



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

The holy Prophet Zephaniah – Zephaniah was from the tribe of Simeon. He lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> century before Christ and was a contemporary of Jeremiah. He foretold the coming of the Messiah and the General Judgement. \*\*\* *Nativity Fast* \*\*\*

**\* Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 \***

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### *Liturgical Services this Week*

**Sunday, Dec. 3** \*\*\* 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.)

\*\*\* 10:00 a.m. **Div. Lit.:** God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)

**Tuesday, Dec. 5** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. *Div. Lit.:* +Theresa M. Munro

**Wednesday, Dec. 6** \*\*\* **Feast of St. Nicholas** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m.  
*Div. Lit.:* God's blessings to all parishioners

**Thursday, Dec. 7** \*\* 9:00 a.m. *Div. Lit.:* + Katherine Hill

**Friday, Dec. 8** \*\* 3:30 p.m. *Moleben to Emmanuel*

**Saturday, Dec. 9** \*\*\* **Feast of the Conception of St. Anna**  
**when she conceived the Most Holy Mother of God** \*\*\* 9:00  
a.m. *Div. Lit.:* God's blessings to all parishioners

**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.)

**\*\* Sunday's Propers - Tone 1 - pg. 89 \*\***

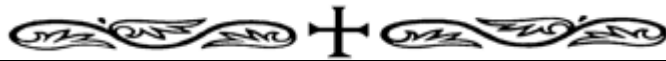
**Epistle:** *A reading from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (5:9 -19):*

Brothers and Sisters, live as children of light for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.



**Gospel:** *Luke 12:16-21*

The Lord told this parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves, but are not rich toward God."



**\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\***

*“In the Holy Mystery of Repentance, God grants the Christian growth in the grace of Baptism and the virtues. The closer we come to God, we see our own weaknesses and sinfulness more clearly and thus feel the need for more frequent Confession. According to the spiritual Fathers, if a person confesses rarely, he or she gradually loses the capacity to distinguish between good and evil, which has negative consequences for his or her whole life.*

*Frequent Confession makes a person spiritually sound, capable of resisting temptation; and it increases their vigour in the spiritual struggle. Appropriate occasions for Confession are the [four] fasts of the liturgical year, during which, according to Church custom, the whole family approaches the Holy Mystery of Confession.”*  
*Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church -*  
*“Christ Our Pascha” #460-1*

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. Myroslav N., Maria Z., 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.



**Thank you to all our Volunteers –**  
**Дякуємо –** Many thanks to Mr. John Chaplin

for all the work connected in preparation and running last Sunday's Grey Cup Party. Thank you to all the donors, supporters and participants of this fundraiser event. Our gratitude to our Ladies for their help with ongoing perogy and cabbage rolls sales. Also – many thanks to Orest Hrycewich and John Chaplin for putting up the rectory Christmas lights. God bless you all!

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

**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 decoration** – will take place on 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 on Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

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

**Advent Penitential Services** - Fr. Andrzej will be assisting in the Sacrament of Confession at neighbouring Roman Catholic Parishes: Cathedral Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> & OLPH – Dec. 12)



**Parish Mission at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Deacon Paul:** Dec 4 6:30 Mass, 7 pm Mission Talk; Dec 5, 6:30 Mass, 7 pm Mission talk, 7:45 Confessions with several priests available; Dec 6, 6:30 Mass, 7 pm Mission talk, 8 pm Social. Deacon Paul's Mission is a

combination of scripture and personal stories, aimed at helping us gain an understanding of God's unconditional love and mercy, and how we can accept that love and mercy into our hearts, and reflect it throughout our life, with all those God chooses to put on our path.

**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 [nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com](mailto:nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com).



**Bishop Benedict on the Fast:**

Church tradition prescribes a fast for specific times. Sometimes we pay more attention, sometimes – less, & occasionally we don’t take notice of it at all. However, age-old experience of the Church affirms its necessity for people. Thereby the question

does not depend on whether to eat or not to eat a certain food... Through the fast the Church helps us to learn self-control, so that we could see how dependent we are on something, without which, it seems, we cannot dispense with.

Consequently, through the prism of the fast we see that we are dependent on quite a few things in our life without which we cannot imagine ourselves. Namely through the church fasts, the Church teaches us to become freer, know how not to be dependent on one thing or another, not to be slaves of something. Precisely, by not keeping the fast, man fell from paradise for the first time. And now by keeping the fast the human being slowly raises himself, becomes freer & is ready to return to paradise, to life with God.



The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2018 graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of **Spirituality in Health Care**. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2018. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church or check the CHABC website at [www.chabc.bc.ca](http://www.chabc.bc.ca) under News and Events.

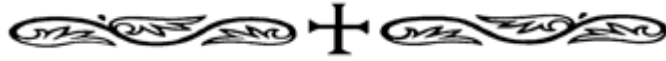


### **Special Petitions for Divine Liturgy:**

\* 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, Nov. 26 - \$485.00 \*\*\*\* *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.*