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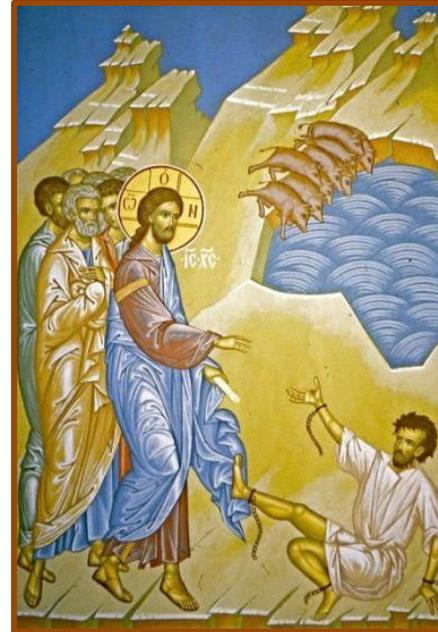
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23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saint Nikolai Velimirovic, survivor of the Nazi Camp, wrote the following comments on today Gospel reading, "Let us not be in a hurry to condemn these Gergesene's love for their swine before we consider the society of our day, and count up all our swine-loving fellow-townfolk, who would, just like the Gergesenes, have more concern for their pigs than the lives of their neighbors. Just think how few there are today, even among those who cross themselves and confess Christ with their tongues, who would not quickly make up their minds to kill two men if this would give them two thousand pigs. Or think if there are many among you who would sacrifice two thousand pigs to save the lives of two madmen. Let those who condemn the Gergesenes before first condemning themselves be filled with deep shame.

Were the Gergesenes to rise up today from their graves, and begin to count, they would arrive at a vast number of the like-minded in Christian Europe! They at least begged Christ to leave them, while the peoples of Europe drive Him out. And why? In order to be left alone with their pigs and their masters, the demons."

A good question for all of us – would we sacrifice a fortune to save a crazy man? What price do we put on a human soul? We who advocate the sanctity of life – do we believe each human soul is worth so much that we would feel good if we lost our fortune and income but a human was saved? Is it worth spending money to keep an inmate alive rather than executing them?

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

Troparion, Tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

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

Kontakion, Tone 6: With His life-giving hand* Christ our God, the Giver of life,* raised all the dead from the murky abyss* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.* He is for all the Saviour,* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 6: Undaunted patroness of Christians,* O steadfast intermediary with the Creator,* turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,* but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith.* Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead,* for you are ever the patroness of those who honour you, O Mother of God.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6 Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.
verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (Psalm 27:9, 1)

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 Brothers and Sisters, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Alleluia, Tone 6

verse: He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.

verse: He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and

Тропар (глас 6): Ангельські сили на гробі Твоїм* і сторожі омертвіли;* Марія ж стояла при гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого.* Полонив Ти ад і, не переможений від нього,* зустрів Ти Діву, даруючи життя.* Воскреслий з мертвих, Господи, слава Тобі!

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 6): Животворною рукою Життєдавець, Христос Бог,* воскресив з темних безодень всіх померлих* і подав воскресіння людському родові.* Він бо усіх Спаситель,* воскресіння, життя і Бог усіх.

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

Кондак (глас 6): Заступнице християн бездоганна,* Посереднице до Творця незамінна,* не погорди молінням грішних,* але випередь, як Блага, з поміччю нам, що вірно Тобі співаємо.* Поспішиє на молитву і скоро прийди на моління,* заступаючи повсякчас, Богородице, тих, що Тебе почитають.

Прокімен (глас 6): Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх* і благослови спадкоємство Твоє (Пс 27,9).
Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене (Пс 27,1).

Апостол: (Еф 2,4-10): Браття і Сестри, Бог, багатий милосердям, з-за великої своєї любови, якою полюбив нас, мертвих нашими гріхами, оживив нас разом із Христом – благодаттю ви спасені! – І разом з ним воскресив нас, і разом посадовив на небі у Христі Ісусі; щоб у наступних віках він міг показати надзвичайне багатство своєї благодаті у своїй доброті до нас у Христі Ісусі. Бо ви спасені благодаттю через віру. І це не від нас: воно дар Божий. Воно не від діл, щоб ніхто не міг хвалитися. Бо ми його створіння, створені у Христі Ісусі для добрих діл, які Бог уже наперед був приготував, щоб ми їх чинили.

Алилуя (глас 6):

Стих: Хто живе під охороною Всевишнього, під покровом Бога небесного оселиться.

Стих: Скаже він Господеві: Ти заступник мій і пристановище моє, Бог мій, на котрого я надіюся (Пс 90,2).

Євангеліє: (Лк 8,26-39): У той час прийшов Ісус у край Геразинський, що проти Галилеї. Як Ісус вийшов на берег, трапився йому назустріч один чоловік з міста, що мав бісів. Він з давнього часу вже не носив одежі й мешкав не в хаті, а по гробах. Побачивши Ісуса, закричав, припав йому до ніг і сказав голосом сильним: “Що мені й тобі, Ісусе, сину Бога Всевишнього? Благаю тебе, не муч мене!” Бо він велів нечистому духові вийти з чоловіка. Дух той часто хапав чоловіка, і його тоді в’язали кайданами та ланцюгами й стерегли, та він трощив окуви, і демон гонив його по пустинях. Ісус же спитав його: “Як тобі на ім’я?” “Леґіон!” – відповів той, багато бо бісів увійшло в нього. І вони благали його, щоб він не велів їм іти в безодню. А було там велике стадо свиней, що паслося на горі. І демони просили його, щоб він дозволив їм увійти в них. І він дозволив їм. Вийшли ті демони з

the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia. (3x)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

☼ **WARM WELCOME.** The parish community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross welcomes Most Rev. Bishop Ken (Nowakowski), deacon Gleb Pistruga and his family in our Parish. We thank you that on this day you are with us and you pray with us.

☼ **ROSARY SUNDAY WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.** To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus Supreme council has announced a new church activity, the 5th Sunday Rosary Program. The Knights, their families and other parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary every time a 5th Sunday occurs during a month. In our parish we will host the Rosary Sunday Program **on October 30, 2016**. All are invited to stay after the Divine Liturgy and pray the Rosary with the Knights

☼ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will take place on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th** at 6:30p.m.

☼ **SUNDAYS DONATION:** October 16th, 2016 - \$694.50

☼ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING** – will take place on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 08th**, at the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

☼ **PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER** – will be held at the parish hall on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**. More information is coming.

☼ **HOLY CROSS PARISH OPERATING NEEDS:** Due to numerous requests, these are the basic (minimum) operating needs & obligations of Holy Cross Parish. (\$60,000 - year, \$5,000 - month or \$1,150 - week). A breakdown is: Fathers salary & Cathedraticum; Balance is operating costs such as House Taxes, Utilities-church & residence, Upkeep (Repairs & Maintenance, ground-church & residence), Security and Janitorial service.

Food Bank Donations



Non-perishables

☼ **FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** we are collecting non-perishable food as Christmas charity gifts. Please give generously and place your items in the box located at the church entrance.

☼ **PRAYER REQUEST: PLEASE REMEMBER** the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: EMIL & JANET OUCHARECK, LANCE DE SILVA, MARY SHEMLEY, HENRY MARTIN, OLIVE NOSATY, MIKE HAWKEN, VICTORIA HITCHIN, ADELINE SWERYDA, TILLY & PETER ARABSKI, ANNA KINDRAT, RICHARD MICHAEL and those who have asked us pray for them.

чоловіка, увійшли в свиней, і кинулося стадо з кручі в озеро та й потонуло. Побачивши, що сталося, пастихи кинулись урозтіч і розповіли про це в місті та по селах. І вийшли люди подивитися, що сталося. Вони прибули до Ісуса й знайшли, що чоловік, з якого вийшли біси, сидів при ногах Ісуса, зодягнений та при умі – і злякались. Наочні свідки їм розповіли, як вилікувався біснுவатий. Тоді все населення Геразинської округи почало його просити, щоб відійшов від них, бо великий страх огорнув їх. І він увійшов до човна й повернувся. А чоловік, з якого вийшли біси, просив Ісуса, щоб бути з ним, але він відпустив його, кажучи: "Вернися додому й розкажи все те, що Бог зробив тобі." Пішов той, сповіщаючи по всьому місті, що Ісус зробив йому.

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ORDINATION!

On Wednesday October 26 at 4:30 pm Bishop Ken will be ordaining Deacon Gleb Pistruga to the priesthood during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster. Deacon Gleb is a member of our Eparchial clergy and is serving our country as a chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces. Once ordained to the priesthood Fr. Gleb will continue to serve as a chaplain in our Armed Forces. There will be an ordination reception to follow the ordination in the Cathedral basement hall. Those who would like to attend the reception after the ordination are welcome for a price of \$15.00 per person, (*children and youth under 15 need a ticket free of charge just to allow us to prepare enough food*). The deadline for reception tickets is 19 October. For tickets contact Fr. Stepan Dovhoshyia at (604) 518-1873 or dovhoshiastepan@gmail.com Let us continue to pray for Deacon Gleb and his family as he prepares for his ordination.



☼ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others. Contact Fr. Andrii for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference

☼ **REMINDER** for families of individuals who are admitted to hospital - If you or a 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

☼ **THE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY SOCIETY** of Ivan Franko is hosting a genealogy seminar with Radomir Bilash from Edmonton on Saturday, November 5 from 1 to 5 pm. More details on the poster. Contact for more information: phone: 604-295-0693 e-mail inquiries: books@ivanfranko.ca; website: www.ivanfranko.ca

✿ **FAITHFUL GIVING** Remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays. When traveling, working or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy. Please remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your “make-up” donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be generous!

✿ **PLEASE VIEW.** Dear Friends, please view the youtube video about the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv, Ukraine. It is in Ukrainian with English subtitles. If you have not already purchased a ticket to our Vancouver Friends of UCU Gala Fundraiser on Friday 11 November at the Sutton Place Hotel please see the second link to purchase your ticket. If you are already planning to attend the Gala or perhaps are unable to attend, please be so kind as to share this email and links with your friends and family members who might be interested in attending.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IdY7tsrMOE&feature=youtu.be

<http://nweparchy.ca/project/fundraising-gala-for-ukrainian-catholic-university/>

✿ **BEQUEATHS AND WILLS:** Leaving a bequeath 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. In your kindness please remember Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequeath and will. If anyone wishes to make such a bequeath in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Exaltation of the Holy Cross - 13753 108th Avenue, Surrey BC, V3T 2K6, the sum of \$_____ (or ____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."

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NEWS

7 September 2016



**Glory to Jesus Christ!
Dear Friends,**

The Vancouver Friends of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) and the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation (UCEF) is hosting a special fundraising gala for UCU on 11 November in Vancouver. I fully support this initiative and would also ask you to support it.

Ticket information is in the attachment. Please note that there are ten places at each table. Perhaps you could consider purchasing a full table for yourself and inviting friends to join you.

The theological and philosophical faculty of the UCU has papal accreditation. The history, IT, humanities, journalism and business programs are among the best in the country. UCU and its various faculties are open to students of all religious denominations and confessions in Ukraine and internationally. The seminarians (more than two hundred of them) at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Lviv, Ukraine receive their academic formation from UCU free of charge. In fact a good number of the clergy of our Eparchy have received their academic formation from UCU!

Today UCU is not only a flagship of reform in higher education but is an acknowledged leader in the transformation of Ukrainian society. The university is setting the highest academic standards while being in the forefront of social responsibility. Most of the students come from humble economic backgrounds and can dream of a world class education only with our help.

I cannot emphasize enough how important this educational institution is for the future of Ukraine. Local resources are sharply limited during this time of war and foreign invasion. This means that it is vital for us in the west where education is valued and esteemed to support UCU.

For more information about Ukrainian Catholic University please visit the English language website: <http://ucu.edu.ua/eng/>

Sponsoring this event is the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation. Donations to UCU can be made directly to UCEF, which will issue you a charitable donation income tax receipt: <http://ucef.ca/new-generation-for-a-new-ukraine-2/>

What you can expect during the evening gala...

* Silent auction * A great meal

* Dynamic guest speakers, featuring award winning CTV journalist Mr. Victor Malarek

* Meeting representatives of the UCU community

Looking forward to seeing you on 11 November!

**Sincerely yours in the Lord,
+Ken (Nowakowski)**

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.”

-St. Francis

A NEW GENERATION for A NEW UKRAINE

Vancouver Friends of Ukrainian Catholic University invite you to a

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In support of

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Friday, November 11th, 2016

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*Canadian Award Winning Journalist & Author
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NEWS

DIVERSITY IS NOT A DANGER, BUT A TREASURE FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH, EUROPEAN EASTERN RITE CATHOLIC BISHOPS

With a heartfelt appeal to the international community for an end to the conflict in Ukraine and a reminder about persecuted Christians especially in the Middle East, the Patriarch of Lisbon, Cardinal Manuel Clemente, this afternoon in the Portuguese capital opened the meeting of the Bishops of the Catholic Eastern Rite Churches in Europe, Council of European Bishops' Conferences informs

In the Rua dos Jerónimos parish church hall, in the presence of a large delegation of bishops from Ukraine, led by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Patriarch Clemente recalled the forgotten conflict in the Doneck region, inviting the international community to “take this conflict seriously” so that “private interests do not gain the upper hand over the good of peoples and peace”. Turning then to the other bishops gathered in the Portuguese capital – more than 50 bishops from 14 Catholic Eastern Rite Churches, and representatives of the Bishops' Conferences of Germany, Italy and France – the Patriarch of Lisbon wanted to draw attention to the persecuted Churches. “Today, if your Churches are able to enjoy the fruits of re-discovered freedom, we also have the duty to remember the Churches which today are still persecuted, especially in the Middle East. So allow me to testify to the closeness of the whole of the Portuguese episcopate to the Churches in the Middle East: we do not forget you. Your martyrdom hangs over us! May the Consoler ensure you feel His presence”.

Focusing then on the theme of the meeting The pastoral care of Eastern Rite Catholic migrants in Western countries, the Portuguese Patriarch recalled how the phenomenon of the migration of thousands of Christian faithful which accompanied the fall of the Iron Curtain contributed not just to a better awareness of the ‘Catholicity’ of the Church but also to renewing it: “if years ago you were unknown by the majority of Portuguese, today your countries and your Churches have become for us names, real people, work colleagues, neighbours. This is the other side of migration. ... now we don't know you just as something heard about, but because we have seen and known you, because we have eaten, celebrated and cried with you. This experience of sharing life allows us to say with joy that your people and your Churches are a gift for all of us”.

For his part, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, the Vatican body in charge of care for these Churches, wanted to highlight the motive and significance of this meeting, being held so close to the famous Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, where in 2007 “today's Europe was founded” through the Lisbon Treaty. “We are here as Eastern Rite Catholic Churches in Europe because we, too, have at heart the future and identity of this continent, and we want to walk together with the Bishops of the Latin Church in order to manifest the communion and beauty of all being part of the Universal Church, which gathers to itself a variety of expressions and traditions”. In the face the phenomenon of migration which has profoundly touched the Eastern Rite Churches, too, Cardinal Sandri underlined how “the European, the Italian, Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Polish, Hungarian [person] ... has been a migrant. We must be mindful of this from an ecclesial point of view, too”. The Cardinal Prefect recognised that “at times we were unprepared”, and the background to the migrants is not well-known “and so forms of minimalist reductionism are applied”, such as, for example, Mass

in the Arabic language but according to the Latin 6 Rite and without taking into account the different ecclesial origins where “Arabic is the largely the language of daily life, but not the instrument of ecclesial recognition and adherence”.

The opening session then concluded with greetings from His Beatitude the Greek Melkite Patriarch Gregorios III Laham of Antioch and His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych. The Greek Melkite Patriarch recalled how Christians in Syria are experiencing a long via crucis which has led to a “tsunami of emigrants”, with the consequent drastic reduction in the number of Christians in the country. But alongside the many sufferings experienced by the Syrians, the Greek Melkite Patriarch showed how this time of trial is also marked by a great diaconia (charitable service) among the Christians themselves, by a better and more intense relationship between the people and the church hierarchy, and by an ecumenism of life which overcomes ecclesial divisions. For his part, the Ukrainian Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk stated that he saw in this “encounter-pilgrimage” an opportunity to reflect on “how to be fathers and pastors for our migrants who live in other European nations”. The leader of the Greek-Catholic Church in Ukraine also underlined the positive value of this unique migration. The faithful of the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches in Western countries are not just objects of pastoral care, but true and proper “agents of the new evangelisation”. Thanking the Patriarch of Lisbon for the appeal to end the conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Schevchuk presented him with an icon of Our Lady of Fatima, conceived and painted precisely in the Donetsk region.

In the evening, the participants transferred to Fatima, where the remainder of the meeting will take place. This morning, at the beginning of the works, Cardinal Antonio Maria Vegliò, for some years President of the Vatican dicastery for the care of migrants, sent a message in which he underlined how “Catholics belonging to the different Eastern Rite Catholic Churches, while being a minority, represent an important, even an essential sign of the catholicity of the Church. Alongside the Latin faithful, they are in nuce the other lung of Christianity”. For the Italian Cardinal, who for years has met with refugees and migrants, “diversity is not a danger, but an undeniable treasure for the Universal Church”. Therefore it is necessary to “find the courage” to live “harmony in multiplicity or diversity”, especially in the countries historically characterised by the presence of one Rite. Finally, the Italian Cardinal recalled how the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches, even though in part different in themselves in their liturgy, ecclesiastical discipline and spiritual patrimony, nevertheless are all in the same way entrusted to the pastoral governance of the Roman Pontiff. So it falls to the Pope “who has the divine mandate of directing the choir” to do so in such a way that “there are no false notes and the symphony of truth and charity is thus guaranteed”.

The first meeting took place in 1997 in the diocese of Hajdúdorog (Hungary) and was promoted by Cardinal Achille Silvestrini, then Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, who wanted to create a space where the bishops of those churches, which had been particularly damaged by atheistic regimes, “may find with ever greater clarity their role in today’s Europe and be loved and respected for their history of loyalty to the Church and to the Pope, paid at a dear price” (From Cardinal Achille Silvestrini’s Introduction to the Acta of the first meeting).

Source: RISU and www.ugcc.org.ua

HURRICANE RELIEF FOR HAITI: Jesuits are already working in some of the communities most affected by Hurricane Matthew. Jesuits will respond initially with emergency relief such as food, hygiene & construction kits; & then during the early recovery phase to repair & rebuild schools, & support affected communities & families to recover their livelihoods, especially in the agricultural sector. Canadian Jesuits International coordinates its emergency assistance through the Xavier Network: a network of Jesuit organizations that cooperate to provide humanitarian & reconstruction assistance in the aftermath of major emergencies. This allows us to maximize the impact of contributions from Canadians & also to ensure that we fund projects that have been identified at the local level. You can read more about our response to Hurricane Matthew & how to contribute on our website:

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BASIC GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

1. *You are a member of the Catholic Church*
(Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Communion);
2. *You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;*
3. *You attend Divine Services regularly;*
4. *Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;*
5. *You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy. (water and medicine does not break the fast).*
6. *You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.*
7. *To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.*

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

YEAR OF MERCY COLUMN

If after almost a year of reading, discussing, meditating and praying about mercy we are still unconvinced, Pope Francis has laid it out in blunt terms, and his message bears repeating: “If God has forgiven me, why shouldn’t I forgive others? Am I greater than God?”

The Pope goes on to underscore the fact that “judging and condemning one’s brother who sins is wrong.” Because, he explains, “to condemn the sinner breaks the bond of fraternity with him and ignores the mercy of God, who does not want to give up on any of his children.”

During a General Audience in last month, Francis focused on a reading from Luke (6:36-38), where Jesus instructs his disciples to stop judging others and be merciful, as God is.

The motto for the Year of Mercy, “Merciful Like the Father,” comes from this admonition.

Also, by showing mercy to others, God will return that measure of mercy after our death. “It is we ourselves who decide how we will be judged,” the Pope said.

Our prayer for today: *Father, we pray that we may grow to be a reflection of you, full of love, compassion and mercy.*

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: six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made
FUNERALS: by appointment

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 24, 2016- OCTOBER 30, 2016

TUE.	OCT 25	09:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
WED.	OCT 26	09:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
THR.	OCT 27	09:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
FRI.	OCT 28	09:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
		06:00 PM	LECTIO DIVINA & MOLEBEN
SAT.	OCT 29	NO SERVICE	
SUN.	OCT 30	09:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY (ENG)
		10:10 AM	ROSARY (ENG)
		11:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY (UKR)

**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!**

VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

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