



Protection of the

# Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY **2 January 2022** Неділя перед Богоявленням

\* We will try to accommodate everyone, but you will have to choose which service you and your family will attend. You would be wise to **register in advance** by email by sending a brief note to [BVMWelcome@shaw.ca](mailto:BVMWelcome@shaw.ca) as to **preferred time** and the **number of people** in your group OR by leaving a message at **204-582-4466**.

**Dear Parishioners:**

### Christ is born! Glorify Him! Христос Рождається! Славте Його!

This is our first Sunday in the new year. We find ourselves within the third decade of the third millennium since the birth of our loving Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is also, of course, the year in which we celebrate the first century of our parish! Periods of time, of course are somewhat irrelevant, except they do help us to gauge progress and they help us to compare one period with another period long ago or in a different part of the world. They also give us a reading of where we are now as compared to 10, 20 or, say, 50 years ago. Are we growing or declining? And the growth or decline may refer to various things. On a personal level, it may refer to health, weight, hair, knowledge, spiritual life, Gospel living, etc. On a collective level for, say, as parish, it could mean: size in number of parishioners, financial stability, Liturgical services, faith, efforts at Gospel living, Evangelization, charitable programs, etc.

What does this passage from 2021 into 2022 tell us? On a personal level, we would want to make that assessment as honestly as possible before the Lord and perhaps looking into a mirror. We are certainly a year older. We may have a lot that we would want to complain about, but if we look deeper into matters and try to see things with the eye of God, we will also see a lot for which we would be grateful. As a parish, we will be looking back – not only over 2021, but over the last 100 years - to review the amazing and glorious moments, the tough periods and, well maybe even the shortcomings and some “if only we had” recollections as well. But the great news every new year (every new morning for that matter) is that as the sun rises, we are beginning the rest of our lives! So, let's concentrate on that. There are lessons to be learned from the mistakes and successes of the past. We hopefully will learn them! But there are a lot of opportunities to do great and wonderful things by the help of God and by the help of our fellow parishioners and all our “Neighbours” (Mark 12:31; Luke 10:25 ff). So, let's take a deep breath and ask our Lord to be our guide from here on forward. Let us start to live a better life in all aspects! Through healthier living,... healthy relationships,... a stronger and more consistent prayer life. Many people promote a “full body cleanse” to rid oneself of all the accumulated toxins and start afresh. Let's do that, but also a “full soul cleanse”. We have built up toxins within us that keep us poisoned and unhealthy. Things like dishonesty with ourselves and others. Things like inappropriate relationships that keep us shackled or keep us from growing. Things like addictions to foods, substances, social-communications, tv. Things like staying with old habits and refusal to accept or even seek change because of laziness or fear or apathy. In life, over time, we can get into ruts and not even know it. A new year is an opportunity to make a bold step forward with the Lord to become the person that Our Lord knows that we can be and wants us to be. The Lord will help us! Let us help each other.



*Father Michael*

## VIGIL LAMPS

**Sanctuary Lamp** - For health and God's blessings for **Irene Pilipowicz** on the occasion of her birthday (from your Prayer Partner)

**Christ Icon** – For the gift of **Faith** for those of us who are **not sure** right now

**Mother of God Icon** – For health and God's blessings for **Irene Pilipowicz** on the occasion of her birthday (from your Prayer Partner)

*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!*



**DONATIONS** - Week of Sunday December 26: \$ **2,764.90** (Envelopes 38)  
(Sunday – 500.00) (candles – 159.90) ('Christmas' – 755.00) ('Carolling' – 0)

**Expenses: \$ 3,438.11** (*Cathedraicum, salary, elevator maintenance, light bulbs, etc*)

Our Parish is always grateful for all donations – be they regular Sunday donations or in memoriam donations or special donations of any kind... this is what keeps our parish going and even able to plan for the future. God bless you for your generosity and thoughtfulness about the good of your parish!

### Special Donations:

#### In memory of parents +Nick & +Julia; brother +Eugene

Gerald & Barbara Bielak	\$500
Patricia Bielak	250

### Church Needs:

Anonymous	\$500.00
Dr. A. Baranjouk	100.00

## The Marriage Box



Every week, we will pull two new tips out of our box. (We have about 20 or so.) Try to follow each tip throughout the week and see what comes of it. If you and your spouse have any extra tips, let us know and we'll add them!

**7.** Have fun, *often*. Go out on a date. Watch a movie. Get away for a night alone.

If you have kids, get a babysitter. You should date at least once a month; once a week is best. One man says, "When my wife and I went through a period where we became distant, we started meeting for a cheap lunch once a week. It made a huge difference in our marriage." Don't expect a time slot for a date to fall out of the sky; you'll both have to be intentional about scheduling time alone.

**8.** Hug each other at least once a day. Hold hands. Tell your spouse you love them. Do it even if you don't feel like it.

## THANK YOU! for an amazing Christmas experience!



The Christmas week is always filled with a lot of concerns and cautions and preparations. This year, these all seemed to be doubled with the coronavirus issues. Well, in spite of the complications and fears, we had a truly wonderful Christmas all the same! It happened by the grace and inspiration of God, of course, but also by some people who stepped forward to help make it happen! Among them.... **Janet Kuchma, Alexander Hryndzio, Sister Michaila, Lorna Nelson, Maria Gorbay, Myron Fedoruk, Barbara Kutcher, Jimmy Sawchuk, John Natyna, Anthony Kwiatkowski, Frances Bodnar, Greg Yakymischuk, Long&McQuade, Jerry Stolar, Sharon Johnson, Derek Balagus, Glen Henkewich, Andriy Bobelyak, Matthew Szun, Nicholas Szun** and Sylvia Romanchuk. There are more, to be sure, but these

stand out as people who stayed the course and/or agreed to provide for the singing, ushering, registering, decorating, church maintenance, livestreaming, bread-baking, special tasks, etc.

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[www.archeparchy.ca](http://www.archeparchy.ca)

The Pope's Prayer Intention for JANUARY 2022

**"For true human fraternity"**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



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

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



Join for some carolling and a unique video of parishioners' greetings... tune-in **TONIGHT!**

Sunday 2 January at **7:00 PM**

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## Schedule of Services Jan. 2 to Jan. 9, 2022

Come! or at least join us online: [Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church - YouTube](#)

**Sun. January 2, 2022** Sunday before Theophany

7:20 a.m. 3rd Hour & Rosary  
8:00 am - Служба Божа – в наміренні всіх парафійан  
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy - For all parishioners

**Mon., Jan. 3** 7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary  
Prophet Malachias; martyr Gordius **8 a.m. Divine Liturgy... For +Irene Prokop (40 days)**  
1 Peter 21-3:9 by William Prokop  
Mark 12:13-17

**Tues., Jan. 4** 7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary  
The 70 Apostles **8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy..... For health and blessings for Ryan Bourget**  
1 Peter 3:10-22 Mark 12:18-27 by Don & Carol Kuryk

**Wed., Jan. 5** 7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary  
**EVE of THEOPHANY** **8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy..... For +poor souls in Purgatory**  
1 Cor. 9:19-27 by Maria Gorbay & family  
Luke 3:1-18

**Thurs., Jan. 6** 7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary  
**THEOPHANY (JORDAN)** **8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy..... for all parishioners**  
**Blessing of Water**  
Titus 2: 11 - 14; 3: 4 - 7 **7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy..... for blessings for Eleane Baranyk & fam.**  
Matthew 3: 13 - 17 by a friend

**Fri., Jan. 7** 7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary  
John the Baptist; **post-feast** **8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy..... For +Helen Moroz**  
2 Peter 1:1-10 Mark 13:1-8 by Ken Kuchma

**Sat., Jan. 8** 7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary  
Sat. after Theophany, **post-feast** **8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy ..... For +John Rydygowski & +Mary Szewczuk**  
Ephesians 6:10-17 by Bogusia Rydygowski  
Matthew 4:1-11

**Sun., Jan. 9** Sunday after Theophany  
8:00 am - Служба Божа 10:00 am Divine Liturgy - For all Parishioners

### SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

**Pastor, Parish Priest: Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski, JCOD 204-582-7535**  
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**“YORDAN” January 6<sup>th</sup>** - In the Ukrainian Christian tradition, the symbolism of Jordan water is closely connected with the memory of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine by Grand Prince Volodymyr. The river Dnipro, in which the people of Kyiv were baptized, is figuratively called the “Ukrainian Jordan.” On the feast of Theophany in Ukraine, an ice cross is erected as a sign and a memorial of baptism; during the Great Blessing of Water, three triple-branched **candles are immersed into the waters**. Bringing the holy water home, the faithful partake of it **at the beginning of the Theophany Eve supper Shchedryi vechir** (Ukrainian, meaning Abundantly Generous Eve). They **bless their homes** and farms, and **keep the water throughout the year** to partake of it, and **to bless themselves** in times of difficulty and illness. (*Christ our Pascha, 202*)