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Parish Bulletin for the week of

26th Sunday after Pentecost November 21st 2021 26-а неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа

Entrance into the Temple of the Mother of God Вхід у Храм Пресв. Богородиці

Dear Parishioners,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

Today is a truly joyful and heart-warming day, for we commemorate a special Marian day. All eyes in heaven must have been gazing down at the temple in Jerusalem as Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, brought her to the temple to begin a wonderful life of work and contemplation.

Did Joachim give her one last hug and say, "We'll see you in a few months, God willing!" Did Anna have tears in her eyes as she gave her daughter one last kiss before heading down the temple steps?

Mary was tiny but she must have worked very hard, wanting to do her very best. Perhaps helping to bake bread and prepare meals for the hundreds of priests and assistants passing through the temple. She must have sewn and repaired their vestments. She probably became an expert wick trimmer and candle-maker. And all the time, delighting to be in Solomon's temple, she listened to the Word of God as the priests sang and discussed, and she grew in knowledge and love of God. And just think: she still had no idea that her Son would be *the* High Priest for all time!

Now, this feast has also been a source of inspiration for all those who dedicate their lives to the Lord and His People - i.e. His Church - by saying yes to the consecrated life. We are talking about monks and nuns and sisters and those that make a solemn commitment of their lives to the Lord. What happens in today's feast.... a young girl willingly says yes to serving the Lord at His Temple and her parents willingly lead her to that life and allow her to live that life. Did they all approach that decision with some trepidation? One can only imagine so. They were all human and they loved each other and would miss the life that they enjoyed together up to then. But their love for God and their trust in Him emboldened to realize that the Lord would watch over them all and bring them all new joys and adventures and comfort that they have not yet known.

They all realized that this life is wonderful, but it is passing. Life is a gift from God that we want to live well and in accordance with God's eternal providence. How can we live this life to the full in faith

- the only thing that really matters in this life as we prepare to pass from this life to that life eternal that is clearly and repeatedly promised by Christ.

Let us celebrate those who have given their lives to the service of the Lord and pray for them to succeed every day. Let us also ask from the Lord the grace to be as courageous and faith-filled as Joachim and Anna to encourage our children to at least consider such a life and as courageous as Mary when we feel such a tug in our hearts to give our lives to serve the Lord and His People.

Father Michael

SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

Pastor, Parish Priest: Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski, JCOD 204-582-7535

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Men's Club President - John Natyna 204-339-9366

Perogy Committee President - Myron Fedoruk 204-338-7243

Catechism Coordinator - Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298

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Today we celebrate the entrance of the *Theotokos* (the God bearer – Mary) into the temple. Mary goes into the Temple to prepare her heart for God. But she is also the Temple where the Son of God will make His home until His birth. She shows us how to be a true servant of the Lord, living in a way that we also become worthy dwelling places for our Saviour.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The **cantors ("dyaky") of our parish are asked to meet** briefly today right after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy.

2. Our **100th anniversary as a parish family** is fast approaching! We need you and your ideas to make it work, so if you would be interested in offering your ideas, please come downstairs TODAY for a half-hour meeting. Consider, too, whether you might offer yourself for the next few months as member of the planning committee.

3. We have been doing **Pylypiwka readings immediately after each Divine Liturgy**. Please stay, after having attended or tuned into the liturgy... Let's meditate and pray as a parish family in preparation for Christmas. (The booklets for these were sent late to the printers, but they'll be ready any day, for you to take and keep, and follow along.)

4. Do you remember the **lovely Christmas video** we posted on Youtube last year? We are asking for your musical and speaking talent, to make another special video this year of carols, poems, instrumental pieces, what have you. You can sing a solo, or get together with a friend or two (especially brothers and sisters) and sing a carol AT THE CHURCH on a given day. Then we'll splice the results together for a beautiful tribute to the newborn King of kings from our parish family! Call the office and leave your name and what you would like to sing/play/recite.

5. Because of the size of our church, **no pre-registration is actually required** for either **Sundays or weekdays**. However, to be **absolutely sure that you have a spot (just in case our church nears its capacity on Sunday)**, you may register in advance by email. Just send a brief note to BVMWelcome@shaw.ca.

6. Cabbage Rolls for Sale!

The **Blessed Virgin Mary Parish UCWLC** is making **HOLUBTSI** this Thursday, November 25.

\$8.00 per dozen
(cooked or raw)

Order deadline: TODAY, November 21, 2021. (To

order, call or email

Frances @204-633-4662

or francesbodnar@hotmail.com)

Pick-up times:

Friday, Nov. 26 - between 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 28 - after 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy



7. **Catechism** -- Classes continue on Sunday and Tuesday nights, under the direction of Theresa Stojanowicz Hryndzio (204-334-4298). Please call to enroll your child.

8. **We have begun PILIPIWKA --St. Philip's Fast** -- a time to prepare us to receive Christ into the world and into our hearts. Besides today's great feast day, the Presentation of Mary, we celebrate different figures who has helped to show us the way:

St. Andrew (celebrated Nov. 30), was the first apostle called by Jesus. Tradition tells that he travelled to Slavic territories to bring the light of Christ's message to the Slavic people. He encourages us to be the bearers of the light of Jesus to others.

St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker (Dec. 6), whose story is well-known, is an example to us all of preparing our hearts by loving acts for one another.

The week *before* Christmas week, we commemorate the ancestors of our faith: the great men and women of the Bible who kept the promise of the Messiah alive through the ages, the prophets; and we especially admire the Prophet Daniel and the faith and courage of the three children who went into the fiery furnace. They teach us to be courageous in our faith.

A week later, we remember the ancestors of Jesus. These holy people waited and prayed with hope in their hearts that God would send the promised Saviour to the world. They remind us to wait for the saviour with hope in our hearts.

(from the website of the Edmonton Eparchy, Nov. 3)

9. Next dates for making pyrohy: Dec. 1 & 2.

THINGS HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

10. Knights of Columbus Canon Luhovy Assembly 90374 is **selling tickets to support Bishop Velychkovsky Shrine**. Tickets for this Annual **Fundraising Raffle Draw 2021** are 3 for \$75.00 and are available only until November 28th. Only 130 packages are available. Please make cheques payable to Canon Luhovy Assembly #0374. To purchase tickets please drop into our office at BVM, or contact Natalia at St. Joseph's at 204-339-4512.

11. Our Ukrainian Catholic church in Ukraine has had a TV station playing online for some time now -- **Zhyve.TV** -- but now they are branching out with **English-language programming!** Watch their first program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zqy-UvLHh8> in which His Beatitude Sviatoslav speaks.

12. **Canadian Friends of Hockey in Ukraine (CFHU) invites you to a fundraising Traditional Ukrainian Dinner** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Holy Eucharist Parish Centre 460 Munroe Ave. Winnipeg, MB

Cocktails 5:00 pm Traditional Ukrainian Dinner
 7:00 pm **Tickets \$125 ea Tables of 6 \$750**
 Representatives of Ukrainian Ice Hockey Federation. Tribute to Peter Stoykewich. NHL Guests Mosienko Book Launch, Silent Auction, 50/50 draw.

"Please note: Attendees will be screened for Covid19 full vaccination."

13. On Friday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 4th, Holy Eucharist Parish is hosting **Encounter, a retreat for young adults** ages 18-35! Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be provided. Tickets for the retreat are \$15. For more information and to secure your spot, please go to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZSKZLV7>

14. You are invited to make a gift to the **Holy Family Home Festival of Lights Campaign**. Your donation will provide the funds needed to upgrade internet access for our residents. This support will enable the residents to benefit from



additional programming, connect with loved ones, and even help spark memories. Funds raised will also ensure that special resident

recreation events will continue, especially in the parks next year. Your gift will also help light up the Holy Family Home campus. The more dollars raised, the more lights will shine for residents to enjoy. If you travel past the Home this Christmas season, you too will be able to experience the Festival of Lights. **To donate call 204-942-0443** or online at www.lubovfoundation.ca. A non-public **Divine Liturgy** will be lived streamed from the Holy Family Home Chapel on December 5, 2021 at 10 a.m. A link to the service will be available at www.holyfamilyhome.mb.ca.

15. **International Holodomor Famine Genocide Memorial Day** Remembering the Holodomor 2021

Due to the present covid restrictions and fears we are encouraged to hold their own observances and post photos/links to videos of their commemorations.



1. The UCC has confirmed that on **Thursday, November 25** there will be an official Holodomor Famine Genocide **Proclamation** in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly
2. Then on **Saturday, November 27**, the actual **International Holodomor Famine Genocide Memorial Day**, consider doing the following:
 - Drive past or visit and lay flowers, a wreath, or stalks of wheat at one of the more prominent

Holodomor monuments: Legislative Building Grounds; City Hall; Canadian Museum for Human Rights; or the Black Flag display at the (other) Protectress Church at 820 Burrows Avenue.

- **Light candle(s) of remembrance in your street-side windows at 7:32 p.m. (i.e. 19:32... get it?) and observe a moment of prayer and silence with your household.**

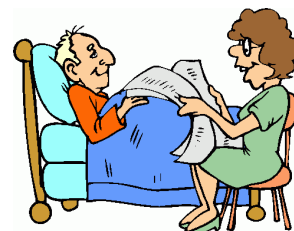
3. **Sunday, November 28**, - Plan to stay for **our Parish** Holodomor Memorial **Panakhida** after the 10:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Praying for the Deceased...

Blessed Virgin Mary Parish has had a long-time tradition where participants at a funeral may request, near the entrance of the church, a Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of the deceased. This ensures that the deceased will receive prayer in the months ahead. The following people requested a Divine Liturgy for the Repose of the soul of **Helen Moroz**. The dates will be posted in our Liturgical Schedule in future bulletins.

Sylvia Prokopanko & Diana Kochanski Kornik, Jean Zalitch, Ken Kuchma, Pat Kuchma, Janet Kuchma, Maria Gorbay, Ollie Eschuk, John Kutcher and family, Mary Henkewich, Neil Wawrykow, Elaine Grzenda

Please Pray for the sick & shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary Parish family and be in touch with them when you can...



"O God Our Father, we pray You: restore to physical health those of our parishioners who are weakened with illness, give peace of mind to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Help them find in the days of their strength, a faith and trust in You and a love for one another to guide them through any health challenges or troubles they may face. Amen."

Holy Family Home: Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick,, Adam Romanchuk
Maples Care Home: Anna Paslawsky, Irene Prokop, Eleanor Harik



Vigil Lamps

Eternal Lamp - For health and God's blessings for Father Michael Kwiatkowski and Sr. Michaila on the occasion of their birthdays (Nov. 21, Oct.30) -- Kutcher family

Christ Icon - for the Moroz and Dynkavitch families who recently lost their mothers

Mother of God Icon - for the **Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate**, the **Sisters of St. Joseph** and all the religious orders of women that serve the Church

Please let us know your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of prayer, knowing that the candle burns for a week for your intention!

Special Donations

	\$
In memory of Helen Moroz	
Al Henzel	5
Adam & Sylvia Romanchuk	20
Agnes Yasenko	30
Irene Pilipowicz	15
Marilyn & Robert Kowalchuk	50
Irene Deda	50
Darlene & Ronald Komonko	50
Evelyn Chubaty	20
Debbie Dolski	20
Ken & Bertha Stoyko	50
Helen & Norman Drohomereski	50
Sharon Johnson	20
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Antonina Witrowych	200
In memory of William Tomchuk	
Helen Tomchuk	300
In memory of Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski	
nephew Eugene Nakonechny	100
In memory of +Emelia Parashin	
Marion Garrity	20

In memory of +Robert Lacombe
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God bless you for your thoughtful generosity

Sunday (Nov. 14) Collection: \$1604.50;
 (Envelopes 13). (candles - \$84.50)

Expenses: \$ 2400.19

(e.g. utilities, cleaning/office supplies, cathedraticum)

We are grateful for all donations to our parish, and thank God daily for your generosity of spirit. Whether by weekly envelope in the basket, or by e-transfer (sent to bvmchurch@gmail.com) or by EFT (electronic fund transfer -- call us for the form), "Let each one give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"

Schedule of Services from November 21 to November 28, 2021

Come! or at least join us online [Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church - YouTube](#)

Sun. November 21, 2021	26th Sunday after Pentecost 9:20 a.m. 3rd Hour & Rosary 10:00 am Divine Liturgy - Служба Божа - For all parishioners	
Mon., Nov. 22	7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary. Post-feast of the Presentation Apostle Philemon 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy..... Birthday blessings for Sr. Zoe SSMI 8:40 a.m. Pylypivka Reflection by mother Mary Bernatsky	1 Timothy 5:1-10 Luke 17:20-25
Tues., Nov. 23	7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary Post-feast of the Presentation Amphilochius 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Birthday blessings for Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski, 1 Tim. 5:11-21; 8:40 a.m. Pylypivka Reflection by Kutcher family Lk. 17:26-37 5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski (40 days), by the family 5:00 p.m. Year of St Joseph devotions	
Wed., Nov. 24	7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary Post-feast of the Presentation Great Martyr Catherine 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Mike & +Mary Brelis; +Anne Pasieczka 1 Timothy 5:22-6:11 8:40 a.m. Pylypivka Reflection by Diana Kochanski Kornik Luke 18:15-17,26-30	
Thurs., Nov. 25	7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary Post-feast of the Presentation Pope Clement 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For +Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski 1 Timothy 6:17-21 8:40 a.m. Pylypivka Reflection. by Dr. A. Baranjouk Luke 18:31-34	
Fri., Nov. 26	7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary Venerable Alypius 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For +Helen, +Sophia, +Volodymyr 2 Timothy 1:1-2,8-18 8:40 a.m. Pylypivka Reflection by Dmytro Sikora Luke 19:12-28	
Sat., Nov. 27	7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary Great Martyr James 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For blessings for 50th anniversary Galatians 5:22-6:2 8:40 a.m. Pylypivka Reflection of John & Barbara Kutcher Luke 10:19-22 5:30 p.m. Vespers by Kutcher family	
Sun., Nov. 28	27th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Divine Liturgy - Служба Божа - For all Parishioners 11:00 am Panakhyda for the Victims of the Holodomor	

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THE HOPE TO WHICH THE LORD CALLS US!

An Excerpt from the pastoral letter of the Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops that was published this month. Please make time to read the whole letter that can be found on the website of our Archeprarchy.ca

6. The Christian Family - A Domestic Church. Speaking and preaching about the Christian family, the venerable Metropolitan Andrey was convinced that it provides "teaching, on which depends and is supported the future of the entire people" (On the Christian Family, 1900). In the same spirit of his great predecessor, Patriarch Josyf, in the twilight of his life, wrote: "Parents, the Christian Family - that is the foundation for a healthy society, a people, a nation. It is the pledge of their growth and strength! And thus, I beseech you: preserve it, and where it has been shaken, restore the authentic Christian family among the Ukrainian people, as the undying hearth of life and health for the Church and People" (Testament of His Beatitude Patriarch Josyf). And so, our Church, continuing the work of these illustrious righteous leaders, gives special attention to the spiritual care and spiritual accompaniment of families.

The past year of 2020 brought suffering to millions of people across the globe because of the pandemic. This time of unprecedented challenges demonstrated, with particular clarity, what a great gift it is for us, Christians, to be able to gather together in prayer "in the same place," as the first disciples of Christ did (see Acts 2:1), breaking the Eucharistic Bread and calling upon the Holy Spirit, who transfigures the community of God's children, making it the living Body of the Risen Saviour. All of us experienced with great pain, and, in part, still continue to experience a "Eucharistic hunger," a longing for live participation in the Liturgy. Quarantine restrictions, established by the governments of many countries, forced us for a certain time to leave our churches and worship from our homes. Some

have seen in this movement of the People of God the fulfilment of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by" (Is 26:20).

With gratitude we can attest today that our households and Christian families in this difficult time became a place of great and convincing faith witness. Parents were given an opportunity to read the Holy Scriptures with their children, to pray and take part in online-streaming of services from parish or cathedral churches. The experience of our underground Church, so fresh in the memory of the older generation, was put to use once again, showing the unique and irreplaceable role of the family in fostering and transmitting the faith. Nothing can replace the good example of practicing Christian parents. Society today needs the witness of the healthy Christian family, possibly more than at any other time in human history.

Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine

Blessed Vasyl Devotions:

Wednesdays 7:00 pm in person and online

Shrine Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,

Saturday 10 am -1:00 pm

The Shrine will be open for prayers following St. Joseph parish's regular weekend Divine Liturgies (Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am & 11 am).

Only individuals may visit for now --no groups! (and please wear masks when entering the Shrine)

However, many a family became painfully aware of its limitations and weaknesses, which became apparent in those long weeks and months of quarantine restrictions. Many a family experienced the loss of loved ones, crisis, and tension. More than a few persons realized how they are unable to show patient and merciful love towards their closest. Many a parent sensed that they weren't prepared to guide their children with wisdom and in a God-like manner, to support one another on the faith journey in the midst of the turbulent sea of the pandemic and the difficulties associated with it. To these human, spiritual, and psychological limitations were added external factors such as the loss of employment, reduction of salary, which became a source of additional suffering and anxiety in families. To all our families we wish to express reassurances of our closeness and prayers.

At the same time, we renew our appeal to the clergy to give central attention to family ministry, catechesis of the family, which is called to be an image of the community of the Most Holy Trinity in the world, and a sign of hope for all humanity. A believing family, that "community of life and love which God himself wanted for man and woman" (St. John Paul II, General Audience, October 8, 1997), and which church tradition call a "domestic church," is to be "the path of the Church" for all times. In the same address, St. John Paul II spoke of this: "Yes, the family is eminently the 'path of the Church' which recognizes in it an essential and irreplaceable element of God's plan for humanity. The family is 'the privileged place for personal and social development.' Whoever fosters the family, fosters the human person; whoever attacks it, attacks the human person. Today the family and life are confronted by a fundamental challenge which affects human dignity itself."

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A word puzzle reflecting on the life and role of **Mary** in Salvation history.... (source: wordmint.com)

Name: _____ Date: _____

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