



Saint Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish Парафія Св. Василя Великого УГКЦ

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Parish Bulletin—Парафіяльний Вісник

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Last week I noticed huge changes, more people attended daily Liturgy which was just uplifting to pray with them. Hopefully the number will increase in the near future.

Good number of people joined us for Movie Night - Chosen, with discussion and of course, popcorn.

Lectio Divina / School of Catechism are running every week now. Around 15 people are attending, half of them - online, from different locations, even countries. That is a blessing to have them all, and their desire to learn more about Eastern Belief.

Special THANK YOU goes again to all St. Basil's Volunteers, as this is Perogy week, which requires lots of work and help.

This week will conclude the month of April. We will enter into May which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. So I would like to invite you to join us at the Maivka - Moleben to the Mother of God, which we will celebrate on Wednesday and Fridays. Please double check the weekly bulletin for possible changes. On Monday, May 6 & 27, there will be an Akathist to the Mother of God as well.

Next Sunday will be a special day in the life of our Parish. Seven young parishioners will receive their First Holy Confession and Solemn Holy Communion. Keep them in your prayers, and come and support them spiritually.

God bless and protect each of you.

Please continue to keep Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers, supporting in all possible ways. Slava Ukraini!

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСІ!

Минулого тижня я помітив добрі зміни на щоденній Літургії, більше людей почало відвідувати церкву, це тішить та радує, що Христос нам потрібний щоденно. Сподіваюся, найближчим число молільників збільшуватиметься.

Маємо також гарну групу вірних, які приходять на перегляд фільму "Вибраний" з обговоренням і, звісно, попкорном.

Біблійні навчання / Школа катехизму тепер проходить щотижня. Близько 15 людей беруть участь, половина з них – онлайн, з різних місць, навіть інших країн. Дякуємо за участь та бажання поглиблювати віру.

Ще раз особливе ДЯКУЄМО всім волонтерам Святого Василя, тому що це тиждень вареників, який вимагає багато праці та допомоги.

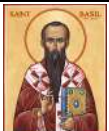
Цей тиждень вводить нас у новий місяць - травень, який є присвячений Пресвятій Богородиці. Тож запрошую вас приєднатися до нас на Маївку – Молебень до Богородиці, який ми будемо служити щосереда та щоп'ятниці (але не у всі п'ятниці).

Слідкуйте за щотижневим бюлетнем щодо можливих змін. У понеділок, 6 і 27 травня, також буде Акафіст до Богородиці.

Наступна неділя буде особливим днем у житті нашої парафії. Семеро молодих парафіян приймуть Першу Святу Сповідь та Урочисте Святе Причастя. Пам'ятайте їх у своїх молитвах і розділіть їхнє святкування.

Нехай Бог щедро Вас благословить і береже кожного з вас. Прошу й надалі пам'ятати Україну у своїх думках і молитвах, підтримуючи всіляко. Слава Україні!

ST BASIL'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	Time	Feast or Intention, requested by
28 April., Sunday Sunday of Samaritan Woman	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 1:30 PM 8:00 PM	Children's Catechism Rosary Divine Liturgy for all Parishioners Morden Divine Liturgy Урок—приготування до першої Споєди і Причастя Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
29 April, Monday	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6 to 8 PM 8:00 PM	Divine Liturgy for Health & God's blessing for Margaret Antonyshen by Jean Derhak Music Lessons English Language Classes Level 2 & 3 Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
30 April, Tuesday	9:00 AM 6 to 8 PM 8:00 PM	Divine Liturgy _____ open intention English Language Classes Level 1 Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
1 May, Wednesday	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Divine Liturgy for the souls of Joe & Lena Zelenski by Cassie Leganchuk & family Moleben to Blessed Virgin Mary School of Catechism Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
2 May, Thursday	9:00 AM 6 to 8 PM 8:00 PM	Divine Liturgy Birthday Blessings for Cheryl Ellchuk & Geri Leganchuk by Khomitski family English Language Class Level 1 Rosary -Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
3 May, Friday	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6 to 8 PM 8:00 PM	Divine Liturgy _____ open intention Ukrainian Language Class English Language Classes Level 2 & 3 Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
4 May, Saturday	10:00 AM 8:00 PM	Confessions for First Holy Communicants and their family members Rosary—Jesus Prayer—Live stream on Facebook
5 May, Sun- day Sunday of the Man Born Blind	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 8:00 PM	First Holy Communion & Graduation Rosary Divine Liturgy for all Parishioners Fundscrip Order Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook

Do NOT FORGET TO JOIN US FOR MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD during month of May. Прошу не забувати про маївку до Богородиці під час травня.



**God's Blessings for your
Happiest Birthday**

**Viktorii Danylyshyn (28), Kevin
Szwaluk (29), Ihor Tkachyk (29), Leon
Wartzaba (30),
МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !**

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !

**Hryhorii & Iryna Dutchak
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MANY MORE YEARS
OF LOVE & HAPPINESS**

Ushers and Greeters Welcome

April 28— Diane Klisko & Linda Labay
May 5 & 12—Marlene Dunsford & Jean Derhak
Knowing Jesus is the best gift you can receive. His power and
love can fill you when you encounter Him.
**Please join Father Mykhaylo for the Lectio Divina/Catechism
classes and the teachings of the church on Wednesdays at
St. Basil's**

Church Custodians

April— Linda Gardner, Noelle Richardson, Gerry Skochyles
May—Rob & Natalia Hotel
Dear Parishioners, Please contact me, Diane Pinuta - 204-774-
1350 to help clean the church for a month in 2024

Tatsa counters

April—Leona Solomon, Noelle Richardson, Marilyn Slobogian
May - Tony Sklar, Lorraine Lysak, Phyliss Fedorchuk

**EPISTLE READING according to the decision of the Pastoral/Renewal committee, there will be a list for everyone
who wish to read the Epistle at the Liturgy on Sundays. Also on third Sunday of every month, Epistle will be read
in Ukrainian according to the decision of the committee. Please call to the office if you wish to help, or to let me
know. ~ Fr. M **Читання Апостола: якщо ви бажаєте читати раз у місяць в укр. м—прошу повідомити
до офісу чи священика. Це буде завжди 3-тя неділя місяця.****

Epistle readers

April 28—Gerry Skochyles May 5- Rose Olynyk
May 12— Martin Nechwediuk May 19— Mariana Korbylo May 26— Tony Sklar

SANCTUARY LIGHT burns eternally to indicate the presence of the Holy Eucharist
In the tabernacle.

The Sanctuary light can be reserved , please contact the office at 204-837-4180.



Dear Friends, please save the following dates:

**ST. Basil's FAMILY PICNIC—JUNE 2nd, 2024
St. Basil's SUMMER CAMP—JULY 22 to 28, 2024**

School of Catechism / Lectio Divina—on Wednesday May 1st **at 7:00 PM** Catechesis for adults,
parents, grand parents. Another opportunity to learn more about Eastern tradition, to increase our faith and to
remain vibrant Catholic—Ambassadors for Christ. Also we will have on ZOOM at the same time

Meeting ID: 860 6773 0650 Passcode: Jesus



PEROGIES FOR SALE

Please call Phyllis at 204-832-0175 to buy your perogies.

\$8.00 per dozen for potato & cheese

Divine Liturgy intentions: So if you have a special request, please submit ASAP to be included in the bulletin on your preferred date. So NEXT AVAILABLE DATE is **APRIL 30th.**

Liturgical schedule in a monthly Calendar—can be changed, due to special circumstances.

Please, check the weekly schedule for the services.

UKRAINIAN PARK CAMP 2024!

 Camp registration is open!

Go to www.archeparchy.ca for job descriptions and application forms or contact Sophia Korban, Camp Director, at 204-979-5924 or childrenscamp@archeparchy.ca. *God is good! All the time! Sophia Korban Camp Dir*

Important notice for all interested parishioners: if your child is planning to attend camp, please notify FR. МYKAHYLO. Thank you!

Важливе повідомлення щодо табору в Українському Парку: якщо ваша дитина планує відвідувати табір, прошу повідомити отця Михайла!

Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 965 Boyd Avenue, will be celebrating its Annual Memorial Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda Service for deceased clergy and parishioners on Saturday, May 4th, 2024 at 10:00 am.

You are invited to attend this service for those of your deceased loved ones who were parishioners of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Please contact the parish office by Sunday, April 28 at 204-582-7535 or email BVMChurch@gmail.com to let us know how many family members will be attending. A light lunch will be served following the service.



Special Meeting between St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Parish & Ukrainian Catholic Parish of All Saint of Ukraine—led by Most Rev. Archbishop Albert LeGatt & His Excellency Bishop Andriy Rabyi April 24th, 2024 Morden



The virtue of hope, together with faith and love, allows us to foster deep and lasting relationships within our families, with others, and with God. Through God's love, we see others with 'the light of hope' (AL, 117), adopting the compassionate gaze of Christ and witnessing to his steadfast and merciful love.

The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life and its corresponding Office have prepared a **pastoral toolkit** to support dioceses, eparchies, parishes, families, schools and other related movements and associations in promoting **National Family and Life Week (NFLW) from 13 to 19 May 2024**.

The 2024 celebration of National Family and Life Week draws its theme, "Love hopes all things," from the words of St. Paul: "[Love] endures all things, trusts all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7).



faith hope love

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA | LA FONDATION CATHOLIQUE DU MANITOBA | КАТОЛИЦЬКА ФУНДАЦІЯ МАНІТОБИ

Growing in faith together - Journeying with Youth.
 Come join parishes from all over Manitoba to celebrate Youth and the vitality they bring to our community. Let's dance, visit with friends and meet new people with a common goal of strengthening the Catholic and broader community of Manitoba.
 Saturday May 11th from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave. \$5 per ticket includes snacks, beverage and mid-evening lunch included.
 Every person is made in the image and likeness of God. All are welcome.
 Only a limited amount of tickets will be sold, don't wait to get your ticket! www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca

Walk for LIFE



The Walk for Life is a celebration of life and Manitoba's largest pro-life walk. It is hosted by Life Culture, a pro-life organization dedicated to life-affirming education and helping women.

SUNDAY
JUNE 2, 2024

2:00PM
JOIN US FOR BBQ AT 1:00PM!

KR BARKMAN PARK
515 MAIN ST. STEINBACH

Life Culture

Bring a new baby item or gift card to help single moms!

For more information, visit lifeculture.ca/walk

Sunday, April 28

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Post-feast of Mid-feast

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Sunday Tropar, tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen* granting to the world great mercy."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Kondak, Samaritan Woman, tone 8: When the Samaritan woman came to the well with faith,* she beheld You, O Water of Wisdom.* You allowed her to drink in abundance* and glorified her eternally,* for she inherited the heavenly kingdom.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak of the Mid-feast, tone 4: O Christ God, Creator and Lord of all,* when the Paschal Feast was half completed,* You told those present:* "Come and draw the water of immortality."* Let us, therefore, adore You and cry out with faith:* "Grant us your goodness, for You are the Source of our life."

Prokimen, tone 3: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (11: 19 - 26, 29 - 30)

In those days those in the community who had been dispersed by the persecution that arose because of Stephen went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, making the message known to none but Jews. However, some men of Cyprus and Cyrene among them who had come to Antioch began to talk even to the Greeks, announcing the good news of the Lord Jesus to them. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number of them believed and were converted to the Lord. News of this eventually reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, resulting in Barnabas' being sent to Antioch. On his arrival he rejoiced to see the evidence of God's favour. He encouraged them all to remain firm in their commitment to the Lord, since he himself was a good man filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby large numbers were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas went off to Tarsus to look for Saul; once he had found him, he brought him back to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and instructed great numbers. It was in Antioch that the disciples were called Christians for the first time. This made the disciples determine to set something aside, each according to his means, and send it to the relief of brothers who lived in Judea. They did this, dispatching it to the presbyters in the care of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia Verses: Bend your bow, prosper and reign for the sake of truth, meekness and justice.

You love justice and hate wickedness.

Gospel: John 4: 5 - 42

At that time Jesus came to a Samaritan town named Shechem near the plot of land which Jacob had given to his son Joseph. This was the site of Jacob's well. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down at the well. The hour was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone off to the town to buy provisions.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?" (Recall that Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.) Jesus replied: "If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you living water." "Sir," she challenged him, "you do not have a bucket and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this flowing water? Surely you do not pretend to be greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with his sons and his flocks?" Jesus replied: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I give him will never be thirsty; no, the water I give shall become a fountain within him, leaping up to provide eternal life." The woman said to him, "Give me this water, sir, so that I shall not

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grow thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” He said to her, “Go, call your husband, and then come back here.” “I have no husband,” replied the woman. “You are right in saying you have no husband!” Jesus exclaimed. “The fact is, you have had five, and the man you are living with now is not your husband. What you said is true.” “Sir,” answered the woman, “I can see you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you people claim that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship God.” Jesus told her: “Believe me, woman, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand, while we understand what we worship; after all, salvation is from the Jews. Yet an hour is coming, and is already here, when authentic worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is just such worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him: “I know there is a Messiah coming. (This term means Anointed.) When he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus replied, “I who speak to you am he.” His disciples returning at this point, were surprised that Jesus was speaking with a woman. No one put a question, however, such as “What do you want of him?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman left her water jar and went off into the town. She said to the people: “Come and see someone who told me everything I ever did! Could this not be the Messiah?” At that they set out from the town to meet him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he told them: “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” At this the disciples said to one another, “Do you suppose that someone has brought him something to eat?” Jesus explained to them: “Doing the will of him who sent me and bringing his work to completion is my food. Do you not have a saying: ‘Four months more and it will be harvest!’? Listen to what I say: Open your eyes and see! The fields are shining for harvest! The reaper already collects his wages and gathers a yield for eternal life, that sower and reaper may rejoice together. Here we have the saying verified: ‘One man sows; another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you had not worked for. Others have done the labour, and you have come into their gain.” Many Samaritans from that town believed in him on the strength of the woman’s word of testimony: “He told me everything I ever did.” The result was that, when these Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them awhile. So he stayed there two days, and through his own spoken word many more came to faith. As they told the woman: “No longer does our faith depend on your story. We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the Saviour of the world.”

Instead of ‘It is truly right....’: The angel cried out to the One full of grace:* “O chaste Virgin, rejoice!* And again I say, rejoice!* Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day* and raised the dead.”* Let all people rejoice!* Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem,* for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!* Exalt now and be glad, O Sion!* And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight* in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ; partake of the source of immortality.
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



The 24th Annual Walk for Mary will be held on Sunday, May 26th, 2024 at Holy Eucharist Parish, Watt & Munroe. Join us in “Walking and Praying together for Peace in the Entire World.”

Registration starts at 1:30 p.m. followed by the walk starting at 2:00 p.m.

Pledge forms are available at: archeparchy.ca (under the events). For more information call (204) 669-3666 or (204) 294-2276 or email: zenova@mymts.net

Неділя, 28 квітня

Неділя Самарянки

Післясвятя Середні святя

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим що в гробах, життя дарував.

Тропар, глас 4: Світлу про воскресення розповідь від ангела почувши* і прадідного засуду звільнившись,* Господні учениці, радіючи, казали апостолам:* "Здолана смерть, воскрес Христос Бог,* що дає світові велику милість."

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові:

Кондак, глас 8: З вірою прийшовши на колодязь Самарянка,* виділа Тебе, премудрости воду,* якої напившись обильно,* царство вишне унаслідувала повік,* приснославна.

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

Кондак переполовнення, глас 4: В переполовнення законного празника, всіх Творче і владико, і до предстоящих глаголав Ти: "Прийдіть і зачерпніть воду безсмертя." Тому до Тебе припадаємо і вірно кличемо: "Щедроти твої даруй нам, бо Ти є джерело життя нашого."

Прокімен, глас 3: Співайте Богові нашому, співайте; співайте цареві нашому, співайте.

Стих: Всі народи, заплещіте руками, воскликніть Богові голосом радости.

Апостол: Діянь Святих Апостолів Читання. (11: 19 - 26, 29 - 30)

Тими днями ті, що розсипалися через гоніння з приводу Стефана, досягли аж до Фінікії, Кіпру й Антіохії, нікому не проповідуючи слова, крім юдеям. Були ж між ними деякі мужі з Кипру та з Кирени, які прийшли в Антіохію та промовляли й до греків, благовісткуючи їм Господа Ісуса. Рука Господня була з ними, і велике число було тих, що увірували й навернулись до Господа. Чутка про це дійшла до вух Церкви, що в Єрусалимі, і вони вислали Варнаву в Антіохію. Коли він прийшов і побачив ласку Божу, зрадів і підбадьорив усіх триматися Господа рішучим серцем; бо він був чоловік добрий, повний Святого Духа та віри. І пристало багато людей до Господа. Тоді Варнава вирушив у Тарс розшукати Савла і, знайшовши, привів його в Антіохію. Вони збирались цілий рік у церкві й силу людей навчали. В Антіохії вперше учнів названо християнами. Тож учні, кожний з них по спроможі, ухвалили послати братам, що жили в Юдеї, допомогу; що й зробили, пославши її старшим через руки Варнави і Савла.

Стихи на Алилуя: Натягни лук, і успівай, і царюй, істини ради і лагідности і справедливости.

Возлюбив Ти правду і возненавидів беззаконня.

Євангелія: Від Івана 4: 5 - 42

В той час Ісус прибув до одного міста в Самарії, яке називається Сихар, близько поля, яке дав був Яків своєму синові Йосифові. Була ж там криниця Якова. Ісус, утомившись з дороги, сів біля криниці. Було ж близько шостої години. Аж ось надходить жінка з Самарії води набрати. Ісус каже до неї: "Дай мені напитися." Учні ж його пішли були до міста купити харчів. Каже до нього жінка самарянка: "Ти -- юдей, і просиш пити в мене, жінки- самарянки?" Бо юдеї не пристають із самарянами. Ісус у відповідь сказав до неї: "Якби ти знала дар Божий і хто той, що тобі каже: 'Дай мені напитися,' ти попросила б у нього, і він дав би тобі води живої." Мовить до нього жінка: "і зачерпнути не маєш чим, пане, і криниця глибока; звідкіль, отже, у тебе вода жива? Хіба ти більший від батька нашого Якова, що дав нам цю криницю, і сам пив з неї, і сини його, і худоба його?" Ісус у відповідь сказав їй: "Кожен, хто п'є цю воду, знову захоче пити. Той же, хто питиме воду, якої я дам йому, не матиме спраги повіки. Вода бо, що я дам йому, стане в ньому джерелом води, яка тече в життя вічне." Каже до нього жінка: "Дай мені, пане, тієї води, щоб я не мала більше спраги і не приходила сюди черпати." Він каже до неї: "Іди, поклич твого чоловіка і вернися сюди." Озвалася жінка і каже: "Нема в мене чоловіка." Ісус відповів їй: "Добре ти сказала: 'Нема в мене чоловіка. П'ятох бо мала ти

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чоловіків, і той, що тепер у тебе, не чоловік тобі. Правду ти сказала." Жінка до нього каже: "Бачу, пане, що ти пророк. Батьки наші на цій горі поклонялися, ви ж говорите, що в Єрусалимі місце, де треба поклонятися." Ісус каже до неї: "Повір мені, жінко: надходить час, коли ні на цій горі, ні в Єрусалимі не будете поклонятися Отцеві. Ви поклоняєтесь тому, чого не знаєте; ми ж поклоняємося тому, що знаємо, бо від юдеїв приходить спасіння. Але надходить час, - ба вже й тепер він, - що справжні поклонники Отцеві кланятимуться в душі і правді. І таких поклонників Отець собі шукає. Бог є Дух; і ті, що йому поклоняються, повинні в душі і правді поклонятися." Жінка до нього каже: "Знаю що має прийти Месія, тобто Христос, і як прийде, все звістить нам." Каже їй Ісус: "Це я, що розмовляю з тобою." Тут надійшли його учні, і дивувалися, що він розмовляє з жінкою. Однак, ні один не спитав: "Чого хочеш від неї?" -- або. "Чому розмовляєш з нею?" Жінка покинула свій глечик, побігла в місто і каже людям: "Ходіть, подивіться на чоловіка, який сказав мені все, що я робила. Чи не Христос він?" І вийшла з міста і пішла до нього. Учні тим часом стали просити його, кажучи: "Іж, учителю." Він сказав їм: "Я маю їсти їжу, якої ви не знаєте." Учні заговорили один до одного: "Чи не приніс хто йому їсти?" Каже до них Ісус: "Їжа моя -- чинити волю того, хто послав мене, і завершити його діло. Хіба ви не кажете: 'Ще чотири місяці, і жнива настануть?' А я кажу вам: Підведіть очі ваші і гляньте на ниви -- вони вже для жнив спілі. Хто жне, бере свою нагороду і збирає плоди для життя вічного, щоб сіяч із женцем раділи укупі. В цьому справджується прислів'я: 'Хто інший сіє, а хто інший жне.' Я послав вас жати те, коло чого ви не трудилися. інші трудилися, ви ж у їхню працю вступили." Численні самаряни з того міста увірували в нього через слова жінки, що посвідчила: "Він сказав мені все, що я робила." І коли прийшли до нього самаряни, просили, щоб лишився в них, і він лишився там два дні. Та й багато інших увірували через його слово. І вони сказали жінці: "Тепер уже віруємо не через твоє слово, але тому що самі чули, і знаємо, що він справді Спаситель світу, Христос."

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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Today is the fifth Sunday of Pascha. Although we use the term "Pentecost" today for the specific feast on the fiftieth day after Pascha commemorating the bestowal of the Holy Spirit, the term "Pentecost" originally, and still primarily, refers to the whole fifty day period following Pascha, fifty days in which we celebrate the exaltation of our Lord and the bestowal of the Spirit. It is not surprising that many of the Sundays during this period are given over to describing encounters with Christ where what he does is brought about by the medium of water, for in Scripture water is often, according to the Fathers, a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Last Sunday we heard about the healing of the paralytic: he was lying by the pool of Bethesda, which an angel of the Lord would occasionally stir up, so that the first one to step into the waters would be healed; Jesus, on the other hand, as himself the fulfillment of these old signs of God, healed the paralytic by his word alone.

The first part of that Gospel reading is also prescribed by the Typikon to be read at the blessing of the waters celebrating the feast of Mid-Pentecost, last Wednesday. Next Sunday, we will hear how Jesus healed the blind man, by mixing his spittle with the earth and spreading the mud on the blind man's eyes.

In today's Gospel, we heard about Christ's conversation with the Samaritan woman. Here we are given a direct contrast, and transition, from the old water to the new: from the waters of Jacob's well, to the water which Christ promises to those that ask, water which doesn't merely quench the thirst, but springs up in the believer, welling up to eternal life.

It is such a rich Gospel reading; there are so many things that one might comment on. I would like to make a couple of points. First, the way in which Jesus leads the woman to desire the water. He doesn't simply give her the water, nor does he ask her to do any remarkable deeds or perform ascetic efforts. Instead he leads her by enigmatic statements, and when she doesn't understand, he prompts her again, until she realizes the futility of drawing water from Jacob's well, of living from the means of life given by Israel, and desires instead the water given by the one who is greater than Jacob, the one, in fact, about whom Israel's Scriptures have always been speaking.

It would, in fact, seem to be a rule that divine gifts are not given except to those who ask for them. Christ himself is told by the Father: "You are my Son. Ask of me, and I will give you the Gentiles as your inheritance" (cf. Ps. 2:8). Likewise Christ teaches us: "Ask, and it will be given; everyone who asks, receives" (Matt. 7:7). So we are taught by Christ precisely to have this longing for the living God, to hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Christ himself asks for a drink of water from Jacob's well, and then shows those who are used to drinking from this fountain how the thirst that it stimulates, but never satisfies, directs us to thirst for God, and so receive the water given by Christ.

The second point that needs to be made is that encountering Christ and receiving the spring of living water may not be what we expect it to be. You can't introduce a stream of running water into a still pool without all the silt and sediment in the pool being stirred up; the immediate result will be that the pool is much more murky and turbulent than it was before. So we hear how when the Samaritan woman thirsts for the living water, she then has to face the reality of her life, regarding her many husbands, and much more: she encounters one who told her everything that she ever did.

Encountering the truth of God in the person of Christ by receiving his Spirit is at the same time being faced with the truth about ourselves, and we simply fool ourselves if we think that this going to be easy. The two go hand in hand: it is impossible to come to know God without at the same time coming to see ourselves as we really are. These are two sides of the same reality: it is by knowing God, contemplating his image - the crucified and exalted Christ - that we come to know ourselves as sinners, yet also know that we are forgiven in Christ. This reality is inescapable-it is the truth; and it is better that we are broken upon this rock, and then built up upon it, rather than that it falls upon us and grinds us to dust (cf. Matt. 21:44).

Let us pray, then, in this period of Pentecost, as we move towards the feast of Pentecost, that we learn to desire, with all our hearts and strength, the righteousness of God, so we may taste of that living water, and that we may be prepared for the trials that it will certainly bring.



Pope Urges Reflection on the Meaning of Life: “Instead of Children in Strollers, Doggies”

The Pope highlighted the drama of the modern world, in which fewer and fewer children are born, during an audience with the Italian Adult Catholic Scout Movement. He noted that the average age in Italy is 46 years old, and instead of children, women are seen carrying their dogs in strollers.

To address the demographic crisis on the Apennine Peninsula, the Pope mentioned a gift prepared by Italian scouts for the First Aid Center in Lampedusa: a thermal cradle for babies. This was reported by the Polish online magazine DORZECZY.

“We are living in a time of a dramatic decline in the number of newborns,” the Pope said. “Just think, the average age in Italy is 46 years old, and in Albania it is 23. There is something to ponder: the drama of the plummeting birth rates. My secretary described how, while passing through St. Peter’s Square, he saw a woman with a stroller... He came closer to look at the child, but it turned out that there was a dog in the stroller! The decline in the birth rate is a disaster,” Francis said.

“It seems that humanity has lost the sense of the value of childbirth and caring for others, and perhaps the meaning of life itself. Instead, the cradle symbolizes the joy of a child’s birth, the efforts to ensure that the child develops properly, and the expectations and hopes for who they can become in the future. The cradle speaks to us of family, a safe and welcoming nest for the youngest members, a community built on selfless love. Indirectly, the cradle also signifies care for life at every stage, especially when the passage of years or life’s difficulties make a person more vulnerable and in need,” he added.

Source: <https://ugcc.ua/en/data/pope-urges-reflection-on-the-meaning-of-life-instead-of-children-in-strollers-doggies>



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Дуже часто для того, щоб пояснити людям, хто такий Дух Святий, ким є Пресвята Трійця – Єдиний Бог в трьох особах — святі отці говорили так: «Дух Святий є живою водою». Ми знаємо, що як немає води, то все вмирає, а як приходить чиста, всеоживляюча вода — все зелене і набирає повноти життя. І ось, Дух Святий, третя особа Пресвятої Трійці, знаходиться в Отці, як в джерелі, а в Ісусі Христі – як у криниці, подається кожному з нас, як жива вода. Святий апостол Павло у 1 Кор. 12, 13 говорить так: «Усі бо ми християни в одному Дусі ... і всі ми були напоєні одним лише Духом».

У сьогоднішньому Євангелії ми чуємо дуже цікаву і глибоку розмову між Ісусом Христом і жінкою-самарянкою. Ця розмова відбувається за містом біля криниці. Як цікаво: Ісус Христос, справжня криниця, яка має у собі джерело живої води, приходить, сідає біля цієї криниці Якова і чекає на спраглу людину. Ця жінка-самарянка виходить з того міста і є уособленням кожної людини, яка є спраглою Бога. Розмова відбувається якраз опівдні, коли сонце стоїть в zenіті, коли людина почувається спраглою. І ось Христос сам прийшов до спраглої людини і робить перший крок назустріч їй.

Ісус перший скеровує своє слово до жінки і каже їй: «Жінко, дай мені напитись!» Ця фраза є набагато глибшою за своїм змістом, ніж нам здається. Разом їсти і пити означає в Святому Письмі не лише втамовувати якісь тілесні потреби, а означає входити у внутрішній світ того, з ким споживаєш і п'єш. Ось тому подальшою темою розмови є особисте, приватне життя цієї жінки. Христос своїм запитанням починає входити у її внутрішній світ, у її особисту життєву ситуацію. Ми скажемо: «Він починає в її серці копати нову криницю, в яку хоче покласти ту воду життя, яку носить в собі». Він просячи в неї води, насправді дає їй живу воду.

Сьогодні Христос дає нам гарну відповідь на прикладі цієї жінки-самарянки. Вона була така вражена цією зустріччю з Христом, що лишила свій глечик і понесла людям живу воду, воду Духа Святого, вже не в глечичку, а у своєму серці. І напоїла ціле місто і всі люди прийшли, щоб побачити те джерело. А вкінці кажуть, що тепер вже віруємо не через твоє слово, жінко, а тому, що самі чули і знаємо, що Він є справді Спаситель світу, Христос. Отож, бути віруючим означає ділитися вірою, ділитися тою живою водою, яка тече з нашого з вами нутра. Тому нашим з вами завданням є напоїти спраглих тою живою водою.

Нехай той Христос воскреслий, Який сьогодні є тут між нами, Який намагається викопати криницю живої води у серці кожного з нас, сповнить усі ваші спраги, потреби і бажання, бо лише Він є той, у кого ми можемо сповнити свою спрагу за Богом. Нехай те очікування Духа Святого для кожного з нас буде часом очікування повноти зустрічі тої живої води, яка подається нам у Христовій Церкві. Христос воскрес



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Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion

You are a member of the Catholic Church; You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; You attend Divine Services regularly; Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 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). You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 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.*** For those who are divorced and living common-law the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist cannot be received. You are welcome to come for a blessing. (If you are divorced with a Church annulment, and remarried in the Church you are more than welcome to receive the Holy Sacraments.)



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Dominic K., Dobrodiyka Olga, Ed T., David P, Stanley S, Mervin C., Cathy C, Adele G., ALL UKRAINIANS in time of WAR, Ann T., John S., Francis Y., Mildred G., David K, Fran C, Mary M., Bob O., Dobrodiyka Tillie, Dobrodiyka Anna B., Loraine L., Judy & Odri, Helen & David K., Charles M. Judy G., Ed & Sylvia P., Adele & Ernie H, Mary P., Veronica D., Leon W., Helen P., Elizabeth S, Mariia X, Josie L, Anne L, Raymond A.and all members of our parish family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends, neighbors, governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; your spiritual fathers, those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless, those who love us and those who hate, use & hurt us; and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying those daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families and yourselves! **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 our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as per privacy legislation.**

