

Themes for Sermons

WHAT DO WE NEED TO REMEMBER?

- How strange! We believe in God Who is at the same time One and also Community: Father Son and Holy Spirit. Everything that we say about love and the unity of the Christian community comes from our understanding of the Blessed Trinity: God is Love, and a Community-Communion of Love, and that is why the fundamental characteristic of the Christian Church is unity in love.
- Christ relates to his disciples (meaning us): “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” (Jn. 15: 12). St. Paul writes: “On the subject of mutual charity you have no need for anyone to write you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another” (1 Thess. 4: 9).
- That is why His Beatitude Sviatoslav asks us to pay particular attention to aspect of unity in the parish community, as among the first Christian communities, we should show ourselves to be as “of one heart and of one soul”, abiding in unity with the Church of Christ.
- All parishioners should strive first of all to foster unity among themselves, supporting one another with prayer and cooperation in the spirit of Christian service. There should be in the parish a sense of belonging to a spiritual family, and the parishioners should relate to one another as to family members in Christ.
- The parish also maintains a relationship of prayer and active cooperation with neighboring parishes, and with the Bishop and with the entire Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, with the successor of the Holy Apostle Peter at its head.
- The parish also promotes spiritual ecumenism, praying for union of God’s churches, and fosters friendly, fraternal relations with other Christians with whom we are not yet in full communion, especially with from the same tradition of St. Vladymyr the Great