



Protection of the

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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

New Year's Day!
St. Basil the Great

January 1, 2023

Обрізання/Іменування Ісуса!
і день Св. Василя

ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ!

CHRIST IS BORN!

A Saintly Archbishop Offers A Christmas and New Year's Greeting



It is a good custom to wish each other the best on major holidays. And good customs must be preserved, because this is the only way to achieve a good and lasting tradition, the significance and importance of which can never be overestimated. Therefore, I send all my friends and acquaintances the most sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On this occasion, we can thank in advance our friends for their holiday wishes. True, such a mutual greeting could be an empty formality, something like the greetings that happen when people meet on the street. But *these* greetings and

festive wishes may not be just a formality, but a sincere expression of affection, kindness, and true respect. I would like my holiday greeting to be such an expression of true feelings and a sincere disposition of the soul. Such a sincere disposition of the soul gives, first of all, the direction of one's entire Christian life. The direction of Christian life is the will to give honour and service to the Most High in a Christian way, and to give Christian love and honor, affection and kindness to all around us, such as each one deserves. Wise is the law of Christian life! Happy the one who, according to the rules of that law, gives all actions of life, however insignificant, a Christian focus towards God. In this way, festive wishes are replaced by prayers and requests of the Most High God for blessings for all those to whom they are addressed.

Accept, Dear Brothers, Clergy and Laity, Acquaintances and Strangers, accept these my festive prayers for you, accept by Christmas carols a sincere desire for the greatest good in this world, the good that death does not take away - God's grace and God's blessing. May Christ, the Son of the

living God, who came to this world to save people, may He always count you as His own, may He give us all the much-desired just peace and the opportunity for broad, successful work for our homeland in a more special way throughout these Christmas holidays and in this New Year.



Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, January 1st (1944)



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. +Rev. **Fr. Michael Krochak** has reposed in the Lord. Our condolences to his Parishioners, his family and to all who knew him. The Priestly Parastas will be prayed tomorrow (Jan 2) at St Michael Church in Transcona at 7:00 PM and his Funeral Liturgy will be offered at 10:00 AM on Tuesday January 3 at St. Michael parish church in Transcona. **Вічна йому пам'ять!** Please remember him in your prayer. Please pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood.

3. All are warmly invited to our **Parish Christmas Dinner -- Jan. 15th BY TICKET ONLY**. Please buy your tickets in advance...see UCWL box below.

3. **Annual General Meeting (our AGM) will be held Sunday, Jan. 29th**. 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!

4. 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. Outlines of what the positions entail are inserted into this bull.

Other Events/News:

5. 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.

6. 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 archeparchial website:

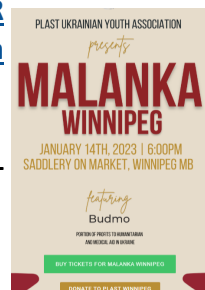
Blessed Virgin Mary UCWLC Corner



1) We invite our parishioners, family & friends to our **"Prospora"** 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. We hope to see you there. **Janet Kuchma**

2023 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg

7. **Plast-sponsored Malanka -- Tickets are \$85 -- purchase online.**



Below: Diana Kochanski Kornik and Maria Gorbay well into the great assembling:

2) Dear Parishioners and Friends of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish:

The Blessed Virgin Mary Parish UCWLC would like to extend a grateful THANK YOU to you all for your generous donations to our project "Purses for Willow Place".

Our wish was to pack 10 purses with essential items for women experiencing abuse and having to escape to Willow Place for safety and a new lease on life. Because of you, we were actually able to pack 13 purses full of items for the ladies (see pictures). They were delivered to Willow Place on Wednesday December 21st and received with joy for the ladies who were housed there over the Christmas season.

Respectfully submitted by **Lorna Nelson**



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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Catechism Coordinator - Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298
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VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа: for a peaceful and prepared entry into eternal life for Pope Benedict XVI, who is very ill

Christ Icon – awaiting your intention

Mother of God Icon – awaiting your intention



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.



"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



←---- NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS on the left, taken off the 'net. Nice resolutions. But is it not truly sad that only ONE of them.... maybe... is planned to bring a person closer to God? What will WE do to draw closer to Him?



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 "Best sausages in Winnipeg. Don't leave without getting hunter, kabanosy and smokies!" ... "Karpaty has great, personable staff!" ... "Love visiting this place!"

Donations the week of December 25, 2022:

- Sunday collections: \$2500 (47 env.)
- Candles: \$150.25
- Seminary \$-
- Christmas carolling: \$425
- Vichna Lyampa. \$-
- Ukraine: \$-
- Christmas flowers \$45
- Christmas offering \$2130
- Special church donation \$100
- 100th ann. - \$350
- Expenses: \$5803.61 (Salaries, wifi, garage repair, calendars)

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 Jan. 1 to Jan. 8, 2023

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**

Mon., Jan. 2 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Pope Sylvester **8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Sr. Simona Klek, SSJ (20 yrs.)**
Hebrews 11:17-23 *by SSJ*
Mark 9:42-10:1

Tues., Jan. 3 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Prophet Malachi; Martyr Gordius **8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... Birthday Blessings for Dr. Ihor Stasiuk**
Hebrews 12:25-26,13:2-31
Mark 10:2-13

Wed., Jan. 4 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Synaxis of 70 Apostles **8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy For +EngSee & Maria Assunta Cheam**
James 1:1-18 *by Issigonis family*
Mark 10:11-16

Thurs., Jan. 5 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
EVE OF THEOPHANY ("Second Christmas Eve") **8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ...For +poor souls in Purgatory**
1 Corinthians 9:19-27 *by Dmytro Sikora*
Luke 3:1-18

Fri., Jan. 6 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
THEOPHANY (YORDAN) **8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy for +Rev. Eugene Rudachek (4 yrs.) & +Volodymyr Hryndzio (1 yr) by SSJ**
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Matthew 3:13-17



Sat., Jan. 7 8:00 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Bielak families
Saturday after Theophany
Ephesians 6:10-17
Matthew 4:1-11

Sun., Jan. 8 **Sunday after Theophany** **Неділя по Богоявленні Г.Н.І.Х**
8:00 am - Божественна Літургія... за мир в Україні
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

Mr. John Kutcher, who has been tending to our church property maintenance for many years, has let our parish know that he would like to pass the torch to other who can attend to this all important task. We have been truly blessed to have beautiful bright flowers and neatly cut grass in the warmer months and, in the winter months, clean and safe walkways around our parish church. Our parish is truly grateful to John Kutcher for his untiring dedication at all hours and on any day that his services were needed! **God bless you Пане Іване! На многая літа!** We may not find someone to keep up John's professional spirit of excellence and heart-felt craftsmanship and sense of duty, but.... We do need someone to take over at least the basic tasks of snow-clearing and, eventually, yard maintenance. We are seeking someone in our parish and/or someone you know to contact our parish and let us know if you would be interested and for us to discern what the expectations and terms might be. We now have a few individuals that are offering to "hold the fort" for awhile. For this we are very grateful! However, we want to establish regular maintenance as soon as possible.

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