

23rd Sunday after Pentecost



The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Epistemis – they suffered martyrdom for their faith under Emperor Decius.

*** Sunday, November 5th, 2023 ***

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Parish Liturgical Services

Saturday, Nov. 4 * Grindrod Parish ** 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.**
Confessions ** 3:00 p.m. *Div. Lit.: God's blessings to all parishioners*

Sunday, Nov. 5 * 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) / Confessions**
*** 10:00 a.m. * *Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners*

Tuesday Nov. 7 * 6:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God**

Wednesday, Nov. 8 ** Feast of Archangel Michael & All the Bodiless Powers of Heaven * 9:30 a.m.** *Div. Lit.: God's blessings to Bishop Michael & to Eva & Claude Gosselin (65th Wedding Anniversary)*

Thursday, Nov. 9 * 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings to Ann Tofan**

Friday, Nov. 10 * 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. & Panakhyda: +For those who sacrificed their lives in defense of freedom**

Saturday, Nov. 11 **Grindrod Parish ** 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Confessions * 3:00 p.m. *Div. Lit.: God's blessings to all parishioners*

Sunday, Nov. 12 * 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) / Confessions**
*** 10:00 a.m. * *Divine Liturgy (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*)

Prokeimenon, Tone 1 - My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding. (*Psalm 48:4*)

Epistle - Ephesians 2:4-10

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*)

verse: The mouth of the just man shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak judgement. (*Psalm 36:3*)

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. (*Psalm 148:1*). *. Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia.



**** 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

“The body of Christ, which the Church is, must be at the right hand, that is, in the glory of heaven, as the Apostle Paul says: ‘we have been raised with Him and made to sit with Him in heaven.’ Even though our body is not yet there, our hope is already placed there.” St. Augustine

“Through Christ we have been reborn spiritually, for through Him we are crucified to the world. By His death that decree of death has been destroyed which Adam caused and which was

passed on to every soul – that sentence which we incur through our descent, from which absolutely no one is free prior to being set free by Baptism.” St. Zosimus

“But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy and faithfulness”. Psalm 86:15

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

** ANNOUNCEMENTS **



Thank you to all our Supporters & Volunteers –



Дякуємо – We are very grateful to everyone for your continued support of our parish community and for supporting our brothers & sisters in Ukraine. Our gratitude to everyone who has contributed towards our insurance bill. Thank you to everyone who helped with preparing for and making perogies this past week. God bless you all!

Please Pray for health of ... All those wounded in the war in Ukraine & Holy Land and: Brian K., Joe & Linda S., Sharon & Al L., Ken S., Michelle M., Rita N., Claude & Eva G., Mary & Dave E., Lawrence & Ping B., Jill C., Shelly N., Shane E., Elsie K., Wilma C., Rob E., Billie M., Dave C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Gladys O., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., 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.



Horizon of Hope – A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care – our fourth presentation to take place today, **Sunday, Nov. 5th** after the Divine Liturgy,

Perogy Work-Bee – will take place this coming **Tuesday, Nov. 7th**. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please come and join us in this fundraising project. 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: \$7.00 a dozen.

Let us Pray for Bishop Elect Michael – please include in your daily prayers Bishop Elect Michael, as he prepares for his episcopal ordination and future ministry in our Eparchy.

Upcoming Feast-days – on Wednesday, Nov. 8th – **feast of the Archangel Michael**; Sunday, Nov. 12th – **feast of Priest-Martyr Josaphat** & on Tuesday, Nov. 21st - **the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple**.

Knights of Columbus OLPH Council #8132 - will hold their monthly meeting this coming **Thursday, Nov. 9** at 7:00 p.m.

Kamloops Parish Council Meeting – will take place next **Sunday, Nov. 12th** at Noon.

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish – will begin Sunday **2:00 p.m.** Divine Liturgies starting **Sunday, Nov. 19th**.

Clergy Zoom Conference – will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd starting at 10:30 a.m.

Special Request – Fundraiser for the Insurance Bill – on behalf of our Parish Council, we are turning to the generosity of our faithful with a request for donations to cover the cost of our annual insurance bill. Thank you for your support - we have collected \$1,555 so far. May God bless and reward you for your generosity.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, OLPH Conference, Kamloops – will hold their next monthly board meeting on **Tuesday, Nov 14.** at 11:00 a.m. in our parish hall.

St. Philip's Fast (Пилипівка) – a time of 40 days preparation for Christmas will begin on **Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 2023.**

The Father Le Jeune 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly – will hold their monthly meeting on **Thursday, Nov. 16th** at 7:00 p.m.



Spirit of Awareness - Dear parishioners, if our brother/sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in church today, please

contact them and ask how they are doing. Let them know that our parish community misses them!

Enthronement (Installation) of Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski - Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2023 at 10 a.m. followed by a celebratory banquet.

Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
560 West 14th Avenue, Vancouver BC.



Banquet tickets available through the Pastoral Centre (Chancery) in New Westminster and Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. **Price \$75** (Please make sure to secure your participation in this historical event before Nov. 15). **Tickets can be purchased through:**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny 604-879-5830, office@stmarysbc.com

Fr. Yuriy Sakvuk 7787899639 sakvuk@gmail.com

Eternal Memory! Вічна Пам'ять! – Funeral prayers & service for +Fr. Volodymyr Dmyterko will take place at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster, BC. **Priestly Parastas** - Thursday Nov 16th @ 7:00 p.m. & **Funeral Divine Liturgy** - Friday Nov 17th @ 10:00 a.m.

This Week's Parish Stewardship: Saturday, Oct. 28 – **Grindrod:** \$450.00 *** Sunday Oct. 29 - **Kamloops:** \$2,020.00 (Including \$250 for insurance) *** May God bless you for your generosity.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

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.



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.**



On November 8, our Church celebrates the feast of the **Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers:** *Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel.* This feast was established at the Council of Laodicea, which met before the first Ecumenical Council in 325. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March, (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him” (Mt. 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest (the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones), middle (Dominions, Powers, and Authorities), and lowest (Principalities, Archangels, and Angels).

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers are called angels, although each has its own name and position by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest ranks of the angels, and they in turn inform the others.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed **the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means “who is like unto God”)**, the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, “Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!”

According to Church Tradition, and in the church services to the Archangel Michael, he participated in many other Old Testament events: During the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, he went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night. Through him the power of the Lord was made manifest, annihilating the Egyptians and Pharaoh, who were in pursuit of the Israelites. The Archangel Michael defended Israel in all its misfortunes.

