

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Our warmest greetings are extended to all visitors, guests and parish members who are participating in today's Divine Liturgy. What a joy it is to have you praying with us.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Observing the Truths proclaimed by the Nicene Creed. Providing Holy Sacraments to its Members and Community, offering Teachings to strengthen Members' beliefs, providing Social Opportunities for Fellowship and Enjoyment, providing Spiritual and Personal Counseling.

Sunday School is Cool



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes are offered at the pre-school, kindergarten and intermediate levels. Classes occur each Sunday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the lower level of the Cathedral. At 11:00 am, the children come into the Church to attend the balance of the Liturgy.



UKRAINIAN SCHOOL: Classes are each Sunday after the service. To enrol your children or grandchildren, please call the office at 604-876-4747. Parents are urged to bring their children to both Sunday and Ukrainian School.



BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, MEMORIAL SERVICES, BLESSING OF HOMES, PASTORAL VISITS or SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING: Please use the cards at the candle table to request a visit with Fr. Roman or call him directly to arrange a time for services, counselling or discussion 778-239- 6252.



WE CARE: We know that life is sometimes difficult. We are committed to the spiritual and moral care of the entire congregation. We help those who are confined at home or in the hospital, the bereaved and the lonely. To speak to or make an appointment with Father Roman please call 778-239-6252.

MEMBERSHIP: We warmly welcome all worshippers. We also encourage everyone to become a member. By doing this, you will support Holy Trinity Cathedral and also the Consistory of the UOCC and the Western Eparchy. Please feel free to approach the Priest or any member of the Executive Board to discuss membership and to obtain a copy of the Membership Application Form.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Brothers and Sisters! God calls us on Sunday to share our abundance with a thankful heart. It is a privilege to share and an honour to be fortunate enough to do so. St. Paul encourages us to continue to do so because, as we do so, we glorify God and others see the evidence of Christ. You may also, kindly, make your donations via our web site: www.uocvancouver.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT: Members and adherents of the Parish have many opportunities to become involved in the life of the Parish. Such volunteer participation is greatly encouraged and much appreciated. Indeed, our Parish functions through the efforts of our volunteers; their contributions form the basis of our Church organization and community life.

BEQUESTS TO THE PARISH: Thankfully, from time to time, the Parish has been the beneficiary of the generosity of deceased individuals who have remembered us in their wills. These bequests assist the parish greatly, particularly with renovations or development projects which require significant capital outlays. We urge you to consider bequests to charitable beneficiaries such as your church.



PARKING – Free parking is available to members and visitors on the east side of the church and under the Auditorium.

AUDITORIUM RENTALS: Please call 604-876-4747 or visit our website www.uocvancouver.com

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS. Income tax receipts will be issued for any individual making a donation to the church. Therefore, when making a donation, please indicate name.

SUNDAY BULLETIN - If you have any announcements for the bulletin relating to Parish life, please submit them to Fr. Roman at rttsaplan@yahoo.ca by no later than Thursday morning.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE- Much of church etiquette is based on common sense and showing respect for God and others. Always remember that you are in church to worship God.

УКРАЇНЬСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА КАТЕДРА ПРЕСВЯТОЇ ТРОЙЦІ
HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
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SUNDAY BULLETIN НЕДІЛЬНИЙ БЮЛЕТЕНЬ

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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Confession: 9:30 to 9:50 am

Reading of the Hours: 9:45 am

DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 am

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY 10:00 am

You can watch the Sunday Liturgy live stream on our YouTube channel.

Go to www.uocvancouver.com under the YouTube logo icon.



26-та неділя по П'ятидесятниці

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, December 22, 2024

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE



“How shall I describe this great mystery? For the incorporeal has become incarnate. The word took unto Himself the density of the flesh. The Unseen is seen, the Untouchable is touched, the Beginning-less begins, and the Son of God becomes of the son of man; yea, Jesus Christ Himself who is the same yesterday, today and unto all the ages.”

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea – Heaven proclaimed His Glory. The Angels sang “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men” (*Luke 2:14*). When the shepherds saw and heard, they went to Bethlehem to find the Newborn Saviour of mankind. They were seeking Him and Him alone, not men of wealth, but simple down to earth people. They told the world what they found and how they received the first news from Heaven, about the King of Kings – Lord and Saviour of mankind, who was promised to the world from the beginning of time. They found Him in a stable - not in a palace; in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes, not in rich robes. The wise men from the Far East were seeking Him, and the heavenly star led them to Him. They brought three symbols of riches of humanity: **Gold** - the treasures of the wealthy, **Myrrh** - peace and contentment of mankind, **Incense** – prayerful state, spiritual peace. The enemies of Christ were seeking to destroy Him. Herod and his army sought Him by slaying 14,000 innocent infants and children up to two years of age. For centuries the advocates of Herod were seeking to destroy him, and continue to try to destroy Him today. As we are reminded of this great miracle of His Birth, let us be like the poor shepherds who came to pay homage to Him. Let us be like the wise men who brought Him worldly gifts. Let us seek Him and take Him into our hearts for ourselves, our families, and everyone around us. May His Glory be proclaimed through the whole world, and may He dwell among us forever.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME TO ALL the guests and visitors who are in our city during the CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES and are praying with us today. May the Newborn Christ Bless you all with His Divine Graces. May He give us a new birth of ideas in our hearts so that we are able to be with Him throughout our lives and to obtain His Everlasting Kingdom.

THE FRUITS OF TRUE PRAYER: Prayer is doxology, praise, thanksgiving, confession, supplication and intercession to God. "When I prayed, I was new," wrote a great theologian of Christian antiquity, "but when I stopped praying, I became old." Prayer is the way to renewal and spiritual life. Prayer is aliveness to God. Prayer is strength, refreshment, and joy.



TODAY - Our regular schedule of services. During the service, participants are welcome to light a candle for the health of others (at the candelabra on right side) and in memory of loved ones (on the left side) of the Altar.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS: Everyone is welcome to receive the blessing and partake of the blessed bread (Antidor) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

VENERATION IN CHURCH: During the FLU SEASON we urge the following practice: lightly touch the icon, Gospel and the cross with our forehead. Please do not kiss these items. Holy Communion should be approached with wide open mouth and do not touch the spoon!



FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Everyone attending the service is cordially invited to join in the Fellowship Coffee Hour in the Auditorium immediately following the Liturgy.



ST. NICHOLAS CONCERT: The annual St. Nicholas Concert will be held today, immediately following the Fellowship Hour. Children, parents and grandparents are invited to attend this special celebration and visit from St. Nicholas with gifts for all the children.



SINCERE GREETINGS to all our friends who celebrate Christmas on December 25th. May God give them peace, health, spiritual joy and joy of life. Merry Christmas to ALL.

AKATHIST SERVICES every Wednesday at 10 am. followed by Catechetical discussions. All are welcome.

UNLOCKING THE DIVINE LITURGY: All are welcome to join our monthly discussion group on Sunday December 29th at 1 PM in the mezzanine.

DONATION RECEIVED - \$4000 from St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church. Thank you and may Almighty God reward you with His wondrous bounties and great mercy!

DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON we did not conduct a special collection since many of our parishioners did not venture out to the Church in this unpredictable weather. Please make a special donation to the Church at this time. We invite your donations and count on your continued support.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Parishioners are reminded that their 2024 Membership Dues (Family - \$200; Singles - \$105 unchanged from 2023) are payable now.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE SERVICE. MAY YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL SUNDAY

Знайдімо справжній світ!

Притча, яку розповідає Господь у сьогоднішній Євангелії (Луки 12:16-21) - справді багатозначна. Вона нагадує нам те, про що ми переважно не хочемо думати. Вона усвідомляє нас про те, чого ніяк не можна уникнути – що колись ми мусимо покинути цей світ, якого ми любимо та що такий знайомий нам. Таким чином, вона нас запрошує глибоко застановитися над значінням того, що ми робимо та й того, до чого ми прив'язуємось.

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

СЬОГОДНІ: Читання Годин в 9:45; Божественна Літургія в 10:00 годині.

ДЕНЬ СВЯТОГО МИКОЛАЯ: щорічний концерт Святого Миколая відбудеться сьогодні, відразу після кави. Діти, батьки, бабусі і дідусі запрошуються на це спеціальне святкування і відвідини Святителя Миколая з подарунками для всіх дітей.



МОЛИТВА ЗА УКРАЇНУ: В цьому важкому часі для України ми регулярно молимося під час Благальної Єктенії «за братів і сестер наших в Україні, що в цей час великих випробувань зазнають погроз, принижень і побоїв. Захисти їх, Всемилосердний Господи, і даруй їм любов, єдність, злагоду і перемогу над ворогами, щоб у нашому народі запанували свобода, правда і справедливість».



НЕДІЛЬНА І УКРАЇНСЬКА ШКОЛА: Заняття проводяться щонеділі. Щоб зареєструвати ваших дітей або внуків, будь ласка, зателефонуйте в офіс 604-876-4747. Батькам рекомендується приводити своїх дітей до обох, недільної та української школи.

ЄВАНГЕЛЬСЬКЕ ЧИТАННЯ на наступну неділю. Лк. 14:16-24.

МИ ЩИРО ВДЯЧНІ за Ваші щедрі пожертви для Катедри Пресвятої Тройці, які завжди для Божого Дому потрібні. **НЕ ВІДКЛАДАЙМО ЖЕРТВУЙМО НА БОЖЕ ДІЛО!**

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