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Feast of CHRIST the KING Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії October 29, 2023

ПРАЗНИК Христа Царя

ТНЕ KING OF GLORY COMES, THE NATION REJOICES! ПРИХОДИТЬ ЦАР СЛАВИ, РАДІЄТЬСЯ НАРОД!

"Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Хто цей славетний Цар? То всемогутній Господь всесильний, Господь, непереможний воїн. О брами, свої голови зведіть! Правічні двері, ширше відчиніться, щоб увійшов крізь вас преславний Цар! Хто той славетний Цар? Господь Усемогутній, це Він отой преславний Цар! (*Psalm 24:8-10*)

Dear Parishioners!

One of the songs I very much liked while a student at the Redemptorist Fathers' St. Vladimir's College in Roblin was "Who is the King of Glory, what shall we call Him?" which, of course is based on Psalm 24 quoted above.

A chapel full of boys singing it with enthusiasm was an inspiration in itself, but add a full mixed choir and an orchestra and it can be wall-shaking. That is the spirit in which we celebrate this Feast!

The feast of Christ the King isn't really that old (not officially anyway). Like many of the theological concepts in our faith, the "kingship" of Christ has been around for centuries, but it was only established as a feast to be celebrated in the Church by Pope **Pius XI** in **1925**. We can easily imagine that this feast soon became adapted for celebration in our Ukrainian Catholic Church and grew to the popularity that it enjoyed throughout Ukraine and still does.

We in Canada have a concept of what a "king" is as we in fact *have* a King - **Charles III** - whom we are still getting to know after living almost our entire lives under his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

"King" may mean different things to each of us, but we know that throughout history in various cultures of the world a King can be great ... or short-lived and forgotten. He can be a wonderful ruler or a tyrant. He may be rather democratic, seeking counsel from various groups, or he may rule with an iron hand. And so many other attributes can come to mind.

Well, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is, in fact a king --the "King of kings"! He speaks about this to Pilate who was about to wash his hands of Jesus, allowing Him to be taken to His death. "My kingdom is not of this world... my kingship is not from this world [...] you say that I am a king." (John 18). He truly has dominion over all creation and over our salvation and life eternal. Because, He is not only the creator of all, but He is the



salvation and life eternal. Because, He is not only the creator of all, but He is the redeemer. It is because of His coming into this world and establishing His Church and dying for our sins that we would have eternal life. He opened the gates of heaven to each of us; to **all** of us (... unless we make other plans for ourselves). We all love our independence and our freedom. We have to fight for it sometimes and safeguard it at other times. However, there is one ruler to Whom we are willing to submit ourselves and all our thoughts, words and actions. That is Jesus. He has proven Himself forever to us. His love and generosity to us in the big picture and in our individual needs has been demonstrated time and again.

For our part, we need simply to give His love and His Gospel and His Church a chance and eventually see the glory and see how good it is to have

Christ Jesus as our ultimate King Who rules our lives. Fr. Michael

Parish News & Events:

1. Be sure to come downstairs today as it is our monthly happy "Coffee and Fellowship"!

2. Parish Council -- please meet this Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 5 PM in our boardroom.

3. Perohy-making in our parish: Nov. 15th & 16th. Please come and help! It's a delightful gathering of friends -- new and old -- who help our parish tremendously by donating a few hours of their time. Just meander downstairs either or both mornings and see what's what.

4. <u>Cabbage Rolls For Sale:</u> Blessed Virgin Mary Parish UCWLC will be making Cabbage Rolls on Thursday, November 23, 2023. \$9.00 per dozen (cooked or raw) <u>Order deadline</u>: <u>Sunday, November 19, 2023.</u> To order, call or email Frances @ 204-633-4662 or <u>francesbodnar@hotmail.com</u>. <u>Pick up times:</u> Friday, November 24 between 11 am. and 1:00 pm. or Sunday, November 26 after the 10:00 am. Divine Liturgy. We would appreciate help from anyone who would like to join us on Thursday, November 23, 2023 at 9:00 am. Thank you.

5. We are sure you are planning to attend the **episcopal consecration of Fr. Michael on Nov. 8th**, **but be sure to pick up your tickets for the Gala Banquet for the next day (Nov. 9th).** We still have a few in our parish office. The sooner you pick yours up, the better chance you have of sitting together with your friends!\

News & Events Elsewhere:

6. TODAY: all are invited to a Fall Tea by the UCWL of Ss. Vladimir & Olga Cathedral, starting at 1 PM. Tickets may be purchased at the door: \$20/adults, \$10 children up to 12.

7. Please support our Ukrainian Park Camp, for current campers, and for future generations, by buying raffle tickets: <u>parkdirect@archeparchy.ca</u> by October 31, 2023, or visiting the Archeparchy office at 233 Scotia. Recently, the main dining hall and kitchen renovation project was a great success guaranteeing many more years of use. This year we hope to begin the rejuvenation our St. Volodymyr chapel to better serve the needs of our park. This unique Ukrainian Chapel is an amazing example of traditional wood structure design. It is a Ukrainian cultural and spiritual beacon that elegantly fits into its natural setting and is the focal point of the park for visitors and residents alike. Needed renovations include: a new roof, log exterior reconstruction and staining, cupola repair, new exterior decks, improved interior lighting and new flooring all keeping the heritage value of the building intact.

8. 40 Days for Life has begun: **Sept. 25-Nov. 5**. Can you spend an hour or two during this time, to walk silently and prayerfully outside the Women's Hospital (near Health Sciences Centre -- right on the corner of William and Sherbrook)? You can drop by anytime between 10 AM and 5 PM, and pick up a ready-made sign that slings over your head. Then all you do is walk back and forth, praying quietly for all abortion to end. Let us give witness to our firm belief that all mothers and children should and must be protected. Check out 40daysforlife.com/Winnipeg, or call Maria at 204-452-2459.

9. St. Basil the Great Parish "Project 2023 Fundraiser" will be held **Saturday November 4th, 2023**, at 202 Harcourt Street. Ticket prices are \$70.00 each for the dinner and draw, or you may purchase a draw ticket only for \$35.00. The dinner and draw ticket are inclusive of a dinner, all drinks, entertainment, and an elimination draw with prizes totalling \$2000. Cocktails start at 5:30 pm; draw at 8:30 pm. This is a wonderful evening of fellowship & friendship. For tickets, call: Parish Office – (204) 837-4180 or Harry Fediuk - (204) 832-0265.

10. St. Nicholas parish (corner of Arlington & Bannerman Ave.) invites all to its Christmas Craft and Vendor Sale on Saturday, November 18th, 2023 11am – 3pm Admission \$1 **The canteen will be open!**

11. A Johnny Cash-themed fundraiser (incl. music, lunch, cash bar) will be held on Fri., Nov. 24 & Sat. Nov. 25 at St. Joseph's Ukr. Cath. parish hall. Proceeds go towards winter gear and medical supplies for soldiers in Ukraine. Tickets are available at St. Joseph's parish office 250 Jefferson Ave. for \$30.

12. If you have free time and would like to help around the city, please remember these: Welcome Home

(204-946-5352), and Bishop **Velychkovsky** Shrine (see notice to your right). Also, Mother Teresa's **Missionaries** of Charity need help

in their soup kitchen from 9:30-11:30. Call them at 204-582-2773.



Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine Volunteer Shrine Ministry

The Shrine and St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church is one of the few Churches in Winnipeg that is open daily for visitors. Keeping the doors open is possible because of those who generously offer their time, a few hours a month, as Shrine volunteers. We are very grateful to the community of Shrine volunteers. However, **we could use more help.**



We invite you to consider being a Shrine volunteer and an ambassador to welcome visitors, promote the cause of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky and spend time in prayer. If you are interested in this ministry experience or for more information contact Lesia Sianchuk at the Shrine office at 204-338-7321 or email: info@bvmartyrshrine.com

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...." <u>River East Care Home:</u> Edward Holowich <u>Maples Care Home</u>: Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik <u>Beacon</u> <u>Hill</u>: Helen Naherny <u>Riverview</u>: Helen Dolski <u>Seven Oaks Hospital</u>: Dmytro Sikora <u>Holy Family Home</u>: Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko



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Ruslan Construction Professional Metal Roofing/Siding Manufacturing & Exterior Construction Locally-made products 204-294-7372 ruslanconstruction.com	FUNERAL CHAPEL Serving the Ukrainian	"Independently Owned" 1442 Main St. Winnipeg, MB 1800 Day St. Transcona, MB Tel: 204-586-8044 Community for over 50 years cropo.com	religious denominations, offering: Full day Preschool (ages 2-5) Nursery School (ages 2-5) Morning Pro- gram: 9:00-11:20 After Kindergarten: 11:30-3:20 • Before & After School pro- grams (ages 6-12). Location: R.F. Morri- son School, Winnipeg. For more infor- mation or to register, call (204) 995-7614 or email cynthia sadok@live.ca
		A 950 Main Street 1375 Grant Ave. 1-850 Regent Ave. W. 310 Leila Ave (Leila branch also open Sat.) 40-2022 carpathia.ca	HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS Office: 204-582-7535 Parish Priest: Rev. Dr. Michael Kwiatkowski <u>ext. 2</u> Auditorium: <u>ext. 3</u> Catechism area: <u>ext. 4</u> Facility Rentals: 204-582-7535
This space is for <i>your</i> message. Call us! 204-582-7535	Tel: 204-334-4754	COLLISION CENTER Ivan Pecuh 811 Murray Ave. , MB R2V 4S7 Fax: 204-338-3705 t, Restoration, Insurance Claims	Parish Council: Irene Hanuta (co-chair) 204-297-7814 Catechism: Good-hearted volunteer needed! 204-582-7535call Father! Men's Club: E. John Natyna, president
	GALARNYK Insurance Agency Ltd. 696 McGregor St. Winnipeg, MB R2V 3T8 204-582-7891 M to F: 9 AM-6:30 PM Sat.: 9-2:30 PM Serving the Community for over 55 years!		204-339-9366 UCWLC: Janet Kuchma, president 204-582-5932 Perogy Making: Myron Fedoruk, president 204-338-7243



The following is from a book by Fr. John A. O'Brien. written in the 1950s. What he writes about sisters in Mexico in the early 1900's applies just as equally to our Ukrainian priests and sisters just a couple of decades ago! Always will the world wage war against the holy Catholic Church, though it is worse in some centuries and decades than in others. We must always be ready, and how do we prepare? By staying close to the Lord, to His Church, and to His life-giving Sacraments!

Hidden Source of Strength

"I have visited homes in Mexico where sisters, wearing the dress of laywomen, were carrying on the work of Christian education in spite of the government's prohibition. No religious picture, image or symbol could be displayed. No tabernacle, no altar, no chapel was permitted. Yet in every such home I would be led into a room where hidden away in a bureau, bookcase or other furniture was the Blessed Sacrament. There the sisters repaired to draw strength and courage to continue their uphill fight against the systematic efforts of the revolutionary government to stamp out religion from the land. Take away their garb, their altar, their chapel, their crucifixes and all the external symbols of their faith, but leave them their Eucharistic Lord and King, and you will have left them all that matters.

"To that hidden place they go to give themselves Holy Communion, and thus to keep alive in the twentieth century the glorious traditions of the Church of the Catacombs. That which is keeping the faith alive in Mexico today, in spite, of the most savage persecution of religion in modern times, is the Holy Eucharist. which is kept in thousands of homes, barns and caves beyond-the spying eyes of the minions of the government. The gentle Christ who said, "**My delight is to be with the children of men!**" is fulfilling His promise and is providing the Catholics of Mexico in this hour of trial with their hidden source of strength and courage. **With their backs to the wall and their faces to the stars**, the Eucharistic Christ will hearten them for the combat until they have shown once again to the world the futility of machine guns and firing squads to crush the naked human soul when steeled with a deathless faith.

It is not only to missionaries in distant lands, and to Christians under the fire of persecution, however, that the Holy Eucharist brings strength and intrepidity, but to all lonely and homesick souls. Just today a student said to me; "Father, when I came to the University a few weeks ago, I was homesick and lonely. It is so large an institution and it's my first time away from home for any length of time. But after receiving Holy Communion all feelings of loneliness and homesickness vanished." He little knew that he was but voicing the experience of every student and of every person away from the ,warmth of the family fireside and the loving atmosphere of home. When Christ comes into our hearts, there we are at home—in any city or in any land.

Everyone who has felt the warm intimacy of the love of Christ in frequent Holy Communion is able to make his own the words of a contemporary poet: Whoso has felt the Spirit of the Highest

Whoso has felt the Spirit of the Highest Cannot confound nor doubt Him nor deny: Yea with one voice, 0 world, tho' thou deniest, Stand thou on that side, for on this am I."

Rev. John A. O'Brien

