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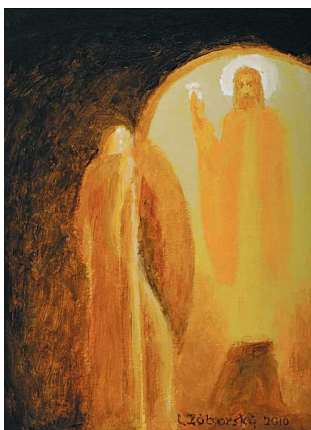
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Ja som vzkriesenie a život, hovorí Pán; kto verí vo mňa, neumrie naveky.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

5. Pôstna Nedel'a.

5th Sunday of Lent.

U Pána je milosrdenstvo a hojné vykúpenie.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Udalosti, ktoré v živote prežívame, majú obyčajne dva zmysly. Jeden zmysel je prirodzený, ten, ktorý bezprostredne udalosť vyvoláva. Avšak Boh vo svojom vykupiteľskom pláne aj zdanlivo zlým udalosťami dáva iný zmysel, nadprirodzený. Aj smrťou môže byť oslávený Syn Boží. Boh je oslávený všetkým tým, čo zjavuje jeho dobrotu a moc. Aj ľudské utrpenie môže byť priestorom, kde sa môže zjaviť Božia добрota a slabosť človeka môže byť priestorom, v ktorom sa zjaví Božia moc.

V príbehu, ktorý vykresľuje dnešné evanjelium, narážame na ľudskú slabosť, ktorá kapituluje pred mocou smrti. V dnešnom Evanjelium sa nám odhaľuje pravda o tom, že život nie je čosi, ale Ktosi. Ježiš je Logos, Božie Slovo, Informácia a zároveň Život. Život je naozaj pôvodu mimozemského, dokonca môžeme povedať nadprirodzeného. Život je Ktosi väčší ako my. My žijeme, máme účasť na živote, sme živý ale nie sme Život. Život je kvalitou Boha. Ježiš sa však nezjavuje len ako Život, ale aj ako Vzkriesenie. Vzkriesenie je radikálna obnova všetkého, čo hriech zahubil, či už ide o potratené deti, alebo vyhynuté prírodné druhy. Ježiš povedal: „Odval'te kameni!“ Odval'te kameni vašej malej viery a dúfajte v Syna Božieho, ktorý robí veľké veci. Človek sa bojí svojej viery. Marta, sestra mŕtveho, mu povedala: „Pane, už páchne, veď je už štyri dni mŕtvy.“ Ježiš jej povedal: „Nehovoril som ti, že ak uveríš, uvidíš Božiu slávu?“ Viera nás vždy vedie k videniu Božej Slávy. Božiu Slávu sme dokonca schopný vidieť tam, kde ľudské oko môže zachytiť už len rozklad a unikajúci život.

Viera a modlitba vďaka robí veľký zázrak. Ježiš sa modlí: „Otče, ďakujem ti, že si ma vypočul. A ja som vedel, že ma

vždy počuješ, ale povedal som to pre zástup, čo tu stojí, aby uveril, že si ma Ty poslal.“ A keď to povedal, zvolal mocným hlasom: „Lazar, pod' von!“ Človek nikdy nepočul na svoje meno, keď ho volá Boh. A mŕtvy vyšiel. Nohy a ruky mal ovinuté plachtami a tvár obviazanú šatkou. Ježiš im povedala: „Porozvážujte ho a nechajte ho odísť!“ V Ježišovej dobe mala táto výzva svoje opodstatnenie. Život v osobe Pána Ježiša bol prítomný na tomto svete medzi ľuďmi.

Dnes je Ježiš v nebeskej sláve. A táto výzva dostáva skôr iný zmysel. Rozviažme mŕtveho! Neväzujeme ho svojimi citmi, nechajme ho odísť, nechajme ho ísť za Ježišom. To je snáď tá najväčšia služba lásky, ktorú môžeme preukázať mŕtveho. Povzbudiť jeho vieru: „Pán je tu, volá ťa!“ Preukázať mu veľkodušnosť a prepustiť ho na slobodu. Uvolniť putá svojich citov a plný vďačnosti prepustiť zosnulého na Slobodu. Tešme sa spolu sním, že už je tam, kde život nekončí. Kde žiť znamená Kristus a kde smrť je pre neho ziskom!

Jesus never hides his tenderness towards the two sisters and their brother who live in Bethany. Surely they are the ones who welcome him in their home whenever he goes up to Jerusalem. One day Jesus receives the message: «Our brother Lazarus, your friend, is sick». Shortly afterwards, Jesus heads out for their small village. When he gets there, Lazarus has already died. When Mary, the younger sister, sees him there, she breaks down crying. No one can console her. When Jesus sees his friend crying, along with the Jews who are with her, he can't contain himself. He too «breaks down and cries» right along with them.

The people remark: «See how much he loved him!». Jesus doesn't just cry for the death of a very beloved friend. His soul is broken when he feels the powerlessness of all in the face of death.

All of us carry in our deepest heart an insatiable will to live. How often we wonder, why do we have to die? Why isn't life happier, longer, more secure, more fulfilled? Today too, like people of every age, we feel in our hearts that unsettling question, one that's hardest to answer: what's going to happen to us when we die? What can we do in the face of death? Fight it? Give up?

Without doubt, the most usual reaction is to just forget that question and «get on with living». But isn't the human person called to live life lucidly and responsibly? When the end finally comes, do we end up just approaching it stoically, not knowing where we stand? In face of the mystery of our final destiny neither scientific nor religious dogmas are of much help. They can't lead us beyond this life. We Christians don't really know any more about the next life than anyone else. Like all others, we need to approach humbly the dark fact of our death. But we do it trusting radically in the goodness of the mystery of God, that is shown to us in Jesus. This Jesus is the one whom we love, without having seen him, and whom in that love, we profoundly trust.

This trust can only be lived by one who responds with simple faith to what Jesus says: «I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this?». Recently Hans Kung, the most critical Catholic theologian of the 20th century, coming toward the end of his life, said that for him, dying is «resting in the mystery of God's mercy». That's how I want to die.

Bulletin Announcements

***April 2nd - 5th Sunday of Lent** "Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave!" - St. John Chrysostom

***Focolare Annual Event, Mariapolis** - The Mariapolis will be held on May 20-22, 2017 at Trinity Western University, Langley BC. Suffering is a fact of life and it comes to us in so many ways. Do we put up with it? Do we avoid it? Or does it have a deeper value? At Mariapolis 2017, we will explore these questions in the context of the spirituality of unity. Register online at: <https://goo.gl/r8XWeA> More info at 778-980-2470, E-mail: focolare.vancouver@gmail.com, Web: www.focolare.ca, Facebook: Mariapolis BC 2017. Early Bird registration by April 9th

***Learn How to Parent Teens.** From meeting your teen's needs to helping them make good choices, the ALPHA Parenting Teenagers Course has much to offer! This is an opportunity to get help with the challenges you may be facing when raising a teen! Enjoy dinner and a first-class parenting video-and-discussion program, running for five Fridays starting April 21, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish, Abbotsford. All parents and caregivers are invited. Cost: \$20/person. To register or for more info., visit <http://rcav.org/event/alpha-parentingteens/>

***Make Time for Life Workshop:** This workshop will help everyone understand how to spend an hour with vulnerable people. With greater confidence, you'll be able to seek volunteer opportunities at hospitals, long term care facilities, or parish based groups. Now more than ever, we can help foster a culture that is more open to life. Sat 22 April 2017, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Church Hall (2465 Crown Street Vancouver, B.C. V6R 3V). To register call 604-733-6266. Fee is \$15/person please pay at the door.

***Mužské stretnutie** - budúcu sobotu, April 8, o 6:30 pm bude mužské stretnutie v basemente fary. Všetci muži farnosti sú srdečne pozvaní.

***Movie night** - join us for movie night on Tuesday April 4th at 6:35 pm in Colossus Langley Cinemas to watch movie "The Shack". If you are interested, please contact vlapla@shaw.ca until Monday night 9:00pm.

***Lenten Penitential Service Our Lady of Assumption, Port Coquitlam - April 2nd, 2017 at 7PM.**

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,256

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

ADORATION

There will be no adoration on Thursday in our church. We will have an adoration on First Friday 9:00am – 7:30pm.

PRAYER MINISTRY

in our church will be the following date:
April 2, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
April 23, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Sun 2 9:00am	5th Sunday of Lent; Ez 37:12-14; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 2 11:00am	5. Pôstna Nedel'a; Ez 37:12b-14; Rim 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45	Za dušu zosnulej Otilie Žákovej	Rodina Machulová
Mon 3	Dan 13:2,4-6,8,15-16,19-23,41-46,64; Jn 8:1-11	NO MASS	
Tue 4 8:00am	St. Isidor; Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30	+ Josefa Javier	Javier Family
Wed 5 8:00am	St. Vincent Ferrer; Dn 3:13-20,24,49-50,91-95; Jn 8:31-42	Na úmysel	
Thu 6 8:00am	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre Luke	Rodina Volentier
Fri 7 8:00am	First Friday; St. John Baptist de La Salle; Jer 20:7,10-13; Jn 10:31-42	Na úmysel	Lenka
Fri 7 7:30pm	Prvý Piatok; Krížová cesta + Sv. Omša	Na úmysel	
Sat 8 9:00am	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-57	Na úmysel	Mária
Sun 9 9:00am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27,66	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 9 11:00am	Kvetná Nedel'a-Nedel'a utrpenia Pána; Iz 50:4-7; Flp 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27,66	+ Antonia a Michal Strežko	Rodina Plavaková