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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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13th Sunday after Pentecost Слава Icycy Христу! Welcome to our Parish Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії August 27, 2023

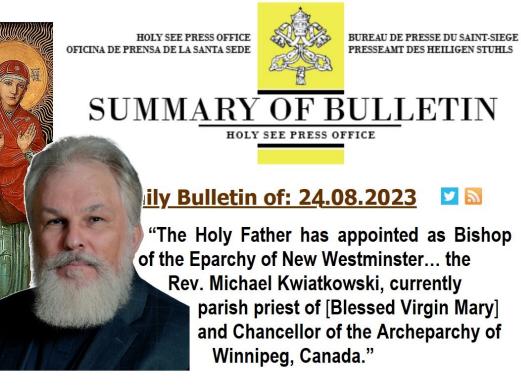
13-а НЕДІЛЯ по ЗІСЛАННІ св. Духа

СЛАВА ICYCY ХРИСТУ! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you will have heard, I have been appointed to serve as the Bishop of our Eparchy of New Westminster on the west coast. This came as an unexpected decision and announcement that obviously will mean significant changes to my life and also changes to our life here at Blessed Virgin Mary.

I want to thank those who have communicated their



greetings and best wishes. But I certainly want to humbly ask everyone to please offer a prayer for me at this time, and to consider making a commitment to add me to the list of those for whom you pray daily. I have no doubt that there will be new challenges ahead and new and different tasks and responsibilities. I pray that, by the grace of our loving Lord obtained through the prayers of many, I will serve faithfully and boldly.

I am actually comforted by the thought that it is here at BVM that I first began pastoral ministry as a newly ordained priest, and it is from this parish again that I will begin a different phase of pastoral ministry in the Church. Since my priestly ordination among my various experiences over the years, I certainly learned much here at Blessed Virgin Mary, from both the clergy and you, the parishioners. When I leave this parish a couple of months from now, I will be leaving with only fond memories and gratitude for the people I've met and with whom I have had the pleasure to collaborate with and to journey with on our path of living the Gospel and seeking salvation.

However, that is still a bit down the road. For now, we want to keep moving forward as a parish. We continue to edge away from the Covid-19 months and into a brighter more active parish life. We are about to begin a new parish year in our second century. God grant us the farsightedness and zeal and love for each other that we need to keep BVM moving and, especially, growing to meet the pastoral needs of all our parishioners in this changing and challenging world. This is doable! How do we know? Because the Lord is with us and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is our patron and she will watch over us and intercede for us in each and every one of our needs.

- Fr. Michael

(The picture above is one of the pictures taken for our centenary parish photo directory.)

Parish News & Events:

1. THIS TUESDAY is the feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Please come to Divine Liturgy at 8 AM, and EAT NO MEAT that day, giving honour to this great Prophet!

2. Next weekend is the long weekend. ONLY ONE DIVINE LITURGY on Sunday at 10 AM. Please keep a close eye on the bulletin as this may be for the next few Sundays at least.

The coming Sunday is also the first of the month. Please come to make your monthly confession this **Sunday before Divine Liturgy.** Religious priests and sisters were encouraged in the past to go to confession weekly, or at least twice a month. Laity were encouraged to go monthly. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us at Blessed Virgin Mary could recognize anew the immense value of our parents' and grandparents' bringing Our Lord a "bouquet" of First Sunday confessions? We are the Marian parish in our Archeparchy, and we give special honour to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Nothing makes her happier than to see us turning to her Son -- in Confession and then in Holy Communion -- and growing ever closer to Him!

3. Father will be away in Rome from the end of this week until Sept.16th. **There will be NO DIVINE LITURGY in our parish, except on Sundays, until he returns.** He will be saying the Divine Liturgies you have requested (we will still include them in the bulletins), BUT if you would rather have your Divine Liturgy rescheduled for later, so that you can be present, <u>please let the office know before he leaves</u>.

5. Our parish **Praznyk** -- Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God ("Pokrova") will be on **Sunday, Oct. 1.** Please plan to bring your whole family for the 10 AM Divine Liturgy and to the parish dinner immediately following. We will need an army of volunteers the night before to set up -- please set aside that weekend FOR YOUR BELOVED PARISH!





God bless all who came out to Cooks Creek last weekend for our annual Archeparchial Pilgrimage in honour of Our Blessed Mother.

6. \$300 bursaries available! The Canon Luhovy Assembly Ukrainian Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that eight bursaries of \$300 each are available to Ukrainian Catholic **students**, **seminarians and religious sisters** of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg who attend post-secondary institutions, seminaries and private Catholic secondary schools. Pick up an application form in our parish office here at BVM, and if





Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish, and be in touch with them when you can (cards, short telephone conversations, visits).

"Lord God, please be present to all the ill, infirm and elderly of our parish. You love each and every one...." <u>River East Care Home:</u> Edward Holowich <u>Maples Care Home</u>: Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik <u>Beacon Hill</u>: Helen Naherny <u>Riverview</u>: Helen Dolski <u>Holy Family Home</u>: Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko

Donations from <u>August 20, 2023</u>:

Sunday collection: **\$802.00** (21 env.) Church Needs **\$ --**Candles: **\$ 86.50** Vichna Lyampa. **\$ --** Ukraine: **\$20**

Seminary **\$-**



Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!



TREASURE HUNT

Tim went to a friend's birthday party. One of the games was a treasure hunt in the garden. Each child was given an envelope containing the first clue. Tim's message said, "Look in the tool shed." Searching in the tool shed, he found another message under a flower pot: "Try red." The only red he could see in the garden was some geraniums, so he ran over to inspect them. Sure enough, among them he found a third message: "Apples are the best!" He quickly looked around, and noticed an apple tree away off in the corner. He examined it carefully, and found the tiniest note tied to one of its branches: "Three steps to the south." The three steps brought him to the garden wall, where he gleefully noticed a hole in one of the bricks. He poked his finger tentatively into the hole... and found the treasure: a whole silver dollar!

When he got home, he happily told his mother all about the game. She listened with a smile, and then said, "I hope you thanked Mrs. Smith for the silver dollar."

Little Tim stared at her in astonishment.

"I thanked her for the party. But not for the silver dollar... because I found it myself."

"Silly boy! Mrs. Smith invited you to Johnny's party, and organized everything. She is the one who put the silver dollar in the wall for you, and arranged all the clues for you!"

Tim just stared at his mother, letting it all sink in. Then he said, matter-of-factly:

"So she did. Well then, next time I see her, I shall thank her for everything!"

<u>Application</u>: You are enjoying the most wonderful "treasure hunt" right now! The many beautiful things you see in nature: flowers, fields, rivers, skies, mountains.... These are all clues which lead you to find God. You say, "How wonderful must the person be who made all these things!" God made all things, that through them you might find the Treasure -- which is Himself! Let us thank Him daily for what we see before us! *by Father L. Lovasik*

Блаженніший Святослав молився за Україну такими словами:

Отче Вседержителю, Господи Сину єдинородний Ісусе Христе і Святий Духу! Єдине Божество та єдина Сило! Стоїмо сьогодні соборно перед Твоїм обличчям і дякуємо Тобі за дар свободи, незалежності, за дар держави для нашого вільного народу. Отче, благаємо Тебе: збережи наш народ, благослови Україну, пошли Твоїх ангелів світла на допомогу й підтримку нашому воїнству, вчини наших воїнів воїнами миру, життя і свободи!

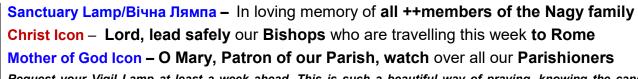
Господи, просимо Тебе: визволи полонених — всіх, хто перебуває у російському полоні, на окупованих територіях, зціли поранених, віднайди зниклих безвісти. Господи, поверни додому всіх розпорошених і розсіяних зі своєї Батьківщини цією війною!

Мати Божа, Нерушима Стіно, Київська Оранто, покривай своїм покровом наше правління, військове командування, воїнство, наш народ! Пресвята Богородице, виблагай у нашого Небесного Отця, Твого Сина і Духа Святого дар справедливого миру для нашої багатостраждальної Батьківщини! Амінь.



Sched	lule of Services August 27-September 3,	2023
8:00	th Sunday after Pentecost a.m Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) - for all our parishioners 0 a.m Divine Liturgy (bilingual) Blessings for Fr. Volodymyr anniversary of his	⁻ Bashutskyy on
Mon., August 28 St. Augustine 2 Corinthians 12:10-19 Mark 4:10-23	6:30 a.m Holy Rosary 7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Birthday blessings for Sr. Nicodema and Barbara Kutcher by friends	a, SSMI
Tues., August 29 Beheading of John Baptist Acts 13:25-32 Mark 6:14-30	7:20 a.m 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary t 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Birthday blessings for Barbara K by her Prayer Partner	Kutcher
Wed., August 30 St. Alexander 2 Corinthians 13:3-13 Mark 4:35-41	7:20 a.m 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy… For ++Helen, Sofia, Volodymyr	й Ала
	7:20 a.m 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary вvм 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For +Jean Krisko by sister Anna Pollock	Liturgical Calendar Cycle
Fri., September 1 New Ecclesiastical Year! 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 4:16-22	4:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For success of the Synod of the UGCC Bishops in Rome	
Sat., September 2 Martyr Mannas 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 23:1-12	NO Divine Liturgy Today's Intention: For health of, and birthday blessings for, Dmytro Sikora by Kuto	cher family
Sun., September 3	14th Sunday after Pentecost14-а Неділя по Зіс.NO 8 AM Divine Liturgy10:00 a.m Divine Liturgy (bilingual) For all parishion	

VIGIL LAMPS for the week of August 27th:



Request your Vigil Lamp at least a week ahead. This is such a beautiful way of praying, knowing the candle burns for a week for your intention. \$10 each; your preference of lamp will be accommodated whenever possible.



September 1 is the beginning of the new Church Year!

Remember, too, that this is the day our Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine will begin celebrating all fixed feasts (the ones that always occur on the same day of the year - eg. Christmas Dec. 25, Pokrova Oct. 1) -- on the Gregorian calendar. No more celebrating a feastday two weeks later, on the "old calendar". (The exceptions, for now, will still include Easter) Here is a summary of the reasoning of <u>His Beatitude Sviatoslav</u> in a recent Pastoral Epistle he gave:

"...We believe that the calendar reform will facilitate the unity of the faithful of our Church in Ukraine and abroad ... Thanks to the temporary preservation of the old Paschal calendar, at least for our needs in Ukraine, we will be able to continue to experience the Holy Easter and the liturgical rhythms related to it simultaneously with our Orthodox brothers," the message says.

As the Primate states in his message, calendar discussions intensified in Ukraine in the XVI-XVII centuries. In the early twentieth century, the transition process to the Gregorian calendar began in a few communities of our Church abroad, but in Ukraine, it was halted for various reasons. And in recent years, the debate has resumed. It has become apparent that the Julian calendar has lost its role as an indicator of our identity and a preventative measure of assimilation. Instead, it constitutes an obstacle and a problem in this area.

"To preserve the identity of Kyivan Christianity in the modern world, its theological and liturgical, spiritual and canonical traditions, we need their true and comprehensive renewal and revitalization, not imitation and stagnation," emphasizes His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

For this purpose, the document states that the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC in Ukraine decided in February 2023 to introduce a calendar reform on September 1, 2023. "Here, is the right historic moment for our liturgical conversion, for the modernization of our preaching and the regeneration of life through faith in the Gospel of Christ through the liturgical dimension of our church life," the document says. *The UGCC Department for Information ugcc.ca*

The following Divine Liturgies will be celebrated by Father Michael privately in Rome on the following dates. THERE WILL BE NO DIVINE LITURGY in our church those days, except for Sunday, of course. If you requested a Liturgy below but would prefer that Father waits until he's back to celebrate it, please phone the office and let us know: 204-582-7535.

Date	Intention	Requested by		
Sat., Sept. 2	Birthday blessings and health for Dmytro Sikora	Kutcher family		
Mon, Sept. 4	on, Sept. 4 Blessings for Helen Schentag			
Tues, Sept. 5	For health & blessings for Phyllis Keryluk	Barbara Kutcher		
Wed., Sept. 6	For health of Matthew Bakan Curtis Shupenia			
Thurs., Sept. 7	For Dorothy Labay & family Issigonis family			
Fri., Sept. 8	ept. 8 For Julia (birthday blessings) and her family			
Sat., Sept. 9	For the +poor souls in Purgatory	Dmytro Sikora		
Mon., Sept. 11	For Michael Bachynsky & family	friend		
Tues., Sept. 12	., Sept. 12 For ++Anna & Maria Kozlowski, Kristen, Rosemarie & husband Dominique & their daughter Donna			
Wed., Sept. 13	For the Cortens family	Issigonis family		
Thurs., Sept. 14	For +Anthony Fedoruk	son Myron		
Fri., Sept. 15	, Sept. 15 For health of son Eddie Turczyn			
Sat., Sept. 16	For the El Shaddai Prayer Group	friends		
Mon, Sept.18	For all deceased members of the Nagy family	Anon.		



Puzzle Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Family #2

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Estimated number of refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe and Asia since February 2022 as of July 11, 2023, by selected country.

Country	# of				
	refugees				
Russia	1,275,315				
Germany	1,076,680				
Poland	999,690				
Czechia	352,315				
United Kingdom	206,700				
Spain	185,120				
Italy	183,685				
Bulgaria	162,935				
Romania	137,760				
Moldova	113,110				
Slovakia	104,290				
Austria	100,175				
Netherlands	94,415				
Ireland	88,435				
Belgium	71,730				
France	70,570				
Switzerland	65,435				
	56,995				
Portugal Sweden	-				
	56,165				
Finland	55,600				
Hungary	52,335				
Estonia	48,590				
Norway	48,280				
Lithuania	48,160				
Turkey	44,955				
Denmark	41,305				
Latvia	38,145				
Belarus	27,675				
Georgia	24,180				
Greece	23,780				
Croatia	22,660				
Cyprus	18,680				
North Macedonia	10,725				
Slovenia	9,865				
Montenegro	7,420				
Luxembourg	5,890				
Azerbaijan	4,770				
Serbia and Kosovo	4,530				
Albania	3,800				
Iceland	3,010				
Malta	2,185				
Armenia	600				
Liechtenstein	470				
Bosnia and Herze- govina	180				

remains the parish community, which has the task of sensitizing its members to the plight of refugees, exhorting them to wel-come as Jesus taught: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). It should not view the new arrivals as a threat to its cultural identity and well-being, but as an incentive to walk together with these new brothers and sisters who are themselves rich in particular gifts, in an ever-new process of forming a people capable of celebrating its unity in diversity. Benevolence, respect, trust and sharing are practical expressions of a culture of solidarity and hospitality. The Christian community must overcome fear and suspicion toward refugees, and be able to see in them the Savior's face. (excerpt from "REFUGEES: A CHALLENGE TO SOLIDARI-TY", The Vatican presentation in conjunction with the 2016 United Nations Summit on Refugees and Migrants.)

Our Brothers and Sisters who Fled Ukraine: Some Statistics to Ponder (and Pray Over!)

(What are the possible meanings of this number?)

Canada overall: As of yesterday, 173,527 Ukrainians have come to Canada through the special visa program. That's about 20 per cent of the 860,000 emergency visas granted, from almost 1.2 million applications, according to the government's website. By province, it's not so clear -- there is much movement, uncertainty... and the numbers are not so precise, nor easily available online.

Manitoba: >24,000 Ontario: ? Quebec: ? Saskatchewan: >4000 Alberta: 26,000 British Columbia: >22,000 Newfoundland: 3000 Nova Scotia: >2500 Prince Edward Island: >200 Yukon: 20 arrived in July 2022 Nunavut: ?



Pray for Ukraine!

THE LOVE OF THE CHURCH FOR REFUGEES

The concern of the Church for all refugees

25. The tragedy of refugees is "a wound which typifies and reveals the imbalance and conflicts of the modern world."(16) It shows a divided world that is far from that ideal according to which "if one member suffers, all suffer together" (I Co 12:26). The Church offers her love and assistance to all refugees without distinction as to religion or race, respecting in each of them the inalienable dignity of the human person created in the image of God (cf. Gn 1:27).

Christians, strong in the certainty of their faith, must demonstrate that by placing the dignity of the human person with all his or her needs in first place, the obstacles created by injustice will begin to fall. They are aware that God, who walked with the refugees of the Exodus in search of a land free of any slavery is still walking with today's refugees in order to accomplish his loving plan together with them.

The task of the local Church

26. The responsibility to offer refugees hospitality, solidarity and assistance lies first of all with the local Church. She is called on to incarnate the demands of the Gospel, reaching out without distinction towards these people in their moment of need and solitude. Her task takes on various forms: personal contact; defense of the rights of individuals and groups; the denunciation of the injustices that are at the root of this evil; action for the adoption of laws that will guarantee their effective protection; education against xenophobia; the creations of groups of volunteers and of emergency funds; pastoral care. She also seeks to instil in refugees a respectful behavior and an openness towards the host country.

In expressing the concern of the universal Church, each local Church must be able to depend on the charitable activity of other ecclesial communities, especially those with greater resources. When refugees are present in large numbers, the Church will step up its cooperation with all interested social agencies and with the competent authorities.

The parish

27. The first place for the Church's attention to refugees