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FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. In the 9th Century, a group of individuals with their own brand of theology, viewed praying before icons and statues, the same as worshipping foreign Gods. The Holy Church like the caring mother that she is, condemned this heresy, and restored to us the veneration of the Holy Icons.

Icons are not optional devotional extras, but an integral part of Christian faith and devotion. They are held to be a necessary consequence of Christian faith in the incarnation of the Word of God, in Jesus Christ. They have a sacramental character, making present to the believer the person or event depicted on them. So the interior of the churches of the byzantine rite is often covered with icons painted on walls and domed roofs, and there is always an icon screen, or iconostasis, separating the sanctuary from the nave, often with several rows of icons.

Icons are venerated by burning lamps and candles in front of them, by the use of incense and by kissing. But there is a clear doctrinal distinction between the veneration paid to icons and the worship due to God. The former is not only relative, it is in fact paid to the person represented by the icon. This distinction safeguards the veneration of icons from any charge of idolatry.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP ARE IN OUR PARISH HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is served.

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion, Tone 2: We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,* and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:* by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

Troparion, Tone 4: From your childhood you befriended wisdom,* O God-inspired Cyril.* Behold her as a pure virgin all radiant* you took her as a brie for yourself,* and as with beads of gold* she adorned your mind and soul.* O blessed Cyril,* like your namesake of Alexandria* we have found you wise in name and truth.

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

Kontakion, Tone 2: With teaching that was sound and divinely inspired* you enlightened the world as with luminous rays.* Flashing like lightning and surrounding the world* you scattered the radiant word of God* in the west, the north, and the southern lands,* bringing light to the world with your wonders, O blessed Cyril.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,* He suffused it with the beauty of God.* Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word,* we portray it in images.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us. (Daniel 3:26,27)

A Reading of the Epistle to the Hebrews (11:24-26,32-40; 12:1-2): Brothers and Sisters, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that

Згідно Типікону в цей день служиться літургія св. Василя Великого.

Тропар (глас 5): Рівнобезначальне з Отцем і Духом Слово,* що від Діви народилося на спасіння наше,* прославмо, вірні, і поклонімся,* бо Воно благозволило тілом зійти на хрест* і смерть перетерпіти, і воскресити померлих* славним воскресінням Своім.

Тропар (глас 2): Пречистому образу твоєму поклоняємося, благий,* просячи прощення прогрішень наших. Христе Боже,* бо волею благоволив еси плоттю зійти на хрест,* щоб ізбавити тих, що їх створив еси, від неволі ворожої.* Тому благодарствено кличемо тобі:* Ти радістю сповнив усе,* Спасе наш, прийшовши спасти світ.

Тропар (глас 4): Від пелен ти старанно премудрість сестрою собі вчинив, богонатхненний, побачивши пресвітлу, як діву чисту, яку ти прийняв і привів, і нею, наче намистом золотим, свою душу і ум прикрасив; ти показав себе, як другий Кирило, блаженний, розумом і іменем мудрий.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 2): Твердим і богонатхненим ученням просвічуєш світ, як пресвітлими зорями; обійшов ти, як блискавка, вселенну, Кириле блаженний, розсіваючи пресвітле боже слово, на заході, і півночі, і півдні світ просвіщаючи чудесами.

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

Кондак (глас 8): Неописанне Слово Отче* із тебе, Богородице, воплощенням описалося* і, осквернений образ у давнє зобразивши,* з божественною добротою з'єднало,* та, ісповідуючи спасення,* ділом і словом ми це являємо.

Прокімен (глас 4): Благословен еси, Господи, Боже отців наших,* і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я твоє на віки (Дан 3,26).

Стих: Бо праведний еси в усьому, що сотворив ти нам (Дан 3,27).

До Євреїв послання читання (11,24-26. 32-40. 12,1-2): Браття і Сестри, вірою Мойсей, коли був виріс, відрікся зватися сином дочки фараона; волів радше страждати разом з людом Божим, ніж дознавати дочасної гріховної втіхи, бо, дивлячись на нагороду, вважав за більше багатство наругу вибраного народу від скарбів Єгипту. І що ще скажу?

Часу не вистане мені, коли заходжуся розповідати про Гедеона, про Варака, про Самсона, про Єфту, про Давида й Самуїла та пророків, що вірою підбили царства, чинили справедливість, обітниць осягнули, загородили пащі левам, силу вогню гасили, вістря меча уникали, ставали сильні, будши недолугі, на війні проявили мужність, наскоки чужинців відбивали. Жінки діставали назад своїх померлих, які воскресали. Інші загинули в муках, відкинувши визволення, щоб осягнути ліпше воскресіння. Інші наруг і бичів зазнали та ще й кайданів і в'язниці; їх каменовано, розрізувано пилою, брано на допити; вони вмирили, мечем забиті; тинялися в овечих та козячих шкурах, збідовані, гноблені, кривджені; вони, яких світ був невартий, блукали пустинями, горами, печерами та земними вертепами. І всі вони, дарма що мали добре засвідчення вірою, не одержали

they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia, Tone 4:

verse: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.
verse: They called on the Lord, and He heard them. (Psalm 98:6)

Gospel: John 1:43-51: At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Instead of It is truly... In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous. (Psalm 32:1) The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.*Alleluia (x3).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

✻ **GREAT FAST 2016 – Великий Піст – began on Monday, FEBRUARY 08.** Originally, this "Black Fast" was kept for the entire 40 day of Lent. Our Holy Mother Church has since lessened our load by applying this strict fast to just the First and Last day of Lent (Good Friday). Outside of the regular meatless Friday we should also try to keep Wednesday meatless, increase our almsgiving and works of charity, as well increase the amount of time we spend in prayer.

✻ **SOROKOUSTY** for the deceased of individual family members will be celebrated every Friday during Great Lent at 10:00 am. Arrange to have the deceased members of your family remembered during these Services.

✻ **DIVINE LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS** - Normally during Lent, we do not celebrate a regular Divine Liturgy during the weekdays. This is due to the penitential nature of

обіцяного, бо Бог зберіг нам щось краще, щоб вони не без нас осягли досконалість.

Тому і ми, маючи навколо себе таку велику хмару свідків, відкиньмо всякий тягар і гріх, що так легко обмотує, і біжимо витривало до змагання, що призначене нам, вдивляючися пильно в Ісуса, засновника й завершителя віри, який, замість радості, що перед ним була, витерпів хрест, на сором не звертаючи уваги, і який возсів праворуч Божого престолу.

Алилуя (глас 4):

Стих: Мойсей і Арон між ереями його і Самуїл між тими, що призивають ім'я його.
Стих: Призивали Господа і він вислухав їх (Пс 98,6).

Євангеліє (Ів 1,43-51): У той час вирішив Ісус піти в Галилею; і знайшовши Филипа, мовив до нього: «Іди за мною.» А був Филип з Витсаїди, з міста Андрієвого та Петрового. Зустрів Филип Натанаїла і сказав до нього: «Ми знайшли того, про кого Мойсей у законі писав і пророки, – Ісуса Йосифового сина, з Назарету.» Натанаїл же йому на те: «А що доброго може бути з Назарету?» Мовив до нього Филип: «Прийди та подивися.» Побачивши Ісус, що Натанаїл надходив до нього, сказав про нього: «Ось справжній ізраїльтянин, що нема в ньому лукавства.» Натанаїл же йому: «Звідкіль знаєш мене?» Сказав Ісус, промовивши до нього: «Перше, ніж Филип закликав тебе, бачив я тебе, як був еси під смоковницею.» Відповів же йому Натанаїл: «Учителю, ти – Син Божий, ти – цар Ізраїлів.» Ісус відказав, мовивши до нього: «Тому, що я повідав тобі: Бачив я тебе під смоковницею, – то й віриш! Бачитимеш більше, ніж те.» І сказав до нього: «Істинно, істинно кажу вам: Побачите небеса відкриті, й ангелів Божих, як висходять та сходять на Сина Чоловічого.»

Замість Достойно: Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освящений храме і раю словесний, дівственна похвало, що із неї Бог воплотився і младенцем став – перед віками суцільний Бог наш. Лоно бо твоє престолом сотворив і утробу твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, слава тобі.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1). * Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі,* правим належить похвала (Пс 32,1). В пам'ять вічну буде праведник, злих слухів не убоїться (Пс 111,6-7). Алилуя (x3).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent, versus the joyous Easter nature of our regular Divine Liturgy. To get around this, our Church, many centuries ago, instituted the Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts - a combination of Vespers (evening Prayers) combined with Holy Communion, with Bread that had been consecrated at the previous Sunday Divine Liturgy. In our parish we celebrate this service on each Wednesday and Friday.

✻ **ANNUAL PARISH GENERAL MEETING** will take place on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21TH, 2016.** The meeting will follow the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. **On that Sunday we will celebrate only one Divine Liturgy (Bilingual). PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING**

✻ **SUNDAYS DONATION:** January 31st, 2016 - \$ 685

✻ **UCWLC MEMBERSHIP FEES** are now due. Please pay \$20 to Helen Uchaz.

✿ **PEROXY BEE** – will take place on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH** starting at 9:00 a.m. Please, plan to come and help our Ladies.

Your help is also needed on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH** to peel and mash potatoes.

✿ **LENTEN PROJECT: FOOD BANK COLLECTION.** - Along with fasting and prayer, almsgiving is another way that we can practice our Lenten good works. This year we will be collecting non-parishable goods to be donated to Surrey food bank. Please bring your non-parishable goods and drop them off at the back of the church.

✿ **CHRISTMAS CANDLE PROJECT.** On behalf of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster and myself, we would like to thank all who took part in our global fundraising program for "Caritas-Ukraine" in Lviv, entitled: "Christmas Candle" or "Різдвяна свічка". Because of all your generous donations, we were able to raise **\$2,386** all of which will be sent to help needy, disadvantaged, disabled and orphaned children in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. Thank You and God Bless. Dana Koren Lupynis. For more information, please contact Dana Koren Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com.

Від імені Української Католицької Епархії Нью Вестмінстера і особисто від себе, щиро дякуємо всім тим, що взяли участь в нашій програмі для організації "Карітас-Україна" у Львові під назвою "Різдвяна Свічка". Завдяки Вашим щедрим внескам ми зібрали **\$2,386**, які будуть відіслані для потребуючих дітей та сиріт в місті Івано-Франківську, Україна. Щиро Вам дякуємо і нехай Бог благословить Вас. Дана Корень Лупиніс. За додатковою інформацією просимо звертатися до Дани Корень Лупиніс nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com.

✿ **SPECIAL PETITION DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY:** We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop's initiatives and programmes, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.

✿ **REMINDER FOR FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.** If you or family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the rectory to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to him by the hospital.

✿ **TAX RECEIPT:** To ensure that you receive a tax receipt for your church donations please make sure your name or envelope number is put with your donation.

✿ **PLEASE REMEMBER** the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: JANETTE OUCHARECK, JOE AND SYLVIA OSTROWERCHA, LANCE DE SILVA, HENRY MARTIN, MARY SHEMLEY, MIKE HAWKEN, VICTORIA HITCHIN, MARY LITWIN, PATRICIA and ERNEST PYLYPOW, STELLA SYRNYK, STELLA ANDRUSIAK, ADELIN AND KATRUSIA SWERYDA and those who have asked us pray for them. Let us also remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine, those throughout the world in our prayers and those who are celebrating birthdays in the month of February!

✿ **CONGRATULATION.** May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in Many Happy

and Blessed Years of Life to everyone who celebrated his/her Birthday. Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

✿ **BEQUESTS AND WILLS:** Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 13753 108 Ave, Surrey, BC., the sum of \$_ (or _% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and its pastoral activities."

✿ **OLGC PRESCHOOL BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE** For kids 2 ½ to 12 years old at 10504 139th Street, Surrey. For more info, call Lenny at 604.581.3225

LENTEN MISSION

All are welcome for our Four-Parish Lower Mainland Lenten Mission with Right Reverend Lawrence George Stephen Gosselin.

Father Lawrence is a priest of the Melkite Greek-Catholic Eparchy of Newton in the United States and a hieromonk. He is a retired military chaplain and presently serves as the chaplain to the Romanian Greek-Catholic nuns of Holy Theophany Monastery in Olympia, Washington.

SCHEDULE

Monday, February 15th, at the Dormition of the Mother of God parish, Richmond.

6:00pm - 6:30pm: Time for Confessions

6:30pm - 7:00pm: Vespers Service

7:00pm - 1st Session (Followed by refreshments)

Tuesday, February 16th, at the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish, Vancouver.

6:00pm - 6:30pm: Time for Confessions

6:30pm - 7:00pm: Akathist to the Sufferings of Jesus Christ

7:00pm - 2nd Session (Followed by refreshments)

Wednesday, February 17th, at the Exaltation of the Holy Cross parish, Surrey.

6:00pm - 7:00pm: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts (Confession during the Service)

7:00pm - 3rd Session (Followed by refreshments)

Thursday, February 18th, at the Holy Eucharist Cathedral, New Westminster.

6:00pm - 6:30pm: Time for Confessions

6:30pm - 7:00pm: Service of the 9th Hour

7:00pm - 4th Session (Followed by refreshments)

Times of extended retreat give us a chance to come home to ourselves in God's presence and to bring the realities of our life to God in utter privacy. This is important for us and for those we serve.... On retreat we rest in God and wait on him to do what is needed. Eventually we return to the battle with fresh energy and keener insight.

(Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership)



Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster

To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy, Religious
and Lay-Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster

20 January 2016

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This more than a year ago our Eparchy held a special meeting – our Eparchial Sobor. Our Eparchial delegates examined how we can best live the spirit of the pastoral letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav titled “The Vibrant Parish – a place to encounter the Living Christ”. Later on, delegates from all of our Eparchies in the world (including our own) gathered in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine to hold our world-wide Sobor. At both our Eparchial Sobor and the world-wide Sobor the six elements of the pastoral letter were discussed. One of the elements of the Vibrant Parish is of course “diakonia” or put in another way, service to others. In this letter about the Vibrant Parish His Beatitude reminds all of us about the Christian act of charity and to be in solidarity with those in need. He wrote that ...

“...an important element, which expresses the inner nature of the Church and reveals the vibrancy of a parish is diakonia, which means serving in love or performing “charitable activity.” This service to our neighbor flows from our rootedness in Christ. Active love of neighbor is the vocation and task of each Christian without exception. It is only faith, acting in love, which leads us to salvation (see Gal. 5:6). Faith without works is dead (see James 2:26). “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Mat. 25:40), – says the Lord Jesus.

On December 8th, last year, His Holiness Pope Francis proclaimed a special year of Jubilee for the world – a Year of Mercy. He has encouraged each bishop, each parish priest and every lay-faithful to take this Jubilee Year of Mercy and find ways that we can express in real concrete ways God’s mercy, and that certainly means showing mercy to others.

Each year our Eparchy along with all the other Ukrainian Catholic Eparchies in North America receives requests from our Church in Ukraine for financial assistance for very worthy causes and endeavors in Ukraine. As has been our Eparchial custom for the last few years, during the Great Fast/Lent we take time to remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine who are in need and through our donations we show that we stand in solidarity with them.

In St. John’s 1st Letter, he reminds the early Christian church that if anyone has the world’s goods and sees their brother or sister in need yet closes their heart against them, how does God’s love abide in them?

While there are no doubt many worthy causes to donate our funds to in Ukraine, our Eparchy has identified the following beneficiaries for our donations:

- **Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv** This is the only Ukrainian Catholic University in Ukraine. It is pivotal to the future needs of the leaders of Ukrainian society. Today more than ever, we need to support a free and honest educational endeavourer in Ukraine and certainly, the Ukrainian Catholic University is worthy of our support.
- **Caritas Ukraine** Caritas Ukraine continues to be the main charities organization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine providing social care to the needy of Ukraine in the area of humanitarian aid, clothing distribution, street children’s assistance programs, HIV & AIDS programs, anti-trafficking in people programs, emergency aid, home-care programs and much more. Since the Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine and the invasion of Ukraine’s Eastern territories almost two million people have been internally displaced. Caritas Ukraine along with partner organizations is attempting to meet the challenges this has brought to Ukrainian society by providing housing, meals, and rehabilitation to these families.
- **Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv** The building project is on going and the interior artwork has begun. This Cathedral is meant to be not just for our Ukrainian Catholics in Kyiv, but indeed the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for all of us.
- **Andrew’s Pence** The Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, our Patriarch has many requests for financial support from our Ukrainian Catholic communities of faithful in the poorest areas of Eastern Europe and in the East, in places like Kazakhstan, Siberia, etc. These communities are often located in areas where the local or national governments are not at all supportive. They rely heavily on assistance from their sisters and brothers in the other areas where our Church faithful live, like right here in British Columbia. Our donations to Andrew’s Pence assist the Patriarch in providing financial support for these far away and often desolate communities.
- **Synod Administration Fund** Each Eparchy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout our world is asked to assist in the administrative and operational costs of the Synodal Offices in Kyiv. As members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church our Eparchy is assessed a sum of around \$10,000 annually. Your contributions will assist us in our Synodal Administrative Fund assessment.

In order to assist you in deciding to how much you are able to donate to these worthy causes I have let you know something about them and what your donations will help with. The envelopes provided allow you to indicate the amount as well as to which fund(s) you would like your donation to be given to.

If you would like to receive a tax receipt for your donation, please make the cheque payable to your own parish (ie: Holy Eucharist Cathedral, or St. Nicholas Parish) and a tax receipt will be issued to you directly from your parish. Your parish treasurer will then send a cheque made out to the Eparchy of New Westminster for the total amount collected and indicate the amounts and to whom the collected amount is to be given to. The Eparchy will then add together

the amounts collected from each parish and to whom/which organization the donation is to be given to.

I completely endorse and recommend to you dear Sisters and Brothers that the organizations listed above in this letter. They are truly worthy causes and those in charge will use wisely our donations. Along with your donations, I would ask for your prayerful support of those who work in the service of our Church in Ukraine, bringing the Good News of Our Lord's love and salvation to them. So, Dearly Beloved in Christ, if you can find it in your heart and bank accounts to make a donation, please do so. May the blessing of Our Lord be upon you for your generousities.

I am designating the Sundays of February 21th and 28th of the Great Fast (Lent) for our Eparchial Collection in favour of the needs of our Church in Ukraine. I would ask that this letter along with special envelopes be distributed to our Faithful in our parish bulletins on Sundays February 7th and 14th so that they may prepare themselves for the donation. If for good reason they will be absent from the Divine Liturgy on February 21th and 28th they can make their contribution either prior to the general collection date or by the end of the Great Fast (Lent).

I would like to ask that our parishes provide the funds collected noting the amounts for the various projects be sent to our office no later than Monday 25 April so that we can send these funds to the appropriate organizations by the first week of May of this year.

I am uniting my prayers with those of yours in our journey through the Great Fast (Lent) to the joyful celebration of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection on Easter Sunday!

**Sincerely yours in the Lord,
+Ken
Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster**

NEWS

HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV: "WHAT SEA OUR SPIRITUALITY IS SIMILAR TO: "LIVELY" SEA OF GALILEE OR DEAD SEA?"

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Stressed in his homily the Head and Father of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, on 31st of January in Vakulenchuk village, Zhytomyr region.

Speaking his mind on, the Head of the Church added that God is a source of terrestrial and eternal prosperity: "Only He is a way of salvation. So let us ask ourselves today: why do I pray, visit Church, what is the motivation of my piety?"

As it was mentioned by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, often, in our county in particular, people want to use God as an instrument for satisfying their own needs. Such kind of attitude turns to be a peculiar "religious magic".

He gave an example of such religiosity. There two seas on the Holy Land. The Sea of Galilee on South which is "lively" because water from Jordan flows into and water goes out of it, simultaneously. Exactly on this sea shore Jesus Christ has called his disciples and his apostles were fish-men on this sea, too. There is also another sea, where Jordan flows into. This sea soaks water without giving it out – Dead Sea. There is no live creature in it. For it takes everything in and gives nothing in turn.

Then how our personal spiritual life looks like? Do I share the prosperities once received from God? What sea we are similar to, "lively" sea of Galilee or Dead sea? The more we serve out, the more we receive.

We can compare it to such a thing: the longer and better a teacher teaches at school, the better he understands a subject he delivers. The better master is sharing his talents with others, the more he multiplies them and develops his skills. The more we give out, the more we become able to get.

"Now we are going through not only political difficulties but material extremity as well. So let us have a look: what is a power of our people today that help us to stand out? Solidarity. For these two years we have learned to share everything what we are, what we can, know and have. The whole world is surprised with our people, knowing we are getting poor every day, however we support our army. Volunteer work gets a new breath every single time. The answer is: the more we share with our sufferers and needy, the more we can get, the more blessed we become and more God's gifts our people obtain", summed up His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

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OUR TRADITION

DIVINE LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

The Divine Liturgy being the banquet of Christ is a festive, joyous, and triumphant celebration. The ancient discipline of the Byzantine Rite did not permit such celebration during the season of Great Fast (Lent), this being the time of penance and mourning for sin. The Church, knowing that Christ is our greatest strength and support during our earthly pilgrimage, allows us to celebrate a communion service on certain days of the Great Fast. This service, called the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts is not a true Divine Liturgy because it contains no consecration of bread and wine into Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Communion that we receive at a Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts is the specie of consecrated bread only. Unconsecrated wine is added for reasons of taste and facility in swallowing the Holy Communion. This special service, a combination of Vespers and communion ritual, is traditionally celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays of the six weeks of Great Fast, and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. Its authorship is sometimes attributed to St Gregory Dialogos who prior to becoming Pope of Rome (St Gregory the Great) served in Constantinople as a papal envoy. It is more probable that St Gregory merely recorded this ancient Liturgy from oral tradition and on his return to Rome introduced it to the Western Church.

PRAYER FOR THE VIBRANT PARISH

O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth, and The Life - and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen!

HOLY MYSTERIES (SACRAMENTS)

CONFESSION:	on Sundays and Holy Days: 30 min before Liturgy other days, by appointment
HOLY COMMUNION:	for the sick, by appointment, any time
BAPTISM:	by appointment
MARRIAGES:	by appointment
FUNERALS:	by appointment

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 21

MON. FEB 15	1st LENTEN SESSION IN RICHMOND	
TUE. FEB 16	09:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	2nd LENTEN SESSION IN VANCOUVER	
WED. FEB 17	06:00 PM	LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS followed by 3rd LENTEN SESSION
THR. FEB 18	09:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	4th LENTEN SESSION IN NEW WESTMINSTER	
FRI. FEB 19	09:30 AM	SOROKOUSTY
	06:30 PM	LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS
SUN. FEB 21	09:30 AM	ROSERY (ENG)
	10:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY

Big thanks to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness, time, generous donations, look after and support our parish.
May God bless you and your dear ones always!

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