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We are each of us angels with only one wing...

And we can fly embracing each other...

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

June 29, 2025 – Third Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 2; ☩ The Holy, Glorious, All-Praiseworthy and Chief Apostles Peter and Paul.

Intentions this Sunday

Saturday at 4:15pm: Parishioners; Sunday at 10am: Parishioners

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 2: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

Troparion, Tone 4: As the leaders of the apostles* and teachers of the whole world,* intercede with the Master of all* to grant peace to the world* and to our souls great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour,* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen

Kontakion, Tone 2: You received Your inspired and steadfast preachers, Your chief disciples,* into the enjoyment of Your good things and into repose.* You, Who alone know the heart, accept their labours and death* more gladly than any holocaust.

Prokeimenon, Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Repeat: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Repeat: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-10

Alleluia, Tone 2

verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Hymn to the Mother of God, in the place of It is truly right

O my soul, magnify Peter the solid rock of Christ’s Church and Paul her chosen vessel. You, most glorious Bride and all holy Mother of God,* in song do we magnify,* for the Maker of all things seen and unseen* was born of you.

Gospel

Matthew 6:22-33

Communion Hymn

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their words unto the ends of the world.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, June 30 The Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All- Praiseworthy Twelve Apostles; Blessed Hieromartyr Vasyl Velychkovsky.	1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Mark 3:13-19			
Tuesday, July 1 ☩ The Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian.	Romans 10:11-11:2 Matthew 11:16-20			
Wednesday July 2 + The Placing of the Precious Robe of Our Most Holy Lady and the Mother of God in Blachernae.	Hebrew 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	10am	Rosary and Divine Liturgy	
Thursday, July 3 The Holy Martyr Hyacinth.	Romans 11:13-24 Matthew 11:27-30			
Friday, July 4 Our Holy Father Andrew the Jerusalemite, Archbishop of Crete	Romans 11:25-36 Matthew 12:1-8			<i>Abstain from meat and meat products.</i>
Saturday, July 5 + Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Athos.	Romans 3:19-26 Matthew 7:1-8	4:15pm 5:30pm	Divine Liturgy (for Sunday) Great Vespers	Intention: Parishioners
Sunday, July 6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Romans 6:18-23 Matthew 8:5-13; 5:1-16	10am	Divine Liturgy (Bilingual— Primarily English)	Intention: Parishioners

Other Events this Week

Monday, June 30 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

Wednesday, July 2 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

Thursday, July 3 – Cabbage Roll and Perogy making from 7am to noon. Lunch is provided.

Sunday, July 6 – Coffee and fellowship after Liturgy. Faith Formation (Topic: Divine Revelation)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome our guests and visitors. Thank you for worshipping with us! Our Liturgy on Saturday evening is in English. Our Liturgy on Sunday morning is mostly in Ukrainian—next week it will be mostly in English.
2. On June 29, 2019, the late Bishop Stephen Chmilar ordained Fr. Michael to the priesthood. Please stay after Liturgy for fellowship (and maybe anniversary cake...).
3. **Church email change:** Our new parish email is **soostmaryukr@outlook.com**. Please update your contact information. Our old email, soostmaryukr@bellnet.ca, will no longer be operational come early-July.
4. Summer is upon us. If you are travelling or going to camp, don't neglect the Sunday Liturgy. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life, and to deprive ourselves of it is to starve ourselves spiritually.
5. Ticket of Hope Sponsorship Program: Contribute towards Ukrainian young adults closest to the war zone attending the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage in Rome this summer. Go to ucet.ca/ticket-of-hope for more information and to donate (or scan the QR code on the poster at the Church entrance). Donations are taken until June 30.
6. Our cook Rick Nelson will be riding in the 3rd Annual DRAGONFLY RUN FUNDRAISER for ARCH on Sunday, August 24th. ALL money raised is to support our community hospice – a vital part of our community. Please support this very important event. We have a sponsor sheet in the office. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.
7. Our friends at Our Lady of Good Council Parish are planning a pilgrimage to Quebec's most beautiful and sacred sites: St. Joseph's Oratory, Notre Dame Cathedral, St. Anne de Beaupré, and Cape de la Madeleine. Dates of the pilgrimage: **September 29th to October 3rd, 2025**. Deadline to apply: July 25th. For more information, please contact Roberta by email at caymalone@yahoo.ca or by phone at 705-946-1069.
8. We received a letter of thanks from the Salvation Army for our ongoing support of their food bank. They serve over 450 family food hampers monthly, as well as 2000 lunches to individuals. Let's remember the needs of the many in our community while we are enjoying our summer barbeques and fill our food hamper for them.

Outreach to Homebound Parishioners: Know of someone who might like a priest's visit? Contact the office or Fr. Michael to arrange.

PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR: Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Strachuk, Elsie Barrett, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Nikolaos Georgas, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barasanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany and Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O'Pallie

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen

DONATIONS: Sunday, June 22nd: \$925.00

In Memory of Michael Plastino: \$30.00

THANK YOU

Building Fund: \$170.00

In Memory of Doreen Toyne: \$30.00

"On Call Priest"

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7. You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL. (705-256-6675)

On the role of the parish office manager/administrator:



NB: Inserting this cartoon was Fr. Michael's idea.

Feast Day this Past Week: The New Martyrs of Ukraine (June 27)

On June 27, the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church celebrated the feast of the 27 New Martyrs beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 2001. These men and women were imprisoned, tortured, and killed in different ways simply for being Ukrainian Greek-Catholics under the brutal Soviet regime. They could have renounced their faith or agreed to join the Russian Orthodox Church in exchange for freedom, however, out of faithfulness to Christ and in hope of the heavenly kingdom, they all refused. While these few are formally recognized by the Church, countless others suffered similarly for the same reasons and are now too enjoying eternal life among the Saints.

Two of these New Martyrs have a connection to Canada: The first is Blessed Nykyta Budka, first bishop for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada. He also has a special connection to our parish as he consecrated our first Church building in the Bayview neighbourhood in 1917. The second is Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, who, after years of imprisonment and torture in the USSR, lived out his final days in Winnipeg, where he died in 1973. His mortal remains rest at St. Joseph's Church in Winnipeg and this grave is available for public veneration and prayer.

Below are brief biographies and accounts of Blesseds Nytyka and Vasyl. The entire article containing these accounts and those of all of the other New Martyrs may be found at:

<https://sspp.ca/our-faith/saints-and-blessed/list-of-martyrs/>

Blessed Nykyta Budka

Bishop and martyr Nykyta Budka was born on June 7, 1877, in the village of Dobomirka, Zbarazh District. In 1905 after finishing theological studies in Vienna and Innsbruck he was ordained to the priesthood by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. From the very beginning he gave great attention to the ministry for Ukrainian emigrants. The Holy See appointed him first bishop for Ukrainian Catholics

in Canada in July 1912, and he was ordained bishop on October 14, 1912. In 1928 he returned to Lviv and became vicar general of the Metropolitan Curia in Lviv.

Blessed Nykyta Budka was arrested in Lviv by the Soviets on 11 April 1945 and transported to Kyiv the following day. For the next twelve months he was interrogated and tried for 'crimes' against the Soviet Union and the Communist Party. A military tribunal sentenced him to five-years imprisonment on 29 May 1946. After that he vanished and, for over ten years, no one knew his whereabouts or even if he was alive. It was rumoured that Budka was being held in Siberia. Instead, he was among the many innocent people who had been sent to prison camps near Karaganda, Kazakhstan. After Stalin's death, Soviet authorities began to release the survivors. These men and women were finally able to tell the stories about those who had lived and died in the gulag. Among the survivors from Kazakhstan were Blessed Bishops Ivan Liatyshevsky and Aleksander Khira, and future-archbishop, Father Volodymyr Sterniuk. In 1958 Soviet authorities finally confirmed that Nykyta Budka had died close to 1 October 1949, but more precise dates and details are still lacking to this day.

Budka and other Ukrainian Catholics who had been criminalized by a criminal regime were politically rehabilitated in September 1991. This occurred less than a month after Ukrainian independence, with the Soviet 'Union' still officially in existence and the Communist Party having been declared illegal. Yet no official follow-up to the case has ever occurred, even though Canadian Ukrainians had asked their government for a redress to the Budka case in 1989.

Kazakhstani authorities have only recently confirmed that Budka served out his sentence at the Karadzhar prison camp near Karaganda, where he died of heart disease on 28 September 1949. Additional documentation, obtained unofficially in 1995, further specifies that Budka arrived at the camp on 5 July 1946 and was admitted to a nearby hospital on 14 October 1947, the feast-day of his patron, the Protection of the Mother of God according to the Julian calendar. That day was also the forty-second anniversary of his priestly ordination and the thirty-fifth of his episcopal ordination. Even the date of his death occurred on the forty-second anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate.

Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky

Bishop and Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky was born June 1, 1903, in Ivano-Frankivsk. In 1920 he entered the seminary in Lviv. In 1925 in Holosko, near Lviv, he took his first religious vows in the Order of the Most Holy Redeemer and was ordained a priest. Father Vasyl became a missionary in Volyn. In 1942 he became the hegumen (prior) of the monastery in Ternopil, where he was arrested in 1945. He was then taken to Kyiv. His death sentence was soon commuted to 10 years of imprisonment and hard labor. He returned to Lviv in 1955, where he continued his pastoral work.

In 1963 he was secretly ordained an archbishop in a Moscow hotel by Metropolitan Josyf Slipyj, who, on his way to exile in Rome, passed Bishop Velychkovsky the responsibility for the catacomb Church. Predicting his own possible arrest, he ordained new underground bishops in 1964. Among them was his successor, Archbishop Volodymyr Sterniuk, who eventually led the Church out of the underground. In 1969 Bishop Velychkovsky was arrested a second time, but after three years of imprisonment he was deported outside the USSR. He died in Winnipeg on June 30, 1973, as a consequence of serious heart disease which began when he was in prison.

"After many years spent in prisons and labour camps, how pleasant it is to be free with my fellow Ukrainians. What joy to go to pray freely in a Ukrainian church, where no one will send you to the camps or prison because of your prayers. The prisons and camps ruined my health and my strength, but this was my fate, the Lord God placed this cross on my shoulders." – From the last speech of Bishop Vasyl Velychkovsky to the faithful in Canada, June 17, 1973.

Holy New Martyrs of Ukraine, pray to God for us!