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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

May 29, 2022

Неділя Святих Отців

and post-feast of Ascension of Our Lord

і поспражденьство Вознесіння ГНІХ

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our 100-year
Blessed Virgin Mary Parish,

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is interesting that today's Gospel reading for this Sunday of the Holy Fathers is taken from what has come to be known as the "Priestly Prayer" of Jesus: the chapters that lead up to the Last Supper, and then lead us through the Passion of the Christ. In this first part of the prayer, Jesus is asking from the depth of His heart that God the Father would grant us the grace and insights and holiness that we must have to live the **fulness of the gift of Faith** already won for us by Jesus. This "Priestly Prayer" really tugs at your heart (find time to read the whole of chapter 17), because you sense the earnestness of Jesus as He knows that He is about to conclude His earthly mission...His sacred Heart is so heavy. He knows the horror and trauma that the Apostles and all His disciples are about to experience, seeing their teacher harshly arrested and mocked... mocked and lied about by the very religious leaders that should be at the forefront of His followers... then brutally put to death. What does Jesus pray for? That we would remember above all that we belong to God. He not only created us and saved us, but we have given ourselves to Him - and we must never forget this! Jesus prays that we will stick together and support each other through thick and thin; that we would not be easily scattered by the wolves of the society that does not accept Jesus. He prays that we never allow the decidedly godless society to push us to turn against each other and turn against God, but rather that we be a **light to the world** and convert the world away from the darkness and gloominess in which so many find themselves today.



*I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.
John 17:9*



**100
Years and
going
strong!**

We are called to shine the light of Christ on society and allow the peace and holiness and, yes, joy of the Gospel and the Teachings of our Catholic Church enlighten everyone around us. Like Christ, we too will have a heavy heart at times as we look at the world around us and see darkness and anger and frustration and fear and falsehood seemingly everywhere and seeming to be getting the upper hand. But yet there was no seemingly darker moment than when God the Son was being handed over to his hateful enemies to be abused and killed. What was Jesus' action? To give up? To hide? To bring legions of Angels to defend Him? No. He stayed the course... fulfilling His mission to the very end, teaching and encouraging His followers to stay the course as well.

Christ God is victorious! Christ God will be victorious in the end as will be all those who stay faithful to Him and His Church.

- Fr. Michael

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED! PLEASE DO COME!

This is an adaptation of the **invitation** that was and is being sent out to every **parishioner, former parishioner, friends** and occasional **visitors** to the parish, **neighbours** of the parish and **supporters** of the Parish and, well, basically to **everyone** who understands the significance of what Blessed Virgin Mary Parish has been doing over the first 100 years since its founding by the saintly first Bishop to Canada – Blessed Nykyta Budka! Please **consider yourself invited!** Please **do come** to any and all Centenary events!

INVITATION

“Dear Past and Present Parishioners, and Friends (*that’s you, BTW*):

We are most pleased to announce that the this 2022 Year, Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Parish is celebrating its first century of pastoral activity in Winnipeg! Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Parish will, in fact, is focusing on four major ventures during our Centenary year:

- **Doors Open** (May 28) - Hosting Tours of our Church for Winnipeg
- Centenary **Pictorial Directory** – To record (*in what some believe may well be the last non-digital publication of this kind*) pictures of our parishioners and their family members and our organizations (sign up at the back of the church TODAY for your photo appointment).
- **Homecoming** (June 11-12) – An opportunity to welcome Anyone and Everyone associated with our Parish to, well, **come home** for a weekend visit
- A ‘**Formal Celebration**’ of the 100th Anniversary (October 16) – with a Divine Liturgy of thanksgiving with our Metropolitan and a banquet celebration.
- There will be **other events** and projects are various types so stay posted

Our parish has been around for **100 years!** Okay, by European standards that’s not that ancient – many parishes in Ukraine date back for many, many centuries - but it still means **generations of faithful** that attended the over 50,000 Divine Liturgies, and participated in the thousands of Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Weddings and, of course, Funerals. This parish was a place of **spiritual growth** and solace for countless people over the years, as well as cultural community centre. We have a lot to celebrate. We have much for which we want to express our (literally) undying gratitude to God! And we are in need of foundational renewal and re-envisioning as we move into our second – very different – 2nd Century.

Please visit our parish website at **blessedvirginmary.ca** for regular updates.

SPONSORSHIP

This sponsorship is to help our parish with all of our planned Centenary celebrations and, of course, to help usher us into the 2nd Century. This is farsighted sponsorship beyond our regular weekly support of our Parish. Donors will be properly recognized at the centenary events (especially that in October as the information is more complete) and by a special acknowledgement plaque that will be placed in the entrance to our church to inspire generations to come.

There are opportunities to sponsor the major events of our Centenary, at various levels. Please note that all categories of sponsorship listed below will be acknowledged at the Anniversary Banquet. In addition, the names of all sponsors will appear on a permanent plaque. Donations made in memoriam will be listed as such. The plaque will serve as a testimonial to many of the pioneers of this parish, as well as to the current members of our parish during our Centenary. All sponsorship levels listed below will receive a tax receipt.

Sponsorship levels are as follows and include:

Platinum Patron: \$5000+ Donation *Banquet tickets for 8

Gold Patron: \$3000 - \$4999 Donation *Banquet tickets for 6

Silver Patron: \$1000 - \$2999 Donation *Banquet tickets for 4

Bronze Patron: \$500 - \$999 Donation *Banquet tickets for 2

Friends of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish: \$100 - \$499 Donation

We very much look forward to seeing you, so that, **together**, we may **honour and assess the past** of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, **celebrate the present**, and **look to the future** with a revitalized and recalibrated spirit as well as a plan. It is an extraordinary opportunity for our parish, which has been a cornerstone not only of the Ukrainian Catholic Community in Winnipeg, but an active portion of God’s People in the history of God’s plan for the Salvation of the World.

Don’t miss participating fully in this year of God’s grace for our Parish. It is much, much more that a commemorative celebration... it is our springboard into the next challenging and wonderful century!

Let us do this together!

Our own parish:

- 1. MAY DEVOTIONS! Маївка! Молебєн!** This has been celebrated every evening of May, at 7 PM; the last one is this coming Tuesday.
- Next Sunday is **Solemn Holy Communion**, when four angelic children will receive Our Lord in the most beautiful, solemn way, having made their First Holy Confession the day before. Please pray for them and for all of our catechism children.
- Next Sunday is also Pentecost Sunday — “Green Holidays”!** Let us decorate our lovely church with all the greenery possible. Can you bring 8 or 10 very leafy branches to church Saturday afternoon (generously given from your own back yard, or country cottage)? Also, if anyone has matching green plants (eg. two or four green plants like snake plants, rubber plants, *dieffenbachia*, etc.), please put your name on them and let the church have them for a week. The more green, the better, to signify the Holy Spirit who breathes life into everything.
- CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY — June 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11th.** Please sign up now at the back of the church! Slots are first-come, first-served. Remember: only the families that come to have their photo taken will obtain a free copy of the photobook when it's done.
- The Winnipeg **GOLDEYES** baseball team hosts its **“FAITH NIGHT” June 4th!** Tickets are \$10. We will meet at our Parish Centre at 4:15 PM (to pick up treat bag and start out together). We will try to pool vehicles as much as possible. We want to be at Shaw Park to support the special “Faith Night” talk. SIGN UP NOW!



Other exciting events:

- THEOLOGY ON TAP — JUNE 6 AT 6 PM** at Smitty's Restaurant (1629 Kenaston Blvd.) This is an opportunity for young Christians to get together and talk about the dignity of the human person — co-hosted by Life Culture Canada, and Dev'pt. & Peace.
- Manitoba's PASSION PLAY** this year runs July 1, 2, 3 AND July 8, 9, 10. Tickets are \$18 (youth \$10). Group tickets, if you can get a group together of ten people or more, are \$15/person.

Good to know:

- Watch **daily** message from His Beatitude SVIATOSLAV about the war in Ukraine Go to <https://www.youtube.com/c/pressugcc> scroll down to **ГЛАВА УГКЦ**

...“pocket snacks” provided

Come out to the Ball Game

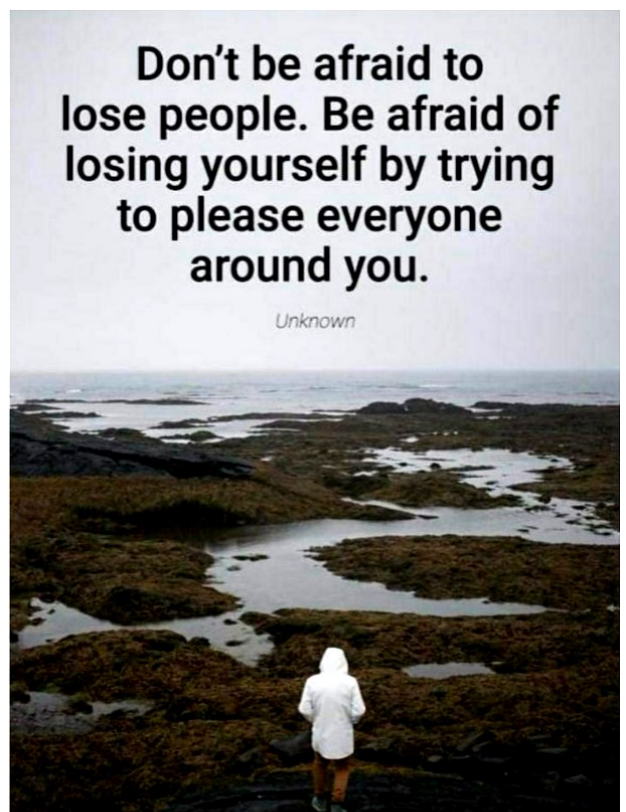
Join fellow **BVM** Parishioners at a unique **Goldeyes** baseball game - **Saturday June 4** - leaving our church - at **4:30 PM**

...call the parish office to reserve your tickets (\$10) or speak with Fr Michael



William "Bill" Prokop - Parish Maintenance Committee *takin' care of business* - repairing the garage door this past week. **Дякуємо!**

St. Paul says, “Pray, that God will open up to us a door for the Word!” **Let's keep the doors of our lives working smoothly.**



Don't be afraid to lose people. Be afraid of losing yourself by trying to please everyone around you.

Unknown

Also see... **Mark 8:36**... **Matthew 10:28**... etc.



PARISH

ANNIVERSARY

CENTENARY UPDATE CORNER

Please **volunteer** NOW and, of course, plan to **attend** everything. You certainly have a lot to contribute with your enthusiasm, your stories and your spirit of hospitality!

1. HOMECOMING WEEKEND (June 11 & 12): We begin each day with the 10 AM Divine Liturgy followed by food & fellowship.

There will be a lot of memories via pictures, chats and testimonies via an "open mic".

Saturday (tentatively)— for the hour before 5:30 Vespers, we will have a "Ukrainian old-time song-fest". When's the last time you sang "Гей там на горі Січ іде!" or "Ой у лузі червона калина"??? Bring your accordion/fiddle/sax!

Sunday, after refreshment and fellowship, a bus has been arranged to take us to All Saints Cemetery for a Panakhyda with Metropolitan, followed by our own service at the grave of Msgr. Dobriansky, Cantor Buyachok and, time permitting, other Parish Faithful. [Book your seat on the bus now!]

2. PARISH CENTENARY PICTURE DIRECTORY. June 7-11. Yes, the last day is during the Homecoming Weekend... **Sign-up sheets are at the entrance of the church.**

3. Oct. 16th: CENTENARY HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY (3 PM) THEN BANQUET (5 PM). The banquet, including entertainment, will take place at Canad Inns Garden City. Letters of invitation have gone out; posters & brochures are distributed; tickets are available. Plan to attend! Also, please help us find more sponsors — see elsewhere in this bulletin.

[Order tickets via Parish Office or Centenary Committee members]



Rivers never go reverse.

So try to live like a river. Forget your past and focus on your future. Always be positive!



Spring Clean for Ukraine.

We are now collecting all types of new or gently used: kitchen items - especially pots and pans, dishes, cutlery, casserole dishes, coffee makers, toasters, and kettles; cleaning supplies;

household items such as linens and towels, new pillows, broom & dust pan; and hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, soap, and disposable razors, and small hand tools like a hammer, screwdriver, sewing supplies, etc.

Please **NO** clothing.

Items can be dropped off before or after liturgy or by arrangement by calling

Janet @ 204-582-5932 or jkuchma@mymts.net

Thank you for your generous support of this UCWLC project.

TODAY

the Blessed Virgin Mary Branch of the **Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada** is celebrating their 76th

Anniversary. **THANK YOU** to all who supported our Tag Day this morning, as well as all of your support of our organization over the years. May our Protectress, the Blessed Mother, watch over all league members and all our parishioners.



Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp presents



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PARENTS JOIN YOUR CAMPERS ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOR ORIENTATION AND FOR OUR SATURDAY CLOSING LITURGY AND CEREMONIES ONLINE OR IN PERSON AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH IN COOKS CREEK!

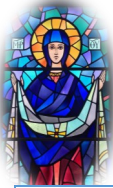
ALL FAMILIES OF THE ARCHEPARCHY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR CLOSING LITURGY, BBQ, AND GAMES!

JULY 3-9, 2022 | GRADES 1-6 & 7-12



REGISTER ONLINE AT ARCHEPARCHY.CA
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**Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Parish**

Latest Centenary Donations: All Donors will be acknowledged with the Centenary Plaque at the close of the year - including those making 'in memoriam' donations! **However, We want to share with our parishioners a weekly update of the generous donors.** (See past bulletins for previous

Platinum Patron \$5000+	Gold Patron \$3000-4999	Silver Patron \$1000-2999	Bronze Patron \$500-\$999	Friends of BVM \$100-499

Other 100th Ann. donations: 1) John & Olga Haligowski: \$30 Thank you!

Regular Donations from Sunday, May 22nd:

Sunday collection **\$1372** (45 env.)
 Candles: **\$137.25**
 Church needs — **\$50** in memory of Stella & William Demedash (Darlene Demedash)
 Church Auditorium rental: --
 For Ukraine humanitarian aid: --
Misc.: \$30 for flowers outside church (John & Olga Haligowski)
Expenses: none this week

SPECIAL ENVELOPES AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH - HELP FOR UKRAINE BY DIRECT HUMANITARIAN AID and/ or HELP FOR REFUGEES IN EUROPE AND HERE IN WINNIPEG!

HIRE , SWAP, BARTER, and BUY CORNER

1. Reminder: please bring (old) books and (very new) cookies this Friday to the parish office. Thanks!
2. This space is yours! Just let us know before 10 AM on Fridays.



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A Hundred Amazing Reasons why we need to spend time in Adoration before Our Lord!

10. The future belongs to those who worship God in silence. (St. Pope John Paul II)

11. It is impossible in human terms to exaggerate the importance of being in adoration before the Eucharist as often and for as long as our duties and state of life allow. (Fr. John Hardon, SJ)

12. Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit him often. Do you want Him to give you a few graces? Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want him to flee from you? Visit Jesus often! (St. John Bosco)

Schedule of Services May 29-June 5, 2022



Sun., May 29 Sunday of the Holy Fathers **Неділя Святих Отців**
 8:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all our Parishioners and Families
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all the dedicated members of our
 7 p.m. — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God **Parish Branch of the UCWLC**

Mon., May 30 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Venerable Isaac - Post-feast 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**For +Catherine Buyachok**
 Acts 21:8-14 7:00 p.m. — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Maria Gorbay*
 John 14:27-15:7

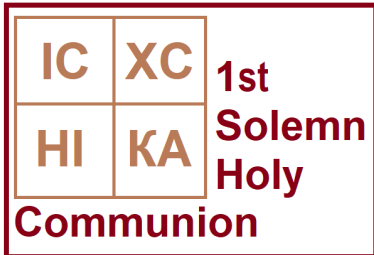
Tues., May 31 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Apostle Hermas - Post-feast 8:00 a.m.- Divine Liturgy..... **Birthday Blessings for Carlene Deptuch (May 29)**
 Acts 21:26-32 7:00 p.m. — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God, followed by fellowship outside
 John 16:2-13

Wed., June 1 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Martyr Justine - Post-feast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Constantine Krechler, +Mae Selwood,**
 Acts 23:1-11 **+Alex Whyte, +Daphne Marshall, +David Chaplin (music teachers)**
 John 16:15-23 *by anon.*

Thurs., June 2 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
St. Nicephorus - Post-feast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Poor Souls in Purgatory**
 Acts 25:13-19 John 16:23-33 *by Dmytro Sikora*

Fri., June 3 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary **For Fathers +Eugene Rudachek, +John Sholdak,**
Martyr Lucilian - Post-feast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+John Lehky, +Volodymyr Panchyshyn, +Ernie Hafichuk,**
 Acts 27:1-44 **+Marian Dawydko, +Roman Dobrianski (by SSJs)**
 John 17:18-26
6:30 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Moleben to Christ (1st Friday)

Sat., June 4 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
All-Souls Saturday 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For Archimandrite +Dmytro Pankiw (15 years)**
 Acts 28:1-31 5:30 p.m. VESPERS *by brother priests*
 John 21:15-25



Sun., June 5 PENTECOST SUNDAY **ЗІСЛАННЯ СВ. ДУХА**
 8:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all Parishioners and the grace they need!
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all our catechism children, esp. those
 making their Solemn Communion today

SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...
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Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish family, and be in touch with them when you can.
"O God Our Father, We ask You to restore to physical health those of our parishioners who are weakened with illness, give peace of mind to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Help them find in them the days of their strength, a faith and trust in You and a love for one another to guide them through any health challenges or troubles they may face. Amen."
River East: Edward Holowich
Holy Family Home: Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk
Maples Care Home: Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik



VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp - Enlighten us, Lord, that our **Centenary** will be a time of **Renewal!**
Christ Icon – **Birthday Blessing for Zhanna Sitovska (June 5)** and her family
Mother of God Icon – **Kyiv Day 2022**, Mary watch over Kyiv and all Ukrainian Cities

Please let us know your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of prayer, knowing that the candle burns for a week for your intention.