



Welcome



**St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic
Church in Vernon, BC**

2210 – 40th Avenue, Vernon, BC V1T 8Z9

Liturgies: Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 9:30 a.m.

Sundays – 9:30 a.m. – Rosary

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy



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**Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic
Church in Grindrod, BC**

Carlin Street and 3rd Avenue,
Grindrod, BC

Saturdays - 3:45 p.m. 1st Hour
4:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy



*“The Vibrant Parish – a place
to encounter the living Christ”*

Patriarch Sviatoslav

Welcome! *Вітаємо!*

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, your families and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you.

Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee is served!

We invite everyone to join us.

PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS:

SACRAMENT of CONFESSIONS: on Sundays and Holy Days: 30 min before Divine Liturgy and other days, by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

BAPTISMS - by appointment.

MARRIAGES - by appointment, at least 6 month in advance.

FUNERALS - by appointment.

ANOINTING of the sick, hospital visits - by appointment, any time

Please note: parish members requesting the celebration of a Divine Liturgy for a special intention (such as: Thanksgiving, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.), please see Fr. Volodymyr to arrange for it.



Our parish community extends a welcome to visitors who wish to pray and worship with us and who would like to participate in the life of our parish in all aspects. We assure you that visitors to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vernon meet with the warmest hospitality. Although we are a small community, we pride ourselves in being a family which centers itself on faith, prayer and a shared love of our Traditions. Although we are proud to belong to the Ukrainian Catholic Church, a number of ethnic backgrounds are represented in our parish community.

Divine Services are celebrated according to the Byzantine Catholic Rite of Ukrainian usage. Whether you are familiar with our Liturgy and Traditions from your own faith formation or would like to learn more about them, we extend a heartfelt welcome to you to join us for Divine Liturgy. Whether you are Roman Catholic or a member of another Church or Religious Tradition, you are most welcome to join us for worship. The Liturgy is celebrated using a mix of English, Ukrainian. The readings from the Holy Gospel and Epistles, as well as homilies are in English.

19 Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Priest-Martyr Hierotheus, Venerable Fr Francis of Assisi

Divine Liturgy Propers:

Troparion (Tone 2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Troparion (Tone 4): Today we believers radiantly celebrate,* flooded in light by your coming to us, O Mother of God;* beholding your pure image,* we say with contrition:* shelter us with your precious protection* and deliver us from every evil,* entreating Your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

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.

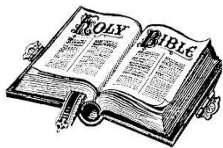
Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 2): Today the Virgin stands before us in the church* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,* Apostles exult with prophets,* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokimenon (2): The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation (Ps 117:14).

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

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Epistle: (2Cor. 11:31-1:9): A reading of St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Alleluia and Gospel Reading (Lk 6: 31-36)

Alleluia: (tone 2): The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you (Ps 19:2).

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

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens,* praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

The Head of the UGCC recalled the obligation of fasting and prayer for Ukraine - His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Head of the UGCC, once again called faithful of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and all people of good will to pray and fast for Ukraine. He recalled the obligation to pray daily at 9 am for Ukraine and fast one particular day of the week in this intention.

Prayer for a Vibrant Parish Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Today is Respect Life Sunday...around the world today, Catholics are praying for an end to abortion, capitol punishment and euthanasia. Please do something to add to this universal outreach of respecting life by saying a prayer, visit someone who is lonely or ill.

Life Chain 2015 – annual pro-life event will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 4th** from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the corner of HWY 97 & Gordon Ave.

Bible/Liturgics Study in Grindrod parish – on Wednesday, **October 7th** after 4:00 Moleben to the Mother of God Please come and join us!



Next PYROHY MAKING – **Monday, October 5th** We welcome all willing workers to help continue the success of this project. Let's all pitch in to step up our efficiency and at the same time help strengthen the community of St. Josaphat's Parish, for the glory of God. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated! Thank you very much!

Many thanks to Mr. Bob Holowenko for the generous donation of the light bulbs for the church and for replacing the burned out ones. **May God bless you and richly reward you!**

Dear Parishioners! - If you are rearranging your cupboard or closets this October and have some things to donate for the fall white elephant table, start bringing it any time and put it on the front long table in church hall. Price our items if you wish! Bazaar – October 17th.

St. Josaphat's Parish - Fall Tea and Bake Sale (Bazaar) will take place on Saturday, **October 17th 2015**, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Oktoberfest Dinner - will take place on Saturday, **October 17th 2015**, at 5:30 p.m. at Shubert Centre. For more information, please see the notice board at the entrance to the church.

Sunday, October 18th –Our Brother Knights will treat us to BBQ following Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Fr. Volodymyr will be away for Annual Fall Clergy Conference in New Westminster from Tuesday October 27th to Thursday, October 29th.

“Save-on- Foods” gift cards – are available for sale. Anyone wishing to buy the cards, please contact Miss. Teresa Huculak or Fr. Volodymyr.

Sunday, September 27th collection: Vernon - \$ 646.50 Grindrod - \$ 180.00

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!

Happy Birthday – May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in Many Happy and Blessed Years of Life to those who celebrated their birthday in month of October Chris Paramchuk (3), Olga Piano (7); Maurice (8); Fr. Volodymyr (17); Bruce Munro (18) Tatiana (26); Helen Pesklewis (31)

Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

Many God's blessings of good health, joy and happiness to Fr. Volodymyr and Vira Dmyterko (19) on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary! **Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

Parishioner's news section: As a Parish, it would be wonderful if we could share in our fellow brothers and sisters journey- their joys and sorrows. If you have an upcoming event (birth announcement, big anniversary, graduation, etc) or updates such as medical news, prayer requests, etc., please send us an email or tell to the priest, so it can be included in the newsletter. As well, if you wish to celebrate a special occasion with us, you are more than welcome to bring a contribution to add to the coffee social.

Parish Family Calendar: If you would like to be included in our Parish Family Calendar of Birthdays, Celebrations, Name-Days and Anniversaries please put your birth date in the calendar at the table near the front door of the church. Let's celebrate these happy occasions together!

Grace. If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

Reminder for Families of Individuals who are Admitted to Hospital If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have Someone call the rectory to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to him by the hospital.

Please Pray for health of ... Rose Shawchuk, Anthony Mulik, John Maiwka, Yanko Anna, Szadiak Victor and Gloria, Sophie Caskey, Walter Kociuba, Nick Roman, Kalyna Kociuba, Ostopowich, Terry For. Konopada, Jesse Kosick, Marion McAreavy, Mary Ferguson and all other parishioners and family members who need our support and God's healing at the present time. Let us also remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine in our prayers!

Please let Fr. Volodymyr know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Meetings Church Councils and Organizations:

Knights of Columbus General Meeting will take place on Sunday, **October 27** at 4:00 p.m. in Salmon Arm.

St. Josaphat's Parish Council Meeting - Sunday, **October 11th** after the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

UCWLC Monthly Meeting - will take place on Tuesday, **October 13th** after Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Life Chain will be at the corner of Harvey and Gordon from 2:00pm – 3:30p.m in Kelowna BC on Sunday, **October 4th**.



A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Loving God, Creator of all, We recognize that life is a gift from you . . . Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit And renew in us a deep respect for all persons: The family, the unborn, the young, the adult, The sick, the disabled, the abused, the imprisoned, The aged, the dying, the homeless, the unemployed, And the oppressed in any way. Bless all of us and instill in us a deep Love for your gift of life. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother and Virgin, may all our words and actions foster Reverence for human life. May we be true witnesses to the truth that all life is precious and has sublime dignity. Lead our nation and our world to this understanding So that we may be a people dedicated to the protection of all Your sons and daughters. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, the Word Who became flesh and lived among us. Amen.



Synodal letter

to the faithful of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and all people of good will concerning the socio-political situation in Ukraine on the eve of parliamentary elections

Be not frightened..neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1, 9). Dearly beloved in Christ! For almost a year, our entire nation has been on a pilgrimage to authentic freedom. After having gone through a liberating experience with the revolution of dignity, we then endured a tragic armed conflict, the annexation of Crimea, and military incursion into Eastern Ukraine by a neighbouring country. We are living through a difficult economic crisis and are constantly facing challenges in the political sphere. How can we be certain that God is with us? Under Moses' guidance, for 40 years the People of Israel made their pilgrimage, their passing over from slavery to freedom, from death to life, from a house of slavery to the Promised Land. How much uncertainty and fear did that people suffer in choosing to follow God's call; how much doubt did Moses himself have to suffer because the Lord entrusted him to lead the people on this journey! The Almighty gave Moses signs of His support and presence: the facility to pray and to hear God; the Ark of the Covenant containing the stone Tablets of the Law, which taught truth and justice; the flowering Rod of Aaron that demonstrated God's loving protection over his chosen ones. We know that the People of Israel accomplished this journey and took possession of the Promised Land. This Old Testament story is not just a reminder but a prophecy, a sign, and a promise to us that God is with us. Then, He guided the Israelites through the desert and now He accompanies our Church and the Ukrainian People through all our present-day trials. He helps us to overcome fear and uncertainty. We also have been given signs of God's support: the prayer during the Maidan, which triumphed over force; the land that God gave us, which nourishes and sustains life; God's own Commandments, which teach us how to live; the martyrdom of the righteous and of our heroes who gave witness in the distant and recent past, and also witness today to the strength of our nation's spirit and purify it with their sacrifices. No matter the grief, fear, and calamity, we know that the Lord is with us. Our pilgrimage is a time of trials, but at the same time an opportunity for consolidation and unification. In our church hymns, we pray: "God, grant us unity." At this moment we see the incredible strength found in united efforts: in the work of volunteers, in mobilizing the population, in generous donations for the army's needs, in the assistance to those forced to flee from Crimea and the East. These are all works of mercy and it is precisely these deeds that bring down upon us Heaven's blessing. We must unite not only through grief, danger, fear, but in understanding our common destiny and our common future. We urge everyone to continue to persevere in walking along the way of truth and freedom, daily building up our future with fervent prayer, solidarity with the suffering and the needy, in supporting all government and community initiatives for defending our Motherland, and strengthening God's saving Law in our nation. We bow our heads before all the heroes who gave their lives for the freedom and independence of our country, for the dignity of every Ukrainian and every European. We express our sincerest condolences to their families, as well as to the friends and families of all those killed during the war in Eastern Ukraine. We address a special word of recognition to all who today, with remarkable and dignified sacrifice, stand guard at the front of our common freedom, and we thank those who, with their generosity and personal sacrifice, testify to God's Truth in a time of war and great moral challenges. We express our closeness to the families of the wounded, to those deprived of shelter and exposed to all kinds of dangers. We promise them prayerful support and encourage all priests to increase pastoral solidarity with all who suffer. We encourage all the faithful of the UGCC and all people of good will in Ukraine and in the international community to increase their common efforts to reduce suffering and provide spiritual and physical healing to the wounds of Ukrainians. We urge all who will hear us, to engage in concrete works of Christian mercy. We are not condemned by circumstances; we can and must act! Before us lie Ukrainian parliamentary elections. Because of the radicalness of the transition, these elections are the most complex and important ones in the history of independent Ukraine. This is why we need unity today, not unity around political figures but around a common understanding of our future. The past winter showed us all how much we need an honest and independent parliament, and how important the choice of each deputy is and what huge price we pay for their dishonesty and mistakes. In our present day, the political system depends on us because the Lord God, Who is the source of authority, has entrusted it to the people, and that is why it is our responsibility to bring fair and wise politicians to power. Perhaps each person separately does not have much impact on politicians or the situation. Be assured, however, that even one vote, one fair choice, can be crucial at the local level and facilitate common, correct decisions throughout the country. Let us not leave our responsibilities to others. Let us make our choice wisely and honestly. In such an uncertain time, it is easy to be tempted by populist slogans that give rise to panic and promote empty criticism. Criticism can be constructive only when its goal is the common good. Constructive criticism promotes unity when it distinguishes itself from empty criticism [or: recrimination] and politicking. Do not believe those who promise instant resolutions to solve all problems. The political and economic crisis, and especially war, demonstrated that our country suffers from numerous weaknesses in many areas. In order to establish life and growth – which the Ukrainian people, who endured the Maidan, justly demand – we need profound and sustained reform that will certainly be painful and long-lasting, and which can only be implemented through the wisdom and courage of those engaged in the political sphere and through the unity of the nation. As already mentioned, it is vital that causes of our internal problems be identified: we all observe the bleeding ulcers of corruption, avarice, moral double standards, and impunity for those in government who abused power. These are primarily spiritual wounds; thus let us find healing for them in the Spirit. We call upon our politicians, those in office and those to-be elected. You are coming to power in an incredibly difficult time. Now it is not the time to enjoy the benefits that you have acquired – now is the time for sacrifice. The power entrusted to you

involves primarily responsibility before the people who trusted you. May the sacrifice of the Maidan's Heavenly Hundred be always before you, as well as the thousands of fallen Ukrainian soldiers and civilians in the East. May their sacrifice become the measure of your every decision. We entrusted ourselves to God and travelled along the pilgrim's path to dignity and freedom. This will be a long pilgrimage, and not everyone will witness its successful conclusion. Moses was chosen by God and yet he did not reach the end. And neither did Patriarch Josyf, who brought us forth from the house of slavery. Only Metropolitan Andrey saw it, and then only in a vision granted him before death. The Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred did not see it. But all these just mentioned have one thing in common: they led and endured to the end, and then passed the torch to us. We must remain loyal to their guidance! Much uncertainty lies before us: we do not know where our journey will lead us and how many sacrifices it will require, how many soldiers of light will be necessary to deliver us out of darkness. We do not have the answers to many of these questions. No one does. Only the Lord has the answers, and He says: "Fear not! Go forth! I will be with you!" In this we can be certain. And so, let us go forward with God!

The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

In the name of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church
+ SVIATOSLAV

Given in Lviv-Bryukhovychi on 13 September 2014,
the feast of the Placing of the Cinture of the Most Holy Mother of God

Readings of the week are :			The Saints of the week are:		
Sun	2 Cor. 11:31-12:9	Lk 6:31-36	Sun	H.P.M. Hierotheus, bishop of Athens; V.F. Francis of Assisi	
Mon	Phil. 2:12-16	Lk 6:24-30	Mon	H.M. Charitina	
Tue	1 Cor. 4:9-16	Jn 20:19-31	Tue	+ H. & G. Apostle Thomas	
Wed	Phil. 2:24-30	Lk 6:46-7:1	Wed	H. M. Sergius & Bacchus	
Thu	Phil. 3:1-8	Lk 7:17-30	Thu	V. Mother Pelagia	
Fri	1 Cor. 4:9-16	Lk 10:16-21	Fri	+ H. Apostle James, Son of Alpheus	
Sat	2 Cor. 1:8-11	Lk 5:27-32	Sat	H.M. Eulampius & Eulampia	
Sun	Gal. 1:11-19	Lk 7:11-16	Sun	H.A. Philip, 1 of the 7 Deacons; V.F. Theophanes the Branded	

EPISTLE READERS:				
DATE	READING	ENGLISH	UKRAINIAN	CANDLE HOLDERS
October 4 th	2 Cor.11:31-12:9 Lk. 6:31-36	Marry Harasymyshyn	Helen Pesklewis	Victor and Vivian Belley
October 11 th	2 Cor. 1:21-2:4 Mt. 22:1-14	Teresa Huculak	Olga Piano	Mary Ferguson Wanda March
October 18 th	Gal. 2:16-20 Lk. 8:5-15	Joann Kosick	Patricia Sawadsky	Patti Huculak Greg Sawka
October 25 th	Col. 1:12-20 Jn. 18:33-37	Kay Huculak	Joe Prystupa	Vira Dmyterko Ruth Cushing
November 1 st	Eph. 2:4-10 Lk. 8:26-39	Anne Marie Johnston	Helen Pesklewis	Bob and Pat Holowenko
November 8 th	Eph. 2:14-22 Lk. 8:41-56	Marry Harasymyshyn	Olga Piano	Ann Yaremchuk Olga Piano

Liturgical Schedule for this week, October 6 – 11

Tuesday, October 6 th	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, October 7 th	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Thursday, October 8 th	9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Friday, October 9 th	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 10th	4:00 p.m.	Grindrod - For the Parishioners of the Sts. Peter and Paul Church (Service for Sunday)
Sunday, October 11th	10:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners of the St. Josaphat Church.