



Sunday of the Holy Ancestors

The Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius – Eleutherius was born in Rome. His mother had been baptized by apostle Paul. He was made bishop of Illyria where he converted many pagans to Christ. He was martyred with his mother under emperor Hadrian in 120; Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra (956); Our Holy Father Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh (8th century)
***** Nativity Fast.**

**** Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2019 ****

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Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, Dec. 15th ** 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary
(Eng.) * 10:00 a.m. *** Divine Liturgy**
(Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all

parishioners

Monday, Dec 16 * 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for and intentions of Kamloops members of SSVP.**

Tuesday, Dec. 17 * 1:30 p.m. Moleben to Emmanuel**

7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family RC church

Wednesday, Dec. 18 * 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for Betty-Lynne & Virgil**

Thursday, Dec 19 * 8:45 a.m. Mass at St. Ann's Academy**

Friday, Dec. 20 * 10:45 a.m. Mass at OLPH school**

Sunday, Dec 23rd * 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) *** 10:00 a.m. *** Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.):** God's blessings to all parishioners



Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, * You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. * When You raised the dead from the nether world, * all the powers of heaven cried out: * “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

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.



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.



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Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – “Christ Our Pascha” #159, p. 59

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 remains 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.”



Today we commemorate the Holy Forefathers, beginning with the first man, Adam, and on through Seth, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, King David, and others.

These ancient people, separated from us by millennia, nevertheless have a direct and close bearing upon us. In general, the Church brings them to our attention now, right before Christmas, largely because of their faith – their belief in the promise given by God to Adam during his expulsion from the garden of Eden, that in the end a Saviour will come into the world and will redeem mankind from original sin.

All the forefathers – who lived on earth long before the birth of Christ – lived and burned with this faith, never allowing it to be extinguished. They are a shining example to us, who are living on earth after the incarnation of our Lord.

Just like those ancient people we, too, have never actually seen Christ: they only knew that He would come into the world, while we know that He did come into the world. But they firmly believed in His coming and their faith was justified.

Let us try to follow the example of the Forefathers, since we currently find ourselves in a similar situation. We can respect the beliefs of our neighbors, but we should not compromise our own faith.

<i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Psalm(s)</i>
14:1-11	Dec. 15 2019	Dec. 21, 2019	Ps 98-99
14:12-24	Dec. 22, 2019	Dec. 28, 2019	Ps 100-101
14:25-35	Dec. 29, 2019	Jan. 4, 2020	Ps 102-103

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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 ... Ray O., Mary E., Sharon L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Stan N., Michael G., Emily N., Lawrence & Ping B., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Dorothy N., Jayne P., Gloria N., Jessie P., Louise M, Elsie K., Ann D., Joyce K., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D., Rose K., Maria S., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and 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 everyone for your support of our parish community and for sharing your talents and resources during this past week, especially those involved in preparing today's breakfast & the St. Nicholas Day celebration. Our gratitude to those who who came yesterday and helped to decorate the church for our Christmas celebrations.

Monthly Fundraiser Breakfast & St. Nicholas Day Celebration – will take place today **Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2019.**

Food Bank Collection – Thank you again to everyone for your support and donations. The collected items were delivered last Tuesday together with donations of \$200 from our parish.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place this coming **Tuesday, Dec. 17th** after the Moleben to Emmanuel at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Advent Penitential Services - Fr. Andrzej will be assisting in the Sacrament of Confession at Holy Family RC parish on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 7:00 p.m. and Sacred Heart RC Cathedral on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 p.m.



Special Petition 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.

DIOCESE OF KAMLOOPS 75TH ANNIVERSARY: MAY 30, 2020 at Thompson Rivers University Grand Hall. Mass at 1 pm; reception at 6 pm; and Gala Banquet at 7 pm, Banquet tickets (\$50 each) can now be purchased from: St. Joseph's Christian Book and Gift Store 778-471-6100, Bianca Cinel - 250-374-7004.

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Sunday Dec. 8th - \$905.00 **** *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*



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.



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.



2019 Christmas Services

**Tuesday, Dec. 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE /
НАВЕЧІР'Я РІЗДВА**

10:00 a.m. – Royal Hours

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

4:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Dec. 25th - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, Dec. 26th - Synaxis of the BVM

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Friday, Dec. 27th - First Martyr Stephen

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy



“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, “**Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка**” 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 the Christmas season with a voluntary donation. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Candle and include it with the Sunday collection at any Ukrainian Catholic Church in BC. 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 continue supporting this 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, Natalia Lupynis or Emelia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at Caritas “Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка” Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.



It is important to build unity of the UGCC, Beatitude Sviatoslav at the opening of the General Assembly of the Pastoral Council of the UGCC



On Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, the General Assembly of the Pastoral Council of the UGCC began in the Patriarchal House in Lviv. Thirty five advisers of the Head and Father of the UGCC have come from

all over the world to develop pastoral guides, working in partnership with the Patriarchal Curia.

"We are summarizing the ten-year pastoral program, a plan called "Vibrant Parish - Place to Meet the Living Christ," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav. "This pastoral plan of the global UGCC was highly praised by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. Pope Benedict XVI called it a 'new evangelism,' and when I presented this plan to Pope Francis, he called it 'a pastoral conversion.'"

According to the Primate, it is now necessary to look for new mechanisms for the next program. That is why this year, during the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, a working group was set up in Rome to develop a new program for the next ten years.

In addition, the Curia, in particular its central structures, is now undergoing reform so that they too "can experience pastoral conversion and take responsibility for the implementation of the new pastoral plan."

"We need the Pastoral Council to include not only the departments of the Curia, but also those who are responsible for implementing the decisions of the Synod in each eparchy and exarchate," said the Primate.

He believes that it is necessary to have a common vision for the

Church, and that it is important to learn to be together. After all, the structures of the UGCC in different places of residence may have different visions. "It is important to build unity of the UGCC so that the various structures are closely linked to the center of the Church," calls His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

In his speech, the Primate also mentioned the Patriarchal Sobor of the UGCC - "Emigration, Settlements and Global Unity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church," which will take place on August 26-29, 2020 in Lviv. The Sobor's motto: "The Church is always and everywhere with you." "I wish that together we could convey such a slogan to our people and translate it into our real lives," said the Primate.

Reference

The Pastoral Council of the Patriarchal Curia of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was established in June 2019. The Council consists of the structures of the Patriarchal Curia responsible for the pastoral ministry of the UGCC.

The main task of the Pastoral Council is to coordinate and unify the activities of those structures of Patriarchal Curia which are responsible for pastoral ministry; to continue to implement the UGCC Development Strategy and other tasks outlined in the relevant Regulations.

Photo: Fr. Andriy Shestak

The UGCC Department for Information



Chancery Office Eparchy of New Westminster

To The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Religious and Lay-Faithful Of the Eparchy of New Westminster

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

By the publication of this letter in our Eparchy and in our Parishes, I am proclaiming the beginning of the process of the New Westminster Eparchial Sobor 2020.

Every four or five years, the Patriarch of our Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church announces a Patriarchal Sobor, or it could also be called a Patriarchal (meaning worldwide) Assembly. These Sobors/Assemblies always follow a theme. In the past we have had Sobors on the themes of “The Vibrant Parish” (held in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine in 2015), “Monastic and Religious Professed Life” (held in Prudentopolis, Brazil in 2011), and “The Youth” (held near Kyiv in 2007). Prior to the Patriarchal Sobor, each Eparchy is mandated to hold its own Sobor to discuss certain questions related to the Patriarchal Sobor, and then, based on these discussions, make recommendations to the organizing committee of the Patriarchal Sobor to bring into the discussion of the Patriarchal Sobor.

In 2020, the Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor (including the bishops, clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church from all continents) will gather for its VII session in Lviv, Ukraine, August 26-29. This is a very important event in the life of our Church, as the Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor is not only an advisory body for the Head of the Church and the Synod of Bishops, but also expresses the fullness and unity of all the members of our Church.

The theme of the VII Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor in 2020 is “Emigration, settlements and the global unity of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.” The main motto is: “The Church is with you always and everywhere.” As mentioned in the post-synodal Pastoral letter of this year on Communion and Unity in the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, “Our Church is no longer a local reality, limited to a particular territory or pastoral context. Today she is at the same time global and particular, Ukrainian and multi- national.”

The VII Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor aims to broadly analyze the

challenges which stand before the global Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, to help us find the best ways to “gather those who have been dispersed,” and to grow in the communion of our autonomous Church. Therefore, its chief task is a common search for mechanisms to build our unity at the parish, eparchial/exarchial, metropolitan and global levels. Each Eparchy is to hold a pre-Patriarchal Sobor meeting. Given that our Eparchy covers a huge territory, and that it might be difficult for all of our parishes to actively participate in one Eparchial pre-Patriarchal Sobor meeting, we will hold a few regional meetings.

1. The North (our parish in Prince George): on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

6:30 p.m. - Welcome and moleben to the Holy Spirit in the Church;

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Discussion on the questions previously submitted to you for discussion at the parish level (see below);

8:30 p.m. - Refreshments

2. The Interior (our parishes in Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon and Grindrod): Saturday, February 8, 2020 **at Holy Trinity Parish in Kamloops.**

10:30 a.m. - Welcome and Moleben to the Holy Spirit

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Discussion on the questions previously submitted to you for discussion at the parish level (see below)

1:00 pm. - Lunch, followed by departures

3. Vancouver Island (our parishes in Victoria and Nanaimo): Saturday, February 15, 2020 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Nanaimo.

11:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. - Discussion on the questions previously submitted to you for discussion at the parish level (see below), followed by departures

4. Greater-Vancouver (our Richmond): Saturday, February 22,

2020 at Holy Cross Parish in Surrey.

10:30 a.m. Welcome and moleben to the Holy Spirit in the Church

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Discussion on the questions previously submitted to you for discussion at the parish level (see below)

1:00 p.m. Lunch, followed by departures

At these regional meetings, I would like to request that three delegates and the parish priest represent each parish. Of course, other parish members who would like to attend and provide their input also are invited to the meeting in their area. Please confirm to me one week prior to your regional meeting the exact number of persons who will be attending including yourself. This will allow us to have any printed materials prepared in advance and also to insure that we are able to provide those present with hospitality (food, refreshments, etc.).

I would like to invite those parishes with an active UCWLC branch to also ensure that there is at least one delegate extra from that parish attending the regional Sobor. Furthermore, I would like to invite the executive of the Eparchial UCWLC to participate in the Greater Vancouver regional Sobor on 22 February by sending three delegates.

In order to assist you in preparing for these regional meetings, please discuss the following questions at the parish level (and at the UCWLC Eparchial Executive level). This may be done either on a formal basis or even informally. You may wish to print out these questions on paper and at a few Sundays prior to our regional meeting at the coffee/social time after Divine Liturgy spend some time discussing this together and taking rough notes as to what has been proposed. These questions also can be discussed at your parish council meetings.

Regional Sobor Questions:

Question 1: Connecting with our heritage – Why have you remained or what has led you to become a Ukrainian Greek

Catholic? What aspects of UGCC's spiritual heritage and history, or cultural heritage and history, are especially important to you?

Question 2: Engaging with our present – Why are you a Ukrainian Greek Catholic today? Which spiritual practices or cultural practices are important to your engagement with your faith today? Do you know the faith stories of the other people in your parish?

Question 3: Ideas for our future – How can the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's expression of our Christian faith continue to remain important in your life, in the life of your community, and for our future generations?

The parish priest and the parish delegates should be well aware of the local responses to these questions and bring them to the regional Sobor as a basis of further discussion.

Fr. Andriy Malysh, our parish priest in Surrey, who is also an advisor to Patriarch Sviatoslav, will join me at these regional meetings. Fr. Andriy will be one of our delegates to the Patriarchal Sobor. Mrs. Christine Riek, a parishioner of our Cathedral parish in New Westminster will also join us at these regional meetings. Fr. Malysh and Mrs. Riek will assist me in the formation of our Eparchial recommendations that we will be submitting to the Patriarchal Sobor/Assembly Secretariat soon after we have completed our Eparchial regional Sobor meetings.

After the Patriarchal Sobor/Assembly the Secretariat of the Patriarchal Sobor will compile all of the deliberations and recommendations brought forward during the meeting in August by the delegates representing our Church structures from around the world to the annual Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops. Our recommendations will then assist our Patriarch and the Bishops to further develop pastoral plans that will be implemented and become part of our ministry with regard to "Emigration, settlements and the global unity of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church."

As we prepare for our Eparchial regional Sobor meetings, I would

like to ask that our Lord send His Holy Spirit to lead us in our discussions and deliberations on this topic at our parishes and at our Eparchial regional Sobor meetings.

With prayerful best wishes,

+ Ken

Eparchial Bishop

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Ken". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.