



## Sunday of the Holy Ancestors

**The Holy Prophet Daniel, the Three Holy Youths Ananiah (Ananias), Azariah (Azarias) and Mishael (Misael) (6th century BC)** – Daniel was carried off into slavery with his companions in 605 B.C. God gave him the gift of discernment, enabling him to interpret the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. Falsely accused by his enemies, he was thrown into a lion pit. By God's grace he managed to tame the lions. Daniel is considered the last of the four great prophets along with Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. He prophesied the time of the coming of the Messiah.

**The Three Holy Youths Ananiah (Ananias), Azariah (Azarias) and Mishael (Misael)** – refused to worship the king's golden idol for which they were thrown into a fiery furnace. An angel of the Lord appeared in the furnace with them and they were untouched by the flames. \* *Nativity Fast* \*

**\*Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \***

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### *Liturgical Services this Week*

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

**Tuesday, Dec. 19 \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.:** *Intentions of Rita Kroker (90<sup>th</sup> BD)*

**Wednesday, Dec. 20 \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.:** *+Mary Elizabeth, +Emmett, +Margaret & +Angus Brady*

**Thursday, Dec. 21** \*\* 9:00 a.m. *Div. Lit.: Intentions of Mary Ellen Romano*

**Friday, Dec. 22** \*\* 3:30 p.m. *Moleben to Emmanuel*

**Saturday, Dec. 23** \*\*\* 3:00 p.m. **Confessions** \*\* 3:30 p.m.  
**Rosary** (Eng.) \*\*\* 4:00 p.m. **Div. Lit.:** God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)



***Troparion, Tone 3:*** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

***Troparion, Tone 2:*** By faith You justified Your ancestors\* and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations.\* The saints exult in glory;\* from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed.\* By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

**+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

***Kontakion, Tone 6:*** Armed by the Being that defies description,\* you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.\* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:\* “In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,”\* for You can do whatever You will.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 4*** - Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,\* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

***verse:*** For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

***Epistle:*** *A reading from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (3:4 -11):*

Brothers and Sisters, when Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Put to death,

therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**Alleluia, Tone 4** - Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

**verse:** They called on the Lord and He heard them. (Psalm 98:6)



**Gospel: Luke 14:16-24**

Jesus told this parable, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’” Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

**Communion Hymn** - Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1).\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you

just;\* praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1).\* Alleluia,  
alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 32:1)



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

*“The Promise of the Messiah.*

*The fall of Adam did not turn away the love of God for humanity. God shows mercy to the fallen human race: ‘And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them’ (Gen. 3:21). By offering the promise of salvation, God assures us that with respect to our growth in God-likeness, divine adoption, and divinization, God’s plan remain immutable. The power of God’s promise is stronger than the weakness of human sin: ‘[We] have gained still greater things through Christ’s unspeakable grace than we had lost through the devil’s malice’ [St. Leo the Great]. In the Old Testament preaching of the prophets, God’s promise is gradually associated with the figure of God’s Anointed One, the Messiah, who ‘in the fullness of time’ (see Gal. 4:4) appears as the incarnate Word of God.”*  
*Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church -*  
*“Christ Our Pascha” #159*

**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.

**Monthly Fundraiser Breakfast & St. Nicholas Day Celebration** – will take place today, Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**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, especially those involved in preparing today's breakfast & St. Nicholas day celebration. Our gratitude to those who helped decorate the church and change the altar linens last Friday. Thank you to our Ladies for their help with ongoing perogy and cabbage rolls sales. Also, many thanks to Mr. Orest Hrycewich for making and installing parking signs. 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**.

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

**“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.

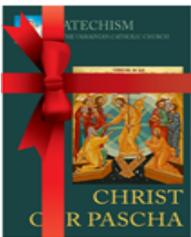
**The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during our Christmas season with a voluntary donation.** Please place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Candle, with your name and address and include it with the Sunday 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” indicated 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 [nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com](mailto:nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com).

**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.

**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: <http://map.ugcc.ua>



**CHRISTMAS GIFT - CATECHISM *Christ—Our Pascha*.** If you haven't decided on your Christmas presents yet, we have a solution for you. Only for \$25 you can buy the perfect Christmas gift for your friends and relatives. It will help them to better understand you and your faith, and why you belong to the Ukrainian Catholic Church. It will reveal to them the hidden pearls of our Kyivan–Christian traditions.

## **Pope Francis: Think 'being good' is enough? It's not.**

**Go to Mass** - *By Hannah Brockhaus*

*Vatican City, Dec 13, 2017 (EWTN News/CNA)*

According to Pope Francis, a Christian can't just be a good person and skip Mass on Sundays, because it is the Eucharist that provides the nourishment needed to truly live the Gospel well in our daily lives.

“How can we respond to those who say that there is no need to go to Mass, not even on Sundays, because what is important is to live well, to love our neighbors?” the Pope said Dec. 13.

“It is true that the quality of the Christian life is measured by the capacity to love,” as Jesus says in the Gospels, he said.

“But how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the necessary strength to do it, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible spring of the Eucharist?”

Pope Francis spoke during his Wednesday general audience, during which he continued his weekly catechesis on the Mass and Eucharist, focusing on the reasons why we must go to Mass every Sunday, besides the fact that it is a law of the Church, which he said is important, but “not enough alone.”

Instead we must go deeper: “We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with the grace of Jesus, with his living presence in us and among us, can we put into practice his commandment, and thus be his credible witnesses,” he said.

The Eucharist and Mass, he said, are where we find our strength for daily life.

Without it, Christians “are condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of everyday life.” Often consumed by worries and fears, this weekly meeting is where Christ gives us the strength to live each day with courage and with hope.

He explained how participating in the Eucharistic communion with Jesus here on earth helps us to anticipate heaven, where it will be “Sunday without sunset”: no more tears, grief, or pain, but

only “the joy of living fully and forever with the Lord.”

At Sunday Mass we rest from the busyness and work of the week, which teaches us to place our trust in the Father, not in earthly things, the Pope said. In this same way, abstaining from unnecessary labor on Sundays helps us to live out our identity as sons and daughters of God, and not slaves.

The Pope also noted an important distinction about Mass, which is that Christians do not go in order to give something to God, “but to receive from Him what we really need.”

This teaching is evoked in a prayer from the Roman Missal, which addresses God, saying: “You do not need our praise, but for a gift of your love you call us to give you thanks; our hymns of blessing do not increase your greatness, but they obtain for us the grace that saves us,” Francis said.

Pope Francis then noted that there are some Christian communities which are not able to celebrate Mass every Sunday, but they are still called to gather together in prayer, to listen to the Word of God, and to nurture their desire for the Eucharist.

Alternatively, there are many secularized societies which have entirely lost the Christian sense of an “illuminated Sunday,” he said.

In this case we must help revive and recover the meaning of the day, he said, which should be celebrated with joy, with community, and with solidarity; as a day of rest “that restores the soul and the body.”



### **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. 10 - \$670.00 \*\*\*\* *May God bless and reward you for your  
generosity & support.*



## **Christmas Schedule:**

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> -**

**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 /  
НАВЕЧІР'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 / РІЗДВО 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 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



### **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.*