for future generations.

Later in the evening, Pope Francis was scheduled to go to the apostolic nunciature, where he was staying, and greet a group of children who attend a Comboni-run school in Cairo. After dinner, he was expected to greet some 300 young people who came from outside Cairo to see him.

The majority of the 82.5 million Egyptians are Sunni Muslims. Most estimates say 10 to 15 per cent of the Egyptian population are Christians, most of them Coptic Orthodox, but there are Catholics, Protestants and other various Christian communities in the country as well.

Source: <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/04/28/pope-francis-and-coptic-pope-tawadros-honour-21st-century-martyrs/>



Liturgical celebrations during week:

Tue., May 2nd – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Rest of the soul of Theresa Parisone** (requested by Mrs. Sharon Ludwig)

Wed., May 3rd – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Rest of the soul of Shelly Bot** (requested by Mrs. Sharon Ludwig)

Thurs., May 4th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God’s blessings for Sofia Myts and the Family**

Fri., May 5th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God’s blessings for Stefany and Zbigniew Starzyk and the Family**

Sat., May 6th – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

- 3:45 p.m. 1st Hour Service (Eng.) (*Service at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Grindrod, BC*)

- 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God’s blessings for all parishioners.** (Eng./Ukr.)

Sunday, May 7th, 2017 – 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.**