



**Chancery Office  
Eparchy of New Westminster**

**To the Reverend Clergy & Lay Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster**

20 July 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends,

Many of our neighbours, our brothers and sisters in British Columbia are suffering due to the many large forest fires ravaging the province. We would like to show our solidarity and compassion for our fellow British Columbians.

During our Divine Liturgies I would like us to pray in a special way for those who are suffering and for those who are fighting the fires and comforting those who have lost their homes or have had to leave their homes.

"Lord watch over your people in British Columbia who have had to flee their homes, send your Holy Spirit to comfort those who have lost their homes and businesses. Protect those who are battling the fires and give strength to them and all who are providing comfort to those in need, Lord hear us and have mercy!"

If you have not already done so, I would also encourage you as individuals to donate funds to help out.

**1. Donate to the Canadian Red Cross online**

It's easy and ensures your contribution is put to best use. Go to the Red Cross:

[B.C. Fires Appeal donation page to get started.](#)

<https://donate.redcross.ca/ea-action/action?>

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## 2. Text 'FIRES' to 45678

By far the easiest way to give; when you text, a \$10 Canadian Red Cross donation will be added onto your next cellphone bill. Don't forget to reply "YES" when they ask to confirm your contribution.

Please check with your local charities and regional district office regarding volunteering, providing food, shelter, or donations.

May our Blessed Mother of God watch over all who are suffering and for those providing relief to those who need it the most.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+Ken". The plus sign is small and positioned to the left of the name "Ken", which is written in a cursive, flowing script.

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