

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Forefeast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple *** Blessed Josaphata Hordashevska, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (+1919) ** Our Venerable Father Gregory of Decapolis –

Gregory was born in Isuarian Decapolis of devout Christian parents. He was a great defender of the icons. He died on Nov. 20, 842.

Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople – Proclus was a disciple of St. Chrysostom. Consecrated bishop of Cyzicus in 426, he was chosen patriarch of Constantinople in 435. He presided at the return of the remains of St. Chrysostom to Constantinople in 438. He died in 446.

** Sunday, November 20th, 2022 **

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Liturgical Services this coming week

Saturday, Nov. 19 *** Grindrod Parish *** **4:00 p.m.** Div. Lit.: God's blessings to all parishioners

Sunday, Nov. 20 ** 9:30 a.m. ** **Rosary** (Eng.) /Sacrament of Confession ** **10:00 a.m.** *Divine Liturgy* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Monday, Nov. 21 ** Feast of Entrance into the Temple of the Mother of God *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings to all parishioners

Wednesday, Nov. 23 *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings to SSVP members

Thursday, Nov. 24 *** **9:00** a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings & good health for Brother Knights of Columbus Council #9508

Friday, Nov. 25*** 8:45 a.m. – Noon – Confessions at St. Ann's Academy

4:00 p.m. – "Moleben to Emmanuel"

Saturday, Nov. 26 *** Grindrod Parish ***4:00 p.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings to all parishioners

Sunday, Nov. 27 ** 9:30 a.m. ** **Rosary** (Eng.) / Sacrament of Confession ** **10:00 a.m.** *Div. Lit.* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners



Troparion, Tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death; * You opened Paradise to the thief; * You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, * and charged the apostles to proclaim * that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 4: Anne is now preparing a great joy for all of us,* for she has given birth to the only ever-Virgin who is a joy that dispels all sadness.* Today Anne fulfills her vow with gladness,* presenting to the Temple of the Lord* the One Who is the true temple of God's Word* and His pure Mother.

Troparion, Tone 4: O Blessed Josaphata * you inspire us through your spirit of service and love. * Teach us to uplift and renew the hearts of the people * wherever we are sent to minister, * to serve where the need is the greatest, * all for the glory of God.

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

Kontakion, Tone 7: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, * for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. * Hades is bound. * The prophets exult with one voice. * The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying: * "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 4: Filled with joy today because of the happy

feast of the Mother of God, * the universe cries out: * This is the holy tabernacle!

Prokeimenon, Tone 7 - The Lord will give strength to His people;* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. (Psalm 28:11,1)

Epistle - Ephesians 2:14-22

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and Sisters, Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Alleluia, Tone 7 - It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

verse: To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. (Psalm 91:2,3)

Gospel - Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his

house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying.

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved." When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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



CATECHETICAL SUMMARY

The Gospel today reminds us of the power of faith. To the woman who was hemorrhaging, Jesus said "go, daughter, your faith has

healed you." To Jairus, Jesus says "believe, and your daughter will be well." In both cases presented to us today, we learn that faith has the power to heal and restore one to health. However, there is something more, hidden in the text that we should notice. It was because of the faith of the father, Jairus, that his daughter was healed. Our faith has the power to affect not only ourselves, but others as well. Yes, faith/belief is a most powerful gift. What is it?

We speak often about faith, we say "I believe" every Divine Liturgy, but do we really know what it is?

Faith is the total gift of our self to the one in whom we believe. When faith is directed at the Lord, when we entrust ourselves totally to God, we can then say with Saint Paul "It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me." And suddenly, in the moment of faith, our whole life becomes filled with his life – divinized. It is for this reason that faith has the power to heal – and not only heal the one who believes, but also others for whom the believer intercedes. In that moment of faith, God's life fills up my illness, my weakness, and my sinfulness with his life and heals me from the inside out. When I am filled with Jesus' life, then I can begin to do for others what Jesus has done for me, namely become an instrument of healing by the sharing of God's life.

Sunday Gospel Reflection:

https://godwithusonline.org/reflections/thetwenty-fourth-sunday-after-pentecost-ukrainian/



The feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God Into the Temple praises and glorifies God for His plan of salvation. God prepares for Himself a holy dwelling place. The Byzantine Church never tires of praising the Mother of God for her role in our salvation. She is called the "Heavenly Tabernacle" in the

Kontakion of the Feast, and the "Living Tabernacle of God" in the Hirmos. She is given these titles because in her womb the Word of God has taken flesh and dwelt among us. Her body is the living tabernacle of the Incarnate Word and, through her, God has taken on our human nature and elevated us to become "sharers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1: 4). God, Who is beyond our reach and beyond our grasp, comes to dwell among us. This is God's plan, and in the Virgin Mary, this plan of salvation was achieved.

In the Icon of the Entrance of the Mother of God, Mary is shown as a young girl being escorted to the Temple by her parents, Joachim and Anna. She is also accompanied by the holy virgins carrying candles. In all the icons of the Presentation, the High Priest greets the Holy Family at the entrance of the Temple.

The presentation into the temple is the main event, so the figures of the Holy Family and the High Priest are predominant. The Church honors the Virgin Mary as the God-bearer (in Greek: Theotokos), the one who, in God's plan of salvation, would give birth to God the Word. In the upper corner of some icons, the Virgin Mary is seen already seated in the Temple, and being cared for by the Angels. Thus, Mary, the young girl, is not only presented, but also participates in the very task of her temple life. Through the Icon, we celebrate and share this mystery in the life of the Virgin.



Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – "Christ Our Pascha" #415-17, p. 142-3

1) One Baptism for the Remission of Sins

415 In Baptism a person receives remission of all sins: "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (*Rom* 5:20). Having been united to Christ and having become a temple of the Holy Spirit, the Christian is freed from enslavement to sin and death through the action of divine grace. He or she becomes capable of growing into the likeness of God. Divine filiation and the

capacity for divine likeness through Christ in the Holy Spirit, is given to the baptized person once and for all. That is why this Mystery can be received only once in a lifetime. Even after Baptism, however, the person who is not yet tempered in choosing what is good, is inclined to sin. Therefore, one turns to the Mystery of Repentance. In this Holy Mystery, one continues on the path of repentance, conversion, cleansing from sin, and strengthening in the virtues.

The Necessity of Faith

416 As he sends his disciples to preach, Christ assures them: "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved" (*Mk* 16:16). In order to receive the salvific gift of Baptism, faith is essential—faith in Christ, the Son of God, "in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (*Col* 1:14) and the gift of divine filiation: "If you believe with all your heart, you may [be baptized]" (*Acts* 8:37). "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (*Gal* 3:26-27).

417 "Faith and baptism are two kindred and inseparable ways of salvation: faith is perfected through baptism, and baptism is grounded on faith ... First comes the confession [of faith], introducing us to salvation, and baptism follows, setting the seal on our assent." Having received the gift of Baptism as a kind of seed, we are called to work together with the Holy Spirit in order to bear abundant fruit: "For though the remission of sins is granted to all alike, the communication of the Holy Spirit is granted in proportion to the faith of each ... You are running for yourself, so look to your own advantage."



** ANNOUNCEMENTS **

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



Thank you to all our Supporters & Volunteers – Дякуємо – Many thanks to everyone for your

continued support of our parish community and for supporting our brothers & sisters in Ukraine. Our gratitude to everyone who came to help with perogy making and to UCWLC for organizing delicious lunch last Sunday. God bless you all!

Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, those wounded in the war in Ukraine and: Philip N., Anne T., Rita N., Claude & Eva G., Mary & Dave E., Lawrence & Ping B., Ashley H.; Steven Ch., Jill C., Trinity N., Shelly N., Shane E., Ray S; Jeanette N., Elsie K., Paulette K., Irene M., Sharon & Al L., Wilma C., Rob E., Billie M., Peter O., Rob R., Zbigniew K., Pat B., Anne D., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Gladys O., Zonia K., Brian K., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Michael L., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., Sarah N., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like toadd names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

St. Philip's Fast (Пилипівка) — a time of 40 days preparation for Christmas began on Tuesday, Nov. 15th, 2022. Let us all take advantage of this special liturgical season and purify our hearts for Christ's birth through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and confession.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place today, **Sunday, Nov. 20** at noon at the parish hall.

Sunday Coffee Volunteers — for the last few months, we have been enjoying our coffee gatherings after Sunday services. It's truly wonderful that we are able to gather and socialize together. In order to continue providing this opportunity, we are asking more people to be involved — volunteering to bring some light refreshments maybe once every couple of months. For more information, please talk to Mrs. Mary Emery.

Next Perogy Work-Bee – will take place this coming

Tuesday, **Nov. 22** starting at 9:00 a.m. Please come and join us in this fundraising project.

Perogy Sales – We are now accepting **phone calls for orders**. Anyone wishing to purchase perogies, please call Mrs. Adelle Dmyterko at **250-554-3107** or Mrs. Mary Emery **250-376-8934**. Cost: \$6.00 a dozen.

Advent Penitential Services - Fr. Andrzej will be assisting in the Sacrament of Confession at St. Ann's Academy this coming Friday, Nov. 25th from 8:45 until noon.

Ukrainian (Famine-Genocide) of 1932-1933 - Голодомор 1932-1933 - Warning Remembers – The World Acknowledges

Holodomor – one of the most monstrous crimes in the history of mankind, was the result of a deliberate political strategy masterminded by Stalin and his totalitarian communist regime. By the magnitude, losses during the Holodomor surpassed those of the Ukrainian nation during the Second World War.

Next Sunday, Nov. 27th, we will celebrate the Panakhyda service after the Div. Lit. for those who died during the Holodomor.

The War in Ukraine: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Action

Fasting - We, the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in Canada, invite you to fast for the people of Ukraine and for peace in their country. Like the Holodomor Ukrainian Famine in 1932-1933, many people in Ukraine today have no food. In solidarity with them, let us fast. In particular, we invite you to a three-day fast starting on Thursday, November 24, concluding on Saturday, November 26, when we commemorate the Holodomor annually throughout Canada. Fast as best as you can.

Action - We, the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in Canada, acknowledge and thank you for your unprecedented generosity in providing humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. May God bless your kindness and generosity! Yet, today, as winter approaches, the people of Ukraine need your support evermore.

We invite you to consider a further humanitarian aid donation, so that the people of Ukraine may have the basic necessities in life which each of us enjoys – food, shelter, clothing and medicine, as well as heat for their homes this winter.

Kindly donate through your local parish, <u>Catholic Near East Welfare</u> Association – Canada (CNEWA), <u>Development and Peace – Caritas Canada</u>, <u>Aid to the Church in Need – Canada</u>, <u>Canadian Jesuit International</u>, or the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

St. Philip's Fast Mission — will take place at Sts. Peter & Paul parish in Grindrod on **Saturday**, **Dec. 3rd** & the Most Holy Trinity parish on **Sunday**, **Dec. 4th**. Fr. Yuriy Sakvuk from the Holy Eucharist Cathedral in the New Westminster will be our guest priest.

St. Nicholas Day Celebration – at Sts. Peter & Paul parish in Grindrod will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10th.

This Week's Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Nov 6 & 13 – Kamloops: \$591.00 & \$290.00. *** Grindrod –\$246.00 & \$540.00 May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.

UKRAINE

***** Pravers *****

Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. 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.

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 the parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.