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HOLY MYSTERIES

CONFESSION:

30 min before the Divine Liturgy *or* by appointment

HOLY COMMUNION:

for the sick, by appointment, any time

BAPTISM: by appointment

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

FUNERAL: by appointment

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Today we hear the story of the man who brings his son (an epileptic) to the Lord Jesus Christ for healing. The man, a devout and caring father, comes and falls on his knees before the Lord and he cries out with a familiar cry "Lord, have mercy!" This is the proper way to worry about our children and loved ones, not with fruitless anxieties, but with heartfelt prayer to God with the cry "Lord have mercy!" Often people who come to our Church for the first time are guite amazed at the number of times they will hear us pray "Lord have mercy" at every service and especially at the Divine Liturgy. This is no accident but a purposeful habit that the Church, our mother, is trying to form within us.

This prayer is not simply to be said with our mouths, but with our hearts. It is not to be said only on Sundays during the Divine Liturgy, but every day and if possible, every waking moment of the day. This prayer found in passages such as this one, is foundational for our understanding of the Jesus prayer. This prayer is often spoken of by the early fathers of the Church as simply "the prayer." The full Jesus prayer is said as follows "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, the sinner." Often this will be shortened to "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me." An even shorter form is simply what we are already saying here every day "Lord have mercy."

This prayer needs to be foundational in our lives. We build a life of prayer upon these words which are short, sweet and go directly to the point. The repetition of the Jesus prayer allows us to fulfill the teaching of St. Paul who tells us to "pray without ceasing." This prayer makes it easier for us to pray at other times and to keep a warm connection with God as we go through our day.

Troparion (Tone 1): Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Savior, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life;* Glory to your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of Mankind.

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

Kontakion (Tone 1): You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raised the world.* All humanity acclaims You as God,* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy.* "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 1: When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his 'Rejoice!'* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the Holy Ark.* As the just David said,* you have become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.* Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!* Glory to Him Who came forth from you!* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

Prokimenon (Tone 1): Let Your mercy, O Lord,* be upon us,* as we have hoped in You. *verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1).

A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16): Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

Alleluia (Tone 1):

verse: God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

verse: Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Gospel: (Matthew 17:14-23).

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

BASIC GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

- 1. You are a member of the Catholic Church;
- 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;

Тропар (глас 1): Хоч запечатали камінь юдеї* і воїни стерегли пречисте тіло Твоє,* воскрес Ти, Спасе, на третій день,* даруючи життя світові.* Тому сили небесні взивали до Тебе, Життєдавче:* Слава воскресінню Твоєму, Христе,* слава царству Твоєму,* слава провидінню Твоєму,* єдиний Чоловіколюбче!

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак *(глас 1):* Воскрес Ти у славі як Бог із гробу* і світ із Собою воскресив;* людське єство Тебе, як Бога, оспівує* і смерть щезла.* Адам же ликує, Владико,* і Єва нині, з узів визволившись, радіє, взиваючи:* Ти, Христе, Той, Хто всім подає воскресіння.

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

Богородичний (глас 1): Коли Гавриїл звістив Тобі, Діво: Радуйся!* то з цим голосом прийняв тіло Владика в Тобі, святім кивоті,* як мовив праведний Давид,* і Ти зявилася просторішою небес, носивши Творця Свого.* Слава Тому, що поселився в Тобі!* Слава Тому, що вийшов із Тебе!* Слава Тому, що визволив нас народженням Твоїм.

Прокімен *(глас 1)*: Милість Твоя, Господи, хай буде над нами,* бо ми надіялись на Тебе. *Стих*: Радуйтеся, праведні, в Господі, правим належить похвала (Пс 32,1).

До Коринтян послання Св. Апостола Павла читання: (1Кр 4,9-16): Браття, Бог поставив нас, апостолів, останніми, немов призначених на страту; ми бо стали видовищем і світові, й ангелам, і людям. Ми нерозумні Христа ради, ви ж у Христі розумні; ми немічні, ви ж – міцні; ви славні, ми ж без чести. До сього часу ми голодуємо і спраглі і нагі; нас б'ють, і ми скитаємось. Ми трудимося, працюючи власними руками; нас ображають, а ми благословляємо; нас гонять, а ми терпимо; нас ганьблять, а ми з любов'ю відзиваємося; ми мов те сміття світу стали, покидьки всіх аж досі. Не щоб осоромити вас я це пишу, але щоб як дітей моїх улюблених навести на розум. Бо хоч би ви мали тисячі учителів у Христі, та батьків не багато; бо я вас породив через Євангелію в Христі Ісусі. Отож благаю вас: Будьте моїми послідовниками.

Алилуя (глас 1):

Стих: Бог, що дає відплату мені, і покорив народи мені.

Стих: Ти, що звеличуєш спасіння царя, і даєш милість помазаннику Своєму Давидові і родові його повіки (Пс 18,51).

Євангеліє: (Мт 17,14-23)

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

BASIC GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

- 5. You have kept the Liturgical fast no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy.
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LOVE, GENEROSITY, KINDNESS and SPIRIT OF FAMILY

NEXT SUNDAY Father Mykhaylo (Ozorovych) will conduct one bilingual Divine Liturgy in English & Ukrainian at 11:00 AM

CONGRATULATION TO ALL who celebrates his/her Birthday or/and Anniversary. May the Almighty God bless you with good health and salvation in Many Happy and Blessed Years of Life. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled on **SEPTEMBER 12th at 7:00pm**.



SPECIAL THANKS! On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Andrii would like to thank MARK CRANE & his company for a free delivery of a container. Also special THANK YOU to BRUCE HITCHIN, VOLODYMER ZASTAVETSKY & IGOR VENGER who came to install the container properly.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We need your help to move things to our container (tables and chairs from the parish hall, boxes and many other things from our storages).

THANKS to all those who have participating in our recycling fundraiser. We have accumulated \$330 in our **Return-it Express** account.

DONATIONS: August 11th - \$455. May Our Lord shower you richly with all His blessings.

DIRECT DEPOSIT IS NOW AVAILABLE. To set-up automatic withdrawals from your bank account for your Sunday donations, please, complete the PAP authorization forms (you can find one at the back of the church). You can choose to have it done monthly, semi-monthly, bimonthly or weekly. Our treasurer, Kathryn Hitchen is collecting the completed forms. You can either give them to her directly, place them in the Sunday collection plate, or email the completed form to her at hitchen@telus.net. There are envelopes at the back of the church with Kathryn's name on them that you can use to put in the collection plate.

PRAZNYK / FEAST DAY 2019. The date our Annual Praznyk of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross has been changed from September 15 to September 29 to coincide with the arrival of Father Andriy Malysh. Please, invite your family and your friends to welcome our new pastor and celebrate with us.

INVITATION Singers, cantors, choir directors, and anyone interested in liturgical music, regardless of ability or experience, are invited to register for SingCon 2019, which will take place Sept. 26-29, 2019, in Stamford, Connecticut. This is the second annual SingCon, gathering more than 100 church singers from across North America for fellowship, workshops, lectures, and, most importantly, liturgical prayer. Participants will rehearse new music, engage in discussions with fellow church musicians, participate in a variety of workshops, and sing Vespers, Matins, and the Divine Liturgy together. SingCon is organized by the Patriarchal Liturgical Commission of the UGCC, and sponsored by the Eparchy of Stamford: this year's location is St. Basil's Seminary, historically a center of musical training for Eastern Catholics in North America. For more information and to register for this year's conference, go to https://ugccmusic.com or email hello@ugccmusic.com

FUNDRAISING TO PAY OUR PROPERTY TAXES. Dear parishioners, as you have been informed, according to 2019 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT the value of our property skyrocketed just in one year. Consequently, our property taxes also have increased to almost double. In 2018 the parish had paid \$3,324.85. This year we are billed for \$6,241.27. For this reason the Parish Council is asking you for a financial support. Please consider donating generously to cover at least the difference (\$2,915.00) between 2018 and 2019 property taxes the parish has to pay. Donations can be made in your Sunday envelop, but please, CLEARLY MARK FOR THE PROPERTY TAXES. We thank you and pray for you.

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 I 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.

PRAYER REQUEST: pray for the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: ANNA MATIOWSKI, OLIVE NOSATY, MARY SHEMLEY, STELLA ANDRUSIAK, KATRUSIA & JERRY SWERYDA, ANGELA KILLEN, LINDA CHUCHRYN, SOPHIE WATSON, PATRICIA PYLYPOW and those who have asked us to pray for them.

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 it's pastoral activities."

NEWS

'PHISHY' SCAM TARGETING CATHOLICS ACROSS CANADA (BY AGNIESZKA RUCK)

A recent email and text message scam is devastating pastors and cheating B.C. churchgoers out of thousands of dollars.

This summer, Catholics across the province have received electronic messages asking for money transfers or gift cards from someone posing as their local priest. The request is always urgent, always by email or text, and always fake. "It was harrowing," said Father Patrick Tepoorten, the pastor of Church of the Assumption in Powell River. Within one day, he received 10 messages from parishioners trying to verify if he'd just asked them for money. He has no way of knowing how many others sent money to an imposter before they realized it was a scam.

"It's devastating because it's your own integrity on the line," he said. Priests in the Archdiocese of Vancouver do not ask for money over email or text message - it's against several policies but whoever is behind these scams is preying on people who trust their pastors, he said.

The scam is not only targeting his community, consisting mostly of seniors, but across B.C., affecting priests throughout the Dioceses of Victoria and Nelson. "Most of the priests I know have been attacked," said Father Tepoorten.

Some of the phony email addresses have been generic enough to be suspect - such as "parishpastor" followed by a random number – but others, like at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Richmond, have included the pastor's real name.

The deceptive emails and texts follow a similar pattern. They start out with a message like "I need a favour from you, respond as soon as you get this," signed with the pastor's name. When a person responds, the scammer replies that he is too busy to call, but to please buy several hundred dollars' worth of gift cards for an emergency (usually, for someone who is sick in hospital, or some variation on this). If someone sends the funds, the "pastor" will respond asking for more. Individuals, who receive messages like "God bless you for what you are doing," have been tricked out of \$300 to \$1,500.

About three months ago, Julia* (the victim's name has been changed for privacy reasons) received a text message from an unfamiliar number personally addressed to her and signed with her pastor's name. She believed the message was legitimate and sent \$1,500 in gift cards for what she believed was a good cause before she caught on to the scam.

"I felt really violated," she said. An active member of her B.C. parish, she believes someone lifted her name and phone number from a weekly bulletin and used it to trick her into spending the money.

"I heard of Facebook and messenger scams, but because it was through text, I didn't clue in," she said. "People believe their priests. They don't want to be bad people for not helping out a priest." Julia approached her local RCMP and told all of her friends about the fraudulent messages, saying while she was embarrassed about the mistake, she didn't want anyone else to be a victim. "Always confirm when someone asks for money. Call them. That would be the most secure way of doing it. Hear their voice and know who you are talking to."

The issue affects parishes across the country. Communications directors in Calgary, Edmonton, and Toronto told *The B.C. Catholic* scammers have repeatedly targeted their people, too.

"It happened last year, and again in the last few weeks," said the Archdiocese of Toronto's Neil McCarthy. "So sad that people are preying on the good nature of parishioners to extort funds in this wav."

Meanwhile in Edmonton, Lorraine Turchansky said she received reports of nine parishes and one college who were targeted by the scam, though there could be more. "I suspect there may be more victims we have not heard about, as they may be embarrassed," she said.

She and others suspect whoever is behind the fraud is taking names and numbers from parish bulletins (which are available to the public) and not hacking directly into email or phone contacts of priests. Still, Father Tepoorten is changing the passwords and privacy settings on his online accounts just in case.

Father Joseph Le, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, confirmed no priest in the Lower Mainland should be asking for money via email or text message.

According to local policies, clergy "must not solicit in any way, directly or indirectly, by word or action, any gift, bequest, loan, or endowment for his personal benefit from a person with whom he has, or has had, a pastoral relationship," without permission from the archbishop.

If people want to donate money to the parish, "they can give to the parish directly in their Sunday collection or to Project Advance," Father Le said. "Priests are not allowed to solicit money from people."

The Archdiocese of Vancouver released a statement to all priests and parish staff saving anyone receiving suspicious requests should ask the sender about them in a phone call or in person and report any fraud to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

There is some a similar scam happening in the United States.

In hindsight, Julia said, she should have seen the signs: the unknown number, the grammatical errors, the odd request to urgently purchase gift cards. She received another text message from someone posing as her pastor a few weeks ago. This time, she knew what to do. She ignored it.



Tips from the RCMP

- Be aware of urgent email or text requests from people you might know. If it is urgent, would they not call?
- Be aware if the message is asking for money. Is this normal? Don't send money without verbal confirmation.
- Watch for spelling and grammatical errors.
- Pay attention to the email address or telephone number. If it is not one you recognize, don't respond.

(Tips supplied by RCMP Senior Intelligence Analyst Jeff Thomson.)

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE, AUGUST 19 - AUGUST 25, 2019 A.D.

TUESDAY, AUG 20	Divine Liturgy	09:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, AUG 21	DIVINE LITURGY	09:00 AM
SUNDAY, AUG 25	DIVINE LITURGY	11:00 AM

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST and SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, AUG 25: 11:00am - DIVINE LITURGY (ENG & UKR) - REV. MYKHAYLO (OZOROVYCH)

SUNDAY, SEPT 1: 11:00am - DIVINE LITURGY (ENG & UKR) - REV. MYKHAYLO (OZOROVYCH)

SUNDAY, SEPT 8: 11:00am - DIVINE LITURGY (ENG & UKR) - REV. JOE (OSTOPOWICH)

SUNDAY, SEPT 15: 11:00am - DIVINE LITURGY (ENG & UKR) - MOST REV. BISHOP KEN

(NOWAKOWSKI)

SUNDAY, SEPT 22: 11:00am - DIVINE LITURGY (ENG & UKR) - REV. JOE (OSTOPOWICH)

SUNDAY, SEPT 29: PARISH FEAST DAY and INSTALLATION OF FR. ANDRIY MALYSH

11:00am - DIVINE LITURGY (ENG & UKR)

MOST REV. BISHOP KEN (NOWAKOWSKI), REV. MYKHAYLO (OZOROVYCH)



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