

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus – they suffered for Christ in Alexandria in the year 235. \*\* *Nativity Fast* \*\*

\*Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \*

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### Liturgical Services this Week

**Sunday, Dec. 10** \*\*\* St. Philip's fast Mission \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. Confession & Rosary (Eng.) \*\*\* 10:00 a.m. **Div. Lit.**: God's blessings for all

parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)

**Monday, Dec. 11** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for Mirko, Alexandra & their family members

**Wednesday, Dec. 13** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Clara - God's blessings

Thursday, Dec. 14\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: + Myroslaw Nowotny

Friday, Dec. 15 \*\* 1:30 p.m. Moleben to Emmanuel

**Sunday, Dec. 17** \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.) \*\*\* 10:00 a.m. **Div. Lit.**: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)

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**Epistle:** A reading from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-17):

Brothers and Sisters, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet, put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

#### Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath until his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## \*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*

"#457: Preparation for Confession requires a prayerful examination of one's conscience. This consists of aligning our life with the divine commandments, the Church's precepts, and the Gospel Beatitudes. Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky teaches: good Confession requires, perhaps, preparation. Before holy Confession we should beseech God in prayer for the gift of repentance, the gift of heartfelt tears. Maybe there is even a need to fast, since you know what Jesus Christ said: "This kind can come out only through prayer and fasting" [see Mk 9:29]. There are sins that cannot be expelled from the soul without fasting, without prayer.' An important condition of Confession is sincere repentance, the desire to change one's life. This means having contrition, or sorrow for sins, and a resolution to make amends.347 Sincere repentance is first of all realizing that one is a sinner in need of God's forgiveness, and seeing that one's sins have caused a turning away from God and rejection of his love. An important requisite of Confession is also reconciliation with one's neighbour: "When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt 5:23-24). ..

# 498: If a person has no desire to repent, and refuses to amend the damage caused by sin, he or she thereby becomes incapable of receiving forgiveness of sins, even if they have come to Confession. In order to help such a person understand their lack of repentance and motivate them to true conversion, the priest can refuse him or her absolution. Anyone intentionally concealing grave sins in Confession remains unhealed and commits a sin of sacrilege. If a person in such a state approaches Holy Communion, he or she offends the Lord and commits a grave sin." Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church - "Christ Our Pascha" #457 & 459

**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 ... Maria R., John H., Maria Z., Clay B., Mike B., Ann W., Lawrence S., Fr. Jeffery S., 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.

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Welcomes Most Rev. Joseph P. Nguyen, Roman Catholic bishop of Kamloops.

**Reconciliation Service & St Philip's Fast Mission at Most Holy Trinity Parish** — will take place today Sunday,
Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, with Confessions starting at 9:30 a.m.

**Thank you to all our Volunteers** — **Дякуємо** — Many thanks to everyone for your support of our parish community and all your work

at the church property this past week. Our gratitude to our Ladies for their help with ongoing perogy and cabbage rolls sales. God bless you all!

**Food Bank Collection** — as in previous years during St. Philip's Fast we are collecting non-perishable food for the Kamloops Food Bank. A box is provided at the church entrance. Thank you for your support.

**Perogy Sale** – 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**.



**Pre-Christmas Church decorating** — will take place this coming Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> after the Moleben to Emmanuel at 1:30 p.m.

Monthly Fundraiser Breakfast & St. Nicholas Day Celebration – will take place next Sunday, Dec. 17th, 2017.

**Monthly Parish Council Meeting** – will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 19**<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

**Advent Penitential Services -** Fr. Andrzej will be assisting in the Sacrament of Confession at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church this coming Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

## The Compassionate Community Care

**(CCC) helpline**, 1-855-675-8749 is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention, &/or end-of-life treatment issues or concerns.

"Christmas Candle" - "Різдвяна свічка" — Since 2012



our Eparchy has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. Our fundraising program is part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. We have had great momentum over

the last few years raising over \$20,000 with support from our BC Parishes as well as Parishes in other Provinces and parts of the United States.

The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during our Christmas season with a voluntary donation. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Candle, with your name and address and include it with the Sunday collection at any Ukrainian Catholic Church in BC. All donations over \$20 are eligible to receive a tax receipt if requested and cheques can be made out to your Parish with Christmas Candle Project in the Memo.

We thank you for your past support and generosity and ask that you again consider supporting this ongoing appeal as part of your Christmas tradition. Caritas is an organization that is supported and approved by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk and His Excellency Bishop Ken Nowakowski. 100% of the proceeds go to Caritas Ukraine.

For more information, please contact the coordinators Dana Koren Lupynis or Natalia Lupynis at <a href="mailto:nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com">nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com</a>.

#### **CPPS Mission Projects – Fundraiser Dinner 2018 -**

The 16th annual "Windmills, Wells and Water" dinner for CPPS Mission Projects is being held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Kamloops Coast Hotel and Convention Centre. Tickets are eighty dollars per person with a tax receipts for forty-five dollars. Doors open at 6 with dinner at 7. The evening will include dancing, live auction and silent auction and exciting door prizes. To purchase tickets, please contact Margaret or Kevin Langevin at <a href="mailto:mklangevin@shaw.ca">mklangevin@shaw.ca</a> 250-573-2229; or Lloyd and Anna Babcock at <a href="mailto:lbabcock@telus.net">lbabcock@telus.net</a> 250-579-8888.



### **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, Dec. 3 - \$890.00 \*\*\*\* *May God bless and reward you for your* 



#### **Christmas Schedule:**

Saturday, December 23rd -

3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

**4:00 p.m**. - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

# Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS EVE / HABEЧІР'Я РІЗДВА

3:00 p.m. - Great Compline with Lytia

4:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

# Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD / PI3ДВО ХРИСТОВЕ

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

# Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> - Synaxis of the BVM / Собор Богородиці

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

# Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> - First Martyr Stephen / Первомученика Стефана

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

### Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Sunday after Christmas 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

### Monday, January 1st - The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia; New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**Ukrainian Catholic Church interactive map:** as Christmas season is approaching some of you will be travelling and visiting your friends and families not only in Canada. So we want to ensure that you can find a Ukrainian Catholic parish in different parts of the world. Please check out this interactive map of our parishes throughout the world where you can find a parish near you: <a href="http://map.ugcc.ua">http://map.ugcc.ua</a>

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#### **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.