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**Слава Ісусу Христу!**

Welcome to our Parish

Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

**July 2, 2023**

**Матері Божої  
Неустанної Помочі**

**Our Mother of  
Perpetual Help**

## СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

As Winnipeg's Marian Parish, we take special delight in celebrating this still relatively new feast in our Church - **Our Mother of Perpetual Help**. This ancient Icon of the Mother of God which was finally entrusted to the Redemptorist Fathers nearly 160 years ago that they would spread devotion throughout the world. [They obviously fulfilled their mandate well as this icon or a very close version of it can be seen in many churches and homes around the world.]



**Мати Неустанної Помочі,  
спаси нас!**

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help,  
save us!**

...never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

...ще не чувано ніколи, щоб вона не допомогла, чи у горю, чи в недолі цього земного життя...

May we never neglect to turn to Mary, asking for her help at the brightest and darkest moments of our lives, to humbly and earnestly ask for her intercession before her Son Jesus Christ. She has the ear of the Lord like no one else in the history of the world and she wants nothing more than to bring us to her Son and to the grace that He alone can grant us. [Be sure to take a closer look at the two unique images of Our Lady of Perpetual Help placed on the tetrapod. One is a *statue* donated by **Bohdan Buyachok** and the other is a *bas-relief icon* donated by **Evhenia Bulka**.]

The Marian connection today goes on... today is also the traditional feast of the **Placing of the Holy Robe of the Mother of God at Blachernae**, a town on the outskirts of Constantinople. You see, the ancient ruler of Kyiv, Grand Prince **Askold**, led troops across the Black Sea to Byzantium and started conquering the lands leading up to the great city of Constantinople. The Emperor was afraid that these peoples from across the sea in what today is known as Ukraine would lay waste to the capital of the Empire. He turned to the Mother of God in fervent prayer, laying on the stone floor of the church for hours at a time in prayer (now *that's* an impressive head of state). He asked that the famous relic of the Mary's robe that was enshrined at a church in Blachernae be brought to the capital. They processed around the walls of the city with that robe, singing hymns and imploring the Mother of God to save them and their city. And what happened? The fierce armies from the north developed a change of heart and decided to enter into a peace agreement with Constantinople. The Mother of God came through. In thanksgiving, they held a massive procession back to the town of Blachernae and solemnly placed the Robe of Mary back in the church. That was on July 2, so they also declared that day to be a feast day to be observed every year. And... over 1,160 years later, here in Winnipeg, that is what we are doing!

But there's one more Marian connection today! Today is the feast of a miraculous icon that probably most of us have not heard of. The **Verkhatsky Icon of the Mother of God**. On (wait for it...) July 2nd 1668, people of the town of Verkhata (*now just across the border in Poland*) a strange light over the monastery of the Basilian Fathers and the entire surrounding hill and forest. Everyone came out to see this and, somewhat frightened, they made their way to the church where the icon of Mary was shedding steady streams of tears of blood. This continued for 4 weeks. After which countless miracles and favours were granted to those who made requests to Mary before this miraculous icon!

- Fr. Michael

## Parish News & Events:

**1. TODAY** Please stay after the Divine Liturgy today to celebrate this Marian feast with a bit of **ICE CREAM and fellowship!** Thanks to **Irene Hanuta** for picking up the treats and those that help to set up and clean up after the refreshments.

**Janet** thanks everyone who came out to the "Coffee and Fellowship" last Sunday. Winners of the raffle were: **Addison Chen, Myron Fedoruk, Bill Prokop, Debbie Dolski** and **Barbara Kutcher**. The winner of the special prize for fathers was **Dimitri Sikora**. Thank you to everyone who helped to put on this event. She wishes everyone a great summer.

**2.** Yesterday we celebrated the anniversary of Father **Frank Szadiak, C.Ss.R.** who has been serving the Lord as a priest for **50** years! Today Father **Ihor Shved** is celebrating **20** years of priestly ministry at the Cathedral. Многая літа!

**3.** Congratulations to our children and youth who have completed another **school year!** **Многая літа** for you too! Now that you have all the time in the world, **why not come to church every morning!** It will be more fun and inspiring than you could imagine.



### News & Events Elsewhere:

**4** Mark your calendar for Cook's Creek Pilgrimage **18, 19 & 20 August.**



### THE MIRACLE IN ZAITUN!

Zeitun is an Armenian town of about 10,000 -- almost all Christians -- in the heart of Aleppo, in now-southern-Turkey. When the Armenian genocides were occurring elsewhere, the inhabitants of this town realized it was "now or never", and they seized control of their town before they could be wiped out. Since then, there has been an uneasy truce. One beautiful story emanating from that town dating from 1968 is an amazing one, and is chronicled this year in the Basilian monthly magazine "Misionar" (Missionary) (May, 2023).

### Чудо в Зейтуні. Явлення Богородиці

2 квітня 1968 робітники-мусульмани автобусного парку, що знаходився поруч з храмом, побачили дивне видовище - на даху церкви стояла напівпрозора жіноча фігура, від якої йшло світіння. Спочатку вони не зрозуміли, але потім жажнулися. Люди, що прибігли, побачили на даху Богородицю - такою, якою її зображують на іконах у деісусному чині іконостасу, яка молиться перед хрестом храму, від якого теж виходило сяйво. Фотографи, що прийшли, зробили перші кадри. Звістка про явлення облетіла коптські квартали.

Люди йшли і йшли до храму, який був швидко найменований Явленням (Apparition church). У деякі дні Явлення повторювалося. Люди приносили хворих, і почали відбуватися чудесні зцілення від раку, туберкульозу. У храмі щодня молилися.

Про чудесні події скоро дізнався весь світ. Очевидцями явлень, що тривали безперервно протягом трьох років, були сотні тисяч людей, серед яких чимало фотокореспондентів і журналістів.

Один з робітників, на ім'я Фарух, вказав перев'язаним пальцем (який йому повинні були ампутувати наступного дня) і закричав з усіх сил, думаючи, що дівчина хоче кинутися вниз: «Леді! Не стрибайте! Не стрибайте!» Рухомий відчуттям відчаю, він кинувся викликати пожежників і поліцію, а декілька його товаришів - покликати священика отця Костянтина. У цей момент «Леді», одягнена в мерехтливий світлом одяг, встала на ноги. Одна з жінок внизу закричала по-арабськи, раптово осінена: «Наша Богоматір Марія!».

Наступного ранку, коли робітник-очевидець Фарух прибув до шпиталю на операцію, хірург був вражений, побачивши палець абсолютно здоровим. Це було перше відоме чудо зцілення у Зейтуні.

Новина про видіння поширювалася з швидкістю полум'я, викликаючи хвилю сильної наснаги неймовірного числа християн, мусульман, іудеїв і навіть невіруючих. Натовпи, що збиралися ночами, досягали 250 тисяч осіб. Кожна поява Богородиці супроводжувалася оглушливими криками, плачем величезної кількості людей, що облягали з усіх боків церкву: «Ми віримо в Тебе, Свята Маріє! Ми свідчимо про Тебе, Свята Маріє!»

**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 **Riverview:** Helen Dolski **Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko

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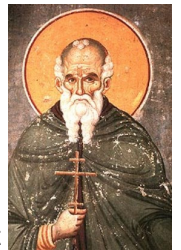
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**Hang in There Right to the End**

There is something about staying right to the very end, that God seems to value very much.

First, **our Lord** seemed very hurt, when in the Garden of Gethsemane He returned to his sleeping apostles and said, reproachfully: "Could you not spend one hour with Me?"



Also look at **young St. John**: He at first fled just like the other apostles in fear that he might be murdered along with Our Lord on Calvary, but he quickly returned and decided to stay "right to the end"... and not only was he *not* killed, but was gifted the most wonderful Mother anyone could ever have!

And take the **Jesuits**, for instance. For centuries, they have valued the legacy of the "30-day Retreat" left by their founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola. If today you should go on one of these retreats, or even just their 8-day one for that matter, you will most likely be warned quite strongly not to cut the Holy Hours short by 5 minutes, or even a couple of minutes, or else you are very likely to lose special graces meant just for you. (There are usually 4 meditations or Holy Hours you are asked to do every day of the retreat.)

This Wednesday, we celebrate the feast-day of a lesser-known saint, **St. Athanasius of Athos**. His death was rather... interesting: He was inside one of his churches when a church dome crumbled above him, and the falling masonry killed him. BUT did you know that he likely would not have become as holy as he was, nor have done the good he did, if early in life when he was looking for the right spot to live as a hermit, he didn't "stay right to the end"? By this, I refer to a deal he made with God: Athanasius had come to one spot in the wilderness that he thought would be a good place. He resolved to give it a try for one year. However, as the weeks turned into months, he began to hate the place. However, a promise to God is a promise, so he "gritted his teeth and bore it". Guess what? On the very last day, "a heavenly light suddenly shone upon him, filling him with an indescribable joy. All the thoughts dissipated, and from his eyes welled up graced tears. From that moment Saint Athanasius received the gift of tenderness, and he became as strongly fond of the place of his solitude as he had formerly loathed it."

Lesson for us? **Let us stay the course to the end! GRACES AWAIT!**

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**Our Lord Casts Out Demons**

APPEALED. DROWNED  
APPREHENSIVE  
BESEECHED  
CLIFF  
DEMONS



EXPEL  
GADARENE  
JESUS  
POSSESSED  
SAVAGE  
SHRIEKED



SWINE  
SWINEHERDS  
TORTURE  
TOWNSPEOPLE

# Schedule of Services July 2 to July 9, 2023

Sun., July 2



**5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**5-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа**  
**Матері Божої Неустанної Помочі**

**8:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)** - for all our parishioners

**10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual)** -- Anniversary Blessings for  
Fr. Frank Sziadiak & Fr. Ihor Shved

Mon., July 3

**Martyr Hyacinth**  
Romans 16:17-24  
Matthew 13:10-23

6:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary

**7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy...** For +Bertha Protasiewich, *BVM organist* (19 yrs)  
by SSJ

Tues., July 4

**Venerable Andrew of Crete**  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
Matthew 13:24-30

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy...** God bless America in this  
critical time in her history



Wed., July 5

**Venerable Athanasius of Athos**  
Galatians 5:22-6:2  
Luke 6:17-23

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy...** Благословення на день народження для  
Ганнусі (10) та її родини

Thurs., July 6

**Venerable Sisoës**  
1 Cor. 3:18-23  
Matthew 13:36-43

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy...** For +Mary Henkewich  
by Diana Kochanski Kornik

Fri., July 7

**Venerable Thomas**  
1 Cor. 4:5-8  
Matthew 13:44-54

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy...** For the 2023 Graduating  
Class of the Ukrainian  
Catholic University, Lviv



Sat., July 8

**Great Martyr Prokop**  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 9:18-26

7:20 a.m. - 1st/3rd Hour & Rosary

**8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy...** For my brothers and sisters and their families  
by Tom Kwiatkowski

Sun., July 9

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

**6-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа**

**8:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)** - for all our parishioners

**10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual)** -- For health & God's blessings for Claudia  
Kuryk Serray by Janet Kuchma

## **VIGIL LAMPS** for the week of July 2nd:

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especially those who graduated!



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**Feast days of obligation.** What does that mean? These are days that we are obliged to personally, physically participate in a celebration or exercise of repentance together with the whole Church. The basic rule for days of obligation are to **participate in the Divine Liturgy** and to **refrain from physical work**.

What are the days of "obligation"? They are every Lord's Day - i.e. **every Sunday of the year**, as well as **a number of feast days** - including, for example: the Transfiguration (Aug 6), the Dormition (Aug 15), the Protection of the Mother of God (Oct 1) and nine others.

What if we are bound by work or school? Well, if one can not be excused from work or school on every such obligation day (*although religious holidays are often an reason for exemption*), one can at least make time to participate in the Divine Liturgy (that is why our parish tries to have at least two Liturgies on such days). If the liturgical schedule in one's own parish doesn't work, it is easy to find another Catholic parish that is offering an appropriate time (perhaps, if need be, even what is known as an "anticipation" Liturgy served on the eve of the day before the day of obligation is offered by some parishes).

"Obligations" should not be necessary for those who truly love their Lord and their church, but they are in place to help us not stray from our identity and the commitment we have made through baptism. This is important to our lives. And that is why, when we make our Confession, we mention times that we did not fulfil this obligation. Some may be tempted to question obligation days, but we live with them all the time. We are obliged to attend work or school daily or we might lose our job or be disciplined for truancy. In many organizations we are obliged to attend meetings and events or we may be asked to leave. With sports – team sports or golfing clubs etc. - we must attend practices or games or we may be kicked off the team or benched for a few games. Even bikers oblige the members of their club to ride a certain amount of days or miles or be disciplined. The fact is – we face obligations in many aspects of our life. The question is – **what obligations do we consider more important than others? What obligations do we teach our children are more important than others?** In reality and in the end, what obligations will prove to be the most important?