

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00AM - BIBLE STUDIES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

5:00 PM - СЛУЖБА БОЖА

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22



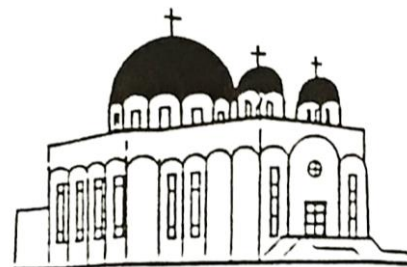
**SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**  
09:30 AM - ROSARY  
10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

### PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, we entreat You to hear the earnest prayer of Your beloved Church of Kyivan Rus' for her deeply afflicted children abiding in the land of Ukraine. Behold their grave sorrow and grievous plight, and speedily come to their aid. Deliver Your vulnerable people from unjust aggressors, foreign invasion and the terror of war. Strengthen courageous defenders of the nation to fight virtuously, inspired more by love of those they protect than hatred of the enemy.

O compassionate Lord, shelter the displaced, heal the wounded, console the orphan, protect the widow, comfort those who mourn, and mercifully receive into Your Kingdom those who have nobly died guarding their homeland against every aggression. Quickly make cease the spilling of blood of friend and foe alike, yet stir many to bravely struggle for that true justice which alone can bring lasting peace.

O kind-hearted Lord, as You are our peace, soften the hearts of the unmerciful and convert those who promote hostilities toward reconciliation, so that Your beloved children of the land of Ukraine, may abide in that tranquility, justice and freedom which reflects your Kingdom, where You reign with Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now, and forever and ever. Amen.



**SAINT GEORGE'S**  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА  
**СВЯТОГО ЮРІЯ**

**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

✠ **CONFESSION / 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 15, 2023  
32 SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The crowd around Christ had their own agendas in being with Him. Whatever reason they had, they selfishly try to prevent the blind man, Bartimaeus, from gaining Christ's attention. Everyone in the Church, each parishioner, should consider what their role is in following Christ – is it to make sure “I” get to Christ even if it means blocking others from getting to Him? Or, is it to make sure all who come upon Christ – whether out of hope or despair – get to Him ahead of myself? Obviously in the Gospel lesson, Christ sees the crowd's job as to bring to Him those who are seeking Him, who are praying (calling out) to Him – so He commands the crowd to do so.

Parishioners, all Christians, should look at themselves to see whether they are blocking people from coming to Christ, rather than doing their job of bringing people to Christ. If we prevent others from coming to Christ, we are working against Christ, even if we are simultaneously selfishly seeking Christ for our own purposes. We are not saved alone, but together with all who accept Christ as Lord, when we believe in Christ we become part of His Body, the Church, a fellow member with all other believers.

**Troparion, T.7:** By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

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

**Kontakion, T.7:** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,\* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.\* Hades is bound.\* The prophets exult with one voice.\* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying:\* “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

**Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Theotokion, T.7:** O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you,\* bring us up from the pit and depth of sin,\* for you have saved those subject to sin\* by giving birth to our Salvation,\* O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth,\* and still a Virgin after childbirth.

**Prokeimenon, T.7;** The Lord will give strength to His people;\* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

*verse:* Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams.

**A Reading from the first letter 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.7.**

*verse:* It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

*verse:* To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night.

**Gospel: Luke 18:35-43**

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

**Тропар 2.7:** Знищив Ти хрестом Твоїм смерть, відчинив розбійникові рай, мироносицям плач на радість перемінив і апостолам звелів проповідувати, що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже, даючи світові велику милість.

**Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.**

**Кондак 2.7:** Вже більше влада смерти не зможе людей держати, зійшов бо Христос, знищивши і знівечивши сили її, зв'язується ад, пророки ж однодушно радіють. З'явився Спас тим, що вірують, промовляючи: Виходьте, вірні, до воскресіння.

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

**Богородичний 2.7:** Як на скарбницю нашого воскресіння, надіємося на Тебе, Всехвальна, тож виведи нас з ями й безодні прогріхів, бо Ти спасла підлеглих гріхам, породивши наше Спасіння. Як перед народженням Ти була Діва, так і в родженні і по народженні, Ти залишилась Дівою.

**Прокімен 2.7:** Господь силу людям Своїм дасть, Господь поблагословить людей Своїх миром .

*Стих:* Принесіть Господеві, сини Божі, пренесіть Господеві молодих баранців.

**До Тимотея 1-ого послання Апостола Павла читання (1,15-17):**

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 2.7:**

*Стих:* Добре вого – прославляти Господа, і співати Твоєму імені, Всевишній .

*Стих:* Звіщати вранці Твою милість, ночами – Твою вірність.

**Євангеліє:** Лк 18,35-43:

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

## PARISH ANNOUCEMENTS

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

◆ **CONGRATULATION** to **ANNA BLIZNETSOVA** AND **LUBA ROBINSON** who celebrate his Birthdays. May the Almighty God bless him with good health and salvation in Many Happy & Blessed Years of Life. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

BIBLE STUDIES	
GROUP A	GROUP B
SESSION 4	SESSION 4
SUNDAY, JANUARY TBD	MONDAY, JANUARY 16

◆ **PEROGIES BEE PARTY.** We have started our preparation for the Easter Bazaar. This coming **Saturday, January 21, 2023 we will be making perogies.** Please, come and help us with this fundraising event.

◆ **HUGE THANK YOU** to all helpers and volunteers who have helped us with making cabbage rolls this Saturday. May Our Lord reward you richly with all His blessings.

◆ **UCWLC MEMBERSHIP FEES** are now due. Please submit your payment to **Rosemary Prokopchuk.**

◆ **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."*

◆ **DEEPEST WORDS OF GRATITUDE** to all supporting financially our parish. **January 8, 2023. Collection - \$ 660.00**

◆ **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 [pgparish@yahoo.com](mailto:pgparish@yahoo.com) or at 778-387-7071

## LOCAL ANNOUCEMENTS

◆ **BISHOP THOMAS J. LOBSINGER, OMI MEMORIAL BURSARY PROGRAM**  
The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2023 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia.

Applications are accepted from January 1, 2023 until June 30, 2023 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall.

The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site ([kofcbc.org](http://kofcbc.org)) after Jan 1, 2023. Requests for application should be addressed to: Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon 2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9 Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman Or email: [herbykofc@gmail.com](mailto:herbykofc@gmail.com)  
Deadline for requests for application is June 1, 2023.

### ◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE - PASTORAL CENTRE ACCOUNTING CLERK - TEMPORARY FULL-TIME:** The Diocese of Prince George is seeking a temporary full time Accounting Clerk for maternity leave coverage which will commence early in 2023 and last up to 15 months. Reporting to the Business Manager, this position is responsible for a variety of bookkeeping and accounting duties in support of accounts receivable, accounts payable and other accounting and financial functions for several sets of books.

Skills and Qualifications: Business Accounting Diploma and/or two years related experience, Knowledge of Sage 50 and 300, Microsoft 365

A high degree of accuracy, judgment and ethics and the ability to work in a collaborative and team environment are essential. Interested applicants should send their resume to [jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

### ◆ ADVOKATE LIFE AND EDUCATION SERVICES DIRECTOR OF PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES:

The Director of Pregnancy Care Services is responsible for providing overall leadership to Advokate's Hope for Women Program currently operating in three cities across BC. This includes providing supervision and emotional support to Site Managers, development of



training materials and internal systems, and quality control of overall client care. The ideal candidate has a bachelors degree in practical psychology, social services, counselling or a related field, has experience working or volunteering at a crisis pregnancy center and is enthusiastic about our mission. For more information on how to apply, please go to Employment Opportunities at <https://advokate.ca/getinvolved>, contact Marie at [marie@advokate.ca](mailto:marie@advokate.ca).

#### OUR SAINTS – JANUARY 17 – ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT



Saint Anthony the Great is known as the Father of monasticism, was born in Egypt in the Christian family (251).

When Saint Anthony was about twenty years old, he lost his parents, but he was responsible for the care of his younger sister. Going to church about six months later, the youth reflected on how the faithful, in the Acts of the Apostles (4:35), sold their possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles for the needy. Then he entered the church and heard the Gospel passage where Christ speaks to the

rich young man. Anthony felt that these words applied to him. Therefore, he sold the property that he received after the death of his parents, then distributed the money to the poor, and left his sister in the care of pious virgins in a convent.

Leaving his parental home, Saint Anthony began his ascetical life in a hut. By working with his hands, he was able to earn his livelihood and also alms for the poor. Sometimes, the holy youth also visited other ascetics living in the area, and from each he sought direction and benefit. He turned to one particular ascetic for guidance in the spiritual life.

In this period of his life Saint Anthony endured terrible temptations from the devil. The Enemy troubled the young ascetic with thoughts of his former life, doubts about his chosen path, concern for his sister, and he tempted Anthony with lewd thoughts and carnal feelings. But the saint extinguished that fire by meditating on Christ and by thinking of eternal punishment, thereby overcoming the devil.

Having gained spiritual experience in his struggle with the devil, Saint Anthony considered going into the Thebaid desert to serve the Lord. The devil tried to hinder him, by placing a large silver disc in his path, then gold, but the saint ignored it and passed by. He found an abandoned fort

on the other side of the river and settled there, barricading the entrance with stones. His faithful friend brought him bread twice a year, and there was water inside the fort.

Saint Anthony spent twenty years in complete isolation and constant struggle with the demons, and he finally achieved perfect calm. The saint's friends removed the stones from the entrance, and they went to Saint Anthony and besought him to take them under his guidance. Soon Saint Anthony's cell was surrounded by several monasteries, and the saint acted as a father and guide to their inhabitants, giving spiritual instruction to all who came into the desert seeking salvation. He increased the zeal of those who were already monks, and inspired others with a love for the ascetical life. He told them to strive to please the Lord, and not to become faint-hearted in their labors. He also urged them not to fear demonic assaults, but to repel the Enemy by the power of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord.

In 311 there was a fierce persecution against Christians, in the reign of the emperor Maximian. Wishing to suffer with the holy martyrs, Saint Anthony left the desert and went to Alexandria. He openly ministered to those in prison, he was present at the trial and interrogations of the confessors and accompanying the martyrs to the place of execution. It pleased the Lord to preserve him, however, for the benefit of Christians.

At the close of the persecution, the saint returned to the desert and continued his exploits. The Lord granted the saint the gift of wonderworking, casting out demons and healing the sick by the power of his prayer. The great crowds of people coming to him disrupted his solitude, and he went off still farther, into the inner desert where he settled atop a high elevation. But the brethren of the monasteries sought him out and asked him to visit their communities.

Saint Anthony spent eighty-five years in the solitary desert. Shortly before his death, he told the brethren that soon he would be taken from them. He instructed them to preserve the Faith in its purity, to avoid any association with heretics, and not to be negligent in their monastic struggles. "Strive to be united first with the Lord, and then with the saints, so that after death they may receive you as familiar friends into the everlasting dwellings."

Saint Anthony died peacefully in the year 356, at age 105, and he was buried in the desert by his disciples. The Life of the famed ascetic Saint Anthony the Great was written by Saint Athanasius of Alexandria. This is the first biography of a saint who was not a martyr, and is considered to be one of the finest of Saint Athanasius' writings. Saint John Chrysostom recommends that this Life be read by every Christian.