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PARISH WEEKLY NEWS
13th-20th Oct 2013

This is a weekly Parish newsletter for all to read to inform you of what is happening in our Parish and share with you some interesting reading.

This week-Readings Epistle 2 Cor 6:1-10 Gospel Mt 25:14-30 - 16th Sun after Pentecost Tone 7

Epistle 2Cor 6:1-10 6:1 Working together, we entreat also that you not receive the grace of God in vain, 6:2 for he says, "At an acceptable time I listened to you, in a day of salvation I helped you."*

Behold, now is the acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation. 6:3 We give no occasion of stumbling in anything, that our service may not be blamed, 6:4 but in everything commending ourselves, as servants of God, in great endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, 6:5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; 6:6 in pureness, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, 6:7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 6:8 by glory and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; 6:9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and not killed; 6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Gospel 25:14 –30 "For it is like a man, going into another country, who called his own servants, and entrusted his goods to them. 25:15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. 25:16 Immediately he who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 25:17 In the same way, he also who got the two gained another two. 25:18 But he who received the one went away and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 25:19 "Now after a long time the lord of those servants came, and reconciled accounts with them. 25:20 He who received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five talents besides them.' 25:21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 25:22 "He also who got the two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents besides them.' 25:23 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 25:24 "He also who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. 25:25 I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours.' 25:26 "But his lord answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant. You knew that I reap where I didn't sow, and gather where I didn't scatter. 25:27 You ought therefore to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest. 25:28 Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. 25:29 For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who doesn't have, even that which he has will be taken away. 25:30 Throw out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



It is so easy to be critical and negative about people. How would our life change, if we were to make a real effort to be positive about all the people we come into contact with. If you really are holy, you will see God in all people you meet, not just those that agree with us.

Rt Rev Olexander Kenez

Perth Parishioners who have passed away in month of October

Maria Warchomij	25/10/1949
Sofia Polishuk	11/10/1963
Wolodymyr Hrushchak	13/10/1964
Wolodymyr Stelmach	12/10/1965
Osyp Derevniak	17/10/1970
Petro Dumitro	9/10/1982
Anna Petrowska	19/10/1984
Anna Bajda	5/10/1985
Jaroslav Barbadyn	8/10/1985
Anastasia Bajgerycz	28/10/1985
Petro Dutchak	11/10/1988
Vasyl Stefaniuk	15/10/1988
Gregory Kerchej	5/10/1990
Anna Luba	31/10/1990
Maria Hawrych	6/10/1991
Volodymyr Tarnowsky	3/10/1994
Michael Mendyk	16/10/1996
Stefan Nabozniak	29/10/1996
Michael Semenyszyn	27/10/1997
Osyp Kapustynskyj	1/10/1998
Anna Popady nec	9/10/1998
Antonina Hodio	26/10/1998
Anna Tymchuk	1/10/1999
Anna Luzny	15/10/2000
Michael Pankiw	9/10/2002
Maria Klimak	22/10/2004
Mykola Grech	21/10/2005
Evdohia Shewchuk	16/10/2008
Michael Klimak	13/10/2009
Eva Budz	29/10/2010
Maria Popowsky	23/10/2012
Maria Bajgerych	4/10/2013

Vichnaya Pamyat—Eternal Memory

If you wish to have a memorial service for your departed family, please ring Fr Wolodymyr Kalinecki and make arrangements for a day and time .



DAILY THOUGHT

Do you truly believe that God loves you unconditionally? When everything around us crumbles, we will always have the love of God. No matter how bad we mess up, no matter how unloved - or unlovable - we've been, His love endures forever.

Sometimes the lack of love we give and receive makes it hard for us to accept and understand that God truly loves us. But He does, and His grace can help us understand and live out the loving affection our Father has for us.

The way we live God's love out is by loving others. While this may seem broad, look around you. Who can you show love to today? Your family? Your friends? Church members? The barista at your coffee shop? Maybe even a stranger at the store? There are millions of people in this world and it might seem overwhelming to love them all, but start with one and work your way up from there.

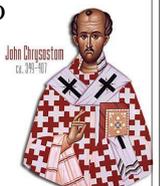
Lord, Your love is truly amazing! It is something that I cannot even begin to understand. Help me however to live out what I do understand by sharing your love with the people You've placed in my life, whomever they might be. Amen.

St John Chrysostom—the Golden Voice of Protest

3. Remember how we have been created. All human beings have a common ancestor. Thus all human flesh has the same substance; there is no difference between the flesh of noblemen and that of peasants. When we commit an act of charity, in which we use our excess wealth to help someone with too little, we are acknowledging our unity with others. After all, the rich and the poor have the same flesh, the hunger of the poor should cause pain to the rich; and the pain can only be soothed through assuaging that hunger.

Sadly rich people often speak about charity, expressing their good intentions, but their deeds do not match their words. Good intentions give some cause for hope; they mean that the rich recognize their unity with the poor. Our challenge is to persuade the rich to turn words into actions.

Preachers must try to do this; and so also must everyone who has an opportunity to speak to the rich.



Protection of Blessed Virgin Mary (Pokrov) 14th Oct (1st Oct)

Among the Marian feasts listed in our Liturgical Year, the feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God deserves special consideration. The cult of the Mother of God as Protectress of our nation reaches like a golden thread from the times of the Kievan princes to the present day. The secret of honouring the Mother of God as a Protectress lies, perhaps, in the fact that we are dealing here not with human but with heavenly and more powerful intercession. Every person, family and nation would like to enjoy such an intercession and protection. From the very beginning of our Kievan State, we have had great and powerful enemies. It is small wonder then that our people sought the assistance and protection of the Most Holy Mother of God whose intercession is all-powerful. For our people, then, the feast of the Patronage has always been, and still remains, a day of great manifestation of love and gratitude to the Most Holy Mother of God, a day of joyous praise and glorification of her protection and intercession.



The Institution of the Feast of Protection

The chief motive that led to the institution of this feast was a vision granted to St. Andrew, the Fool for Christ, when the Saracens besieged the capital of Constantinople. The people, terror-stricken, gathered in the church of the Most Holy Mother of God at Blachernae where her mantle was preserved, and there they held an all night prayer vigil. The greatly distressed people filled the church to overflowing. Among the gathering were St. Andrew and his disciple, Epiphany, both of whom also prayed for the protection of the city. After the service, St. Andrew saw the Most Holy Mother of God in radiant light as she was approaching from the royal doors (a name the Greeks gave to the main doors of the church) in the company of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Theologian and amid the singing of a great choir of Saints. The Mother of God proceeded toward the altar where she knelt down and prayed long, shedding tears. Afterwards she arose removed from her head a luminous veil, and stretched it out wide over the people in church. Then she disappeared. St. Andrew and his disciple, Epiphany, saw the vision and understood that the Mother of God came to rescue the city. News of the miracle spread throughout the whole city like a flash of lightning. The enemy retreated and the city was saved.

From this veil, which in Slavonic is called "pokrov", the feast got its name: "Pokrov Presvyatoyi Bohordoytsi" (The veil (or Protection) of the Most Holy Mother of God). The veil became the symbol of protection and intercession of the Blessed Virgin.

Who was St. Andrew the Fool? Historians generally agree that he was a Slav from the southern part of Rus-Ukraine. He together with other slaves, was brought to Constantinople where he became the slave of a wealthy Lord. Here he learned and loved the Christian faith. Meditating on the words of St. Paul: "We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ" (I Cor. 4:10), he began to act like a fool, hence, his name. Having gained his freedom from his master, he spent much time in prayer and the reading of Holy Scriptures.

At what period of time did St. Andrew live and when did the miracle of protection take place? It is difficult to give a clear and adequate answer to this question. The opinions of the historians in regard to this question are divided. Some say that St. Andrew lived during the reign of Leo I, the Great (457-474), that is, in the fifth century, while others, who represent the majority, place the time of his existence during the reign of Emperor Leo VI, the Wise, (886-911), that is, at the beginning of the tenth century.

The feast of the Protection was a local feast among the Greeks, which they ceased to celebrate after the fall of Constantinople in 1453. No one knows precisely why October first became the day of the feast. Probably because St. Andrew had the vision on this day, or perhaps because, as some think, on that day the Eastern Church celebrates the memory of St. Roman the Melodist, who composed many hymns in honour of the Most Pure Virgin Mary. On the day following the feast, the Church commemorates St. Andrew the Fool.

The feast of the Protection enjoys a service similar to that of the great feasts with an all-night vigil, but is not one of the twelve great feasts, and has neither a pre-feast nor a post feast.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PERTH

THIS Sun 13th Oct, Church Fete after Holy Liturgy in Church hall. All welcome. Looking for donations of raffle prizes, cakes for sale. There will also be a lunch for purchase - varenyky and cabbage rolls (Holubtsi). Please support your Parish and come along.

Sat 19th Oct, 2013 POLISH UKRAINIAN BALL—sold out

17/11/2013 First Confession and Holy Communion

24/11/2013 Holodomor Commemoration—details still coming

2nd to 6th Dec—Clergy Soborczyk/ retreat in Melb and then Eparchial Pastoral Council meeting 7/8th Dec in Melb. —Any volunteers to go to the EPC meeting?

Day.	Date.	Time.	Feast.	Special Feast Days - Julian Calendar
Sun <i>Tone 7</i>	13th Oct, 2013 <i>Choir singing</i>	9:30 am 11am	<i>Holy Liturgy</i> <i>Church fete >></i>	16th Sun after Pentecost In church hall
Mon.	14th Oct, 2013	8:30am	<i>Holy Liturgy</i>	POKROV (Protection of BVM)
Tues.	15th Oct, 2013	8:30am	<i>Holy Liturgy</i>	
Wed	16th Oct 2013	8:30am	<i>Holy Liturgy</i>	
Thurs.	17th Oct, 2013	8:30 am	<i>Holy Liturgy</i>	
Fri.	18th Oct, 2013	8:30 am	<i>Holy Liturgy</i>	
Sat	19th Oct, 2013	6pm 7pm	<i>Vespers</i> <i>Holy Liturgy</i>	Praying For youth— in English Apostle St Thomas
Sun <i>Tone 8</i>	20th Oct, 2013	9:30 am	<i>Holy Liturgy</i>	17th Sunday after Pentecost



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Gardening Roster for church grounds

Please put your name on the list to volunteer to help mow the lawns and do some gardening at the Parish.
If everyone helps then you may only need to do this one or two times a year. Please try to do the lawns at the beginning of each month or when it needs it. Please let Luba or Lynette know if you can help and check with Fr Wolodymyr when to come.
Thank you for your assistance. Much appreciated

Cleaning Church Roster

Fri 11th Oct—Nataliya Liakishev

Choir news

13.10.13 Sunday Liturgy (Protection) & Tone 7)

Rehearsals are held in the church hall at 7.30pm.
Holy Liturgy is at 9.30am, choir to be there by 9.15am.
New choristers are always welcome.

Suzanna

Many thanks to Murray Parin, Stefan Korzec and Walter Prushynsky for installing and donating costs for ramp at front door of our church. Much appreciated. God's blessings on you and your families.

FETE THIS SUNDAY AFTER HOLY LITURGY IN CHURCH HALL. ANY CAKE DONATION FOR SELLING, PLEASE BRING ON SUN MORNING. RAFFLE PRIZES CAN BE BROUGHT SAT MORNING BEFORE 10AM.

A RESTORATION (Maintenance) fund has being organised for our Church renovations. This is separate to the yearly upkeep (podatok) fund.

If you wish to donate, please see Luba Valega. The Church building is in need of repairs and so the Parish Council is asking for your support.

Total now \$10,000.00

The Parish Council has installed a lift going up to the hall via the stairs outside to help people to be able to get to the hall much easier. We are looking for donations to help cover costs of installing the lift. Please see anyone on Parish Council if you would like to make a donation.

The cost of the lift was \$42,000

Total now \$6103.81

Church Donations—

H Slocum—\$20.00 flowers.

Thank you for your kindness. May Jesus bless you always

Many thanks to Richard Charlwood for organising the Open Day last Sat. Many thanks to Fr Brian Kelty for coming from Melb to give talks, and to Parish committee for organising the afternoon tea. It was great to see many interested people come to listen and participated in this event. If anyone would like to do Icon writing, which will be starting soon—please see Richard asap. Report and photos in next week's newsletter.