

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00AM – BIBLE STUDIES “THE BOOK OF REVELATION”

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00AM – DIVINE LITURGY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00AM – THE EMMANUEL MOLEBEN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00AM – DIVINE LITURGY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00AM – THE EMMANUEL MOLEBEN

18:30 – БІБЛІЙНІ НАУКИ – ГРІХОПАДІННЯ – ЧАСТИНА 2

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00AM – DIVINE LITURGY

5:00PM – GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:30AM – ROSARY

10:00AM – DIVINE LITURGY FOLLOWED BY MAKING SANDWICHES

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.

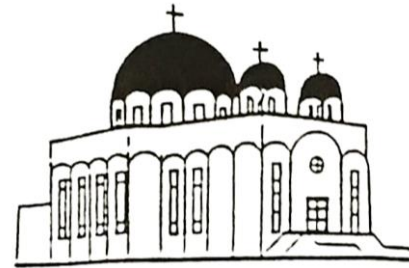
O compassionate Lord, shelter the displaced, heal the wounded, console the orphan, protect the widow, comfort those who mourn, and mercifully receive into Your Kingdom those who have nobly died guarding their homeland against every aggression. Quickly make cease the spilling of blood of friend and foe 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.

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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: 5:00-5:50pm
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

DECEMBER 10, 2023
28 SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



From the ten lepers' petition we can learn to beseech God with trust, and that we don't need to wait until we feel we are worthy to ask for and receive what we need. Our Lord – says St. Augustine, – “has a greater desire to give than we do to receive, and he has a greater desire to show us mercy than we do to see ourselves freed of our wretchedness.”

The Samaritan's attitude and Jesus' reproach for the nine ungrateful ones teaches us another important lesson: our thanksgiving gives glory to God and prepares us to receive greater gifts. Hence we should foster in our heart, along with trusting petition for what we need, gratitude for all that we have received, even without asking for it.

Saint John Chrysostom says: “He gives us many gifts, and most of them we aren't even aware of.” If we are grateful to God and praise him for everything, we draw down on ourselves and on others the blessings of Heaven. “Our thoughts – says St. Augustine, – in this present life should turn often to the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice forever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now.”

Troparion, T.3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion, T.3: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, T.3: Today the Virgin stands before us in the church* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,* Apostles exult with prophets,* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokeimenon, T.3: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.
verse: Clap your hands all you nations; shout to God with the voice of joy.

A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians 1:12-18:

Brothers and Sisters, giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Alleluia, T.3

verse: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

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

Тропар 2.3: Нехай веселяться небеснії, нехай радуються земляни,* бо показав владу рукою Своєю Господь,* Він смертю смерть подолав,* первістоком з-поміж мертвих став,* визволив нас із глибин аду,* і подав світові велику милість.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак 2.3: Воскрес Ти нині з гробу, Щедрий,* і нас візвів із брам смерти,* нині Адам веселиться і радіє Єва,* разом же і пророки з патріярхами безустанно оспівують* божественну могутність влади Твоєї.

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

Кондак 2.3: Правдивого благочестя проповідника і несказаних таїн провісника,* звізду церковну, Луку божественного, звеличаймо,* бо Слово вибрало його з мудрим Павлом, учителем народів,* – єдин, що знає тайни серця.

Прокімен 2.3: Співайте Богові нашому, співайте,* співайте цареві нашому, співайте.

Стих: Всі народи, заплещіть руками, кликніть до Бога голосом радости.

До Колосян послання Апостола Павла читання 1,12-18: Браття і Сестри, дякуйте Отцеві, який зробив нас гідними мати участь у долі святих у світлі. Він вирвав нас із влади тьми й переніс у царство свого улюбленого Сина, в якому ми маємо відкуплення, прощення гріхів. Він – образ невидимого Бога, первородний усякого створіння, бо в Ньому все було створене, що на небі і що на землі, видиме й невидиме: чи то престоли, чи господства, чи начала, чи власті, все було Ним і для Нього створене. Він раніш усього, і все існує в Ньому. Він також голова тіла, тобто Церкви. Він – начало, первородний з мертвих, так, щоб у всьому Він мав першенство.

Алилуя 2.3:

Стих: На Тебе, Господи, уповав, щоб не осоромитись навіки (Пс 30,2).

Стих: Будь мені Богом захисником і домом пристановища, щоб спасти мене.

Євангеліє: Лк 17,12-19

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



◆ **VISIT OF ST. NICHOLAS** to our parish will take place this Sunday, December 10th - after the Divine Liturgy.

◆ **THE EMMANUEL MOLEBEN.** A devotional service called the *Emmanuel Moleben* using the pre-festal hymns and scripture readings of the Nativity, emphasizing the message of preparation and the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah, helps us prepare for the coming feast. In our parish this service will be celebrated on Friday, Dec.8 at **9:00am**.

◆ **SPIRIT OF AWARENESS** - Dear parishioners, if our brother/sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in church today, please contact them and ask how they are doing. Let them know that our parish community misses them very much!

◆ **CONGRATULATION TO ALL** who celebrate their Birthday or Anniversaries. May the Almighty God bless you with good health and salvation. Многая І Благая Літа!

◆ **ЗАПРОШУЄМО НА БІБЛІЙНІ НАУКИ "ГРІХОПАДІННЯ" 2 ЧАСТИНА** - П'ятниця, 15 Грудня о 18:30

◆ **BIBLE STUDIES "THE BOOK OF REVELATION" - PART 2** will take place this Monday, December 11th at 9:00am.

◆ **DEEPEST WORDS OF GRATITUDE** to all those who continue to support our parish financially. Our special gratitude to everyone who has so far contributed towards our chairs fundraising. **May God bless and reward you abundantly with earthly and spiritual. SUNDAY DONATIONS: DECEMBER 3rd - \$562.00 and Hall rent - \$350.00 For Ukraine: - \$150.00**

◆ **PLEASE REMEMBER** the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: **BERNICE KALTWASSER, ROSEMARIE PROKOPCHUK, MIKE LUTZ, BETH PAWLUK, PAUL ROZNER, ROBERT TANASYCHUK, LUBA ROBINSON, MALVIN MAXIMITCH, NATALY ZAZULAK & all who 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 is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember St. George 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 Ukrainian Catholic Parish -2414 Vanier Dr, Prince George, BC V2N 1T7 the sum of \$ (or % of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."*

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◆ **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR.** Our Annual Christmas Bazaar has come to another successful conclusion. I just want to take this moment to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who did so much to make our Bazaar a successful parish activity once again. My BIG THANK YOU is addressed to our ladies and volunteers who been working tirelessly for the last three months. Our parish is blessed to have such a team of experienced, dedicated, and hard-working women and men whose efforts produced another successful Christmas Bazaar. Also, I dearly appreciate the help of all those wonderful people:

- who generously donated baked goods and other items towards Bazaar. THANK YOU!
- who set up the church hall and decorated it nicely. THANK YOU!
- who created a warm and welcoming atmosphere at the Bazaar, making this event both fun and successful. THANK YOU!

These may seem like just words, but I do greatly appreciate all who made the effort to make our Bazaar a SUCCESS. Thank You! God Bless You! May what you have given be returned to you many times over! *Fr. Andrii C.*



◆ **MAKING SANDWICHES for ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY.** We invite children, youth, and people of good will to join us on Sunday, Dec. 17 (after the Service) to make 150 sandwiches for people in need. Be a part of the social ministry of our parish.

◆ **CHRISTMAS DECORATION** We will put up Christmas decorations in the church on Saturday morning, December 16, from 10:00am till 12:00pm. Please come to help us.

◆ **RAINBOWS** Rainbows is a peer support group for children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family. Sessions run for 12 weeks each Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm, beginning in both September and February at St. Mary's School. There is no cost to participants. Contact: 250-562-3477 or e-mail: rainbowspg@shawcable.com



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NEWS

DECEMBER 12 – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: On 12 December, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, we take a moment to recall the Holy Father's Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, and in particular his words of prayer offered at Lac Ste. Anne: "Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother. Yes, Lord, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of your mother and your grandmother, because mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL The Knights of Columbus are holding their 62nd Annual Charity Appeal. You can purchase tickets at their website: <https://www.kofccharity.ca/>

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PRIZES

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A STATEMENT FROM THE CCCB ON THE NON-PERMISSIBILITY OF MAiD IN HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS WITH A CATHOLIC IDENTITY: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released a statement regarding the non-permissibility of MAiD in Catholic Health organizations. "Euthanasia and assisted suicide (MAiD) have always been, and will always be, morally unacceptable because they are affronts to human dignity and violations of natural and divine law. Catholic healthcare affirms that every person, made in the image of God (cf. Gen 1:26), has intrinsic value, regardless of ability or health."

In their statement, they lay out the Catholic position of compassionate and high-quality palliative care, the timely access of which can reduce suffering and attend to patients' spiritual and psychological needs. The CCCB offers "Horizons of Hope" as a tool to assist Catholic communities with this compassionate work: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/> The CCCB "oppose any efforts by governments or others to compel such facilities to perform MAiD in violation of Catholic teachings." To read the full statement, please visit the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/mediarelease/>

ADVENT COFFEEHOUSE – WITHIN THY SANCTUARY – DECEMBER 17TH

Everyone is welcome to attend the 8th Annual Advent Coffeehouse: 'Within Thy Sanctuary.' This evening is organized by young adults and families, and serves as an evening of fellowship, live music, and a silent auction fundraiser for a local charity in Prince George - all infused with spirit of Advent.

This year's Advent Coffeehouse's theme is Within Thy Sanctuary, an ode to and focus on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. And in line with our theme, the silent auction fundraiser's proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul and Hope for Women here in Prince George! We're excited to raise money for them this Christmas.

St. Vincent de Paul helps the people of Prince George who are in need by: providing meals, hampers, support in finding resources, clothing and home furnishing, and a warm place to gather on a continual basis.

Hope for Women exists to come alongside women, teens, and families facing unexpected pregnancy or pregnancy loss. All their support services are free and confidential, and include almost everything from ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, prenatal classes to financial and emotional support, and so much more.

Advent Coffeehouse: Within Thy Sanctuary:

Date: Sunday, December 17 ~

Doors Open at 6pm, and the Evening Begins at 6:30pm

Location: The Diocesan Pastoral Centre ~ 6500 Southridge Ave

Cost to Attend: \$5 per person, \$10 per family

Who can come: This evening is for people of all ages! Young and old alike will enjoy this evening

What to expect: MC'd by Prince George Catholic young adults, this night is full of local musical talent, baked goods and hot beverages, fellowship, a silent auction, and the spirit of Advent: the waiting and anticipation for Christmas.