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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

33rd Sunday after Pentecost
(Publican & Pharisee)

January 29, 2023

33-а неділя по
Зісланні св. Духа

ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ! CHRIST IS BORN!



Come downstairs after the Divine Liturgy today for coffee & fellowship. **The snowmen are waiting to welcome you** and to help you celebrate winter. Having a **coffee** and a conversation **with your fellow parishioners** will **warm** you on this cold winter day...

Today we are moved by several special events that we want to take to heart so that the occasions will move us to make some little commitments....

Today, of course, is our 2023 **Annual Parish Meeting** (AGM). It is the first such meeting of our new second century into which we cautiously, but joyfully march as a parish family on "a mission from God" no less! It is an opportunity to pause and reflect on what direction we really need to take to fully serve our Lord and our Neighbour! The AGM begins after our ← snowman fellowship!

The **coffee and fellowship** is also a commitment (albeit a very easy and tasty one!) it gives us a great opportunity to just come together, get to know each other better and just to talk about as profound or superficial things as we like. But enjoy the company of our true brothers and sisters (and aunts and uncles?) in Christ! Our fellow journeyers through this life!

We are honoured to host a sad, yet proud, prayer commending the souls of two representatives of the thousands of people who have decided to stand their ground in Ukraine and defend freedom and identity and truth. As well as praying for them and all our brothers and sisters in Ukraine during the Divine Liturgy, as we do every day since the Russia invaded Ukraine, we will pray a **Panakhya** immediately after the Eucharistic liturgy. Please, do stay and participate.

Today is also the **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**. The Gospel reading will give us a lot of food for thought in itself. However, this Sunday also signals to us that **the Great**

Fast - i.e. Lent - is **soon approaching**. Soon to follow are the Sundays of the "Prodigal

Son" (repentance and forgiveness), "Meatfare" (final judgement, accountability for how we spend the gift of life); and "Cheesefare" (living a real Christian life). We start to psych ourselves up for the amazing time of intensified prayer, fasting and charity that are the hallmarks of Lent. In preparation we do have some benefits - like this coming Friday is not a fast or abstinence day (so pull out the BBQ if you like). It is often the custom of our people to have **Pushchennya** a sort of *Mardi gras* before the 40-day fasting period. Let's **keep our life real** by living life and doing the great things to which our God calls us day by day!
- Fr Michael



Today we pray a panakhya for the repose of the souls of two members of the Ukrainian Youth Association (CYM) that were killed in Russia's brutal war on Ukraine...

+Greg Dobosh

+Oleh Yurchenko

Сьогодні ми молимося панахиду за упокій душ двох членів Співки Української Молоді (СУМ), які загинули під час жорстокої війни Росії проти України.

+Гриць Добош

+Олег Юрченко



Parish News:

- 1. Annual General Meeting (our AGM) will be held TODAY!** And our monthly COFFEE HOUSE starts it off. Please come downstairs after church and plan to stay for coffee, sweets and stimulating conversation.
- 2. Please pick up your Christmas calendars, new envelopes for 2023 and receipts for 2022** at the back of the church. If your address (or phone number) has changed, please let us know!
- 3. Catechism classes** are every Sunday night at 7:30 p.m.
- 4. Next Fred Douglas Divine Liturgy:** Feb. 15th at 10:30 AM. Come and join us!
- 5. Sister Michaila** will be away for a while, attending to a knee issue. Please kindly keep her in your prayer. In the mean time, please contact our Parish Priest, **Fr. Michael** for any administrative as well as pastoral needs. (Also, Please Do not hesitate to **leave** a voicemail **message** on our Parish phone service. Your calls will be returned asap) for any urgent matter call Fr, Michael directly!
- 6. Would you like your home blessed with the Jordan Holy Water?** Please contact Father Michael!



Other Events/News:

- 7. We have a message from Oseredok:** "We will be hosting an **Art Auction in March 2023** of donated pieces of art with proceeds from the sale going towards our Stand with Ukraine Fund. We are currently fundraising to support English Language classes for newcomers. Our most popular offering now is the beginner English language classes we are running for displaced Ukrainians in Manitoba. There is no fee for students to participate in these classes and the demand for the course far outweighs what we are currently capable of providing. We need your help in collecting pieces for this sale. If you, or someone you know, has some art (preferably framed) that you no longer want or need, please reach out to us for drop-off information and more donation details at info@oseredok.ca. Please help us spread the word about our Art Auction among the people you contact on a daily/weekly basis. Слава Україні! Героям Слава!»

Do you know the story behind the feast of the **Three Holy Hierarchs** that we will celebrate on Monday!? The people in the area were getting together at their cafés and wherever they met and they would talk and get into pretty heavy arguments about who was the better.. sports team? player? Politician? Party?... no... but **who was the greater saint!** Three the "all stars" at that time were **Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom and Basil the Great.** Finally, the Metropolitan had a dream/vision in which all three appeared to him and proposed a common feast for all three! This was established on **30 January** and all parties were happy with the decision!



This is a busy Sunday, so **do not miss** taking a moment to stop to **pray** and **contemplate** before the two **Verteps** (Nativity Scenes) that we have at our Parish - at the western side altar and, of course over the outside entrance! They will be put away well before the feast of the Encounter (aka Presentation) on Thursday.

Donations the week of January 22, 2023:

- Sunday collections: **\$870** (37 env.)
- Candles: **\$85.55**
- Vichna Lyampa. **\$10**
- Ukraine: **\$-**
- Bulletin advertising **\$350**
- New Envelopes **\$10**

Thank you for your generosity!
Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

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Saint Valentine's Family Dinner & Talent Show

Ukrainian Catholic Parish of St. Basil the Great 202 Harcourt Street, Winnipeg

We are looking for singers, dancers, story-tellers, musicians, comedians and other talents you are going

to share with us in the Parish Talent Show that will take place during the dinner. All ages are welcomed. Prizes for participants are **GUARANTEED**. Please contact **Nadia Khrustavka (204-771-6463)** to add your or your child's name to the list of the **Evening's Performers.**

Saturday, February 4 - 5:30 pm
Adults \$30.00, Children 12 and under \$15, Children 2 and under Free! **Tickets** can be purchased in the Parish Office or from our volunteers: **Nadiya or Philip 204-771-6463** or **Harry 204-832-0265** or **Gus 204-888-3830**



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
Maples Care Home: Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik
Beacon Hill: Helen Naherny
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SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

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VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа: Christ God, present in the Blessed Sacrament, guide us in the weeks after our AGM

Christ Icon – Christ, teach us to discern truth in our news in our conversations in the promises of our politicians



Mother of God Icon – Mother Mary, please protect the vulnerable who are mercilessly abused by evil people, comfort those who were and reveal to us how we can help.

Request your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of praying, knowing the candle burns for a week for your intention.

This Thursday is the Feast of the Encounter or Presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple. It is a major feast of the year and we must all try to get to church this day. We will have two Divine Liturgies so that those who can't come in the morning can make it in the evening. (or, if neither of these times are good for you, please make it to another church that has Liturgy at a time that works for your work/school/care-providing schedule. On this feast we also bless candles! In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first born, was presented in the Temple on the fortieth day after His birth. a holy old man, Simeon was promised by the Lord that he would not see death before seeing the Messiah. When he took Jesus into his arms, he declared, "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a **light** of revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel"



Christ is the light of the nations, hence the **blessing of candles** on this day. The faithful take the candles home and light them when they need Christ's intervention such as in times of illness or bad weather or just at times when they want to have a little bit of the light of Christ in their home... their family... their marriage...

COME ON THURSDAY FOR THE FEAST AND FOR THE CANDLES

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