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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Beloved in Christ!

**RE: His Beatitude Sviatoslav's Historic Visit
to the Eparchy of New Westminster**

I am pleased to announce that our Patriarch, His Beatitude Sviatoslav will be visiting our Eparchy later this year. His visit will take place during this special year commemorating the centennial of the appointment of Blessed Nykyta Budka, as the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for our Country. Below is the general plan of the visit. More details of the visit will be announced in a few months. I would encourage each of you to plan to attend one or more of the events scheduled.

In September of this year for the very first time in the history of our Church in Canada, we will be hosting the annual meeting of the Synod of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Bishops. It will be held in Winnipeg from 9 – 15 September and most of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops from around the world will be in attendance.

Please keep the visit of our Patriarch and the Synod of Bishops' meeting in your daily prayers.

August 31st

- 1. The official blessing** of the Bishop Jerome Chimy Eparchial Centre and Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn Eparchial Library in New Westminster. This will be an event **open by invitation only** due to limited space at the Eparchial Centre. There will be an opportunity for the faithful to come and not only visit but take advantage of the services that will be offered at the Eparchial Centre as of the end of July of this year when it will be open for service to the faithful of our Eparchy.
- 2. Moleben at 6:30 PM – Holy Eucharist Cathedral**, celebrating the Year of Blessed Nykyta Budka and the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Holy Eucharist Parish in New Westminster. The Moleben is open to the public and no advance tickets or passes are required for admission. A special reception with the Patriarch will follow the Moleben in the Parish Hall. **Tickets are required in advance for the reception** and will be available to be purchased in advance by contacting Fr. Yuriy Vyshnevskyy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral.

September 1st

- 3. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's parish in Vancouver at 10:00 AM.** The Divine Liturgy is open to the public and no tickets or special passes are required for admission. Official celebratory banquet to follow the Divine Liturgy with the Patriarch will be held at the St. Mary's Cultural Centre. **Tickets are required in advance for the banquet and will be available to be purchased in advance by contacting Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM at St. Mary's Parish.**

September 2nd

4. **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Dormition parish in Kelowna at 11:00 AM.** The Divine Liturgy is open to the public and no tickets or special passes are required for admission. Official celebratory banquet to follow the Divine Liturgy with the Patriarch will be held in the Parish Hall. **Tickets are required in advance for the banquet and will be available to be purchased in advance by contacting Fr. Andriy Werbowy at Holy Dormition Parish.**

With my blessings I have approved that our parishes in Kamloops, Penticton, Grindrod, and Vernon are to celebrate the September 2nd Sunday Divine Liturgy on Saturday 1st September so that our clergy in those communities can arrive at the parish in Kelowna no later than 10:00 am on Sunday 2nd September. Our parish in Prince George may celebrate Divine Liturgy for Sunday 2nd September on Friday 31 August in order to allow Fr. Dmyterko to drive to Kelowna on Saturday September 1st to be in Kelowna for the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

In order to plan for the visit of our Patriarch we have established two CORE Planning Teams. One planning team is for the Lower Mainland and a second team for the Interior.

For the Lower Mainland I have appointed a CORE Planning Team consisting of Frs. Vyshnevskyy, Ewanko, Tyrkalo, & Chornenkyy as well as Srs. Daria & Ruth and the chairpersons from the four parishes in the Lower Mainland and the Eparchial UCWLC president.

In order to plan for the visit of our Patriarch to Kelowna I have appointed Fr. Andriy Werbowy to head up the CORE Planning Team. For this planning team, I have also appointed Frs. Wasylinko and Myts, and have recommended that three more persons be added to the CORE Planning Team from our parish in Kelowna.

Starting Sunday, March 4th at all Sunday and Weekday Liturgies in the Eparchy through to the Visit of His Beatitude Sviatoslav, I would ask that the following Litany be used in the "special intentions" part of our Liturgies:

Priest: "We also pray that our Lord through the prayers of Blessed Nykyta Budka first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Canada bless the upcoming visit of His Beatitude Sviatoslav to our Eparchy and the annual Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops' meeting to take place in Winnipeg in September, Lord hear us and have mercy!"

Faithful: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

With assurance of my prayerful best wishes and Episcopal Blessings, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,
+Ken
Eparch of New Westminster