



23rd Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplias and others with them – they were of

the Seventy Disciples and later became bishops: Stachys in Byzantium, Amplias in Lydda, Urban in Macedonia, Narcissus in Athens, Apelles in Heraklin and Aristobulus in Britain.

The Holy Martyr Epimachus– he was born in Egypt where he lived as a hermit. He suffered under Emperor Decius in the year 250.

**** Sunday, October 31st, 2021****

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Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, October 31 * 9:30 a.m. Rosary *****
10:00 a.m. * Div. Lit. (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings**
to all parishioners

Monday, Nov. 1 * 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Morris Prokop**

Tuesday, Nov. 2 * 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's**
blessings & good health to Mildred Goetz

Wednesday, Nov. 3 * ** 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's**
blessings for the Metropolia of Winnipeg on their 65th
Anniversary

Thursday, Nov. 4 * 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's**
blessings for Matthew H.

Friday Nov. 5 *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: Intentions of Yu-Fang Lee

Sunday, November 7 *** 9:30 a.m. Rosary ***
10:00 a.m. *** Div. Lit. (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners



Troparion, Tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb * and the guards became like dead men; * Mary stood before Your tomb * seeking Your most pure body. * You captured Hades without being overcome by it. * You met the Virgin and granted life. * O Lord, risen from the dead, * glory be to You!

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

Kontakion, Tone 6: With His life-giving hand * Christ our God, the Giver of life, * raised all the dead from the murky abyss * and bestowed resurrection upon humanity. * He is for all the Saviour, * the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 6: Undaunted patroness of Christians, * O steadfast intermediary with the Creator, * turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners, * but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith. * Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead, * for you are ever the patroness of those who honour you, O Mother of God.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6 - Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (*Psalm 27:9,1*)

Epistle - Ephesians 2:4-10 - A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and Sisters, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our

trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Alleluia, Tone 6 - He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.

verse: He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope. (*Psalm 90:1,2*)

Gospel - Luke 8:26-39



At that time, the Lord arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (*Psalm 148:1*)



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

“Demons are cruel, mischievous, hurtful and treacherous to those who are in their power. See how they hurried the swine over a precipice and drowned them in the waters? ... It will never happen that those who love Christ will become subject to them, as long as we walk in his footsteps, avoid negligence in doing what is right, desire that which is honorable, and follow the virtuous and praiseworthy lifestyle that Christ has marked out for us by the precepts of the Gospel.” St. Cyril of Jerusalem

“The demons have no means of taking possession of a man’s spirit or body, nor power forcibly to enter his soul, unless they first deprive him of all holy thoughts, and make him empty and devoid of spiritual contemplation.” St. John Cassian

“One cannot expect to become a saint without paying the price, and the price is much renunciation, much temptation, much struggle and persecution, and all sorts of sacrifices. One cannot

love God except at the cost of oneself.” St Teresa of Calcutta

‘Among the stories of the desert fathers there is this one: “Whosoever enters a perfume shop, even if he does not purchase any perfume, leaves filled with fragrance. The same thing happens to one who associates with holy people. He takes on the spiritual aroma of their virtue.” The real perfume shop is the presence of God. Enter there daily through prayer, and joy will indeed become “the aroma of Christ to God.”



CATECHETICAL SUMMARY:

Around 2,400 years ago an elderly and respected man stood trial for his life. When he was about to be condemned to death, he said something that has remained with us even today. The man was the Greek philosopher Socrates and in that most important moment he stated before his judges, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” In other words, one who goes about life without considering what he does, why he does it, where his life is headed, and how he might improve himself, is not really living.

In this we are reminded that there are two types of “life” that we can speak about—bodily life and spiritual life. It is very possible to be alive in the body and dead in the spirit. It is also possible to die in the body and be alive in the spirit.

In the Gospel text today, we learn of Jesus’ journey “to the other side of the sea” where he meets one who is in every way like the “living” dead. There Jesus confronts “life” apart from God – which is described in the most horrific terms, the “life” of the demons – and drives it out of the man and into the sea.

While the story of the demoniac may seem to be an extreme example, it helps us see what life apart from God looks like in its ultimate end.

Jesus, who is God, comes to us in our sin (the demoniac), under the dominion of the devil and “living in the tombs.” Notice that Jesus does not wait for us to come to him, but in the mystery of

the Incarnation, he takes on our human nature, and he himself enters into our life as he entered the land of the Gerasenes – and there he comes to heal us, and to “raise us up” that we may no longer be under the dominion of death but under the dominion of life.

Just like the demoniac, we who have received this gift of new life in Christ Jesus are called to live accordingly.

Does the demoniac go back to live in the tombs? No! His life has changed! He is no longer living in death but in the light of Christ.

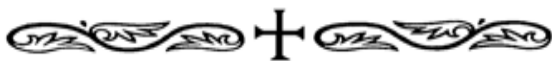
The Gospel concludes by telling us that “the man from whom the demons had gone **begged that he might be with Jesus**; but Jesus sent him away, saying “return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city everything that Jesus had done for him.

Sunday Gospel Reflection:

<https://godwithusonline.org/reflections/the-twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-ukrainian/>

Interested in watching the most recent TV series on the life of Christ? – please follow the link to “The Chosen”:

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>



**** 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: Pat B., Bishop Kenneth, Anne D., Rob E., Margaret M., Roman M., Jayne & Ernie P., Don



N., Ambrose S., Robert M., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Miroslaw G., John N., Fr. John N., T.W., Bill P., Thomas H., 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., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., 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 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!

Dr. R. L. L.



Mnohaya Lita! Congratulations!–

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 October** (4th – Roxanne Russell; 16th – Brayden Flodstrom; 19th Myron Wizniak; 25th – David Emery; 27th – Matt Dmyterko).

Happy Birthday



The Metropolia of Winnipeg –

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 will mark the 65th Anniversary of the creation of the Metropolia of Winnipeg as an ecclesiastical province by Pope Pius XII. On November 3, 1956, the Eparchies of Winnipeg, Edmonton, Saskatoon, and Toronto were organized into a new ecclesiastical province, the first outside Ukraine. The Eparchy of New Westminster was later established on June 27, 1974.



Kamloops Pro-Life - will be holding a **First Friday Vigil this coming Friday, Nov. 5th**, on Columbia Street between 4th & 5th Ave. near the First Baptist Church, from 10:00 am until 11:00 am.

This is a silent, prayerful event with signs available. A minimum of 6 feet distancing is requested.

Marriage in Eastern Catholic Churches: Canonical

Issues – Fr. Andrzej and some of the New Westminster clergy will be participating in an on-line course given by Bishop David Motiuk at

the Newman Theological College. **Date & Time:** Fri. 5:00-7:50 p.m.
*** Sat. 7:30-10:20 am & 12:15-3:05 p.m. (Nov. 5/6).



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SSVP Kamloops Conference – will be holding their **board meeting** on Monday, Nov. 8th and **members' regular monthly meeting** on Monday, Nov. 15th at 11:00 a.m. at parish hall of MHTC.

Next New Westminster Clergy Conference – will take place on **Wednesday, Nov. 10th, 2021** starting at 1:00 p.m.

St. Philip's Fast (Пилипівка) – a time of 40 days preparation for Christmas will begin on **Monday, Nov. 15th, 2021**.

Next Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place on **Tuesday, Nov. 23rd** at 11:00 a.m. at the parish hall.

The Fifth World Day Of The Poor - will be marked on November



15. Pope Francis' message for the occasion focuses on the theme of: *The poor you will always have with you (Mk 14:7)* At the best of times, and especially during COVID-19, many families and individuals struggle to put food on

the table. As a sign of solidarity with those in need, and to live out our Christian vocation to see the face of Christ in each other, parishes and families are encouraged to support their local food bank (or similar agency) by making a food or cash donation.

- **starting today, Sunday Oct. 31, we will be collecting non-perishable items or monetary donations for the Kamloops food bank. Thank you for your support.**

- Another way to help those in need is to collaborate with the **Knights of Columbus' annual initiative *Coats for Kids Program***, which provides warm clothing for children during our cold winters. A case of 12 winter coats costs only \$330 (including

shipping). Contact your local Knights of Columbus Council to make a monetary donation towards this exceptional cause.

Parish Hub - As a part of the Edmonton Eparchy's Evangelize 2021 Plan, Bishop David announced the creation of Parish Hub, an online website where individuals can access and share information that is directly related to developing, growing, and managing our parishes. This was recently launched, so content is still gradually being added. Parish Hub can be found at: <https://eeparchy.com/parish-hub/>



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.

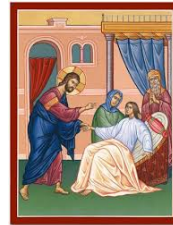
We humbly beg you, loving Lord, dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.

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 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.



What Halloween Is and How It Can Point You to Heaven

BY DR. CHRISTOPHER WEST

Halloween. It is a curious phenomenon, isn't it? An annual holiday, sanctioned and monitored by local governments all over the country, that celebrates death with a creepy display of ghosts, corpses, headstones, and skeletons ... What gives? Where does such a "celebration" come from in the human psyche?

Holiday, of course, means holy day. And Halloween means the "eve of all hallows" because it's the evening before one of the holiest days of the liturgical year: All Saints. All Saints is the Church's annual celebration of all those men and women throughout the ages who have overcome death through the power of the Gospel.

Overcome death?!

Yes. Overcome death by enduring it in union with him who died and rose again. In short, All Saints Day is the celebration of the power of Baptism to overcome death. Do you not know, asks Saint Paul, that those who have been baptized in Christ have been baptized into his death? And if we have died with Christ, we will also live with him, Paul assures us (see Rom 6:3, 8). In short, the saints are those who have allowed the power of their baptisms to hold full sway in their lives, transforming their mortality into immortality (see 1 Cor 15:54).

If this is possible ... if this is real ... it is *utterly* astounding.

Halloween proclaims death, mortality, decay. All Saints Day proclaims life, immortality, resurrection. Contrary to widespread belief, immortality does not simply refer to the soul, to the spiritual aspect of human nature. No. Man is a unity of body and soul. Hence, as Pope Benedict XVI observed, the “proper Christian thing ... is to speak not of the soul’s immortality, but of the resurrection of the complete human being [body and soul] and of that alone.”

As Peter Kreeft insightfully observes, when death separates the body and the soul “we have a freak, a monster, an obscenity. That is why we are terrified of ghosts and corpses,” he adds, “though both are harmless: they are the obscenely separated aspects of what belongs together as one.” And herein, I believe, lies the deepest psychological origins of this macabre carnival right on the eve of the joyous celebration of all those who have overcome death in Christ.

Death comes to us all. And that fact is literally horrific; it causes a horror that never fails to gnaw at us at the deepest unconscious levels of our psyche. All things *within* inevitably *come out*. By putting ghosts, corpses, headstones, and skeletons right in our face on the eve of the Church’s celebration of all those who have overcome death, it seems the horrors of Halloween are basically saying: “*Really?* Has Christ *really* overcome death? Has he *really* allowed us to stare death in the face without fear of returning to nothingness?”

Rarely are people consciously thinking of these ultimate questions when they decorate their front lawns with ghosts, goblins, and fake spider webs. But our existential angst is never far below the surface. Is life a cosmic “trick” in which we’re granted a short span of years only to be snuffed out by death? Or can we truly hope in the divine “treat” of an ultimate fulfillment, a happiness, a bliss that never ends?

This Halloween, like every other, signs of death will come out to haunt us. Fear not. When the sun comes up the next morning, we have the witness of all the saints proclaiming: “Death is not the final word on human life! The final word is *resurrection...*”

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Canadian Bishops to Welcome Pope Francis to Canada on Historic Pilgrimage of Healing and Reconciliation

OTTAWA, October 27, 2021 – The Catholic Bishops of Canada are grateful that Pope Francis has accepted their invitation to visit Canada on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation. The Holy Father’s full statement on the matter can be found [here](#).

In anticipation of this visit, the planned delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and youth will travel to the Holy See, where they will have the opportunity to speak to Pope Francis about the timing, focus, and themes in preparation for his future pilgrimage to Canada.

“The Bishops of Canada have been engaged in meaningful discussions with Indigenous Peoples, especially those affected by Residential Schools who have shared

stories about the suffering and challenges that they continue to experience,” said CCCB President, the Most Rev. Raymond Poisson. “We pray that Pope Francis’ visit to Canada will be a significant milestone in the journey toward reconciliation and healing.”

The Canadian Bishops recently pledged to work with the Holy See and Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit to Canada by the Pope. Following this pledge and informed by three years of ongoing dialogue between the Canadian Bishops, the Holy See, and Indigenous Peoples, the President and former-President of the CCCB met in Rome with the Secretary of State of the Holy See to discuss next steps on the reconciliation journey earlier this month and in preparation for the delegation.

This delegation to the Holy See will take place from December 17-20, 2021, and is being planned in close collaboration with National Indigenous Organizations and other partners.

“We will invite the delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and youth who will meet with Pope Francis to open their hearts to the Holy Father and share both their suffering as well as their hopes and desires for his eventual visit to Canada,” added Bishop Poisson.

Additional details about Pope Francis’ pilgrimage to Canada, as well as the Rome delegation will be announced by the CCCB as details are confirmed.

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_4h3aAJqoSrg

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



St. George’s Parish (Prince George) - Divine

Liturgy live streamed at **10:00 AM** on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ParishPG> and on the parish web-site at <http://www.sgparish.ca>