

# Вісті Української Католицької Парохії Святої Покрови St. Mary's Church Bulletin



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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.

## **July 26, 2020**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians **1:10-18** Gospel: **Matthew 14:14-22**

### **Prayer Intentions**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	For Parishioners
	10:30am	+Maria Pawluch – Dorothy Pawluch
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am	No Divine Liturgy
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	No Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am	No Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am	No Divine Liturgy
<b>Friday</b>	9:30 am	No Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 am	No Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	For Parishioners
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy

**Неділя 8-ма після П'ятдесятниці**

**Мт. 14, 14–21: «Не треба їм відходити: дайте ви їм їсти».**

Люди були так захоплені проповіддю Христа, що зовсім не думали про земні потреби, вони незчулися, як знайшлися в пустинному місці, де не було поживи. Тоді апостоли, ученики

Христа, просять Його, щоб щось зробити, що б можна було людей накормити. Апостоли навіть не передбачають, що Христос може дати людям їжу. А ще більше, що вони самі щось можуть дати цим людям. Самі в цій ситуації Ісус Христос каже ці знамениті слова: «Дайте ви їм їсти». Тобто: спробуйте зробити щось, що ви можете вчинити в цій ситуації.

З одного боку, ми бачимо чудо Христове, Христос помножує хліби. А з іншого — перед нами постає ситуація ділення, бо люди мали п'ять хлібів і дві риби і почали ділитись, давати одні одним. Як це важливо в нашому житті, вміти поділитись, дати щось комусь іншому.

**Сьогодні Господь не тільки робить чудо помноження хлібів, а й вчить ділитися, давати те, що в наших силах і спроможностях, а Бог доповнить. Тож робімо все, що можемо, а Бог завжди це помножить!**

**1 Кр. 1, 10–18 «Бо слово про хрест – глупота тим, що погибають, а для нас, що спасаємося, сила Бога»**

Щоб зрозуміти ці слова, мусимо кілька слів сказати про те, чим для тогочасних людей було розп'яття на хресті. Бути покараним на хресті було найбільшою ганьбою для тогочасної людини, а ще більше для єврея. Тому проповідь про хрест теж була ганьбою для тогочасних людей, бо це було місце ганебної смерті.

А чим для нас є хрест? Це місце, де нам подарована вічність. Усі ми прагнемо щастя, довгих років життя, але на хресті людина отримала вічність, безсмертне життя. Тому він для нас є такий важливий і цінний. **На хресті Господь виявив свою любов найбільшу до людини і обдарував її вічним життям.**

**+Венедикт**

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. (Matthew 13:45)

What are you looking for in life? Everybody is searching for something. Children long for a special toy or game. Teenagers look for a boyfriend or girlfriend or success at school. Working people might be seeking out the next big career opportunity. People of any age could be wanting financial security or peace of mind.

Today's Gospel introduces us to someone who is also a seeker: a merchant on a quest for fine pearls. Like many of us, this merchant is searching for something specific. And in the midst of his search, he finds something far more wonderful than what he expected: one single pearl of surpassing value, a "pearl of great price" (Matthew 13:46). Seeing it, he gives up the search for those "fine pearls." He commits himself fully to obtaining that one beautiful pearl—so much so that he sells everything else so that he can buy it.

Surely the merchant wasn't able to sell everything all at once. There were probably times when he doubted himself. But he kept at it, day after day, item after item, until he finally had it—the pearl of his dreams. At last he was content!

Jesus says this merchant shows us what the kingdom of heaven is like. It is made up of people like us, searching for happiness. In some ways, the things we seek can make us happy. But finding Jesus and being part of his kingdom far surpasses the happiness that anything else can give. In him we find the answer to our deepest longings for love and reconciliation. For security and fulfillment. For purpose and meaning.

Make no mistake: things we long for can often be good things. But remember the merchant. There was nothing wrong with the pearls he was trading in. Yet he sold all of them for that one pearl of great price.

"Lord, help me to see you as a priceless pearl worth everything in my life."

On this occasion, the Head of the Church recalled that the first who gave the Ukrainian people under the protection of the Theotokos was Yaroslav the Wise. "It was when he opened before the eyes of the Kyiv community an indestructible wall - Oranta, who stands with outstretched arms in prayer before the face of God. Interestingly, the inscription on it says that 'God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.' This is exactly the faith we hear about in today's Gospel," assured the Head of the UGCC.

"Twenty-five years ago," His Beatitude Sviatoslav recalled, "our predecessor Myroslav Ivan Lubachivsky renewed the act of consecration of Ukraine and the Church under the protection of the Mother of God here, in the retreat center in Zarvanytsia. At that time, more than a million pilgrims came here," he said.

According to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, from the perspective of time we understand that freedom and independence are God's gift for us. They are God's response to our parents' faith. "We also renewed a similar act of consecration on the eve of the Feast of the Theotokos in 2014. As you remember, Ukraine then lay defenseless and weakened in the face of the aggressor who was shedding blood in the Donbas and Crimea," added the spiritual leader of the Ukrainians.

"We see that the Blessed Virgin has covered us with a veil. God appeared to us and gave us strength. We remained united as the Church and the country."

The Head of the Church emphasized that now, hearing that the world is kneeling before the disease, we are kneeling before the miraculous icon of the Most Holy Virgin Mary. Such an act, in his opinion, will testify to our faith that God is ready to work a miracle here for us - those who believe.

"Our faith is manifested in the fact that God is among us. He is with us, and we will not be shaken, we will not kneel before anyone or anything," His Beatitude Sviatoslav said.

"Today, like friends of the relaxed, we bring in prayer all those who have asked us for it, all those who are fighting with the disease, especially our doctors who are 'at the forefront.' We bring all those who pray to God for joy, peace, justice, goodness, and health for their loved ones. Today we pray for peace, because we do not forget that Ukraine is still at war. May the Lord God, who is our peace, as the Apostle Paul says, listen to our prayers through the faith of His mother. And may He tell us today: rise, pick up your bed and go home," the Head of the Church added at the end.

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