



Protection of the

# Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Українська Греко-Католицька Парафія Покрови

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**Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії**

**The Birth of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ**

**December 25,  
2022**

**Різдво Господа  
нашого Ісуса Христа**

**ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ!**

**CHRIST IS BORN!**



Christmas is here! In our world, our approach is quite varied: Some of us have been rushing about trying to obtain gifts for everyone within our budget (and how prices have gone up!) Some of us have been diplomatically trying to coax relatives and in-laws and friends and neighbours to come together for the magical Christmas Eve 12-course meal and/or for the bright Christmas Day dinner. Some may be experiencing a less-exciting-than-usual Christmas due to troubles or some illness in the family or even the loss of a loved one. Some may find themselves lonely for various reasons or even angry (bitter?).

Maybe some of us have near forgotten our Christian and cultural roots and for us Christmas is a day to sleep in before having to go back to work or return to the same old, same old, that we've been doing for the last few years. And of course, the people in Ukraine find themselves in a midst of a horrible war Well, chances are that you who are reading this bulletin have someone you love or at least respect who himself has some idea of what Christmas is all about. So here's a suggestion:

**Look into some of these Christmas things: Family, Generosity, Hope, uncontrollable Joy, the possibility of a New Beginning, Salvation, Life Eternal...** the realization that what we sing Christmas Eve --Z Namy Boh! **God is with us!** -- is more true than we can imagine!

If we can allow ourselves the humility and faith to understand these things (and so much more), then we will also realize that we can truly be instruments of God in bringing the peace and happiness of these Christmas truths to those around us who need them as much or more than we do ourselves!

When we share what little we think we have, the Lord multiplies it a hundred fold and others can benefit from our faith and goodwill.

*З нами Бог! God is with us!* **Fr. Michael**



When you come forward at the close of the **Christmas** Liturgy (Eve or Day) for the festal anointing-blessing (**Мировання**), be sure that someone from your family also takes a **Baby Jesus** figurine to your home to be placed in that unique scene that you have been preparing.

This will be your declaration, in a sense, to yourselves and to all who enter your home, that **Jesus Christ is welcome in our home!** Christ Jesus is at the heart of our household and the source of all your hopes, ambitions and projects! That you need not fear, because this Christmas - the presence of Jesus in your home brings glad tidings of new life and the Lord will see you through everything! **God is with us! з нами Бог!** Let us be at peace and allow ourselves a season to rejoice!

## Parish News:

1. Please pick up your Christmas calendars and new envelopes for 2023 at the back of the church. One calendar per household, please. If your address (or phone number) has changed, please let us know!

2. **Mary's Angels** -- Thank you to all who purchased **Mary's Angels!** A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, with the "Angel Tree" nearby, Tuesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> (St. Stephen's day) at 10 AM.

3. All are warmly invited to our **Parish Christmas Dinner -- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> BY TICKET ONLY.** Please buy your tickets in advance...

4. **DONATIONS 2022** - Please note: We will accept donations towards our Centenary **only until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**, so if you still wish your name and the names of loved ones to be on our plaque, act quickly. If you still want to make a **2022 donation** to the parish, and receive a 2022 tax receipt, please donate **before Dec. 31.**

5. **Annual General Meeting (our AGM) will be held Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.** Please block off your calendar now. The following positions are open: Parish Council Chair, Secretary, Member at Large, Financial Secretary. As well, we are in great need of people to make up our Maintenance Committee *and* our Finance Committee and other Committees!

6. We are assembling a Nominating Committee. If you wish to be part of this committee, please contact Glen Henkewich or the parish office. This nominating committee will consist of three people to help contact potential nominees (but why wait for a call? Talk with Fr. Michael and other council members now!)

7. We appreciate our good-hearted advertisers, those whose names you see every week: **Ruslan (Bobelyak) Construction, Korban Funeral Home, Cropo Funeral Home, Galarnyk Insurance, Carpathia Credit Union, Karpaty Meats, Ivan's Autobody...** You are the staples of our weekly effort to keep our parishioners informed! This financial assistance is crucial, and we thank you for this. If any other parishioners would like to add their own advertisements, our parish would be most appreciative! Small ads are \$200 for the entire year, and the larger are \$350. Please call the office at 204-582-7535.

## Other Events/News:

8. **Koliada!** A group of carolers will be carolling for the Joy of it and to continue the tradition! They will begin in the afternoon on **Thursday December 29.** Donations are accepted but not required and it will be given to the parish of your choosing. To have carolers visit your home, please call Jonathan at 204 805-1151. **З Різдвом Христовим!**

9. **Meet the new Auxiliary Bishop Andriy** - and celebrate "Ukrainian Christmas" at our Cathedral January 6th. Complines are at 9 PM, and the actual D.L. begins at 10 PM.

10. The **2023 Festival of Carols, sponsored by Oseredok,** will be held in our Cathedral (115 McGregor St.) on January 15, 2023 from 2PM to 4 PM.

11. With the 2023 Week of Prayer just a month away, a preparation committee has organized a City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service to be held at **7:30 pm on Sunday evening, January 22, 2023 at Saint John XXIII Church, Winnipeg.** (To delve further into our church's stance on ecumenism, it's well worth reading the material prepared by our church, found on our



Just as we were preparing for our December Divine Liturgy at **Fred Douglas Lodge,** we were informed that Albert Sankow (pictured with Fr Michael) just lost his wife of over 70 years - **Jennie.** Albert (holding a picture of him and his wife) stayed for the Liturgy as we took the liberty of carolling and taking the Christmas propers. [We will need volunteers in the New Year]

Our condolences to the family of our parishioner **Pauline Scibak** who died on December 11th. Korban Funeral Chapel is making the funeral arrangements for the funeral for her and her son **Brian.**



**Вічна їм пам'ять!**

archeparchial website: [2023 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg](#)



Our condolences to the family of our parishioner **Helen Salyga** who died last week. Her funeral was held at our Church on Thursday December 22.

**Вічна їй пам'ять!**

**SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...**

**Pastor, Parish Priest:** Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski, JCOD 204-582-7535  
**Parish Council Chair -** Glen Henkewich 204-633-1502  
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**Church Auditorium Rental -** 204-582-7535

**VIGIL LAMPS**

**Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа:** In memory of our **Giuseppe** from Michele, Josephine, Cathy and Michele.

**Christ Icon** – awaiting your intention

**Mother of God Icon** – For health and God's blessings for **Lorraine Putasnick** on the occasion of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday (Dec. 28) from Dolores, Ken & family

*Request 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.*



The Msgr. Dobriansky School of Music and Dance gave us a lively performance on (old Calendar) St. Nicholas Day on the stage of our auditorium. They did great! Consider encouraging your children, grandchildren to try it out!



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**Donations the week of December 18, 2022:**

- Sunday collections: \$795 (32 env.)
- Candles: \$71
- Seminary \$-
- Christmas carolling: \$385
- Vichna Lyampa. \$-
- Ukraine: \$
- Christmas flowers \$-
- Christmas offering \$140
- Special church donation \$500
- Expenses: \$ 820.50 (Elevator, cleaning, honoraria for confessions)

**Thank you for your generosity! Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!**

Just a thought... Planning to leave your wealth to some recipient AFTER your death? maybe support your parish now... so it's still around to pray for you...

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# Schedule of Services Dec. 25, 2022 - Jan. 1, 2023

Sun., Dec. 25 **Christmas Day! Nativity of Our Lord** Різдво Господа Ісуса Христа  
9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary  
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners

Mon., Dec. 26 9:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Synaxis of Mother of God; St. Joseph 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For peace in the world, esp. Ukraine**  
Hebrews 2:11-18  
Matthew 2:13-23

Tues., Dec. 27 9:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Protomartyr St Stephen; Post-feast 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For dear departed ("Angel Tree" memorial)**  
Acts 6:8-7:1-5; 47-60  
Matthew 21:33-42

Wed., Dec. 28 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Martyrs in Nicomedia; Post-feast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... For +Nadia & Eugene Dershko, & Teresa**  
Hebrews 10:1-18 *by son and brother Gregg Dershko*  
Mark 8:30-34

Thurs., Dec. 29 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Holy Innocents; Post-feast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy .... For ++George & Olga Palmer**  
Hebrews 10:35-11:17 *by daughter Marianne Troup*  
Mark 9:10-16

Fri., Dec. 30 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Martyr Anisia; Post-feast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... For + John Cortens (1 yr.)**  
Hebrews 11:8; 11-16 *by Issigonis family*  
Mark 9:33-41

Sat., Dec. 31 9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy ..... For +Anne Kuchma, *by Janet Kuchma*  
**Christmas Eve**  
1 Timothy 6:11-16  
Matthew 12: 15-21  
5:00 PM - Divine Liturgy ..... For all parishioners and benefactors!

Sun., Jan. 1 **New Year's Day!**  
**Обрізання/Іменування Ісуса!**  
**Св. Василя St. Basil the Great**  
9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners

**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 (cards, short telephone conversations, visits).**

"Lord God, please be present to all the ill, infirm and elderly of our parish. You love each and everyone and so do we, but we become busy with little things, help us to reach out to each of our fellow parishioners as best we can - certainly by our prayer, but also by human contact. Bless each of the following...."

**Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Victor Yakowchuk, Mary Henkewich, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko

**Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

**Beacon Hill Lodge:** Helen Naherny

**River East Personal Care Home:** Edward Holowich



## Blessed Virgin Mary UCWLC

We invite our parishioners, family & friends to our "Prosphora" parish family Christmas Dinner on Sunday, **January 15** after the 10:00 Divine Liturgy. The cost is **\$15** for adults and **\$7** for children between the ages of 5 - 12 years, and free for children 4 years and younger. We will be selling tickets **ONLY IN ADVANCE**. Tickets can be purchased before or **after the Sunday Liturgies** or by contacting Janet @ 204-582-5932 or [jkuchma@mymts.net](mailto:jkuchma@mymts.net). We hope to see you there.



Fr. Michael arranged to have a hand rail placed at the spots where we receive Holy Communion to make it easier for those who will appreciate the added stability it offers. Thanks to the craftsman **Ed Kaluzny** (pictured) and to **Fr. M. Winn** and our sister **Holy Eucharist Parish** for passing these along!