



## ***21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

**The Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasia (3<sup>rd</sup> century AD)** – she was martyred in Rome for her faith under Emperor Decius. She told her tormentors, “ I am ready to die for my Lord, not once but – oh, if it were only possible! – a thousand times.”

**The Passing of Our Venerable Father Abraham, Archimandrite and Wonderworker** - he was a hermit who lived in the wilderness of Mysia in the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

**\* Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \***

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### ***Liturgical Services this Week***

**Sunday, October 29 \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.) \*\*\* 10:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)**

**Monday, Oct. 30 \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Catherine Hill – John & Manda Hill**

**Wednesday, Nov. 1 \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Normah Brington**

**Thursday, Nov. 2 \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: Intentions of Mary Margaret Coyle (90<sup>th</sup> BD)**

**Sunday, Nov. 5 \*\*\* 1:30 p.m. Rosary (Eng.) \*\*\* 2:00 p.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)**

**\*\* Sunday's Propers – Tone 4 – pg. 95 \*\***

**Epistle:** *A reading from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20):*

Brethren, we know man is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? By no means. For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me.

**Gospel:** Luke 8: 5 – 15

The Lord told this parable: “The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other seed fell upon the rock, and as soon as it had sprung up it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. And other seed fell upon good ground, and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundred fold.” As he said these things he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” But his disciples then began to ask him what this parable meant. He said to them, “To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that ‘*Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.*’ Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. And those by the wayside are they who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among the



thorns, these are they who have heard, and as they go their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen. But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience.” When he had said this, he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

## **\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\***

*“Let us make every effort to grow spiritually into the image of Christ, in order to allow Him to lead His life of mercy and humanness in today’s world.” St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

A warm welcome - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed week!



**Please Pray for health of ...** Clay B., Larissa K., Mike B., Ann W., Lawrence S., Fr. Jeffery S., John H., Lawrence & Ping B., all the sick brothers and sisters in our families and our parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

**Next Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> our Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m.**

**Mnohaya Lita! Congratulations!**— very special God’s blessings to anyone among our parishioners and their families who celebrated their birthday, name-day, wedding anniversary and any other special anniversary during **the month of October** (4<sup>th</sup> – Roxanne Russell; 16<sup>th</sup> – Brayden Flodstrom; 19<sup>th</sup> Myron Wizniak; 25<sup>th</sup> – David Emery; 27<sup>th</sup> – Matt Dmyterko).



**Thank you** – to Mr. John Chaplin & Mr. Orest Hrycewich for bringing and installing a new dryer in the parish residence. Also, many thanks to everyone who came out and helped with all the work connected with our perogy & cabbage roll bees. Our gratitude for all the other voluntary work done this past week at the church premises. May God richly bless you all!

**Fr. Andrzej's vacation time** – from Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> until Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> inclusive, Fr. Andrzej will be away on the final part of his annual vacation. **Fr. Stepan Dvoshyha** from Vernon will be substituting him. On Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 **Rosary will be prayed at 1:30 p.m. & Divine Liturgy celebrated at 2:00 p.m.** In case of emergency, Fr. Stepan's contact information: phone - **250-549-1327** & e-mail: [dovhoshiastepan@gmail.com](mailto:dovhoshiastepan@gmail.com).

**Perogy Work-Bees** – will take place this coming Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please come and join us in this fundraising project.



We are now accepting **phone calls for orders**. Anyone wishing to purchase perogies or cabbage rolls, please call Mrs. Adelle Dmyterko at **250-554-3107** or Mrs. Mildred Kolody at **250-376-8330**.



**Daylight Saving Time** – will end next **Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**. When local daylight time is about to reach **2:00:00 AM** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to **1:00:00 AM** local standard time instead.

**2017 Parish Fund** – just a friendly reminder to our parishioners that not everyone has contributed toward “2017 Parish Fund”.

**Next Parish Fundraiser Brunch** – has been rescheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** after the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**St. Josaphat's parish Praznyk** - has been rescheduled for **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. There will be **one Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.** followed by lunch. Tickets: \$20.00 - adults; \$10.00 - children 6-12 years of age; children 5 years & under - free.

**Sunday's Divine Liturgy for November 19** – will be celebrated on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**St. Philip's Fast (Пилипівка)** – a time of 40 days

preparation for Christmas will begin on **Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**St. Philip's Fast Mission** – will take place on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with Confession starting at 9:30 a.m. **Our Guest:** Most Rev. Joseph P. Nguyen, Roman Catholic bishop of Kamloops.

**2017 Special Collection for Catholic Missions in Canada** – special envelopes and more information will be provided on Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**“Choose Life” – 40 days of peaceful prayer vigil – Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 5, 2017** – There is just **one week left** of the 40 Days Choose Life Prayer Vigil taking place every day between 3:00 & 6:00, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 255 Nicola St. The Vigil focuses on prayer to bring about a 'Culture of Life', and to educate our society regarding the tragedies of abortion and euthanasia.

Pray in the Cathedral or hold a sign and pray along 3rd Ave. Choose your day(s) and times as you are able.... come any day, for all or part of the 3 - 6 time period.

The **final event** is a candle-light vigil on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 3:30. The schedule is as follows:

4:00 ... ecumenical devotional, followed by vocal prayers in small groups, or individual silent prayers, and/or the singing of hymns;

4:50 ... closing ecumenical devotional;

5:00 ... procession to the church plaza with singing and final prayer.

### **Knights of Columbus the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:**

Each 'degree' of the Knights of Columbus is associated with a particular virtue, the fourth being "Patriotism". Consequently, the 4th Degree is often known as the 'The Patriotic Degree'. The 4th Degree was established



in New York on 22 February, 1900. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Bishop Gary of Victoria and two of his priests received the honours of the 4th Degree. On **November 25<sup>th</sup>**, our Bishop Joseph will become a member of the 4th Degree. All 3rd Degree members in good standing are encouraged to seriously consider becoming a part of the visible arm of the Church. If you are seeking more information, please contact Lawrence Beaton, Faithful Navigator at [beatonlawrence47@gmail.com](mailto:beatonlawrence47@gmail.com) or any 4th Degree member from Assembly 0033 that you may know.

## **Special Petitions for Divine Liturgy:**

\* 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.

\* 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.

**The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship:** Sunday, Oct. 22 - \$380.00 \*\*\*\*\* *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*



## **Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:**

**Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine 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.

**Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction):** Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.

## **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:**

1. 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.*



## **Pope: Heaven isn't a 'fairy tale' – it's an embrace with God - by Hannah Brockhaus**

Pope Francis on Wednesday spoke about the hope Christians have at the end of life, which is found in God's promise to be with us at the moment of our death, and to give us eternal life with him in heaven.

“Paradise is not a fairy tale, nor is it an enchanted garden. Paradise is an embrace with God, (who is) infinite Love, and we enter thanks to Jesus, who died on the cross for us,” the Pope said Oct. 25.

“Where there is Jesus, there is mercy and happiness; without Him there is the cold and darkness,” he said, explaining that at the hour of death, “the Christian repeats to Jesus: ‘Remember me.’ And even if there is no one who remembers us, Jesus is there, beside us.”

Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims during his general audience, which he announced would conclude his year-long catechesis on Christian hope. He dedicated his address to a reflection on heaven, which is the ultimate “goal of our hope.”

He recalled, for example, the scene at Calvary, when Jesus was hanging on the cross between two criminals, and one, whom we call the “good thief,” had the courage to make the most humble request: “Remember me when you enter into your kingdom.”

The thief didn't have good deeds to bring before the Lord, but he relied on the mercy of Jesus, recognizing that Jesus was “innocent, good, and so different from him,” the Pope said.

“That word of humble repentance was enough to touch the heart

of Jesus,” the Pope said, noting that Jesus’ response – “today you will be with me in paradise” – is the only time the word “paradise” appears in the Gospels.

In this episode, “the good thief reminds us of our true condition before God: that we are His children, that He has compassion for us, that He is disarmed every time we show him the nostalgia of his love.”

Pope Francis said that Jesus’ words of hope to the good thief also give us hope for the end of our own lives. Even when someone is on their deathbed and makes a final examination of conscience only to realize how many opportunities for good works they have missed, “they must not be discouraged, but trust in the mercy of God,” he said.

There is no person, no matter how bad, that cannot receive the grace of God, he said, adding that Jesus “wants to bring us to the most beautiful place that exists. He wants to bring us there with the little or great good that has been in our lives, because nothing is lost” that has been redeemed by him.

Jesus will carry everything still in need of redemption to his father, Pope Francis said, including the faults and mistakes of an entire life, because “this is the goal of our existence: that everything is done and transformed into love.”

If we believe this, we don’t have to fear death, but can instead repeat the words of Simeon, who finally meets Jesus after a lifetime of waiting, and says: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.”

“And at that moment, at last, we will no longer need anything, we will not see in a vague way,” he said. “We will no longer weep unnecessarily, because everything has passed; even prophecies, even knowledge. But love no, that remains. Because ‘love has no end’...”





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

To the Rev. Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic  
Eparchy of New Westminster

26 October 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In 2016-2017 our Eparchy and indeed the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church has had as its main pastoral theme, “Service to Others”. We have focused our attention on how we as a family, a Christian community can help our sisters and brothers in need in other parts of the world and also our neighbours who live in our own area and province. The need has been great especially for those who due to the wild fires that ravished so much of our British Columbian forests and forced thousands of people to flee their homes. The needs of our sisters and brothers in Ukraine continue to be somewhat overwhelming and again our faithful have contributed to lessen their suffering and show them solidarity.

This year the Synod of Bishops at their annual meeting have asked us to make “Liturgy and Prayer” our main focus or theme for 2017-2018. Over the next few months you will be receiving more information about this theme and suggestions as to how in our parishes and family life we will seek to learn more about “Liturgy and Prayer”.

In order to provide our faithful with good pastoral care we also have to turn our attention to something we call stewardship. This means the way we support our parishes with our time, talent and treasures. On average our Eparchy faces an annual financial deficit of approximately \$140,000. The main reason for the shortfall at the Eparchial level is because we must subsidize some of our parishes in

the areas of clergy salaries, and insurance premiums, and from time to time, even general running costs.

Our Eparchy has the following major financial commitments:

Cost Center	Approximation of Costs
Clergy salaries, benefits, ongoing education, etc.	\$390,000
Mandatory annual contributions to the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops, The Western Assembly of Catholic Bishops in Canada, and Holy Spirit Seminary in Ottawa	\$44,000
Saint Volodymyr Eparchial Youth Camp and other youth activities	\$30,000
General running costs of the Eparchial Chancery Offices and Episcopal residence, including administrative costs, utilities, insurance, property taxes, maintenance, etc.	\$65,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$529,000</i>

Thanks to the generous contributions of our parishes, returns on our limited investment portfolio, and donations from private individuals, various organizations and fundraising efforts we are able to realize about \$400,000. Because of this annual deficit we rely on Catholic Missions in Canada for financial assistance. While Catholic Missions in Canada has been a faithful supporter, I hope you agree that it is not wise to place such a heavy reliance on Catholic Missions in Canada's ability to continue providing for us. Over the next few weeks you will have an opportunity to learn more about Catholic Missions in Canada.

With prayerful best wishes,

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