

Sunday of Publican & **Pharisee**

Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662) – Maximus, born in the year 580 of noble parentage in the city of Constantinople, occupied a high position

in the Byzantine Empire. He composed several treaties on the subject of the Monothelite heresy incurring the anger of Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople, and of Emperor Constance, who promoted the heresy. He was exiled to the Greek province of Thrace and then to Caucasus where he died in the year 662.

The Holy Martyr Neophytus – Neophytus died for the faith at the beginning of the 4th century under the Emperor Diocletian. The Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquilas.

*** Sunday, January 21st, 2018 ***

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Liturgical Services this Week

Sunday, Jan. 21 *** 9:30 a.m. **Rosary** (Eng.) *** 10:00 a.m. **Div. Lit.**: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)

Monday, Jan. 22** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Mary Elizabeth, +Emmett, +Margaret & +Angus Brady

Tuesday, Jan. 23** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Wasyl Karpusewych -Wasylinko family

Thursday, Jan. 25* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: Intentions of Helen Schmidt & family

Friday, Jan. 26** 3:00 p.m. Moleben to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Sunday, Jan. 28 *** 9:30 a.m. **Rosary** (Eng.) *** 10:00 a.m. **Div. Lit.**: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)



Troparion, Tone 8: You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

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

Kontakion, Tone 3: Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican* and approach the Master as sinners,* for He desires salvation for everyone.* He grants forgiveness to all who repent.* For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8 - Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have

known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, Tone 8 - Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Gospel: In the Lord

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself,

was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



** ANNOUNCEMENTS **

"Pride and Its Opposite Virtue - Humility

Pride is the most dangerous passion and the mother of all sins. It was because of pride that Satan fell from God, and it is precisely pride that has ruined the prolonged endeavors of many an ascetic. Pride is a person's idolatrous self-deification: a person exalts oneself over other people and puts oneself in place of God. The proud person is closed to God's grace: "The Lord opposes the

proud; but he gives grace to the humble" (Prv 3:34). St. Augustine teaches that pride is the source of all evil, and in order to overcome all other sins, one must rid oneself of the root cause — pride: "Whence does iniquity abound? From pride. Cure pride and there will be no more iniquity. Consequently, that the cause of all diseases might be cured, namely, pride, the Son of God came down and was made low."

The proud person usually does not see his or her own sin. This person is filled with self-love, finds it difficult to forgive, and to ask forgiveness of others, and has trouble relenting. Such a person rejects all forms of authority and frequently flares up in anger. He or she bears grudges, constantly judges other people, and envies their successes. Pride deceitfully takes control even of those who, having achieved virtue, regard themselves, rather than God, as the cause of their achievements.

The most effective means of combatting pride is to train oneself in humility. This opens a person toward God and neighbor, and makes a person capable of receiving God's transfiguring and liberating power. The Apostle Paul declares: "We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Cor. 10:4-5). Through the virtue of humility, a person stands in truth before the face of God. Therefore, Christian humility does not demean a person, but allows one to recognize one's true dignity as a child of God. St. John Chrysostom writes:

"He who places humility as the foundation of his character can safely build a building of any height. It

[humility] is the strongest palisade, an immovable wall, an impenetrable fortress; it supports the entire edifice and does not allow it to fall ... it makes it inaccessible to attacks ... and through it God, the lover of mankind, pours out on us His plentiful gifts." Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church - "Christ Our Pascha" #777-779

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 ... John H., Maria Z., Joe S., Clay B., Theresa L., 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.

Thank you to all our Volunteers — Дякуємо — Many thanks also for your support of our parish community and all other work done at the church property this past week. God bless you all!

Next Monthly Fundraiser Breakfast – will take place today, Sunday, January 21st, 2018.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place this coming **Tuesday**, **Jan. 23**rd, **2018** (postponed from last week) at 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

Zahalnycia — this coming Friday, Jan. 26th is **not a fasting day**. According to the Church tradition, we are permited to eat meat products throughout this whole week as though in opposition to the proud Pharisee who boasted that he fasts twice a week. (Fr. Julian Katrij: "A Byzantine Rite — Liturgical Year" p. 61)

House Blessings & Pastoral Visits — have started this past week. Please assist Fr. Andrzej in planning these visits by letting him

know your most convenient time. A sign-up sheet is provided at the church entrance. Thank you.

Want to find out the rules and regulations regarding marriage annulments in the Catholic Church? - The Catholic Women's League of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish will be sponsoring an informational meeting on Saturday January 27th at the OLPH Parish Centre, 649 Tranquille Road. From 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon.

This talk will be presented by Father Fred Weisbeck, who has a Licentiate degree in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America in Washington and is the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Kamloops. Issues to be covered will be a general overview of grounds for marriage annulments in the Catholic Church.

"Christ Our Pascha" - Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church — a short presentation on this great spiritual resource of our Church will take place next Sunday during our coffee time after the Divine Liturgy.

Annual Parish General Meeting – is planned to take place on **Sunday**, **Feb.** 4th, **2018**.



JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE AT ST. JOSEPH'S: Monday 8th - 31st January! 10%-40% OFF. St. Joseph's Book and Gift Store is filled with Christmas items, nativity

sets, giftware, books (new and used), jewelry, statues, cards, CDs and DVDs. Support your local Catholic store, located at <u>256 Nicola Street</u>. Come in and meet Marcella or Garry. Call <u>778-471-6100</u> or email <u>stjosephscbgcs@shaw.ca</u> to place your orders.



The Bishop Velychkvosky Martyr's Shrine is conducting its 5th Velychkovsky Pilgrimage to Ukraine July 8th-29th, 2018. For 22 days we will be visiting places where Blessed Martyr Vasyl lived, worked and suffered. Some of the places will include: Lviv, Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kovel, Kamianetz Podilsk, Kyiv, the Carpathian Mountains, Zarvanytsia, Pochaiv, etc. On this pilgrimage, we will have prayer services

and hear stories of Blessed Vasyl's life as well as sight-seeing throughout Ukraine. Cost of the trip is \$4500 CDN which includes: flights from Winnipeg to Lviv/Kyiv to Winnipeg, travelling in airconditioned bus throughout Ukraine, accommodations, meals and attractions. Travel and medical insurance is not included. For more information contact by e-mail: bvshrine@mymts.net or phone 204-338-7321. Book as soon as possible as space is limited to 17 pilgrims. Deadline for reservations is March 1,2018. The tour is conducted by Fr. John Sianchuk, C.Ss.R. & Mary Jane Kalenchuk.

Executive Director BISHOP BUDKA EPARCHIAL STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY INC (BBESSI)

The Board of Directors of the Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. invites applications for an *Executive Director*.

We are seeking a highly motivated and ethical professional who will lead our organization in generating funds to achieve stewardship and fundraising goals of the Eparchy of Saskatoon.

Please visit our website at <u>www.bbessi.org</u> to view the detailed job profile and more information about how to apply for this position.

Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. is an organization under the auspices of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon whose primary objective is to develop, organize and implement fundraising initiatives and programs for the purposes of enhancing Eparchial programs.



- * 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, Jan. 14 - \$578.00 **** *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.



Bishop Ken Nowakowski Eparchy of New Westminster, 502-5th Avenue, New Westminster, BC V3L 1S2 Jan. 18, 2018

Dear Bishop Ken Nowakowski:

Our organization's co-founders, Father Alfred Burke and Archbishop Fergus McEvay, were instrumental in raising awareness of the needs of Ukrainian Catholics among Canada's Latin Rite Catholic community. From their efforts came the means of providing financial, corporal and spiritual assistance to Ukrainian Catholics beginning their lives in this new land. With your support, that valued and special partnership which began with our founding in 1908, continues today.

I began an initiative to involve all of our stakeholder bishops in assisting the funding of these grants, as many dioceses in Canada already do. Being a niche charity reserved to the Catholic enclave is a great challenge. As donors age, they are not being replaced by younger Catholics at the same rate, while the cost of projects continually increases. Thus, I am appreciative of your effort and the goodness of your flock to cooperate in this venture. Together, we form a partnership.

Therefore, thank you to all in the Eparchy of New Westminister who generously donated to Catholic Missions In Canada in your recent Collection. A total of \$1,865 was collected. This is a great help in our mission to help the Catholic faith continue across the country in what are, sometimes, difficult conditions. I

remember well visiting you and touring some of your parishes. I valued our discussions about the needs of your eparchy.

In 2018, CMIC is allocating over \$4,000,000, not to mention Ad Hoc grants which may be needed as the year progresses. Catholic Missions In Canada is providing over \$200,000 for ministries and religious education programs for children, teens and adults in the Eparchies of New Westminster and Saskatoon.

Thank you again to all in the Eparchy of New Westminister for helping us support ministries of the Ukrainian Church here in Canada. Be assured of our prayers and best wishes to all in the Eparchy of New Westminster.

Rev. David Reilander President