

# The Sunday Shepherd

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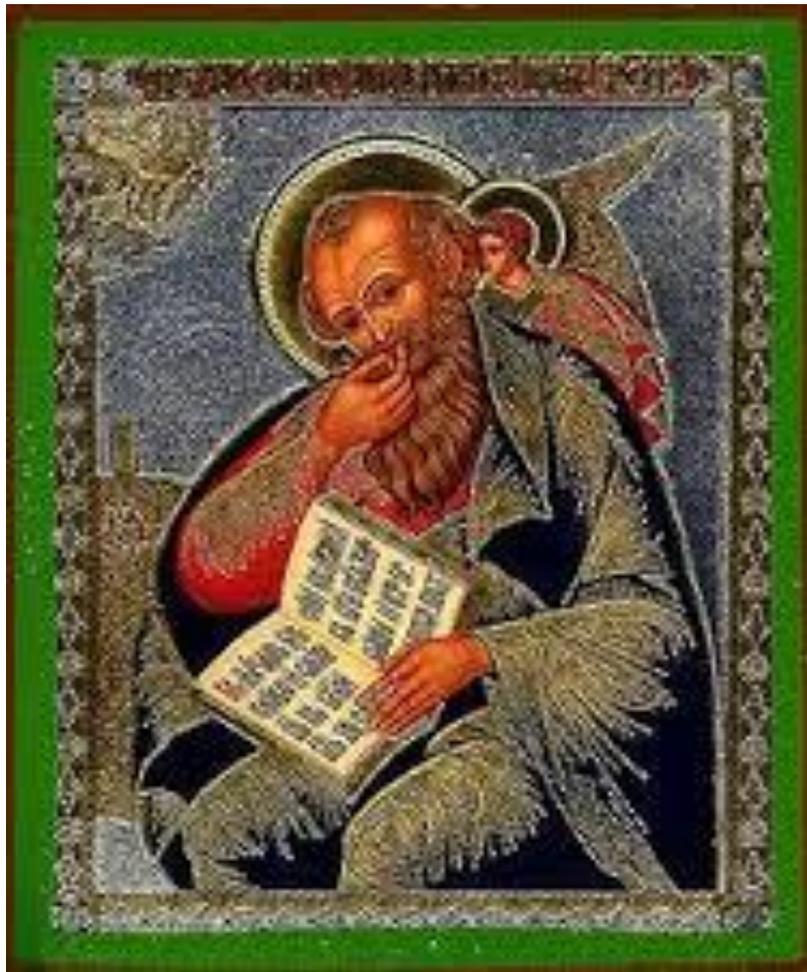
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Michael's in Candiac, Selo Gardens Chapel,  
St. Volodymyr's in Moose Jaw

## Parish Bulletin for the week of October 9, 2016

16-та. НЕДЛЯ ПО П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ. ГОЛОС 7-ий. ПРЕСТАВЛЕННЯ  
СВЯТОГО АПОСТОЛА І ЄВАНГЕЛІСТА ІОАННА БОГОСЛОВА.

16-th. SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST. TONE – 7. THE HOLY APOSTLE AND  
EVANGELIST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN.



*Please let Father Pawlo know of anyone who is in the hospital or is  
convalescing at home or if you may, for any other reason, wish to  
have a visit from Father Pawlo  
call 306-761-0480 or 306-539-5315 cell.*

## Загальна Інформація

**Свята Літургія** – що-неділі і по святах о год. 10:00 рано. Вечірня – що суботи о год 5:00 ввеч.

**Сповідь:** Ісповідувати свої гріхи можна в Таїнстві Покаяння кожної неділі, чи свята перед Літургією (від 9:00 до 10:00 рано), або перед чи після Вечірньої Служби напередодні неділі чи свята. А також в будь-який інший день за домовленістю із священником.

**Святе Причастя:** Причащатись Святих Таїнств Христових за Літургією потрібно як найчастіше, попередньо ісповідувавши свої гріхи в Таїнстві Покаяння і належно приготувавшись до Причастя через виконання Молитовного Правил. За додатковими поясненнями, будь-ласка, звертайтеся до настоятеля в будь-який час

**Подавання Записок “За Здоров’я” і “За Упокой”:** Ви завжди можете подати записки з іменами ваших сродників і помолитись за їх здоров’я і благополуччя чи за упокій померших під час Літургії. Запишіть імена і передайте до Вівтаря перед Літургією для попереднього поминання імен спочатку за Проскомидією а потім і за Літургією.

**Церковні Треби:** Ви завжди можете замовити Треби: Молебні, Панахиди, Освячення, Хрещення, Вінчання, Похорон тощо, попередньо домовившись із священником про час і місце. Якщо вам потрібна додаткова інформація відносно Церковних Треб і їх призначення, звертайтеся до настоятеля за поясненнями.

## General Information

The Divine Liturgy is served on Sundays and Feast Days at 10:00 am. Vespers is served at 5:00 pm at Selo Chapel on Saturdays.

**Confession:** You may always confess your sins in the Holy Mystery of Repentance before Liturgy on Sundays or Feast Days (between 9:00 - 9:30 AM), as well as before or after Vespers. You may also arrange to confess your sins on any other day by appointment with the parish priest.

**Holy Communion:** Orthodox Christians are encouraged to receive Holy Communion as often as possible, after having prepared themselves by fulfilling the prayer rule, fasting, and confession. For additional information about receiving Communion ask your parish priest. According to our pious Orthodox tradition we approach for the Holy Mysteries regularly and often, for healing of our spiritual and physical illnesses.

**Prayers “For Health” and “For Repose”:** You can always request of the church prayers for health or for the repose of the departed by writing down their names and passing this list to the Altar before Liturgy for commemoration at the Proskomedia and during the Liturgy.

**Special Services:** In time of special needs you can always request special services, such as: Service of Thanksgiving; Requiem/Panahyda for the departed; Blessings; Baptism; Wedding; Funeral; and other services by appointment with your parish priest. For additional information regarding Special Church Services and what they are for, please contact your parish priest.

**Our Orthodox faith teaches us the importance of interceding on behalf of others through Prayer. In our prayers today please remember the following faithful who are hospitalized, convalescing or ill:** Please note that individuals will be kept on the prayer list for one month.

Wayne (0904)	George ((0904)	Larissa ((0904)	Michael (0904)
Bill ((0904)	Lena (0904)	Merve (0904)	Yvonne H (0804)
Pearl ((0904)	Vicky (0904)	Sophie K (0904)	Mary R (1004)
Katherine L (0904)	Wendy (0904)	Marge (0904)	

And those in care homes or similar situations:

Ivan Kozey	Bill Warnyca	
Christina Spak	Doreen Kuyek	Carolina Miller
Joyce Stadnyk	Mary Yaremchuk	Larry Trafananko

***Please let Father Pawlo know if there are others who we should remember in our prayers***

**And those in special or extraordinary situations: We pray for peace in Ukraine.**

**Вічна Пам'ять! Memory Eternal to all (10,000 plus) who died in the conflict in Ukraine these past weeks and months.**

**Let us remember all those who died and those suffering as a result of Hurricane Matthew.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy. Thank you, O Lord, for accepting this Eucharist, which we offer to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which fills our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom. Thank you, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church. Thank you, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the one thing needed, Your eternal Kingdom. Thank you, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You. Thank you, O Lord, for this church, where the name of God is proclaimed. Thank you, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives, and especially children, who teach us how to celebrate Your holy name in joy, movement, and holy noise. Thank you, O Lord, for everyone and everything. Great art Thou, O Lord, and marvellous are Thy deeds, and there is no word which suffices to hymn Thy wonders. Lord, it is good to be here! Amen.

- **Fr. Alexander Schmemmann**

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## **Apostle John**

The holy, glorious and all-laudable **Apostle and Evangelist John** (also **John the Theologian** or **John the Divine**) was one of the original twelve Apostles, and wrote the Gospel bearing his name; three canonical letters: I John, II John, and III John; and the Book of Revelation. ....

St. John was the son of Salome the myrrh-bearer and Zebedee, a fisherman. His brother was St. James, another apostle.

In his own Gospel account, he refers to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" rather than use his name. He was the youngest of the twelve apostles, and especially close to the Lord. This closeness is often portrayed in icons of the mystical supper, where St. John leans on Jesus. He was present for the Transfiguration of Christ with Peter and his brother James.

Only he of all the Disciples followed Him even to the Cross, and was entrusted with the care of our Saviour's Mother, as it were another son to her, and a brother of Christ the Teacher. After this, he preached throughout Asia Minor, especially in Ephesus. When the second persecution against the Christians began in the year 96 during the reign of Domitian, he was taken in bonds to Rome, and there – according to legend - was cast into a vat filled to the brim with boiling oil. Coming forth therefrom unharmed, he was exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation.

"Account of the miracle that occurred at his grave: When over 100 years old, St. John took seven disciples outside of Ephesus and had them dig a grave in the shape of a cross. St. John then went into the grave, and the disciples buried him there, alive. Later on, when his grave was opened, St. John's body was not there. 'On May 8 Gregorian) of each year, dust rises up from his grave, by which the sick are healed of various diseases.'

He was called Theologian because he loftily expounded in his Gospel the theology of the inexpressible and eternal birth of the Son and Word of God the Father. It is for this cause that an eagle-a symbol of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Irenaeus says-is depicted in his icon, for this was one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw (Ezek. 1:10).

Sources: [https://orthodoxwiki.org/Apostle\\_John](https://orthodoxwiki.org/Apostle_John) and [http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints\\_view?contentid=218](http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints_view?contentid=218)

**TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE 7**

You destroyed death by Your Cross. You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the Myrrh-Bearers weeping and commanded Your apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ God, granting the world great mercy.

**TROPAR OF THE APOSTLE IN TONE 2**

O beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed you to lean on His breast will also accept your intercession. Pray to Christ, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask that He grant us peace and abundant mercy.

**KONDAK OF SUNDAY IN TONE 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended shattering and destroying its power. Hades is bound while the prophets rejoice in harmony. The Saviour has come to those who believe, saying; come forth you faithful, unto the resurrection.

**GLORY to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.****KONDAK OF THE APOSTLE IN TONE 2**

Who can describe your magnificence, O virgin Saint? You pour forth miracles and are a source of healings. You intercede for our souls as the Theologian and friend of Christ.

**NOW AND FOREVER and to the ages of ages, Amen.****THEOTOKION IN TONE 6**

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, unchanging mediation unto the Creator, do not despise the suppliant voices of sinners, but be quick to come to our aid, O Good One, who in faith cry out to You: hasten to intercession and come quickly to make supplication, for You, O Theotokos, always protect those who honour You.

**PROKIMEN IN TONE 7**

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Bring to the Lord, you sons of God, bring young rams to the Lord.

**ANOTHER PROKIMEN IN TONE 8**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe.

**ТРОПАР НЕДІЛЬНИЙ НА ГОЛОС 7**

Зруйнував еси хрестом Твоїм смерть, відкрив Ти розбійнику рай, мироносицям плач змінив, і апостолам проповідувати повелів еси, що воскрес, Христе Боже, даючи світові велику милість.

**ТРОПАР АПОСТОЛА НА ГОЛОС 2**

Апостоли, Христом Богом улюблений, поспіши визволити людей безборонних, бо приймає тебе, що припадаєш, Той, Кому ти припадав до грудей. Моли Його, Богослове, щоб розвіяв хмару поган, що налягає, і проси для нас миру і великої милості.

**КОНДАК НЕДІЛЬНИЙ НА ГОЛОС 7**

Влада смерті не може вже тримати людей, бо зійшов Христос, сокрушаючи і знищуючи сили її. Ад вже переможений. Пророки одностайно радуються. Явився Спас сущим у вірі, промовляючи, Виходьте, вірні, до воскресіння.

**СЛАВА Отцю і Сину і Святому Духові.****КОНДАК АПОСТОЛА НА ГОЛОС 2**

Велич твою, дівственнику, хто оповість, Твориш бо чудеса і подаєш зцілення, і молишся за душі наші як Богослов і друг Христовий.

**І НИНІ і повсякчас і на віки вічні, Амінь. БОГОРОДИЧНИЙ НА ГОЛОС 6**

Заступнице християн усердная, молитвенница до Творця надійная, не зневаж молитви грішників, але прийди швидше, як Благая, на поміч нам, що з вірою взиваємо до Тебе, поспіши на молитву і скоро прийди на благання, бо Ти заступаєшся завжди за тих, що шанують Тебе, Богородице.

**ПРОКИМЕН НА ГОЛОС 7**

“ Господь кріпость людям Своім дасть. Господь благословить людей Своїх миром.

Принесіть Господеві, сини Божі, принесіть Господеві молодих ягнят.

**ДРУГИЙ ПРОКИМЕН НА ГОЛОС 8**

По всій землі лунає голос їх, і до краю вселенної слова їх

## Апостол – Epistle

### 3 2 Книги до коринтян 6:1-10

Ukrainian Bible (UKR)

**6** А ми, як співробітники, благаємо, щоб ви Божої благодаті не брали надармо.

**2** Бо каже: Приємного часу почув Я тебе, і поміг Я тобі в день спасіння! Ось тепер час приємний, ось тепер день спасіння!

**3** Ні в чому ніякого спотикання не робимо, щоб служіння було бездоганне,

**4** а в усьому себе виявляємо, як служителів Божих, у великім терпінні, у скорботах, у бідах, у тіснотах,

**5** у вдарях, у в'язницях, у розрухах, у працях, у недосипаннях, у постах,

**6** у чистості, у розумі, у лагідності, у доброті, у Дусі Святій, у нелицемірній любові,

**7** у слові істини, у силі Божій, зо зброєю правди в правиці й лівиці,

**8** через славу й безчестя, через ганьбу й хвалу, як обманці, але ми правдиві;

**9** як незнані, та познані, як умираючі, та ось ми живі; як карані, та не забиті;

**10** як сумні, але завжди веселі; як убогі, але багатьох ми збагачуємо; як ті, що нічого не мають, але всім володіємо.

### 1 Івана 4:12-19

Ukrainian Bible (UKR)

**12** Бога не бачив ніколи ніхто. Коли один одного любимо, то Бог в нас пробуває, а любов Його в нас удосконалилась. **13** Що ми пробуваємо в Ньому, а Він у нас, пізнаємо це тим, що Він дав нам від Духа Свого. **14** І ми бачили й свідчимо, що Отець послав Сина Спасителем світу. **15** Коли хто визнає, що Ісус то Син Божий, то в нім Бог пробуває, а він у Бозі. **16** Ми познали й увірували в ту любов, що Бог її має до нас. Бог є любов, і хто пробуває в любові, пробуває той в Бозі, і в нім Бог пробуває!

**17** Любов удосконалюється з нами так, що ми маємо відвагу на день судний, бо який Він, такі й ми на цім світі.

**18** Страху немає в любові, але досконала любов проганяє страх геть, бо страх має муку. Хто ж боїться, той не досконалий в любові.

**19** Ми любимо Його, бо Він перше нас полюбив.

### Lesson from 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

**6** As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. **2** For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! **3** We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, **4** but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, **5** beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; **6** by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, **7** truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; **8** in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; **9** as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; **10** as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

## 1 John 4:12-19

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE 7

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. Alleluia.

To declare Your mercy in the morning and Your truth by night. Alleluia.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE 1

The heavens O Lord, shall declare Your wonders, and Your Truth in the assembly of the saints. Alleluia.

### АЛИЛУЯ НА ГОЛОС 7

Благо є прославляти Господа, і співати Імені Твоєму, Всевишній. Алилуя.

.Сповідати вранці про милість Твою, і вночі про правду Твою. Алилуя.

### АЛИЛУЯ НА ГОЛОС 1

Небеса прославлять чудеса Твої, Господи, і істину Твою в церкві святих.

## Євангелія – Gospel

### Євангеліє від Луки 5:1-11

Ukrainian Bible (UKR)

<sup>5</sup> І сталось, як тиснувся натовп до Нього, щоб почути Слово Боже, Він стояв біля озера Генісаретського.

<sup>2</sup> І Він побачив два човни, що стояли край озера. А рибалки, відійшовши від них, полоскали невода.

<sup>3</sup> І Він увійшов до одного з човнів, що був Симонів, і просив, щоб він трохи відплив від землі. І Він сів, та й навчав народ із човна.

<sup>4</sup> А коли перестав Він навчати, промовив до Симона: Попливи на глибінь, і закиньте на полов свій невід.

<sup>5</sup> А Симон сказав Йому в відповідь: Наставнику, цілу ніч ми працювали, і не вловили нічого, та за словом Твоїм укину невода.

<sup>6</sup> А зробивши оце, вони безліч риби набрали і їхній невід почав прориватись...

<sup>7</sup> І кивали вони до товаришів, що були в другім човні, щоб прийшли допомогти їм. Ті прийшли, та й наповнили обидва човни, аж стали вони потопати.

<sup>8</sup> А як Симон Петро це побачив, то припав до колін Ісусових, кажучи: Господи, вийди від мене, бо я грішна людина!

<sup>9</sup> Бо від полову риби, що зловили вони, обгорнув жах його та й усіх, хто з ним був,

<sup>10</sup> також Якова й Івана, синів Зеведеєвих, що були спільниками Симона. І сказав Ісус Симонові: Не лякайся, від цього часу ти будеш ловити людей!

<sup>11</sup> І вони повитягали на землю човни, покинули все, та й пішли вслід за Ним.

### Євангеліє від Івана 19:25-27 – 21:24-25

Ukrainian Bible (UKR)

<sup>25</sup> Під хрестом же Ісуса стояли Його мати, і сестра Його матері, Марія Клеопова, і Марія Магдалина.

<sup>26</sup> Як побачив Ісус матір та учня, що стояв тут, якого любив, то каже до матері: Оце, жоно, твій син!

<sup>27</sup> Потім каже до учня: Оце мати твоя! І з тієї години той учень узяв її до себе.....

<sup>24</sup> Це той учень, що свідчить про це, що й оце написав. І знаємо ми, що правдиве свідоцтво його!

<sup>25</sup> Багато є й іншого, що Ісус учинив. Але думаю, що коли б написати про все те зокрема про кожне, то й сам світ не вмістив би написаних книг! Амінь.

## **Saint Luke 5:1-11**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

**5** Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

## **Saint John 19:25-27; 21:24-25**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup> And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. <sup>25</sup> But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

### **Причасний:**

Хвалить Господа з небес, хвалить Його в вишніх. Алилуя.

По всій землі лунає голос їх, і до краю вселенної слова їх. Алилуя, Алилуя, Алилуя.

### **Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia.

### **WHO AM I?**

While praying one day a woman asked, "Who are you, God?" He answered, "I Am."

"But who is, 'I Am?'" She asked.

He replied, "I am Love, I am Peace, I am Grace, I am Shelter, I am Power, I am the Creator, I am the Comforter, I am the Beginning and the End. I am the Way, Truth, and the Life."

With tears in her eyes, she looked toward heaven and said, "Now I understand. But who am I?"

God tenderly wiped the tears from her eyes and whispered,

"You are mine."

### WHO ARE YOU?

"Who are you?" I know your name, I know your family, but I do not know you".

The phone call I got about you was the one I dread. "Father, so and so has passed away, and the family wants to know when you can serve the funeral".

What am I supposed to do? I have been in this parish long enough to have seen and met anyone has even the slightest connection with our community. I have never seen you in Church. I have never spoken with you. I have never noticed you at a memorial service, a wedding, a baptism or a funeral. Where have you been? Are you a believer? If you were a believer, you certainly did not act like one. What I mean is that there has always been a clear set of expectations set before anyone who wishes to call themselves a Christian. Christians approach for Holy Confession and Holy Communion at least once a year, for example. You did not. Christians support the Church with time, money, and talents. You did not. Christians attend Divine Service regularly.

From what I have been told you were rather successful at what you did. You obviously spent lots of time learning career skills, spent lots of time working and making money. From your address I see that you certainly wee well of financially. But even this confuses me, because our parish keeps record of everyone who donates even the smallest amount of money, and I have never seen your name there. You had money for the government. You had money for food. You had money for shelter, for vacations, for a cottage, for concerts, and for restaurants. Yet now that you are dead it is the Church, the same Church you did not support when you had the chance, that gets asked to bury you.

"But he was baptized here," they tell me. Sometimes I think the sectarians are right, and we should wait until people reach the age of reason so that they consciously accept baptism, with all its consequences and responsibilities. The fact that you were baptized here simply underlines the fact someone failed – perhaps your family, perhaps our community, perhaps you yourself – in your Christian upbringing and development. If you had not been baptized you (and your parents and godparents) would at least have an excuse for your conduct.

"But the Church is full of hypocritical people," you might say. You are right, and again, I am one of them. I personally would rather deal with an honest agnostic than a nominal believer. But the very fact that some is willing to give God the benefit of the doubt (if not real faith) by paying their parish membership, by being well disposed towards the Church, by showing up for the occasional religious or cultural or social gathering really does mean something. We are taught that when we take one step towards God, He comes running towards us (you may have heard the story of the prodigal son. It has been on the best seller list for a long time). And this moment I would really like to learn about any conscious step you may have taken in your adult life towards God. So far I am not having much luck.

So I do not know what to do. I do not know whether giving you a Christian burial will be for God's glory, or compromise the integrity of the Church. We all know that a funeral has absolutely nothing to do with whether we go to heaven or not. Many saints did not receive a Christian burial, but are in heaven. Other people-famous, wealthy, and powerful people-who might be buried with great pomp and ceremony but have grave, unrepentant sins are not helped by their funerals, because repenting is one of the few things only we can do for ourselves!

"But Father, the funeral is for the living." If I hear this nonsense one more time I think I am going to be sick. Baptism is for the living. Confession is for the living. Communion is for the living. I have never heard of a funeral being served for someone who was alive. Orthodox Christians believe that prayers for the dead can be beneficial. We do not believe in closed casket funerals, or worse yet, funerals without a corpse. Yet, a funeral, piously served and chanted, with a proper sermon, can bring great comfort, spiritual edification and sometimes even enlightenment to the family and mourners present. But it is my experience that people write their own eulogy. In cases like yours lying will not do, and telling the truth might not be terribly comfortable.

So forgive me. If I was wiser, and more compassionate, and holier, I would know what to do, what to say. But I do not. Am I going to serve the Funeral? I do not know yet. The only thing I know for sure is that at this moment I hope and pray with all my heart that your current dilemma is less traumatic than me. But somehow I doubt it.

**Fragment: "Northopraxis or From Pastoral Life."**

## SERMON - 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Gospel of the Canaanite Woman is appointed to be read on the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the cycle of Lessons. In our Orthodox Church practice, however, it is also read on the Sunday of the Canaanite woman which precedes the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. This happens in Slavic practice, as well, when Pascha is late and additional Gospel are inserted to space the beginning of the Triodion Book, the Canaanite Woman Gospel being read before Zacchaeus Sunday.

Why is this importance attached to the Canaanite Woman, Why does the Orthodox Church practice incorporate this Gospel before the beginning of the Preparatory Sundays that usher in the Great Fast, Holy Week and Pascha? The Gospel of the Canaanite Woman announces the first promise to the Gentiles that the Pascha of Christ will break down the barriers that kept them out of God's Covenant as His People.

Indeed, the Pascha is the pivot in the life-saving ministry of our Lord and Saviour. In today's Gospel He says, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel". Our Lord had not gone outside Israel during His entire ministry. But in the Pascha the ministry becomes universal. The New Covenant includes everybody, everywhere and the Holy Church reaches out to embrace all. This Gospel is the first promise, of which St. Paul speaks: "Remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh... that at the time you were without Christ, you were aliens from the House of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world; but now in Christ you who were far off have been made near by the Blood of Christ... Who has made both one, and has broken down the wall of division between us!"

This Gospel was probably used to affirm what St. Paul says to the Galatians: "You are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, for as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. And so there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus".

When Jesus does speak, He reminds the Canaanite Woman that she is not of Israel's Covenant; the Christ had been promised to the Jews. "I was sent only to the sheep of the House of Israel". Indeed, the time before the Pascha was the time when the Gospel was offered to the Jews. But this morning's Lesson foreshadows the time after the Resurrection as that fullness of time, the time for preaching to the Gentiles as well. But the woman persists. Nevertheless, Jesus reminds her again, in a way that appears almost unusually harsh;: "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs". "Children" here means the Children of Israel, the People of God. "Dogs" are scavengers who eat refuse or carrion, and are, therefore, unclean – according to the Law of Moses. "Bread", as you will recall, is repeatedly used in the Old Testament as the symbol of salvation; and in the Gospels of the Feeding Miracles, we remember that our Lord reveals Himself to be the Bread! "Do not give to the gods what is holy", Jesus Himself said in the Sermon on the Mount.

The remarkable response of the Canaanite Woman is a lesson for us all: Yes, she is unclean. Yes, she does not belong and has absolutely no right to ask. "Yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their Master's table", and Jesus said: "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from the east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven".

And so it is that we come from east and west, from every nationality and all the nations of the earth. Holy Lord Jesus. Give us the faith and the humility of the Canaanite Woman! By the power of the Holy Spirit You have adopted us as Your own. Now remember us in Your Kingdom always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is grown he will not depart from it. [ Proverbs, 22:6 ]**

**Jesus said: "Let the children come tome". { Luke 18,16 }**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We ask our members to send in information about special – significant date - anniversary or birthday announcements that can be shared with the rest of our membership.*

1. **Прийомні години - отець Павло запрошує всіх до зустрічі в парафіяльній канцелярії або резиденції за попереднім домовленням (306) 761-0480.**

**Office Hours - Father Pawlo is holding office hours at the Manse office 306-757-0445 or at the residence by appointment 136 - 2501 Windsor Park Rd. 306 761 0480 home; 306-539-5315 cell-мобільний: e-mail: [pberezniak@gmail.com](mailto:pberezniak@gmail.com)**

2. **Пригадуємо: Просимо шановних членів нашої парафії, якщо хто із Вас змінив адресу або номер телефону, просимо Вас повідомити про це отця настоятеля або кого з членів церковної управи. Щиро дякуємо за Вашу співпрацю!**

**Reminder:** We ask the members of our parish, if anyone of you have changed your address or phone number, please notify Father Pawlo or any member of the Parish Council. *We thank you for your cooperation!*

3. **Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday October 24, 2016 at Selo Gardens Television Room.**

### October Services

Sunday	9	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Harvest
Wednesday	12 – Sunday	15	Clergy retreat and Central Eparchy Annual Conference Saskatoon
Sunday	16	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy - Regina - Sobor
Wednesday	19	10:15 am	Noon Service - Parkside Care Home
		6:15 pm	Akathyst - Sobor
Saturday	22	5:00 pm	Vespers - Selo
Sunday	23	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy - Candiac (85 Anniversary of St. Michael's Parish)
Wednesday	26	10:00 am	Care Home Service – Pioneer
		6:15 pm	Akathyst
Saturday	29	5:00 pm	Akathyst Selo
Sunday	30	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
		5:00 pm	Hallelujah Night

### Always Give Thanks To God

*“The mark of a soul that loves wisdom always gives thanks to God. If you have suffered evil, give thanks and it is changed to good. He has not sinned who suffered the evil but he who has done the evil. Give thanks even in disease, lack of possessions, or false accusations. It is not we who are injured but those who are the authors of them”*

– **St. John Chrysostom**

## STRUGGLES

If your entire life passed smoothly and without worry, then weep for yourself. For the Gospel and the experience of the people, with one accord assert that no one has, without great suffering and pain, left behind any great and beneficial work on earth or was glorified in the heavens.

If, however, your earthly sojourn is completely adorned with sweat and tears to attain justice and truth, rejoice and be exceedingly glad for truly great is your reward in the heavens.

Do not ever succumb to the insane thought that God has abandoned you. God knows exactly how much one can endure and, according to that, measures the sufferings and pains of everyone.

St. Nil Sorsky says: "When even men know how much weight a horse, or a donkey or a camel can carry and, according to that they are loading them according to their strength; when a potter knows how long to leave the clay in the kiln for it to be neither shattered nor over-baked, how could God not know how much temptation a soul can bear to make it ready and fitted for the Kingdom of Heaven?"

- St Nikolaj Velimirovic (Prologue of Ochrid)

## ДОРОГІ БАТЬКИ! ДО ВАШОЇ УВАГИ!

**Навчання в нашій Недільній Школі вже розпочалися.** Парафіяльна управа з насоятелем о. Павлом просить всіх батьків, що мають дітей у віці вище 3-4 років, вписувати їх в нашу церковну Недільну Школу, аби дати їм релігійно-національне виховання у вірі їх батьків.

Релігійного виховання в державних школах Ваші діти не засвоять, це самі Ви добре знаєте, - тільки Недільна Школа зі своєю програмою навчання може це виховання забезпечити Вашим дітям. Тому, сповніть свій батьківський обов'язок супроти своїх діточок, шліть їх в Недільну Школу на релігійне навчання, а в майбутньому, Ваші діти будуть вдячеі Вам за це.

## DEAR PARENTS! FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

**The new academic year of Sunday School has already begun.** The Parish Board jointly with Fr. Pawlo appeal to the parents with children above the age of 3, to register them in our church Sunday School. Do not deprive our children of religious education, register them and attend regularly the Sunday School. The much needed religious education that our children need and which cannot be obtained from any other educational institution. Give our children the opportunity to experience the richness of their forefathers' faith.

Therefore, we most earnestly appeal to the parents to enroll their children in our Sunday School program, thus fulfilling your sacred obligation as parents to your children.

**Sunday School begins at 10 o'clock. Children 3 to 12 years of age can attend. Note: Children 3 years of age can attend if a parent stays with them. Please complete the Sunday School Registration form and give it to Donna Van Beselaere or in the church parishioner's mailbox #124.**

**If you have any questions please feel free to call me, Donna (306)789-8879.**

## Sunday School Registration 2016-2017

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The children's class time starts at 10:00 A.M. in the church lower level.

Student's name	Age	Date of Birth	Grade in School
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Preschool children (3-4 year olds) are to be accompanied by a parent.

Every parent is encouraged to participate in Sunday School time. Here are some opportunities for you to help:

- Teacher, Teacher helper , Substitute Teacher
- Teacher in Ukrainian
- Hallelujah Celebration Oct. 31
- Christmas concert- St. Nicholas celebration
- Pre-lent party
- Year end- last Sunday of June
- Special Events ( help / organize)
- Clean up
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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