



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, September 8, 2024— Неділя 8-го вересня, 2024



GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST

Today, September 9th we are celebrating the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God and Sunday, the day of Resurrection. With Nativity of Mary we solemnly open the Ecclesiastical Year. This feast reminds us that God has a great plan for our life as well, only when we say similarly to Mary "Yes", and our life can change the course of history.

We are excited to announce that the Registration form for Sunday's Catechism is available online on our Facebook Page. First day of Catechism is September 22nd at 9:00 AM.

Also we would like to officially welcome Brother John (Ivas) Babick to our Parish who started the Pastoral Year (year of preparation to the priesthood) in our Church from September 1st. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire him, and through him - us!

Special THANK YOU again goes to all volunteers who helped to clean and put pews and other items back in the church. We are truly blessed to have you all. After a long working day, you spend the remaining energy for your church and Christ. Everything is written down.

Attention to all married couples, I am organizing a Marriage Retreat at the Ukrainian Park from September 13-15, 2024. If you would like to join the couples from Morden, please let me know. The retreat will be in Ukrainian.

My prayers and blessing goes to all students, teachers and staff on the occasion of the beginning of the School Year. May this year will be safe, fruitful and enjoyable for everyone. More prayers needed for Ukraine and support! Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the Heroes! Fr. M

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

Сьогодні, 9 вересня, ми відзначаємо свято Різдва Богородиці та неділю - день, що символізує Воскресіння Христове. Різдрвом Пресвятої Богородиці ми урочисто відкриваємо Церковний рік. Це свято нагадує нам, що Бог має великий план і для нашого життя, тільки тоді, коли ми скажемо подібно до Марії «Так», і наше життя може змінити хід історії. Ми раді повідомити, що реєстраційна форма для недільного катехизму доступна онлайн на нашій сторінці у Facebook. Перший день катехизму 22 вересня о 9:00.

Також ми хотіли б офіційно привітати брата Івана (Івася) Бабіка на нашій парафії, який розпочав пастирський рік (рік підготовки до священства) з 1 вересня. Нехай Святий Дух веде і надихає його, а через нього – усіх нас!

Окреме ДЯКУЮ ще раз усім волонтерам, які допомогли прибрати та розставити лавки та інші речі в церкві. Ми справді щасливі мати вас усіх. Після довгого робочого дня ви витрачаєте сили, що залишилися, для вашої церкви і Христа. Все записується.

До уваги всіх подружніх пар, 13-15 вересня 2024 року я організую Шлюбний ретрит (реколекції) в Українському парку. Якщо ви бажаєте приєднатися до пар з Мордена, будь ласка, дайте мені знати. Реколекції будуть українською мовою.

Я молюся та благословляю всіх студентів, викладачів та персонал з нагоди початку навчального року. Нехай цей рік буде безпечним, плідним і радісним для всіх. Потрібно більше молитов за Україну та її підтримку! Слава Україні! Слава Героям! о. М

		ST BASIL'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	
		<i>Time</i>	<i>Feast or Intention, requested by</i>
 8 Sept., Sunday Feast of the Nativity of the B.V.M. Sunday before the Exaltation	9:30 AM	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00 AM	<i>Divine Liturgy Birthday Blessings for Jon Setlack by Setlack family & Blessings of teachers and students for a New School Year.</i>	
	2:00 PM	<i>Morden Divine Liturgy for all Parishioners</i> <i>благословення дітей</i>	
	8:00 PM	<i>Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook</i>	
9 Sept., Monday	5:00 PM	Divine Liturgy 15th Birthday Blessings for Denys Lutsiv by family	
	6:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting	
	8:00 PM	Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
10 Sept., Tuesday	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy for the soul of Scott Wright by Lamont family	
	8:00 PM	Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
11 Sept., Wednesday	5:00 PM	Divine Liturgy Health & God's blessings for Ariel Kulchyski by Prayer Partner	
	6:00 PM	UCWLC meeting	
	8:00 PM	Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
12 Sept., Thursday	5:00 PM	Divine Liturgy for the soul of Millie (Mildred) Pascal (40 days) by Betty Kolochuk	
	8:00 PM	Rosary -Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
13 Sept., Friday	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy for the soul of Edward Labay by Lucinda Lemke	
	4:30 PM to	Ukrainian Club	
	5:30 PM		
	8:00 PM	Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
14 Sept., Saturday	9:00 AM	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Воздвиження Чесного Хреста	
	8:00 PM	Divine Liturgy for all parishioner with exposition of the Holy Cross Rosary—Jesus Prayer—Live stream on Facebook	
15 Sept. Sunday Sunday after Exaltation	9:30 AM	<i>Catechism Registration 2024/25 Final day to register online</i>	
	10:00 AM	<i>Rosary</i>	
	2:00 PM	<i>Divine Liturgy</i> <i>K of C Corn & Smokies to follow</i>	
	8:00 PM	<i>Morden Divine Liturgy for all Parishioners</i> <i>Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook</i>	

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.



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

Ariel Kulchyski (8), Jonathan Setlack (8), Pat Chuchmach (9), Marlene Dunsford (9), Anne Tanchak (9), Mariana Korbylo (9), Andriana Dymitska (9), Vicky Stastook (11), Maksym Vasylichuk (11), Wilma Bamburak (12), Diane Pinuta (12)

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !

Tatsa counters

September—Gus & Pearl Groen & Gwen Dankewich
October—Leona Solomon, Noelle Richardson & Marilyn Slobogian

Ushers and Greeters Welcome

Sept. 8 & 15—Bill & Brenda Morant
Sept. 22 & 29—Dennis & Joyce Maksymetz
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

September—Drew & Lorelee Eldridge
October—Iris Sawchuk & Diane Pinuta
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 священника. Це буде завжди 3-тя неділя місяця.*

Epistle readers

September 8—Tony Sklar

September 15—Mariana Korbylo

September 22—Ed Yaskiw

September 29—Linda Labay

October 6—Gerry Skochyles

October 13—Rose Olynyk

REGISTRATION for SUNDAY's CATECHISM is online, follow the link:

<https://h6qjo20y.forms.app/appeal-application-form-2>

РЕЄСТРАЦІЯ дітей на НЕДІЛЬНІ УРОКИ КАТЕХИЗМУ за вище наведеним посиланням. Уроки будуть щонеділі в 9 год ранку перед Літургією. У великі свята чи шкільні канікули—катехизму не буде також.

INCOME/EXPENSES

for June 1 to August 31, 2024

according to the Parish Council

Income was \$38,888.00 Expenses were \$47,540.57 Loss is (\$8,652.57)

Thank you for your support and attendance!



PEROGIES FOR SALE

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

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**

UCWLC News



It is hard to believe that summer is already coming to an end and that our fall meetings are starting again. We will hold our September meeting on Wednesday September 11, 2024 at 6pm following Divine Liturgy at 5pm.

While we have not had any regular meetings the league has still been busy during the summer break. I would like to thank the following volunteers who gave of their time to support the children's summer camp:

Florence Rebenchuk, Diane Pinuta, Lillian Remillard, Vira Tsiuhro, Anna Senkiv for helping me prepare and serve the snacks and lunches during the week of Jul7 22-28th. Also a special thank you to Gerry Skochoyles and Tony Sklar for doing the barbecuing of the hot dogs and hamburgers and to Phyllis Fedorchuk, Jean Derhak and Phyllis Kohanchuk for providing the delicious bakings.

I would like to thank Gwen Dankewich for ordering, picking up the 400 lbs of cabbage and delivering them to the church, and thank you to Harry Fediuk for helping Gwen to carry all the boxes downstairs. Thank you to Nellie Fediuk for organizing and getting the volunteers to come out on August 8th: Harry and Nellie Fediuk, Andy and Linda Labay, Martin and Leona Nechwediuk, Sam Martyniuk, Tony Sklar, Johanne Pitura, Phyllis Fedorchuk, Jean Derhak, Edna Bazarkewich, Rose Olynyk and Pearl Groen for coring, scalding and prepping the cabbage; it was along day but with your support and hard work we can continue our fund raising efforts in making and selling cabbage rolls.

The UCWLC led the Rosary during the 70th Annual Dormition Pilgrimage at Cook's Creek on Friday August 16th. Thank you to all the league members who were able to attend and support me in representing St Basil's at the grotto: Cynthia Sutherland Zimrose, Leona Solomon, Dorothy Labay, Natalia Hotel, Iryna Dutchak, and Iryna Khomitska

Submitted By Linda Gardner, UCWLC President

School of Catechism / Lectio Divina —Classes will resume on September 18th. Thank you to all who participate. I hope it was a productive season of learning and sharing

Meeting ID: 860 6773 0650 Passcode: Jesus

THE UKRAINIAN BANDURIST CHORUS OF NORTH AMERICA
УКРАЇНЬСЬКА КАПЕЛЯ БАНДУРИСТІВ ІМ. Т. ШЕВЧЕНКА

presents

ВСЕ БУДЕ УКРАЇНА UKRAINE LIVES!

Artistic Director **Oleh Mahlay**

WESTERN CANADA/NORTH CENTRAL STATES TOUR
SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, September 28 • Calgary, Alberta
Sunday, September 29 • Edmonton, Alberta
Monday, September 30 • Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Tuesday, October 1 • Winnipeg, Manitoba
Thursday, October 3 • Dickinson, North Dakota
Friday, October 4 • Minneapolis, Minnesota
Saturday, October 5 • Chicago, Illinois



For tickets, please visit

bandura.org/events

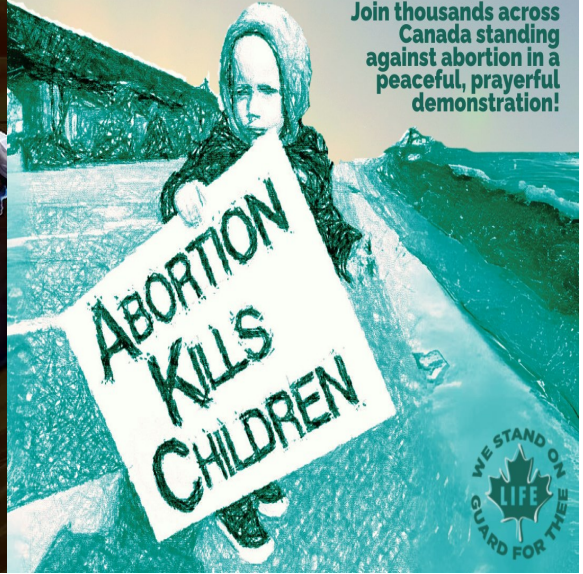
Net proceeds from this concert will benefit the Bandura Education Fund of the UBCNA



LIFE CHAIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration!



Help to Ukraine

Photo report: Special Thank you goes to all Ladies from UCWLC who donated \$500 and private donors \$200 to help to buy vehicle for the front line: (with a different purpose: medical, delivery food...) Thank you to Anna Kushnir who delivered this donation, as her husband serves in a military. If you wish to help—let me know! God bless you ad God bless Ukraine & Canada!



As of September, the Fundscrip program will be available. The order forms are available at the back of the church. Please support this fundraising project which provides funds for the parish.

Sunday September 8

Sunday before the Exaltation

Nativity of the Mother of God

Sunday Tropar, tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ, our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Tropar of the Nativity, tone 4: Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God,* heralded joy to the universe;* for from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God.* He took away the curse, He gave the blessing,* and by trampling death,* He gave us everlasting life. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kondak of the Nativity, tone 4: Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One,* Joachim and Anne were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* Delivered from the guilt of sin,* your people celebrate this when they cry out to you:* She who is barren gives birth to the Mother of God* and the Sustainer of our life.

Prokimen, tone 6: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians. (6: 11 - 18)

Brothers and Sisters! See, I write to you in my own large handwriting! Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised are making a play for human approval --- with an eye to escaping persecution for the cross of Christ. The very ones who accept circumcision do not follow the law themselves. They want you to be circumcised only that they may boast about your bodily observance. May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means nothing whether one is circumcised or not. All that matters is that one is created anew. Peace and mercy on all who follow this rule of life, and on the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no man trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of Jesus in my body. Brothers, may the favour of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Alleluia Verses: I have promoted the one chosen from my people and anointed him with my holy oil. My hand will be constantly with him, he will be able to rely on my arm.

Gospel: John 3: 13 - 17

The Lord said, No one has gone to heaven except the One who came down from there -- the Son of Man who is in heaven. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him. Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Instead of 'It is truly right . . .': O my soul, extol the Virgin Mary*, born of a barren womb.* Mothers cannot be virgins,* nor virgins be mothers;* but in you, O Mother of God,* both virginity and motherhood were present.* Therefore, all the people of the earth* unceasingly extol you.

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

I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

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.** **WANTED PEROGY DOUGH MAKER**
Please contact Father Mykhaylo or Rose Olynyk for either position.

Тропар воскресний, глас 7: Знищив ти хрестом Твоїм смерть,* відчинив розбійникові рай,* мирносицям плач на радість перемінив* і апостолам звелів проповідувати,* що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже,* даючи світові велику милість.

Тропар празника, глас 4: Різдво твоє, Богородице Діво,* радість звістило всій вселенній,* з тебе бо засяяло сонце правди, Христос Бог наш.* Він, розрушивши клятву, дав благословення* і, ударемнивши смерть,* дарував нам життя вічне.

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

Кондак празника, глас 4: Йоаким і Анна з неслави бездітності,* і Адам і Єва від тління смерті* визволилися, Пречиста, в святім різдві твоїм.* Його празнують люди твої, з провини прогрішень ізбавлені,* як кличуть до тебе:* "Неплідна родить Богородицю* і кормительку життя нашого."

Прокімен, глас 6: Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.

Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайся мовчки від мене.

Апостол: До Галатів послання святого апостола Павла читання. (6: 11 - 18)

Браття і Сестри! Гляньте, якими буквами пишу вам власною рукою. Ті, що хочуть показатися гарним тілом, вони силують вас обрізатися, щоб тільки уникнути переслідування за хрест Христа. Бо й самі обрізані не додержують закону, а хочуть, щоб ви обрізувалися, щоб їм хвалитися вашим тілом. Мене ж не доведи, Боже, чимсь хвалитися, як тільки хрестом Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, яким для мене світ розп'ятий, а я --світові; бо ані обрізання, ані необрізання є щось, лише --- нове створіння. На тих, які поступають за цим правилом, мир на них і милосердя, а й на Ізраїля Божого. На майбутнє нехай ніхто мені не завдає клопоту, бо я ношу на моїм тілі рани Ісуса. Благодать Господа нашого Ісуса Христа буде з вашим духом, брати! Амінь.

Стихи на Апилюя: Возніс я видраного з людей моїх, елеєм святим моїм помазав його.

Рука моя з ним буде твердо, ба й рамено моє буде його скріпляти.

Євангелія: Від Йоана 3: 13 - 17

Сказав Господь: "Ніхто не зійшов на небо, крім того, хто зійшов з неба: Син Чоловічий, що на небі. І як Мойсей підняв змія в пустині, так Син Чоловічий має бути піднесений, щоб кожен, хто вірує у нього, мав життя вічне. Бо так Бог полюбив світ, що дав Сина свого єдинородного, щоб кожен, хто вірує в нього, не загинув, але мав життя вічне. Бо Бог не послав у світ Сина, щоб світ засудити, але щоб ним спасти світ."

Замість 'Достойно. . .': Величай, душе моя,* з неплідної народжену Діву Марію.* Чуже матерям дівство,* і чудне дівам дітородження!* На тобі, Богородице,* обоє завершилося.* Тому тебе ми, всі племена землі,* безустанно величаємо.

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

Чашу спасення прийму, і ім'я Господнє призову. Апилюя! Апилюя! Апилюя!

THANK YOU to ALL VOLUNTEERS who came and helped to put all items in its place after the painting of the church. Not everyone is in the picture—but you are most precious!

Sept. 3rd, 2024



From now we will use two confessional rooms on left and on the right of the sanctuary, especially for Christmas & Easter Confessions with more priests.



The carpet in the church was cleaned with wet vacuum. Two candle holders were cleaned manually and took couple days to finished. THANK YOU to all and each of you!

“This is MY Church!”

Sometimes, we take Church too personally, if not most of the times. When the priest says something we don't like or a new person takes our job at pyrohy pinching, we get defensive and take it personally.

When, on one hand, it is good to have a personal approach to Church, on the other, it is not.

When it's good:

I live quite a distance from my church, but the distance doesn't matter for me.

I like going for services there every Sunday.

It's the place where my parents worshiped and the place where I grew up: It is my church!

That's great!

However, on the other hand, when we take church too personally, it fires back.

It hurts us and hurts others.

For example:

This is my church and the church of my relatives and extended relatives—friends and those outsiders are just don't really fit here.

They weren't here to build it, and they weren't here to support it and now they just want to come and worship here.

And...they sit in my pew!!!

This attitude is not healthy at all.

How about love to one's neighbor? Or have we forgotten who our neighbor is?

Christ accepted, preached, and healed everyone without an exception.

We should do the same.

Moreover, we should look at church first of all as the Church of Christ!

It is Christ's Church, and we are in it with all the others. Yes, this is a parish that my parents or grandparents or great-grandparents built, but it's Christ's.

They did it for Christ and His followers.

This is a healthy attitude!

Let us approach church with this right attitude and be more considerate and welcoming! Let us be more like Christ!



Taken from the Facebook page

РЕКОЛЕКЦІЇ ДЛЯ ПОДРУЖНІХ ПАР “ОЖИВЛЕННЯ ПОДРУЖНЬОЇ ЛЮБОВІ”

Локація: Ukrainian Park (near Gimli, MB) 13 - 15 ВЕРЕСНЯ 2024

П'ятниця
18:00 Прибуття та поселення (вечера
співеспіва)
19:00 Вечірня у Каплиці з нагоди свята
Воздвиження
20:00 1 Наука СВЯТА ТАЙНА ПОДРУЖЖЯ
22:00 Ватра та спільний час

Недільні
7:30 Вечірня Свята Літургія
8 Наука ШОДЕННІ ВІДНОСИНИ У
ПОДРУЖЖІ
8:30 Привітання з нагоди свята, співеспіва,
та проведення часу у спілкуванні

Субота
8:00 - 9:00 Сніданок (круасани, йогурт,
кава/чай, пластівці, фрукти...)
9:00 2 наука БОГОСЛОВ'Я ТІЛА -
СТАТІВІСТЬ, ЯК ДАР БОЖИЙ
10:00 Святкова Літургія з винесенням
Животворного Хреста у Каплиці з
нагоди свята Воздвиження
3 наука ПРИСУТНІСТЬ ХРЕСТІВ У
ПОДРУЖЖІ

12:00 Обід (борщ та фарширис, десерт)
1:00 - 2:00 Вільний час (пляж, завідинні
дружні, нові знайомства)
16:00 Молитва за мир та перемогу
України
16:30 Подружня Любов як жертва чи
задоволення
17:30 Вечірня (кава, чай, десерт)
19:00 4 Наука ДІТИ ЯК ПЛІД
ПОДРУЖНЬОЇ ЛЮБОВІ
20:00 Спільна вечірня молитва на
вечері
21:00 Ватра та спільний час

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The Twelve Great Feats (Gregorian Calendar)

September 8:	The Nativity of the Mother of God
September 14:	The Universal Exaltation of the Precious Cross
November 21:	The Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple
December 25:	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas)
January 6:	Theophany
February 2:	The Encounter of the Lord in the Temple
March 25:	The Annunciation to Mary
Palm Sunday:	Entry into Jerusalem (Sunday before Pascha)
Ascension:	The Ascension of the Lord (forty days after Pascha)
Pentecost:	The Descent of the Holy Spirit (fifty days after Pascha)
August 6:	The Transfiguration of Our Lord
August 15:	The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Mother of God
Pascha (“Passover,” Easter), The Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is the greatest of all the Feasts of the Church. It is the focal point of our liturgical year.	

Spiritual Reflection on
The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady,
The Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September 8 marks the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Ukrainian Greek Catholics, we celebrate the beginning of our liturgical new year on September 1, The Beginning of the Indiction (the New Year). Therefore, this Feast on September 8 is the first of the Twelve Great Feats throughout the liturgical calendar year.

Although the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not contained within the canon of the New Testament, our Catholic tradition encourages us to explore the 2nd-century AD Protoevangelium (apocryphal) Gospel of James. This writing introduces us to the conception and birth of the Blessed Virgin. Her parents, St. Joakim and St. Anna, were childless. During this time of grief and mourning, St. Anna sincerely prayed to God. She prayed frequently and from the heart. In Chapter 4, an angel of God comes to St. Anna and says, “the Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken in all the world.” God blessed these pious, humble parents, and they were gifted with the woman who would be the ‘yes’ (fiat) to humanity’s salvation.

The Blessed Virgin Mary’s birth is the beginning of our salvation. Our salvation is ultimately a profound relationship with God, our Father, through his Son, Jesus Christ. God had a very genuine and loving relationship with the Blessed Mother. Mary was full of grace, and because she was, God asked for her permission to conceive our Saviour, the living God in the flesh. She said ‘yes’ (Luke 1:38) and she gave birth to the Redeemer of our souls. According to St. Augustine (4th century AD), the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady is a celebration of **“cosmic and historic significance, a prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ Mary is the flower of the field whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley (Jesus Christ).”**

As Christians, we have the Blessed Virgin as our mother. We are called to venerate and love our mother, the mother that Christ gave to humanity at the foot of His Cross. Let us meditate at the beginning of our liturgical season on the birth of the one who is full of grace (Luke 1:28). Ask our Blessed Mother to protect you under her mantle and to guide you to her Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, I ask that each and everyone of you meditate in silence the Kontakion that the faithful sing on the Feast of Our Lady’s Nativity,

“By your birth, O immaculate one, Joakim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of life.”

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

FUNERALS By arrangement

MARRIAGES: By appointment at least six months in advance

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: Fr. Walter, 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., David K, Fran C, Helen & David K., Charles M., Ed & Sylvia P., Adele & Ernie H, Mary P., Helen P., Elizabeth S, Josie L, Anne L, Trevor D., Johnny K., Steve N., Rose O, Luba H., Joan B., Ruth M., Jack M., Darryl S, Helen K.,.....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.**

