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Kto ma miluje, bude zachovávať moje slovo, hovorí Pán; môj Otec ho bude milovať a prideme k nemu.

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Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

6. veľkonočná nedeľa.
6th Sunday of Easter.

Pred očami pohanov vyjavil Pán svoju spásu.

The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

Ježiš hovorí svojim učeníkom: „Ako mňa miluje Otec, tak ja milujem vás.“ Keď patríme do okruhu Ježišových učeníkov, teda tých, ktorí sa snažia počúvať a uskutočňovať Jeho slovo, tak aj nás Ježiš miluje rovnakou láskou, akou Otec miluje Jeho. Je to Lásky Akcej a Ktoorej je schopný jedine Boh a Ktorá je Boh, je Božou Prirodzenosťou, je to Duch Svätý. Duch Svätý je Božský Vzťah Otca k Synovi a Syna k Otcovi. Je dokonalým Božským Vzťahom, Je Spoločenstvom, Vzájomnosťou, Objatím, Nežnosťou, Božkom.

Pán Ježiš nás prosí: „Ostaňte v mojej láske!“ Je to túžba Božského srdca Pána a zároveň prosba adresovaná nám. Vidíme, že je možné z tejto lásky odísť. Odchádzame, keď zídeme z cesty poslušnosti jeho príkazom. Človek môže vypadnúť z Božieho priateľstva. V pravom slova zmysle nestráca Božiu lásku, ale stráca Božie priateľstvo, Božie uznanie pre svoj život. Keď nepočujeme, stávame sa Božím utrpením. Keď hovoríme o Božom hneve, máme na mysli tú skutočnosť, že Boh nechá na nás dopadnúť dôsledky našej zlej, ale slobodne zvolenej cesty.

Človek zostáva v Božej láske skrze poslušnosť jeho príkazom. To je podmienkou lásky a zároveň je to už láska. Ťažisko pravej lásky nespočíva v citoch, ale vo vôli. Ide o to, aby sme chceli to, čo chce Boh, aby sme chceli Boha, ktorý sa nám zjavuje vo svojom Slove. Každý hriech nás vytrháva z tejto pohody Lásky. A zase naopak, každé prekonané pokušenie, je akoby snubný prsteň, ktorým sa Pán zasnuhuje s dušou svojho služobníka.

Možno nás prekvapí skutočnosť, že láska je nám dávaná ako príkaz. Musí, lebo po prvotnom hriechu, nie je naše správanie a prežívanie úplne normálne a často sa nám musí rozkazovať ako chorému. Máme pokazenú chuť: Dobro nám nechutí,

ale keď ho urobíme, sme šťastní. Zlo nám chutí, ale keď ho spáchame, sme nešťastní. Musíme sa donútiť k dobru, aby sme boli šťastní.

Pán Ježiš nám najprv ohlasuje to, v čo máme uveriť („Milujem vás“), aby sme dokázali čosi pozitívne so sebou urobiť. Náš život nepremení stále apelovanie na morálne zásady, ale dokáže nás zmeniť viera v Lásku, dotyk Lásky Božej, zážitok odpustenia a milosti. Človek musí najprv uveriť, že je milovaný, že je úžasne obdarovaný. Až potom sa dá do „pohybu“. Sme vyzvaní k častému prijímaniu a máme z toho problém. Nielen Boh je našim problémom, ale aj my hriešni ľudia, sme Božím problémom. A predsa nás Boh dennodenne prijíma a skúša to s nami znovu. Aj my sa denne znovu a znovu snažíme obnoviť svoje chodenie s Kristom skrze Božie Slovo a Sviatosť jeho prítomnosti. Ani nevieme, ako sme svojim svätým prijímaním, svojim chodením s Kristom a životom v Kristovi, užitoční celému svetu.

In today's Gospel account we find Jesus saying, “I no longer call you slaves, I call you friends.” Jesus is saying something very beautiful in those words, something really wonderful about the humility of God, making us His friends.

Too often we neglect the whole reality of friendship in our lives. We take friends for granted. A deep friendship reveals what God is trying to say to us. But if we take friends for granted, along with their desire to really love us, then we will never really understand the meaning of what God is saying to us. We will never really understand the meaning of the revelation that God is love. For love and friendship are two ways of expressing the same reality. Here are three points that are essential to love and friendship.

ACCEPTANCE. Acceptance doesn't mean approval of anything and everything done by the one you love. Remember that in the passage we just heard Jesus called His apostles “friends” at the Last Supper only moments before Peter denied Him three times and the rest of them turned and fled. Yet Jesus, knowing what was about to happen, called them His friends. That sort of unconditional acceptance is hard to believe when we encounter it, but it reveals the nature of God in His love for us. Can we live up to that standard and accept the limitations of others even when we don't approve of what they are doing?

RESPECT. Jesus had a deep respect for the men and women who were His friends, the ones whom He loved. Think of the woman caught in the act of adultery. Think of the Samaritan women who had five husbands. Think of Matthew, the hated tax collector for the Romans. Even though Jesus did not approve of all they did He nevertheless respected them. The Latin word from which “respect” comes from, *respicere*, means “to look again.” In other words to look deeper.

HONESTY. Friends are totally open to each other. They reveal everything about themselves. Jesus revealed everything about His Father. He said to His apostles, “I call you friends because I have made known to you everything about my Father.” He gave all of Himself for us to see, hanging in nakedness on His cross, totally exposed in the final moment of His greatest gift to us.

Jesus told us, “No greater love doth any man have than to lay down his life for his friends.” The friendship of God is an infinitely beautiful and mysterious gift He has given us. In deep humility and sacrifice God has gone to a terrific amount of trouble to give Himself to us in the love of friendship. Can we accept that?

Bulletin Announcements

***May 10 - 6th Sunday of Easter** "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - John 15:12-13 Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.

***The Feminine Genius, Mary and Men** St. John Paul II coined the term "the feminine genius" to refer to a woman's unique gift of self in the world. Join international speaker and author Katrina J. Zeno, MTS, as she unpacks for us the Theology of the Body behind this term, how Mary embodies this feminine charism, and the life-changing message it has for men. Thursday, May 28 at 7pm, St. Mark's College Chapel, Vancouver (On UBC Campus). Katrina is the coordinator of the St. John Paul II Resource Center for Theology of the Body and Culture for the Diocese of Phoenix, AZ, and she has been speaking nationally and internationally on the Theology of the Body for 18 years. Katrina received her master's in theological studies from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute in Washington, D. C., and her BA in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

***Project Advance 2015** is well under way in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Here at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish the plans are to officially commence this year's campaign upon Father Juraj's return from Slovakia in June. However, Ed Starick, our Project Advance co-ordinator, will be available to receive contributions between Masses each Sunday in the church hall should you like to contribute before the official commencement of our parish campaign. Our Diocesan Goal is again set at \$7 000 and our Parish Goal will also again be \$16 000.

***A special collection for earthquake victims in Nepal** is being taken up in the Archdiocese of Vancouver on May 17, 2015.

*During Fr. Juraj's vacation, the masses will be celebrated by **Fr. Sarmad Biloues**. In case of emergency, contact neighboring St. Michael Parish at 604-521-3406.

***No Adoration** in front of Blessed Sacrament during the month of May on Thursday evenings.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,466
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$34

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Modlitba príhovoru v nedeľu v našom kostole od 12:30pm do 1:30pm.

Prayer Ministry every Sunday in our church from 12:30pm to 1:30pm until notified.

Sun 10 9:00am	6th Sunday of Easter; Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17	Za zdravie a B.pomoc rodine	Štefan Boschnak
Sun 10 11:00am	6. veľkonočná nedeľa; Sk 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17	+Ján Macik	Andrea s rodinou
Mon 11 8:00am	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 16:5-11	<i>Available</i>	
Tue 12 8:00am	St.Nereus & Achilleus; St Pancras; Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	AI Healing	Jo & Jim
Wed 13 8:00am	Our Lady of Fatima; Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15	Maureen	Joanne
Thu 14 8:00am	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17	<i>Available</i>	
Fri 15 8:00am	St. Isidore the Farmer; Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23	Za požehnanie pre Dominiku a Paľka	Stará mama
Sat 16 9:00am	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 14:1-6	Za B.požehnanie pre Jozefa	Rod.Trochanová
Sun 17 9:00am	The Ascension of the Lord; Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20	For parishioners	Fr. Sarmad
Sun 17 11:00am	Nanebovstúpenie Pána; Sk 1:1-11; Ef 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20	+Jarda	Rod. Hruška