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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

26th Sunday after Pentecost

December 4, 2022

26-а неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа



“SAINT NICHOLAS VISITS OUR PARISH”

This Sunday, albeit two days before the feast of our Father among the saints - Saint Nicholas, the great father of the Church, Archbishop and Wonderworker **Saint**

Nicholas is visiting our

Parish **at the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy** on December 4th! When he arrives, we want to join together in joyful song - singing the famous “**O khto, khto**” (*lyrics to the right*). All children (*of all ages*) are invited to come forward on their own or with a parent (or baba or dido or older sibling) to meet St. Nicholas, because he really wants to meet you! and he has a little **gift** that he wants to give to *each child*!

Come with family, neighbours and friends to join with other parishioners for a morning of fellowship and goodwill. The **Men's Club** is hosting a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, while the **Women's League** is hosting a pre-Christmas **BAKE SALE & RAFFLE!**

Ой, хто, хто Миколая любить,
Ой, хто, хто Миколаю служить,
Тому святий Миколай,
На всякий час помагай, (x2)
Миколай!

O, Khto, khto Mykolaya liubyt
O, Khto, khto Mykolaya sluzhyt
Tomu svyatey Mykolai
Na vsiakey chas pomahai
Mykolai!

Ой, хто, хто к ньому прибігає,
На поміч його призиває,
Той все з горя вийде ціло,
Охоронить душу й тіло, (x2)
Миколай!

O, khto, khto k niomu prybihaye,
Na pomich yoho pryzyvaye,
Toi vse z horya veyde tsilo,
Okhoronyt' dushu i tilo,
Mykolai!

Миколай, молися за нами,
Благаєм Тебе зі сльозами.
Ми Тя будем вихваляти,
Ім'я Твоє величати, (x2)
На віки.

St. Nicholas is a real bishop who attended the first “ecumenical council” in the year 325 at Nicaea. He is one of the bishops to sign the **Nicaean Creed** that we pray every day (*page 50/51 of your Liturgy Book*). He loved everyone. He saved lives, helped people financially and through his boldness, and yes, through miracles! His feast day is **January 6th** and he visits children on the night before his feast-day leaving gifts at their beds...

(←picture from mamabook.com.ua)



Parish News:

1. Please join with us for a **delicious Pancake Breakfast** of pancakes and sausages with the usual accompaniments. The cost is \$7.00/adults, \$4/children under 12. The UCWLC will be holding a **Bake Sale and Raffle**.
2. **NO CATECHISM TODAY**. Otherwise: Catechism every Sunday night at 7 PM via ZOOM link: please call Teresa at 204-334-4298.
3. Don't forget: Submissions for our **2023 Calendar Art Contest** are **this Tuesday**. Let the artist in you sketch/paint/collage something wonderful for us all to admire on the calendar that will hang on the wall all year. The prizes are great! **Theme: "Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Enters its Second Centenary"**
4. **Cabbage Rolls -- pick-up today** after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy **for those who ordered them**.
5. **Perogy Making: Please help this week! Dec. 7th (come at 8:45 AM to peel the potatoes) and Dec. 8th (to make the perogies)**. Do remember that there is 8 AM Divine Liturgy both mornings: please come if the Holy Spirit so inspires you. That extra 38 minutes of your time will bring you a rich reward in the next life.
6. Ongoing: **Mary's Angels are being sold after Divine Liturgy** at the back of the church, as a project to commemorate our deceased loved ones at Christmastime. Each angel is \$5. Proceeds help our catechism program, as well as going to the Marian Hour on CKJS Radio. **A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated**, with the "Angel Tree" nearby, on Dec. 27 (St. Stephen's day) at 10 AM.
7. **CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS** -- Mark your calendar now, to come to confession on **Wednesday, Dec. 14th from 6PM to 8 PM**. There will be visiting priests available in the confessionals.
8. Calling all girls: The next **Children of Mary meeting** is scheduled for Wed. night, Dec. 21. 6:30 to 8 PM.
9. **A technician to operate our computer/livestreaming during Sunday Divine Liturgy** as well as at funerals, etc. is being sought. Talk to Sister Michaila after Liturgy.

Other Events/News:

10. **FESTIVAL of LIGHTS at Holy Family Home**: Please donate online at www.lubovfoundation.ca -- the more donated, the more lights will shine! On Dec. 4th at 10 AM, a Divine Liturgy for all who have donated will be celebrated at the home. Donors are welcome to join from home via livestream.
11. Next Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 PM: O. Koshetz Choir is sponsoring a **Christmas open house at Sts Vladimir and Olga Church Upper Hall**. There will be a short programme of the choir's Christmas music, followed by dainties in the Lower Hall. Cost: Silver Collection.
12. **Christmas Meat Holiday BINGO** in support of the Ukrainian Refugee Fund: Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1 PM to 5 PM. at St. Nicholas Church (on Bannerman). For tickets, call Jo-Jo Barkley 204-802-8141.
13. **Raffle tickets**: Knights of Columbus 4th degree Canon Luhovy Assembly will have a draw on Dec. 12 at St. Anne's church. Tickets are \$20 each; obtain from our BVM parish office. Proceeds go to Ukraine Humanitarian fund.
14. **The UCC is collecting winter clothing and boots** for both children and adults. Please make sure that the items are in good or new condition. They will also accept hygiene items and non-perishable food items. You can drop off your donation to UNF at 935 Main Street. Call them to check times.
15. **Oseredok hopes you attend its Special General Meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6 PM**. Documents to read over beforehand are on their website. In the meantime, it has just opened an **amazing exhibit** that will run from now until next April, called "The Immersive World of Ukrainian Art". Do check it out! Free admission. Mon. to Sat., from 10 AM to 4 PM. 184 Alexander Ave. E.

WELCOME THE NEWBORN BABY JESUS INTO YOUR HOME, INTO YOUR FAMILY, INTO YOUR MARRIAGE, INTO YOUR LIFE AS IT IS

You are invited to participate in a truly unique Pylypivka-Christmas project this year!



What unique idea have you come up with as a place in your home to welcome the **newborn Saviour JESUS!**? Maybe in a central place in the house... or a room where a member of the family, who can not get around that easily, is staying... or where your household will be mostly hanging out (living room? dining room?). Be creative! **On Christmas Eve you will receive your blessed baby Jesus figurine at the Christmas Divine Liturgy** (like the one pictured). Start to prepare a place now especially in your heart and in your soul, but also in your home for Him that you will know the joy of the shepherds, magi and angels!

16. Did you know there is a Catholic School of Evangelization, in St. Malo, Manitoba? How would you like to spend a "gap year" (the year before or after you graduate, or even after that) just studying about the Lord, and how to spread His Word? Come and see for three days. **The school is inviting all young people from Grade 11 and higher (up to age 30) to a Come and See Weekend** that will feature prayer, daily Mass, teaching sessions from our facilitators, Eucharistic adoration, a simple outreach exercise, praise and worship, and much more! It starts at 7PM on **Friday, December 9, and concludes at 2PM on Sunday Dec 11** following lunch. \$50 covers all your costs for the weekend. Register at www.catholicway.net.

17. **Handel's ALLELUIA CHORUS**
WSO (Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra) Dec. 17 -- tickets from \$44.

Christmas Confessions Різдвяна Сповідь

We are **obliged** to make a good Confession before the Lord via the Sacrament of Penance at the very least once a year. However, as “Confession” is not only about the forgiveness of sins, but, like EVERY Sacrament, is a “source of grace”, many people take advantage of this on a regular basis – monthly and even weekly to ensure they are progressing into a deeper life in Christ.



Now, in Ukrainian tradition, most people – if not more regularly - would make a good Confession at least four times a year: “**Easter Confession**”, Parish “**Praznyk Confession**”, Confession during the inevitable **Pilgrimage** and, of course, “**Christmas Confession**”. Please arrange to make a good heartfelt Confession before Christmas! There, are many opportunities around all the 30+(?) Catholic parishes in Winnipeg. Google for the times. Here at our BVM parish there is an opportunity for Confession before every Divine Liturgy. And we are also having a special **Evening of Reconciliation** in anticipation of Christmas on **Wednesday, December 14** from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** with Father Michael and other visiting priests when everyone will have an opportunity for **Confession!** You can slip in anytime during those two hours, but better yet, make it an **evening with the Lord** starting with a brief prayer service at 6:00 PM and then a good examination of conscience, spiritual reading, meditation, talking with the Lord, completing the praying part of your penance before you leave. It will a brief two hours well spent away from your daily life.

(picture: detail of icon of prodigal son - dyvensvit.org)

TODAY'S GOSPEL.... A Reflection...

“This Very Night Your Life will be Required of You”

“The painting of The Rich Fool (2007) by Central Texas artist, Jim Janknegt, is a complex and modern illustration of the parable of the wealthy man who decides to build bigger barns to store all of his grain and goods, only to lose his life that very night. It is ultimately a parable, as with so many of Jesus’s parables, of Christian values. The painting consists of a central panel surrounded by a border of related smaller vignettes. The central image is of two homes, one a more luxurious modern home in which sits a man alone at a large table, the “rich fool” at his ample yet lonely dinner. Across the dinner table from him sits the angel of death. Next to this house sits a much smaller and modest one in which resides a family — a mother, father, and six children.

In Janknegt’s painting, the wealth of the rich man is displayed in his well appointed home, filled with art and fine furnishings. In the living area across from the dining room, a modern sculpture of a figure with a hole in its center symbolizes the hollowness of a life of abundant possessions. The bedroom upstairs is one in which the rich man sleeps alone, and dreams of a life where he will relax, eat, drink and be merry. The landscaping around the wealthy man’s home is somewhat barren, with cactus plants and large rocks. Reflecting the somberness of the event... In the monochromatic border of the painting we see the trappings of material prosperity: furnishings, electronics, jewelry, etc. Ironically, the image on the television screen is a talking head, a skull, perhaps a news anchor relating the horrors of the day’s events. In the border there are images of side by side houses. In one, we see the home of the rich man after his death, with a “For Sale” sign in its yard, a sale that will in no way profit our fool. In the upper border, one of the houses is being bulldozed, to make room for a larger home which the fool will ostensibly fill with all his possessions. Beneath the images of the consumer goods, we see phrases from advertising circulars, encouraging us to “Buy One Get One Free,” and to purchase items that are “Essential for Every Home.” We are reminded that faith is the only matter that is essential for every home, and grace, the only commodity that is free:



“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God” (Eph 2:8).

In a video diary about this painting, the artist shares that among other things, his painting is about relationships: the contentious relationship of the two brothers who ask Jesus to arbitrate their conflict over their inheritance, the relationship between the rich man and God, and the relationship between him and his possessions. The family — whose possessions are few — eats together and is rich in its own company. Their yard is small and strewn with the toys of children at play. In comparison to the spare aesthetic of the rich man’s yard, the house of the family is set against a background of trees, perhaps suggesting the tree of life. Thus the two homes are a lesson in contrast — desires versus needs, death versus life, excess versus sufficiency. Janknegt’s painting reminds us that Jesus wishes for us abundance — not abundance of possessions, but a life rich toward God: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (Jn 10:10). Jim Janknegt’s paintings are available at www.bcartfarm.com. “

Saint Nicholas Day Word Search



Some of the guys chose a "feels like -23" day put up the outside Christmas decorations on Wednesday. Among them were Glen Henkewich, Alan Harik and Terry Krowchuk (can you tell who's who?)
Thank you!



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| SIXTH | LEGEND | BISHOP |
| MITRE | NICHOLAS | ORANGE |
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| SAINT | CANDY | GIFTS |
| COOKIE | ADVENT | CROZIER |

Making those Heavenly Holubtsi at BVM!

Two St Nicholas Days!?

Did you know that on the Ukrainian calendar there are two St. Nicholas feasts? On **January 6th** [19] and **May 9th** [22]! So, there are a number of old sayings comparing the two. Here are some...

"Який день на Миколу зимового, такий і на Миколу літнього."

The kind of day it is for St. Nicholas in the winter, it will be that kind of day for St. Nicholas in the summer.

"Скільки дає день Миколая снігу, стільки буде трави на Миколу теплого"

As much snow is given on St. Nicholas' Day, there'll be as much grass on the warm St. Nicholas Day

"У кожному році два Миколи: до першого Миколи не буває холодно ніколи, а до другого Миколи не буває тепла ніколи."
There are two St. Nicholas Days every year: it is never that cold before the first St Nicholas, and it is never really warm until the second St. Nicholas.



Sharon Johnston, Sylvia Romanchuk, Barbara Kutcher, Jean Zalitch
Maria Gorbay, Diana Kornik

Myron Fedoruk, Frances Bodnar

With Christmas approaching and Bake Sales, etc. These are only some of the volunteers preparing amazing food for the holidays...

Lorna Nelson, Alan Harik and Bernice Kulbaba



SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

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UCWLC President - Janet Kuchma 204-582-5932
Men's Club President - John Natyna 204-339-9366
Perogy Committee President - Myron Fedoruk 204-338-7243
Catechism Coordinator - Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298
Church Auditorium Rental - 204-582-7535

Immaculate Heart of Mary School

Fees have been waived for about 45 children from Ukraine. The school hopes that good-hearted parishioners around our city would consider donating to help cover this, as of course, it does cost to educate every child: **\$2,700 per year**. Please consider this, and if you have it in your heart to give, let the school know. Cheques for this Back-to-School effort can be made to: **Lubov SSMI Foundation 1085 Main St. Wpg. R2W 3S1**

Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine

Blessed Vasyil Devotions
 Wednesdays 7:00 pm Live streaming
Shrine Hours Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,
 Saturday 10 am -1:00 pm The Shrine will be open for prayers following the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday Liturgies



"Update:
 The UCWLC would like to thank all Parishioners and friends of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

for their generous donations to our Willow Place Purse Project. We will be still accepting donations (items or monetary) until Sunday December 11th. If you are interested in donating, the

following items are still needed:
 Lipsticks
 Nail Polish
 Gloves
 Neck scarves
 Deodorants
 Combs/brushes
 Nail Scissors



Monetary donations will be used to buy gift cards
Bless you all for caring for those less fortunate than us.

Sincerely, Lorna Nelson

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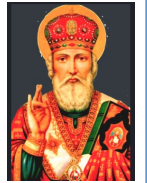


Our annual parish **"Angels for Mary"** program resumes! There is a list at the back of the church for families to purchase as many angels as they would like in memory of deceased loved ones. The **name card is filled out and left in church** for the special Christmas tree in church, while the **angel is taken home** for the family Christmas tree at home. Each angel plus card is **\$5**. The funds go toward our Catechism Program and the nightly Marian Hour Rosary on 810 CKJS Radio. A Divine Liturgy will be offered after Christmas for all the souls that are commemorated by the Angels and whose names are hung on the special tree in church.

Schedule of Services Dec. 4 - Dec. 11, 2022

Sun., Dec. 4 **26th Sunday after Pentecost** 26-а Неділя по Зіс. св. Духа

9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy (bilingual)... **For all parishioners**
with Pancake Breakfast following



Mon., Dec 5
Venerable Sabbas
Galatians 5:22-6:2
Matthew 11:27-30

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy**Birthdays blessings for Anthony Kwiatkowski**
by family

Tues., Dec. 6
St. Nicholas
Hebrews 13:17-21
Luke 6:17-23

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... **For the soldiers defending Ukraine**
День Збройних Сил України



Wed., Dec. 7
St. Ambrose
1 Timothy 5:22-6:11
Luke 18:15-17; 26-30

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy **For +Jean Michasiw**
by Agnes Yassenko

Thurs., Dec. 8
Venerable Patapius
1 Timothy 6:17-21
Luke 18:31-34

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy**For +Maria and Joseph Teply**

Fri., Dec. 9
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Galatians 4:22-31
Luke 8:16-21

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy **For all my godchildren**
by Theodore Parzyjagla
7:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy - **For all Parishioners**

Sat., Dec. 10
Martyr Mennas & post-feast
Galatians 5:22-6:2
Luke 10:19-21

7:20 a.m.- 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy **For +John Gorbay**
by Maria Gorbay

Sun., Dec. 11 **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers** НЕДІЛЯ СВЯТИХ ПРАОТЦІВ

о год. **8:00 - Служба Божа**.... **+William & Stella Demedash**, by Daughter Darlene Medwid &family
9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy (bilingual)... **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.

"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."

Holy Family Home: Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Victor Yakowchuk, Mary Henkewich

Maples Care Home: Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

Beacon Hill Lodge: Helen Naherny

River East Personal Care Home: Edward Holowich

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welcome some newcomers to this event. Winners of the raffle were: **Kathy Kosowan, Andriana, Maria Gorbay, Oleksiy, & Sylvia Kuzmeniuk.**

Thank you to everyone who helped out. The next larger Coffee & Fellowship is planned for **January 29**

Thank you to all parishioners who came out and supported Coffee and Fellowship last Sunday! We were pleased to

Donations from November 27, 2022:

Sunday collections: **\$1600** (47 env.)

Candles: **\$77.35**

Seminary \$-

Christmas carolling: **\$50**

Vichna Lyampa. **\$10**

Ukraine: **\$20**

Christmas flowers **\$315**

Expenses: **\$ 3647.76**

(Hydro, Shaw, snow removal, church supplies, honoraria)

Thank you for your generosity! Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа: God's blessings and Christmas joy to **Irene Pilipowicz and family** from your Prayer Partner

Christ Icon – Grant us the grace to spend more time in prayer the Icon before which this candle burns

Mother of God Icon – For a speedy recovery for **Meagan Garrity** from her family.

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.

