



26th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Venerable Father Patapius – Patapius was born of pious parents in Thebes of Egypt. He was a hermit in the Egyptian wilderness and later retired to Constantinople where he built a hut near the Blachernae church and continued his asceticism. He performed many miracles of healing. He died in the 7th century. *** Nativity Fast.

**** Sunday, Dec. 8th, 2019 ****

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Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, Dec. 8th ** 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary
(Eng.) *** **10:00 a.m. *** Divine Liturgy**
(Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all

parishioners

Monday, Dec 9* Feast of the Conception of St. Ann, When She Conceived the Most Holy Mother of God *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for Ruth N.**

Tuesday, Dec. 10 * 9:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OPLH School**

Wednesday, Dec. 11 * 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for Isaac Lychak**

Thursday, Dec 12 * 2:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Parish St. Philip's Mission**

Friday, Dec. 13 * ** 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Stefania K. (Bible Study to follow)**

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



**** 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.”



The rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever.

St. John Chrysostom



<i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Psalm(s)</i>
13:31-35	Dec. 8, 2019	Dec. 14, 2019	Ps 96-97
14:1-11	Dec. 15 2019	Dec. 21, 2019	Ps 98-99

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****



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 ... Mary E., Sharon L., Joe S., Bishop Severian Y., 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., Bill Ch., 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 – Our gratitude to our Ladies for their help with ongoing perogy and cabbage roll sales. Many thanks to everyone for your support of our

parish community and for sharing your talents and resources during this past week. Again many thanks to everyone who came to help with perogy making and to Mr. John Chaplin & Mr. Orest Hrycewich for putting the Christmas lights on the parish residence.



St. Philip's Fast (Пилипівка) Mission – will take place this coming **Thursday, Dec. 12th, 2019**. Fr. Mykhailo Ozorovich will be our guest priest.

Mission's theme: "What it means to be a martyr in our times."

Mission's schedule: 2:30 p.m. - Confessions; 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Service & Confessions; 3:30 p.m. Mission talk & blessing with first class relics of three New Martyrs of UGCC: Bl Mykolai Charnetsky, Bl Tarsykia Matskiv and Bl Volodymyr Pryima.

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.

Advent Penitential Services - Fr. Andrzej will be assisting in the Sacrament of Confession at OLPH School on Dec 10 (9:30 a.m.); OLPH parish on Wed., Dec. 11th (7:30-8:30 p.m.) and Holy Family Roman on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 7:00 p.m.



Bible Study – will continue this coming Friday, **Dec. 13th** after the Div. Lit. at 9:30 a.m. We are studying Acts of the Apostles. Please come to pray and learn more about our salvation story.

Pre-Christmas Church decorating – will take place this coming **Saturday, Dec. 14th** at 2:00 p.m.

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

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 17th** at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

OLPH Parish Mission - **Mark your calendars** and plan to attend the upcoming Parish Advent Mission at OLPH! Bishop Scott McCaig, C.C. will be presenting a Mission on *Eucharistic Amazement*

from **Monday, Dec. 9th to Wednesday, Dec. 11th**. Everyone welcome!

Schedule for the Mission:

Monday, Dec. 9th & Tuesday, Dec. 10th - Evening Mass at 6:30 p.m., **Talk** 7:00-8:00 pm and Confession 8:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11th - Talk 7:00-7:30 pm; Adoration and Confession 7:30-8:30 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.



“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.*

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. 1st - \$643.00 **** *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

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



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, consisting of a cross symbol followed by the name 'Ken' in a cursive script.