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Sunday of the
Holy Forefathers

Welcome to our Parish!
Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії
December 17, 2023

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Праотців

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Parishioners: In one week -- it will be Christmas! and we will be singing "Boh Predvichnay" and "Vyta, Isuse!" and all the other carols we love so much. This is the last week to find presents for those we love. But maybe let's consider giving spiritual presents, rather than running off to retailers. Listen to this account by an orphan in Ukraine, now all grown up, but who looks back fondly on her childhood in a place that truly understood Christmas:



«Пам'ятаю, як ... ми відкривали подарунки і там були ялинкові іграшки, які дарувалися кожній дитині для майбутнього самостійного життя, щоб знаходячись далеко від дому пам'ятати про дитинство і пам'ятати дух Різдва. Усі іграшки чудові, але одну з них я кожного разу згадую з трепетом і зі сльозами на очах. То була маленька, схожа на кришталеву, скринька із запискою: "Твої багатства на Небесах будуть неймовірні у порівнянні з тим, які скарби могли би лежати у такій коштовній скрині. Ісус". В інші роки я теж отримувала кілька "записок від Ісуса". Але та для мене найцінніша, і навіть будучи дитиною я добре зрозуміла її зміст і на все життя його запам'ятала.» Олександра М.



"I remember how ... we were opening presents and there were Christmas tree toys which were given to each child for his future independent life, so that, one day being far from home, they would remember their childhood and remember the spirit of Christmas. All the toys were wonderful, but one of them I remember every time with awe and tears in my eyes. It was a small, crystal-like box with a note inside that said: "Your riches in Heaven will be incredible compared to what treasures could lie in such a precious box. Jesus". In other years, I also received several "notes from Jesus". But this one was the most precious to me, and even as a child I understood its meaning well, and remembered it for the rest of my life." Aleksandra M.



The Christmas Donkey is Coming Closer!

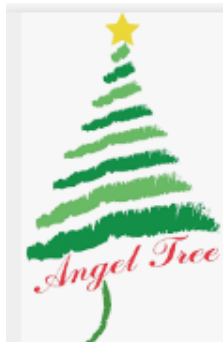
How is your family preparing for Christmas? Do you have some family traditions of preparation? The famous Catherine Doherty (founder of Madonna House) has a nice one, about her mother's bracelet. Never underestimate the impact a mother and father have on their children!

"When I was a little girl, my mother used to tell me that if I was good during this holy season of Advent, and offered my little acts of charity and obedience throughout Advent to the little Christ Child for a gift on his birthday, then ... **sometime during Advent, I would hear bells.** (As she put it, the first church bells.) These were the bells around the neck of the little donkey that carried Our Lady. For mother explained that Our Lady carried Our Lord. She was the temple of the Holy Spirit, the first 'church' as it were, since Christ reposed in her. **And the donkey, carrying Our Lady and sounding his bells as he walked, wore the first church bells.** Around the second week of Advent, mother wore a little bracelet that had tinkling bells. As she moved her hand I could hear them tinkle, and I got excited because I associated them with the donkey's bells. As young as I was, my imagination would build up a lot of little stories about the trip of Our Lady from Nazareth to Bethlehem — stories which I would share with my mother, and which **would spur me on to further good deeds and little sacrifices.** During the third week of Advent, mother's bracelet miraculously got many more bells on it. The sound grew louder and louder as Christmas approached. It was wonderful. My brother and I used to listen. Mother's bells were first around her wrist and then around her knee too. Then more bells, as it got closer to Christmas. We were really excited about them. I introduced this little custom in Madonna House. During Advent, I wear a kind of bracelet that can be heard as I walk or move, in whatever room of the house I may be. The members of our family tell me that it spurs them on, even as it did me when I was a child, **to meditate more profoundly on the mystery of Advent.**"



Parish News & Events:

1. We welcome our **Bishop Andriy Raby** today for both Divine Liturgies! Вітаємо сьогодні нашого владика Андрія на обох Божественних Літургіях!
2. We express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **+Jennie Sherman** who passed away December 9th, and whose funeral will be tomorrow in our church. Please keep her and her family in your prayers, and may God grant her Eternal Rest. Вічна їй пам'ять! ... Складаємо щирі співчуття родині та друзям **+пані Євгенії Шерман** котра відійшла до вічного спочинку 9-го грудня. Нехай Милостивий Господь Бог прийме душу Новопредставленої до Свого Царства і дарує їй життя вічне. Вічна їй пам'ять!
3. Congratulations to **Anna Paslawski**, our parishioner, who **just turned 100 last** week in Maples Care Centre. На многії і благії літа! **Вітаємо Анну Паславську**, нашу парафіянку, якій щойно виповнилося 100 років минулого тижня в Maples Care Centre. На многії і благії літа!
4. The **Men's Club** would like to thank all parishioners and guests for supporting their pancake breakfast. Also, they would like to thank everyone who helped with the breakfast. **Чоловічий клуб дякує всім парафіянам** та гостям за підтримку млинцевого сніданку. Також вони хочуть подякувати всім, хто допоміг зі сніданком.
5. Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 28**. Your Parish needs you! Please think about joining the Council to help maintain the Parish and to plan for the future. More details to come. **Річні загальні збори** відбудуться в неділю 28 січня, 2024. Ви потрібні своїй парафії! Будь ласка, подумайте про приєднання до Ради, щоб допомогти підтримувати парафію та планувати майбутнє. Детальніше буде.



5. We are once again selling **Mary's Angels for the Angel Tree**. Profits are divided between the Marian Hour on CKJS Radio and our parish. The cost is \$5.00 per angel. On **December 27, St. Stephen's Day**, Father will celebrate Divine Liturgy for the deceased family members in whose memory you have purchased an angel. Please meet at the entrance of the church after Liturgy to purchase your angel. Thanks for your support!

Програма «Катехизм» знову **розпродає Ангелів Марії за Дерево Ангелів**. Прибуток розподіляється між Годинюю Марії на Радіо CKJS і нашою парафією. Вартість 5,00\$ за ангела. 27 грудня, празник св. Стефана, отець звершить Божественну Літургію за покійних членів родини, на пам'ять яких ви придбали ангела. Зустріньтеся біля входу до храму після Літургії, щоб придбати свого янгола. Дякуємо за підтримку!

6. BVM Parishioners who are sick or housebound who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confession & Holy Communion before the Nativity of Our Lord (Dec. 25) may do so by contacting Father Hoi at 204-582-7535 to arrange a date.**Парафіяни, які хворі або прикуті до дому, які хотіли б отримати Таїнства Сповіді та Святого Причастя перед Різдвом Господа (25 грудня), можуть зробити це, зв'язавшись з отцем Гой за номером 204-582-7535, щоб узгодити дату.**

News & Events Elsewhere:

7. **Koliada!** A group of carolers from parishes in the Winnipeg Archeparchy will be going caroling beginning in the afternoon on Thursday December 28 to share the joy of Christmas and to carry on a wonderful tradition. Donations are accepted but not required, if given the donation will go to the parish of your choosing. To have carolers visit your place or any questions please call Jonathan (Івась) at 204 805-1151.

Коляда -- Група колядників із парафій Вінніпезької Архиепархії планує вирушити по місті із колядою у четвер, 28 грудня, щоб поділитися із іншими радістю Різдва Свят та продовжити цю чудову традицію. Пожертви за коляду вітаються, але не є обов'язковими. Якщо ви вирішите дати пожертву за коляду - вона буде скерована до тієї парафії, яку ви оберете. Якщо ви бажаєте, щоб до вас завітали колядники, або зацікавлені у детальній інформації - звертайтеся до Івася (Jonathan) 204-805-1151

8. **Pope Francis has appointed Very Reverend Michael Smolinski, CSsR**, until now Provincial Superior of the Redemptorists in Canada, as Bishop of the Eparchy of Saskatoon. This decision was announced from the Vatican on Thursday, November 30, 2023. Bishop-Elect Smolinski becomes the 6th Eparchial Bishop to minister to the Ukrainian Catholic Faithful in the Province of Saskatchewan. Born and raised in Saskatoon, Bishop-Elect Smolinski served in pastoral ministry in Saskatchewan, as well as in Manitoba. For many years he directed The Welcome Home project for inner city residents in Winnipeg.

Since January 2023, he was Provincial Superior for the combined English-speaking, French-speaking, and Ukrainian Catholic Province of Canada for the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer – the Redemptorists. Following the transfer of Bishop Bryan Bayda from Saskatoon to the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada in 2022, the Eparchy of Saskatoon was administered by Metropolitan Archbishop Lawrence Huculak of Winnipeg.



The dates for the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Smolinski as Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon have been set for Saturday, **20 January 2024** (Ordination) and Sunday, **21 January 2024** (Installation) in Saskatoon SK. The Rite of Nomination will be on Friday, 19 January 2024. Principal celebrant will be His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav.

Preparing the Way of the Lord: An Advent Quiz

1. Who said, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour"?
2. Why did the child leap in Elizabeth's womb?
3. What was the name of that child?
4. What name did the neighbors want to give Elizabeth's son?
5. Why did they want that name?
6. Who was the Roman Emperor who decreed a census should be taken?
7. Complete the sentence: "Today in the town of David a saviour..."
8. To whom did the angel speak that sentence?

9. Who said "My soul magnifies the Lord"?
10. To whom was it said?
11. Which of the 4 Gospels gives details about the shepherds at Bethlehem?
12. Which of the Gospels tells us about the wise men?
13. Who was the King who interviewed the wise men?
14. Which of the Gospels begins: "A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham"?
15. Who was the father of Joseph?
16. Which great Prophet is quoted with the words: "A virgin will conceive..."?
17. Which of the Gospels gives us that quotation?

 <p>KARPATY MEATS & DELI <i>Fresh Homemade Sausages</i></p> <p>536 Bannerman Ave. @McGregor Winnipeg, MB R2W 0V6 Mon.: Closed Tues: 8 AM-5 PM Wed-Fri: 8 AM – 6 PM</p> <p>204-586-1395</p>	 <p>907 Main St. Winnipeg, MB R2W 3P2 Tel: 204-956-2193</p> <p>245 Railway Ave. Vita, MB R0A 2K0 Tel: 1-204-425-3114</p> <p><i>Sewing the Ukrainian community for over 45 years</i></p> <p>info@korbanchapel.com www.korbanchapel.com</p>	<p>Seven Oaks Sadok Inc. Daycare</p>  <p>provides quality, licensed childcare while preserving the Ukrainian language, culture, customs and religion. We welcome all children from all backgrounds & religious denominations, offering: Full day Preschool (ages 2-5) Nursery School (ages 2-5) Morning Program: 9:00-11:20 After Kindergarten: 11:30-3:20 • Before & After School programs (ages 6-12). Location: R.F. Morrison School, Winnipeg. For more information or to register, call (204) 995-7614 or email cynthia_sadok@live.ca</p> 
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	 <p>950 Main Street 1375 Grant Ave. 1241 A Henderson Hwy. 1-850 Regent Ave. W. 310 Leila Ave Mon-Fri 9:30 am - 5:00 pm (Leila branch also open Sat.) 1940-2022</p> <p>204-989-7400 carpathia.ca</p>	
<p>This space is for <i>your</i> message.</p> <p>Call us! 204-582-7535</p>	 <p>COLLISION CENTER Ivan Pecuh 811 Murray Ave. Winnipeg, MB R2V 4S7 Tel: 204-334-4754 Fax: 204-338-3705 <i>Collision, Glass replacement, Restoration, Insurance Claims</i></p>	
	<p>GALARNYK Insurance Agency Ltd.</p> <p>696 McGregor St. Winnipeg, MB R2V 3T8 204-582-7891 M to F: 9 AM-6:30 PM Sat.: 9-2:30 PM</p> <p><i>Serving the Community for over 55 years!</i></p>	

TWO PRE-CHRISTMAS STORIES to HELP US PREPARE:

1) A Christian Church Welcomes the Stranger.

A lady called "A.C." told this story recently to an online blogger. If she had come to our church, would we have noticed her?

"My Grandmother was very ill and I was going through a divorce and on top of that I was laid off work. I knew Christmas was around the corner and it was going to be a hard one. I didn't let anyone know what I was going through (it was a pride thing) but I kept my head high and struggled each day.

I had a very good friend who invited me to her church, a very small community church where everyone knew each other. I kept finding every excuse I could, as to why I should not go and that worked for awhile. I said my prayers at night but I still had my pride and I didn't want to ask anyone for help. After awhile I finally gave in and decided I would go to the church with my sweet friend to the next Sunday night service. The devil tried every way possible for me not to make it but I had made a promise to a special friend who was dealing with the early stages of ALS.

That Sunday rolled around and I went, dragging my feet. Little did I know God had a reason for putting me there at that time and I cannot tell you how much my life was blessed. My friend had talked with the Pastor and explained my hardship and the church adopted my family for Christmas. I was so touched with all the wonderful things that the people of her church were doing for me. We had a wonderful Christmas, I had a new extended Church family and a better relationship with God. I don't know what I would have done without their help.

I think about what my friend did for me and I try to give as much as I can and as often as I can. God called my friend home shortly after that but I will remember her forever, especially at Christmas time and dedicate what I can do in Honor of her. So that's my Blessing at Christmas time, to help others during their hard times."

2) Grandma Gets Things Back on Track

"A few years back my Grandma brought a birthday cake to our annual Christmas Eve party. I'm not sure the frosting was even red or green. I guess it didn't have to be. The cake sat in the fridge while we finished eating, opening presents, and playing "the reindeer game" (yes, we wear antlers on our heads). As people began to pack up, Grandma asked if we could sing Happy Birthday to Jesus before leaving. This was new territory at the party but no one was going to second guess Grandma. So we turned down the lights, lit candles, and hit the play button on the Brooklyn Tabernacle song "Happy Birthday Jesus." And then we quietly joined our voices with those of sweet children singing Happy Birthday to Jesus. I looked around and couldn't help but notice the wonder in the eyes of my youngest cousins. And I saw the tears in my Grandma's eyes. And I heard the sincere voices of my aunts and uncles. And it was a holy moment.

Schedule of Services December 17th - December 24th, 2023


Розпорядок Богослужінь

Sun., Dec. 17 **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers** **Неділя Святих Праотців**
 9:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- Ukrainian -- For all parishioners
 10:30 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- bilingual (Ukr./Eng.) -- intention still available

Mon., Dec. 18 9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Martyr Sebastian 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа ...
 Hebrews 8:7-13 **FUNERAL Divine Liturgy for +Jennie Sherman**
 Mark 8:11-21



Tues., Dec. 19 9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Martyr Boniface 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...
 Hebrews 9:8-10; 15-23 **For health of Antonina Witrowych by daughter Erena**
 Mark 8:22-26

Wed., Dec. 20  **In Fred Douglas Lodge today:**
Priest Martyr Ignatius 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа ...
 Hebrews 10:1-18 **For health and God's blessings for Frances Bodnar by her Prayer Partner**
 Mark 8:30-34

Thurs., Dec. 21 9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Martyr Juliana 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...
 Hebrews 7:1-16 **For +John Gorbay (3 yrs) by Maria Gorbay & family**
 Luke 21:28-33



Fri., Dec. 22 9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Great Martyr Anastasia 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...
 Hebrews 11:8, 11-16 **For +Morris Zemliak (10 yrs.) by family**
 Mark 9:33-41

Sat., Dec. 23 9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Prophet Haggai; post-feast 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...
 Ephesians 2:11-13 **For +Wilfred Krawchuk (32 yrs) by son Terry Krowchuk**
 Luke 13:18-29

Sun., Dec. 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** **СВЯТИЙ ВЕЧІР**

9:00 a.m. -- Sunday Divine Liturgy /Служба Божа
 10:30 a.m. -- Sunday Divine Liturgy/ Служба Божа

5:00 p.m. -- Christmas Divine Liturgy/Різдвяна Служба Божа
 9:30 p.m. -- Confessions /Сповідь
 10:30 p.m. -- Great Complines/Велике Повечір'я
 11:00 p.m. -- "Midnight" Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)/Різдвяна Служба Божа

10:00 a.m. -- CHRISTMAS DAY -- DEC. 25 -- РІЗДВО ГНІХ /Різдвяна Служба Божа



 **IMPORTANT! PICK ONE FROM EACH BOX ABOVE TO ATTEND!** This year, because Christmas falls on a Monday, we must fulfill both our Sunday duty AND our Christmas duty. So, choose one Divine Liturgy from each block, and come. These are Holydays of OBLIGATION! Please make this effort to show the Christ Child that you are truly thrilled to welcome Him!

Tues., Dec. 26 **Synaxis of the Mother of God, & St. Joseph** **Собор Пресв. Богородиці і св. Йосифа**
 10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- For all parishioners

Wed., Dec. 27 **St. Stephen** **Первомученика Стефана**
 10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- "Angel Tree" Liturgy -- for all the deceased requested



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 every one...."

River East Care Home: Edward Holowich **Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik **Beacon Hill:** Helen Naherny **Seven Oaks Hospital:** Ø **St. Boniface Hospital:** Ø **Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko, Mary Shabbits

At home: Antonina Witrowych, Dmytro Sikora
 Please let us know when there are changes... many people pray over this info box!

VIGIL LAMPS for the week of December 17:

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лампа – for +Father Roman Dobriansky from Antonina & Irena Witrowych

Christ Icon – For health & God's blessings for Sr. Michaila from Antonina & Erena Witrowych

Mother of God Icon – For health of mother Antonina from Erena Witrowych

Request your Vigil Lamp at least a week ahead. This is such a beautiful way of praying, knowing the candle burns for a week for your intention. \$10 each; your preference of lamp will be accommodated whenever possible. This is a way that supports our parish, in addition to obtaining graces for those whom you pray!

