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# Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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

**31st Sunday after Pentecost**

**January 15, 2023**

**31-а неділя по  
Зісланні св. Духа**

### **ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ! CHRIST IS BORN!**

It was so good to get back to the Parish this week after making a rather unexpected trip to Rome. It was - I thank our good Lord - a very blessed and successful trip in many ways. The primary reason was that an Archeparchial Inquiry into a possible miracle through the intercession of Blessed Josaphata was concluded and it was of benefit to get the documents to the Vatican as soon and as safely as possible. I am happy to say that the mission was accomplished and, in fact, the Rome team is now at work studying the



research that was done here in Winnipeg. The additional benefit was that my trip coincided with the funeral services for the last Pope Benedict XVI, in which I was able to participate. I want to assure you that you and your family members were in my prayer all the way. So many times I thought about you and wished you could be present at the moment. (God willing, we'll have to organize a pilgrimage trip to Rome, the "Eternal City" in the near future. I think that we would really have a life-changing experience!) The main goal was to advance the work that we did in Winnipeg with the cause for Blessed Josaphata, so with this in mind, I was able to learn much and have several meetings with the

...the man who had received sight from the Lord did the only natural thing: he gave thanks to God and began following Jesus...



Standing in line (with thousands of others) with the Postulator for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed Josaphata, Sr. Luiza Ciupa, SSMI. to pay our respects to Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter's Rome

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate as well as officials at the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. Along the way, I was able to experience and learn more about our Ukrainian Catholic Church in Italy. Did you know that there are some 67 Ukrainian Catholic Priests now serving hundreds of thousands of immigrants and refugees from Ukraine? They are real missionaries, travelling all across Italy - from the top of the "boot" to the toe - to provide pastoral care to whomever they can. Interestingly (oddly) enough, they decided that the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Italy would adhere to the "new" or Gregorian calendar, as does our parish. So, on January 5th, after Pope Benedict's funeral, I was at the Sisters' general house for *Shchedryj Vechir* supper and Compline! There were several parishes in the city that had the water blessing the next day on the feast of Jordan itself. So, I will have much to share with you about the trip and about our plans for this New 2023 Parish Year and about our Second Century as a parish! **Let's enjoy our Parish Christmas Dinner today and continue to rejoice in the coming of our Lord as a parish family!**



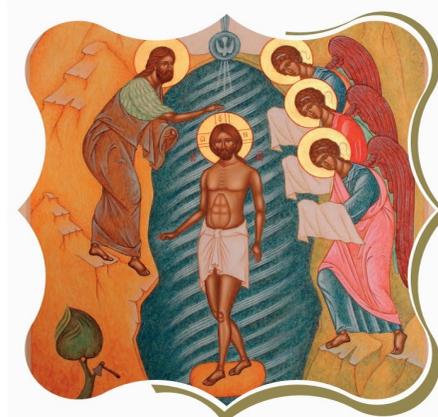
Pope Benedict XVI lies in state before the high altar in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. 400-thousand people passed by over the three-days before the funeral.

## 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. All parishioners and friends **who have bought tickets** are warmly invited to our **Parish Christmas Dinner TODAY**. We are happy to report that we have sold out!
3. **Catechism resumes today**. Due to scheduling challenges for a family, our Catechism classes will now begin at 7:30 p.m. for 40 minutes, rather than at 7:00.
4. **Parish Council meets tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in the boardroom.
5. **Centenary Committee meets Wednesday** at 6 p.m. in the church auditorium.
6. **Annual General Meeting (our AGM) will be held Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please block off your calendar now. There is a fair number of positions open: please look at the flowchart at the back of the church. Your help is more than requested. Call the office now to put your name in.... and *anyway*, see you at the voting in 2 weeks! (If you want to volunteer your name or someone else's, let the Nominating Committee know (this committee so far consists of Irene Hanuta and Glen Henkewich and could use one more member.)
7. Would you like your **home blessed** with the **Jordan Holy Water**? Please contact Father Michael! Please also see the Home Blessing prayer of His Beatitude Sviatoslav below...

## Other Events/News:

8. The **2023 Festival of Carols, sponsored by Oseredok**, will be held in our Cathedral (115 McGregor St.) **TODAY** from 2PM.
9. **2023 Week of Prayer** - 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: [2023 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg](#))
10. **Free ice skating for newcomers to Canada:** West End BIZ has a "New Canadian Skate Program" will be starting on Friday, January 20th at 12:30pm in Central Park. The program will run for seven weeks and is **FREE** for participants. Skates and helmets will be provided if needed. To register, email [events@westendbiz.ca](mailto:events@westendbiz.ca).



JORDAN BLESSING  
OF THE FATHER AND HEAD OF THE  
UGCC HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

11. Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Parish (40 Ada Street) invites you to its **Annual Christmas Dinner. Sunday, January 29, 2023** Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am with Dinner to follow. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$15 students, 6 and under FREE. For tickets, please call or text Andrew at 204-791-2272 or Nadya at 204-999-9986.

### Donations the week of January 8, 2023:

1. Sunday collections: **\$1200** (40 env.)
2. Candles: **\$109.05**
3. Seminary \$-
4. Vichna Lyampa. **\$10**
5. Ukraine: \$-
6. Christmas flowers **\$50** (in mem. of Wm. & Stella Demedash)
7. Christmas offering **\$25**
8. Special church donation **\$60**
9. New Envelopes **\$177**
10. Expenses: **\$ 834.00** (Church cleaning, Metr. honorarium re 100th, bank fees)

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!**

Support your parish ... we have a beautiful church and wonderful auditorium facilities for YOU. Please do your part to help us cover the expenses.



## JORDAN BLESSING OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

My Dearly-Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

This year we celebrate the feast of the Theophany of our Lord in particular circumstances of open war, in the midst of unimaginable physical and psychological challenges for many of our faithful and fellow citizens. If your parish priest is able to personally visit your home with the Jordan water, allow me also to enter your hospitable home, embrace you warmly and impart on you my sincere blessing. If circumstances do not allow for such a traditional visit, I wish to reassure you that the Lord's abundant blessing assuredly flows out onto those, who are open to divine grace.

In blessing your homes, we remember those who lost their home or were forced to abandon it because of the war. Enlightened by the feast that celebrates the revelation of the Holy Trinity in the Jordan river, we pray for those who pass nights without light, that they may see and sense that the Lord is close to them. Filled with the warmth of a joyful encounter with the feast, we think of those who live without heat, and pray that the Holy Spirit might warm their hearts with His presence. And especially, we unite ourselves with those on the front lines, that our Lord might protect them and bless them with a glorious victory over evil.

Just as the Baptism in the river Jordan anointed our Lord for his sacred mission of salvation, may the Jordan blessing empower all of us to fulfil our mission in this world. May our families be a hearth for growth in faith, holiness, love and service to neighbour. May our parents embrace their sacred responsibility to be icons of God's love, joy and peace for their children. May our youth not tire in their inspired determination to help those in need. May the Jordan water bring "to all who touch it and partake of it, sanctification, health, purification and blessing."

**I bless this home and all who live in it – in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

+Sviatoslav

**SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...**

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**VIGIL LAMPS**

**Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа:**

In loving memory of Father and Grandfather, **Semko Kmet**, from his children and grandchildren.



**Christ Icon** – Lord, grant us more vocations, more holy priests and sisters to serve Your people

**Mother of God Icon** – Mary, you observed everything and took all things to heart, please obtain for us the grace to see what is transpiring around us, and to pray accordingly.

*Request your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of prayer: the candle burns for a week for your intention.*

**Blessed Virgin Mary UCWLC Corner**

Laura Nelson is happy to report the very nice feedback regarding the special purse project:

"Heartfelt appreciation from all of us at Willow Place for the lovely filled handbags and other donation items, including a blow dryer and cold compress for our family violence shelter program. We recognize this wonderful support was possible due to the efforts of Blessed Virgin Mary church members - despite your small group size, your impact was very significant and brightened the holidays for women sheltering with us.

We further recognize the time, resources and energy, as well as love and care, that went into assembling this donation, and we felt very fortunate to enjoy your generous support. Each year our busy shelter program counts over 9,000 stays, and fields more than 6,500 crisis-support calls. We could not provide many daily essentials for our shelter participants without donations from caring community. Please extend our appreciation to the donation group - we would like to wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year! Sincere regards, **Pam Hadder**, Willow Place"



**Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish, 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...."

**Holy Family Home:**

Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Mary Henkewich, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko  
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## Schedule of Services Jan. 15 to Jan. 22, 2023

**Sun., Jan. 15 31st Sunday after Pentecost 31-а Неділя по Зісланні св. Духа**  
9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners  
**followed by our PARISH PROSPHORA -- DINNER!!**

**Mon., Jan. 16** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Chains of Peter** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For +poor souls in Purgatory  
James 2:14-26 by Maria Gorbay  
Mark 10:46-52

**Tues., Jan. 17** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Anthony the Great** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For intentions of Eugene, Helena & family  
Hebrews 13:17-21 by Cathy Rakchaev  
Luke 6:17-23

**Wed., Jan. 18** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Athanasius & Cyril** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For +poor souls in Purgatory  
James 3:11-4:6 by Dmytro Sikora  
Mark 11:23-26

**Thurs., Jan. 19** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Macarius** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For + Quintus Fernando  
James 4:7-5:9 by Ted Parzyjagla  
Mark 11:27-33

**Fri., Jan. 20** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Euthymius the Great** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For +Anne Kuchma  
Hebrews 13:17-21 by Pat, Janet & Ken Kuchma  
Luke 6:17-23

**Sat., Jan. 21** 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Confessor Maximus** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For + Murray Balagus (2 yrs.)  
1 Thess. 5:14-23 by SSJ  
Luke 17:3-10

**Sun., Jan. 22 32nd Sunday after Pentecost 32-а Неділя по Зісланні св. Духа**  
9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners

### 2023 ЙОРДАНСЬКЕ БЛАГОСЛОВЕННЯ ДОМІВ БЛАЖЕНІШОГО СВЯТОСЛАВА

#### Дорогі в Христі брати і сестри!

Цього року зустрічаємо празник Богоявлення Господнього в особливих обставинах відкритої війни, серед неймовірних фізичних і психічних випробувань для багатьох наших вірних та співгромадян. Якщо Ваш душпастир має змогу особисто відвідати Ваш дім з йорданською водою, дозвольте й мені завітати до вашого гостинного дому, тепло обняти вас та уділити вам моє щире благословення. Якщо обставини не дозволяють на такі наші традиційні відвідини, хочу вас запевнити, що щедре благословення Господнє таки спливає на кожного, хто відкривається на Божу благодать.

Благословляючи ваші домівки, ми згадуємо тих, хто втратив свій дім або змушений був його покинути через війну. Просвічені світлом празника об'явлення Святої Трійці в ріці Йордані, ми молимося за тих, хто проходить ночі без світла, аби вони бачили і відчували, що Господь їм близько. Наповнені радістю теплої зустрічі з празником, ми згадуємо тих, які все ще живуть без тепла, і молимося, щоб Святий Дух розігрів їх серця своєю присутністю. Та особливим чином єднаємось з тими, хто на передовій, щоб Господь зберіг їх і благословив їх світлою перемогою над злом.

Так як Хрещення в ріці Йордані стало для нашого Господа помазанням для Його священної місії спасіння, так нехай йорданське благословення наставляє кожного з нас для сповнення нашого покликання у цьому світі. Наші сім'ї нехай будуть вогнищем для зросту у вірі, святості, любові та служінні ближньому. Наші батьки хай відчують свій священний обов'язок бути іконою Божої любові, радості і миру для своїх діточок. Наша молодь нехай не втомлюється у своїй натхненній постанові допомагати потребуючим. Йорданська вода хай принесе «усім, що доторкається до неї і причащається, і помазуються нею: освячення, здоровля, очищення і благословення». **Благословляю цей дім і всіх, хто мешкає в ньому, – в ім'я Отця, і Сина, і Святого Духа. Амінь.**

+Святослав



A Detail of the reliquary of Blessed Josaphata in the chapel of the General Curia of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Rome

**Pray earnestly for the Canonization of BLESSED JOSAPHATA HORDASHEVSKA**  
**Ask her to intercede for you...your needs in your marriage, your family. She will help!**