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Požehnaný, ktorý prichádza v mene Pánovom! Požehnané kráľovstvo nášho otca Dávida, ktoré prichádza!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

34. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období — Krista Kráľa.

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Christ the King .

Pán kraľuje, oslavujme ho.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Keď sa niektorému z Ježišovich učeníkov podarilo poodhaliť jeho kráľovský pôvod a majestát, zakázal mu o tom hovoriť. Zrejme preto, lebo ľudia nemali správny pojem o Božom kráľovstve. V dnešnom evanjeliu vidíme, že tam, kde už nehrozí omyl v chápaní jeho moci, hovorí verejne o svojom kráľovskom pôvode: Ježiš povedal: „Moje kráľovstvo nie je z tohto sveta. Keby moje kráľovstvo bolo z tohto sveta, moji služobníci by sa bili, aby som sa nedostal do rúk Židov. No moje kráľovstvo nie je stadiaľto."

Ak chceme správne pochopiť tajomstvo dnešného sviatku, musíme si najprv ozrejmiť situáciu sveta, v ktorej žijeme. Kniha Genezis nám hovorí o tom, ako Boh stvoril svet, ako všetko čo utvoril, prehlásil za dobré. Avšak prví ľudia porušili Boží zákon a tak sme sa dostali my a náš svet pod moc nášho zvodcu. Sv. Ján evanjelista charakterizuje situáciu sveta, v ktorom žijeme slovami: „svet leží v moci zla..." Svet, v ktorom žijeme, nie je teda Božím Kráľovstvom. Ježiš nám kladie na srdce, aby sme sa za príchod Božieho Kráľovstva denne modlili. Každý Otčenáš, ktorý z jeho príkazu vysielame k nebeskému Otcovi, nám znovu a znovu pripomína, že treba prosiť: „Príď Kráľovstvo Tvoje!"

Pán Ježiš upozorňoval na to, že v jeho osobe sa priblížilo Božie Kráľovstvo. A čo to v praxi znamenalo: „Slepí vidia, hluchí počujú, nemým sa vracia reč, chromí chodia, malomocní sa očisťujú, mŕtvi vstávajú, z posadnutých vychádzajú nečistí duchovia." Takto vyzerá prienik Boha do ľudského sveta, do toho sveta, ktorý leží v moci Zla, kde je omnoho pravdepodobnejšie, že sa stretnem s nejakým zlom ako s dobrom. Základ Ježišovho kráľovstva nie je z tohto sveta.

Origenes, jeden z cirkevných otcov, nás poučuje o spôsobe Božej vlády takto: „Podľa slova nášho Pána a Spasiteľa „Božie kráľovstvo neprichádza tak, že by sa to dalo spozorovať. Ani nepovedia: „Aha, tu je!" alebo: „Aha, tamto je!" Ale Božie kráľovstvo je medzi nami, „lebo Slovo je celkom blízko, je v našich ústach, je v našom srdci". Preto ten, kto prosí, aby prišlo Božie kráľovstvo, celkom iste sa správne modlí za to Božie kráľovstvo, ktoré má v sebe, aby vzišlo, prinášalo ovocie a dozrelo. Lebo v každom zo svätých kraľuje Boh a každý svätec poslúcha duchovné zákony Boha, ktorý v ňom býva ako v usporiadanom meste. Otec je v ňom prítomný a Kristus v takej dokonalej duši kraľuje spolu s Otcom podľa toho: „Prídeme k nemu a urobíme si uňho príbytok." A keď budeme vytrvalo pokračovať, Božie kráľovstvo, ktoré je v nás, dosiahne svoj vrchol, keď sa splní to, čo hovorí Apoštol, že si Kristus podrobí všetkých nepriateľov a odovzdá „kráľovstvo Bohu a Otcovi, aby bol Boh všetko vo všetkom".

It is no secret that there is widespread distrust of authority these days, a distrust of our basic institutions and their leaders that arises from understandable reasons. It casts Christ as being a threat. But Jesus is hardly a threatening figure. He is quite the opposite! This hesitancy about Christ the King causes many to miss the point that Christ's kingship is one of humility, service, and compassionate care. He is not a king who imposes; rather He invites. He is not a king who coerces; rather He is a king who leads. He is not a king who issues directives from afar; rather He speaks from within our hearts and souls. He is not an imperial king; rather He is a shepherd king. He is not a king filled with anger and wrath; rather He has a heart filled with compassion and mercy. What He asks of us He has done Himself.

Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular rulers. After all, He was put to death by one of them. In contrast to secular kings He defined His role as king to be that of humble service and commanded His followers to be servants as well.

What Christ came to give us is what the tyrants of this world fear the most, namely power and freedom, power and freedom to be in possession of our inner selves. That's the power the thought police of any totalitarian system want to have over us and they never can have over us because Christ is our King.

There are other tyrants lurking around today that also want to own and control us, spiritual and inner tyrants. Fear is one, fear that fills us with timidity along with a lack of initiative, procrastination and lethargy. It causes us to withdraw into defensive isolation.

Guilt is another of the tyrants that wants to control us. Often it is accompanied with a sense that everything is ruined and nothing is good. It leads us to play the blame game, finding fault in everyone else around us and demeaning everyone around us.

Hurt and resentment are other tyrants. They cause us to avoid others, to bury of our care and concern for others, to have our own little pity-parties, along with a sense of self-entitlement leading to various forms of sensual gratification.

Christ would be King of your soul but in order to let Him be that you must dethrone the false gods that seek to own you and manipulate you. But you must be the actor, you must take the initiative. Christ will not do it all for you, but He will do everything with you. He tells us that with men, dethroning these tyrants is impossible. But with God, all things are possible, even moving the mountains, both external and internal, that seek to crush us.

Sources: Bernardín Šmid; Charles Irvin

Bulletin Announcements

***November 22 - Feast of Christ the King** "Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world." (John 18:36) How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

***Spiritual Exercises for Women:** Silent Ignatian Retreat Preached and Directed by the Priests of Miles Christi. Based on the proven method of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Priests of Miles Christi, devoted to the preaching of these Ignatian retreats, frequently offer them in a weekend format. Throughout the centuries, the Spiritual Exercises have shown to be an excellent means of sanctification, highly praised by Popes and saints. Miles Christi is a Roman Catholic Religious Order of Priests and Brothers devoted to the sanctification of the laity. These retreats are entirely according to the Magisterium of the Church, and based on solid Catholic spirituality. At Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey, Friday, Dec. 4, at 4pm (check in from 3pm – 4pm) to Sunday, Dec. 6, around 5pm. For details or to register, phone 604-576-8802 or visit www.rosemaryheights.com/events/

***Annual Christmas FOOD HAMPER Project** - November 1st-November 29th 2015. Please donate as your heart allows you: CASH or PC (Superstore) GIFT CARDS. ONLY these DRY FOOD items: FLOUR,RICE, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, DRY WHITE BEANS, YELLOW and GREEN DRY SPLIT PEAS, DRY LENTILS-all types, COFFEE and variety of TEA BAGS. Your donations can be given to Andrea Machula (604-479-2112), Fr. Juraj (604-526-7351) or to either Eleanore Mattias or Joanne Espenhain. Receipts for the amount of $50 and more can be issued upon request. Thank you very much!

***Love & Life Ministry: Christmas Card Fundraiser** This Christmas, spread the message of life by sending pro-life Christmas Cards. A portion of the sale of these cards helps support crisis pregnancy centers and other pro-life organizations including the Love & Life Ministry. The cards will be sold every Sunday in November after the 11AM mass by Mariana (604-584 9292)in the parish hall. For those not attending the Slovak Mass, please contact Joanne(604-522 8917) , she will have the cards in the church every day- until sold out. Cards are sold in the packs of 10 cards for $10.

***Svätý Mikuláš** — Aj tento rok zavíta do nášho kostolíka Svätý Mikuláš—v nedeľu 6.decembra po svätej omši. Vstupné $8.00 na dieťa. Prihlásiť sa možete u M.Demčák na **778-593-9565**.

***15th Annual Christmas Bake and Craft Sale** is approaching on December 12th and 13th, 2015. Please help with your donation (all funds raised go to our church). For more information call Gabriela 778-355-2250 or Bertha 604-936-4669.

***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	$1,311
Home Mission	**$365**

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 22 9:00am	**34th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Christ the King;** Dan	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 22 11:00am	**34.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období—Krista Kráľa;** Dan 7:13-14; Zjv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37	Za zosnulých z rodiny Oravcovéj	Rodina Oravcová
Mon 23 8:00am	St. Clement I; St. Columban; Dan 1:1-6,8-20; Lk 21:1-4	+ Ján Košláb	Family Cedík
Tue 24 8:00am	St. Andrew Dun-Lac & comp.; Dan 2:3,9a,10a,27a,31-45; Lk 21:5-11	Za zdravie a B.pož. pre Vilmu Oravcovú	Family Palko
Wed 25 8:00am	St. Catherine of Alexandria; Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Lk 21:12-19	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre Ladislava a jeho rodinu	Eva a Andrej
Thu 26 8:00am	Dan 6:11-28; Lk 21:20-28	+ Enrique Javier	Family Javier
Fri 27 8:00am	Dan 7:1-14; Lk 21:29-33	+ Žofia a Gustav Pajerchin 2. za pož.pre Katku	Rodina Oravcová 2. Rod. Starostová
Sat 28 9:00am	Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36	+ Ján Košláb 2. za pož. pre Berthu	Rod. Trochanová 2. Rod. Starostová
Sun 29 9:00am	**1st Sunday of Advent-Year C;** Jer 33:14-16; 1Th 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-38, 34-36	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 29 11:00am	**1. Adventná Nedeľa-Rok C;** Jer 33:14-16; 1Sol 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36	Za zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Vilmu 70.rok.	Rodina Trochanová