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Vyvolil som si toto miesto a posvätil som ho, hovorí Pán; aby tam bolo moje meno naveky.

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Výročie posvätenia chrámu.

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

Hľa, Boží stánok je medzi ľuďmi!

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

Dnes si pripomíname našich svätých apoštolov Cyrila a Metoda. Snáď v tento dnešný sviatok stojí za to, aby sme sa zamysleli nad veľkosťou každého Božieho povolania. Človek si nikdy nevie dopredu predstaviť, čo môže zapríčiniť jeho neposlušnosť popri pade jeho neposlušnosť Božiemu volaniu. Ani Abrahám, keď sa v poslušnosti voči Bohu vydával na cestu, nevedel ešte nič o Izraelskom národe a o veľkých božích zaslúbeniach, ktoré sa mu dostanú. Každý Boží človek má za sebou históriu Božieho povolania. Nakoľko sa jedná vždy o nejasnú budúcnosť, povolanie je otázkou našej viery Bohu, ktorý vidí aj veci budúce a veci skryté. Boh nás povolal vždy pre určité úlohy a plány, ktoré s nami má. Keď neuposlúchneme, čosi z Božieho plánu nebude uskutočnené. A tak mnohí ľudia vo svojom čase nebudú zasiahnutí evanjeliom. Mnoho ľudí nebude mať šancu uveriť.

Nemyslím teraz len na kňazské povolanie, ale skôr na apoštolské poslanie, ktoré máme všetci a nielen my kňazi. Viete si vôbec predstaviť, čo by sa asi stalo v tom 8. st. keby tieto dvaja svätí bratia, zvolili radšej jednoduchšiu cestu prirodzeného šťastia. Každé povolanie je ovocím poslušnosti voči Bohu. Poslušnosť voči Bohu je prejavom lásky. Poslušnosť voči Bohu je láskou aj voči Bohu, aj voči bližnému. Tak ťažko a namáhavo sa seje Božie Slovo. Tak ťažko sa zakladajú drážavy Božieho kráľovstva. Povolanie, ktoré všetci kresťania máme, je niečím takým vzácnym, že nás to uschopňuje a zároveň zaväzuje k dôstojnému štýlu života. Táto dôstojnosť nespočíva v šatoch, ale v pokore, dobrotivosti a trpezlivosti. V pokore preto, lebo toto povolanie k účasti na Božom živote je niečo, čo si

vôbec nijako nemôžeme zaslúžiť. Naša dobrotivosť vyplýva z toho, že sám Boh nám robí veľké veci, že sám Boh je dobrotivý voči nám. Trpezlivosť vyviera z poznania Božej Slávy, z poznania samotného Boha. Je potrebné sa navzájom znášať. Všetci sme akosi chorí a slabí. Dokonalosť každého jedného je Božím dielom v nás, preto buďme trpezliví voči Bohu, ktorí pracuje v nás, ktorí sme už v Kristovi prijali tajomné semeno božieho Kráľovstva. Teda znášajme sa navzájom v láske a usilujme sa zachovať jednotu ducha vo zväzku pokoja. Ako veľmi to boli, keď niekto niečo iné zdôrazňuje v Cirkvi ako lásku, ako pokoj.

Neexistuje dôvod k trhaniu Cirkvi, pretože Cirkev tvorí jedno telo a žije jedným Duchom a pre tú istú nádej. Tí, ktorí sa oddelujú od nás, nechcú s nami mať nič spoločné, teda nechcú nás vidieť v nebi a to nie je správne. Existuje veľa dôvodov k jednote: Kristovo tajomné telo, Kristov Duch, rovnaká nádej, ku ktorej sme všetci povolani, jeden Pán, jedna viera, jeden krst. V tomto jednom tele existuje však aj rôznosť, ale tá spočíva v rôznosti Božích darov a povolani. Ale aj tieto rôzne služby slúžia na budovanie Kristovho tela, kým sa všetci nestretieme v jednej viere a v poznaní Syna Božieho, kým nedospějeme v zrelého muža, k plnej miere Kristovho vzrastu.

Saints Cyril and Methodius were brothers born in 9th century Thessalonika in northern Greece, in the Byzantine Roman empire. They became Christian missionaries among the Slavic peoples of Moravia and Pannonia (modern Czech Republic, Slovakia and parts of Hungary). Through their work they influenced the cultural development of all the Slavic peoples, for

which they received the title "Apostles to the Slavs."

They are still highly regarded among the peoples along the river Danube. Pope Benedict XVI gave this exhortation about them (2009) to a group of Slavic Christians:

The words of Jesus, written in large letters above the entrance to your Cathedral, address each of us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Mt 11:29-30). Here, as elsewhere, many people suffered in past centuries for remaining faithful to the Gospel, and they did not lose hope; many people sacrificed themselves in order to restore dignity to man and freedom to peoples, finding in their generous adherence to Christ the strength to build a new humanity. In present-day society, many forms of poverty are born from isolation, from being unloved, from the rejection of God and from a deep-seated tragic closure in man who believes himself to be self-sufficient, or else merely an insignificant and transient datum; in this world of ours which is alienated when too much trust is placed in merely human projects, only Christ can be our certain hope.

This is the message that we Christians are called to spread every day, through our witness. Proclaim it yourselves, as you exercise your ministry enthusiastically, certain that nothing can be lacking in those who put their trust in him. Bear witness to Christ through the joyful and consistent practice of the evangelical counsels, indicating where our true homeland lies: in Heaven Jesus never abandons his friends. He assures us of his help, for nothing can be done without him, but he asks everyone to make a personal commitment to spread his universal message of love and peace."

Bulletin Announcements

***July 9th - Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church** "Make your people known for the unit and profession of their faith. Inspire the hearts of your people with your word and your teaching. You called us to preach the Gospel of your Christ and to encourage them to lives and works pleasing to you." - St. Cyril

***Growing in Self-Confidence** Have life's changes left you feeling anxious? Decisions becoming a burden? Want to feel more confident in your daily life? Growing in Self-Confidence is an evening of learning about your strengths and how you can nurture courage and confidence in your life. Tuesday, July 11, from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church, Langley. For more info please contact Jane Waldock at 778-997-4672.

***Who Am I? PRH Workshop** Are you longing to discover the richness within yourself? Improve your relationships? Increase your happiness and productivity? Then this workshop is for you! Join us Aug. 11 to 14, 9 to 5 p.m., at Spirit of Formation, 24283 16 Ave, Langley, B.C. To register, please contact Jane Waldock at 778-997-4672 or email jane.k.waldock@gmail.com

***Church Annulment Workshop** Join us on Friday, July 21, from 7-9 p.m. for a workshop on Church annulment. Monsignor Bernard Rossi will discuss the purpose of church annulments, the filing process, documents and fees required and other related issues. Hosted by St. Mary's Migrant Ministry, this workshop will be held at St. Mary's school seminar room, 5239 Joyce St, Vancouver. To register, please email Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or call Chit Arma at 604-684-7498 ext. 166 or email resochita.arma@issbc.org.

***Searching in the Spirit** Join us for a fun- and faith-filled experience of Christian community that deepens the newly confirmed young person's understanding of the special gifts the Spirit has given them. The week-long program includes community and social activities, prayer experiences, Mass, reconciliation, and camp activities. Youth 12 and 13 are accompanied by adults from their parish or school who act as mentors and guides during the program. Held at Camp Jubilee in North Vancouver Aug. 28 to Sept. 1. Cost: \$425 a person. If interested, please contact your Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator, your Grade 7 teacher, or your PREP Coordinator. <http://rcav.org/youth-training/>

***Sunday Collection** - If you attend mass in another parish and wish to support our parish, you can still use Sts. Cyril and Methodius Sunday Offering Envelopes for Sunday collection and this envelope with your donation will be sent to our parish.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,170

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

PRAYER MINISTRY

There will be no prayer ministry during summer in our church until further notice.

THURSDAY ADORATION

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

Sun 9 9:00am	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church; Is 56:1,6-7/ 1Cor 3:9-11,16-17/ Jn 2:13-22	For Parishioners	Father Juraj
Sun 9 11:00am	Výročie Posvätenia Chrámu; Iz 56:1,6-7/ 1Kor 3:9c-11,16-17/ Jn 2:13-22	Za Božie požehnanie pre Máriu s rodinou	Mária
Mon 10 8:00am	Gn 2:10-22a/ Mt 9:18-26	Za obnovenie vzťahu Otca a syna	Jozef Starosta s rodinou
Tue 11 8:00am	St. Benedict; Gn 32:22-32/ Mt 9:32-38	Fe C. Marcos	Javier Family
Wed 12 8:00am	Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24/ Mt 10:1-7	+ Veronika a duše v očisti	Syn Pavol
Thu 13 8:00am	St. Henry; Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5/ Mt 10:7-15	+ Julia Cahill	Bill & Bette Cahill
Fri 14 8:00am	St. Camillus de Lellis; Gn 46:1-7,28-30/ Mt 10:16-23	+ Josefa Javier	Javier Family
Sat 15 9:00am	St. Bonaventure; Gn 49:29-31,33;50:15-26/ Mt 10:24-33	Za zdravie a Božie požeh. pre rodinu Eškutovú	Rodina Plaváková
Sun 16 9:00am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Is 55:10-11/ Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23	For Parishioners	Father Juraj
Sun 16 11:00am	15. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období; Iz 55:10-11/ Rim 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23	Za požehnanie pre Jozefa	Rodina Eškutová