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Slovak Catholic Parish



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*Kristus sa stal pre nás
poslušný až na smrť, až
na smrť na kríži. Preto
ho Boh nad všetko
povýšil a dal mu meno,
ktoré je nad každé iné
meno.*

*Christ became obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God
greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him
the name which is
above every name.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Kvetná Nedeľa.

Passion Sunday.

Bože môj, Bože môj, prečo si ma opustil?

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Pašie, ktoré opisujú umučenie Ježiša, Božieho Syna možno aj v nás vyvolávajú pochybnosť: „Kde bol Boh Otec, o ktorého dobrote rozprával Ježiš krásne podobenstvá?“ Zamyslime sa, či dobre chápeme postavenie Boha Otca na Krížovej ceste. Aké miesto máme pripísať Bohu Otcovi?

Sv. Pavol v liste Rimanom hovorí, že: „Boh dokazuje svoju lásku k nám tým, že Kristus zomrel za nás, keď sme ešte boli hriešnici“ (Rim 5,8) A na inom mieste v tom istom liste hovorí: „Keď ani vlastného Syna neušetril, ale vydal ho za nás všetkých“ (Rim 8,32). Nám sa skôr zdá, že skutočnosť, že Ježiš musel zomrieť na Kríži, nedokazuje Otcovu lásku, ale naopak „jeho krutosť“, alebo aspoň „neúprosnú spravodlivosť“. Poznanie Boha Otca je u mnohých kresťanov zanesené týmito falošnými predstavami. Pán Ježiš by aj pred nami znovu mohol zopakovať: „Spravodlivý Otče, svet ťa nepoznal!“ (Jn 17,25) Zabúdame na to, že Boží Syn je Otcovou Láskou i Blaženosťou. A práve tohto Syna dal za nás hriešnikov a svoju nesmiernu blaženosť zamenil za bolesť ľudského údela.

Tertulian píše: „Ak Syn trpel, trpel Otec s ním. Akoby mohol Syn trpieť, bez toho aby Otec trpel spolu s ním?“ Podobne uvažuje Origenes: „Či Otec, Boh celého tvorstva, ktorý je plný zhovievavosti, milosrdenstva a dobroty, nejakým spôsobom netrpí? Či nevieš, že keď sa zaoberá ľudskými vecami, trpí ľudským spôsobom? Trpí muky lásky.“ Kristovo utrpenie je len zjavením a dejinným prejavom toho, čo sa deje v samotnom Bohu, v samotnom Božom srdci. Božie utrpenie je však kvalitatívne iné ako naše, pretože my trpíme, lebo musíme, zatiaľ čo Boh trpí zvrchovane slobodne a jeho

utrpenie nič neuberá na Božej neporušiteľnosti a nemennosti. Sv. Gregor Divotvorca hovorí: „Je to utrpenie toho, ktorý nie je schopný utrpenia“ Boh trpí, pretože miluje. „Spravodlivý Otče, svet ťa nepoznal!“ (Jn 17,25) Bolesť nášho sveta je v tom, že nepozná Otca. Keď človek opustil Boha Otca, opustili synovia svojich otcov. A každý pozemský otec si prežije nejakým spôsobom túto bolesť, aby aspoň trochu prenikol do bolesti Boha Otca.

Dnes rozjímame nad príbehom božskej lásky jedného Otca k Synovi a jedného Syna k Otcovi. Nech vyrastie z tohoto tajomstva pre cirkev i pre svet uzdravujúca milosť, ktorá znovu obráti srdcia otcov k synom a srdcia synov k otcom. Nech obmäkčí naše skamenené srdcia i vo vzťahu k Bohu Otcovi. Človek musí znovu uveriť v lásku Boha Otca, aby pochopil svoju vlastnú cenu, aby znovu našiel radosť z toho, že je mužom, že je ženou, že je otcom alebo matkou, synom alebo dcérou. Radosť z toho, že je na svete, že existuje a je milovaný Bohom.

It was widely held among the Jewish people, that the destiny awaiting a prophet is incomprehension, rejection and often death. Jesus probably counted on the possibility of a violent end.

But Our Lord wasn't suicidal, nor was he seeking martyrdom. He never wanted or promoted suffering – either for himself or for anyone else. Rather, he dedicated his life to fight suffering whether caused by sickness, injustice, exclusion or hopelessness. He was totally given to seeking God's Reign and God's justice; to promoting the more dignified and happier world that his Father wants for us all.

If Jesus accepts persecution and martyrdom, it's because of his

faithfulness to the project of a God who doesn't want to see human beings suffer. That's why Jesus doesn't run toward death, but he also doesn't hold back when it is threatened. He doesn't flee in the face of threats, nor does he change or water-down his affirmations in defense of the least.

It would have been easy for our Blessed Lord to avoid the danger of execution. He could have done so by keeping quiet and not insisting on things that could upset people in power, whether in the temple or in the palace of the Roman prefect. But no.. Jesus holds firmly to his path as a speaker of truth. He prefers to be put to death rather than betray his conscience or be unfaithful to the God's plan.

And so he died faithful to the God in whom he had always trusted. He kept welcoming everyone, even sinners and the unwanted. If people ended up rejecting him, he would die as an «excluded», but with his death he would confirm what his whole life has been about: complete confidence in a God who doesn't reject or exclude anyone from forgiveness.

He will keep promoting God's Reign and God's justice, even at the risk of receiving the death penalty of the cross, a fate reserved for slaves. So be it, he would die like those who are poorest and most scorned, but his death will seal forever his total trust in a God who wants to save human beings from all that enslaves us.

Jesus' followers discover the final Mystery of reality, incarnated in his love and extreme self-giving for humanity. In the love of this crucified man God identifies Self with all those who suffer, God cries out against all injustice and forgives executioners of every time. Nothing will stop God in the effort to save His children.

Bulletin Announcements

***April 9th - Palm Sunday** "But Palm Sunday tells us that...it is the cross that is the true tree of life." - Pope Benedict XVI.

***Understanding the Liturgy** The Catholic Mass is the central act of worship in the life of a Catholic, but few are aware of what it all means. While some Catholics may know the prayers and responses said in the liturgy, many do not know their significance or historical development. The true beauty of the Mass is seen when you break it down into its components and explain each of the steps in a way that you might understand more clearly. The course *Overview of the Liturgy* explains the Catholic Mass so that you will have a better understanding of what it is, what it does and how it is essential to Christian growth. Course cost is \$40 and includes lunch on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Cross Secondary, Surrey. For more information and registration visit: <http://rcav.org/oc-spring>.

***MARIAPOLIS weekend retreat** will be held on May 20-22 2017 at the Trinity Western University, Langley, BC. This year's theme is JESUS FORSAKEN-Suffering and what we do with it? It is 3 days of fun, creativity and learning the "Christian way". You can register online at <https://goo.gl/r8XWeA>. Early bird registration is April 9th. For more information: 778-980-2470 or e-mail: focolare.vancouver@gmail.com

***Výstup na Burnaby Mountain** - Apr 17, 2017 13:00 – Veľkonočný Pondelok – Farnosť sv. Cyrila a Metoda v spolupráci s Klubom Turistiky CSSK pripravuje výstup na Burnaby Mountain. Hrou pre deti si pripomenieme kresťanskú tradíciu krížovej cesty. Počas 14 zastavení budú deti hľadať indicie a riešiť Biblické otázky. Pozývame rodiny s deťmi, aj všetkých dospelých (viac info na turista@cssk.ca, <http://facebook.com/csskvan>).

***Adoration** - there will be an adoration this Thursday after 7:30pm Mass until midnight.

***Novéna k Božiemu milosrdenstvu** - Na Veľký Piatok sa začína modliť novéna k Božiemu milosrdenstvu.

***Divine Mercy Novena** - starts on Good Friday.

***Krížová cesta na Veľký Piatok**—čas odchodu od kostola 18:15h, alebo priamo na Burnaby Mountain o 18.30h.

***Holy Saturday**—we invite you to spend time with Jesus as He reposes in the tomb on Holy Saturday. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9 am. to 9 pm. We will start at 9am with morning lauds from breviary (in Slovak lang).

***Biela Sobota**—Požehnanie veľkonočných pokrmov - po sobotňajšej vigílii.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

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

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

ADORATION

There will be an adoration on Thursday in our church after 7:30pm mass.

PRAYER MINISTRY

in our church will be the following date:
April 23, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
May 7, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

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
Mon 10	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11	NO MASS	
Tue 11 8:00am	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38	Za zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Luboša	Rodina Bebjaková
Wed 12 8:00am	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-26	Na úmysel	Mária
Thu 13 7:30pm	Zelený Štvrtok Pánovej večere; Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1Kor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15	Požehnanie pre duchovnú a pokrvnú rodinu	Fr. Juraj
Fri 14 3:00pm	Obrady Veľkého Piatku; Iz 52:13-53:12; Hebr 4:14-16,5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19,42		
Sat 15 9:00pm	Biela Sobota - Veľkonočná Vigília	+ Margita Kopanická st.	Rodina
Sun 16 9:00am	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-18	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 16 11:00am	Veľkonočná Nedel'a Pánovho zmŕtvychvstania; Sk 10:34a,37-43; Kol 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-19	+ teta Emília	Rodina Procházková