



## **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Holy Martyr James of Persia** - James' friendship with the king of Persia led him to abandon Christianity for paganism. His wife and mother urged him to repent and return to Christ. This he did at the price of martyrdom in the year 422.

**Our Venerable Father Palladius .**

**\*\* Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 \*\***

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### ***Liturgical Services this coming week***

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

**Monday, Nov. 28 \*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.:** *God's blessings & good health for Muriel & Cecil S.*

**Tuesday, Nov. 29 \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.:** *God's blessings & good health for Kornak family*

**Wednesday, Nov. 30 \*\* Feast of the Apostle Andrew, The First-Called \*\* 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.:** *+Martin Ostopowich*

**Friday, Dec 2 \*\*\* 4:00 p.m. – “Moleben to Emmanuel”**

**Saturday, Dec. 3 \*\*\* Grindrod Parish \*\*\*4:00 p.m. Div. Lit.:**  
*God's blessings to all parishioners – St. Philip's fast Mission*

**Sunday, Dec 4 \*\* 9:30 a.m. \*\* Rosary (Eng.) / Sacrament of Confession \*\* 10:00 a.m. Div. Lit. (Eng./Ukr.):** God's blessings to all parishioners - *St. Philip's fast Mission*

***Troparion, Tone 8:*** You came down from on high, O Merciful One, \* and accepted three days of burial \* to free us from our sufferings. \* O Lord, our life and our resurrection, \* glory be to You.

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

***Kontakion, Tone 8:*** When You rose from the tomb, \* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. \* Eve exults in Your resurrection, \* and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, \* O most merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

***Theotokion, Tone 8:*** To you, O Mother of God, \* the invincible leader, \* we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns \* in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil. \* With your invincible power free us from all dangers \* that we may cry out to you: \* “Hail, O bride, and pure Virgin!”

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

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


***Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 (NRSV)***

*Brothers and Sisters,* I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

***Alleluia, Tone 8*** - Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

*verse:* Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.  “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

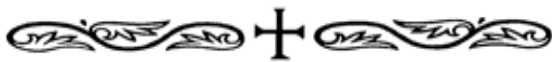
**Communion Hymn** - Praise the Lord from the heavens; \* praise Him in the highest. \* Alleluia, alleluia, \* alleluia. (*Psalm 148:1*)

**CATECHETICAL SUMMARY**

In the Gospel that is appointed for today, we hear the famous story of the “good Samaritan.” While there is much to say about the meaning of this parable and its call for charity to one’s

neighbor, it is important to remember that this story is rooted in Jesus's original response to the lawyer who was "testing" him with the question "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" To this question, Jesus responds that to gain eternal life, to go to heaven, a person must first love God with his whole self and his neighbor as himself, quoting the book of Deuteronomy.

Why is the way of love the path to heaven? The answer to this question is simple and yet beautifully profound. In the first epistle of St. John, the Evangelist states that "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). ***A simple definition of love is that it is the giving of one's life to the beloved.*** From all eternity God has lived a life of loving communion, the Father pouring out his life in the Son through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This beautiful understanding of God as love allows us to understand why love is the only way in which we will find eternal life. As we are made in the image and likeness of God, we have the created capacity to live as God does. The one who chooses to live this "way of love" chooses to make God's life his own life. As God's life is eternal life, the one who lives a life of love will, through the giving of his life, find his way to life eternal.



**"Love"** - by Brent Kostyniuk (source: <https://royaldoors.net/love/>)

It is said the most popular theme for songs is love. That is probably true. *All You Need is Love*, *Crazy Little Thing Called Love*, *Bye Bye Love*, and of course, *Muskrat Love* (go ahead, Google it!). The same goes for movies. What would Christmas be without watching *Love Actually*?

Love is central to our lives. I love my wife, I love my children, and I especially love nachos and salsa. I also love my daughter's cat, but only sometimes. So, it seems love is a universal theme. Yet, what does the theme of a pop song have to do with our favourite food or even a domesticated animal?

The answer lies in the source of love. St. John tells us God is

Love. Moreover, the Evangelist tells us that not only is God Love, He is the source of all love.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

*John 4:7-12*

When we love, it is because we are able to reflect the love God has shared with us.

### **Types of Love**

Although all love comes from God, it takes on many forms. St. John understood this. His Gospel was written in Greek, a language with eight separate words for love. Each of these words reveals a different aspect of love. By looking at the Greek words for love, we can more readily understand the complexity of love and the way it affects so much of our lives.

***Agape*** is selfless universal love, such as the love for strangers, nature, or God. This love is unconditional, bigger than us, a boundless compassion, and an infinite empathy that you extended to everyone, whether they are family members or distant strangers.

***Eros*** is named after the Greek god of fertility. Eros is passion, lust, pleasure, and romance.

***Philia*** describes friendship and affection. Plato believed physical attraction was not a necessary part of love, hence the use of the word *platonic* to mean, “without physical attraction.”

*Storge* is a natural form of affection experienced between family members. It is the protective love shared between parents and their children. Storge can also describe a sense of patriotism.

*Mania* is a perversion of love when it becomes obsessive. Stalking, extreme jealousy, and violence are all symptoms of Mania.

*Pragma* is love built on commitment and understanding. Pragma is a mature love, willing to make compromises, while showing patience and tolerance. It is the stem of the word “pragmatic” meaning a concern for practical matters.

*Philautia* is a beneficial self-love, the opposite of narcissism which is a personality disorder characterized by self-preoccupation. The ancient Greeks believed that if we are to care for others, we must first learn to care for ourselves. Aristotle said, “All friendly feelings for others are an extension of a man’s feelings for himself.”

### Getting and Giving

Love is a one-way street originating with the love God gives us. In turn, as we receive it, we can give it back to Him and to others. You can’t force someone to love you—someone gives and someone accepts.



**St. Philip’s Fast (Пилипівка)** – a time of 40 days preparation for Christmas began on **Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### The Nativity Fast - A Time for God - Prayer

The greatest Christmas gift the world has ever received is the recovery of intimacy with God. The Bible begins with the story of our first parents who were created in God’s image and capable of this intimacy – for ‘walking in the Garden’ with God, as the Book

of Genesis describes it. Being created in God's image, our ancestors were free to choose God's way, or to strike out on their own. They lost their fellowship with God when they disregarded His warning and attempted to become "like God" on their own (the Ancestral Sin of Adam).

Mankind was, in one sense, disconnected from God, having lost the intimacy with Him, which we were meant to have. Fasting is our way to express our sorrow at man's loss of familiarity with God in our hearts. The process of recovering this intimacy with God would climax with the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, but was prepared for centuries as God slowly led our forefathers to discover Him again. Thus one theme running through this Fast is the remembrance of the time before the Incarnation.

During this liturgical season we celebrate the memory of several Old Testament prophets. Throughout the Old Testament we hear them calling mankind back to a relationship with God.

As the season progresses and we draw closer to the Feast of Christ's Nativity, our prayers begin to speak of the great mystery of the Incarnation: that God became man in order that we might become divine. Delighting in this restored communion with God is the heart of our Christmas observance. In the words of the revered Archimandrite Sophrony, "His Being now for us is the first reality, incomparably more evident than all the transient phenomena of this world" (His Life Is Mine, p. 22).

### **Sunday Gospel Reflection:**

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

**\*\* 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 Mr. John Chaplin for service work on the church kitchen equipment. 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 to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

**Happy Birthday**

**Congratulations! Многая Літа! –**



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 November** (10<sup>th</sup> – Mikayla Russell; 26<sup>th</sup> - Allan Ludwig).



November 22-27, 2022  
National Holodomor  
Commemoration Week  
21-27 листопада 2022 р.  
Всесвітній тиждень  
пам'яті жертв  
Голодомору

**Ukrainian (Famine-Genocide) of 1932-1933  
- Голодомор 1932-1933 - Ukraine  
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. **We will celebrate the Panakhyda service** after the Div. Lit. for those who died during the Holodomor.



**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.

**Kamloops ProLife Society** – invites us to join in their First Friday prayer hour – this coming **Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 10 to 11 a.m.. Stand in silent prayer along Columbia St. between 4th and 5th Ave. by First Baptist Church.

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

**Next Perogy Work-Bee** – will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 6** starting at 9:30 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.

**SSVP Monthly Meetings** – for Board members on Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. & for all members on Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

**St. Nicholas Day Celebration** – at Sts. Peter & Paul parish in Grindrod will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** & at the Most Holy Trinity parish on **Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Pre-Christmas Church decorating** – will take place on **Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** after the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

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

**This Week's Parish Stewardship:** Sunday, Nov 20 – **Kamloops:** \$1,135.90 & donations of \$4,022 (\$3000 from UCWLC & \$1022 from Sts. Peter & Paul parish). \*\*\* Grindrod \$472.00 *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*

\*\*\*\*\* *Prayers* \*\*\*\*\*

*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.