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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

**Sunday of the
Nicene Fathers**

May 21, 2023

**Неділя
СВЯТИХ ОЦІВ**

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Декада Місійності 2023 Mission Days

Here we are, in a remarkable **movement of renewal** that was initiated in the Ukrainian catholic Church a few years back and has been promoted in active parishes **throughout the world** ever since! This "Decade" of mission activity lasts for the 10 days from the Ascension into the feast of Pentecost Sunday. The point is to wake us up to an important part of our Christian living that involves **evangelization!** ... going out and sharing our Christian [specifically: Ukrainian Catholic] faith with whomever we can throughout our entire life, until our Lord calls us home to the goal of our entire life - life eternal in the Kingdom of Heaven.

During these 10 days (this is the 4th day!) we want to revisit the sometimes neglected, and very BIG, part of our being members of Christ's Mystical Body - the Church: We, too, are called to be Apostles and Evangelists! We too are called to do our part in bringing everyone to Our Lord and His way of Salvation (which, of course, is the only way).

The essential purpose of these MISSION DAYS is:

to re-ignite in us **the gift of faith** that we received in the Sacrament of Baptism;

to make us able and confident to **share the faith** with others;

to help us bring the **joy of the Gospel to the world**, the good news of salvation in Christ;

that we become, as **disciples** of Christ, **missionaries**, **proclaiming** God's merciful love to the world.

Мета ДЕКАДИ МІСІЙНОСТІ є:

розпалити в нас **дар віри**, який ми отримали в Таїнстві Хрещення;

зробити нас здатними **ділитися вірою** з ближніми;

допомогти нам **нести у світ радість** Євангелія, добру новину спасіння в Христі;

щоб ми стали, як **учні Христові**, **місіонерами**, **проголошуючи** світові милосердну Божу любов.

So let's start talking about our mission mandate. How are we going to put this into practice? What is our plan to get started and to keep this effort going throughout our life? How can we collaborate with our family to get the Good News out more effectively? How can we do this with my fellow League members? With my fellow Men's Club members? My fellow Perogy-makers? Who can I talk to first? My children? My brother or sister or even my parents? We might think it's difficult, but, just like that first swim of the day (or since last summer) it might seem daunting, but then we jump in! You haven't talked about the faith in your family for a long time? Well, now's the time. Maybe you might have to apologize for not keeping the faith front and center in your marriage and your family, but it's not too late. Start asking about and discussing the Faith at the table, in the car and over coffee. Why not? Start slow and see how it grows. Maybe we have odd ideas about our faith, well let's start doing the fact checking with reliable sources and get back on track. The world needs the faith, but we can start with our own household -- Jesus Himself came *first* to the house of Israel, then diverged from there. And He entrusted his Apostle and Disciples with the same duty that should never stop ... even right up to our day and beyond!

Fr. Michael



Parish News & Events:



1. We are a parish dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary -- and our parishioners have always loved to gather on lovely **May evenings to sing Moleben in her honour! Please come out every night at 7 p.m.** and make this a year to remember for your family.
2. BVM is participating in **Doors Open Winnipeg** again this year. Our lovely church will be open to the public from 11:30am to 3:30 pm **this Saturday, May 27**. Tours will be offered hourly (11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30) giving information on our church history – the architecture, mosaics, stained glass, Byzantine iconography and beautifully carved iconostas. Of course, our Parishioners are encouraged to attend, too ! Maybe you will learn something about your church that you did not know. We really need volunteers! **If you would like to help, please contact Irena Hanuta at (204) 297-7814 or irene.hanuta@gmail.com. Only an hour or two of your time to help!**
3. **A request from our Doors Open team:** Would you **donate a baking**, to make the day even more memorable to those who come to see our church this weekend? Please bring by Friday evening to the church (then perhaps stay for Moleben at 7), or bring earlier and leave at the parish office during office hours. This would definitely add a warmth to Open Doors day!
4. **For these 9 days before Pentecost Sunday, we pray a short prayer of preparation for Pentecost Sunday (Zeleni Sviata). This Novena will be prayed after Moleben in the evening. When was the last time you came to a weekday service? COME TO MAY DEVOTIONS, and let us, besides giving great honour to our Blessed Mother, prepare for Pentecost Sunday together.**
5. **Have you picked up your parish photo book?** Those who sat for photos may pick theirs up (without charge) in the parish office.. *(Note to those who submitted their OWN photos: please bring your \$15.)* If you did not sit for a photo, but would like a book for a keepsake of your fellow parishioners, you may purchase one at \$20.
6. **Cemetery services:** Please mark your calendars now: this Sat., May 27 @ 2 p.m.-- **Holy Family Cemetery** and Sunday, June 4 @ 2 p.m. -- **All Saints Cemetery**.

7. Volunteerism, Apprenticeship and Subsidiarity

We need volunteers! In fact, we need every parishioner to decide how he or she would like to volunteer some time to the parish. Church maintenance, help at liturgies with collections, church set-up, Rosary, ushers, readers, choir-members, auditorium set-up, catechism and education programs, bringing people to/from church, hospital visits, community Evangelization outreach, community assistance outreach, administrative assistance, facility enhancement planning, clean-up and 'refreshening' at our church and at our parish centre, fundraising events, DoorsOpen volunteers, etc. etc. etc.

Unlike this ancient kingdom built by **slaves** (of which only **ruins** remain) ...to build up the **living KINGDOM OF GOD**, we need many...

VOLUNTEERS who are willing to give some time in many aspects of Parish life. Please help...



News & Events Elsewhere:

8. **A pro-life annual fund-raising buffet dinner** will be held **this Friday, May 26th** at 6:30 p.m., in Holy Eucharist Hall (Watt & Munroe). Guest speaker: Jim Hughes, who was president of Campaign Life Coalition for 30+ years ("Canada's Pro-Life Warrior"). Tickets are \$50 (table of 6 for \$300). Please RSVP by May 18 by calling 204-452-2459.



9. **The 23rd Annual Walk for Mary** will be held **next Sunday, May 28th, 2023** at Holy Eucharist Parish, Watt & Munroe. on the Feast of Pentecost. **Starts @ 2 PM** For more info, call 204-669-3666 or email zenova@mymts.net.
10. The **O. Koshetz Choir** is pleased to pair with soprano **Katherine Mayba** in presenting *Rejoice in Easter, Celebrate in Spring 2023*. - **Sunday May 28, 2023, 7pm**, St. Andrew's United, Oak Street.



11. Wouldn't it be nice to get out of the city for a day... and head for a BBQ AND a great event? **The Annual WALK for LIFE for our province takes place in Steinbach on Sunday, June 4. Its BBQ stars at 1PM, with the walk following at 2 PM.**

12. Maybe you would drive just a bit further to **Niverville on Friday, June 2** for a wonderful **Dinner with pro-life speakers?** Niverville Heritage Centre, 100 Heritage Trail, Niverville. Speaker: Joy Smith, the founder of the Foundation named after her, that fights human trafficking. **RSVP by May 26 at lifeculture.ca/gala.**



<--- **Many thanks to Mrs. Evhenia Bulka**, shown here with her son **Zenon**, who donated a lovely *bas relief* icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (blessed recently after Sunday Liturgy, as you recall). As you light candles in our Marian corner, please take a moment to pray before this icon, brought with such love from overseas many years ago, and now a precious addition to our church.

Seven Oaks Sadok Inc. Daycare 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



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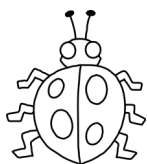
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There are names of sixteen (16) books of the bible hidden in the paragraph below. Lets see how many you can find. A preacher found 15 books in twenty minutes; it took him 3 weeks just to find the 16th one, HAVE FUN!

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others, it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.

submitted by Sylvia Romanchuk



MAKES SENSE

“Why are you a Catholic?”, they asked a well-known convert at the time: **Samuel Haldeman**, who held the chair of Natura Science at the University of Pennsylvania.

“Bugs”, he answered.

“Bugs? Why?!” they asked. He replied,

“No matter how tiny the bug, I found it always has one “centre” that controlled all its parts, keeping them all working together. I started to think, “Surely God, making so big a thing as His Church, would do as much! I looked at all the churches, and realized that there is only one Church that has this single, organized “centre”. So... I’m a Catholic.”

Application: Just as a bug has one organism makes it possible for all parts of the bug to together, so God, who founded the Catholic Church, wanted it to be one so that it might act one organism. Each part of that organism -- member in the state of sanctifying grace -- has God’s life in it. The Church is one in faith, sacrifice, sacraments and government.



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Fr. L. Lovasik



The Larger the Family...

“Studies have shown, in fact, that due to the increased sibling connection, **children from large families have better social skills** (*Journal of Marriage and Family*, Ohio State University, May 2004), **do better at school** (*Family Composition and Children’s Educational Outcomes*, Institute for Social and Economic Research, 2001) and **grow up feeling more emotionally supported** (*Sibling Relationships Across the Lifespan*, University of Utah, 1982). These studies and others have shown that children in large families naturally **develop skills to negotiate and accommodate, are more independent and self-sufficient** as young adults, and are **more resilient** in coping with life’s stresses. “

Laura Locke 2022



ASCENSION of JESUS We are still in the Post-feast!

Can you answer

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these questions?

- 1) After His resurrection, how long did Jesus remain on earth before he was taken up to heaven?
- 2) What did Jesus say to His disciples shortly before His ascension?
- 3) As he was being taken up, what hid Jesus from the eyes of those watching?
- 4) Who appeared beside them as they were watching Jesus disappear?

1. 40 days
2. "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."
- Also, "I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Also, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
3. A cloud
4. An angel

The Head and Father of our Church, His Beatitude **Sviatoslav** presents...

THE DAILY LESSONS AND GOALS OF MISSION DAYS ...

“Today I address all of you faithful of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, led by your priests and bishops, and invite each one of you to embark together with me on an extraordinary pilgrimage that will last for ten days—from the Ascension to the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost. We are calling this pilgrimage the Missionary Decade of Days in which we turn the attention of our entire Church towards our common vocation as “missionaries,” that is to say a community ready to share God’s Word of salvation with others.

The stages of this pilgrimage are based on a reading of the Acts of the Apostles throughout this decade of days for our overall growth, highlighting the following topics:

- 1) The **gift of baptism** and divine adoption: lest we forget, Whose children we are and that we have a “heavenly citizenship;”
- 2) The **Word of God**: to remind ourselves that God made Himself known to the human race and continues to speak to us;
- 3) The **teachers of faith**: to remember those who gave us the gift of faith and who now guide us in the faith;
- 4) The **gift of consecrated life**: to appreciate the great gift of monastic and religious communities in the Church and to accompany those vocations by our prayers;
- 5) To **be a disciple of Christ**: to feel the calling that God has for each of us—FOR ME—to follow Him and live according to His teaching;
- 6) **Responsibility for the gift of faith**: to be aware that this gift demands our continual response and efforts;
- 7) **Willingness to testify** —to serve: to give witness to God’s wonderful works and to serve Him and our neighbour as the Lord Himself showed us;
- 8) Our Cross: that we **be not afraid of life’s difficulties and challenges**, and carry our crosses bravely for the sake of Christ;
- 9) To be filled with a **missionary spirit**: to experience that to be with Christ is an indescribable joy that should be shared with everyone;
- 10) The gift of the Holy Spirit: that we may **always be open to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit**, Who already dwells in us and moves us towards what is good.

Have you studied the section in the official catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – Christ Our Pascha – on the question of Contraception? You owe it to yourself..... Some of the text includes....

“Contraceptive actions impact the entire human person by limiting his or her ability to accept the gift of new life. The consequences of such actions can be not only the physiological but also the spiritual, moral, and psychological inability of a married couple to give birth to children. The formation of a contraceptive mentality can also become a consequence.” “...the contraceptive mentality leads inexorably to

an abortion mentality. Rather than reducing the number of abortions, as its defenders contend, contraception merely stimulates disordered sexual life and actually leads to an increase in the number of abortions.” “Contraception is frequently a sign of an already existing crisis in family relations and destroys the unity of Christian marriage. ... Contraceptive acts are a moral evil because they eliminate the marital vocation to fatherhood and motherhood.”

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky expresses the particular harm of contraception thus: “Similar to the killing of children, although an entirely different sort of sin, are actions by which parents limit the number of their progeny. Such instances are obviously not sins of murder, but it is difficult not to regard them as a grave offence... for although a life has not been taken away, a life has not been allowed to be! A people whose women do not wish to submit... to the responsibilities of motherhood and whose men seek sexual satisfaction without regard for the responsibilities and burdens of family life and irrespective of the goal of marriage: such a people is doomed to annihilation.”

The pilgrimage →

last week to Bishop Velychkovsky Shrine by our ladies of the UCWLC was more than memorable! Some of us were first-timers, but even those who had been many times, heard new plot twists and additional explanations in a way Father John Sianchuk, CSSR and his sister Lesia made most memorable and enjoyable. ↓

Many thanks!



A Blast from the Past. Who are these lovely ladies? Quiz yourself... (go talk to a UCWL member if you're not sure!)



Next Sunday is League Day! As a Parish, we take this opportunity to honour and thank our Parish Branch of the **Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada** for

all that they have done and continue to do for our Parish! Are you not a member yet? Please consider joining! Yes, it may take a little while to learn the ropes and workout a way to balance your family life and other important matters and your involvement with the League activity, but there's always a way... speak with a League member today!

THANK YOU! ДЯКУЄМО ВАМ ВІД ГЛИБИНИ ДУШІ!

Schedule of Services May 21 to May 28, 2023

Sun., May 21 **Sunday of the Holy Fathers**

Неділя Святих Отців

and post-feast of Ascension

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

10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) -- for +Archbishop Myroslav Marusyn
by former student

7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions' & Mission Day Prayer 3/10

Mon., May 22

No morning services today

Martyr Basilicus & postfeast

Acts 21:8-14

John 14:27-15:7

7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions' & Mission Day Prayer 4/10

Tues., May 23

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

Confessor Michael & postfeast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For ++Helen, Sofia, Volodymyr by Dmytro Sikora

Acts 21:26-32

John 16:2-13

7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions' & Mission Day Prayer 5/10

Wed., May 24

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

Venerable Simeon & postfeast 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Catherine Buyachok (4 yrs.) by son Bohdan

Acts 23:1-11

John 16:15-23

7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions' & Mission Day Prayer 6/10

Thurs., May 25

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

3rd Finding of head of John the Baptist 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +John Kutcher by Kwiatkowski family

2 Cor. 4:6-15 & postfeast

Matthew 11:2-15

7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions' & Mission Day Prayer 7/10

Fri., May 26

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

Apostle Carpus

Acts 27:1-28:1

John 17:18-26

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... Birthday Blessings for Sandra, by family

7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions' & Mission Day Prayer 8/10

Sat., May 27

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

ALL SOULS SAT.

Acts 28:1-31

John 21:14-25

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Joe Bor and company by friends

7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions' & Mission Day Prayer 9/10

Sun., May 28

PENTECOST SUNDAY

НЕДІЛЯ П'ЯТДЕСЯТНИЦІ

8:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) -- for each and every one of our Parishioners

10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) -- God bless our Parish Branch of the UCWLC

1:00 p.m. -- 2023 WALK FOR MARY begins at Holy Eucharist Church

7:00 p.m. - Маївки Молебень / 'May Devotions'



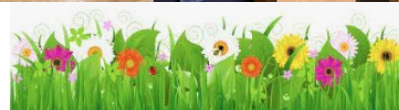
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Annual Memorial Service \$10
Photo directory: \$70
Total income: \$2792.10
Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

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...." **River East Care Home:** Edward Holowich **Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik **Beacon Hill:** Helen Naherny **Riverview:** Helen Dolksi **Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko