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*Ukáž nám Pane svoje  
milosrdenstvo a daj  
nám svoju spásu*

*Show us Lord, your  
love; and grant us  
your salvation.*



# Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

## Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

1. Adventná Nedeľa.  
1st Sunday of Advent.

*S radosťou pôjdeme do domu Pánovho.*

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

**Čo myslíte**, aký je asi teraz čas? Vieme v akom čase žijeme? Je môj čas, časom naplneným hodovaním, pijatikou, smilstvom, nemravnosťou, zvedou a závišťou? Alebo je pre mňa čas úžasnou Božou milosťou, ktorú mi Pán Boh dáva na moju záchranu, aby som sa obliekol v Pána Ježiša Krista? Ten čas, ktorý prežívam, môže byť pre mňa časom spásy a milosti, časom pokánia a očakávania vykupiteľa ale môže byť aj časom, ktorý končí zatratením.

Poviete, je čas adventu. Ale, čo treba robiť v tomto čase? „Nadišla hodina, aby ste sa prebudili zo sna“. O aký sen ide v tomto prípade? Ide o sen bezbožnosti. Jedná sa o tie rôzne rozprávky „moderného“ sveta, ktoré nám chcú nahovoriť, že Boha niet a že to čo vnímame svojimi zmyslami je celou realitou sveta. A ďalej, že sa to všetko urobilo samo a ak sa to samo nemohlo urobiť, tak zato môže akási nerozumná a neosobná evolúcia, ktorej netreba skladať žiadne účty zo života, voči ktorej netreba prejavovať žiadnu vďačnosť a ktorú nemusíme milovať z celého srdca a zo všetkých síl. Sama od seba sa neprekříži ani slamka so slamkou a už vonkoncom nemôže vzniknúť tak úžasne a zložitá diela, ako je každá bunka a to ešte nehovorím o celom organizme človeka a prírody. A toto je klam, ktorým nám chce nahovoriť moderný ale vôbec nie vedecký svetonázor. Každému je nad slnko jasnejšie, že keď zoberieme do rúk knihu plnú múdrosti, nebudeme si nahovárať, že sa to samo poskladalo a dômyselne napísalo. A či svet, nie je takou veľkou knihou a dokonca už každá bunka obrovskou knižnicou, z ktorej môžeme čítať o Bohu. Boha nemôžem vnímať zmyslami, ale to predsa neznamená, že nejestvuje. Teda zobuďme sa zo

sna. Správne veriaci človek je omnoho väčší realista ako materialista, lebo verí v Nadskutočno. Možno nás v našom uvažovaní mýli svet, v ktorom žijeme, pretože sú v ňom aj stopy zla. A oni zdanlivo svedčia proti Dobru. Sme stvorení pre Dobro a práve zlo, ktoré vo svete nachádzame svedčí o tom, že pravdu má Božie Slovo, ktoré hovorí o prvotnom hriechu a o potrebe pokánia. Ak neveríme Božiemu Slovu, ktoré nám vysvetľuje našu situáciu sveta, v ktorom žijeme, tak nám svet pripadá ako zlý sen. Zobudiť sa z tohto sna znamená, prijať Boží komentár ku svetu a uznať hriech, v ktorom sme sa narodili, v ktorom žijeme, dokonca, ktorý žije v nás. Ale toto zlo prišlo na svet pokúšaním diabla a slobodnou ľudskou voľbou. Skôr ako začneme uvažovať nad Spásou, zamyslime sa nad tým, v akom svete to vlastne žijeme. Pán Ježiš nás učí modliť sa: „Príď kráľovstvo Tvoje!“ V akom svete to žijeme, keď svet nie je Božím Kráľovstvom.

**The first Christian** communities lived through very hard times. Lost in the vast Roman Empire, in the midst of conflicts and persecutions, those Christians sought strength and encouragement by hoping for the prompt coming of Jesus and by remembering his words: «Keep watch. Stay awake. Have your eyes open. Be ready». Does this call of Jesus to stay awake still mean something to us today? What does it mean for Christians today to put our hope in God, living with our eyes wide open? Do we let the hope in God's final judgment lie completely played out in our secular world for all of the innocent victims who suffer without any guilt?

The easiest way to falsify Christian hope is to wait for God to give us eternal salvation, while we turn our backs on the suffer-

ing in our world right now. One day we will have to recognize our blindness before Jesus our Judge: when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in jail, and we didn't help you? This will be our last dialogue with him if we live with our eyes closed.

We need to wake up and open our eyes wide. We need to keep vigilant in order to see beyond our own small interests and concerns. The Christian's hope isn't in being blind, since we can never forget those who suffer. Christian spirituality doesn't consist in only looking inside, since our heart pays attention to those who are left on their own. In our Christian communities we need to take care all the more that our way of living in hope doesn't lead to indifference or to forgetting the poor. We can't isolate ourselves in religion in order to close our ears to the cry of those who die from hunger each day. We aren't allowed to nourish our illusion of innocence in order to defend our peace and quiet.

Hope in a God that forgets those who live in this world who are unable to hope at all – wouldn't such a hope be considered to be a religious version of a kind of optimism that we hold onto whatever the cost, lived out without clarity or responsibility? A seeking of our own eternal salvation with backs turned away from those who suffer – wouldn't such a seeking be accused of being a subtle «selfishness stretched out to the great beyond»?

Probably the lack of sensibility for the immense suffering in our world is one of the most serious symptoms of today's Christianity that has grown old. When Pope Frances calls for «a Church that is poorer and that is of the poor», he is shouting his most important message to us Christians of the well-off nations.

## Bulletin Announcements

**\*November 27<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Sunday of Hope** – “I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid”. - Pope John Paul II, Pope John Paul II: In My Own Words

**\*Pro-Life Christmas Cards:** Please support Love and Life ministry by purchasing pro-life Christmas Cards with beautiful images of the Holy Family, Our Lady, and the Baby Jesus. Sold in packs of 10 cards for \$10. The cards will be sold every Sunday in November in the parish hall after the 11 AM mass by Mariana (604-584 9292). For those not attending the Slovak Mass, please contact Joanne (604-522 8917), she will have the cards in the church every day. Thank you

**\*Annual Christmas FOOD HAMPER Project** Going on from November 1st-November 28th 2016. Please donate as your heart allows you: CASH, PC (Superstore) or Wal-Mart 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 Mrs Rozalia Starosta (604-944-1554); Fr. Juraj (604-526-7351) after 11am mass and to either Eleanore Mattias or Joanne Espenhain after English mass. You can also call Mrs Starosta or Fr. Juraj about any family in need. Thank you!

**\*Svätý Mikuláš** — Aj tento rok zavíta do nášho kostolíka Svätý Mikuláš—v nedeľu 4.decembra po svätej omši. Cena za balíček je \$8.00 na dieťa. Prihlásiť sa môžete u M.Demčák na 778-593-9565.

**\*Detská sv. omša** bude 4.decembra 2016. Úloha pre deti: vo forme ozdôbky na stromček zobrazit', ako sa v advente pripravujeme na Vianoce.

**\*16th Annual Christmas Bake and Craft Sale** is approaching on December 10th and 11th, 2016. Please help with your donation (all funds raised go to our church) and . For more information call Anne 604-941-0280 or Bertha 604-936-4669.

### Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$ 1,160

**Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.**

### THURSDAY ADORATION

Spend a blessed hour with Jesus on Thursdays 7:15pm-8:15pm.

**PRAYER MINISTRY** in our church will be the following dates:  
**December 4, 2016** from 12:30pm to 1:30pm  
**December 18, 2016** from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

<b>Sun 27</b> 9:00am	<b>1st Sunday of Advent (Year A);</b> Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 21:37-44	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
<b>Sun 27</b> 11:00am	<b>1. Adventná Nedeľa (Rok A);</b> Iz 2:1-5; rim 13:11-14a; Mt 24:37-44	Za požehnanie pre Michala	Vilma Oravec
Mon 28	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11,13	NO MASS	
Tue 29 8:00am	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	+ rodičia Ján a Helena	Mrs. Sentivani
Wed 30 8:00am	St. Andrew; Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22	Zdravie pre pani Mederovú	Marta Múdry
Thu 1 8:00am	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27	Za Božie požehnanie a zdravie pre Valiku	
Fri 2 8:00am	<b>First Friday;</b> Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	Za Božie požehnanie pre Júliu, Mateja a Júliu	
Fri 2 7:30pm	<b>Prvý Piatok;</b> Iz 29:17-24; Mt :27-31	+ rodičia Jozef a Mária	Mrs. Sentivani
Sat 3 9:00am	St. Francis Xavier; Is 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8	+ Margaret Segeč	Gizela Matláková
<b>Sun 4</b> 9:00am	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent ;</b> Is 11:1-19; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
<b>Sun 4</b> 11:00am	<b>2. Adventná Nedeľa;</b> Iz 11:1-10; Rim 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre Vladimíra	Rodina Dzurendová