

# The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church

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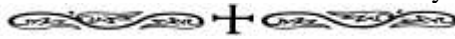
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**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman** – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 A.D.

*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.

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman. Tradition says that her name was Photeini. She met Jesus at midday at Jacob's Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob's Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a human in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her the "Living Water"—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity—to drink. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

Tradition further establishes that she finally received the crown of martyrdom in Rome with her two sons and five sisters during the persecutions under the Emperor Nero in the second part of the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

**"...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. 16<sup>th</sup>–May 24<sup>th</sup>):**

**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 4): When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: “Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.”

**Troparion** (Tone 8): At the mid-point of the Feast, O Saviour, water my thirsty soul with streams of true godliness; for You cried out to all: Let any who thirst, come to Me and drink. O source of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

**Kontakion** (Tone 8): Drawn to the well by faith, the Samaritan woman beheld You, the Water of wisdom, and drinking abundantly of You, she inherited the heavenly Kingdom forever, becoming everlastingly glorious.

*Now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Kontakion** (Tone 4): At the mid-point of the feast according to the Law, Maker of all things and Master, You said to those present, O Christ God: Come, and draw the water of immortality. And so we fall before You crying out with faith: Grant us Your mercies, for You are the source of our life.

**Prokimenon** (Tone 3): Sing of our God, sing; sing to our King, sing (Ps 46:7).

*Verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy (Ps 46:2)

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**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles': (Acts 11:19-30)**

*In those days*, those in the community who had been dispersed by the persecution that arose because of Stephen went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, making the message known to none but Jews. However, some men of Cyprus and Cyrene among them who had come to Antioch began to talk even to the Greeks, announcing the good news of the Lord Jesus to them. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number of them believed and were converted to the Lord. News of this eventually reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, resulting in the sending of Barnabas to Antioch. On his arrival he rejoiced to see the evidence of God's favor. He encouraged them all to remain firm in their commitment to the Lord, since he himself was a good man filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby large numbers were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas went off to Tarsus to look for Saul; once he had found him, he brought him back to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and instructed great numbers. It was in Antioch that the disciples were called Christians for the first time.

At about that time, certain prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus was inspired to stand up and proclaim that there was going to be a severe famine all over the world. (It did in fact occur while Claudius was emperor.) This made the disciples determined to set something aside, each according to his means, and send it to the relief of the brothers who lived in Judea. They did this, dispatching it to presbyters in the care of Barnabas and Saul.

**Alleluia** (Tone 4): Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice (Ps 44:5). You have loved justice and hated iniquity (Ps 44:8).

**Gospel:** (John 4:5-42)

*At that time* Jesus came to a Samaritan town named Shechem, near the plot of land which Jacob had given to his son Joseph. This was the site of Jacob's well. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down at the well. The jour was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone off to town to buy provisions.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?" (Recall that Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.) Jesus replied: "If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you living water." "Sir," she challenged him, "you do not have a bucket and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this flowing water? Surely you do not pretend to be greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with his sons and his flocks?" Jesus replied: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I give him will never be thirsty; no, the water I give shall become a fountain within him, leaping up to provide eternal life." The woman said to him, "Give me this water, sir, so that I shall not grow thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He said to her, "Go, call your husband, and then come back here." "I have no husband," replied the woman. "You are right in saying you have no husband!" Jesus exclaimed. "The fact is, you have had five, and the man you are living with now is not your husband. What you said is true." "Sir," answered the woman, "I can see you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you people claim that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship God." Jesus told her: "Believe me, woman, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand, while we understand what we worship; after all, salvation is from the Jews. Yet an hour is coming, and is already here, when authentic worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is just such worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him: "I know there is a Messiah coming. (This term means Anointed.) When he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus replied, "I who speak to you am he."

His disciples, returning at this point, were surprised that Jesus was speaking with a woman. No one put a question, however, such as "What do you want of him?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman then left her water jar and went off into the town. She said to the people: "Come and see someone who told me everything I ever did! Could this not be the Messiah?" At that they set out from the town to meet him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he told them: “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” At this the disciples said to one another, “Do you suppose that someone has brought him something to eat?” Jesus explained to them: “Doing the will of him who sent me and bringing his work to completion in my food. Do you not have a saying: ‘Four months more and it will be harvest!’? Listen to what I say: ‘Open your eyes and see! The fields are shining for harvest! The reaper already collects his wages and gathers a yield for eternal life, that sower and reaper may rejoice together. Here we have the saying verified: ‘One man sows; another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you had not worked for. Others have done the labor, and you have come into their gain.”

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him on the strength of the woman’s word of testimony: “He told me everything I ever did.” The result was that, when these Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them awhile. So he stayed there two more days, and through his own spoken word many more came to faith. As they told the woman: “No longer does our faith depend on your story. We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the Savior of the world.”

**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, 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 our Hierarch Most Rev. Bishop Ken Nowakowski on his birthday (May 16<sup>th</sup>), Veronica Myts on her birthday (May 17<sup>th</sup>), 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!

Sincerest greetings and best wishes to all mothers, grand and great grand-mothers, god-mothers, adopted mothers, spiritual mothers, and anyone who acts in the capacity of "mothering" others - many God’s special blessings, good health, joy and peace on this special day and always. May you be greatly rewarded for your love, care and commitment in this privileged and demanding call of being a mother. Happy Mother’s Day!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

“The Greatest word is *God*; The Deepest word is *Soul*; The Longest word is *Eternity*; The Swiftest word is *Time*; The Nearest word is *Now*; The Darkest word is *Sin*; The Meanest word is *Hypocrisy*; The Brightest word is *Truth*; The Strongest word is *Right*; The Truest word is *Love*; The Sweetest word is *Home*; And the Dearest word is *Mother!*”

*Immediately following today’s Divine Liturgy, we ask all mothers, god-mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers, aunties and sisters to please come forward and gather around the Tetrapod to receive a special blessing of this special day!*

**Blessing of Mothers:** Loving God Heavenly Father, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these ladies, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love, sacrifice,

work and care shine forth always. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect, love and care. Grant this through Your Divine Son Jesus Christ our Lord and the Divine Holy Spirit with Whom You are glorified now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.



**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 COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER THE SERVICE 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.

**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.

\* **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.

\* **The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Praznyk/Parish Feast Day is on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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!

\***Father LeJeune Assembly 0033**, located at 269 Maple Street, will be holding the next General Assembly Meeting on May 18, 2017. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. New officers will be elected for the 2017-18 fraternal year, which will lay the foundation for the installation of our officers on June 19th at Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church. The Instalment will begin at 6:00 pm followed by a social event in the Church Hall. In attendance will be the District manager from Kelowna. As 4th Degree members we hope to see you at both events

\* **Sunday (May 7<sup>th</sup>) faithful offerings/donations:** \$ 550.00

\* **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](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.**

**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 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.

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](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](http://csv.nweparchy.ca).

**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.

\* **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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\* **50<sup>th</sup> PARISH ANNIVERSARY:** Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church in Surrey, BC will be holding the Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish this year. The dates are: **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM – Banquet** (5 STAR CATERING SUNRISE BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTRE 5640 188 Str.); **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am.** If you would like to submit some photos or other materials for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, please use the following e-mail address: [50holycross@gmail.com](mailto: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

## **Pope Francis canonises Fatima seers on 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of first Marian apparition**

*Francisco and Jacinta Marto are the youngest non-martyrs to be declared saints*

Standing before the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, Pope Francis has canonised two shepherd children who saw Mary at Fatima, but more importantly, he said, they heeded the call to pray for sinners and trust in the Lord.

“We declare and define Blessed Francisco Marto and Blessed Jacinta Marto as saints,” the Pope said as hundreds of thousands of pilgrims broke out in applause before he finished speaking. The relics of the young shepherd children, encased in two thin golden crosses, were placed in front of the famed statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the “lady dressed in white” as the siblings and their cousin described her.

The Marian apparitions began May 13, 1917, when nine-year-old Francisco and seven-year-old Jacinta, along with their 10-year-old cousin Lucia dos Santos, reported seeing the Virgin Mary. The apparitions continued once a month until October 13, 1917, and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

After contracting influenza, Francisco died on April 4, 1919, at the age of 10, while Jacinta succumbed to her illness February 20, 1920, at the age of nine.

The children, beatified by St John Paul II in 2000, are now the youngest non-martyrs to be declared saints by the Catholic Church.

Before his arrival at the shrine, the Pope met privately with Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa and then made his way into the sanctuary that houses the tombs of Ss Francisco and Jacinta and their cousin Lucia, who died in 2005 at the age of 97. The diocesan phase of her sainthood cause concluded in February and now is under study at the Vatican.

Pope Francis stood for several minutes in front of the tombs with his eyes closed and head bowed. In his homily at the canonisation Mass, the Pope reflected on the brief lives of the young sibling saints, who are often remembered more for the apparitions rather than for their holy lives.

But it is Mary's message and example, rather than an apparition, is important, he told the crowd, which Portuguese authorities estimated at about 500,000 people.

"The Virgin Mother did not come here so that we could see her. We will have all eternity for that, provided, of course, that we go to heaven," the Pope said.

Instead, he continued, Mary's messages to the young children were a warning to all people about leading "a way of life that is godless and indeed profanes God in his creatures". "Such a life – frequently proposed and imposed – risks leading to hell. Mary came to remind us that God's light dwells within us and protects us," the Pope said.

The hopeful message of Fatima, he said, is that men and women have a mother and like children clinging to her, "we live in the hope that rests on Jesus."

Pope Francis called on the pilgrims to follow the example of heroic virtue lived by St Francisco and St Jacinta, particularly their insistent prayer for sinners and their adoration of "the hidden Jesus" in the tabernacle.

This continual presence of God taught to them by Mary, he said, "was the source of their strength in overcoming opposition and suffering." By following their example, the Pope said, Christians can become "a source of hope for others" and counter "the indifference that chills the heart" and "worsens our myopia".

"We do not want to be a stillborn hope! Life can survive only because of the generosity of other lives," he said.

It is with the light of hope, the Pope added, that the Church can radiate "the true face of Jesus" and reach out to those in need.

"Thus, may we rediscover the young and beautiful face of the church, which shines forth when she is missionary, welcoming, free, faithful, poor in means and rich in love," he said.

Addressing the sick before concluding the Mass, Pope Francis said that Christ understands the "meaning of sorrow and pain" and, through the church, offers comfort to the afflicted just as it did for Ss Francisco and Jacinta in their final moments.

"That is the Church's ministry: the Church asks the Lord to comfort the afflicted like yourselves, and he comforts you, even in ways you cannot see. He comforts you in the depths of your hearts and he comforts you with the gift of strength," the Pope said.

The "hidden Jesus" the young shepherds adored in the Eucharist is also present "in the wounds of our brothers and sisters" where Christians can adore, seek and recognise Christ.

Pope Francis encouraged the sick present at Mass to "live their lives as a gift" and to not think of themselves simply "as the recipients of charitable solidarity" but rather "a spiritual resource, an asset to every Christian community."

"Do not be ashamed of being a precious treasure of the Church," he said.

Source: <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/05/13/pope-francis-canonises-fatima-seers-on-100th-anniversary-of-first-marian-apparition/>



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

Tue., May 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Thurs., May 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Wed., May 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Fri., May 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

7:00 pm. Moleben (Maivka) to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat., May 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy:

Sunday, May 21<sup>th</sup>, 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.**