



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha;  
Sunday of the Man Born  
Blind.**

**6-а Неділя Пасхи. Неділя  
Сліпородженого.**

**The Holy Prophet Jeremiah** – he was one of the major prophets born at the beginning of the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC. He prophesied from 636 to 586. In 587 BC, at the time of the Babylonian exile, he fled to Egypt with his disciple Baruch. He died there having been stoned by his own people.

**Blessed Klymentii (Clement Sheptytsky), Archimandrite of the Studites & Confessor.**

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

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***Daily Divine Liturgies***

**Monday, May 2** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. *Div. Lit.: God's blessings & peace in Ukraine – Mirko & Irene W.*

**Wednesday, May 4** \*\*\* 6:00 p.m. Vespers Service

**Thursday, May 5** \*\*\* Feast of Ascension of Our Lord \*\*\*  
9:00 a.m. *Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all parishioners –  
Mission Days - Introduction*

**Friday, May 6** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. *Moleben to the Mother of God – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Mission Days*

***Paschal Troparion***

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

**Troparion, Tone 5:** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,\* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,\* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.\* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death\* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

**Kontakion, Tone 4:** Blinded in the eyes of my soul,\* I come to You, O Christ, like the man who was blind from birth,\* and I cry in repentance.\* You are the brilliant light of those in darkness.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion, Tone 8:** Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,\* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;\* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,\* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!\* and giving peace to Your Apostles:\* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 8** - Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Psalm 76:12,2)



**Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 16:16-34)**

In those days, as the apostles were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners

had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

***Alleluia, Tone 8*** - Look upon me and have mercy.

*verse:* Direct my steps according to Your word.

***Gospel: John 9:1-38***

At that time, as Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the

Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.

***Hymn to the Mother of God*** - 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! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

***Communion Verse:*** Receive the Body of Christ;\* taste the fountain of immortality.

Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; \* praise Him in the highest. \* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 18:5)

***Instead of “Blessed is He Who comes...” we sing:*** “Christ is risen from the dead .... “

***Instead of “We have seen the true light...” we sing:*** “Christ is risen ...”

***Instead of “May our mouths be filled...” we sing three times:***

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

***Instead of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” we sing three times:***

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

*At the dismissal, instead of “Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.” we chant: Christ is risen from the dead,\* trampling death by death,\* and to those in the tombs\* giving life.*

*After the final Amen, the priest, with cross raised on high, exclaims “Christ is risen” thrice and we respond “Truly, He is risen” each time. Then, the Troparion “Christ is risen” is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition: And to us he has granted life eternal,\* we bow down before his resurrection on the third day.*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*‘I can see, thanks to the light of the sun; but if I close my eyes, I cannot see: this is no fault of the sun, it is my own fault, because by closing my eyes, I prevent the sunlight from reaching me’.*     **St. Thomas Aquinas**



**Please Pray for health of ...** Roman D., Bonny H., Ric B., Shirley C., Andriy H., Sandra Sh., Sofia B., Verna H., Mike W., Patricia U., Sophie S., Rose O., Yvette U., Lily-Ann S., Myron G., Peter D., Peter S., Ann M., and all other parishioners and family members who need God’s healing at the present time.

Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

**A warm welcome** - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed week!

**Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!** - on the occasion of the feast of Pascha, Christ’s resurrection, that is celebrated today according to the Julian calendar, we wish to all the faithful in Ukraine and in other places in the world many God’s blessings of joy, peace, good health and happiness.

**Христос Воскрес! Our Condolences** – to Mrs. Olena & Roman Federov and their family who mourn the death of Olena’s mother, Mrs. Galina Ovtcharenko who died last Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. May Galina’s soul rest in peace.

**Thank you** – to our Brother Knights and other parishioners who came yesterday and helped with our parish yard clean-up. God bless you all.

**One bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.** – will be celebrated on the following Sundays: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Fr. Andrzej substituting Fr. Myts in Kamloops during his annual vacation. **Services in Kamloops:** Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.; Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. & Sunday, May 22

at 2:00 p.m.

**Kelowna Right to Life Society** – invites you to attend a presentation by Mr. Alex Schandenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Evangel Church, 3261 Gordon Dr.

**Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ** will be celebrated this coming Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> with the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. **This is a holy day of obligation** - which means that we have the obligation to attend a Church Service on this day just as on Sundays.

**Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting for Council 7359** – will take place this coming **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at Columbus Villa.



**Mother's Day Brunch** – provided by Knights of Columbus will take place next **Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**. A special sign up sheet for the brunch will be provided in the church entrance as numbers are required. Let us treat all mothers and ourselves to a very special breakfast and for just \$5.00 (family \$15.00) receive: Ham or sausage and eggs with pancakes and syrup and whipped cream, juice and coffee.

**Children's Catechism** – will take place next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. On that day, those preparing to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Solemn Communion will have their first Sacrament of Repentance (Confession).

**Annual celebration at St. Nicholas Church in Coldstream** - will take place next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Joseph Ostopowich. Panakhyda service and blessing of the cemetery graves at St. Nicholas church cemetery will follow the Divine Liturgy.

**Conflict in Light of our Faith** – 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the workshop by Dr. Christina Hantel-Fraser will take place on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. More information will be provided closer to the day of this event.

**Dolyna Ukrainian Dancers 2016 Spring Concert – “Maidan Quest for Freedom”** – will take place on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Rotary Theatre for Arts at 7:00 p.m.

**First Solemn Communion** – at the Dormition parish will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will have six children to be part of this very special event. There will be one Divine Liturgy on that day at **10:00 a.m.**

**Cemetery grave blessings** – Panakhyda service and grave blessings will take place in **Penticton on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** and in **Kelowna, Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Our 5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Service (Prayers for our beloved deceased ones) will be celebrated on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Bible study program** – will continue on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Merciful Like the Father – Dormition Parish Social Project** – following suggestions from parishioners, our Parish Council voted to designate the 2016 “Coffee” proceeds for the support of St. Joseph’s new school building fundraising campaign. On Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> we collected \$82.85. Thank you for your support.

**Camp Saint Volodymyr 2016 – Sunday, August 21- Sunday, August 28**

The purpose of camp is to provide an opportunity for youth to experience God through nature and the companionship of others. Children will experience Ukrainian language and culture during camp along with games, religious activities, hikes, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and other summer camp activities.

This marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of our Ukrainian Catholic Summer Camp. Camp will take place in Kelowna at the OAC facility. Camp offers a wide range of activities for campers aged 7-15 (as of December 31, 2016). Registration is available online via Eventbrite “Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2016.” Early bird registration ends July 7, 2016.

**WAYS TO HELP:**

**VOLUNTEER**

Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in helping at this year’s camp as a counsellor, chef, arts & crafts or cultural coordinator please contact Jennifer. Applications forms for counsellors are due June 15, 2016. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal records check and must sign the camp code of conduct.

For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ [604.220.0584](tel:604.220.0584) or [jennsawka@hotmail.com](mailto:jennsawka@hotmail.com). Visit our website via [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca)

**DONATE**

We are always happy to accept food donations of vegetables, fruits, cereals, and treats for children such as cakes, cookies, as well as monetary donations. Tax receipts can be issued with donations of \$25 or more.

**Pilgrimage to Ukraine** - August 22 - September 7, 2016 led by Sr. Angelica. WE ARE GOING TO LVIV - TERNOPIL - CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS - HOSHIV - ZARVANYTSIA AND KYIV WITH TIME TO VISIT RELATIVES. If interested contact Sr. Angelica at [604-526-9198](tel:604-526-9198) or [604-375-6626](tel:604-375-6626) or Myrna at [604-716-7200](tel:604-716-7200) for information, itinerary and prices or refer to the poster on the parish bulletin board or visit this link: <http://nweparchy.ca/project/pilgrimage-to-ukraine/>

**Special Petition** – *“We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop’s initiatives and programs, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.”*

**Dormition Parish Stewardship:** Sunday, April 24 - \$892.00.





### Mission Days - A Ten Day Journey

**Ascension (5 May) to Pentecost (15 May)** - The goal is: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," Mt. 28.19

"By taking an active role in the spiritual efforts of these ten Mission Days, we are called to better understand that, by their very nature, our parish communities and families (domestic churches) have a *missionary* character. This missionary spirit is a consequence of the gift of our Baptism, by virtue of which we, as Christians, take upon ourselves the responsibility to *believe, live, serve, and share* the witness of our faith in Christ, not just among our family members, but with our neighbours, wherever we may live. Thus, the mission of our parish community is to allow our Lord to enter more deeply into our lives, and to carry the Good News beyond our own community, inviting others to partake in the Kingdom of God. From Ascension to Pentecost, as a parish community we pray that the Lord might renew our life in God through the power and action of His Holy Spirit." (*from the Guidebook...*)

**Introduction: Thursday, May 5** \*\*\* Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, \*\*\* Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**First Day: Friday, April 6** \*\*\* "Gift of Baptism and Divine Sonship" \*\*\* *Moleben to the Mother of God* at 9:00 a.m.

**Second Day: Saturday, April 7** \*\*\* "The Word of God" – \*\*\* **Penticton Parish** at 4:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

**Third Day: Sunday of the Holy Fathers, May 8** \*\*\* Leadership in the Faith \*\*\* Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**Fourth Day: Monday, May 9** \*\*\* "The Gift of the Consecrated Life" \*\*\* Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m.

**Fifth Day: Tuesday, May 10** \*\*\*\*"To be a Disciple of Christ" \*\*\*

**Sixth Day: Wednesday, May 11** \*\*\*"Responsibility for the Gift of Faith" \*\* Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m.

**Seventh Day: Thursday, May 12** \*\*\* "Readiness to Witness – Serve" \*\*\* Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m.

**Eighth Day: Friday, May 13** \*\*\* "Carrying Our Cross" \*\*\* *Moleben to the Mother of God* at 9:00 a.m.

**Ninth Day: Saturday, May 14** \*\*\* "Being Filled with a Missionary Spirit" \*\*\*

**Tenth Day: Sunday of Pentecost, May 15** \*\*\* "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" \*\*\* Div. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. (**Penticton – Sat. at 4 p.m.**)

**Laudato Si' by Pope Francis (continuation) –**



179. In some places, cooperatives are being developed to exploit renewable sources of energy which ensure local self-sufficiency and even the sale of surplus energy. This simple example shows that, while the existing world order proves powerless to assume its responsibilities, local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. They are also concerned about what they will eventually leave to their children and grandchildren. These values are deeply rooted in indigenous peoples. Because the enforcement of laws is at times inadequate due to corruption, public pressure has to be exerted in order to bring about decisive political action. Society, through non-governmental organizations and intermediate groups, must put pressure on governments to develop more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls. Unless citizens control political power – national, regional and municipal – it will not be possible to control damage to the environment. Local legislation can be more effective, too, if agreements exist between neighbouring communities to support the same environmental policies.

**Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:**

1. *You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Communion);*
2. *You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;*
3. *You attend Divine Services regularly;*
4. *Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;*
5. *You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water & medicine does not break the fast).*
6. *You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.*
7. *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.*

**\*\*\*\*A Reminder about appropriate reception of Holy Communion - when approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, the faithful are reminded to open their mouth wide and tilt their head back. Also, please avoid licking the spoon. \*\*\*\***