



**Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster**

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you some wonderful news for our Eparchy. In December of 2015 Andriy Malysh visited our Eparchy at my invitation. He was in his final year of a Masters-Licentiate Degree in Evangelization at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. He completed his seminary training at Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv and his Philosophy and Theology from Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. Andriy was born in Nadvirna, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Ukraine. After his studies in Rome, he married Ivanka Danylyk of Lviv. They have a daughter, Daryna who was born in October of last year.

As you know I was appointed the head of the Vibrant Parish Working Group of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in 2011. In the autumn of 2016, I hired Andriy to be our full-time Administrative Secretary of the Working Group. In 2017 I was asked by His Beatitude Sviatoslav to head a special team to conduct an audit of the financial structures and activities of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Patriarchal Curia (Chancery). Among the team members I brought on board Andriy Malysh who assisted in the coordination of our audit team.

Andriy has visited our Eparchy a few more times since 2015 including 2017 for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations with his wife Ivanka. During these visits Andriy along with Ivanka and I have been on a journey of vocation discernment. I am very pleased to announce that Andriy will be ordained a sub-deacon and a deacon for our Eparchy. These ordinations will take place in Lviv. His ordination as a deacon will be celebrated at the Patriarchal Centre Chapel of the Annunciation in Lviv on Sunday 20 May of this year. Andriy will continue to work in Lviv with the Vibrant Parish Working Group for the next year or so and then God willing he will be ordained a priest for our Eparchy and will come to British Columbia with his family to begin his pastoral ministry with us.

I would like to ask you, dear Sisters and Brothers to pray for Andriy as he prepares himself for ordination asking God to bless him. I would ask that at each Divine Liturgy we add a special petition/litany for him:

Priest: We also pray for the servant of God, Andriy that the Lord would send his Holy Spirit to guide him as he prepares for his ordination as a sub-deacon and a deacon for the Eparchy of New Westminster, Lord hear us and have mercy!

Faithful: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy!

Certainly if you will be in Lviv on 14 May (ordination as a sub-deacon) and on Sunday 20 May for Andriy's ordination as a deacon you would be most welcome to attend!

With prayerful best wishes,
+Ken
Bishop of New Westminster