

PARISH NEWS - July 26th, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost / 8-ма Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа

Welcome! Bienvenue! Вітаємо! Welcome to St. George's Church!

Our mission is to know, love and serve our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

Here at St. George's Church, the center of our life is the Sunday and daily Divine Liturgy.

It is here where we come to know Christ in each other, in the Sacred Scriptures and through participation in the Holy Sacraments.

A life of Christian Catholic stewardship includes a strong commitment toward the sacramental life through prayer, Liturgy and active ministry.

We are called to become the image and likeness of Christ God in all we say and do.

~ Parish and Community Announcement ~

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS / ПРОСИМ О МОЛИТВУ ЗА ЗДОРОВ'Я

... all our parishioners who are in the hospitals, care homes, shut-ins and those who are not able to join us actively due to health reasons. Remember, if you would like a hospital or home visit, please call the parish office and let us know. Due to privacy laws, all requests must come from the individual or the immediate family.

Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English & Ukrainian)

Sunday 8:00 a.m. (English)

Sunday 10:00 a.m. (English & Ukrainian)

Weekdays & Holy Days: Please see bulletin

Please Remember to Support Your Parish.

In these unusual times, we are joining the world with debit or credit card usage.

If your preference is to use a card, please find the [DONATE Link](#) on our website main page.

Mailing traditional Sunday Offering Envelopes is still a good option.

May Our Lord reward you a hundredfold for your generosity. Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

LAST WEEK COLLECTION:

14 Envelopes - \$675.00

Special donation to the church - \$650.00

General Collection - \$100.00

Special donations in memory of + Olga Nakonechny - \$600.00

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

On June 20th and 21st we reopened our church and safely resumed public Divine Liturgies. Please know that we are committed to the safety of our parish community and a wider society. For this reason, I ask for your patience, understanding and cooperation as we transition through this time with the new protocols and limitations. The health and safety of everyone is at the heart of these directives. Let us all act responsibly and adhere to the guidelines provided by our Eparchy.

Guidelines for Opening Parish Church:

1. Since the pandemic Coronavirus' spread is somewhat decreasing the Ontario government decided that churches may open at 30% capacity, it is approximately 35 persons per Divine Liturgy at St. George's parish. Of course, all precautions of public health safety will be encouraged, including the wearing of masks, **maintaining physical distancing between non-family members**, venerating icons, crosses, etc. **without touching or kissing them**, and refraining from personal physical contact.
2. If you're not feeling well or uncomfortable, then we encourage you to stay at home and join us in prayer during live streaming from Windsor parish. Catholic's obligation to attend Sunday liturgy remains suspended. Stay safe and will continue to update you.
3. As per the Summary Checklist for Celebrating the Divine Liturgy under COVID-19 Restrictions, no bulletin shall be distributed in church. The parish bulletin will continue to be issued online only.
4. If you have any questions please call Father Bohdan - 519-542-9903.

Pre-recorded Divine Liturgies on YouTube Channel

Saints George's will **STOP** posting a pre-recorded Liturgy for Sundays on Fr. Bohdan's YouTube channel.

LITURGICAL SERVICES can be live streamed on:

Sts. Vladymir and Olga Ukrainian Catholic Church (Windsor, Ontario) parish Facebook page, 10:00 AM each Sunday.

CLICK ON THIS LINK: <https://www.facebook.com/STSVOWindsor/live>

or watch our past Videos:

CLICK ON THIS LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoGSVtuIEjSAT7sWbjMIPvg/videos>

A CHRISTIAN ACHIEVEMENT

We often hear about Christian achievements which have great meaning and seem impossible to attain, for example - martyrdom or severe asceticism. And yet each of us thinks that I, as a faithful Christian, should be doing the same. But even with the best of intentions we are incapable of such things. Why? Because before we can tackle something big, we have to start with the small.

If we look into the scriptures, we will see the words “Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones». Sometimes in tackling a bigger challenge we neglect the simpler things. For example, we want to get rid of sin and can’t seem to do so and we become discouraged and fall in spirit. Did we do enough? Probably not. We simply want everything at once. If we want something big, we first need to do the small things. This is a simple thing but it’s the small things that make us strong!

There is a story where a young man came to a wise man and said, “I want to change the world.” And the old wise man said; “First learn to shut the door softly.”

This may seem silly for what does a door have to do with changing the world. But it’s a small detail which shapes us. Small things pave the way to big ones. Big things resemble a mosaic which is incredibly beautiful. But we do not often notice that the mosaic is composed of small pieces, and all the pieces form a whole. The entire mosaic is a great achievement, but it is made of little parts.

We should approach our obligations conscientiously. But this is not enough. We are also to do so with love. And if we do our duties with love and honesty only then will we be capable of large achievements.

A SHORT DAILY PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God.
 You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well.
 We come to you today as your loving children.
 Watch over us and take care of us.
 As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms.
 Be a mother ready at every moment to help us.

For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God’s mercy is from age to age on those who love God.
 Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace
 always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.



Divine Liturgies this week:

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Sunday, July 26 th	8:00 AM	Health & Recovery for Alain Phillion	Emilienne Phillion
Friday, July 31 st	10:00 AM	+ Molly Weleschuk (40 th day)	Ben Weleschuk
Saturday, August 1 st	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving for Mirielle Beauchamp	Claire Johnson
Sunday, August 2 nd	8:00 AM	+ Paul Beauchamp and + Charlie Foster	Claire Johnson
Sunday, August 2 nd	10:00 AM	For our parishioners	Fr. Bohdan

Become a Member

If you regard St. George's as your parish, then you should become an official member by filling out a registration form (ask father Bohdan). There are no registration fees. Here are some reasons to register: If you need any administrative assistance membership saves you time; you may join the parish council; you will receive our parish mail-outs we do during the year. Also, you will be given a set of donation envelopes so that any donations you make will qualify for an income tax receipt.

Ukrainian Catholic - while Ukrainian is in the title of our Church, one need not be ethnically Ukrainian to join our parish. The Ukrainian Catholic Church is a church that comes from the Ukrainian people but is for the entire human race. We live out our Catholic faith according to the Byzantine Rite (our theology, liturgy, spirituality and canon law are non-Latin), while maintaining full Eucharistic communion with the Catholic Church in Rome.
(Fr. Ivan Chirovsky)



The Story of the pencil

A boy was watching his grandmother write a letter. At one point he asked: 'Are you writing a story about what we've done? Is it a story about me?' His grandmother stopped writing her letter and said to her grandson: I am writing about you, actually, but more important than the words is the pencil I'm using. I hope you will be like this pencil when you grow up.' Intrigued, the boy looked at the pencil. It didn't seem very special. 'But it's just like any other pencil I've ever seen!' 'That depends on how you look at things. It has five qualities which, if you manage to hang on to them, will make you a person who is always at peace with the world.'

'First quality: you are capable of great things, but you must never forget that there is a hand guiding your steps. We call that hand God, and He always guides us according to His will.'

'Second quality: now and then, I have to stop writing and use a sharpener. That makes the pencil suffer a little, but afterwards, it's much sharper. So you, too, must learn to bear certain pains and sorrows, because they will make you a better person.

'Third quality: the pencil always allows us to use an eraser to rub out any mistakes. This means that correcting something we did is not necessarily a bad thing; it helps to keep us on the road to justice.'

'Fourth quality: what really matters in a pencil is not its wooden exterior, but the graphite inside. So always pay attention to what is happening inside you.'

'Finally, the pencil's fifth quality: it always leaves a mark. In just the same way, you should know that everything you do in life will leave a mark, so try to be conscious of that in your every action'.

Source: "Like the Flowing River" by Paulo Coelho

During this pandemic, a virtue that has surfaced as one that is most important and valuable is patience. Patience is a virtue of everyday life. Without it, relationships between husband and wife, relationships within the family and at places of work sooner or later become more tense, they become marked by skirmishes or conflicts, which eventually turn into intolerable situations. It takes a lot of practice to learn mutual acceptance, which, although beautiful, also has its exhausting aspects. This time of the pandemic most certainly treats us to various aspects of difficulties and requires patient love in relationships with our loved ones and with others. It requires patience during illness, and patience in how we see the future in this fight against the virus. It requires patience to restore our path of solidarity with the Church and the community to which we belong. We pray that God will give us not only health but also patience, so that we can overcome nervousness, fatigue and introversion, so that we can strengthen our hearts with love and hope!

Lord, please give us the gift of patience which we now need so very much!

They Still Bring Forth Fruit in Old Age:

A Lesson on Caring in the Midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Message by the Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops - July 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused great suffering and enormous difficulties for many people who are already vulnerable. This is a cause for great alarm and concern for us as Catholic Bishops, and for the Catholic faithful of our country. The pandemic has inflicted unique difficulties and exceptional hardships on many, especially those in long-term institutional care, single-parent families, the unemployed, migrant farm workers, the homeless, Indigenous communities, those who are imprisoned, and many who were already experiencing different illnesses of body and mind. Yet the weeks and months of confinement have also provided many with opportunities for renewing relationships, finding creative ways of sharing the burden, and promoting activities which are more spiritual and meaningful in daily living. Furthermore, the elusive and unhealthy lack of balance in our lives between faith and prayer, work, family duties, community engagement, sports and hobbies has also become a reality.

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What emerged at the beginning of the pandemic were the conditions in long-term care facilities and similar institutions that were particularly disturbing, as government and healthcare authorities began to acknowledge. Reports by caregivers and military personnel providing emergency assistance, together with comparative studies as well as media accounts, help us recognize to what extent the circumstances are deemed “*horrific*”, “*cruel*” and “*abusive*”. That many elderly endured weeks practically in solitude to avoid contracting the virus even from caregivers, and that many died without either the presence of family members or the comfort and strength of the Church’s Sacraments and pastoral care is heartbreaking. The numerous accounts of limited and even neglected bedside care and feeding, unattended sanitary and hygienic needs, inadequacies in living space and basic safety procedures also highlighted a chronic employment situation: too few staff, inadequately trained, poorly compensated, and many of whom were working in multiple institutions. Most upsetting and what has come to light is the admission that this situation already existed long before COVID-19 appeared on the horizon.

Those serving the elderly in these settings, as well as personal support workers, homecare providers and family caregivers, also faced the added burden and challenge that their work and its importance for all the community was often unappreciated. Their dedication and long hours of service were not always justly compensated, and their own needs, fatigue, stress, and mental health were too readily overlooked.

Pope Francis’ warning against the implications of a “*throwaway culture*” in our society must be considered. The elderly are more considered. The elderly are more often than not the primary victims of this culture of discarding. The Church, as the Body of Christ, has a decisive and crucial mission, and an undeniable witness to give, in caring for the elderly and the sick, and in advocating on their behalf for their dignity as human persons in our society: “*Aware of the irreplaceable role of the elderly, the Church becomes a place where generations are called to share God’s loving plan, in a relationship of a mutual exchange of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*” *This intergenerational sharing obliges us to consider older people differently, to learn to look to the future together with them. When we think of the elderly and talk about them, especially in the pastoral dimension, we must learn to alter the tenses of verbs a little. There is not only the past, as if, for the elderly, there were only a life behind them and a moldy archive. No. The Lord can and wants to write with them also new pages, pages of holiness, of service, of prayer...*

...Today I wish to tell you that the elderly are also the present and the future of the Church. Yes, they are also the future of a Church that, together with the young, prophesies and dreams! This is why it is so important that those advanced in years and the young speak to each other, it is so important.

The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted a renewed discussion about important changes needed in order to address both the present and future challenges facing our elderly who are already frail and compromised by the conditions in which they are forced to live. Our hope is that Canadians will gain greater awareness as to how our culture prioritizes the freedom, desires and choice of individuals, and regrettably also tends to neglect the rights and responsibilities that promote the common good of society and the dignity of every person, especially the elderly. This begins with respecting and protecting, in peace and justice, the fundamental and inalienable rights of each human person, as well as their authentic development and social well-being in the entire community.

As followers of Christ, caring for one another must take on an ever greater imperative and meaning if we are truly being authentic in the witness of our faith and beliefs. Have we failed to truly care for those in need - the ill, the downtrodden, the elderly, the abandoned, the suffering, the confused, the addicted, the disabled, the victimized, the abused and the outcasts - because we have forgotten to see Christ in them? Is the Coronavirus pandemic an occasion for us, as Christians, to reflect on how we care for those around us and how much love, attention, tenderness, and mercy we express in reaching out to them as our Lord reminds us: *“just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me”*?

The pandemic can, in many ways and for many people, serve as an important reminder of the inherent dignity of human life, its meaning and what should be most important in life. No matter the degree of isolation and privation each of us may have experienced so far in this crisis, there are lessons to be learned about the need for courage, determination, hope and steadfastness. One of these important lessons, especially for the younger generation, is that well before COVID-19, the elderly and the disabled were frequently excluded or forgotten, not only by society in general, but in many cases by their faith communities and even by their loved ones. We must not forget, however, that the undue suffering experienced by the elderly and vulnerable members of our communities because of loneliness, anxiety, depression, worry and abandonment of different kinds weighs heavily upon the collective conscience of both our country and Church. Sacred Scripture exhorts us: *“Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.”*

To have faith is to trust the Lord to guide one’s feet into the way of peace. He alone is able to turn death into life, to shine radiant light into the darkness of human despair, and to allow for lasting meaning to emerge from our manifold experiences. This global pandemic has at least taught us a priceless lesson and truth which we have perhaps forgotten: we are human and consequently not immune to suffering and death. Such profound limitations - personal, communitarian, governmental, ecclesial, societal and otherwise - have become manifest, and this calls for greater co-responsibility and accountability in caring for individuals, society and in fact the whole of creation. However, these limitations have also provided us with the opportunity to reach out to others - to our families, friends, neighbours, coworkers and strangers - in new and life-giving ways. They have allowed us to renew our sense of authentic solidarity and community by considering and treating others, especially the most vulnerable, the sick, and the elderly as valued and precious members of our communities.

[...]

As we entered into the Lenten season, and in union with Christ’s struggles in the desert, Canadians began experiencing COVID- 19 restrictions. These remained in place as Christians celebrated the Paschal Mystery throughout Eastertide. Since Pentecost, the Catholic family has renewed its faith in the Triune God of life and love in whom humanity *“lives and moves and has its being”* (cf. Acts 17:28) and who dwells through grace within our hearts and souls. We are reinforced in eternal hope by celebrating the Mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ, and reaffirmed in the love flowing from the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Our faith reminds us that God is present in our midst as guide and protector. Fortified by these divine assurances, we can move forward in confidence, generosity, gratitude and prudence as our governments and healthcare authorities ease the Coronavirus “lockdown”. This will entail reassessing our priorities, taking an honest look at our values and lifestyle. We must let ourselves be challenged by the Lord’s calling and the present needs of our brothers and sisters.

As we slowly return to a more normal way of life, let us not forget the elderly among us who still have so much wisdom to impart, faith to share, stories to tell and joys to offer. Let us create space in our hearts, homes, families and communities to honour them and truly care for them in their weakness and their many needs. Let us welcome their unique giftedness in building a world which is more human, loving, generous, forgiving, and radiant with God’s grace. The Lord has always been and will continue to be a haven and solace for all those who have recourse to him in faith. He continues to look after his own and to be faithful to his beloved children: *“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.”*

In faith the Mother of Christ followed her Son on the road to Calvary and now shares in his glory; consequently, she too accompanies each of us as a spiritual and true mother. May Jesus Christ, the Lord of all mercy and goodness, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of families and Comforter of the afflicted, enlighten, inspire and protect us. May we be graced with a new awareness and appreciation of the gift which the elderly are to us all.

(Full message at www.archeparchy.ca)

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 7;

The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and those with him (286-305); Holy Venerable-Martyr Parasceve

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 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, Tone 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, Tone 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, Tone 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. (*Psalm 28:11,1*)

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Brethren, I plead with you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe’s *household*, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Alleluia, Tone 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. (*Psalm 91:2,3*)

Gospel - Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.”

But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (*Psalm 148:1*)



**BYZANTINE ACT OF
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ,
The Son of the living God, who came into the world
To save sinners of whom I am the first.

Although I cannot now be a partaker of your mystical supper,
O Son of God,
Come at least spiritually into my heart by your Divine Grace
for the healing of my soul and body.

For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies,
Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas,
But like the thief I profess to you:

- + Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.
- + Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.
- + Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

O Lord, I also believe and profess, that this,
Which I would receive, and which is now
here present with us in Mystery,
Is truly your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood.
*May I one day partake of your mystical supper again For the remission of all
my sins and for life everlasting. Amen*

- + O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- + O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
- + O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

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