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ONLY FULLY VACCINATED
CAN ATTEND THE SERVICES IN PERSON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

SAINT XENIA OF ROME ANTHONY THE GREAT

NO SERVICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

ST. XENOPHON AND HIS WIFE MARY

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

TRANSFER OF THE RELICS OF ST. JOHN THE CHRYSOSTOM

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

TRANSFER OF THE RELICS OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

5:00PM - GREAT VESPERS



SUNDAY, JANUARY 30



SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

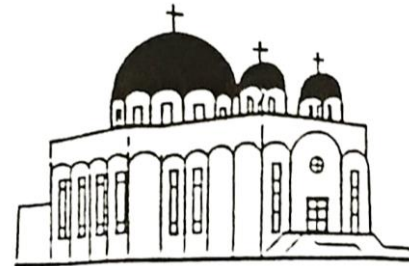
НЕДІЛЯ ЗАКХЕЯ

10:00AM DIVINE LITURGY



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION TO SAINT GEORGE

Faithful servant of God and invincible martyr, Saint George; favored by God with the gift of faith, and inflamed with an ardent love of Christ, You did fight valiantly against the dragon of pride, falsehood, and deceit. Neither pain nor torture, sword nor death could part You from the love of Christ. I fervently implore You for the sake of this love to help me by Your intercession to overcome the temptations that surround me, and to bear bravely the trials that oppress me, so that I may patiently carry the cross which is placed upon me; and let neither distress nor difficulties separate me from the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Valiant champion of the Faith, assist me in the combat against evil, that I may win the crown promised to them that persevere unto the end. Amen



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opens wide its doors

to all who mourn or need comfort;
to all who are weary and need rest;
to all who seek friendship;
to all who desire to grow
in relationship with God;
to all who yearn to pray;
to all who need a Saviour,
and in the name our Lord, says:

WELCOME!

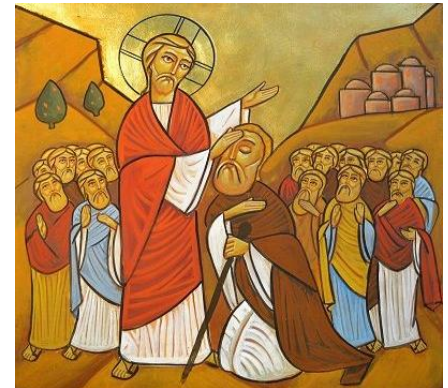
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HOLY MYSTERIES

- ✠ **CONFESION / СПОВІДЬ** ✠
every Saturday: 4:00-4:50pm
or by appointment
- ✠ **HOLY COMMUNION / СВ. ПРИЧАСТЯ** ✠
for the sick, by appointment,
any time
- ✠ **BAPTISM / ХРЕЩЕННЯ** ✠
by appointment
- ✠ **MARRIAGE / ВІНЧАННЯ** ✠
6 months notice should be given
to the parish priest, and he should
be contacted before any other
arrangements are made
- ✠ **FUNERAL / ПОХОРОН** ✠
by appointment

JANUARY 23, 2022
31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Faith is a force which transforms the person. The Good News of the Kingdom announced by Jesus was a sort of fertilizer. It made the seed of life hidden in people grow. That seed lay hidden like fire under the ashes. Jesus blew on the ashes and the fire ignited. The Kingdom appears and people rejoice. The condition was always the same: to believe in Jesus. The cure of the blind man clarifies a very important aspect of our faith. The blind man had faith and was cured despite his understanding of Jesus. He was converted and left everything behind and followed Jesus along the road toward Calvary!

The full understanding of the following of Jesus is not obtained from a theoretical instruction but rather from a practical commitment to walk with Him in the way of service.

Anyone who believes in Jesus and gives himself, anyone who accepts being last, anyone who drinks the chalice of suffering and carries his/her cross, will succeed in "following Jesus along the way". Walking with Jesus is the source of courage and provides the seed of victory in the cross.

Troparion, T.2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

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

Kontakion, T.2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour,* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, T.2: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon, T.2: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

A Reading from the first Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy 1:15-17: Timothy my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, T.2

verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

It is no advantage to be near the light if the eyes are closed.

Saint Augustine

Тропар, гл2: Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне,* тоді ад умертвив ти блистінням Божества.* Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти,* всі сили небесні взивали:* Життєдавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак, гл2: Воскрес еси з гробу, всесильний Спасе,* і ад, увидівши чудо, зжахнувся та й мертві встали;* а творіння, бачивши, радіє з Тобою, й Адам веселиться,* і світ, Спасе мій, повсякчас Тебе оспівує.

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

Богородичний, гл2: У молитвах невсипущу Богородицю,* і в заступництві несхитне уповання не втримали в собі гріб і смерть,* бо як Матір Життя покликав до життя Той,* Хто в лоно вселився повсякчас дівственне.

Прокімен, гл2: Господь – моя сила і моя пісня,* і Він став моїм спасінням.

Стих: Тяжко покарав мене Господь, та не передав мене смерті.

До Тимотея першого послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: Сину Тимотею, вірне це слово й повного довір'я гідне, що Христос Ісус прийшов у світ, щоб спасти грішних, з яких я – перший. Але я був на те помилуваний, щоб Ісус Христос на мені першим показав усю свою довготерпеливість, на приклад тим, що мають увірувати в нього на вічне життя. Цареві ж віків, нетлінному, невидимому, єдиному Богу честь і слава на віки вічні! Амінь.

Алилуя, гл2:

Стих: Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова.

Стих: Господи, спаси царя і вислухай нас, коли будемо взивати до Тебе.

Євангеліє: Лк 18,35-43

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

In all your movements, let nothing be evident that would offend the eyes of another.

Saint Augustine

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **JORDAN HOME BLESSING:** Our Church has a beautiful tradition of visiting people's homes in the new year with blessed Jordan waters. Spiritually, it is meant to cleanse the home of any evil or strife that has built up over the past year, so that we can start the new year on a positive note.

If you would like Fr. Andrii to visit your family & bless your home with Jordan water, please fill out the Jordan Home Blessing sign-up sheet (at the back of the church) or contact him at pparish@yahoo.com or at 1-778-387-7071

◆ **CHURCH CALENDAR:** please find our new church calendars for 2022 at the back of the church. They are free to take. Any donations are welcomed.

◆ **PRAYER REQUEST: PLEASE REMEMBER** the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: **BERNICE KALTWASSER, ROSEMARIE PROKOPCHUK, BARBARA WALLACE, DAVE SULLIVAN, MIKE LUTZ & all** who have asked us to pray for them

◆ **CONGRATULATION TO NATALIE ZAZULIAK, EMMA OBARIANYK** and **TO ALL** who celebrate his/her Birthdays or Anniversary. May the Almighty God bless you with good health and salvation in Many Happy & Blessed Years of Life. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

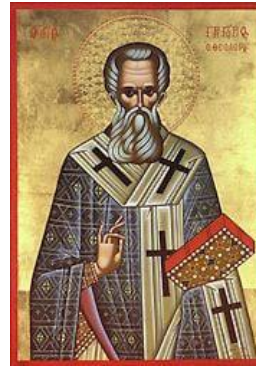
◆ **DEEPEST WORDS OF GRATITUDE** to all those who continue financially supporting our parish. **Sunday donations: January 16th** – \$458.55 May Our Lord reward you richly with his heavenly and earthly blessings.

◆ **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 St. George's 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 St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 2414 Vanier Dr, Prince George, BC., the sum of \$_ (or _% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."*

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

JANUARY, 2022	FLORE FAMILY
FEBRUARY, 2022	MELNYK FAMILY
MARCH, 2022	LUTZ FAMILY
APRIL, 2022	ROZNER FAMILY

JANUARY 25: SAINT GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN



This great Father and Teacher of the Church was born in 329. His father Gregory was a Bishop of Nazianzus, and his mother was named Nonna; both are among the Saints, and so are his brother Caesarius and his sister Gorgona.

At first he studied in Caesarea of Palestine, then in Alexandria, and finally in Athens. As he was sailing from Alexandria to Athens, a violent sea storm put in peril not only his life but also his salvation, since he had not yet been baptized. With tears and fervour he besought God to spare him, vowing to dedicate his whole self to Him, and the tempest gave way to calm.

At Athens Saint Gregory was later joined by Saint Basil the Great, whom he already knew; but now their acquaintanceship grew into a lifelong brotherly love. After their studies at Athens, Gregory became Basil's fellow ascetic, living the monastic life together with him for a time in the hermitages of Pontus. His father ordained him presbyter of the Church of Nazianzus, and Saint Basil consecrated him Bishop of Sasima, which was in the archdiocese of Caesarea. This consecration was a source of great sorrow to Gregory, and a cause of misunderstanding between him and Basil; but his love for Basil remained unchanged, as can be plainly seen from his Funeral Oration on Saint Basil.

About the Year 379, Saint Gregory came to the assistance of the Church of Constantinople, which had already been troubled for forty years by the Arians; by his supremely wise words and many labours he freed it from the corruption of heresy, and was elected Archbishop of that city by the Second Ecumenical Council, which assembled there in 381.

When Saint Gregory came to Constantinople, the Arians had taken all the churches and he was forced to serve in a house chapel dedicated to Saint Anastasia the Martyr. From there he began to preach his famous five sermons on the Trinity, called the Triadica. When he left Constantinople two years later, the Arians did not have one church left to them in the city. Saint Meletius of Antioch, who was presiding over the Second Ecumenical Council, died in the course of it, and Saint Gregory was chosen in his stead; there he distinguished himself in his expositions of dogmatic theology.

Having governed the Church until 382, he delivered his farewell speech in which he demonstrated the Divinity of the Son; in this speech he requested, and received from all, permission to retire from the see of Constantinople. He returned to Nazianzus, where he lived to the end of his life, and reposed in the Lord in 391, having lived some sixty-two years.

NEWS

**MOST REVEREND ARCHBISHOPS AND METROPOLITANS,
GOD-LOVING BISHOPS, VERY REVEREND CLERGY, VENERABLE MONASTICS,
DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS CATECHISTS,
AND ALL FAITHFUL!**

This Sunday, for the third year, the entire Catholic Church celebrates "Sunday of the Word of God," which aims to encourage Christians to honour together the Word of God in order to bring Him closer to all the faithful.

Establishing this celebration, the Holy Father Francis emphasizes that this day devoted to the Bible should encourage Christians to deep their knowledge of the Word of God daily, "For we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut..." (Aperuit illis, 8).

Our Church joins the initiative of the Holy Father in celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God. In particular, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, during the celebration of the first Sunday of the Word of God in 2020, said: "I would like all of us Christians to say: we cannot live without God's Word."

This year has been declared the Year of the Family by the Synod of Bishops of our Church. So, I ask you to introduce three things in our families this year:

1. Make sure each of our families has a Bible.
2. May the Bible be placed in our homes in a proper, dignified place, reminding us that the center, foundation, and starting point of our thoughts, words, and actions is God.
3. Every day, or at least once a week, as we gather together in our families and communities, let us read and meditate on the Holy Scriptures! This will help us to overcome obstacles, temptations, insults and build our Domestic Church – in love for God and for one another.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav urges us, "I encourage you to read the Scriptures every day. I know that today, in fact, there is no person who does not have the opportunity to read the Holy Scriptures. We often have a dusty Bible in our book collections. We often collect various editions of the Holy Scriptures, but we seldom open them and delve into them."

As we read God's Word, meditate on it, and pray with it, we meet, we get to know, and receive Christ. The Word of God is alive and active when we listen to it and live in it.

Let us, therefore, ensure that the Word of God is in our hands, minds, homes, and our hearts.

**IN PRAYER,
+ DAVID (MOTIUK)
CHAIR, PATRIARCHAL CATECHETICAL COMMISSION,
BISHOP, EPARCHY OF EDMONTON**

LETTER TO MARRIED COUPLES: AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO LIVE INTENSELY THE VOCATION TO MARRIAGE

On the day of the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth - and on the occasion of the "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year - the Holy Father Francis for the first time writes a Letter to Married Couples: a precious gift and an encouragement that comes at a difficult time for families around the world because of the continuing pandemic.

"In this "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, I am writing to express my deep affection and closeness to you at this very special time." the Pope writes. "The present situation has made me want to accompany with humility, affection and openness each individual, married couple and family in all those situations in which you find yourselves."

Beginning with these words, Pope Francis, with the gaze and tenderness of a father, then expresses his encouragement to overcome together the difficulties due to the pandemic and any other kind of situation, inviting spouses and families to remain united, trusting in the grace that works in the family. Like Abraham, in fact, the Lord also calls spouses to "come out of their own land" and entrust themselves completely to Him in raising children, in family relationships, in their working life and in participating in the marriage ministry: a married couple - writes Francis - is never alone, because by virtue of the sacrament of marriage Christ is always with them and gives the strength, courage and creativity to overcome every obstacle and uncertainty.

Pope Francis does not forget those who, within marital relationships, suffer breakdowns, crises, conflicts: "Remember also that forgiveness heals every wound," writes the Holy Father, "Christ "dwells" in your marriage and he is always waiting for you to open your hearts to him, so that he can sustain you, as he did the disciples in the boat, by the power of his love." "With him, you can truly build your 'house on rock' (Mt 7:24)".

The *Holy Father's Letter to Married Couples* is an encouragement to live intensely the vocation to marriage. The family that results from it is a wealth and a gift for society and for the Church. For this reason, the Pope invites younger people not to be afraid to embark on this journey and older people to live their relationships with their grandchildren as a resource for society.