

SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUNDAY, September 6th
2020

SUNDAY LITURGY

10:00 a.m. English

(Rosary at 9:30 am)

Office Hours (Tues. & Thurs.)

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

CONFESSIONS Before Divine Liturgies

BAPTISM By appointment

FUNERALS By arrangement

MARRIAGES: By appointment at least six months in advance

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Welcome
to Our Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. (1: 21 - 2: 4)

Brothers and Sisters! God is the one who firmly establishes us along with you in Christ; it is he who anointed us and has sealed us, thereby depositing the first payment, the Spirit, in our hearts. I call on God as my witness that it was out of consideration for you that I did not come to Corinth again. Domineering over your faith is not my purpose. I prefer to work with you toward your happiness. As regards faith, you are standing firm. I did decide, however, not to visit you again in painful circumstances. For if I cause you pain, who can make me happy again but the ones I grieved? I wrote as I did so that when I come I may not be saddened by those who should rejoice my heart. I know you all well enough to be convinced that my happiness is yours. That is why I wrote you in great sorrow and anguish, with copious tears -- not to make you sad but to help you realize the great love I bear you.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1 - 14

The Lord told this parable: "The reign of God may be likened to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the wedding, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying: 'Tell those who were invited, See, I have my dinner prepared! My bullocks and corn-fed cattle are killed; everything is ready. Come to the feast.' Some ignored the invitation and went their way, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, insulted them, and killed them. At this the king grew furious and sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city. Then he said to his servants: 'The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were unfit to come. That is why you must go out into the byroads and invite to the wedding anyone you come upon.' The servants then went out into the byroads and rounded up everyone they met, bad as well as good. This filled the wedding hall with banqueters. When the king came in to meet the guests, however, he caught sight of a man not properly dressed for a wedding feast. 'My friend,' he said, 'how is it you came in here not properly dressed?' The man had nothing to say. The king then said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the night to wail and grind his teeth.' The invited are many, the elect are few.

***SCHEDULE All Sunday and Feast Day
Divine Liturgies are limited to 50 people,
please register through the office at 204-
837-4180 or Dorothy Labay at 204-832-6834***

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feast or Intention, requested by</i>
6 Sept., Sunday	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy for all parishioners with a live stream
7 Sept., Monday	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
8 Sept., Tuesday	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 Sept., Wednesday	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
10 Sept., Thursday	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
11 Sept., Friday	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy for God's Blessing for Tania Pacholok requested by Anne Lamothe
12 Sept., Saturday	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
13 Sept., Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Liturgy for all parishioners with a live stream

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Basil's, we Welcome Fr. Mykhaylo and his family to our Parish. Our prayers and Blessing are with them as they take on the challenge of this new ministry. The parish Council will work with Father to make this transition smoother.

Thank you to the following people, (Orest, John B., Andy, Tony, Gerry, Gus, Linda G., Leona S.), for painting, plastering, taping, moving of furniture, cleaning, washing cupboards, floors etc. of the Parish House. It was very short notice to do all the work but with co-operation of the group, the work was completed as of Monday, August 31. God Bless You all for your dedication and hard work to finish the required work involved.

For those of you who were not able to attend the liturgy on August 31st, (Fr. Ihor's last day) you can view the service via live stream. (YouTube)

God's Blessing,

Rose Olynyk

Vice President St Basil's Parish Council.

God's Blessings for your

Happiest Birthday

Pylyp Yersak—Ariel Kulchyski—Pat Chuchman—Marlene Dunsford—Anne Tanchak—Vicky Stastook—Wilma Bamburak—Diane Pinuta

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !

**GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MANY MORE YEARS
OF LOVE & HAPPINESS**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dan & Pauline Labay

David & Cynthia Sutherland-Zimrose

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !

SANCTUARY LIGHT *burns eternally to indicate the presence of the Holy Eucharist In the tabernacle.*

The Sanctuary light can be reserved , please contact the office at 204-837-4180.

Thank you to all our Parishioners for remembering your Parish during these difficult times.

We will soon all be together again...

Donations: Many Parishioners have asked how they can keep donating to the church during these unusual times. God bless you for thinking about your parish! If you would like to drop off your envelope - use the mailbox located in front of the Church on Harcourt Street.

Church Custodians

September—Rob & Natalia Hotel and family

Dear Parishioners, Please contact me to help clean the church for a month in 2020. Your early attention would be greatly appreciated.

Diane Pinuta - Church Cleaning Chair

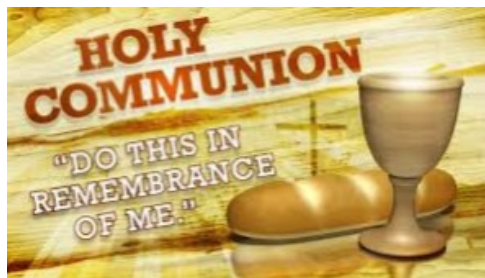
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Call and visit our many parishioners that are ill or experiencing various challenges in life. **Remember:** *If anyone wishes to receive the Sacraments at home or in the hospital or nursing home please contact the parish office or Fr. Ihor directly, at the numbers noted, and we will be happy to visit.*

**Online First Holy Communion Class
2021**

We are planning to organize an online preparation for the First Holy Confession and Communion Class for children 8 years old or older. Younger children are welcome to attend as well. From October to May, once a week, the day and time will be discussed with participants, 45 minutes class on Zoom. If your children are interested in this class - please notify the parish office. Let us grow together in our spirituality.



Who is Fr. Mykhaylo Khomitskyy?

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

It is a great honour, privilege and responsibility for me to serve you all at St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Church and Ukrainian Catholic Mission in Morden. I hope we can work and pray together during my Pastoral Assignment here in this lovely parish. Please feel free to talk with me at any time. I am here to serve and answer your questions. I am looking forward to getting to know all of my parishioners better in the weeks and months to come. From now and on we will continue our joint pilgrimage to salvation together.

I would like to share with all of you a few words about my life. My name is Fr. Mykhaylo (that's Ukrainian for Michael) and I have been assigned by His Grace, Metropolitan Lawrence to be the Parish Priest of the Rossburn District since 2010—until 2020.

I was born on May 26th, 1982 to Bohdan & Anna Khomitskyy. I have two other siblings: one older brother by the name of Bohdan and a younger sister by the name of Iryna. I was born in the village of Hai Rostotsky (Гай Ростоцькі) in the province of Ternopil. My dad was the Head of the District Co-operative and my mother was a photographer. Together we rebuilt my grandparent's home and continue to work in the same orchard, fields, and gardens. They have chickens, pigs and a few cows for fresh milk and cream.

I grew up and attended Elementary, Middle and High school in the village of Oliiv (Оліїв). When I was old enough, I helped my parents with the farm chores and when I was 16 years old, I helped by driving the family tractor and combine.

Despite the fact that the Communists were persecuting of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, during my childhood, our family still found ways to attend the Ukrainian Catholic Church every Sunday. Up until 1991 when the Ukrainian Catholic Church was legally recognized by the State and Communism fell, our family took great risks to attend the Underground Church (sometimes called the Catacomb Church) because my parent's wanted to make sure we grew up knowing how much God loves us all. My parents did not want us to grow up like the atheists, but as Catholic Christians who would know the difference between right and wrong, and to participate in the Sacramental life of Jesus Christ's Holy Church. In 1995, when I was 13 years old, I began helping my Parish Priest as an Altar Boy. When I graduated from High School, my family had great plans that I would go onto university and become a dentist. Instead, I expressed my desire that I wanted to become a Ukrainian Catholic Priest and serve the People of God in His Holy Church. My family was surprised by my decision, but they were supportive.

In 1999, I was accepted to the Ivano-Frankivsk Theological Academy (Seminary). It was a long way from my family's home and friends, but it would turn out to be the best experience of my life. There I studied for the next six years and eventually received my Bachelors degree in Philosophy and Theology. For three years, I assisted and took care of our Seminary Chapel where all the seminarians gathered for prayer several times a day. I became the Sacristan and was responsible to make sure everything was set up for the priests who led the various services. As seminarians, we were also expected to go to the local High School and teach Christian Ethics to the young students. In my last year of studies, I was appointed Prefect, where I was given the responsibility for 60 younger seminarians. I graduated from the Seminary in 2005.

That spring, I traveled to the city of Lviv where I appeared before a Theological Commission and was selected from among many seminarian applications to continue my studies in Rome, Italy. This was a great honour to be one of the few selected from so many. I made a thanksgiving promise to God to do the very best I could and expand my knowledge. I asked God to also help me be, in the future, a good and holy priest and that I might serve Him and the parishioners He would entrust to me. I arrived in the city of Rome in August 2005. It was here that I met Fr. Darren Kawiuk. He too had been chosen and sent to Rome for further studies. For the next three years we would live and pray together with 43 other seminarians and student Priests, while attending various Pontifical Universities and studying different areas of specialization within the Catholic Church. Since I was interested in becoming a married priest - I decided to specialize in the area of Family Issues and Counseling. No one else from my seminary had yet trained for this subject area. Now I knew how I might be able to contribute something special back to the Ukrainian Catholic Church. (second part in the next bulletin)