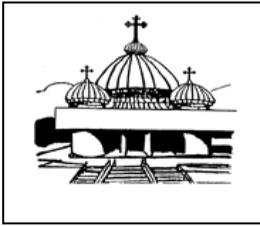


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**DIVINE LITURGY:**

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

**SATURDAY :** 4:00 pm (English)

**Confession:** Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

**Baptisms & Marriages:** By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

**Visitations & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

**December 15, 2019 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Propher Habakkuk**

**Свщмч. Климента Римського**

**Epistle: Eph. 5:9-19** see explanation on page 444

**Gospel: Lk. 12:16-21** see explanation on page 166

**Prayer Intentions December 16-22**

**Thursday:** 5:30 p.m. +Mukola Koztowski(1 yr Anniv) – Mr. & Mrs. Szaryj

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. +Slawko Hucal – Sonia Hucal

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. +Grandmother and Mrs. Anna Hajduczok –  
,Mr. & Mrs. Babiak

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – English – for Parishioners

**CABBAGE ROLL WORKSHOP:** Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

## **FINANCES Nov. 24th:**

Available in the printed version of the bulletin.

**Thank you very much for your generosity! Жертводавцям складаємо ширу подяку!**

**2020 SUNDAY ENVELOPES:** are now available for pick up in the Church foyer. PLEASE THROW OUT UNUSED 2019 ENVELOPES AND USE **ONLY 2020 ENVELOPES NEXT YEAR AS NEW NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED.** Anyone new to our parish wishing to be issued Sunday Envelopes is asked to register by phone by calling the parish office or by filling out a registration form and submitting to the office.

## **CHRISTMAS 2019**

**Tuesday, December 24 - 4:00 PM Divine Liturgy**

### **Christmas Eve (Vigil)**

Day of fasting and abstinence from meat, dairy and eggs, and foods that contain these ingredients. NOTE: According to liturgical time, each day begins and ends at sundown. As the first star appear in the evening sky on Christmas Eve, the feast of the Nativity of Christ begins – with the family gathered together for the Holy Supper. The Lenten character of this meal (abstinence from meat and dairy products) reminds us that Jesus was born not into wealth, in a royal palace, but into poverty, in a humble cave, amidst the poor of the world. Great Compline and Lytia is the first prayer service to take place in church after the Holy Supper. With Compline, the Nativity Fast (40 days of preparation) comes to a formal end. During the Lytia, bread, wheat, oil and wine are blessed. The faithful will receive this blessed bread and will be anointed with this holy oil at the end of each Christmas Divine Liturgy.

**9:00 am Royal Hours**

**3:00 pm Great Compline and Lytia**

**4:00 pm Christmas Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday, December 25 - 10:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy**

### **Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

Blessed bread will be distributed at the end of the Liturgy. The faithful will also be anointed with holy oil.

**Thursday, December 26 - 9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy**

**Synaxis of the Mother of God**

This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. The Greek word synaxis means “assembly.” The faithful assemble the day after Christmas to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

**Friday, December 27 - 9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy**

**Saint Stephen, the First Martyr**

Saint Stephen was the first baptized Christian of the early Church to be martyred for the sake of Christ, in the year 34 or 35 AD.

**Sunday, December 29 - 10:30 am Divine Liturgy**

Sunday After the Nativity of Christ King David, Saint Joseph, Saint James On this first Sunday after the Nativity of Christ, we also commemorate Holy and Righteous. Joseph, the betrothed spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus. We also commemorate King David, the ancestor of Christ, as well as St. James, “the Brother of the Lord” and the first bishop of Jerusalem

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 10:30 am Divine Liturgy – Thanksgiving**

The morning Divine Liturgy will be offered in thanksgiving for the 2020 year.

Circumcision of Our Lord Saint Basil the Great / New Year’s Day

According to Jewish custom, every male child received its name on the eighth day, at the circumcision. Just as any other Jew, Jesus was also circumcised on the eighth day. In Hebrew, the name Jesus is “Yehoshua,” which means “The Lord saves.” On this day, we also commemorate St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 1st, 379. In addition to his work as a theologian, Basil was known for his care for the poor, the sick and the needy. Basil established guidelines for monastic life which focused on community life, liturgical prayer, and manual labour.

**Inner Peace**

"Living a Peaceful Life" is the basic desire for every one on this earth, but what makes us to live peacefully throughout our lives is the big question now.

To describe it very clearly here is a story. Once there was a King wanted a best picture to be painted which was to reflect the ultimate Peace simply by seeing it. He called upon the renowned painters around the world and conducted a competition for the best Picture that reflects the Peace in its pure state. After the scrutiny only two best paintings which were almost similar and hard to judge stood in the final race. The decision to select the best painting lied on the King. He carefully observed the two.

The first one had the calm and pristine lake surrounded by grass carpet with flowering plants on front side and towering smooth surfaced mountains on back side and its image falls on the steady water of lake which acts as a perfect mirror. Above of these a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. The painting appeared very serene, calm and picturesque, it emanates the absolute Peacefulness in the minds of the viewers.

The second one also had the mountains, but they had rugged and rocky surface with a thundering and stormy black sky above them. The storm has caused the heavy rain, so the mountains had the roaring waterfalls that runs down to merge with a turbulent stream at the bottom. Beside of the waterfalls at the middle point there was a small crevices in the huge rock where a green bush was growing. On the top of the bush there was a Bird caressing its tiny child observing all the natural phenomenon with peaceful eyes. The Bird appeared to be complacent knowing the truth that nothing will happen as a disaster in its life despite its given habitat was under a calamity.

The King chose the second painting as it reflected the Absolute Peace amidst all the natural hardships. It is obvious that we can have a Peace of Mind when there is quiet and noiseless environment.

Even the calm and noiseless environment sometimes may not give perfect Peace when the mind has all the disturbances and negative thoughts.

The Peaceful life is not caused by the external factors like calm, quiet and pristine surroundings. The Peacefulness has to come from inner core of our mind.

When we make Peace with ourselves that emanates from inner layers of our mind, then all the troubles, wavering, difficulties and moments of turbulence generated externally ca not disturb our Peace of Mind.

The Inner Peace always wins over the external disturbances and troubles, also it keeps our mind to be in a continuous state of calm and Happiness.

**Одного разу, багач побачив бідного і вручив йому кошик.**

**Кошик заповнений був сміттям ...**

**Бідняк узяв кошик і пішов геть.**

**На наступний день багач знайшов бідняка під своїми дверима.**

**Бідняк дав йому кошик з квітами.**

**Багатий чоловік запитав його: Чому ти даєш мені квіти, коли я дав тобі сміття?**

**Бідняк відповів: кожен дає іншим, що знаходиться у його серці.**

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING:** Anyone wishing to help off set the cost of printing our Sunday Bulletin is invited to place an advertisement in the Bulletin for the year 2019. Please contact the Parish Office at: 705-675-8244 or by email [stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca). Ads will be printed from January to December 2019.

**THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN CHURCH IN CONISTON**

would like to thank all who came to make our annual praznky a huge success. Father Petro thank you for your inspiring liturgy, and to those that generously supported our small parish . God Bless you abundantly.

**SAINT NICHOLAS** accompanied by angels will visit all eager children on Sunday December 22, 2019 at 12 noon. Come join us for family and fellowship celebration. Please, make reservation with Marusia Evanochko.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?** New members to our Parish are very welcome! If you wish to register to become a parishioner, please pick up a Parish Registration Form from the table were the bulletins are located, and drop the completed form on the collection plate. For your convenience, you may also register over the internet or by calling our Parish Office during office hours.

**ADVENT FAST** – during the Advent we should make every effort not to miss Sunday's worship. We are now preparing for the Birth of Christ, Our Saviour with prayer, fasting and good works. Come and worship with your spiritual community!

**Fr Brian McKee Knights of Columbus 1387 Home Made Regular or Hot Italian**

**Sausages** Fr. Brian McKee, Council 1387, is making and selling regular or hot Italian sausages @\$28.00 for 5 pounds @ St. Anthony's Church, 19 Mary St. Sudbury on Friday January 24, 2020 Please contact Richard Rivard (705) 524-6066 or via email [duke@persona.ca](mailto:duke@persona.ca) to submit your order prior to January 17, 2020. **Orders to be picked up at St Anthony's Church - Fri, Jan 24, 1:00 - 5:00pm or Sat, Jan 25, 9:00am - 2:00pm**

**Many, many thanks** to all who came out and supported the Christmas Bazaar/Tea. It was a great success once again. It was also a wonderful prelude to the Christmas season. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our Kitchen Chef Carol Shyminsky, and all our kitchen staff and volunteers who made this year's Christmas Bazaar very successful. It's hard to really count up days, weeks and the hours and hours that so many of our people put in to make this such a great event as always. **Thank you all and may God bless you!**

**Being Thankful. A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank G-d he's in bed!"**

When we pray with our children, we introduce them to the language of faith so that it becomes natural for them to converse with God. By our example and guidance, our children learn how to praise God, how to thank him, how to ask for forgiveness, how to intercede for others, and how to ask for their own needs.

**Have you made your Will yet?** Remember your church. Your church never forgets you. We pray for all deceased members at all our services.

**CHOIR practices for Christmas:** we are looking for a volunteer to lead and to prepare singing for Christmas Divine Liturgy on January 6, 2020. If you would like to help, please contact Sofia Fedorowych

**РІЗДВЯНІ ПРОБИ ХОРУ** – шукаємо особи яка малаби бажання приготувати спів колядок на Різдво Христове. За інформаціями прошу звертатися до Софії Федорович.

**Зачаття Пресвятої Богородиці св. Анною** в тому році припадає у неділю 22 грудня. Під час Різдвяного посту, зробім зусилля, щоб не опустити жодної Божественної Літургії. Це час навернення, віднови, покаяння та покути.

**Заповіт.** Просимо пам`ятати про свою парафію у своєму заповіті. Ваша парафія завжди служила й служитиме Вам та Вашій родині в найважливіших хвилинах Вашого життя.



У двадцять сьому неділю по Зісланні Святого Духа читається Євангеліє про оздоровлення скорченої жінки у суботу (Лк 13, 10-17). Євангелист Лука виразно підкреслює той факт, що оздоровлення відбулося у день суботній, у день, в який належало відпочивати. Цікавим є також те, що Христос сам виступає ініціатором оздоровлення в суботу. Немає згадки про те, щоби скорчена жінка просила про чудо. Мабуть вона мала необхідну віру, оскільки Господь творить знаки і чуда по вірі, але можливо не сміла просити оздоровлення у день суботній. Тоді сам Христос своєю волею звільняє її від недуги, показуючи людям правдивий зміст святкування суботи.

Незадоволення начальника синагоги однак не виливається безпосередньо на Христа, хоча саме Йому прагнув найбільше дорікнути, а на людей: «Шість день є, коли маєте працювати; тоді, отже, приходьте й оздоровляйтесь, а не в день суботній» (13, 14). Господь очевидно знав, що

оздоровлення в суботу викличе незадоволення, але все-одно чинить його, оскільки чинить волю Отця, не маючи страху бути осудженим, відкинутим, погордженим. Начальник синагоги натомість проявляє лицемірство навіть у тому, що не звертається безпосередньо до Христа, бажаючи Йому дорікнути.

Євангельський уривок ставить перед нами дві постави: щирість і лицемірство. Щирість Христа нехтує тим, що скажуть люди, що виникне непорозуміння і незадоволення з негативними наслідками для Нього самого. Лицемірство начальника синагоги нехтує конкретною людиною, яка потребує допомоги, не занедбуючи водночас своїх конкретних потреб, як от подбати про тварин заради власної користі.

Так легко є подбати про добру суспільну думку (про те, що думають інші люди), але так важко є подбати про допомогу конкретній людині. Ще важче, якщо така допомога не сприяє добрій суспільній думці, а навпаки. Натомість Христос вчить нас не бути лицемірами. Не відмовляти іншим у допомозі з будь-яких приводів, якщо з тих самих приводів не відмовляємо собі у необхідному. Не заперечує Господь необхідності святкувати день святий, адже це Його заповідь, але вимагає щирості у його святкуванні, а не зовнішньої лицемірної постави.

**Марія Ярем**

***I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good. (Isaiah 48:17)***

Imagine getting instruction from Bill Gates on computers, Serena Williams on tennis, or Gordon Ramsay on cooking. It would be spectacular, wouldn't it? Well, you have something even better: almighty God, the One who is greater than all of the experts, has promised to teach you not only about your hobbies but about the best way to live. You have the One who is all-knowing and the source of all truth as your very own tutor!

If God is your teacher, then Scripture is the first and best textbook he uses. This book is a compendium of his wisdom, knowledge, and laws. It is a literary expression of faith lived out. And it is a testament of a restored relationship with him through the cross. In every aspect of faith and morals, it is never wrong. What's more, because it's inspired by the Holy Spirit, Scripture is a living word that God uses to speak directly and personally to our hearts.

So read it. Stop when you feel your heart stirring with hope or longing. Stop when a question forms in your mind, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you find the answer. Let the teachings of the Church guide you when you are confused. Pay attention to thoughts that form as you read; they may be coming from the Lord. When something seems too good to be true, reread it—hundreds of times, if necessary, until you are convinced of God's goodness. Believe that God can spark understanding and direction for your life through a single verse.

Advent is the perfect time for going deeper and further with the Lord. It can be a time to learn and to experience the fruit that develops when you spend time meditating on the words of your Teacher. It can be a time to receive a little more of the life Jesus was born to give you.

God is ready and waiting to teach you. He is ready to clear away the guilt and fear that hinder you. So come to him, and receive his expert instruction!

“Father, help me to know your ways, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me today.”



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