



Saint Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish Парафія Св. Василя Великого УГКЦ



Parish Mission of All the Saints of Ukraine
Парафія Всіх Святих Українського Народу УГКЦ
Morden, MB

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Parish Bulletin—Парафіяльний Вісник

Sunday, June 30, 2024 Неділя, 30 червня 2024



GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST

First of all I would like to say Thank you to Dorothy and her crew for changing the Altar linens a few days ago. So now we are good for summer.

Special request of prayer for all children and staff who will begin on Monday and for next two weeks Summer Camp at the Ukrainian Park. 23 children from our parish will be in attendance. May the Holy Spirit through us, through nature, through prayer will talk to the hearts of children. I will be away from Monday, July 1st and until July 13th. Fr. Damian will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 7th. But

I will be available by phone calls/text/emails.

In case of emergency, please call me, I will help out, if there is a need I can drive back to the city.

Also, if you are planning to attend Passion Play on July 13th, please let me know.

Our Summer Bulletin will be by-weekly, from next Sunday.

May your summer be blessed, joyful, restful and open for many more opportunities to grow in your own holiness. May the Almighty God bless you all abundantly. Let's continue to pray for long suffering Ukraine.

GOD BLESS




CANADA

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

Перш за все я хотів би подякувати пані Дороті Лабай та її помічникам за зміну обрусів на престолі, тетраподі, проскомидії та інших місцях, минулого вівторка. Тепер цекрва готова до літа. Особливе прохання про молитву за всіх дітей та персонал, які розпочнуть літній табір у понеділок та наступні два тижні в Українському парку. З нашої парафії будуть присутні 23 дітнини. Нехай

Святий Дух продовжує діяти через нас, через природу, через молитву, через відпочинок та промовлятиме до сердець дітей. З цієї причини мене не буде з понеділка, 1 липня, і до 13 липня. отець Дам'ян відслужить Божественну Літургію у неділю, 7 липня. Але я буду доступний через телефон, смс повідомлення/емейли. У разі крайньої необхідності телефонуйте, чим зможу - тим допоможу. Крім того, якщо ви плануєте поїхати на одноденні духовні реколекції і відвідати Passion Play 13 липня, прошу повідомте мене. Наш літній парафіяльний бюлетень буде виходити з наступної неділі, один раз на дві неділі, як попередні роки. Нехай ваше літо буде благословенним, радісним, спокійним і відкритим для багатьох інших можливостей зростати у власній святості. Нехай Всемогутній Бог ясно благословить вас усіх. Продовжуймо молитись за многостраждальну Україну!

GOD keep
our **Land**
glorious
and free

	ST BASIL'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	
	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feast or Intention, requested by</i>
30 June, Sunday 6th Sunday after Pentecost 6-а Неділя по Зісл. Св. Духа	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 2:00 PM 8:00 PM	<i>Choir Practice</i> <i>Rosary</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Birthday blessings for Olga Baschak by Setlack family 60th Wedding Anniversary for Allan & Florence Rebenchuk <i>Morden Divine Liturgy for all Parishioners & friends</i> <i>Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook</i>
1 July, Monday	11:30 AM 8:00 PM	Happy Canada Day <u>Ukrainian Park</u> Divine Liturgy for the people of Canada by Fr. Mykhaylo Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
2 July, Tuesday	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM 8:00 PM	Prayer Vigil Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
3 July, Wednesday	11:00 AM 8:00 PM	<u>Ukrainian Park</u> Divine Liturgy Birthday Blessings for Yanna Khmel (June 22) by parents Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
4 July, Thursday	8:00 PM	Rosary -Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
5 July, Friday	11:30 AM 8:00 PM	<u>Ukrainian Park</u> Divine Liturgy Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
6 July, Saturday	10:00 AM 8:00 PM	Ukrainian Park Divine Liturgy Rosary—Jesus Prayer—Live stream on Facebook
7 July, Sunday 7th Sunday after Pentecost Our Mother of Perpetual Help 7-а Неділя по Зісл. Св. Духа Мати Божа Неустанної Помочі	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 2:00 PM 8:00 PM	<i>Rosary</i> <i>Divine Liturgy (Fr. Damian Dutka)</i> <i>Fundscrip Order for the summer</i> <i>Morden Divine Liturgy</i> <i>Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook</i>

Parish Office Hours

Marusia will be in the office on **Tuesday July 2 and Wednesday July 3 this week.**



**God's Blessings for your
Happiest Birthday!**

**Joyce Maksymetz (1), An-
drii Danylyshyn (3), Tetiana Myktyyn
(3), Kristian Yersak (5)**

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !

Tatsa counters

June— Orest & Ariel Kulchyski & Linda Gardner;

July—Nadiya Khrustavka, Pylyp Yersak and Phyllis Fedor-
chuk

August—Martin & Leona Nechwediuk & Sylvia Smelski

Ushers and Greeters Welcome

June 30—Raymond Yakimik

July 7 & 14—Phyllis & David Shumski

Knowing Jesus is the best gift you can receive. His power and
love can fill you when you encounter Him.

**Please join Father Mykhaylo for the Lectio Divina/Catechism
classes and the teachings of the church on Wednesdays at
St. Basil's**

Church Custodians

July— Phyllis & David Shumski

August—Phyllis Kohanchuk & Angela Izzard

Dear Parishioners, Please contact me, Diane Pinuta - 204-774-
1350 to help clean the church for a month in 2024.

**EPISTLE READING according to the decision of the Pastoral/Renewal committee, there will be a list for everyone
who wish to read the Epistle at the Liturgy on Sundays. Also on third Sunday of every month, Epistle will be read
in Ukrainian according to the decision of the committee. Please call to the office if you wish to help, or to let me
know. ~ Fr. M **Читання Апостола: якщо ви бажаєте читати раз у місяць в укр. м—прошу повідомити
до офісу чи священика. Це буде завжди 3-тя неділя місяця.****

Epistle readers June 30—Rose Olynyk

July 7—Martin Nechwediuk

July 14—Tony Sklar

July 21—Mariana Korbylo

July 29—Ed Yaskiw



O Lord, make us mindful of your generosity,
and glad to do your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful
education, and an honourable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;
from pride, arrogance, and from every evil
course of action.

Make us, who come from many different
backgrounds and countries, a united people –
one in purpose and vision.

Give our government a spirit of wisdom and
compassion that there may justice and peace
in our land.

When times are prosperous, **lead us to
thanksgiving**, and when times are troubled,
lead us to a deepening trust in you.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

**SANCTUARY
LIGHT** burns eter-
nally 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.*

*A Prayer for
Canada Day*



PEROGIES FOR SALE

Please call Phyllis at 204-832-0175 to buy your perogies.
\$8.00 per dozen for potato & cheese

UPDATE ON OUR PARISH St. Basil Summer Day Camp—інформація

щодо Парафіяльного Табору: as of June 23rd we have 80 registered children. So we have reached our capacity. Please pay camp fees ASAP, via e-transfer (\$70) to the parish email, with memo St. Basil's Camp and name and last name of child. Маємо 80 дітей зареєстровано, запис до табору є заритий. Просимо оплатити внески (\$70) через ітрансфер до церкви, або готівкою. Для тих, хто потребує, фінансової допомоги деталі будуть повідомлені через емейл. Fr. M



Knights of Columbus



CANON LUHOVY ASSEMBLY UKRAINIAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
115 Regatta Rd., Winnipeg, Manitoba R2G 2Y7

June 18, 2024

BURSARIES FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Canon Luhovy Assembly Ukrainian Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that ten bursaries of \$500 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.

The 2024 “Bursary Application Form” is included for your use. Please return completed Bursary Application forms to “**Canon Luhovy Assembly Ukrainian Educational Foundation, 115 Regatta Rd., Winnipeg, MB R2G 2Y7**”, no later than Sept. 30, 2024.

Should you have any questions or require more information, please call Leonard Mariash at 204-668-4358 or email at lmariash@mymts.net

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Mariash
President



On behalf of the catechism teachers (Natalia, Amanda, Lesia, Iryna, Meagan and Veronica), we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the UCWLC for sponsoring our Teacher's Windup at the Keg. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and conversation.

May God continue to Bless our Ukrainian Catholic Women's' League of St. Basil's.

WANTED PEROGY DOUGH MAKER

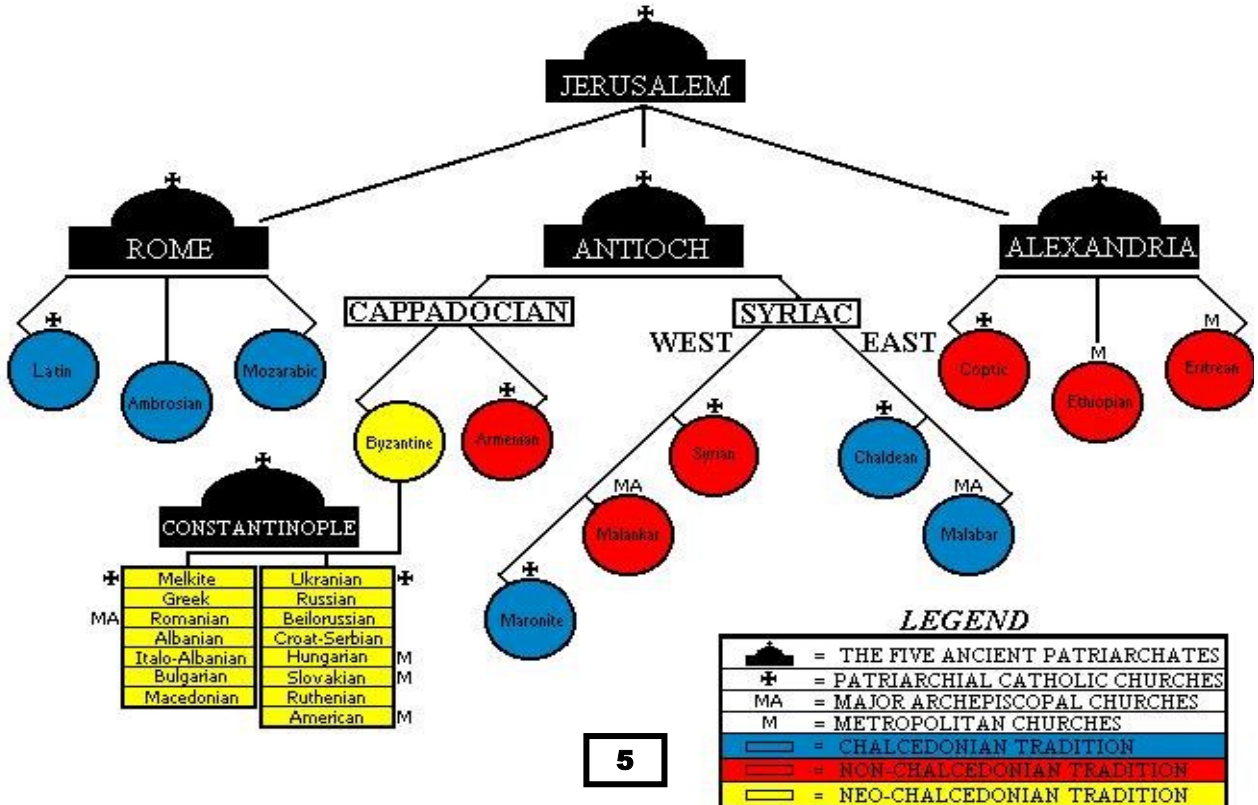
A perogy dough maker will be required for the upcoming perogy session starting September 2024. John Bazarkewich will be retiring from this position after the May perogy session. Contact John at 204-889-3768 if you are interested in volunteering.

ПОТРЕБУЄТЬСЯ ОСОБА ЩОБ МІСИТИ ТІСТО ДЛЯ ВАРЕНИКІВ

Для майбутнього виготовлення вареників, яке розпочнеться у вересні 2024 року, знадобиться замішувач тіста для перогів. Джон Базаркевич у зв'язку зі здоров'ям завершив працю на даній посаді.

Зв'яжіться з Джоном за номером 204-889-3768, якщо ви зацікавлені у

волонтерстві.



Sunday, June 30

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Tropar, tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh,* to suffer death and to raise the dead* by His glorious resurrection.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kondak, tone 5: You, my Savior, descended to Hades,* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.* And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

Prokimen, tone 5: You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and for ever.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans. (12: 6 - 14)

Brothers and Sisters! We have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us. One's gift may be prophecy; its use should be in proportion to his faith. It may be the gift of ministry; it should be used for service. One who is a teacher should use his gift for teaching; one with the power of exhortation, should exhort. He who gives alms should do so generously; he who rules should exercise his authority with care; he who performs works of mercy should do so cheerfully. Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; he whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer. Look on the needs of the saints as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them.

Alleluia Verses: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Gospel: Matthew 9: 1 - 8

At that time Jesus reentered the boat, made the crossing, and came back to his own town. There the people at once brought to him a paralyzed man lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven." At that some of the scribes said to themselves, "The man blasphemes." Jesus was aware of what they were thinking and said: "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is less trouble to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Stand up and walk'? To help you realize that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he then said to the paralyzed man -- "Stand up! Roll up your mat, and go home." The man stood up and went toward his home. At the sight, a feeling of awe came over the crowd, and they praised God for giving such authority to men.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Saints Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery in Winnipeg offers traditional burial plots, columbariums, and mausoleum spots for purchase. For more information, please call Olha at 204-589-5025.



Неділя, 30 червня

6-а Неділя по Зісл. Св. Духа

Тропар, глас 5: Рівнобзначальне з Отцем і Духом Слово,* що від Діви народилося на спасіння наше,* прославно, вірні, і поклонімся,* бо Воно благозволило тілом зійти на хрест* і смерть перетерпіти, і воскресити померлих* славним воскресінням Своїм.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінью

Кондак, глас 5: До аду, Спасе мій, зійшов Ти,* і, як всемогутний, сокрушивши його брами,* Ти, Чоловіколюбче, як творець, воскресив з Собою померлих,* жало смерті вирвав, й Адама від прокляття визволив.* Тому всі до Тебе звиваємо:* "Спаси нас Господи!"

Прокімен, глас 5: Ти, Господи, збережеш нас і захистиш нас від роду цього і повік.

Стих: Спаси мене, Господи, бо не стало праведного.

Апостол: До Римлян послання святого апостола Павла Читання (12: 6 - 14)

Браття і Сестри! Маючи згідно з даною нам благодаттю, різні дари: коли то дар пророцтва, виконуймо його мірою віри; хто має дар служіння, нехай служить; хто навчання, нехай навчає; хто напоумовлення, нехай напоумляє. Хто дає -- у простоті; хто головує -- дбайливо; хто милосердиться -- то з радістю. Любов нехай буде нелицемірна; ненавідівши зло, приставайте до добра. Любіть один одного братньою любов'ю. Пошаною один одного випереджайте. В ревності не будьте ліниві, духом горіть, Господеві служіть; веселі в надії, в горі терпеліві, в молитві витривалі; святих у потребах спомогайте і дбайте про гостинність. Благословляйте тих, що вас гонять; благословляйте, а не проклинайте.

Стихи на Алілуя: Милості Твої, Господи, оспівуватиму повік, і з роду в рід сповіщу устами моїми Твою вірність. Бо сказав Ти: Повік милість збудується, на небесах приготується істина Твоя.

Євангелія: Від Матея 9: 1 - 8

Того часу Ісус увійшов у човен, переплив і повернувся до свого міста. Там люди відразу принесли до нього паралізованого чоловіка, що лежав на циновці. Коли Ісус побачив їхню віру, то сказав розслабленому: «Будь мужнім, сину, прощаються твої гріхи». На це деякі книжники сказали собі: «Чоловік богохульствує». Ісус знав, що вони думають, і сказав: «Чому ви плачете злі думки? Що менше клопоту сказати: «Твої гріхи прощено» або «Встань і ходи»? Щоб допомогти тобі усвідомити, що Син Людський має владу на землі прощати гріхи», -- тоді він сказав паралізованому чоловікові, -- «Встань! Згортай мат і йди додому». Чоловік підвівся і пішов до свого дому. Від цього видовища натовп охопив благоговійний страх, і вони прославляли Бога за те, що він дав людям таку владу.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Алілуя! Алілуя! Алілуя!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

St. Basil's Parish is looking for a **parish office secretary** which is a minimum of 6 hours per week. This is a paid position. This position is available as of **September 1, 2024.**

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for a **chair person for the Parish Social Committee** as of August 1. Please contact Father Mykhaylo or Rose Olynyk for either position.

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg Українська Католицька Архиепархія в Вінніпегу

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends of Ukrainian Park,

Greetings from the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg to you and your family with blessings of Easter and the joy of the Resurrection of Christ!

We are grateful for all the advocacy and hard work in support of Ukrainian Park. Your support and donations of many years, the volunteerism and hard work dedicated to God's love demonstrate your care for the future of Ukrainian Park and its facilities.

Your support has seen the kitchen/hall renovations completed. This work was necessary and overdue. The work was completed professionally to meet provincial health codes and offer a commercial-grade facility.

Our next project - the St Volodymyr Chapel. The spiritual center of our park needs important renovations to continue to be functional and accessible for all. These renovations include a new roof. This is desperately needed along with repairs to the exterior fascia, bell tower dome, window frames and covered decks. We would like to renew the lighting and flooring inside the chapel as well.

The Park management is dedicated to the process of making this all happen, but we need your help.

Your donation and assistance will bring us closer to our goal of \$85,000. Our community is excited and eager to see this project succeed. You can be a part of this change by supporting the needs of the park with a donation. We are happy to acknowledge your donation with the community or privately as you would prefer. All donations will receive a charity income tax receipt.

Donations with instant receipts can be made to the Archeparchy of Winnipeg by using the Archeparchy APP (* In the message field indicate Ukr. Park*). To download the App, please scan the QR code or find it in the Google or Apple app stores online.

Or by cheque to Ukrainian Park, c/o Finance office, 233 Scotia St., Winnipeg, MB R2V 1V7

Thank you for your consideration to join us in raising these needed funds. If you have any questions or wish more information about Ukrainian Park, our facilities, or this project, please feel free to contact me at the address given above or at parkdirect@archeparchy.ca

Peace,

Taras Veryha, Park Director
Advisory Board of Ukrainian Park
Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !

Allan & Florence Rebenchuk 60th Anniversary on July 4

GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MANY MORE YEARS

OF LOVE & HAPPINESS





UCWLC Tag Day, group picture & wind-up brunch—June 23rd, 2024



Неділя 6-та по Зісланні Святого Духа «Чого лукаве думаєте в серцях ваших?»

Євангельське читання шостої неділі по Зісланні Святого Духа (Мт 9, 1-8) безпосередньо продовжує фрагмент п'ятої неділі. Якщо в попередньому читанні дізнаємося про те, як люди Гадарину прогнали Ісуса, то тут маємо справу з правдивою вірою та водночас з внутрішнім лукавством жителів «Його міста» – Капернауму. Правдива віра належала тим, які принесли розслабленого до Христа. Саме через їхню віру Господь зціляє найперше душу, а згодом і тіло недужого. Натомість нічого не згадує Євангеліє про віру останнього. З того явно бачимо, яку велику силу має віра і молитва «посередників» перед Господом, тобто тих, які просять за когось.

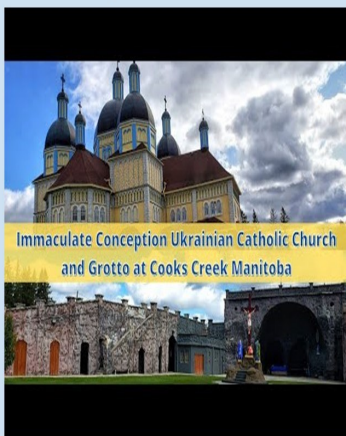
Щодо внутрішнього лукавства, то ним наповнилися серця місцевих книжників, які закидали Христові гріх хули. Серцевідець негайно звершує чудесне оздоровлення тіла розслабленого, всім наявне, щоб ніхто не зміг сумніватися в оздоровленні душі, що нікому, крім самого Бога, не могло бути явне.

«Чого лукаве думаєте в серцях ваших?» – запитує Господь книжників. Але з ними і нас також. Бо чи не лукаве ми думаємо, дивлячись на вчорашніх грішників, що нині стоять серед нас у храмі? А хіба не лукаве ми думаємо про тих, що нині явно грішать, а проте також, як і ми, переступають поріг храму та беруть участь у таїнственому житті Церкви? А невже не лукаве ми думаємо, якщо хтось досягає вищих духовних вершин, ніж ми самі, будучи перед тим одним із нас? Чи не лукаве ми думаємо про себе самих, вважаючи себе кращими бодай за одного з тих, що навколо нас? Чи не лукаве ми думаємо, коли Христос знову і знову комусь з тих, що здавалися би найбільшими грішниками, каже: «Бадьорися, сину; твої гріхи відпускаються?» Чи не лукаве ми думаємо, коли Господь возводить когось із тих, що здавалися пропашими, до фізичного здоров'я і благополуччя, до матеріального достатку і до усіх благ, кажучи йому: «Встань й іди!» Чи не лукаве ми думаємо, дивлячись на чиєсь несподіване спасіння, вважаючи в глибині серця, що не хтось інший, а лише ми є його варті? Чи не багато такого лукавства у наших серцях?

«Що легше сказати?» – питає нас нині Христос. Сказати: «Він є грішником» чи «Господи, зціли його»? Сказати «Вона веде грішне життя, роблячи вид побожності» чи «Господи, будь милостивим мені, грішному»? Що легше сказати? Що легше подумати: лукаве чи чисте і праведне?

70th Annual Dormition Pilgrimage at Cooks' Creek

August 16—18, 2024



Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church
and Grotto at Cooks Creek Manitoba

Запрошуємо на 70-ий Успенський Відпуст в Cooks' Creek
16—18 серпня 2024 року

Friday, August 16, 2024

6:00PM Rosary
7:00PM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)
Blessing of Water, Blessing of Flowers, Anointing
8:00PM Fellowship: Corn, Cake & Coffee
9:30PM Akathist to the Mother of God (Grotto)
Overnight Campfire & Campout (bring a tent or camper)

Saturday, August 17, 2024

9:00AM Pilgrimage Walk (19.3km)
4:00PM Stations of the Cross (Grotto)
5:00PM Divine Liturgy in English (Grotto)
6:00PM Burgers, Hot Dogs, Fries
Overnight Campfire & Campout (bring a tent or camper)

Sunday, August 18, 2024

10:45AM Panakhyda & Blessing of the Grave
of the Very Rev. Philip Ruh, OMI
11:30AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)
Blessing of Flowers, Anointing (Grotto)

Lunch Available Following Divine Liturgy (Chicken)

П'ятниця, 16 серпня

18:00 Вервиця
19:00 Архиерейська Свята Літургія (укр.)
*Освячення води, благословення квітів та
олеопомазання*
20:00 Вечеря: кукурудза, солодке та кава
21:30 Акафіст до Пресвятої Богородиці (гrotto)
Нічна ватра та таборування (принесіть палатку)

Субота, 17 серпня

09:00 Піша хода (19.3км)
16:00 Хресна Дорога (гrotto)
17:00 Свята Літургія (англ.), (гrotto)
18:00 Гамбургери, хот доги, картопля фрі
Нічна ватра та таборування (принесіть палатку)

Неділя, 18 серпня

10:45 Панахида та благословення гробу
о. Пилипа Ру
11:30 Архиерейська Свята Літургія (двомовна)
Благословення квітів та олеопомазання (гrotto)

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13 ЛИПНЯ 2024

16:00 год Свята Літургія

Oak Valley Outdoor Theatre
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24:00

Запрошуємо на паломництво:
15:30 год. Сповідь
16:00 год. Свята Літургія (в українській мові)
17:30 год. Хресна Дорога
18:30 год. Вечеря (можна придбати на місці)
19:30 год. Перегляд вистави

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6 Sunday After Pentecost:

One young mother was expecting the birth of her second child. After learning that it was a girl, she taught her first-born son, Michael, to put his head on her stomach and sing a lullaby with her to the baby who was about to be born. The boy really liked the song that began with the words: “Little star, little star, the night is near...” and sang it often.

The birth was premature and difficult. The little girl was placed in an incubator, where she was under constant medical care. The frightened parents were prepared for the worst: their daughter had little chance of survival. Little Michael begged them, “I want to see her! I finally have to see her!”

In a week, the child got worse. Then the mother decided to bring Michael to the intensive care unit. The nurse tried to prevent this, but the mother resolutely led the boy to the nurse’s bed, which was connected to numerous devices that kept her alive. Approaching the incubator, Michael, as usual, began to softly sing: “Star, star, night is near...” The girl reacted immediately. She began to breathe evenly, without shortness of breath. The mother, excited to the point of tears, asked: “Sing, sing more, Michael!”

And Michael sang. The girl began to move her little hands. Mother and father were crying and laughing. The nurse watched in amazement, not believing her eyes.

In a few days, the parents were able to take the child home. Michael’s joy knew no bounds.

Doctors, surprised by the improvement in the condition of the newborn, tried to scientifically explain this event. Mother and father knew that this was a miracle. The miracle of the brother’s love for the sister he was waiting for! What a great story! The moral is that we can only experience life when we know that someone is waiting for us. Many people in the world value physical health and consider it the greatest gift on earth. Health is also called the basis of earthly happiness. There is even a common saying among people that there is no greater happiness on earth than health. To be healthy is to be happy. And there is some truth in this. Bodily health is truly a precious gift of God to a person.

A healthy person can easily realize his or her dreams, ideas and plans, create many things, easily solve various problems, protect himself or herself from dangers. Having good health, a person can do a lot of good on earth. One feels needed by someone and ready to help in trouble. That is why the ancient Romans had a catchphrase: “A healthy spirit in a healthy body.”

Last Sunday, we heard that Jesus was traveling to heal two demon-possessed people. Today, the apostle Matthew shows us how Jesus returns to His home, to the city of Capernaum. And this miracle, which we are talking about today, shows us that God can forgive sins. We see that a paralyzed man is brought to Jesus, and in the Bible, paralysis is very often identified with sinfulness, because in the same way sin paralyzes us, sin enslaves us. Sin, one might say, chains us to our bed.

Jesus sees the faith of these people who brought the paralyzed man to Him. And God sees their faith and heals them. Jesus said to the paralytic, “Cheer up, son, your sins are forgiven.” This patient is still confined to bed, and he hears the words, “Cheer up, cheer up, because today salvation has come to you; cheer up, because today your sins are forgiven.”

The scribes clearly say, “He blasphemes.” Blasphemy in the time of Christ was a terrible sin. This sin was punishable by death and this accusation of Jesus that He had blasphemed is constantly repeated. And even when Jesus is condemned to death, He is condemned for blasphemy. The Pharisees and scribes cannot believe in God’s mercy, cannot believe that the Lord Jesus forgives sins.

The words of Jesus about the forgiveness of sins cause anger in those people who considered it the mission of God himself. This, according to their conviction, had to happen through the mediation of the servants of the Jerusalem Temple. They were not prepared for the fact that one day God might delegate this authority to the Son of Man. All those whose power was undermined by Jesus turned against Him, and this struggle came to an end just when Jesus stood before the high priest and spoke about the power of the Son of Man. After that, death awaited Jesus, which He accepted for all our sins. And the resurrection of Jesus Christ, without a doubt, is for each of us a sign that God gave Him the power to heal and restore the world.

Dear believers! According to John Chrysostom, the Lord sent that man home because He wanted to heal the sins of those who did not come to Him. He sends him as a witness to encourage others to repent. Therefore, it is important to come to church and receive healing from Christ for the soul and body. Let’s repent of our sins, let’s heal the soul, thereby restoring health to our body. May our merciful Savior give us the gift of understanding His love and mercy for every person.

SUNDAY LITURGY

9:00 a.m. Children's Catechism

9:30 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. English/Ukrainian

Office Hours (Tues. & Thurs.)

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

CONFESSIONS Before Liturgies

BAPTISM By appointment

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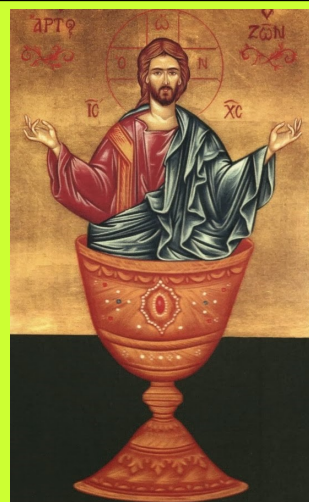
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All our Church services are live-streamed to Facebook page and YouTube channel regularly. Photographs from special Parish events will be submitted to our website & other social media sources. If you have any questions or disagreements, please contact our Parish Office. Thank you for understanding. Respectfully ~ Fr. Mykhaylo



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion

You are a member of the Catholic Church; You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; You attend Divine Services regularly; Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. ***If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing. For those who are divorced and living common-law the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist cannot be received. You are welcome to come for a blessing. (If you are divorced with a Church annulment, and remarried in the Church you are more than welcome to receive the Holy Sacraments.)***



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Dominic K., Dobrodiyka Olga, Ed T., David P, Stanley S, Mervin C., Cathy C, Adele G., ALL UKRAINIANS in time of WAR, Ann T., John S., Francis Y., Mildred G., David K, Fran C, Mary M., Dobrodiyka Anna B., Judy & Odri, Helen & David K., Charles M. Judy G., Ed & Sylvia P., Adele & Ernie H, Mary P., Veronica D., Helen P., Elizabeth S, Josie L, Anne L, Raymond A., Trevor D., Johnny K., Steve N., Rose O.

and all members of our parish family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends, neighbors, governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; your spiritual fathers, those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless, those who love us and those who hate, use & hurt us; and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying those daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families and yourselves! **REMINDER for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as per privacy legislation.**

