July 5, 2015 Slovak Catholic Parish



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Chváliť nám treba slávnych mužov, našich otcov, ako nasledovali po sebe. O ich múdrosti rozprávajú národy a zhromaždený ľud ich ospevuje.

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers in their generations. Peoples will declare their wisdom, and the congregation proclaims their praise.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Výročie posvätenia chrámu.
Anniversary of Dedication of the Church.
Chod'te do celého sveta a hlásajte evanjelium.
Go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Dnes slávime sv. Cyrila a Metoda, našich slovanských vierozvestov.

Nevieme si ani predstaviť, akoby sa vyvíjal náš život bez ich vplyvu a prínosu, či už kultúrneho alebo náboženského. Možno, že bez daru viery, ktorý nám bol daný ich prostredníctvom, by sme dnes žili popletení a zapletení do rôznych protirečivých mýtov, bez poznania jasnej pravdy, alebo by sme žili čiste živočíšne bez Kristovej milosti. Stačí, keď sa pozrieme okolo seba, ako žijú ľudia bez Krista a tak by sme vyzerali aj my. Máme byť teda začo vďační a aj pre nás platí výzva z prvého čítania: "Chváliť nám treba slávnych mužov, našich otcov."

Oni dokázali opustiť svoj zabehnutý a zabezpečený život, aby sa so svetlom viery podelili s nami. V tomto ich máme všetci napodobňovať. Dnes nemusíme ísť do ďalekých krajín, ale úplne stačí, ak si dobre všimneme svojich susedov alebo mládež, ktorá sa zabáva pod našimi oknami. Oni sú dnes pre nás tým, čo v dobe sv. Cyrila a Metoda bola Veľká Morava. Šírenie Evanjelia nie je len vecou kňazov. Dokonca, sú určité prostredia, do ktorých kňaz pri najlepšej vôli neprenikne. A tieto oblasti volajú po apoštoláte laikov. My všetci máme druhým čo povedať. Ak sme prijali Krista ako svojho Pána a Spasiteľa, ak žijeme duchovným životom, máme čo povedať tým, ktorí sa s Bohom ešte nestretli.

Príkaz, ktorý sme počuli v dnešnom evanjeliu, je pre všetkých, teda nielen pre kňazov. "Daná mi je všetka moc na nebi i na zemi. Iďte teda, učte všetky národy a krstite ich v mene Otca i Syna i Ducha Svätého a naučte ich zachovávať všetko, čo som vám prikázal." Skôr ako budeme môcť prijať toto poslanie, musíme si uvedomiť, že Pán Ježiš má všetku moc od Boha Otca. Nie je teda nikto mocnejší ako Kristus a my máme ísť k ľuďom s týmto ve-

domím. Nie je možné, aby diabol bol silnejší ako Kristus. Kristus premohol svet, zvíťazil nad smrťou i hriechom. O takéhoto siláka sa môžeme oprieť, keď ideme do sveta hlásať evanielium. A tento Ježiš prehlasuje, že zostáva s nami až do skončenia sveta. Za nami stojí a dokonca pred nami ide Pán. Každé diabolstvo možno vyhnať v mene Ježišovom, či ide o nejakú nezriadenosť alebo o moderné závislosti, nad všetkým môže človek zvíťaziť, ak ho naučíme modliť sa, teda obracať sa k Bohu. Evanjelium je pre tých, ktorí majú dobrú vôľu, a ktorí si uvedomujú biedu svojho položenia a túžia po oslobodení.

Sv. Cyril pravdivo tvrdí: "nahé sú všetky národy bez kníh, sú vydané napospas nepriateľovi našich duší." Svätý Cyril, ak hovorí o knihách, má na mysli knihy posvätnej knižnice Písma Svätého. My ani nevieme, ako sme bohatí už tým, že počúvame Božie Slovo a že sa vieme modliť.

When we read the Gospel, we often have the tendency to think of it as a record of something that happened a long time ago. But after Jesus' resurrection, his words break away from the confinement of a concrete time and a concrete place and instead become a universal model situation.

Two thousand years ago Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into all the world, to all nations, teach them and baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Speaking in strictly human terms, one would probably say, "This is pure megalomania, how can it succeed?"

But these words were spoken by the Son of God. He proclaimed this mission to all people of all times so that the spiritual living torch of faith could be passed on from generation to generation.

Sometimes it is said that the faith of

the Slovaks is just a traditional one. But, wait a minute! If something can become a living tradition, if that faith is passed from generation to generation, then it isn't JUST a tradition, but rather arises FROM tradition, because there is a clear, spiritual lineage where every generation passes on the faith in such a way that the following generation incorporates it into their lives, their thinking, their feelings, their opinions, and their relationships. This is not just traditional belief, but a faith that, through tradition, always needs to be accepted at a certain moment in order to be effectively disseminated.

In this context, we are, of course, very grateful to all those people in our spiritual ancestry who, in some special way, contributed to the fact that the spiritual impulse for the deepening of the faith was effective and reached many hearts.

And to us, Slavic nations, the Word of God was brought by the Slavic missionaries Sts. Cyril and Methodius. These saints are pictured with papers in their hands on which is written the Word of God. Those men walked to carry the Word of God.

St. Cyril asks us, "Where do your footsteps take you? Are they the feet of a pilgrim, one who knows that in every moment of their life, they must consider where they are heading, where their everyday steps are leading them? Are your feet leading you to do good? Are your feet taking you where it is necessary to bring the Word? The Word that builds, that deepens, the word that sanctifies, that is not negative but positive, that does not destroy, or slander etc. Or is the Word that builds ..."

But do you know what the most amazing news is today? The same living and present Christ that the two brothers, Sts. Cyril and Methodius, accepted is here among us.

Bulletin Announcements

- *Soul Care for Maturing Adults Sessions Join renowned international speaker Dr. Richard Johnson who will be speaking on: The Essentials of Spiritual Gerontology: Learning How the Later Years can be a Time of Spiritual Maturing and The Five Chronic Problem Personalities: How to Successfully Minister (or Work with) Difficult Persons in their Later Years. Monday, Aug. 24, from 9am to 4pm at St. Mark's College, Vancouver. Cost: \$65 includes lunch. To register, visit stmarkscollege.ca/soul-care-maturing-adults Co-sponsored by Centre for Healthy Aging Transitions (C.H.A.T.) at Carey Institute and Continuing Education at St. Mark's College.
- *Public Lecture: Caring for Aging Parents: Straight Answers that Help You Serve Their Needs Without Ignoring Your Own How to take the frustration, guilt, helplessness, and anxiety out of caregiving and replace them with Christ's invitation for peace. Dr. Richard Johnson is nationally recognized for his pioneering work in Spiritual Gerontology and maturing adult faith formation. He is a dynamic, engaging, and compassionate teacher who has written many articles and 40 books on God's expansive grace in the maturing years. In addition to his earned doctorate in counseling, Dr. Richard Johnson was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2010 from Holy Cross College for his work in spiritual gerontology. Admission by donation. Lecture on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 7pm at St. Mark's College Chapel. Followed by reception. Event co-sponsored by Saint Mark's Parish and Carey Theological College.
- *Project Advance 2015 donations for our parish again may be given to Ed Starick in the church hall after each of today's Masses. Please remember that you may also contribute to this campaign at any time during the remainder of the year. Should you like to contribute at a later date, you may do so in three ways: online (see the Project Advance brochure for instructions), via telephone (phoning the Project Advance office directly) or, last of all, by simply giving your contribution to Ed Starick after any future Mass whenever he is in attendance. Our total amount received thus far is \$9,841. Thank you to everyone who has contributed this year and has helped our parish once again exceed its Diocesan Goal as set by the Archdiocese. Hopefully we will also pass our Parish Goal which has been set at \$16,000.
- *Adoration spend a blessed hour with Jesus on Thursdays at our church from 7:15pm 8:15pm.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500	
Sunday's Collection	\$1,089	
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$411	

Thank You. Vd'aka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Modlitba príhovoru túto nedeľu v našom kostole nebude.

There will be no prayer ministry this Sunday in our church.

Sun 5 9:00am	Anniversary of Dedication of the Church; Sir 44,1bc,4-7,11-15; Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 28:16-20	Za zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Jána	Gabriela s rodinou
Sun 5 11:00am	Výročie posvätenia chrámu; Sir 44,1bc,4-7,11-15; Ef 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 28:16-20	Za farnikov	Father Juraj
Mon 6 8:00am	St. Maria Goretti; Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26	Za zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Jána	Manželka Ludmila
Tue 7 8:00am	Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38	Na úmysel	
Wed 8 8:00am	Gn 41:55-57,42:5-7a,17-24a; Mt 10:1 -7	Za zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Evu a Andreja	Marta a Ladislav
Thu 9 8:00am	St. Augustine Zhao Rong & comp.; Gn 44:18-21,23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15	Za manželov Černy	
Fri 10 8:00am	Gn 46:1-7,28-30; Mt 10:16-23	For souls in purgatory	Joanne
Sat 11 9:00am	St. Benedict; Gn 49:29-32,50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33	+ Josepha Sanchez	Juliet Marte
Sun 12 9:00am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13	For parishioners	Father Juraj
Sun 12 11:00am	15.Nedel'a v Cezročnom období; Am 7:12-15; Ef 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13	+ Mária Astrabová	Rodina Astrabová