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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, October 8th, 2023

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2; Our Venerable Mother Pelagia

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.



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. (*Ps 117:14,18*)

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brothers and sisters, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.¹ It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago²—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.³ And I know such a man⁴—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.⁵ Of such a one I will

boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh⁶ was given to me, a messenger of Satan⁷ to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,⁸ for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Alleluia Verses, Tone 2

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. (*Psalm 19:2,10*)

¹ Paul had to flee from Damascus when Jewish opponents from the synagogue conspired with the city’s governor to arrest him and kill him as a troublemaker (Acts 9:23-25). This plot is dated within the reign of the Nabatean ruler King Aretas IV, who controlled the city between AD 37 and 40. This was Paul’s first experience of persecution as a Christian, only a few years after his conversion in the same city. This dramatic escape is one more example of his weakness, making him look more like a fugitive than like a hero.

² **fourteen years ago:** this corresponds approximately to AD 42, when Paul was in Antioch or Jerusalem.

³ **Third heaven:** This reflects a common Jewish tradition that the Lord stacked the “heavens” three levels high: 1) the first heaven is the atmosphere of birds and clouds; 2) above that stands the realm of the sun and stars; 3) and beyond that lies the dwelling of God. Paul’s journey took him to the highest heaven, “Paradise” (12:3), where he caught a glimpse of eternal glory.

⁴ **I know such a man:** Although his language is indirect, 12:7 makes it clear that Paul is speaking about his own experience. Paul remembers a heavenly journey that he experienced years earlier. Though he is unable to articulate the precise nature of this rapture (in body or simply in spirit), it gave him a foretaste of glory that would

encourage him through earthly trials. The NT indicates that Paul received numerous visions and revelations throughout his apostolic career.

⁵ **not lawful for a man to utter:** Paul was bound to silence by a prophetic restraint. This means he was not permitted to disclose the heavenly secrets he saw and heard, not that it was necessarily impossible to speak of them with words.

⁶ **A thorn in the flesh:** Sometimes interpreted as a sickness or physical disability, such as failing eyesight. Others connect it with the Hebrew idiom used in Num 33:55, where it denotes personal opposition or harassment. Either way, God allowed Paul to suffer so that he would maintain perspective and not take pride in his heavenly experiences. Even the heights of Paul’s mystical life were tempered with suffering and weakness.

⁷ **A messenger of Satan:** Like righteous Job, Paul endured afflictions that were permitted by God and administered by the devil.

⁸ **My grace is sufficient for you:** Paul’s petition for relief was denied, indicating that his suffering was serving a higher purpose in the plan of God. Grace was given him to endure these trials and make him rely upon the Lord. His experience shows that God gives us what we need and not always what we want.

Gospel - Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them⁹ likewise. "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.¹⁰ For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore, be merciful,¹¹ just as your Father also is merciful."

Communion Hymn

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

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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 and God’s blessings to Nicholas Shmyruk, Andrew Shmyruk, Connie Haluschak, and to all who celebrate their birthdays. May God bless you and grant you peace, health, and happiness! Many happy years!

⁹ **you also do to them:** The “Golden Rule” summarizes the moral law of the New Covenant and is a sure test to distinguish virtue from vice.

¹⁰ **sons of the Most-High:** From a Hebrew perspective, parents reproduce character traits in the children who bear their image. Jesus applies this same logic to the family of God: as the Father is forgiving and loving, even toward the unfaithful and undeserving, so his children must imitate his kindness toward all without discrimination.

¹¹ **Be merciful:** Mercy is the towering rule of Christ’s kingdom. Jesus reformulates the teaching of Lev 19:2,

REGISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP – We encourage any person who desires to become a member of our parish to call the office, (780) 422-3181, to register their name, address, and phone number. Sharing this information with the office will enable us to supply you with envelopes for the year and to contact you if there is a need. The envelope number will also facilitate be used for year-end Tax Receipt purposes.

COFFEE SOCIAL – Resuming October 15th, in the Cathedral basement. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the 9:30 AM and the 11:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgies.

UCWLC MEETING – Women’s league monthly meeting on **October 19th, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.**

PRAZNYK (Feast Day) NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023. Our Parish Feast Day, Liturgy and Banquet will take place on Sunday, November 12th, 2023. The Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with Bishop David will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in the morning, followed by the Feast Day Banquet at the Parish Hall. Before November 12th: Tickets: \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 – 6 years old, children 5 and under – free. **Tickets at the door: \$30 for adults.** Tickets can be reserved or purchased through the parish office.

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHOIR – Children and young people over the age of 5 are invited to join the children's and youth choir of the Cathedral. The next rehearsal will be on October 27 at 18:30-19:30. For more information and a complete rehearsal schedule, please contact

replacing the command to imitate God’s holiness with a command to imitate His mercy. The subtle difference between these divine attributes points to the difference between the Old Covenant and the New. The quest for holiness in ancient Israel meant that God’s people had to separate themselves from everything ungodly, unclean, and impure, including Gentiles and sinners (Lev 15:31; 20:26). Jesus gives holiness a new focus, defining it as mercy.

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FATIMA SESSIONS – WHERE IS THE PEACE THAT MARY PROMISED AT FATIMA? In preparation for our Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, we will examine the promises and requests which Mary made in 1917 and in the years following. Please join us to learn more on Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30. Next sessions will be Oct. 12th in our church basement. Booklets and tracking sheets will be provided. Our very own Ed Hecker will lead the sessions. For more information, contact Ed at: e_hecker@telus.net, or call 780-483-4707.

BIBLE STUDY – HEBREWS – Come and join us as we examine the authorship of the letter to the Hebrews as well as the theological background of the Old Testament priesthood and worship, and the connections with the visions of several prophets and St. John in the Book of Revelation. We will look at the question: “What are the key spiritual insights that help us on the way to holiness?” We will use the book and study guide :The Letter to the Hebrews (2nd Edition); Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, Hahn Ph.D, Scott. **DATES AND TIMES:** Beginning Oct 19th, every Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM and will end December 14th, 2023. **LOCATION:** St. Josaphat Cathedral Church Basement. Call Ed for further information: (780) 483-4707 or email: e_hecker@telus.net.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB – We are continuing our discussion of “Introduction to the Devout Life” by St. Francis de Sales. Time: After the 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy. Facilitator: Lauren Girard.

COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
– Volunteers are needed for the Sunday Coffee Social **on a rotational basis**. The aim is to have different groups take charge of the setting up and clean up according to a set schedule as much as possible so that the responsibility doesn't fall onto one person only. Please call Lori at 780-619-9517 if you can help.

PARISH HALL WORKBEE October 17th, 2023

Please, consider volunteering to help your church community, no baking skills required.

**Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 –
Pyrohy Making, starting at 5 PM
(supper included).**

*For more information or to volunteer,
please contact Lori at 780-619-9517.*

VERKHOVYNA SOCIETY – With St. Michael's Health Group taking over the property management of St. Josaphat's Senior Residence and other Eparchial Seniors Residences (Feb. 1, 2023), the Verkhovyna Society no longer serves as the acting Board for property management. However, we would like to keep this organization in existence, and to maintain the Casino associated with it. To do this, we will need a minimum of 30 voting members. There will be no meetings for this organization, other than an AGM, to elect an executive and to determine how Casino funds are to be distributed for cultural and community needs. If you would be willing to support the existence of this organization as a member, please submit your name, address, and contact information to josaphat@telus.net. Thank you in advance for your support!

TODAY – MOTHERS IN PRAYER (in Ukrainian) – OCT. 8TH after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy – will be happening this month on October 8th. For the next and subsequent months, Mothers in Prayer will continue every first Sunday of every month after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Here are the upcoming Sundays for the Mothers in Prayer meetings: **Today, October 8th, November 5th, and December 3rd, 2023.** *No Panakhyda allowed on the first Sunday of the month.*

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

2023 WOMEN OF DIGNITY CONFERENCE

– October 20-21, 2023. The Catholic Women’s Conference would like to invite all women, from teen to granny, single, married and mothers, to attend the Women of Dignity Conference on October 20-21 weekend at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove. You can expect a weekend filled with prayer, uplifting music, adoration, confessions, Mass, fellowship, inspiring speakers with engaging talks to help women affirm their faith in God. It is an opportunity to find meaning and purpose in life’s challenges. Invite family and friends to make this a special faith-building journey and experience! Register Online today and take advantage of the Early Bird Discount before September 30th, at midnight: www.catholicfamilyministires.com.

MEN’S CONFERENCE AND RETREAT –

OCT. 27 & 28, 2023. Join other men of faith to learn, laugh, and pray as you grow in faith. Keynote speaker: Fr. Matthew Hysell. DATES AND TIMES: Oct 27, 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM; Oct. 28, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. LOCATION: Holy Spirit Seminary, 12909 – 113 Avenue NW, Edmonton. COST: Before Oct. 1st: \$85.00 – commute; \$145.00 – Live-in. After Oct. 1st. \$95.00 – commute; \$155.00 – Live-in. Prices include Saturday breakfast, lunch and snacks. Optional Friday supper available for \$20.00. CONTACT: Bernadette Mandrusiak (780) 424-5496 or email education@edmontoneparchy.com REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Oct. 21th, 2023. Late registrations not accepted. Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/Calledtobeholy2023>. Register early, limited number of rooms available for overnight stay.

GRIEF AS A JOURNEY – is a 10-week

support group for those searching for support in their grief over the loss of a loved one. The program runs on **Tuesdays, from Sept. 26 to Nov. 28th**. Times will be determined according to the group’s preference. Location: Edmonton Eparchy Pastoral Centre, 9645-108 Avenue. Cost: \$20 to cover materials. For more information or to register: (780) 424-5496 or Bernadette.mandrusiak@eeparchy.com.

HORIZON OF HOPE: A TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC PARISHES ON PALLIATIVE CARE – *How does our faith in Christ help us to understand the human experience of dying and death?*



How does our faith in Christ help us to understand the human experience of dying and death?

You are invited to join this 4-part program **OCT. 16, 23, 30 Nov. 6, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** focusing on Catholic teaching regarding end of life care. We will share and discuss the importance of palliative care and learn

more about how we can respond to our Christian call to provide compassionate care for our loved ones at the end of life.

Parishes and church groups across Alberta will connect virtually and in person. There will be two in person centres: St. Stephen Protomartyr parish hall, 4903 – 45 St., SW, Calgary **AND** St. Josaphat’s Cathedral basement, 10825 97th Street N.W. Edmonton. **Who should attend?** Those seeking to learn about palliative care in the Catholic Church, caregivers, persons diagnosed with a terminal illness, family members who need guidance, parishioners and Pastoral Care Teams. **How to register?** <https://tinyurl.com/Eparchyhorizonofhope2023> or find the link on the Edmonton Eparchy website. If you cannot attend in person, you are welcome to join virtually. You will receive the Zoom link when you register online. Contact: socialjustice@eeparchy.com

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Livia Spilak	\$200.00	The problem with blessing same-sex relationships runs deeper than just what we call them.	
Fr. Peter and Dobr. Donna Babej	\$250.00	<i>By Todd Agliatoro</i>	
Anonymous	\$250.00	The Catholic world is atwitter this week with the news that, in July, Pope Francis responded to five <i>dubia</i> (official questions seeking clarification on matters of faith or morals) posed by several cardinals. Shortly after word of this transpired at the beginning of October, Cardinal Victor Fernandez—prefect of the Dicastery for the	
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Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) and widely presumed main author of the pope's responses—published the whole thing.

The *dubia* concerned topics familiar to anyone following debates within the Church: doctrinal change, the Synod on Synodality, women's ordination, etc. But the one regarding official Church blessings for same-sex couples (to which question the DDF just two years ago delivered a "negative" response that has since been flouted in Germany and elsewhere) is getting most of the press, with news outlets around the world teasing that a major change may be close.

After outlining Catholic teaching on marriage and confirming that only a union between a man and a woman can fulfill that definition, the response says that "the Church avoids any type of rite . . . that might contradict this conviction and suggest that something that is not marriage is recognized as marriage." It then adds that we must "discern" whether there could be a kind of blessing for same-sex couples that "does not convey a mistaken concept of marriage."

This kind of language, though perhaps perfectly fine in a vacuum, continues a trend I've been noticing in Catholic commentary on same-sex unions: an emphasis on bracketing off marriage—or even more narrowly, "the sacrament of matrimony"—from such unions, whatever else we may call them.* As if the main or even the only important thing we have to do is keep the *word* or *concept* of man-woman Christian marriage separate from same-sex couplehood.

As if to say: *There's a raging debate over homosexuality and same-sex unions? As long as we don't call them "marriages," mission accomplished.*

Why do we keep hearing variations of this line from Catholic leaders? Maybe because they find it a strategically safe place to retreat to? It keeps us on the secure home turf of religious freedom and distinctive Catholic dogma. *This is just a special thing that Catholics believe, see? Please let us keep it.*

But it's such an inadequate response, from a pastoral perspective and even the strategic perspective.

From a pastoral perspective, I think, because by refusing to come out from behind the ramparts of religious doctrine, this response fails to meet people on the front lines. It is there we face the question: do same-sex relationships of the

pseudo-conjugal kind (that is, *marriage-like* relationships: with sexual intimacy, common living, unity, fidelity, even parenting) represent morally and spiritually healthy paths to human flourishing, according to God's commandments and the natural law? Or to put it more crisply, are they *ordered to happiness*?

If they are not, if same-sex mimicry of marriage (*we just won't call it marriage*) doesn't lead to flourishing, even where it may exhibit certain laudable qualities of friendship or charity, then our main concern shouldn't be whether blessing such relationships sows confusion about marriage. Our concern should be whether those blessings *harm the people who receive them*. For, although the *dubia* response claims that the purpose of such blessings would be to ask God for help "to live better," everybody and his cat knows that their effect, both for the persons blessed and for the watching world, would be to affirm both the union and the (ultimately unhappy) lifestyle. No doubt, for some proponents of such blessings, this is the goal.

No middle ground here. Bestowing the sacramental of ritual blessing upon same-sex couples *as couples*, however much you want to nuance it, will be taken as a sign of Catholic approval of their pseudo-conjugal union, and of homosexuality itself. In no universe can we reasonably say that this is actually a form of pastoral accompaniment, part of a long-term plan to lead them *out* of that union and toward fidelity to Catholic teaching and the correct, healthy, happy ordering of their sexuality.

From the strategic perspective, retreating to the borders of "marriage" while conceding the field of same-sex blessings might buy time and temporarily make the world like us more, but longer-term, it will only encourage those who want nothing less than full surrender from the Church.

What person in a same-sex relationship would be satisfied with the half-a-loaf solution of blessings?

How cruel and schizophrenic would it seem to persons in same-sex unions to bless those unions with one hand while withholding marriage, which alone justifies sexual activity, with the other?

What outside observer with any powers of reason would not ask why, if the Church can bless (affirm as good) same-sex relationships as seemingly

marriage-like in every way, it cannot take the final step and just call them marriages?

The cognitive dissonance would be stark, people would notice, and something would have to break.

Conjugal love, which has its sole expression in marriage (CCC 2360), requires sexual complementarity. Same-sex unions aren't parallel versions of marriage (*except for the name!*) or necessary accommodations for sexual minorities who are just made differently. For natural reasons stemming from our human design and revealed reasons that stretch from Eden to Calvary, the conjugal relationship—that exclusive, intimate thing that is different from friendship, different from family ties, different from universal charity—is achievable only between one man and one woman.

With all necessary gentleness and care, our defense of traditional marriage and Christian sexuality must affirm this reality. Otherwise, we will embolden the Church's enemies and fail those who have a right to the truth with love.

*We use the expression “same-sex union” because it is commonly heard and gets close to the point. But even that word *union* falsely suggests a parallel to marriage, which, unlike same-sex couplings or any other kind of human relationship, is properly and uniquely a union. The inherent spiritual complementarity of male and female persons is symbolized by and communicated through the sexual complementarity of our bodies, which in the marital act, following the vows, expresses and seals a real, indissoluble *oneness*.

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Our Holy Mother Pelagia the Righteous

Saint Pelagia lived at Antioch in the second half of the fifth century, where she was the best-known harlot of that great city. Her devotion to dancing and unchaste pleasures made

her a great fortune that she spent entirely on adorning her body with costly raiment and voluptuous perfumes, in order to attract new

victims into her net. She had many slaves and servants who escorted her whenever, seated in a luxurious chariot, she went about the city.

One day, the Archbishop of Antioch invited Nonnus, the holy Bishop of Edessa (10 Nov.), to address some of his bishops in the Church of St Julian, for he was a man of inspired utterance, able to bring those who heard him to repentance and love of virtue. It so happened that Pelagia, with her usual retinue, passed by the doors of the church near where Nonnus was speaking. While the other bishops and pious folk averted their eyes, Nonnus looked upon the women and wept, saying to them, “Woe unto us lazy and careless people, who will have to give account at the day of Judgement for not having been as zealous and careful to please God as this poor woman has been to adorn her body for fleeting pleasure!” And he prayed fervently to the Lord for her conversion.

Pelagia was among those who listened to Nonnus as he preached on the holy Gospel at Divine Service the next day. What he said about the last Judgement and everlasting punishment struck her like a rapier thrust to the heart and awoke in her a love for the heavenly Bridegroom, which is the only true love. On her return to her palace, she wrote to the holy Bishop asking him to receive her and not to scorn her for her depravity, if he were a true disciple of Him who came to call, *not the righteous but sinners to repentance* (Matt. 9:13). Nonnus answered that if she had truly resolved to repent, she should come to church and confess her offences before the whole congregation of clergy and people. Pelagia seized the opportunity and hastened to the church, forgetful of all her pride and pomp. She threw herself at the feet of the Bishop and begged him for regeneration to eternal life in holy Baptism, lest the Devil and habit draw her back again to sinful ways. The whole city of Antioch rejoiced at the baptism of Pelagia. A nun called Romana undertook to guide her first steps in spiritual warfare and the life of repentance. And so, by prayer and the sign of the Cross, Pelagia overcame the temptations to return to her sinful life, that were not slow to make their appearance.

Some days after her baptism, she gave away all her wealth to the poor and freed her slaves. Then, free of every worldly tie and clad like a poor man in rough clothing, she departed for the Holy Land, unknown to all, to lead the ascetic life on the

Mount of Olives. She remained for many years in a little cell, struggling each day against the passions that were deeply rooted in her body, and devoting all the care she had once taken over her outward appearance to adorning her soul for everlasting life. Despite her solitary life, Pelagia's valiant spiritual struggle became well-known to the other ascetics of Palestine; they did not know, however, that she was in fact a woman. When the holy penitent gave up her soul in peace to God, all the monks thereabouts gathered to venerate her holy relics. And they gave great glory to God when a disciple of Nonnus told them the true story of Pelagia's life, for it teaches all who are engulfed in the darkness of sin not to despair, but to set out courageously on the road of repentance.

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To bear with patience wrongs done to oneself is a mark of perfection, but to bear with patience wrongs done to someone else is a mark of imperfection and even of actual sin.

— St. Thomas Aquinas

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PROLIFE REFLECTIONS

"It must be his angel" (Acts 12:15).

Reflection: God assigns an angel to watch over us at every moment of our lives.

Each unborn child has a guardian angel, too. If God cares enough about each unborn child to create that child and then assign him or her an angel, then certainly he expects us also to exercise some care and vigilance to speak up for and protect the lives of those children.

Prayer: Send your angels, O Lord, to the assistance of all who are tempted to abort, and to all who work to persuade them to choose life. Amen.

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

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СЛУЖБА БОЖА

Тропар (глас 2): Коли зійшов Ти до смерті, Життя безсмертне,* тоді ад умертвив ти блистінням

Божества.* Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти,* всі сили небесні ззивали:* Життєдавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 2): Воскрес еси 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.

І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Богородичний (глас 2): В молитвах невсипущу Богородицю* і в заступництвах незамінне уповання* гріб і умертвіння не втримали.* Бо як Матір Життя до життя переставив той,* хто вселився в утробу приснодівственну.

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: (2 Кр. 11,31-12,9):

Браття і Сестри, Знає Бог і Отець Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, а Він благословенний навіки, що я не говорю неправди. У Дамаску намісник царя Арети стеріг місто Дамаск, щоб схопити мене, але по мурі мене спущено в коші віконцем, і я з рук його втік! Не корисно хвалитись мені, бо я прийду до видінь і об'явлень Господніх. Я знаю чоловіка в Христі, що він чотирнадцять років тому чи в тілі, не знаю, чи без тіла, не знаю, знає Бог був узятий до третього неба. І чоловіка я знаю такого, чи в тілі, чи без тіла, не знаю, знає Бог, що до раю був узятий, і чув він слова невимовні, що не можна людині їх висловити. Отаким похвалюся, а собою хвалитись не буду, хіба тільки своїми немочами. Бо коли я захочу хвалитись, то безумний не буду, бо правду казатиму; але стримуюсь я, щоб про мене хто більш не подумав, ніж бачить у мені або чує від мене. А щоб я через пребагато об'явлень не величався, то дано мені в тіло колючку, посланця сатани, щоб бив в обличчя мене, щоб я не величався. Про нього три рази благав я Господа, щоб він відступився від мене. І сказав Він мені: Досить тобі Моєї благодаті, бо сила Моя здійснюється в

немочі. Отож, краще я буду хвалитись своїми немочами, щоб сила ристова вселилася в мене.

Алилуя (глас 1):

Стих: Бог богів, Господь мовив, і призвав землю від сходу сонця до заходу (Пс 49,1).

Стих: Зберіть Йому преподобних Його, що заповідують завіт Його в жертвах (Пс 49,5).

Євангеліє: (Лк. 6,31-36):

Сказав Господь: бажаєте, щоб вам люди чинили, так само чиніть їм і ви. А коли любите тих, хто любить вас, яка вам за те ласка? Люблять бо й грішники тих, хто їх любить. І коли добре чините тим, хто добро чинить вам, яка вам за те ласка? Бо те саме і грішники роблять. А коли позичаєте тим, що й від них сподіваєтесь взяти, яка вам за те ласка? Позичають бо й грішники грішникам, щоб одержати стільки ж. Тож любіть своїх ворогів, робіть добро, позичайте, не ждучи нічого назад, і ваша за це нагорода великою буде, і синами Всевишнього станете ви, добрий бо Він до невдячних і злих! Будьте ж милосердні, як і Отець ваш милосердний!

Причасний:

Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1). Алилуя (х3).

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

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ПРАЗНИК 12 ЛИСТОПАДА 2023 РОКУ.

Парафіяльне свято, Літургія та бенкет відбудуться у неділю, 12 листопада 2023 року. О 10:00 ранку буде відслужена Архиерейська Божественна Літургія з владикою Давидом, після чого відбудеться бенкет у парафіяльній залі. **До 12 листопада**

ПАРАФІЯЛЬНИЙ ЗАЛ WORKBEE

17 жовтня 2023 року

Будь ласка, подумайте про те, щоб стати волонтером, щоб допомогти вашій церковній громаді, навички випічки не потрібні. **Вівторок, 17 жовтня 2023 р. – Виготовлення пирогов, початок о 17:00 (вечеря включена).** Щоб отримати додаткову інформацію або стати волонтером, будь ласка, зв'яжіться з Лорі за номером 780-619-9517.

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СЬОГОДНІ – МАТЕРІ В МОЛИТВІ (укр.)

– ЖОВТ. 8 ЧИСЛО після 11:00 Божественної Літургії – відбудеться цього місяця 8 жовтня. Наступного та наступних місяців «Матері в молитві» триватимуть кожної першої неділі кожного місяця після Божественної Літургії об 11:00. Ось наступні неділі для зустрічей «Матері в молитві»: сьогодні, 8 жовтня, 5 листопада та 3 грудня 2023 р. Панахида не дозволяється в першу неділю місяця.

«Хліб наш насущний» означає самого Ісуса Христа, який подає нам Себе в Таїнстві Євхаристії», – Блаженніший Святослав

Важливо щодня приступати до Святого Причастя, його шукати, ним жити. Отці Церкви говорили, що коли ми споживаємо цей наш хліб, щоденний, насущний, небесний, тоді з

нами відбувається дуже цікава річ, яка дещо відрізняє правила духовного життя від правил земного, фізичного життя. Ми перетворюємося на Того, кого споживаємо. Про це сказав Блаженніший Святослав у суботній катехизі про молитву «Отче наш», в якій пояснив зміст прохання про хліб насущний.

У катехизі Глава Церкви пояснив, про який хліб іде мова у фразі «Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні», чому його нам так потрібно, і чому потребуємо його сьогодні.

Предстоятель поділився думкою святого Кипріяна з Карфагену про певну подібність між словами «Отче наш», які стоять на початку, і «хліб наш», які розташовані немовби в центрі цієї молитви. І ця подібність, виявляється, не випадкова.

На його переконання, у словах «хліб наш», як і в «Отче наш», йдеться про щось дуже глибоке в наших стосунках з Богом.

«Прохаємо не про хліб земний, не про той, який потрібен нам для фізичного життя, розвитку і здоров'я. У молитві кажемо про хліб "насущний"», – підкреслив Блаженніший Святослав і пояснив, що вислів «хліб наш насущний» насамперед вказує на хліб небесний. Він означає самого Ісуса Христа, який подає нам Себе на поживу у вигляді хліба і вина в Таїнстві Євхаристії.

Цей хліб небесний, на думку Глави УГКЦ, має бути нашим щоденним хлібом. Адже без споживання цього небесного хліба немає духовного життя, яким би людина могла перемогти свою смерть, свої гріхи, – немає життя вічного.

У катехизі Блаженніший Святослав пригадав власне глибоке усвідомлення змісту цього прохання, коли, ще як єпископ в Аргентині, представляв душпастиря для громади, яка не мала священника впродовж сорока років.

«Один із представників цієї громади, заможний чоловік, сказав до мене такі слова: "Владико, дякую, що тепер ми будемо мати щодня наш небесний хліб – Таїнство Євхаристії. Нам так його бракувало. Бо на земний хліб ми собі самі заробимо, здобудемо його людськими зусиллями, а хліба небесного нам може дати лише Бог, лише Христос, лише Отець силою і діянням Святого Духа через служіння Христового священника"», – розповів Предстоятель.

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THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUN. October 8: 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; Mother Pelagia

4:00 PM (SAT) – Great Vespers.

5:00 PM (SAT) – Divine Liturgy (for Sun); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for repose of +Mykhaylo (Mike) Boyko.

8:00 AM – Great Matins.

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (Eng); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for repose of +Don Hucal.

11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Ukr); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the health and intentions of Anna Grendowicz with Birthday Blessings; for the repose of +Mykhaylo (Mike) Boyko.

COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER EACH DIVINE LITURGY.

Mon. October 9: Apostle James Alphaeus

HAPPY THANKSGIVING ! 🙏 †

7:00 AM – Rosary (Mysteries of Hope).

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the repose of +Bill, +Ann and +Sophia Palichuk.

Tues. October 10: Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia

7:00 AM – Rosary (Joyful Mysteries).

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the health and intentions of Marika Maksymiw.

Wed. October 11: Apostle Philip, Deacon; Ven. Theophan

7:00 AM – Face of Christ.

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the health and salvation of Ivone Shewchuk with Birthday Blessings.

Thurs. October 12: Mrts. Probus, Tarachus, Andronicus; Ven. Cosmas; Martin, Bishop of Tours

7:00 AM – Rosary (Luminous Mysteries).

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

Fri. October 13: Martyrs Carpus, Palilus, Agathonicus

7:00 AM – Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries).

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

Sat. October 14: Ven. Mother Paraskevia; Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protasius, & Celcus

8:30 AM – Rosary (Glorious Mysteries).

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the repose of +Don Hucal.

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

4:00 PM (SAT) – Great Vespers.

5:00 PM (SAT) – Divine Liturgy (for Sun); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the repose of +Bill, +Ann and +Sophia Palichuk.

SUN. October 15: FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; Euthymius the Younger

8:00 AM – Great Matins.

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (Eng); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the repose of +John and +Mary Berezanski.

11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Ukr); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the repose of +Ella Kathleen Trann; for the health and intentions of Anna Grendowicz with Birthday Blessings.

5:00 PM: Perogy Making at the Parish Hall

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