

The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Man Born Blind – May 21st, 2017 A.D.

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

**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.

Not a physical blindness but a spiritual one is a heart of the message of today's Gospel. Today many people are not physically blind but spiritually. We are not physically blind, but how many of us are locked in ourselves!

We meet people, and we see them with our eyes; but seldom it happens that beyond the outer shape, features, clothes, physical appearance, - how often does it happen that we see something of the depth of the person? How seldom it is that we look into a person's eyes and go deep in understanding! We are surrounded by people and every person is truly unique and precious to God, but are people unique and precious to us as well? Having eyes, we see not. People have eyes but very often human capacity to see the real, unchanging and unperishable beauty.

"I can see, thanks to the light of the sun; but if I close my eyes, I cannot see: this is no fault of the sun, it is my own fault, because by closing my eyes, I prevent the sunlight from reaching me." – Saint Thomas Aquinas

"...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 5): Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

Kontakion (tone 4): Blinded in the eyes of my soul, I come to You, O Christ, like the man who was blind from birth, and I cry in repentance: You are the brilliant light of those in darkness.

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.

Prokeimenon (tone 8): Pray and give praise to the Lord our God (Ps 75:12).

Verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel (Ps 75:2).

Prokimenon (tone 3): Pray and give praise to the Lord our God (Ps 75:12).

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: (Acts 16:16-34)

In those days, while Paul and Luke were on their way to the place of prayer they met a slave girl who had a clairvoyant spirit. She used to bring substantial profit to her masters by fortunetelling. The girl began to follow Paul and the rest of them shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God; they will make known to you a way of salvation." She did this for several days until finally Paul became annoyed, turned around, and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you, come out of her!" Then and there the spirit left her.

When her masters saw that their source of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the main square before the local authorities. They turned them over to the magistrates with this complain: "These men are agitators disturbing the peace of our city! Furthermore, they are Jews, which means they advocate customs which are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice." The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. After receiving many lashes they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was given instructions he put them in maximum security, going so far as to chain their feet to a stake.

About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as their fellow prisoners listened, a severe earthquake suddenly shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundations. Immediately all the doors flew open and everyone's chains were pulled loose. The jailer woke up to see the prison gates wide open. Thinking that the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword to kill himself; but Paul shouted to him, "Do not harm yourself! We are all still here." The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. After a brief interval he led them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" Their answer was, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, and all your household." They proceeded to announce the word of God to him and to everyone in his house. At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and his whole household were baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and joyfully celebrated with the whole family his newfound faith in God.



Alleluia (tone 8): Look upon me and have mercy (Ps 118:132). Direct my steps according to Your word (Ps 118:133).

Gospel: (Jn. 9:1-38)

At that time, Jesus saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, was it his sin or that of his parents that caused him to be born blind?" "Neither," answered Jesus: "It was no sin, either of this man or of his parents. Rather, it was to let God's works show forth in him. We must do the deeds of him who sent me while it is day. The night comes on when no one can work. While I am in the world I am the light of the world." With that Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with his saliva, and smeared the man's eyes with the mud. Then he told him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." (This name means "One who has been sent.") So the man went off and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbours and the people who had been accustomed to see him begging began to ask, "Isn't this the fellow who used to sit and beg?" Some were claiming it was he; others maintained it was not but someone who looked like him. The man himself said, "I am the one." They said to him then, "How were yours eyes opened?" He answered: "That man they call Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes, telling me to go to Siloam and wash. When I did go and wash, I was able to see." "Where is he?" they asked. He replied, "I have no idea."

Next, they took the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. (Note that it was on a Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud paste and opened his eyes.) The Pharisees, in turn, began to inquire how he had recovered his sight. He told them, "He put mud on my eyes. I washed it off, and now I can see." This prompted some of the Pharisees to assert, "This man cannot be from God because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others objected, "If a man is a sinner, how can he perform signs like these?" They were sharply divided over him. Then they addressed the blind man again: "Since it was your eyes he opened, what do you have to say about him?" "He is a prophet," he replied.

The Jews refused to believe that he had really been born blind and had begun to see, until they summoned the parents of this man who now could see. "Is this your son?" they asked, "and if so, do you attest that he was blind at birth? How do you account for the fact that now he can see?" The parents answered: "We know this is our son, and we know he was born blind at birth. But how can he see now, or who opened his eyes, we have no idea. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself." (His parents answered in this

fashion because they were afraid of the Jews, who had already agreed among themselves that anyone who acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age – ask him.")

A second time they summoned the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give the glory to God! First of all we know this man is a sinner." "I do not know whether he is a sinner or not," he answered. "I know this much: I was blind before; now I can see." They persisted: "Just what did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" "I have told you once, but you would not listen to me," he answered them. "Why do you want to hear it all over again? Do not tell me you want to become his disciples too?" They retorted scornfully: "You are the one who is that man's disciple. We are disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses, but we have no idea where this man comes from." He came back at them: "Well, this is news! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not hear sinners, but that if someone is devout and obeys his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever gave sight to a person blind from birth. If this man were not from God, he could never have done such a thing." "What!" they exclaimed, "You are steeped in sin from your birth, and you are giving us lectures?" With that they threw him out bodily.

When Jesus heard of his expulsion, he sought him out and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" "You have seen him," Jesus replied. "He is speaking to you now." "I do believe, Lord," he said, and bowed down to worship him.

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 all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness helped to move and put back in order church furniture at the hall and sacristy for floor waxing, greeted Veronica on her birthday, shared time, donations, knowingly and unknowingly, organize and lead praying with rosaries, attend services during the week, share their time and work at the parish projects, clean the church, prepare coffee and sweets, 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!

"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)

CONGRATULATIONS

* May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Morris Prokop on his 80th birthday on May 20th, and to all our parishioners, guests, visitors, family members and all those who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

* Congratulations to a newly baptized Sonya Anne St. Pierre, as she has received the Mysteries/Sacraments of Christian Initiation: The Baptism, The Confirmation and The Holy Eucharist at our Holy Trinity parish today! May the Almighty God lead and bless, our newly baptized sister in Christ, her parents, grandparents, relatives, friends and whole spiritual family by keeping her growing wisely for good of her family, church and country for many, happy, healthy and blessed years of life – 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. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH, CHRISTIAN BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION AND SOCIAL AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY AT THE CHURCH HALL!



Special Petitions:

* We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop's initiatives and programmes, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.

* We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

III. **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Steven Basarab, Fr. 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.

* **Monthly Parish Breakfast** will be held after the Divine Liturgy on next Sunday, May 28th, 2017. Please, sign up, come, enjoy delicious breakfast, Christian gathering and support of our vibrant parish!

* **The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Praznyk/Parish Feast Day is on Sunday, June 11th, 2017.** The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow at the church hall (Clergy and Religious – FREE, Adults - \$15, Children 6-12 - \$7.50 Children under 6 - FREE). We are looking forward to see, pray, welcome and share the joy of celebration with you! Please, sign in, email or call by letting us know about your participation!

* **Sunday (May 14th) faithful offerings/donations:** \$ 540.00

* **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Oct. 12-24, 2017 Walk in the footsteps of Jesus; an unforgettable experience with Fr, Joe Ostopowich, 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!

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* **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. **Please,** 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.



The registration for our Eparchial summer camp is now OPEN!

To register follow the link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-st-volodymyr-bc-2017-tickets-32623288133?aff=utm_source%3Demail%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

You can also access the link through our camp's website csv.nweparchy.ca.

WAYS TO HELP VOLUNTEER Camp Saint 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 jemmsawka@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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* **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 21st at 5:00 PM – Banquet** (5 STAR CATERING SUNRISE BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTRE 5640 188 Str.); **Sunday, October 22nd - 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

* **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

* **The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is pleased to announce the launch of its project, Celebrating the Strength of Canada's Diversity: Youth Engaging Youth.** The project is undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada's Department of Heritage Canada 150 Fund. With the Celebrating the Strength of Canada's Diversity: Youth Engaging Youth Project, the UCC will work with its member organizations across the country to organize youth-led and driven Canada 150 celebratory events in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. The end goal is to focus on youth working together in the spirit of diversity and inclusion to share experiences and create actively engaging celebratory events for Canadians for Canada's 150th anniversary. The project will result in 50 events, engaging 1250 – 2500 youth in actively designing and administering the events, and attracting up to 50,000 Canadians. Galyna Paliychuk (our Canada 150th Community animator in BC) will work with Ukrainian Canadian youth on organizing youth-led and driven Canada 150th celebratory events in British Columbia. The BC youth will organize ten events in our province (ranging from sport to celebratory to cultural activities) working in partnership with youth from other ethno-cultural, linguistic, and Indigenous communities.

At this stage of the YEY project Galyna Paliychuk is reaching out different communities and groups to indicate young leaders within those communities/groups and help them to develop their ideas of events within the scope of YEY (non-commercial multicultural events, June-August 2017).

If your organization has young and enthusiastic leaders who might be interested in organizing or developing current multicultural youth event in BC under the UCC Youth Engaging Youth project umbrella with the financial support of the Government of Canada's Department of Heritage Canada 150 Fund, please contact: Galyna Paliychuk *BC Canada 150 animator / Youth Engaging Youth coordinator at UCC National* Cell: 604-767-7608 Email: galyna@ucc.ca Website: www.150.ucc.ca

* **Young basketball players coming from the Ukraine** are looking for room and board, they can afford about \$500 a month. If anyone is willing to help them out that would be appreciated. There are 2 of them. Ideally the family or person lives close to TRU. Please, contact. Scott Clark at sclark@tru.ca

* **Pregnancy Care Centre** is looking for a returning student who is interested to work at the Pregnancy Care Centre for July & August in Kamloops, BC. Ideally, we would give preference to a student who is interests lie in the social work, nursing, and or helping fields. For more information call the Centre at 250-376-4646 or email: info@mypregnancychoices.ca



A 1500-Year-Old Underground Byzantine Church Is Found in Turkey

Unearthed in the central Turkish region of Cappadocia, the unique church contains remarkable frescoes

Last February, archaeologists unearthed a unique rock-carved underground church in Nevsehir, in the central Turkish region of Cappadocia. The church was decorated with never before seen frescoes depicting Jesus' Ascension, the Final Judgement, Jesus feeding the multitudes, and portraits of saints and prophets.



The discovery, made during excavations and cleaning operations in an underground city recently uncovered as part of an urban project in Nevsehir, is located within a castle that might date back to the fifth century. Authorities expect it will make Cappadocia an even more important pilgrimage center for Orthodox Christians.

Semih İstanbulluoğlu, the archaeologist who heads the works for both the underground city and the church, explained that the walls of the church collapsed because of snow and rain, but that they will be fixed as part of the restoration project. Frescoed sections will have to be collected one by one and pieced together.

When uncovered, the church was filled with earth. Ali Aydin, another member of the archaeological team in charge of the Nevsehir discoveries, said that because of the humidity underground the church has to be dried slowly in order to prevent even more damage to the frescoes. "We have stopped work in order to protect the wall paintings and the church. When the weather gets warmer in the spring, we will wait for humidity to evaporate and then we will start removing the earth. Only a few of the paintings have been revealed. Others will emerge when the earth is removed. There are important paintings in the front part of the church showing the crucifixion of Jesus and his Ascension to Heaven. There are also frescoes showing the apostles, the saints, Moses and Elijah." Christian pilgrims and tourists have long visited Cappadocia for its famed cone-shaped rock clusters that served as hermitages for early monks. The newly unearthed church is proof that the region's geography shelters still more hidden treasures of faith.

Written by Daniel Esparza / May 11th, 2016

Source: <https://aleteia.org/2016/05/11/a-1500-year-old-underground-byzantine-church-is-found-in-turkey/?platform=hootsuite>



Liturgical celebrations during week:

Tue., May 23th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings and good health for Bronie and Peter Huska**

Wed., May 24th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

– 7:00 pm. Vespers

Thurs., May 25th (**ASCENSION of ICXP**) – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (Eng./Ukr.)

Fri., May 26th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

– 7:00 p.m. Moleben (Моївка) to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat., May 27th – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Sunday, May 28th, 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.**

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."