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3. ADVENTNA NEDELJA 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Janez ni bil revolucionar. Njegove pridige niso bile nerazumljive ali nasilne; nič ni zahteval brez razloga. Njegove besede so lahko sprejemali običajni ljudje. Zahteval je korenito spremembo vsega človeka, izboljšanje temeljev duhovne zgradbe, na to hitro pozabijo tudi ljudje, ki so verni. Pozabijo, da morajo biti najprej pošteni, razumni in prijazni. Če zanemarimo temelje, je lahko ves duhovni razvoj zmaličen.



Janez Krstnik je pridal množici, ki ga je prišla poslušat. Ni zahteval le spokornosti, ampak je tudi oznanjal upanje. Njegova naloga je bila, da je pripravljal pot Bogu. Razgibal je srca ljudi, ni pa dosegel učinka, dokler ljudje niso odgovorili. Nekdo je moral čakati na božjo rešitev, ki se bo kmalu pojavila. Ko je napovedoval prihod močnejšega od sebe, je imel verjetno tudi predstavo, kaj bo prihajajoči delal. A Jezusova dejanja so bila drugačna od njegovih pričakovanj. Kraljestvo, ki ga je osnoval Jezus, je bilo nekaj povsem novega. Pokazal je, da je v središču razmerja med Bogom in grešnikom, povabilo k odrešitvi in ne toliko oziranje na človekove grehe.

Jezus je ljudi učil, kako naj žive, da se bodo ob svojih izkušnjah lahko napajali in plemenitili z božjim duhom. Brez globokih medsebojnih odnosov se božje kraljestvo ne bo nikoli uresničilo na zemlji. Naše krščanstvo se velikokrat ustavi pri vratih, ko odhajamo iz cerkve ali od doma v svet. Jezusova vizija je bila globlja, ker je videl, da rezultati ne bodo nemudoma prišli. Janez je upal v katastrofalen poseg Boga. Jezus pa ve, da bo božje kraljestvo zgrajeno ob vseh, ki so pripravljeni živeti, delati in če je potrebno tudi umreti za Očetov namen.

Vzgajati se moramo v potrepljivosti. Možje in žene se morajo zavedati, da ne bo nenaden sunek določil izida v boju med pravim in napačnim na tem svetu. Uresničevanje božjega kraljestva je dolga pot, polna napak, porazov in zmag; pot, ki jo moramo vzdržati.

MIKLAVŽ PRI SV. GREGORIJU VELIKEM V HAMILTONU

V nedeljo, 6. decembra 2015 je tudi našo skupnost obiskal sv. Miklavž. Dopoldne smo se zbrali pri sveti maši, tokrat je bila ob 10h in pri maši je za spremembo pel angleški zbor. Maša je bila dvojezična, da so mlajši lahko boljše razumeli, saj je bila cerkev zelo polna. Po maši smo se začeli zbirati v zgornji župnijski dvorani, kjer so nam v kuhinji skuhalni dobro slovensko kosilo. Po kosilu so se otroci pripravili za nastop. Nekateri so bili angelčki, drugi pa »hudički«. Kot vedno so zelo glasno zapeli »Mi angelci smo mali« in potem tudi zaplesali. Tokrat jih je spremljal med petjem in plesom Matjaž Mramor na svojo harmoniko. Za angelci so se prikazali hudički, vsi v črnem, z rogovimi, »vilami«, vse je bilo odeto v rdeče, vendar, ko se je spremenila glasba so jih večji angeli kaj hitro napodili iz odra in v svojem spremstvu je prikorakal sveti Miklavž in s petjem pozdravil vse navzoče: »Pozdravljeni, čredica mala, nestrupo že čakaš Miklavža svetega, kajne?« In angelci so nadaljevali: »Sedaj glej prihaja...« Nato je Miklavž kratko nagovoril vse navzoče in potem se je začelo obdarovanje otrok. Dvorana se je letos kar dobra napolnila z mladimi družinami in otroci. Na koncu so angelci zapeli še: »Bratci, sestrice, čujte naš zadnji pozdrav« ... In zastor na odru se je zaprl. Miklavž je nato obdaroval še angelce ...

Hvala vsem, ki ste sodelovali pri pripravi Miklavževanja, tako učiteljicam slovenske šole, kuhinji, otrokom, ki so nastopali, staršem, ki ste priprljali otroke in pomagali pri pripravi dogodka. Vse to nam iz leta v leto pomaga ne samo ohranjati tradicijo, ampak prenašali mlademu rodu to lepo slovensko

navado, kjer je dobrota tista, ki se prenaša iz enega roda v drugi rod. Pri pripravah so sodelovali:

Hall Setup and kitchen prep Saturday: Peter and Linda Novak, Jenny Antolin, Andrea and Anton Marincic, Barb Miklavcic, Anton Volcansek, Betty Miklavcic, Karolina Kolmanic, John and Simon Horvat, Natalie Erzar, Andrej Kanc, Roman Kezmen, Milan Ferletic

Kitchen Sunday: Andrea and Anton Marinčič, Jenny Antolin, Dan Miklavcic, Lorie Mramor

Bar/Misc./Door: Kristina Hocevar , Mateja Mihelcic, Dave Antolin, Sandy Ferletic, John Horvat - Backstage Lighting, Frank Mramor

Servers: Joel Antolin, Adam Antolin, Amalia Lukezic, Maya Marincic, Izzy Marincic, Mathew Mramor, Kristina Hode, Olivia Habjan

Miklavž: Frank Novak

Če smo še koga izpustili, vsem iskrena hvala in se priporočamo še za naprej. Samo s skupnimi močmi lahko pripravimo tako lepe dogodke.







JOY – THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Joy comes through Shalom (Is. 61:1-3a) - the Hebrew word shalom is often translated as "peace", but the Hebrew understanding of shalom includes all our notions of peace, justice, health and harmony for creation.



Jesus chose this Isaiah passage to describe his own ministry of joy. Elizabeth and Zechariah (Luke 1:5-24 and 57-80) - Like Abraham and Sarah, Elizabeth & Zechariah were promised a child (which brought great joy).

IZREDNO SVETO LETO BOŽJEGA USMILJENJA

Leto božjega usmiljenja se je začelo 8. decembra 2015, na praznik Marijinega Brezmadežnega spočetja, ko so se odprla tudi sveta vrata bazilike svetega Petra in se bo zaključilo 20. novembra 2016, na praznik Jezusa Kristusa, Kralja vesoljstva.

Danes zvečer ob sedmih se bodo sveta vrata odprla tudi v naši baziliki-katedrali Kristusa Kralja in sicer z bogoslužjem ob 7:00 p.m. Nova »sveta vrata« je izdel naš faran **Jože Razpotnik** in je bil povabljen, da bo skupaj z umetnikom, ki je izdelal barvna stekla za ta vrata, zvečer vrata tudi odprla. Če imate možnost, se udeležite tega bogoslužja.





CWL - KŽZ

Ker bo drugo leto Bazar že zelo zgodaj, zadnjo nedeljo v februarju, so se članice KŽZ že sedaj spravile k delu in začele s »proizvodnjo« rezancev. Dvakrat so prišle in vsako dopoldne je nastalo kar lepo število pakiranih »nudlcev«.



BOŽIČNO OKRASJE

Dnevi se krajšajo, božič je že skoraj pred vrati in naši može so izkoristili letošnji topel in suh adventni čas in šli na lov za božičnim drevescem za našo cerkev. Tokrat jim ni bilo treba izbirati katero drevo bo primerno, ker nam je Jožica Vlašič podarila smreko, ki je rasla pri njeni hiši. Hvala Jožici, Maksu Pavliču in pomočnikoma, da so to delo izvrstno opravili in smreka že stoji na svojem mestu. Sedaj bo delo še za tiste, ki jo bodo okrasili, to pa bodo storili otroci sloven-ske šole v soboto po maši.



SLOVENSKA ŠOLA - ST. GREGORY HAMILTON

V soboto, 12. decembra je bilo v Slovenski šoli v Hamiltonu precej živahno. Ko si vstopil v razred se je že čutilo božično vzdušje. Otroci so namreč izdelovali božične okraske, ker bodo naslednji teden okrasili božično drevo v cerkvi. Vsak razred iz izdelal posebne okraske, zato smo jih ob koncu tudi »ovekovečili na sliko«. Ob koncu šole, pa so nekateri ostali, da smo se pod vodstvom Sonye Podrebarac in Mary Miklavčič pripravljali za božični večer, ker bodo otroci pripravili kratek božični program na začetku maše ob 6:00 p.m..

Silvestrovanje New Year's Eve

Hosted by Društvo Bled and
St. Gregory the Great Parish

December 31, 2015 at 7:00pm
St. Gregory the Great Parish
125 Centennial Pkwy. N, Hamilton

\$75 for adults
\$50 for students

For tickets contact:

Heidy Novak - 905-317-6002 novakh@sympatico.ca
Ivan Krusic - 905-393-6594



NEW YEAR'S EVE - HOSTED BY ST. GREGORY THE GREAT AND DRUŠTVVO BLED

This year New Year's Eve is looking to be a great event. We already have more guests reserved for this year, than we have had over the past few years, both hear at our parish and at Bled.

We still have a couple full tables open, and we have seats at various tables throughout the hall available, so please call, email or come to the rear foyer to purchase your tickets. For those who have reserved a seat, please come and purchase your tickets or make arrangements to purchase your tickets as we cannot hold your place after this coming week without payment. Arrangements can be made by calling Heidy Novak at 905-317-6002 or emailing no-vakh@sympatico.ca . You can also contact Ivan Krušić at 905-393-6594 to make arrangements.

Also, if anyone is interested in sharing innovative ideas to help make New Year's a better event than ever, please contact Heidy - all help would be very much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on December 31st to ring in 2016 together. Wishing everyone a Very Blessed Christmas Season!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Response: Shout aloud and sing of joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

After warning against the coming day of judgement, the prophet encourages the people to rejoice because God is among them and salvation is near.

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Paul is in prison because of his work for the Lord but concentrates only on his love and concern for the Christians in Philippi.

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist teaches the people how to change their lives in preparation for the coming of Christ.

“The Lord your God is in your midst.”

Illustration

From early December until January every year a huge Christmas tree stands in Trafalgar Square, London. Since 1947 this has been a gift from the people of Oslo in gratitude for British support of Norway during World War II. In the centres of almost every city, town and village, in the windows of shops and houses, and in churches too, Christmas trees with their lights, stars and tinsel exude joy and happiness.

The Christmas tree tradition first came to England through Queen Charlotte, the German wife of King George III, who in 1800 decorated a yew tree and illuminated it with small wax candles for a family party at Windsor. The custom was not taken up by the general population until after Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert introduced spruce trees from

his homeland in 1840. Christmas trees were late arrivals in churches. Until then, churches had been draped in garlands of evergreens with holly and bay, sometimes so heavily decorated that one young woman wrote to The Spectator magazine in 1712 to complain that she found it impossible to catch the eye of a certain young gentleman, though they sat only three pews away, because the church looked “more like a greenhouse than a place of worship”. She feared that unless something was done she would grow “a very awkward creature at church” and soon have little else to do there but say her prayers.

Gospel Teaching

The readings today proclaim joy in the near presence of God. Yet each is set against a background that militates against joyful expectation. The book of Zephaniah was written in the seventh century BC at a time when Israel was surrounded by hostile nations. Zephaniah does not mince his words. His main message is the coming day of universal judgement, “a day of wrath... of distress and agony... of ruin and of devastation... of darkness and gloom”, as the prophet says earlier in his book – images hardly brimming over with joy. The call to rejoice because the Lord is in the midst of his people is almost unexpected, as it is in contrast with everything preceding it.

Paul’s letter to the Philippians was written when he was in prison because of his missionary work. In Philippi he had established his first European church and he called the community there “my joy and my crown”. Though he is imprisoned and facing the possibility of execution, joy and peace are prominent in the letter, culminating in Paul’s wish for their happiness in the Lord and for the peace of God that is beyond our comprehension while on earth.

When John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness and called the people to prepare a way for the Lord, and to a baptism of repentance, they were under Roman occupation with a Roman procurator and a Jewish subordinate ruler, Herod. The tax collectors had bought their positions from the Roman authorities. The soldiers gave armed protection to the tax collectors. They were in need of some protection for they were hated by both Jews and Gentiles alike, not least because many abused their authority. The people are attracted to John and his message. They go to him for baptism, and all, tax collectors and soldiers included, ask what they must do. He answers that they must act justly towards others. People living under a regime of occupation – with some benefiting from it, others oppressed by it – are brought together into joyful expectation. But John does not allow their expectancy to be centred on him; rather he directs it to the nearness of God and to the one who is to come.

Application

From the readings we see how John the Baptist, Paul and Zephaniah dispelled oppressing darkness with the light that shone from God's nearness. The Christmas trees with their glimmering candles and other decorations, which now illumine the period leading to the celebration of our saviour's birth, can be seen as symbolising that same light of God's near presence among us.

If we return to that young woman in church, faced with an overpowering array of greenery that thwarted her plans, we see that she met her troubles with humour. But when the troubles of life are so hard that nobody and nothing seems able to help, so acute that we are tempted to cry out that God is absent – what then? May we never forget that the Lord is in our midst too. Christ, the Morning Star, will dispel our darkness.



BE THE FOLK IN FOLKLORE

Folklorna skupina "VENEC" was established to bring together people to help nurture fun, friendship and Slovenian folklore.

VENEC invites all interested in traditional Slovenian dances, singing, costumes and even playing instruments, to join their ranks. This group encompasses adults from throughout southern Ontario, from Niagara through to Toronto.

Our members have represented all the organizations and groups that call southern Ontario home. The mission of this group is work together to create one strong recreational group to represent the traditions of Canadian-Slovenians. Former members of dance groups, those looking to rekindle their youth, and those just interested in learning something new, along with a great group of individuals are invited to attend our practices on Sunday, **November 29th and Sunday, December 13th in the St. Gregory's Hall starting at 4:30pm.**

Old and new members (university age and older) are asked to help make this 6th season a memorable one learning some unique areas of Slovenia.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKE VAJE

Pevske vaje za mešani pevski zbor bodo **v četrtek, 17. decembra** po večerni maši.



DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ◆ 13. december: **Bled** - Božičnica, **Slovenski park** - Miklavževanje.
- ◆ 15. december: **Sv. Jožef** - Božičnica: 7:30 pm
- ◆ 20. december: **Sava-Breslav** - maša ob 12:00 in Miklavž-Santa; **Triglav-London** at St. John the Divine Mass at 4:00 p.m. nato srečanje v dvorani.
- ◆ 24. december: **Christmas Eve**: first mass at 6:00 p.m. in Englsih, second mass at 10:00 p.m. in Slovenian.
- ◆ 26. december - Sv. Štefan: **St. Gregory**: morning mass: 10:00 a.m., evening mass: 5:30 **Lipa park** - maša ob 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ 31. december: Silvestrovanje at **St. Gregory** - maša ob 5:30 p.m. nato Silvestrovanje. Silvestrovanje bo tudi v **Lipa parku**, Savi-Breslavu in pri **Triglavu**.

PRINAŠANJE DAROV: SLOVENSKA MAŠA

Ob nedeljah, pri slovenski maši, darove prinašajo:

- ◆ 13. december: Olga in Marija Glavač
- ◆ 20. december: Vera Gonza in Marija Hočevar

To all the parishioners who signed up during the year to act as Gift Bearers for the 9:30 and 11:00a.m Sunday Mass, **thank you for "Saying Yes."**

In **2016, for the 9:30 Mass**, a schedule will be prepared using the names of people who volunteered during 2015. Each month, one Sunday will be left open for new volunteers to add their names. **If you were on the list for 2015 and do not wish to be included in 2016, please contact Pamela at 905-304-8719.**

For the **11:00am Mass** **parishioners** are encouraged to make a commitment by using the sign up sheet or by **speaking to Sonya Podrebarac**.

DRUŠTVO ST. JOSEPH: MEMBERS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Tuesday, December 15th, 7:30 PM
- ◆ light dinner & entertainment
 - ◆ poinsettia draw fund raiser for Venerable Bishop Baraga Fund

VILLA SLOVENIA RESIDENTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday, December 18th at 4:00 PM - The St. Joseph Society will be holding its Annual Christmas dinner. All residents are invited to attend with one family member.

OGNJIŠČE

Te dni smo dobili decembersko številko Ognjišča - tokrat malo prej kot ponavadi. Tisti, ki želite Ognjišče prejemati tudi v letu 2016 prosim, da to sporocite, da bomo naročili pravo število izvodov. Naročnina za leto 2016 je **80 kanadskih dolarjev**.

DAROVI

Oltarnemu društvu je Julija Sagadin darovala \$50 za rože: Toni in Marija Franc sta darovala \$100 za misijone v spomin na pokojne farane.

BOŽIČNA DEVETDNEVNICA-DUHOVNA OBNOVA

Z božično devetdnevnico bomo začeli v sredo, **16. decembra** z večerno mašo.

Duhovna obnova pred božičem bo letos v četrtek in petek, **17. in 18. decembra**. Za spoved bosta na razpolago lazarista g. Toni Burja in gospod Leopold Valant. Začetek spovedovanja bo oba dneva ob 5:30 p.m., ob 7:00 pa sledila sveta maša z nagovorom.

SAVA-BRESLAV, LONDON-ST. JOHN THE D.

V nedeljo, 20. decembra bomo imeli pri društву Sava-Breslav sveto mašo ob 12:00h. Prilika bo tudi za sveto spoved. Po maši pa pripravljajo še kratek program z Miklavžem.

Sveta maša se bo darovala za pokojne iz družine Zupan in pokojne iz družine Košir - za mašo darujeta Jože in Majda; sveta maša se bo darovala tudi za pokojnega Danila Osovnikar - za mašo daruje Zinka Mirt.

Popoldne ob 4:00h bo sveta maša tudi v Londonu, pri župniji St. John the Divine. Sveta maša se daruje za + Ignaca Kotnjeka, po namenu Olge in Jožeta Hanca.

Pred mašo bo priložnost za sveto spoved, po maši pa se, kot je že dolgoletna tradicija, dobimo ob dobrotha v dvorani.

REFERENDUM

V nedeljo, **20. decembra** 2015 boste imeli priliko, da se udeležite referenduma na konzulatu, 747 Browns Line, **od 9h do 5h popoldan**. Glasujejolahko osebe, ki imajo slovensko državljanstvo.



DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:00 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian 5:30 P.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - Nedelja/Sunday: 9:30 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - 11:00 A.M. – angleška / in English **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** Po dogovoru, prijava 1 mesec prej. - For an app't, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** Prijava eno leto prej. / For an app't, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** Vsak prvi petek ob 6:00 P.M. / First Friday of the month 6-7:00 P.M. (or by appointment) **BOLNIKI** - Sporočite, če je kdo bolan ali v bolnišnici, da ga obiščemo. You are welcome to call for a personal conversation (person counselling) with your priest – please call during business hours for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

Državni zbor (parlament) Republike Slovenije je 3. marca 2015 sprejel Zakon o spremembah in dopolnitvah *Zakona o zakonski zvezi in družinskih razmerjih*. Po tem zakonom definicija 'Družine' ne bo več "zveza moškega in ženske", ampak "zveza 'dveh oseb' z možnostjo posvojitve otrok". S tem zakonom se torej ukinja "zakonska zveza moškega in ženske", omogoča pa zakonska zveza istospolnih ter tudi posvojitev otrok! Se strinjate s tem zakonom ali ne? O tem bomo glasovali! Slovenski škofje so svetovali, da naj ne podpremo tega zakona in glasujemo **PROTI novemu zakonu!**

ADVENTNI ČAS

V atriju cerkve imate **kuverte s koledarjem**, božičnim pismom in kuverto za božični dar. Kdor še ni vzel, prosimo, da vzamete, da jih ne bomo pošiljali po pošti.

Letne kuverte za 2016 boste lahko vzeli prihodnjo nedeljo. Če se je kdo od lanskega leta preselil, pa nam ni še sporočil novega naslova, naj to čimprej stori. Lahko ga napišete tudi kar na »nedeljsko kuverto«.

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA - ŠTRUDELJ

Iz slovenske šole sporočajo, da imajo na razpolago tako jabolčni kot tudi sirov štrudelj.

Cena jabolčnega štrudla je \$15, sirovega pa \$22. Če se zanimate, da bi ga kupili prosimo, da pokličete Sandy na telefon: 905-977-8464.

Od 13.12.2015
Do 20.12.2015

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

3. ADVENTNA

13. DECEMBER

Lucija, devica

†† za žive in rajne župljane

†† Kristina in Ilija Pavličič

† Jožef Gerič, obl.

9:30 A.M.

Sin z družino

Žena Elizabeta z družino

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

14. DECEMBER

Janez od Križa, uč.

† Carmela Cini

†† Marija in Jože Slobodnik

†† Štefan in Veronika Prša

7:00 P.M. Manja Erzetič

Družina Malevič

Mariba Bregar

TOREK - TUESDAY

15. DECEMBER

Kristina, dev.

Za verne duše v vicah

8:00 A.M. N.N.

SREDA - WEDNESDAY

16. DECEMBER

Albina, muč., David, kr.

†† Družina Gergyek

† Za zdravje

Po namenu Suzane Kotel

† Francka Pust

7:00 P.M. Zoltan in Ana Gergyek

Anica Kodrič

Lojze in Peter Grebenc

CWL- KŽZ

ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

17. DECEMBER

Lazar iz Betanije

† Lara

†† Edy in Alex Pučko

† Marija Peršin

† Stane Udovč

7:00 P.M. Majda

Family Pučko

Family Pučko

Magda z družino

PETEK - FRIDAY

18. DECEMBER

Teotim, muč.

†† Pokojni Čurič

† Rozalija Čurič

† Ivan Tompa

† John Tompa

7:00 P.M. Olga in Viktor Glavač

Gizella in Štefan Ray

Son John and Mercy

Sestra in družina

SOBOTA - SATURDAY

19. DECEMBER

Urban, papež

Kvatre

†† Theresa in John Halas

† Štefan Gabor

†† Starši Ternar in Zdravec

† Rudi Hanc

† Jože Bregar

9:15 A.M. Sestra

5:30 P.M. Angela in Ivan Antolin

Terezija Zadravec

Ivan in Ana Kirec

Žena z družino

4. ADVENTNA

NEDELJA

20. DECEMBER

Evgen, muč.

za žive in rajne župljane

† Ivan Sobočan

†† Pokojni iz družine Sobočan

† Ignac Kotnjek

†† Pokojni člani drutva Sava

†† Pokojni člani društva Triglav

9:30 A.M.

Žena in družina

Cecilija Sobočan

11:00 A.M. Irma Gerič in hči Rose

12:00 NOON Sava-Breslav

4:00 P.M. V cerkvi St. John the Divine