ANNOUNCEMENTS

- "Christmas Candle" "Різдвяна свічка" Since 2012 our Eparchy has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. Our fundraising program, "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" із part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. We have had great momentum over the last few years raising over \$20,000 with support from our BC parishes as well as parishes in other provinces and parts of the United States. The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during the Christmas season with a voluntary donation. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Candle and include it with the Sunday collection at any Ukrainian Catholic Church in BC. Donations over \$20 are eligible to receive a tax receipt if requested and cheques can be made out to your parish with Christmas Candle Project in the memo. We thank you for your past support and generosity and ask that you continue supporting this appeal as part of your Christmas tradition. Caritas is an organization that is supported and approved by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk and His Excellency Bishop Ken Nowakowski. 100% of the proceeds go to Caritas Ukraine. For more information, please contact the coordinators Dana Koren Lupynis, Natalia Lupynis or Emelia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at Caritas "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.
- Please Pray for health of ... Romeo P., Wilf K., AnnMary J., Mary S., all the sick brothers and sisters in our families and our parish community. Please let Fr. Stepan know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.
- Please, contact Fr. Stepan **if you want to have the Divine Liturgies** celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions.
- If you would like to receive an e-mail version of our weekly parish bulletin, please send me an e-mail and I will add you to our list. dovhoshyiastepan@gmail.com
- SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (Vernon): Dec 15 \$220
- SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (Grindrod): Dec 15 \$719

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK (VERNON): Dec 22 - Dec 29

SUNDAY	For the Parishioners of the St. Josaphat For the Parishioners of the Saints Peter and Paul	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
MONDAY	NO SERVICESS	*****
TUESDAY	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Grindrod)	8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	10:00 AM
THURSDAY	Synaxis of the Mother of God	9:00 AM
FRIDAY	First Martyr Stephen	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	Divine Liturgy for Lonnie C. and family	9:00 AM
SUNDAY	For the Parishioners of the St. Josaphat For the Parishioners of the Saints Peter and Paul	10:00 AM 2:00 PM

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!

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Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 2: Great are the achievements of faith!* In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest,* and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep.* Through their intercession, O Christ God,* save our souls.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 6: Armed by the Being that defies description* You defied the manmade idol, O thrice blessed youth.* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:* "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,"* for You can do whatever You will.

Prokeimenon (Tone 4) Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. **verse**: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. (Daniel 3:26,27)

Epistle: A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (Heb 11:9-10;17-23;32-40)

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Abraham he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, "bowing in worship over the top of his staff." By faith Joseph, at the end of his

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life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Alleluia: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days. *verse:* You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us. (Psalm 43:2,8)

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1).* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1).* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

2019 Christmas Services

Tuesday, Dec. 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE (Grindrod)

8:00 p.m. - Great Compline with Lytia; Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Dec. 25th - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Vernon)

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, Dec. 26th - Synaxis of the BVM

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Friday, Dec. 27th - First Martyr Stephen

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy