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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.

February 2, 2020

Feast of the Encounter of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 see explanation on page 467

Gospel: **Luke 18:10-14** see explanation on page 184

Propers for the Divine Liturgy: *Tone 1*

Неділя Закхея – Лк. 19:1-10; 1Тим. 4:9-15

Prayer Intentions (February 3-9)

Monday	5:30 p.m.	+Brian Simcoe – Fr. Peter
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Commissioning of the New Parish Council
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	+Paul & Ilene Rehaluk
Thursday		No Divine Liturgy
Friday		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy – English – for Parishioners
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	+Ivan Tkach – Maria Tkach
	10:30 a.m.	+Gregory Bodnar – Raymond Levesque

In truth, we have to admit that we are weak creatures who scarcely do anything well. . . . Must we, for that reason, be worried, anxious, pressured, distressed? Certainly not. Is it necessary to think up volumes of desires in order to stimulate ourselves to reach this level of perfection? Of course not. All we need to do is express simple wishes that witness to our gratitude.

THE MOST IMPORTANT FEAST DAY IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS THE Feast of the Encounter of Jesus at the Temple which occurs on February 2nd/15th. This feast is also known as **Candlemas**. On this day in some of the Slavic churches a Service of the Blessing Candles is celebrated after which the candles are taken home by the faithful.

FINANCES: Available in the printed version of the bulletin.

Thank you very much for your generosity! Жертводавцям складаємо щиру подяку!

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION - will begin on February 2nd after 10:30 Divine Liturgy in the classroom. Please, contact Marusia for more information.

SINCEREST CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS: We extend our sincerest condolences & prayers to Ken and Janet Stonley on passing away of Eileen Stonley. May her memory be eternal in God!

HAPPY St. VANENTINE'S BINGO – Come and join us on Saturday, February 8th. Door opens at 11:30 am, Bingo starts at 12:00 Tickets are \$12.00 and include a hot lunch and 1 bingo card. Door prizes.

ERROR - 2020 SUNDAY ENVELOPES: An error was made in the printing of 2020 envelopes – 5 envelopes were omitted from all boxes. The envelopes were sent to us last week. They are placed in an envelope with parishioner's name and are placed in alphabetical order. You can pick yours' up in the Church foyer.

Parish Council Meeting – induction of the new parish council members will be on February 4, 2020 at 6 pm in the classroom.

PARISH ASSEMBLY/SOBOR – In preparation for our Eparchial Assembly/Sobor each parish is asked to prepare a report on the key aspects in the life of our parish. As a result every registered parishioner is encouraged to fill out the Parish Sobor Questionnaire and submit it to the parish office no later than February 16, 2020. They do not need to be signed. On February 23 at Noon we will have a Brunch and Sobor to discuss results from the questionair responses

and formulate a draft document that will be presented at the Regional Sobor on March 28, 2020.

PARISH ASSEMBLY/SOBOR/Brunch – February 23 at Noon.

REGIONAL SOBOR – St. Demetrius Church in Toronto, March 28, 2020

REMEMBERING OF THE DECEASED – in our tradition, during the Great Lent, we have a special prayer service called, **“Parastas – Sorokousty”**. During the Great Lent, every Friday and on All Souls Saturdays, the names of deceased persons submitted to the priest will be read aloud and prayed for. Please update your Family Memorial List and return it to the parish office. Also, please use blue special offering envelop for your offering. One offering for Sorokousty suffices for the year’s services. May the memory of our ancestors be everlasting.

EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS: Donations for St. Mary’s Easter Flowers may be made, “In Memory,” of your loved deceased family members by using a blue Special Donation envelope. The names will be published, **“In Memory in St Mary’s Easter Bulletin.”** Please indicate “Easter Flowers” on the envelope.

CHALLENGE FOR GREAT LENT – Again, I invite you to put a Bible Book on your kitchen table for the time of the Great Lent (40days). Every time when you sit to eat, open the Bible and nurish your soul before you eat.

Prayer before reading Bible

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

ПОЖЕРТВИ НА ЦВІТИ ДО БОЖОГО ГРОБУ –запрошуємо парафіян пожертвувати на квіти до Божого Гробу. Можна це зробити в пам`ять тих що відійшли у вічність. Список жертводавців буде поданий у Великодньому віснику. Просимо вживати сині конвертки на ту ціль і підписати на Цвіти до Божого Гробу Широ Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

ПАРАФІЯЛЬНИЙ СОБОР- АНКЕТА – Для підготовки до регіонального собору просимо всіх парафіян виповнити анкету і повернути до парафіяльного бюро до 16 лютого, 2020 року. Ці запитники не треба підписувати. 23 лютого відбудеться наш парафіяльний собор де буде дискусія результатів з анкет. Після цього буде приготований документ який буде представлений на Регіональному Соборі 28 березня 2020 року. Просимо всіх парафіян до співпраці.

Парагіяльний Собор – Бранч – собор 23 лютого, 2020 о год 12 після обіду.

РЕГІОНАЛЬНИЙ СОБОР – Церква Свю Димирія в Торонто, 28 Березня 2020р.

СВЯТО СТРИТЕННЯ ГОСПОДНЬОГО – Служба Божа у суботу 15 лютого о год 10:00 ранку. Свячення свічок після служби.

СОРОКОУСТИ – просимо хто має бажання, щоб ми поминали померлих з ваших родин, повідомити канцелярію або покласти список імен в конверті на особисті потреби і покласти на тацу.

The mystery of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you. (Mark 4:11)

In World War II, the Nazis believed the secret code they were using to transmit radio messages was unbreakable. But men and women at the now famous Bletchley Park in Britain were finally able to crack the code, and their work is credited with shortening the war by up to two years.

Have you ever felt as if you were trying to crack a secret code when you read Scripture? It's not always easy to understand what the Gospel writers, St. Paul, or any of the Bible's authors, for that matter, were trying to convey. But Jesus told the disciples—and us—that “the mystery of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you” (Mark 4:11). That's why he sent his Holy Spirit, the ultimate “Code Breaker.” He is the One who enlightens us as we read, opening our hearts and minds to understand and internalize God's word.

So the first and most important thing you can do is to call on the Holy Spirit every time you open the Bible. Just as the disciples asked Jesus for an explanation of his parable, you can ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand what you read. He can turn what might seem at first glance a dense paragraph into a clear and eloquent passage that moves you deeply.

Second, invest in a Catholic study Bible with footnotes as well as a good Bible commentary. These are invaluable aids that will help you understand the history,

context, and genre of each book you read. You might also consider joining a Bible study or studying one-on-one with a friend or your spouse.

Third, get in the habit of regularly praying with Scripture. For example, the parable in today's Gospel of the sower and the seed can be the basis of a rich meditation. You might ask yourself, "What kind of soil have I been lately? Am I letting anxiety about worldly things or the lure of riches get in the way?"

Finally, be persistent. You might not always understand everything you read, but don't get discouraged. Keep asking the Holy Spirit for help. Believe that over time, the Spirit will continue to reveal the mysteries of his kingdom to you.

The Primate noted that today the entire Catholic Church throughout the world is celebrating for the first time the Sunday of the Word of God, set by Pope Francis in a separate letter. "I would like all of us Christians to say, 'Without the Word of God we cannot live.' I urge you to read the Scriptures daily," called on His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

The preacher said that on this day, which is called the Sunday after the Epiphany, the evangelist Matthew focuses our attention on a special moment in the life and mission of Jesus Christ. "Matthew shows us today that this is the moment when God begins to speak to man in human language," said the Head of the Church.

Matthew also shows us the Christ who begins his public ministry - the beginning of the proclamation of the Gospel. "The Word of God, the Gospel is not just some knowledge, a doctrine, a set of ideas. The Word of God is a Divine Person - the Son of God Jesus Christ," notes the spiritual leader of the Ukrainians.

We see the moment when God the Father sends His Word, which has been with Him and in Him from time immemorial. Now we see the Word come to us. By the power and action of the Holy Spirit, it enters our human life.

Christianity is a space of living communion, according to the Primate, an opportunity for man to speak to God and for God - to man. It is a space of divine-human relationships.

Early Christians tell us that the Word of God is the nourishment we feed on, so that, according to the Apostle Paul, we can grow to maturity in Christ. "Every time we read the Scriptures, we enter into dialogue, communion with God. For our God is not a dumb God, but God-Word, who still speaks to us today. That is why it is so important to read Scripture in the community. For, as Christ says, for 'where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them,'" the Head of the UGCC reminds.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav thanked those who are engaged in the biblical apostolate at the UGCC, and noted that in our Church reading of the Holy Scriptures is considered a sign of a living parish, a vibrant Christian community.

Representing the Philadelphia Archeparchy and the Metropolia of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, as well as the Ukrainian Catholic University community in Lviv Ukraine, I hold vigil and pray God: "Never again!"

The 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp is a solemn and mournful opportunity to reflect upon man's capacity for evil.

Human sin has caused untold suffering in history. The Holocaust is an archetype of this sinful capacity. The Shoah is a quintessential sign of the potential of human depravity. Evil is real. It needs to be named and confronted.

The Nazi crimes and those of their collaborators are to be condemned as well as all antisemitism that regrettably is raising its ugly head in our country and in many countries of the world.

We stand together with the Jews of the world and with all victims of genocide, violence, totalitarianism, and inhumane ideologies. We pray for all living, those yet unborn and especially for the children of the world that they may know the fullness of life, liberty, justice, and peace.

May each one of us, where we live and work, witness to the gift of human dignity that God gives us. All of us. No matter what our race, religion, nationality, gender, or disability.

May we speak and write, think and act in ways that counter hate. May we build bridges, not walls. May the love of our faith be the true creed of our life.

This is our hope: "O Lord, we pray you: Never again!"

On this day of remembrance let us pause to honor all those who perished and those who heroically sought to save the condemned.

January 27, 2020, International day of commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

Eternal memory!

Вічна пам'ять!

+Borys Gudziak

Archbishop of Philadelphia and

Metropolitan of the United States for Ukrainian Catholics

President, Ukrainian Catholic University

Лк. 19, 1–10

«А був там чоловік, Закхей на ім'я; він був головою над митарями й був багатий. Він бажав бачити Ісуса, хто Він такий, але не міг із-за народу, бо був малого зросту».

Сьогодні перед нами відкривається дуже цікава картина. Закхей, який був головою над митарями, – в нашому часі це посада керівника податкової інспекції, тобто людина дуже знана у суспільстві – так зацікавився Христом, що не постидався вилізти на дерево, бо не міг Його побачити. Це бажання побачити Христа, відкритість, безпосередність, правдивість зумовила те, що він дуже швидко перемінився і приніс плоди.

Проблема наших стосунків з Богом є в тому, що ми часто навіть перед Ним граємо якусь роль: або праведника, щоб добре виглядати перед Богом, перед собою, перед іншими, або грішного. Бог прагне, щоб ми постали перед ним в правді та істині – такі, як ми є.

У цьому Євангелії бачимо, як відбулася зустріч в правді. Найперше тому, що Господь є правда, так і Закхей постав перед Ним в правді, він щиро кається: якщо когось скривдив, то віддам вчетверо, а половину майна дам вбогим. **Так само і у нашому житті – якщо ми в**

правді стаємо перед Богом, то плоди переміни одразу приходять в наше життя. Бо правильно будувати своє життя, правдиво вміти дати раду собі можна лише тоді, коли зустрінемося з Господом. Зустріч людини з Богом цілковито перемінює її!

Тим. 4, 9–15

«Будь зразком для вірних у слові, поведінці, любові, вірі й чистоті»

Люди багато чують в церкві, від священників на проповіді про те, як треба жити, якою мала б бути поведінка і постава християнина. До того ж, багато читають про те, що значить бути християнином, і багато з нас свідомі того, де є гріх, а де праведність. Але щоб так жити, люди потребують когось, хто втілює це у своєму житті.

У народі кажуть, що краще один раз побачити, ніж сім раз почути. Люди потребують, щоб хтось був втіленням тих християнських чеснот, християнської постави, яка в теорії може виглядати недосяжною. Люди потребують від кожного з нас, хто називається християнином, щоб це християнство реалізувалось, ставало видимим у нашому житті.

Будьмо взірцем для кожної людини, яка стрінеться на нашій життєвій дорозі, будьмо взірцем Христового доброго учня!

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