



*6th Sunday of Pascha
Sunday of the Man
Born Blind*

The Transfer of the Relics (1087) of Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari
***** Holy Prophet Isaiah (8th c. BC) –** Isaiah is one of the four major prophets. He began prophesying in the year 737 before Christ and died at the beginning of the 7th century. **** Holy Martyr Christopher–** Christopher was martyred in Lycia under Emperor Decius (249-51).

**** Sunday, May 9th, 2021 ****

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Easter Season Greeting until May 13th

Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!

Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!

Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Public Liturgical Services Postponed Until May 13th (or further notice)

Please join in live-streamed coverage of liturgical services:

Holy Eucharist Cathedral (New Westminster) – Divine

Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. (Eng.) & 10:30 a.m. (Ukr.)

<https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>

Youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp1JaDotIj_4h3aAJq0Srg

St. Nicholas Parish, (Victoria) - Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
via [Facebook](#) or [Website](#)

St. George's Parish (Prince George) - Divine Liturgy: 8:30 a.m. – (in Ukrainian) & 10:00 a.m. (in English) - Facebook page or at parish webpage (www.sgparish.ca)



After the priest has exclaimed, “Blessed be the Kingdom...” and the people have responded, “Amen,” the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead, * trampling death by death, * and to those in the tombs * giving life.

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion, Tone 4: The day of radiant feasting is here, * the city of Bari rejoices, and the world exults with hymns and spiritual songs. * For today is the sacred feast * of the transfer of the precious and healing relics of the bishop and wonder-worker Nicholas. * Like a never-setting sun * he shines with radiant beams of light * dispelling the gloom of temptations and grief * from those who cry with faith: * Save us, great Nicholas, for you intercede for us.

Kontakion, Tone 3: Like a star your relics have moved from east to west, * and the sea is hallowed by your passage; * holy bishop Nicholas, the city of Bari receives grace through you, * for you are revealed as one who works wonders: * illustrious, awesome, and merciful.

+Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 4: Blinded in the eyes of my soul, * I come to You, O Christ, like the man who was blind from birth, * and I cry in repentance: * You are the brilliant light of those in darkness.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, * yet You destroyed the power of Hades; * and You rose as victor, O Christ God, * calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! * and giving peace to Your Apostles: * You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

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

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

verse: The venerable ones will exult in glory* and they shall be joyful in their beds



Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(Acts 16:16-34)

In those days, as the apostles were going to the place of prayer, they met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and the disciples, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to

keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Alleluia, Tone 8 - Look upon me and have mercy.

verse: Direct my steps according to Your word.

verse: Your priests shall clothe themselves with justice, and Your venerable ones shall rejoice.

verse: For the Lord has chosen Sion; He has chosen it for His dwelling.

Gospel: John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with

the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told

you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Hymn to the Mother of God - The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verse: Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.

Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise Him in the highest. * Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 18:5)

Instead of "Blessed is He..." ***we sing:*** **Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.**

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." ***we sing:*** **Christ is risen...**

Instead of "Let our mouths..." ***we sing:*** **Christ is risen ... (3x).**

Instead of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” *we sing: Christ is risen... (3x).*

“Christ is risen” is sung again once (using a simple cord chant) instead of “Glory be to the Father...” at the dismissal.

Then the Troparion “Christ is risen” is sung as in the beginning of the Liturgy, but with an additional ending.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life *(3x).*

And to us He has granted life eternal * we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.



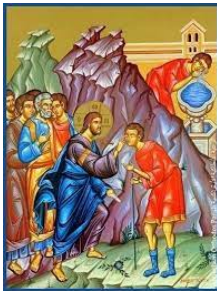
**** To Ponder – The Fathers & Mothers Speak *****

“Let’s not live distracted lives. Let us know ourselves so that we can better understand our brothers and sisters. If we want to understand those with whom we live, we need to understand ourselves first of all.” St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

*“Go, cast your powerlessness before God and you shall find rest.”
Abba Poemen*

Commentary on the Sunday Gospel Reading:

<https://godwithusonline.org/reflections/the-sunday-of-the-man-born-blind-ukrainian/>



Today the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man. This man, who had been “born blind,” encountered Jesus when the Lord was leaving the Temple in Jerusalem. The man was, apparently, begging for money or food at the gate of the Temple and when Jesus spoke to him he listened and was obedient to the Lord’s command. Unlike the other figures in the Gospel account, this man alone had never seen the miraculous works of Christ, and

yet, trusted in his word. We too, who have “not seen and yet believe” trust in the word of the Lord and follow in his ways. In this way, we, who were formerly blinded by sin, have begun to see through faith.

The blind man did not choose to be blind nor did he cause his own blindness. However, very often we choose to be blind. We choose to close our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, we decide not to pay attention to the sufferings of those around us, we avoid the intimate moments of prayer when we are challenged to face our own weaknesses and imperfections. By falling into this type of blindness we stop being effective instruments of God's love and mercy in this world.

Let us not be afraid to change our lives, to make that leap of faith out of spiritual darkness, to redirect our focus to Christ who is the Light of the world in order to be enlightened, cleansed, inspired and sanctified by Him. Jesus Christ is the Brilliant Light of those in darkness and when we open our eyes to look into His eyes it might hurt a little bit at the beginning but in His eyes there is so much love for each one of us. It is through such loving gaze of our Saviour that our spiritual eyes are healed. When we encounter the Divine Light of Christ like the blind man, our only proper response is to worship Him with true humility and surrender.

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****



Dear Parishioners, please be assured of my prayers and well wishes in this ever present time of battle with the coronavirus.

Public church services continue to be postponed. Please participate in online or televised services and remain united with each other in thought, prayer, phone calls, etc.

Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, and: Don N., Caroline H., Ambrose S., Robert M., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Alexandra &



Oleh K., Miroslaw G., John N., Fr. John N., T.W., Bill P., Thomas H., Bohdan R., Lawrence & Ping B., Peter O., Gladys O., Alex S., Jessica N., Olga P., Sharon B., Zonia R., Brian K., Jayne & Ernie P., Mary W., Sam D., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon & Al L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Emily H., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Ann D., Joyce K., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D., 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.



Happy Mother's Day!!! – We wish all mothers, god-mothers and spiritual mothers many God's blessings, good health, joy and peace on this special day. May you be greatly rewarded for your love, care and commitment in this privileged and demanding call of being a mother.



Thank you to all our Supporters

– **Дякуємо** – Our gratitude to everyone for your prayers & ongoing financial support of our parish and for all other ways in which you assist our church community. God bless you all!



St. Vincent de Paul Society – tomorrow, Monday, **May 10th at 11:00 a.m.** the board of SSVP will have their 3rd zoom session of a workshop on mental health. The Society will hold their Annual General Meeting via zoom on Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Alpha online – our next catechetical session will take place this coming **Wednesday, 12th** at 10:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Council 8132 (OLPH) Zoom Members Meeting – will take place this coming Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Major Feast Days – The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be celebrated this coming **Thursday, May 13th** & The Descent of the Holy Spirit – **Pentacost Sunday, May 23rd.**

Father Le Jeune 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly – will hold their monthly zoom meeting on **Thursday, May 20th, 2021** at 7:00 p.m.



The Canadian National Week For Life & The Family

- will be celebrated from **May 9-16**, with the theme, "Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life." Material to mark the celebration has been prepared by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF), and is available on the CCCB website: <https://www.cccb.ca/national-week-for-life-and-the-family/>

2021 National March for Life - once again, Campaign Life Coalition is holding a Virtual National March for Life, which will be a week-long online program which will lead up to the 24th National March for Life, which marks the May 14, 1969 passing of the bill that opened the floodgates to abortion on demand in Canada.

The March for Life rally on Parliament Hill at 12:30 PM EDT on May 13th will be both online and, for those who are able to safely attend it, in-person on the Hill.



Sunday, May 9 * Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.):** God's blessings to all parishioners

Monday, May 10 * Div. Lit:** God's blessings & good health to Ann Tofan

Tuesday, May 11 * Div. Lit:** Div. Lit: Good health & God's blessings for Cecil & Muriel S.

Wednesday, May 12 * Moleben to the Mother of God *** 3:30 p.m. - outdoor service**

Thursday, May 13 * The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ *** Div. Lit:** God's blessings to all parishioners

Friday, May 14 * Moleben to the Mother of God *** 3:30 p.m. - outdoor service**

Sunday, May 16 * Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.):** God's blessings to all parishioners



Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, we entreat You to hear the earnest prayer of Your beloved Church of Kievan Rus' for her deeply afflicted children abiding in the land of Ukraine. Behold their grave sorrow and grievous plight, and speedily come to their aid. Deliver Your vulnerable people from unjust aggressors, foreign invasion and the terror of war. Strengthen courageous defenders of the nation to fight virtuously, inspired more by love of those they protect than hatred of the enemy.

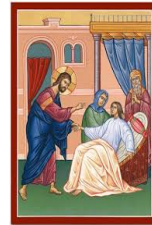
O compassionate Lord, shelter the displaced, heal the wounded, console the orphan, protect the widow, comfort those who mourn, and mercifully receive into Your Kingdom those who have nobly died guarding their homeland against every aggression. Quickly make cease the spilling of blood of friend and foe alike, yet stir many to bravely struggle for that true justice which alone can bring lasting peace.

O kind-hearted Lord, as You are our peace, soften the hearts of the unmerciful and convert those who promote hostilities toward reconciliation, so that Your beloved children of the land of Ukraine may abide in that tranquility, justice and freedom which reflects your Kingdom, where You reign with Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now, and forever and ever. Amen.



Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak

Lord, Our God,
We thank you for the life that is your gift,
For the providence that sustains us,
And for your wisdom that directs the course of our days. The threat of an infection of coronavirus is upon us today. This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives. We humbly beg you, loving Lord, dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases. Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus.



Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.
For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify
You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.
Amen.



Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts!
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my
soul.

Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole
life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You:
Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure
conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries:
for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion
of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven,
for confidence before You, and not for judgment or
condemnation.

I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself
completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit
me to be separated from You. Amen.



Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father, from the
beginning you have chosen to
entrust the human person to
mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift
of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their
intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care. May they be blessed by our openhearted
love and gratitude. Amen.

Greetings from Matthew Kelly on Mother's Day

Mothers and grandmothers often ask me what type of world I think their children will grow up to inhabit. It has been the question of parents and grandparents of every age. This is what I tell them... Tell me about the mothers of today and the mothers of tomorrow, and I will tell you about the future. Tell me about what mothers value and the values they yearn to pass onto their children, and I will tell you about the future.

The future passes by way of motherhood. It was always thus, and always thus will be. The role of mothers in history is unquestionable and unchanging. There is no substitute for a mother, in a person's life or in the future of humanity.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms!

Something to ponder - The Seven Levels of Intimacy - The Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose Series

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohIfYnR8eYs>



Catechetical Resources on line in English & Ukrainian

1. Royal Doors with daily readings and reflections, UGCC Catechism online, articles, etc

<https://www.royaldoors.net/>

2. Formed: Christian movies, TV shows, prayers, etc.

<https://watch.formed.org/browse>

3. Dynamic Catholic. Beautiful resource for the whole family with Catechism for children, marriage enrichment programs, etc.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/>



1. Живе ТВ. <https://zhyve.tv/>

2. Дивен Світ. <https://dyvensvit.org/>

3. Катехизм УГКЦ. <http://catechismugcc.org/>