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DIVINE SERVICES

Mon-Fri: Divine Liturgy, 7:30 AM

Saturday: Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
Great Vespers, 4:00 PM
Divine Liturgy (Bilingual), 5:00 PM

Sunday: Great Matins, 8 AM
Divine Liturgy (English), 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian), 11:00 AM

Sunday, June 18th, 2023

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2. Holy Martyr Leontius (69-79)

DIVINE LITURGY

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, * You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. * When You raised the dead from the nether world, * all the powers of heaven cried out: * "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour; * and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. * Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. * And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Prokeimenon, Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. *Verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle (Romans 5:1-10)

A reading from the holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, since we are justified¹ by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.²

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.³

¹ The **justified** are endowed with theological virtues. By faith, they live in peace with God and have access to his grace; in hope, they long for the glory of God that awaits them; and through love, they show that the charity of the Spirit dwells in their hearts. Equipped in this way, believers can become more like Christ through endurance and suffering.

² **God shows his love:** The dying of Christ shows us the depths of God's unconditional love for the world (1 Jn 3:16). This is all the more remarkable since the world, being "ungodly" (5:6) and "enemies" (5:10), did not deserve it.

³ **shall we be saved:** Salvation can be described in terms of the past, present, and future. It is past with reference to Baptism, which saves us from the filth of our sins (1 Pet 3:21). It is a present reality when we allow grace to make us steadily more virtuous and holy (1 Cor 1:18). It is a future hope that we will for ever live with the Lord in glory (Heb 9:28).

Alleluia Verses

Verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel (Matthew 6:22-33)

The Lord said to his disciples, "The eye is the lamp of the body.⁴ So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.⁵ "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how

⁴ **The eye is the lamp:** An ancient metaphor (Tob 10:5; Prov 15:30; Sir 23:19). Jesus uses it to advocate generosity. Those with evil or unsound eyes are stingy with their belongings (Deut 15:9; Sir 14:8–10; cf. Mt 20:15); they are full of darkness (6:23). Those with sound eyes share their goods with the needy (4:7); they are filled with light.

⁵ Jesus warns that earthly possessions can threaten an undivided love for God. The NT elsewhere exposes the dangers surrounding money and the accumulation of temporal goods (13:22; Lk 12:13–21; 1 Tim 6:10; Heb 13:5.)

⁶ Jesus teaches with the logic of Jewish rabbis: the lesser fact of God's care for lilies (6:28) implies God's greater concern for men (6:30). ● Anagogically: God supplies our physical needs to signify his greater concern for our spiritual needs. As his care for the lilies and the grass is outmatched by his provision of clothing for us, so the garments we receive prefigure God's desire to clothe us with glory and immortality in heaven (cf. 1 Cor 15:51–55; Rev 19:7–8).

they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things. And indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **But strive first for the kingdom of God⁷ and his righteousness,** and all these things will be given to you as well."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish

BULLETIN BY EMAIL – if you wish to receive a copy of the bulletin by email, please let us know by calling the parish office (780-422-3181) or send your email request to josaphat@telus.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & BEST WISHES – Marcia Hladunewich, Melanie Turgeon, Sonya Burak, Maxine Zakordonski, and to all who celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries. May God bless you and grant you peace, health and happiness! Many happy years!

BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSINGS – to Yaroslav Lutsyk and Michelle Zolner on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary, and to all who celebrated wedding anniversaries this past week or will celebrate in the next few days. Many happy years!

MANY HAPPY YEARS – Blessings and best wishes to Father Mykhaylo Bohun on the occasion of his 36th Anniversary of Priesthood. May the Lord continue to bless you with health, peace, joy, and happiness, as you continue to serve Him and His People, the Church!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Our prayers and best wishes to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, guardians, and all who fulfill the role of a father! May God bless you!

PLEASE JOIN US, TODAY, JUNE 18TH, FOR OUR FATHERS' DAY PARISH PICNIC AND FAREWELL to Fr. Peter and Dobr. Donna Babej.

SUN. JUNE 25: FR. TERRY'S BIRTHDAY AND RETIREMENT FROM MILITARY CHAIPLANCY – The Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am will be offered for the intentions of Fr. Terry and Dobr. Lada. A Party Social will take place in the church auditorium after the 9:30 am Divine Liturgy.

JUNE 29: FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL – On Thursday, June 29th, we will celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Festal Matins will be celebrated at 7:30 AM. Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Vespers and Lytia will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 28th, at 5:30 PM.

BIBLE STUDY – Our Bible Study for this year has come to an end! Further Bible Study will be announced in September 2023.

PYROHY AND HOLUBTSI AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE – frozen pyrohy (cheddar, cottage cheese, sauerkraut and onion), frozen cabbage rolls, frozen soups and other items are available for sale and pick-up through the parish office, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please call the parish office at (780) 422-3181.

DIRECT DEPOSIT – If you are interested in transferring your Sunday donations to a monthly direct deposit, please contact Ivone at the parish office, (780) 422-3181 or email at josaphat@telus.net.

Eparchy & Community

JUNE 22ND TO JUNE 25TH – A CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE BASILIAN FATHERS MONASTERY & 400TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOSAPHAT – June 22-25, 2023 in Mundare, Alberta, at the Saints Peter and Paul Church. Join the Basilian Fathers on the occasion of the Saints Peter and Paul Feast Day, starting on

⁷ **strive first for the Kingdom of God:** Christians must prioritize the pursuit of holiness in their lives. This is not an

excuse for laziness in practical matters (2 Thess 3:6–13) but a call to trust in the Father's care (Phil 4:6).

Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 PM with Taizé Prayer and mission talk to follow. Friday, June 23 at 7 PM for Divine Liturgy and mission talk to follow. Saturday, June 24 at 7 PM for the Moleben to Saints Peter and Paul and mission talk to follow. Sunday, June 25 at 9:15 AM for the Blessing of the Water, 10 AM for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and following the Liturgy there is a Dinner to follow at the Mundare Recreation Center and a visit to the Basilian Fathers Museum.

JUNE 29TH TO JULY 3RD – CATHOLIC FAMILY MINISTRIES – CELEBRATING OUR 25TH CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE AT LAC STE ANNE PILGRIMAGE SITE.

This year, like in the past, the **FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE (THEME: FANNING THE FLAME)** will be from **JUNE 29 to JULY 3RD, 2023. REGULAR CONFERENCE PRICES:** Family: \$395.00; Couple: \$310.00; Single; Adult: \$155.00 Senior/Student: \$140.00; Child under 18 attending with another family: \$60.00. For more information or to register, please visit:

<https://www.catholicfamilyministries.com/family-life-conference>; <https://www.catholicfamilyministries.com/Events-2023>;

Registration: Vince Schiller

info@catholicfamilyministries.com

or call **Maurice Beier 780.934.2202:**

[blessings@catholicfamilyministries.com](mailto: blessings@catholicfamilyministries.com).

CAMP OSELIA EPARCHIAL CHILDREN’S CAMP!!!

– will take place from July 2-7 and July 9-14 for children 7-14 years old. This year’s theme is “Kingdom Quest: The Seven Holy Mysteries.” Each week is filled with Eastern Catholic catechesis and a variety of camp activities (swimming, archery, sports, canoeing, campfires, arts-and-crafts, etc.). Programing (including catechesis) will be offered in both English and Ukrainian. Campers may attend one or both weeks. See our promotional video at <https://youtu.be/CbjYmch8NnY>. To register, visit <https://camposelia.eeparchy.com/> or call 780-242-5496.

ATTENTION UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS! – Discover Saint Joseph's College:

Your Faith Journey Begins Here! Looking to enrich your faith journey while attending the University of Alberta? Look no further than Saint Joseph's College! Join us at Saint Joseph's College and experience: A supportive and nurturing environment for your spiritual growth. A tight-knit community of like-minded individuals sharing your values. Engaging events, retreats, and programs that deepen your understanding of faith. Over 70 courses that explore faith and reason as part of your University of Alberta degrees. Small class sizes and dedicated faculty help students feel connected and at home on a large University campus. Men’s and Women’s residences provide housing and meals for over 300 students. Daily and weekend mass offers regular opportunities to participate in the sacraments. Conveniently located on the University of Alberta campus. Don't miss out on this transformative opportunity! For more info, <https://www.ualberta.ca/st-josephs/index.html>; and www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LywhsG9Fm4

UKRAINIAN YOUTH UNITY COMPLEX – GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY!!!

– The Board of Directors of Ukrainian Youth Unity Council is proud to inform you that this year marks our 50th Year Anniversary. To celebrate, we invite you to join us in the festivities planned the weekend of November 3-5, 2023 at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex located at the 9615 - 153 Avenue in Edmonton, AB T5E 6B1. The celebration launches on Friday evening with a Gala Champagne Reception and presentation of the Commemorative Book that marks this anniversary. Saturday afternoon activities will entertain children, and an evening *zabava* (dance) will bring together members and friends of the UYUC. The event concludes on Sunday afternoon with a concert performance, high tea, and canapes. Tickets and package pricing information will be released in June. Please, visit our website www.uyuc.ca, email uyucedm@gmail.com or call 780-478-4881 for more information.

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Parish Hall and Kitchen Restoration Update

The restoration of the hall kitchen has been delayed for 4-6 weeks. New tiles have been installed, along with new kitchen cabinets, and a new floor. We are still waiting for the delivery and installation of two new stoves, two convection ovens, and a new dishwasher. Some of the tables were not fabricated correctly, so we need to wait for the fabrication of new ones. The downpayment of \$35,000.00 was paid to Nella West Food Equipment in February 2023, and we will need to make the final payment of **\$35,000.00** once the equipment and tables have been installed. To date, we have collected **\$21,561.00 dollars**, which includes the donations of this last week. We are immensely grateful for the donations received so far!

The major restoration work has begun. The old walk-in freezer and walk-in cooler have been removed; the old hall floor has been removed; and the required restoration work in the women's washroom is in process. **If you haven't made a donation towards the restoration of our Parish Hall kitchen, please consider doing so. We need to collect \$35,000.00 dollars by the end of June 2023.**

PAST DONATIONS RECEIVED TOWARDS OUR PARISH HALL RENOVATION PROJECT THROUGH THE PRESERVATION FUND –

We thank all donors who have contributed:

Taras and Maxine Zakordonski	\$20.00
Anonymous	\$30.00
Janice Michon	\$50.00
Marian Elson	\$50.00
Orest and Irene Palyniak	\$100.00
Ignace and Tillie Sych	\$100.00
John Kowalchuk	\$100.00
Edward and Florence Svitch	\$100.00
George and Olga Kolodij	\$100.00
Fr. Michael and Dobr. Luba Kowalchyk	\$100.00
Tim Basaraba	\$150.00
Ray and Denise Lucyshyn	\$150.00
Fr. Peter Babej	\$250.00
Frank and Olga Scarpari	\$300.00

Louise Kokotilo	\$300.00
Taras and Tetiana Kichma	\$500.00
Orest and Susan Romaniuk	\$1,000.00
Olga Hnatiuk	
<i>"In Memory of Alex Hnatiuk"</i>	\$1,000.00
Fr. Peter Babej	\$250.00
Taras and Tetiana Kichma	\$500.00
Orest and Susan Romaniuk	\$1,000.00
Anatoly Baluchynskyy	\$100.00
Pearl Osachie	\$100.00
Andy Zinchuk	\$100.00
Orest and Christine Zinchuk	\$100.00
Teresa Kost	\$200.00
Olga Zinchuk	\$200.00
Anonymous	\$250.00
Nadia Zinchuk	\$300.00
Maria Zawalak	
<i>"In Memory of Steve Zawalak"</i>	\$800.00
Ed and Olga Hecker	\$1,000.00
Anonymous	\$10,000.00
Michael and Olga Farion	\$50.00
William Brasko	\$100.00
Anonymous	\$1,000.00
Ernest Oginsky	\$1,111.00

TOTAL DONATIONS FOR KITCHEN RENO: \$21,561.00
Total includes donations posted on June 11th, 2023.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,767.00
Direct Deposit – Sunday	\$1,252.50
Tithe.ly	\$235.00
Loose Donations	\$54.00
Candles	\$57.95
TOTAL:	\$4,366.45

PENTECOST – AID TO THE MISSIONARY CHURCH

Eugene and Grace Zapisocki	\$30.00
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INITIAL OFFERING

Debbie Buerger	\$270.00
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PRESERVATION FUND – PARISH HALL RENOVATIONS

Michael and Olga Farion	\$50.00
William Brasko	\$100.00
Anonymous	\$1,000.00
Ernest Oginsky	\$1,111.00

TOTAL – PARISH HALL RENO. (JUNE 11) \$2,261.00

Sincere thanks to all those who made donations online, or sent by mail, or left in our mailbox.

Do We Need a Parish Hall?

Yes, we do. A very important aspect of a vibrant Parish is fellowship, a sense of family, friendship and community. The Parish Hall provides us

with the space required to be able to gather as a parish family for fellowship, to hold parish events, meetings, educational and cultural events, to celebrate baptisms and weddings, to mourn the loss of loved ones at funerals and funeral luncheons, and to serve the needs of the Eparchy and the community at large.

Can we just use our Cathedral Basement?

No. First, the capacity of our Cathedral basement is only 80 people. Second, our basement kitchen is not a commercial kitchen. By law, any food preparation for larger groups must take place in an approved commercial kitchen. Third, we don't have a commercial dishwasher, and our current residential dishwasher has a one-hour cycle to clean one load. Four, we lack the space required to store all equipment and supplies for larger events. The Cathedral basement is ideal for Coffee Socials and small group gathers if catered food is brought in, but not for any gatherings or events over 80 people.

What is the maximum capacity of our Hall?

The capacity of our Parish Hall at the senior's residence is **250 people**. We have an approved commercial kitchen, walk-in cooler, walk-in kitchen, and enough space to store tables, chairs, kitchen and hall equipment, and all supplies. Catering is possible for groups anywhere from 50 to 250 people.

What would it cost to host a parish event at another rental facility?

Other hall facilities charge anywhere from \$600-\$1,000 for hall rentals; and another \$200-\$600 for incidentals (table clothes, chair covers, vases, head table, use of sound system, etc.). A menu for a banquet can range from \$40-\$50 per person. A banquet type event for 200 people can cost anywhere from \$9,000 to \$12,000 dollars. At hotels, the cost is significantly greater.

How is our Parish Hall different?

The goal of our Parish Hall is not to make a profit, but simply, to serve the needs of the community. We don't charge GST, because our profit is not sufficient enough to warrant paying taxes to the government. Hall rental for generally \$400 for banquets (\$500 for non-parishioners), \$250 for baptisms, luncheons and funerals. The menu ranges for \$12 to \$30 per person. And so, the cost of an event is reduced by 40% or more. Again, the purpose of the Parish Hall is to bring people together for fellowship, celebration, support, education, cultural and religious events, and to foster a sense of family and community.

After Covid-19, how is the Parish Hall doing?

We came very close to losing our Parish Hall during Covid-19 lockdowns. With no income, utility expenses quickly dwindled whatever savings we had. Thanks to our many volunteers, the Parish Hall was making a good recovery. Despite the set-back caused by the water leakages in December, once the Parish Hall is open again, we hope to return to the levels of activities that took place in the years before Covid-19 lockdowns.

Who owns the Parish Hall?

The entire Seniors building, along with the Parish Hall, is the property of the Government of Alberta. However, when the building was being built in 1979-1981, St. Josaphat Cathedral made a generous contribution of \$600,000 dollars to include the Parish Hall in the construction of the building. Due to this, St. Josaphat Cathedral continues to use the hall facility without a lease or rental payments. We are responsible only for the service and maintenance of our equipment, and to cover the cost utilities (water, drainage, waste disposal, gas, electricity, heating).

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PROLIFE REFLECTIONS

"Their message goes forth throughout the earth, and their words to the ends of the world" (Psalm 19:5).

Reflection: The Internet provides one of the easiest and least expensive ways of spreading God's word. Each of us can reach thousands of others by joining Internet discussion groups and blogs, and from the comfort of our own home, take a stand on the sanctity of life.

Prayer: Lord, we thank you for the technology that assists us to spread your word to countless people. May our efforts on behalf of life be marked by creativity and courage in using the means you give us. Amen.

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<https://www.priestsforlife.org/pro-life-reflections/>

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

St Luke's gospel opens with an account of two miraculous conceptions and births. Jesus and John were both conceived by impossible mothers – a virgin, and a barren old woman, and both are announced by angels and surrounded by heavenly signs. The angel Gabriel in the story of the Annunciation fixes precisely for us the birthday of the Baptist: Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, he tells her, is pregnant in her old age, and "this is the sixth month with her who was called barren". So John is just six months older than Jesus.

The parents of St. John the Baptist were Zachariah and Elizabeth, cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. One day, Zachariah, a holy priest, was taking his turn in the temple, offering the daily sacrifice of incense. The angel Gabriel appeared to him, announcing that, even though Elizabeth was past the child bearing stage and barren, their prayers would be answered. Elizabeth would conceive and bear a son whose name would be called John. Zachariah marveled at these words but asked for a sign. The angel answered that Zachariah would be

stricken with dumbness from that moment until John was born.

We are all familiar with the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth's house. Before he was born into the world, John had already begun to live for the Incarnate God; even in the womb he recognized the presence of Jesus and of Mary, and leaped with joy at the glad coming of the Son of man.

It's not a coincidence that John's father and mother were ancient, or that John's father was a priest of the old order, the servant of that Temple which was soon to pass away. John himself came at the end of the age; he's the last of the prophets of the Old Testament. John was the last voice of warning and vigilant longing, before the desire of the ages, the Messiah, appears, and the world's long time of expectation comes to an end.

John is the last voice of the Old Covenant, the close of the Age of Law. Jesus is the first voice of the New Covenant, the beginning of the Age of Grace. Accordingly, John is born to an elderly, barren woman, born when it is really too late for her to be having a child, while Jesus is born to a young virgin, born when it is really too early for her to be having a child. Jesus appears in the dead of winter, John in high summer. From John's birth, the days dwindle towards darkness; from Jesus' birth, the days stretch towards the light.

From the day of the Nativity of John the Forerunner, the preparation of the human race begins for meeting the Son of God on earth. And Zachariah, John's father, says to his newborn son, "And thou child shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways, To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, for the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day spring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness, and the shadow of death". So John, then, is a figure of the darkness before the dawn: he stands at the cusp of the morning.

Long before Christ's public life began, to escape from the world and its allurements, John withdrew to the desert, and there occupied himself only with God and with what concerned his vocation. His

food was locusts and wild honey; his clothing a garment of camel's hair, fastened by a leather girdle; his bed the hard ground. He remained hidden, because He for whom he waited was also hidden. Thus he lived in the wilderness till at age thirty, by the command of God, he was to proclaim the coming of the Messiah.

As crowds broke in upon his solitude, John became "a voice crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord". He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His Baptism, he said, was for repentance. But One would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire, and John was not worthy even to carry his sandals. As the forerunner, he prepared God's people to receive Jesus, the Messiah.

John was humbled to find one day in the crowd One whom he did not know, until a voice within told him that it was his Lord. He affirmed: "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He upon whom thou wilt see the Spirit descending and abiding, He it is who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'" Jesus asked John to baptize Him. After he did so, the heavens opened up and a voice was heard to say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:15-17).

With the baptism of Jesus by Saint John, Christ began His voluntary abasement for the sins of His people; and Saint John saw the Holy Ghost descend, under the visible form of a dove, indicating in the humble Jesus of Nazareth the divine Perfection of the peaceable Eternal King. "I told you," he said, "that I am not the Christ. The friend of the Bridegroom rejoices hearing the Bridegroom's voice. This, my joy, is fulfilled." The greatest work of the Saint's life was done.

Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation, and except for the Theotokos, there is no greater saint. John's fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God. John challenges us Christians to the very basic attitude of Christianity – total dependence on the Father, in Christ. For John,

living in the desert wilderness brought a special closeness to God, a purity of faith to the one true God. There are times in our own lives when we feel abandoned and isolated, in a desert of sorts with our troubles and fears. This is when, in our solitude, we should listen for the voice of the true God. Be assured He is there!

<https://spp.ca/our-faith/liturgical-year/stationary-feasts/nativity-of-john-the-baptist/>

СЛУЖБА БОЖА

Тропарі і Кондаки

Тропар, глас 2: Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне,* тоді ад умертвив ти блистінням Божества.* Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти,* всі сили небесні ззивали:* Життедавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

†Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак, глас 2: Воскрес єси з гробу, всесильний Спасе,* і ад, увидівши чудо, зжахнувся та й мертві встали;* а творіння, бачивши, радіє з Тобою, й Адам веселиться,* і світ, Спасе мій, повсякчас Тебе оспівує.

Прокімен, Глас 2

Господь – моя сила і моя пісня,* і Він став моїм спасінням (Пс. 117,14).

Стих: Тяжко покарав мене Господь, та не поередав мене смерті (Пс. 117,18).

Апостол (Римлян 5:1-10)

До Римлян послання св. апостола Павла читання.

Браття і сестри, оправдані ж вірою, ми маємо мир з Богом через Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, через якого ми вірою одержали доступ до тієї ласки, що в ній стоїмо і хвалимося надією на славу Божу. Та й не тільки це, але ми хвалимось і в утисках, знаючи, що утиск виробляє терпеливість, терпеливість – досвід, а досвід – надію. Надія ж не засоромить, бо любов Бога влита в

серця наші Святим Духом, що нам даний. Христос бо, тоді як ми були ще безсилі, у свою пору, помер за безбожних. Воно навряд чи хто за праведника вмирає; бо за доброго, може, хтось і відважився б умерти. Бог же показує свою до нас любов тим, що Христос умер за нас, коли ми ще були грішниками. Отож, тим більш тепер, оправдані його кров'ю, ми спасемося ним від гніву. Бо коли, будши ворогами, ми примирилися з Богом смертю його Сина, то тим більше тепер, примирившись, спасемося його життям.

Стихи Алилуя

1. Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова. 2. Господи, спаси царя і вислухай нас, коли будемо взивати до Тебе.

Євангелія (Матей 6:22-33)

Сказав Господь: "Світло тіла – око. Як, отже, твоє око здорове, все тіло твоє буде світле. А коли твоє око лихе, все тіло твоє буде в темряві. Коли ж те світло, що в тобі, темрява, то темрява – якою ж великою буде! Ніхто не може двом панам служити: бо або одного зненавидить, а другого буде любити, або триматиметься одного, а того знехтує. Не можете Богові служити – і мамоні. Ось чому кажу вам: Не турбуйтеся вашим життям, що вам їсти та що пити; ні тілом вашим, у що одягнутись. Хіба життя не більш – їжі, тіло – не більш одягу. Гляньте на птиць небесних: не сіють і не жнуть, ані не збирають у засіки, а Отець ваш небесний їх годує! Хіба ви від них не вартісніші? Хто з вас, журячись, спроможен додати до свого віку хоч один лікот? І про одягу чого ж вам клопотатись? Гляньте на польові лілеї, як ростуть вони: не працюють і не прядуть. Та я кажу вам, що й Соломон у всій своїй славі не вдягався так, як одна з них. І коли зілля польове, яке сьогодні є, а завтра вкидають його до печі, Бог так одягає, то чи не багато більше вас, маловірні? Отож не турбуйтеся, промовлявши: Що будемо їсти, що пити й у що зодягнемось? Про все те побиваються погани. Отець же

ваш небесний знає, що вам усе це потрібне. Шукайте перше Царство Боже та його справедливість, а все те вам докладеться."

Причасний

Хваліте Господа з небес, *хваліте Його на висотах.* Алилуя!* Алилуя! *Алилуя!

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ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! З днем народження, щиро вітаємо Марусю Гладуневич, Меланію Туржон, Сою Буряк, Максін Закордонську та всіх іменинників. Нехай Господь Бог благословить вас щастям, здоров'ям на многі і благі літа!

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МАТЕРІ В МОЛИТВІ – 2-го липня після Служби Божої о год. 11:00 ранку.

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«Сила, яка походить із вірності Христові, є стержнем, який ніхто не може зламати», – Блаженніший Святослав

Я хочу сьогодні звернутися до української молоді й запросити її скласти присягу на вірність Христові, відповісти на запитання: «Чи ви вірите, що Христос може вам учинити те, про що Його просите?». Про це

сказав Отець і Глава УГКЦ під час проповіді в Патріаршому соборі Воскресіння Христового в сьому неділю після Зіслання Святого Духа. Під час Божественної Літургії вірні відновили хресні обіти, а молодь, на заклик Блаженнішого Святослава, склала присягу на вірність Христові.

«Могутнє Боже слово, яке щойно прозвучало і яке Господь Бог промовив до нас у контексті цієї Божественної Літургії, об'являє нам Ісуса Христа, який є Богом, що приходить до свого народу. Ба більше, який є довгожданим Месією, що сповняє очікування, прагнення тисячолітньої старозавітної історії ізраїльського народу», – зазначив на початку проповіді Предстоятель.

Проповідник зауважив, що Матей, описуючи все, що Христос чинить, каже, начебто має перед собою книгу месіанських знаків, яку свого часу для ізраїльтян написав ще пророк Ісаїя. Щоби старозавітний народ міг впізнати Месію, Ісаїя описав певні Його прикмети.

За словами Глави Церкви, запитання: «Чи ви віруєте, що я вам можу це зробити?», тобто здатність спілкуватися і бачити живого та присутнього Бога, відкривається нам як зміст віри.

«Хто вірить, той бачить набагато глибше, ніж бачать тілесні очі. Хто вірить, той може зануритися своїм серцем і розумом у глибини дійсності, яка оточує людину. Хто вірить, той відчуває і бачить Бога навіть там, де інші зрячі Його не зауважують», – переконаний Отець і Глава УГКЦ.

Він наголосив, що зіцлення, про які ми чуємо у Євангелії від Матея (9, 27–35), стосуються саме здатності людини спілкуватися.

Блаженніший Святослав звернув увагу на те, що сучасна людина зранена у здатності спілкуватися, входить у глибокий, справжній людський стосунок з іншими людьми, а також із Господом Богом. Саме тому так важливо, вважає він, що Христос у сьгоднішньому Євангелії зіцлює здатність людини спілкуватися.

«Бо ці стосунки, наче невидимі сили, розкривають людину, підіймають її з самоізоляції. Подібно, як сонячне проміння дає можливість квітці розкритися, розквітнути й показати всю свою красу. Якщо цього не буде, сама по собі закрита квітка не дасть плоду і помре», – сказав Архисерей.

Тому важливо вірити в те, про що просимо.

«Просімо сьогодні, щоб Він до нас промовив життєдайні слова: "Нехай вам станеться за вашою вірою". Просімо, щоб ми пережили оздоровлення нашої життєдайної здатності спілкуватися з Богом, а тоді у світлі нашого стосунку з Ним побачимо правду, яка діється довкола нас. Тоді німого духа буде вигнано з нашого серця і ми більше не будемо боятися чути правду та свідчити про неї», – наголосив Отець і Глава УГКЦ.

Проповідник зауважив, що сьогодні німий дух по-особливому опановує людину. Щобільше, слова часто втрачають свій зміст і значення, люди бояться почути або побачити те, що їм не хочеться бачити або чути.

Як боляче інколи, зазначив Глава Церкви, чути про дискусії, які ведуться у Західній Європі про те, наскільки потрібно бути толерантними до злочинного ворога, який нападає на Україну. Нас убивають щодня, а там дискутують, скільки разів на день можна приймати душ і чи можна, щоб через економічні санкції у їхніх домівках на два градуси була нижча температура.

«Але Христос є між нами! Він – наша сила та перемога. Бо віруємо, що все те, про що сьогодні мріємо, боремося, за що вмираємо, саме завдяки нашій вірі в Бога зможемо здійснити. Віримо, що завдяки нашій вірі Христос вчинить нам те, про що кожний із нас сьогодні, зокрема в цій Божественній Літургії, хоче Його попросити».

Під час Літургії вірні відновили хресні обіти, а молодь склала присягу на вірність Христові. Подібно, пригадав Блаженніший Святослав, вона складала навесні 1933 року на заклик митрополита Андрея Шептицького. «Та сила, яка походила з тієї вірності Христові, була

стержем, якого ніхто не міг зламати: ні сталінський режим, ні його концтабори, ані лиха Другої світової війни і все повосенне непросте лихоліття, яке пережив наш народ та наша Церква», – сказав Предстоятель.

«Нехай милостивий Господь вислухає наші молитви! Нехай відкриє наші очі, розв’яже наш язик і дасть нам силу промовити на цілий світ, що за те, що сьогодні Україна живе і чим свідчить, вартує того, щоб навіть життя своє віддати», – додав на кінець Глава УГКЦ.

Пригадуємо, раніше Блаженніший Святослав закликав українську молодь скласти присягу на вірність Христові.

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THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUN. JUNE 18: 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4:00 PM – (SAT) Great Vespers.

5:00 PM – (SAT) Divine Liturgy (for Sunday); for all married couples, for their relationship and family, that the Lord may grant them blessings of guidance, strength, courage and renewal, and that they may live according to their Baptismal and Marriage Vows.

8:30 AM – Great Matins.

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for all fathers; for the repose of +Harry Rozumniak. **PARISH PICNIC AND FAREWELL TO FATHER PETER AND DOBR. DONNA BABEJ** (immediately after the Divine Liturgy, on the Cathedral Grounds).

Mon. June 19: Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord

7:00 AM – Rosary (Mysteries of Hope).

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the repose of +Peter Dackiw.

Tue. June 20: Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara

7:00 AM – Rosary (Joyful Mysteries).

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the repose of +Don Hucal.

Wed. June 21: Martyr Julian of Tarsus

7:00 AM – Face of Christ.

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the health and intentions of Larissa Hecker with Birthday Blessings.

Thurs. June 22: Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop

7:00 AM – Rosary (Luminous Mysteries).

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the health and intentions of Sam and Verna Bulych on the occasion of their 60th year Wedding Anniversary.

Fri. June 23: Martyr Agrippina

7:00 AM – Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries).

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the repose of +Don Hucal; for the health and intentions of Charlotte.

6:00 PM – Memorial Liturgy and Panakhyda for repose of +Riley Goggin.

Saturday, June 24: NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:30 AM – Rosary Prayer (Glorious Mysteries).

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; for repose of +Dennis Bernier.

10:00 AM – Devotion to our Lady of Sorrows.

4:00 PM – Great Vespers.


5:00 PM – Divine Liturgy (for Sunday); for the repose of +Don Hucal.

SUN. JUNE 25: 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF RUS'UKRAINE

8:30 AM – Great Matins.

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (Eng); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the repose of +Sister Valerie Krochenski; for the health and intentions of Fr. Terry Cherwick with Birthday Blessings. **PARTY SOCIAL IN THE CATHEDRAL AUDITORIUM – immediately after the Divine Liturgy.**

11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Ukr); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the repose of +Andriy Planchak; for the repose of +Peter Dackiw.



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