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Слава Ісусу Христу!

Welcome to our Parish

Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

September 3, 2023

**14th Sunday after
Pentecost**

**14-а Неділя по
Зісланні св. Духа**

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Friends,

They say honey, not vinegar catches more flies (per St. Anselm). But what if you offer delicacies galore at a wonderful banquet... and everyone you invite decides to stay away?

A King had organized a wonderful banquet, but nearly everyone who had been invited, demurred. Imagine that. They said they would come, but then they changed their minds, and decided not to bother!

In the Middle East, when you are invited, it is done far in advance, and it's a given that you or someone in your family will attend, for to say "no" is an insult. The invitees probably said "yes" at first, but closer to the date, they showed their true disdain for the event by choosing other things as more important. Today, here in our city of Winnipeg, the excuses would be: "Sorry, I'm moving into another apartment that day." "Sorry, I have to get to Costco... to Ikea... because that's the only day I have free..." "Sorry, my grandkids are coming over..." "Sorry, it's the last chance we have to get out to the cottage that weekend..."

The King is furious, but he is determined to go on with the banquet, and he orders his men to go out and collect anyone, even the homeless and the "deplorables". The music starts up merrily, food is enjoyed by all... and then in saunters a man who looks around, maybe nibbles at this, nibbles at that... has a good toss of the wine... and then the King sees him. His fury rekindles ... but wait... since He is a gentleman, He merely asks at first, through whited lips:

"My friend," he said, "how is it you came in here not properly dressed?"

In those days, in those areas, you were handed a garment to put over your clothing. There was no excuse not to be wearing one inside the banquet compound. To have walked in, bypassing the offering at the door of the wedding garment, was pretty much akin to a slap in the face to the King.

But this man dares to remain silent! He just doesn't care! He expects to continue eating and drinking with the others, even though he has done nothing to respect the occasion.

What an ignorant man that must have been. Perhaps even a malicious one.

But my friends, that man without the wedding garment is *you*. It is *I*.

How dare we presume to saunter into heaven, to live with the King of Kings, without a wedding garment? But so many of us are doing just that. We think we can do just that.

We were given the garment at our Baptism. We were supposed to keep it clean and white, and then have it on in order to enter Heaven. If we tore it, dirtied it (by sin), we could easily launder it by going to confession. But so many of us don't bother. We were supposed to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays (at the very least) as the earthly practice for attending the Heavenly Banquet... but so many of us don't bother. Our children have fallen away... gone to other churches... (maybe not even there)... been "married" by "marriage commissioners"... Gone seems to be the effort the early Church Fathers encouraged: that we strive to become holy (by loving and keeping God's 10 Commandments and the directives of our Catholic Church) and once we are holy, we should strive to become holier!

Our whole purpose on this earth is to know, love and serve God, so that we can be happy with Him in Heaven. We do this by accepting the wedding garment at our baptism, with our godparents as proxies, and keeping it as clean as we can by trying to live a truly Christian life. **Only then** may we hope to join the King of Kings at His glorious heavenly banquet. We have great problems in these 2020s: wars (most notably Russia/Ukraine), epidemics and pandemics, terrifying fires and hurricanes worldwide. **Our churches should be filled. They are not.** How are we and our families any better than the man who at least sauntered into the banquet?

Note what happens to him at the end of the story. The King doesn't say, "Oh well, let's just enjoy people as they are... let's just "accompany them" as they walk about and maybe some day they'll understand why My banquet is so important." No. The King gives orders for the man to be "bound hand and foot, and thrown out into the night where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth". Why? **Because that man knew better. His parents taught him better.** Our parents and grandparents taught us better... but so many of us choose to just put it to the side. And the rest of the people, the ones who didn't even bother coming? Well, "many are called, but few are chosen." Chosen, that is, to enter heaven.

Please. Let us carry this message back to our fallen-away family members: **"Come to church! Let's make an effort to be the chosen ones of the Lord!"** - Guest writer



Parish News & Events:

1. We welcome today a **Basilian father**, Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM who has been asked by Fr. Michael to celebrate our 10 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy today and next Sunday.
2. Our parish extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of **+Florence Gregg** who passed away this past Wednesday. Her funeral service will be held at Korban Funeral Home at 10 AM on Friday, Sept. 8. Please remember her in your prayers. *Вічна її пам'ять!*
3. **UCWLC meeting this Tuesday**, September 5th @ 10:00am. We will pray the rosary @ 9:30 before the meeting. New members are always welcome. Please consider joining our ladies' group.
4. There will be a **Parish Council meeting: this Wednesday**, September 6 at 5pm.
5. **VOLUNTEERS!** We need a few good men and women to step up to help with more this year. **We need catechism teachers and adult ed. teachers.** We need someone to step in to commit -- just for this winter - to clear the walks after the snow falls. (We have the equipment... we just need your expertise and time! -- paid position, BTW.) We need an army of pyrohy pinchers and potato peelers and holubtsi makers once every month or so. (Our parish livelihood depends in great part on the proceeds!) If you are a "one-time-spurt" type of person, please come at least to the parish auditorium the evening of Sept. 30 to set up for our Praznyk... Call the office to put your name on the list for this last request.
5. Our parish **Praznyk** -- Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God ("Pokrova") will be on **Sunday, Oct. 1**. Please plan to bring your whole family for the 10 AM Divine Liturgy and to the parish dinner immediately following. (Ticket details elsewhere in this bulletin.) We will need an army of volunteers the night before to set up -- please set aside that weekend FOR YOUR BELOVED PARISH!

News & Events Elsewhere:

6. **\$300 bursaries available!** The Canon Luhovy Assembly Ukrainian Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that eight bursaries of \$300 each are available to Ukrainian Catholic **students, seminarians and religious sisters** of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg who attend post-secondary institutions, seminaries and private Catholic secondary schools. Pick up an application form in our parish office here at BVM, and if you want more info, call Leonard Mariash at 204-668-4358.



7. Our Metropolitan Lawrence will not be attending the Synod in Rome this year (3-13 September 2023) in person. However, Bishop Andriy Rabyi will be participating from our Archeparchy. [Bishop-elect Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski has been invited to participate and it is then that the dates for ordination and installation will be decided.] Please pray for the success of the Synod which will -- among other matters -- will deliberate the particular theme of "**Pastoral Care for the Victims of War**". The Synod begins today (Sunday) with a Liturgy in the Basilica of St. Sophia. The Synod will include a meeting with the Holy Father Francis. "I am asking you: pray for our Synod and this meeting," His Beatitude Sviatoslav has appealed. Let us pray!

Молитва за Успіх Церковного Синоду

Господи, Ісусе Христе, Боже наш, заради невимовної милості Твоєї Ти Духа Твого Утішителя від Отця низпослав на святих Твоїх учнів і апостолів, і ними Церкву Твою по всій вселенній насадив і утвердив. Припадаючи перед Тобою, як раби недостойні, благодарення за Твої благодіяння народові нашому усердно приносимо і безмірну благодать Твою до нас грішних ісповідуємо. Бо від давніх літ країну нашу світлом Твоєї істини просвітив еси і рід наш до спасенного двору святої Церкви Твоєї призвав еси.

І нині споглянь, всеблагий Владико, на рабів Твоїх, разом зібраних, щоб доброводно звершувати їм упорядкування святої Церкви нашої — подай їм духа премудрості й розуму, вклади в серця їхні дух страху Божого, дух благочестя та ревності про славу імені Твого святого, огороди їх від усяких роздорів, спокус і поділів, щоб з'єднані союзом любові до Тебе, свого Владики, та один до одного, безперешкодно звершували діло служіння свого на збудування Церкви святої, як єдиного тіла Христового.

Прийми, Господи, слізні моління наші про спасення країни нашої від усіх бід і напастей, що напосіли на неї, і не віддай нас у руки ворогів наших лютих, щоб не загинули ми до краю, а щоб спасенні Твоюю всеблагю десницею не переставали в Церкві Твоїй ісповідувати й прославляти всесвяте ім'я в Тройці славимого Бога — Отця і Сина, і Святого Духа.

Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, for the sake of Your indescribable mercy, You sent the Holy Spirit from the Father to Your holy disciples and apostles, and through them You planted and established Your Church throughout the universe.

Falling down before You as unworthy slaves, we offer thanks for Your favors to our people and confess Your immeasurable goodness to us sinners. From ancient years you have enlightened our country with the light of your truth and you called our family to your holy Church.

And now, all-merciful Lord, look upon Your servants, who are gathered together in order to best arrange our holy Church. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, put in their hearts the spirit of the fear of God, the spirit of piety and zeal for the glory of Your holy name, protect them from all discords, temptations and divisions, so that, united by love for You, their Lord, and to each other, they may unimpededly carry out the work of their service for the building of the holy Church, as the one body of Christ.

Accept, O Lord, our tearful prayers for the salvation of our country from all the troubles and calamities that have befallen it, and do not deliver us into the hands of our fierce enemies, so that we do not perish to the end, and so that salvation by Your all-beneficial right hand does not cease in Your Church to confess and glorify the all-holy name in the Trinity of the glorious God -- the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Google translation)

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

Donations from August 27, 2023:

Sunday collection: **\$1025.00** (42 env.) Church Needs \$ -- Seminary \$-
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204-297-7814

Catechism:
Good-hearted volunteer needed!
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Men's Club:
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Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Family #3

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PUZZLE

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky used to say: "At the hour of death, the only thing you will have left of all your possessions is what you gave to the poor!" Праведний митрополит Андрей Шептицький говорив: «В годині смерті з усього вашого майна залишиться вам єдине — те, що ви дали убогому!».

Schedule of Services September 3-10, 2023

Sun., Sept. 3

14th Sunday after Pentecost

14-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа

NO 8 AM Divine Liturgy

10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) -- For all parishioners

Mon., Sept. 4

Priest Martyr Babylas
Galatians 2:11-16
Mark 5:24-34

Tues., Sept. 5

Prophet Zachary
Galatians 2:21-3:7
Mark 6:1-7

Wed., Sept. 6

Archangel Michael Miracle
Galatians 3:15-22
Mark 6:7-13

Thurs., Sept. 7

Martyr Sozon & Bartholomew
Galatians 3:23-4:5
Mark 6:30-45

Fri., Sept. 8

NATIVITY of the MOTHER of GOD
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 10:38-42
11:27-28

Sat., September 9

Post-feast; also, Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross
1 Corinthians 2:6-9
Matthew 10:37-11:1

Sun., Sept. 10

Sunday before Exaltation of the Holy Cross Pentecost

Неділя перед Воздвиженням

NO 8 AM Divine Liturgy

10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (bilingual) -- For all parishioners

(Remember: no DL in church in the morning this week until Sunday.)

The following are the DLiturgy intentions FrMBK has taken to Rome:

Date	Intention	Requested by
Mon, Sept. 4	Blessings for Helen Schentag	friends
Tues, Sept. 5	For health & blessings for Phyllis Keryluk	Barbara Kutcher
Wed., Sept. 6	For health of Matthew Bakan	Curtis Shupenia
Thurs., Sept. 7	For Dorothy Labay & family	Issigonis family
Fri., Sept. 8	For Julia (birthday blessings) and her family	Barbara Kutcher
Sat., Sept. 9	For the +poor souls in Purgatory	Dmytro Sikora
Mon., Sept. 11	For Michael Bachynsky & family	friend
Tues., Sept. 12	For ++Anna & Maria Kozlowski, Kristen, Rosemarie & husband Dominique & their daughter Donna	Marion Garrity
Wed., Sept. 13	For the Cortens family	Issigonis family
Thurs., Sept. 14	For +Anthony Fedoruk	son Myron
Fri., Sept. 15	For health of son Eddie Turczyn	Liz Turczyn
Sat., Sept. 16	For the El Shaddai Prayer Group	friends
Mon, Sept. 18	For all deceased members of the Nagy family	Anon.



years older than the Anglican or any other church. The Catholic Church is apostolic because she holds the teachings and traditions of the Apostles; without a break she receives her orders and her mission from the Apostles. *Fr. L. Lovasik with 2-paragraph intro by Sr. M*

A Wise Old Farmer

We all know that **King Henry VIII** used to be a great Catholic man who loved his church.... until he fell in love with someone he had no business marrying. He came to that fork in the road we must all come to some day: CHOOSE. Choose between what we know is God's way... or our own way. **He made the wrong choice.**

(**Frank Sinatra** was a "good Catholic" at one time... we wonder, did he ever get to heaven? We hope and pray so. But some of his millions were made thanks to his rendition of "My Way"... a frightening song, if you meditate upon the words from a Christian viewpoint.)

Anyway.

Queen Elizabeth I -- falsely called "Good Queen Bess" -- was the daughter of this King Henry and Anne Bolyn -- the wife he should not have taken. When Elizabeth grew up, she was riding in a hunting party when she came upon a venerable old farmer working in his field. She soon discovered that the old gentleman was a fervent Catholic, faithful to the old religion. At once, Elizabeth tried to win him over to the religion of her father. The old man listened attentively and respectfully as she spoke, even nodding his head and smiling occasionally. And as she continued to speak, he thoughtfully stroked his rather full and impressive beard. The Queen concluded by asking him, "Well? Will you make up your mind to join us?"

The old man slowly shook his head, grasped his beard firmly in his hand and exclaimed, "How can I join a religion that is younger than my own gray beard?"
Application: Compared to the Catholic Church, all other Christian sects are young. Not one of them goes back to the time of Christ. Well did that farmer know that his Church was 1500

VIGIL LAMPS for the week of September 3rd:

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа – In loving memory of mother-in-law **Katherine Yasenko-Maskow** from **Agnes Yasenko and children and grandchildren**

Christ Icon – For the repose of the soul of **+Florence Gregg** by SSJ

Mother of God Icon – Happy Birthday, blessed Mother Mary! this Thursday, Sept. 8



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WANT TO BE HAPPY?

"Everybody wants to be happy," wrote Archbishop Fulton Sheen. This includes both the wealthy and the poor; persons of every ethnic and cultural heritage; both liberals and conservatives. "The reason most people are not happy is because they want to be happy in their own way and without any purchase price. Paradoxical as it may seem, happiness begins when the ego dies." That is, they worship at the altar of self.

Let's all spend a little time and effort letting our own balloons of egotism be shot through with God's grace. Let's stop worshipping at the altar of self. The world and our homes will be better, happier places because of that effort. *Derek Rotty, NCR 2022*