



Protection of the

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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

Sunday after Theophany

January 8, 2023

**Неділя по Богоявленні
Г.Н.І.Х**

ХРИСТОС ХРЕЩАЄТЬСЯ! CHRIST IS BAPTIZED in the river Jordan!

Happy New Year again to all... **and let us rejoice in our Baptism all over again!**

Just a few days ago, we celebrated the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the river Jordan. I'll bet you *didn't* know some of the background! Did you know...

1) That Moses let the Israelites through the Red Sea.... and THEN, 40 years later, after wandering around lost in the desert, they had to cross one more hurdle before they got to the Promised Land: **they had to cross the River Jordan**

2) That it was **Joshua**, not Moses this time, who led them across this final crossing

3) That he arranged for "12 men, one from each tribe of Israel" to carry the Ark of the Covenant into the river Jordan, and as soon as their soles touched the waters of the Jordan, it ceased to flow: ... **"the water flowing down from upstream halted in a single heap"**. *Joshua 3:9-13* Our *First Antiphon* from Jan. 6 does indeed call out, "The sea beheld (Jesus being baptized)...**Jordan turned back**... Why is it, O Sea, that you flee?... O Jordan, that you turn back?"

4) That after he crossed with his people, **Joshua took 12 stones from the riverbank** and placed them in the middle of the river where the priests had stood, to mark the place where once again, God saved His people

5) That years later, the prophet **Elijah, accompanied by Elisha, used his cloak to strike the waters and made them part**, to let the men cross... and as soon as he got across on the eastern side, he was **taken up into heaven** in a whirlwind and a chariot of fire. **Note: Heaven opened!**

6) That **Elisha then copied his master**, and used the same cloak to strike the water to part, crossing now back to the western side to begin his own ministry

7) That **St. John the Baptist began his public life preaching to people** and baptizing them in the Jordan at a place called "Bethany beyond the Jordan" -- a high-traffic road to/from Jerusalem and Jericho

8) Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan...and suddenly the heavens opened, and many present saw a dove (the Holy Spirit) descend upon the head of our Lord, and heard the voice of the Father saying "this is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!" **Note: The heavens opened again!**

9) That **crossing the Jordan represents freedom from oppression**, breakthrough, deliverance? We, too, by being baptized, are washed from original sin, and can "breakthrough" now towards heaven.

The Jewish people, **especially the Pharisees**, definitely knew all the above. **Why did they give Jesus such a hard time?** Let us NOT be like the Pharisees. Let us love and obey Our Lord now and forever! **Thank You, dear Lord, for our baptism! May we strive for heaven constantly.**



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 are warmly invited to our **Parish Christmas Dinner -- Jan. 15th -- NEXT WEEK -- 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: [2023 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg](#))
7. **Please pray for your Christian brothers and sisters who are being persecuted, often tortured and often killed.** The latest: Just before Christmas, in **Nigeria, in the state of Kaduna**, again terrorists from (probably) the Fulani tribe (Muslim) attacked and burned many villages. **Over 40 Christians were killed**. The devastation is harrowing... the local diocese is encouraging Catholics and other Christians to continue pushing the government to prosecute terrorists, and to be vigilant about defending their own villages from violence. We are allowed to protect our dear ones as best we can... but we are obliged to pray for our enemies as well. Are we here in Winnipeg praying for our brothers in Nigeria? Let the answer be a resounding YES from today onwards!

Blessed Virgin Mary UCWLC Corner



We invite you to celebrate with your fellow parishioners our annual **CHRISTMAS DINNER/ PROSPHORA**. Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance by tomorrow -- Monday, January 9th. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**. Adults \$15. Children 5-12 yrs \$7. Under 5 yrs. FREE. Please contact Janet @ 204-582-5932 or jkuchma@mymts.net, or the parish office to purchase tickets.

8. **Let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our dear departed Pope Benedict XVI.** Why did young people listen to him at World Youth Days and at other times, even though he spoke in a quiet way, quite unlike his predecessor Pope John Paul II?

"Because the pope's meekness was palpable. It was effusive through everything he did that Benedict was a disciple of Jesus Christ, a Christian, and a man of humility and prayer. There was power in his meekness — and that's a lesson for all of us." *J. D. Flynn*



9. **It is a joy to see so many positive comments** on Facebook yesterday about a man who has been a good friend to our parish as well: **dentist Dr. Andriy Baranjouk**. Do browse [Ukrainian Manitoba - Українці Манітоби | Друзі, сьогоднішній день ще раз підтвердив правильність вибору країни і провінції?... | Facebook](#) Let us continue to build up and help our people every chance we get!

10. **In photo at left:** Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski, with the Mother General of the **Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate** Sr. Sofia Lebedowicz; Bishop Ken Novakowski and his Chancellor; Sr. Janice Soluk, SSMI in the SSMI motherhouse in Rome. The Cause for Sainthood of Blessed Sr.

Josaphata progresses, **but needs a miracle**. Are you and your family praying for a miracle? Consider praying a novena for someone ill you know, then if the Lord permits the prayer to be successful, **let Fr. Michael or a Sister in the SSMI** know immediately.

SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

Pastor, Parish Priest: Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski, JCOD 204-582-7535
Parish Council Chair - Glen Henkewich 204-633-1502
UCWLC President - Janet Kuchma 204-582-5932
Men's Club President - John Natyna 204-339-9366
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Catechism Coordinator - Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298
Church Auditorium Rental - 204-582-7535

VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа: In loving memory of my father and grandfather **Julian Lewicki** from Agnes Yasenko and grandchildren

Christ Icon – awaiting your intention

Mother of God Icon – Mother, Mary of Perpetual Help offer your tender comfort for **Stephania (Stella) Galowan** from Agnes Yasenko



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.



My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Amen.

Taught to us by the Angel of Peace during the First Apparition of the Angel to the three shepherd children of Fatima in spring of 1916.



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Donations the week of January 1, 2022:

- Sunday collections: \$1810 (40 env.)
- Candles: \$133.50
- Seminary \$-
- Christmas carolling: \$50
- Vichna Lyampa. \$10
- Ukraine: \$-
- Christmas flowers \$25
- Christmas offering \$110
- Special church donation \$300
- New Envelopes \$240
- Expenses: \$8874.65 (Hydro, plumbing (urinal repairs church basement, 3 singers, printer repair, snow removal)

Thank you for your generosity!
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Schedule of Services Jan. 8 to Jan. 15, 2023

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

Mon., Jan. 9
Martyr Polyeucte; post-feast
 James 2:14-26 ... Mark 10:46-52

Tues., Jan. 10
Venerable Gregory of Nyssa; post-feast
 James 3:1-10
 Mark 11:11-23

Wed., Jan. 11
Venerable Theodosius post-feast
 2 Cor. 4:6-15
 Matthew 11:27-30

Thurs., Jan. 12
Martyr Tetiana post-feast
 James 4:7-5:9
 Mark 11:27-33

Fri., Jan. 13
Martyrs Ermylus & Stratonikus post-feast
 1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10
 Mark 12:1-12

Sat., Jan. 14 **9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy for health & birthday blessings for Virginia Prokopanko by Joan Sikorsky**
Martyrs of Mt. Sinai post-feast
 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23
 Luke 17-3-10

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!!

No Divine Liturgies in our church this week, until Saturday. Please call the Basilian Fathers in case of emergency:
204-582-6695



2023

JANUARY--We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.
FEBRUARY -- We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.
MARCH -- We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.
APRIL -- We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.
MAY -- We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.
JUNE -- We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.
JULY -- We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.
AUGUST -- We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.
SEPTEMBER -- We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.
OCTOBER -- We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.
NOVEMBER -- We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.
DECEMBER -- We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



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



<-----John Kutcher mans the table at the recent Men's Club Pancake Breakfast, telling Jimmy Sawchuk that it'll be a great meal!



↑ This is a common sight after almost every Saturday Divine Liturgy! It's Father changing out the Vichna Lyampa. Hold that ladder steady, Myron!

