



14th Sunday after Pentecost

The Beheading of the Honourable and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

**** Sunday, August 29th, 2021 ****

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Parish Liturgical Services



Sunday, August 29 * 9:30 a.m.**

Rosary *** 10:00 a.m. *** Div.

Lit. (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all

parishioners

No daily Liturgical Services this week

Saturday, September 4th * 3:00 p.m. *** Div. Lit.**

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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 2: The just man is remembered with praises, * but for you the Lord's testimony suffices, O Forerunner, * for you truly became more honourable than the prophets * and were deemed worthy to baptize the One foretold. * Then you

suffered for the truth and joyfully announced to those in Hades * that God appeared in the flesh taking away the sin of the world * and offering us great mercy.

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

Kontakion, Tone 5: You, my Saviour, descended to Hades, * and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. * With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, * and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind. * And so we cry out: “Save us, O Lord.”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 5: The Forerunner's glorious beheading * came to be a form of dispensation divine * that he might proclaim to those in Hades * the message of the coming of the Saviour. * Let Herodias shed tears of lament * for a lawless murder that was her request; * for she loved a false and transitory age * rather than God's law and the age of life.

Prokeimenon, Tone 5 - You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us * from this generation and for ever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7 - The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

A reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and Sisters, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith. So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause

you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Alleluia, Tone 5 - Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. (*Psalm 88:2,3*)

verse: The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon. (*Psalm 91:13*)

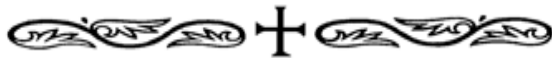
Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

The Lord told this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him,

‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise Him in the highest. (*Psalm 148:1*) * The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; * of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. * Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia. (*Psalm 111:6*)



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

“For many come to faith, but few are brought into the Heavenly Kingdom. And many serve God with their tongue, but turn from Him in their lives. From this we should reflect on two things. The first is that no one should presume concerning his own salvation; for though he is called to the faith, he knows not whether he will be chosen to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The second is, that no one should take it upon himself to despair of his neighbour, whom he sees steeped in vice, because no one knows the richness of the divine mercy.” **St. Gregory the Dialogist of Rome**

“He is the Life that I want to live. He is Light that I want to radiate. He is the Way to the Father. He is the Love, which I want to love. He is the Joy that I want to share. He is the Peace that I want to sow. Jesus is Everything to me. Without Him, I can do nothing.” **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**



Commentary on Sunday's gospel:
<https://godwithusonline.org/reflections/the-fourteenth-sunday-after-pentecost/>

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.



** ANNOUNCEMENTS **



A warm welcome - to all parishioners who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy and all who continue to pray at home. We wish you all a healthy & blessed week!



Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, and: Rob E., Margaret M., Roman M., Jayne & Ernie P., Don N., Ambrose S., Robert M., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Alexandra & Oleh K., Mirosław 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., Mary W., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon & Al L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Emily H., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Ann D., 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.



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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!

Next Sunday's Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 4th at 3:00 p.m.



Mnohaya Lita! – very special God's blessings to anyone among our parishioners and their families who celebrated their birthday, name-day, wedding anniversary and any other special

anniversary during **the month of August** (17th – Mary Emery; 25th – Fr. Andrzej's Priestly Ordination (2002) & 27th – Orest Hrycewich).

Blessing of Students & Teachers – today, after the Divine Liturgy, all students and teachers are invited to receive a special blessing for the new academic year.

Covid - 19 Regional Restrictions – upon consulting our Eparchy and reviewing the latest guidelines from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops, it was concluded that the latest provincial face mask wearing requirement **does not apply to places of worship**. Thus, wearing face masks is not mandatory, although strongly recommended during indoor services.

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/COVID-19_Guidance_Faith_Based_Organizations.pdf

Fr. Andrzej's vacation time – from this coming Tuesday August 31st to Friday September 10th, Fr. Andrzej will be away on part of his annual vacation.

Fr. Stepan Dovhoshyya will be substituting Fr. Andrzej. Fr. Stepan's contact information: phone - **250-549-1327** & email - dovhoshiastepan@gmail.com.

Kamloops Pro-Life - is holding a monthly **First Friday Vigil this coming Friday, Sept. 3rd**, on Columbia Street between 4th & 5th Ave. near First Baptist Church, **from 10:00 am until 11:00 am**. This is a silent, prayerful event with signs available.

Upcoming Major Feasts (Великі свята) – on

Wednesday, September 8th we will be celebrating the feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God (Різдво Пресвятої Богородиці) and on Tuesday, September 14th we celebrate the feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Воздвиження Чесного Хреста).

Next Parish Council Meeting – will take place on Tuesday, September 21st at 11:00 a.m.

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship in July:
Income - \$ 2,235.00 **** Expenses - \$4,266.72. *May God bless and reward you for your continued generosity & support.*



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.

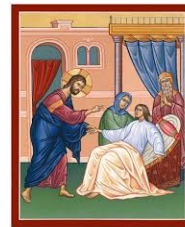
We humbly beg you, loving Lord, dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.

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 for Preparation for Holy Communion (St. John of Damascus)

“O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, You alone have authority to forgive people their sins, for You are good and love all.

Forgive my transgressions committed in knowledge or ignorance.

Make me worthy to receive Your divine and glorious, all-pure and life-giving Mysteries without condemnation, incurring

neither punishment, nor the increase of my sins. Let me, instead, receive cleansing, sanctification, and a pledge of life and

kingdom to come. Let Your Mysteries be a rampart, a help, a routing of my adversaries; and let them wipe away my many transgressions. For You are a God of mercy, compassion, and love for all, and to You we render glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.



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.



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)