



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



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Parish Bulletin—Парафіяльний Вісник

Sunday, December 7, 2025—Неділя, 7 грудня, 2025



Glory be to Jesus Christ! Dear Friends in Christ, We are drawing closer and closer to the joyful Feast of Christmas, and the beautiful spirit of the season is already upon us. Our parish bake sale this weekend was a wonderful

reminder of how quickly time passes. I would like to sincerely thank all our hardworking ladies for their dedication, time, and effort. Your service is a true offering to our parish community and to the Church of Christ. May God bless you abundantly.

This coming week will be especially meaningful for us as we gather to celebrate the ordination to the Diaconate of Brother Ivas. We pray that the Good Lord will guide him as he begins his special ministry in the vineyard of Christ. Axios! May the Holy Spirit strengthen and accompany him in his diaconal service.

Please also remember the following important dates:

December 9 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

December 10 – Parish Christmas Confessions with three priests available

Confessions from 6:00–8:00 PM, followed by Divine Liturgy, where you will be able to receive Holy Communion after Confession.

Our Christmas prosphora has already been baked, and I want to thank Iryna and all the women who took part in this beautiful tradition. Beside the prosphora, there will be a collection box. The donations collected will be used to support families in need. We already know of one family whose children cannot afford school lunches, and these funds will help them and others—whether here in Manitoba or in Ukraine—wherever the need is greatest.

Thank you for your generosity and for thinking of others during this blessed season.

This is the true spirit of Christmas: opening our hearts to God and to those around us.

May the Lord bless all of you as we continue our journey toward the Nativity of Christ. ~Fr. M

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

Дорогі Друзі у Христі, ми щораз ближче наближаємося до радісного свята Різдва Христового, і різдвяний дух уже відчутний серед нас. Наш парафіяльний ярмарок, який відбувся цими вихідними, ще раз нагадав нам, як швидко пливе час. Щиро дякую всім нашим невтомним жінкам за вашу працю, посвяту, час і старання. Ваша служба — це справжня жертва для нашої парафії та для Церкви Христової. Нехай Господь щедро благословить вас.

Цей тиждень буде особливим для нашої парафії, адже ми всі запрошенні на свячення у дияконі брата Івася.

Молімось, щоб Господь благословив його і провадив на цьому новому шляху служіння у винограднику Христовому. Аксіос! Нехай Дух Святий укріплює його і супроводжує у його дияконському служінні.

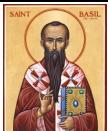
Просимо вас пам'ятати про такі важливі дати:

9 грудня – Свято Непорочного Зачаття

Божественна Літургія о 9:00 та 19:00

10 грудня – Різдвяна Сповідь у нашій парафії з участию трьох священників. Сповідь від 18:00 до 20:00, після чого буде відправлена Божественна Літургія, на якій усі охочі після Сповіді зможуть приступити до Святого Причастя.

Наша різдвяна просфора вже спечена, і я хочу щиро подякувати дружині Ірині та всім жінкам, які допомогли в цьому святому ділі. Поруч із просфорою буде стояти скринька для пожертв. Зібрані кошти будуть спрямовані на підтримку потребуючих сімей. Ми вже знаємо одну родину, чиї діти не мають можливості придбати обід в школі. Ці пожертві допоможуть їм та іншим — чи тут, у Манітобі, чи в Україні — там, де буде найбільша потреба. Щиро дякую вам за вашу щедрість і за те, що пам'ятаєте про інших у цей благословений час. Бо саме це є справжній дух Різдва: відкритість серця до Бога і до близьких. Нехай Господь благословить усіх вас у цій святій мандрівці до Різдва Христового. ~о. М

	Time	ST BASIL'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	
		Feast or Intention, requested by	
7 December, 26th Sunday after Pentecost	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>9:30 AM</u> <u>10:00 AM</u> <u>2:30 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Children's Catechism Rosary Children's Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee House - YOUTH Morden (Anglican church) Rosary—Jesus Prayer — Live stream on Facebook	
8 December, Monday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>6:00 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy for the souls of John & Barbara Bain by Bain Family Chosen Movie Night Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
9 December, Tuesday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Feast of the Immaculate Conception / Holy Day of Obligation Divine Liturgy for all Parishioners Divine Liturgy Birthday Blessings for Iryna Khomitska by family ORDINATION of Br. Ivas to DIACONATE! AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS! Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
10 December, Wednesday	<u>6:00 PM-</u> <u>8:00 PM</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	CHRISTMAS CONFESION with 3 priest Divine Liturgy for the souls of Ed Mushluk by Tanchak Family Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
11 December, Thursday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy for the souls of David Pinuta by Martin & Leona Nechwediuk Confession at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
12 December, Friday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy for the souls of Nicholas Zimroz, Tomko & Maria (Dido & Baba) Zimroz by Alex & Mary Zimrose & Family Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
13 December, Saturday	<u>10:00 AM</u> <u>5:30 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Christmas Pageant rehearsal Confession at the BVM Parish Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook	
14 December, Sunday of the Holy Forefathers	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>9:30 AM</u> <u>10:00 AM</u> <u>3:00 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Children's Catechism Rosary Divine Liturgy 65th Birthday Blessings for Vasyl Korbylo by Family. No Coffee House Christmas Pageant (Parish) Morden for all parishioners Rosary—Jesus Prayer — Live stream on Facebook	



**God's Blessings for your
Happiest Birthday!!!**
Alexander Zyla (7),
Mervin Cherewyk (8),
Arsenii Vasylchuk (8),

Iryna Khomitska (9),
Louise Arseny (11),
Noelle Richardson (11),

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !!!

Ushers and Greeters Welcome
December 7/ 25—Ron & Kathy Trakalo
December 14/ 25—Leona & Martin Nechwediuk
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



Tatza counters

December - Tony Sklar, Loraine Lysak and Robert Marquis

January—Martin and Leona Nechwediuk, Phyllis Fedorchuk



Church Custodians

December—Johanne Pitura & Dennis Glowa

Dear Parishioners, Please contact me, Diane Pinuta
204-774-1350 to help clean the church for a month in 2025

EPISTLE READING 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:

December 7—Tony Sklar, December 14—Denys Lutsiv

December 21—Ivan Horodetsky, December 28—Ed Yaskiw

Next School of Catechism / Lectio Divina will be on WEDNESDAY at 6:40 PM—

Let's grow in our faith together. Also we still keep on our online Zoom meeting

Meeting ID: 860 6773 0650 Passcode: Jesus



The Parish office is open according to this schedule:

- ⇒ **Wednesday (December 10) and Thursday (December 11)**
- ⇒ **Wednesday (December 17) and Thursday (December 18)**
- ⇒ **Tuesday (December 23) and Saturday (December 27)**
- ⇒ **Monday (December 29) and Tuesday (December 30)**
from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

For any notices for the bulletin, please email to the parish office by Wednesday.

Parish Office Email: parish@saintbasilwpg.ca. Parish Office: 204-837-4180



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

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

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

Health & Blessings for Family



CHILDREN'S LITURGY—every first Sunday of the month.

Renewal Committee suggested to continue to celebrate Children's Liturgy once a month. That will include the leading of responses by Youth (Veronica Hotel will be in charge), the reading of the Epistle (so if your child would like to read please notify parish office—

Lesia Dukas). Also children will go with donation baskets—and when is a time will serve Coffee House - Дитяча Літургія у 1шу неділю місяця. Якщо

ваша дитина хоче читати Апостол—повідомте офіс або мене.

Choir Practicing

Please note the following **DATES** for our practice at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 9,16,23&30.

Note last practice will be on November 30! We will resume in 2026.

Tentative date Sunday February 8/26 in boardroom. All interested people are welcome!

Choir leader—Cynthia Zimrose. Please contact at 204-888-7793



HAMPERS FOR WELCOME HOME!!! Please consider to donate not perishable food to our parish Food bank which is going to the Welcome Home. The hamper is located at the back of the church. One of the suggestions is a Gift Card for groceries; the recommended value is \$20.00 So that is a great opportunity to help those less fortunate. +++Пожертва їжі для потребуючих у WELCOME HOME!!!! Однією з пропозицій є придбати Подарункову картку у продуктовий магазин; рекомендована вартість становить 20 доларів, тож це чудова можливість допомогти потребуючим. Або, якщо ви бажаєте, у нас є корзина позаду церкви, ви можете принести продукти, які можуть довго зберігатися.

THANK YOU FOR YOU LOVING HEART!



LAST WILL & TESTAMENT: Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Church at 202 Harcourt St, Winnipeg, MB, R3J 3H3 the sum of \$ _____ (or ____ % of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and its needs and pastoral ministry.



TODAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, METROPOLITAN LAWRENCE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MR. JOHN (IVAS') BABICK WILL BE RECEIVING THE MINOR ORDERS (READER, CANDLE BEARER AND SUBDEACONATE) at the Great Vespers service on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 6:30 PM, at St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church. Bishop Andriy will be presiding at the ordination service and Vespers.

On Tuesday, December 9, Subdeacon John (Ivas') Babick will be ordained to the Diaconate at the Divine Liturgy at 7:00 PM at St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church. Metropolitan Lawrence will be presiding at the Liturgy and ordination. We sincerely invite all the faithful to take part in these solemn services and support John with their prayers as he embraces his calling to serve Christ's Holy Church. This is a joyful and important event for our Archeparchy, as a new servant is called to bear the light of the Gospel, assist in the celebration of the Holy

Sacraments, and minister to the faithful.

СЬОГОДНІ, 29 ЛИСТОПАДА, МИТРОПОЛІТ ЛАВРЕНТІЙ З РАДІСТЮ ПОВІДОМЛЯЄ, що БР. ІВАН (ІВАСЬ) БАБІК ОТРИМАЄ МАЛІ СВЯЧЕННЯ (ЧИТЕЦЬ, СВІЧКОНОСЕЦЬ ТА ПІДДІЯКОН) під час Великої Вечірні у п'ятницю, 5 грудня 2025 року, о 18:30 у храмі Св. Василія

Великого. Чин рукоположення та Вечірню очолить Владика Андрій.

У вівторок, 9 грудня, піддіякон Іван (Івась) Бабик буде рукоположений у диякони під час Божественної Літургії о 19:00 у храмі Св. Василія Великого. Літургію та чин дияконських свячень очолить Митрополит Лаврентій. Щиро запрошуємо всіх вірних взяти участь у цих урочистих богослужіннях та підтримати Івана своїми молитвами, коли він приймає покликання служити у Святій Церкві Христовій.



Це радісна й важлива подія для нашої Архиєпархії, адже новий слуга покликаний нести світло Свяного Евангелія, допомагати у відправі Святих Таїнств та служити Божому людові.



Tropar, tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Jews* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Savior, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life.* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of Mankind.

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

Kondak, tone 1: You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raised the world.* All humanity acclaims You as God, and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Prokimen, tone 1: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. (5: 8 - 19)

Brothers and Sisters! Live as children of light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth. Be correct in your judgment of what pleases the Lord. Take no part in vain deeds done in darkness; rather, condemn them. It is shameful even to mention the things these people do in secret; but when such deeds are condemned they are seen in the light of day, and all that then appears is light. That is why we read: "Awake, O sleeper, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Keep careful watch over your conduct. Do not act like fools, but like thoughtful men. Make the most of the present opportunity, for these are evil days. Do not continue in ignorance, but try to discern the will of the Lord. Avoid getting drunk on wine; that leads to debauchery. Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and inspired songs. Sing praise to the Lord with all your hearts.

Alleluia Verses: God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity for ever.

Gospel: Luke 12: 16 - 21 At that time the Lord told this parable: "There was a rich man who had a good harvest. 'What shall I do?' he asked himself. 'I have no place to store my harvest. I know!' he said, 'I will pull down my grain bins and build larger ones. All my grain and my goods will go there. Then I will say to myself: You have blessings in reserve for years to come. Relax! Eat heartily, drink well. Enjoy yourself.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life shall be required of you. To whom will all this piled-up wealth of yours go?' That is the way it works with the man who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the sight of God."

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

The 7 keys to life

- 1) God first
- 2) Love one another
- 3) Never hate
- 4) Give generously
- 5) Live simply
- 6) Forgive quickly
- 7) Always be kind

Тропар, глас 1: Хоч запечатали камінь юдеї* і воїни стерегли пречисте тіло Твоє,* воскрес Ти, Спасе, на третій день,* даруючи життя світові.* Тому сили небесні взвивали до Тебе, Життєдавче.* Слава воскресінню Твоєму, Христе,* слава царству Твоєму,* слава провидінню Твоєму,* єдиний Чоловіколюбче!

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

Кондак, глас 1: Воскрес Ти у славі як Бог із гробу* і світ з Собою воскресив;* людське єство Тебе як Бога, оспівує і смерть щезла.* Адам ж лике, Владико,* і Єва нині, з узів визволившись, радіє, визиваючи:*Tи, Христе, Той, Хто всім подає воскресіння.

Прокімен, глас 1: Милість Твоя, Господи, хай буде над нами, бо ми надіялись на Тебе.

Стих. Радуйтесь, праведні, в Господі, правим належить похвала.

Апостол: До Ефесян послання святого апостола Павла читання. (5: 8 - 19)

Браття і Сестри! Поводьтеся як діти світла, бо плід світла є в усьому, що добре, що справедливе та правдиве. Шукайте пильно того, що Господеві подобається. Не беріть участі в безплідних ділах темряви, а радше картайте їх, бо що ті люди потай виробляють, соромно й казати. Все, що ганиться, стає у світлі явним, а все, що виявляється, стає світлом. Тому говорить: "Прокиньсь, о сплячий, і встань із мертвих, і Христос освітить тебе!" Тож, уважайте пильно, як маєте поводитися, не як немудрі, а як мудрі, використовуючи час, бо дні ліхі. Тому не будьте необачні, а збагніть, що є Господня воля. І не впивайтесь вином, яке доводить до розпусти, а сповнюютесь Духом. Проказуйте між собою вголос псалми й гимни та духовні пісні, співайте та прославляйте у серцях ваших Господа.

Стихи на Алилуя: Бог, що дає відплату мені, і покорив народи мені.

Ти, що звеличуєш спасіння царя, і даєш милість помазаннику Своєму Давидові і родові його повіки.

Євангелія: Від Луки 12: 16 - 21

Сказав Господь притчу ою: "В одного багача земля вродила гарно. Почав він міркувати, кажучи сам до себе: 'Що мені робити? Не маю де звезти урожай мій.' І каже: 'Ось що я зроблю: розберу мої стодоли, більші побудую і зберу туди все збіжжя і ввесь мій достаток, і скажу душі мої: Душа моя, маєш добра багато в запасі на багато років!'

Спочивай, їж, пий і веселися!" А Бог сказав до нього: 'Безумний! Цієї ж ночі душу візмуть у тебе, і те, що ти зібрал, кому воно буде?' Отак воно з тим, хто збирає для себе, замість багатії у Бога."

Причастний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

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ЦІЛІТЕЛЬ

Близько 20 згаданих зцілень:

- Зцілення сліпих, глухих;
- Очищення прокажених;
- Воскресіння мертвих;
- Вигнання бісів;
- Зцілення натовпів.



СПАСІТЕЛЬ

Спаситель: одна жертва - для всіх:

- Хресна смерть за людство;
- Одна Жертва - на спасіння всіх;
- Перемога над гріхом і смертю;
- Двері до вічного життя.



УЧИТЕЛЬ

Учител: понад 30 притч, 3 велики проповіді:

- Притчі про милосердя, віру, прощення;
- Нагірна проповідь;
- Місійна проповідь;
- Проповідь про останні часи.

St. Nicholas Gift Boxes – Christmas Gifts for the Children of Ukraine shipped to Ukraine on Dec 2, 2025

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who took part in this charitable project. Thank you to all our parishioners, friends, and all who, during this holy Christmas season, choose to think about others and bring hope where it is most needed.

A special thank you goes to our friends and various organizations who donated many essential and meaningful items for the children in Ukraine during this tragic time of war. Your generosity is more than material support — through every item you send, you share your love, your care, and your prayers. May these gifts warm the hearts of children who are suffering from the wounds and trauma of war.

Please pass this bulletin to all donors as a expression of gratitude and prayerful support.

We extend our special gratitude to Kalyna and MEEST for providing us with a charitable shipping discount, to the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League for covering the shipping costs, and to everyone who contributed donations toward this project. Because of your kindness, we were able to purchase many additional high-quality items for the children.

Please take a moment to look at the photos included — a witness to the generosity and compassion of our parish family and community.

May God bless all of you abundantly for your open hearts and for being instruments of Christ's love.



SOPILKA

UKRAINIAN DANCE SCHOOL
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

55th Anniversary Gala

Save the Date!

SATURDAY

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FEBRUARY
2026

GRAND BALLROOM CANAD INNS POLO PARK

Performances by Sopilka Ukrainian Dance Ensembles
with Special Guests

Dinner and Zabava
featuring music by SLOOHAL

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to our mailing list for event information

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Вшанування Митрополита Лаврентія Гуцулля, ЧСВВ

April 14 | 14 квітня, 2026

Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Center,
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49 years as a Priest
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Project: Replacing the Church Windows (Portage Avenue Side)

Our parish has begun the project of replacing the church windows on the Portage Avenue side, with a total cost of \$20,000.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who have already contributed so generously toward this important project.

Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated. We continue to collect donations for this purpose.

May the Good Lord bless all our donors and those who will continue to support this work for the beauty and care of God's house. Thank you, and God bless you all!

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The Smith family, Summer 2025. Left to right: Jonathan, Ron, Paula, Sandra, Andrea, Katrina, Lisa, Jay, Chris, and Marianne (front)



IS JESUS BORN IN YOUR HEART? IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME

A good question indeed! Well, all of us would like to think so and say 'yes'. But the reality is this: Jesus would never, ever force Himself into one's heart. He is a perfect gentleman, always patiently waiting for us to invite Him in. "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; IF you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you..." Rev 3:16

IF Jesus were to force Himself through the doors of our hearts, then this would not be love. It would be a violation of rights. One becomes a Christian disciple only after he / she has willingly and consciously invited Jesus into his / her heart and at the same time, makes the necessary preparation of heart for Him to enter. This is an ongoing process and has to be repeated throughout our lives. The sanctity and holiness of one's heart makes it a worthy home for the Saviour to reside in. Hence, the preparation involves sincere repentance, total surrender, a strong desire to live a new life in Christ and daily personal prayer. Yes, Christmas is a season to celebrate; but not to celebrate only the event of the birth of Jesus in the stable of Bethlehem. Christmas is a season to celebrate the birth of Jesus in your heart. If this birth has not happened, then Christmas becomes a vain and meaningless activity. "But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, he gave power to become children of God." John 1:12. Christmas is also a season to look into yourself and for you to renew your faith.



STATEMENT OF THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZA- TIONS REGARDING THE LATEST RUSSIAN TERRORIST ATTACK ON UKRAINIAN CITIES

During the night of 29 November 2025, the Russian Federation carried out another massive terrorist attack using missiles and UAVs against Kyiv, towns and villages of the Kyiv region, and other regions of Ukraine. As a result of this Russian terrorist strike, civilian and critical infrastructure was destroyed or damaged, including energy facilities and residential buildings; civilians were killed and injured. In recent weeks, Russian terrorists have also launched missile, drone, and bomb attacks on Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro, Odesa, Ternopil, and other Ukrainian cities, killing dozens of civilians and destroying residential buildings, hospitals, kindergartens, schools, and more. The Russian Federation, taking advantage of the insufficient reaction of democratic states and using its lobbyists and various agents of influence in NATO and EU countries and beyond, continues to commit systematic terror against the civilian population of Ukraine. If the crimes of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and the Ukrainian people are not stopped and punished, other countries of Northern, Central, and Eastern Europe will inevitably become the next targets of Russian state terrorism. This evil will also reach those countries that believe they are sufficiently protected or think that they can make agreements with Russia, trade with it, and that everything will be fine. Such a policy of appeasement does not lead to peace or good. True peace is possible only when peacebuilding efforts are combined with strengthening Ukraine in accordance with the formula “peace through strength.” The actions of the Russian Federation clearly demonstrate that it is a terrorist state, and those Russian citizens who support this war and these killings are complicit in crimes against humanity. We strongly condemn the terrorist attacks of the Russian Federation on Ukrainian cities and villages. We once again emphasize that any support for the Russian Federation, including “shadow” trade schemes, is tantamount to encouraging Russia’s further aggression and terror, and therefore entails moral responsibility and accountability before the Almighty. We call on representatives of churches and religious organizations, international interfaith and interchurch institutions, as well as representatives of NGOs and the media, to condemn the crimes of the Russian Federation and to make every necessary effort to counter Russian disinformation at the global level.

We call on the world’s leading democratic nations, alongside peacebuilding efforts, to increase the provision of effective defense and protection means to Ukraine and to intensify pressure on the Russian Federation in order to compel it to cease its military aggression against Ukraine and to establish a just and lasting peace. We once again take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all foreign religious leaders and believers of various denominations, to politicians, and to people of goodwill across different countries for supporting the Ukrainian people, for their prayers for an end to Russian military aggression, and for the establishment of a just and durable peace for Ukraine and Europe.

[UGCC website](http://www.ugcc.org.ua)

Preparing for the Sacrament of Confession

As we approach Christmas, let us take time to prepare our hearts for the Sacrament of Confession. To examine your conscience, reflect sincerely on your life in the light of the Ten Commandments: Have I placed anything above God?

Have I respected His name?

Have I kept Sunday holy?

Have I honoured my parents and family?

Have I harmed anyone through anger, words, or actions?

Have I respected purity and the dignity of others?

Have I taken what is not mine?

Have I spoken the truth? Have I been jealous, greedy, or ungrateful?

Prayer before Confession: Lord Jesus, help me see my sins clearly, repent sincerely, and confess humbly. Heal me and renew my heart. Amen.

May this holy preparation open our hearts to the joy of Christ's Nativity.



Підготовка до Святої Таїнства Сповіді

Готуючись до Різдва, знайдімо час підготувати своє серце до Святої Сповіді. Щоб зробити іспит сумління, чесно перегляньмо своє життя у світлі Десяти Заповідей:

Чи ставив щось вище за Бога? Чи шанував Його ім'я?

Чи святкував неділю? Чи шанував батьків та рідних?

Чи не кривдив нікого словами чи вчинками?

Чи зберігав чистоту і гідність близьнього?

Чи не привласнював чуже?

Чи говорив правду? Чи не заздрив і не був жадібним?

Молитва перед Сповіддю: Господи Ісусе, допоможи мені побачити свої гріхи, щиро покаятися і з покорою висповідатися. Зцілі і обнові мое серце. Амінь. Нехай ця духовна підготовка відкриє наші серця до радості Різдва Христового.

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YOU TO ALL
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who helped to
prepare food for
our Christmas
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bless you all.
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St. Andrew's Pence Collection This month!

Our parish will participate in the annual "St. Andrew's Pence" collection. Established by the late Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, this fund provides the Head of our Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, with the resources to respond immediately to emergencies. Your donations directly support:

Humanitarian aid for victims of the war in Ukraine (food, medical supplies).

Support for Ukrainian Catholic military chaplains and priests serving in war zones.

Mission parishes, clergy and seminaries in need.

Please give generously to support the works of our Church during these difficult times. SPECIAL ENVELOPS "St. ANDREW'S Pence" are located at the back of the church. We will collect all Sundays during the month of December. You can place into the Sunday collection box!



Letter to the Faithful: Dear sisters and brothers in Christ!

Every year, on November 30, our Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called, to remember that thanks to the Apostle Andrew, as an ancient legend tells us, Christianity came to our homeland Ukraine. Our blessed memory Cardinal Lyubomyr Huzar has initiated the "Andrew's Pence" collection on that feast to give this opportunity for the faithful of our Church to contribute to

the work of the Patriarch.

On this day, in the churches of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church all over the world, prayers are said for the intention of the Father and Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, and a collection is held in support of his pastoral and social ministry.

The full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine has been going on for four years. We are all experiencing fatigue, but we cannot afford to give up. And today, more than ever, we need to unite our efforts to resist barbarian Russian invasion. Our strength lies in our unity and ability to show solidarity and compassion.

We invite everyone to join in this noble cause, to become an instrument of our Church, with its hands, to support those who need help the most.

"The task of the Head of the Church is to support those who need help the most, including financial support. Such a resource from which the Head of the Church can draw funds to serve those in need is the "Andrew's Pence" fund. By making donations to this fund, you are not helping the Head of the Church personally, but are transferring into his hands the elements of rapid service and response, urgent assistance for those who are in the greatest need" (His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk).

We sincerely encourage our faithful to support our Patriarch. A special Liturgy will be said for our benefactors at the Patriarchal Sobor in Kyiv.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity! May God bless you! Fr. Lubomyr Yavorsky



Дорогі Високопреосвященні та Преосвященні Владики!

Вже четвертий рік поспіль Український народ бореться з російським агресором за свою свободу і незалежність. Щоденні ракетні обстріли руйнують долі і життя людей. Немає людини в Україні, яку б оминула війна. Інколи виглядає, що людський біль просякнув саме повітря, бо так багато втрат: люди втрачають своїх рідних, свої домівки, свою віру в майбутнє, своє життя. І серед цього горя і втрат - співчуття, увага та небайдужість стають містком до надії, світлом у темряві. І в цьому є місія Церкви - бути знаком надії - у світлі Блаженств - нести Добру Новину убогим і стражденним, бути поруч.

Сьогодні ми можемо допомогти послужити Патріарху тим, хто цього найбільше потребує через фонд «Андріїв гріш», який у 2007 році започаткував Блаженніший Любомир, як ресурс через який Глава Церкви може невідкладно та ефективно реагувати на виклики та потреби часу.

Від перших днів повномасштабного вторгнення наша Церква активно реагує на виклики, які несе війна, залучаючи свої ресурси та шукаючи підтримки серед місцевих та закордонних добродіїв та організацій. Сьогодні наша економіка переживає непрості часи, що кількісно зменшують можливість локальної підтримки фонду. Тому, так важливо об'єднати наші загальноцерковні зусилля, щоб підтримати Патріарха. З добра фонду «Андріїв гріш» користає уся наша Церква - в Україні і на поселеннях - до прикладу, в минулому році численна фінансова підтримка була спрямована для потреб єпархії в Аргентині.

Війна спричинила і поглибила економічну кризу в Україні - тисячі внутрішньо переміщених осіб, скорочення робочих місць, руйнування бізнесів, неповні сім'ї внаслідок воєнного стану, ще більше зубожіння осіб пенсійного віку, зрост числа сиріт і напівсиріт. Цей фонд у руках Блаженнішого є інструментом швидкого і ефективного реагування на виклики, які постають перед нами. Завдяки солідарним внескам єпархій та екзархатів УГКЦ фонд «Андріїв гріш» вже підтримав і продовжує підтримувати проекти спрямовані на продовольчу безпеку («Продуктові набори» і «Гарячі обіди» для потребуючих) та реабілітацію дітей («Чудеса Різдва» - святкова локація при Патріаршому соборі Воскресіння Христового в Києві, яка запрошує дітей, які зростають в середовищі воєнного стану, серед втрат та руйнувань, зануритись у світливий і радісний простір святкування дня Святого Миколая та Різдвяних Свят).

Ласкаво просимо провести збірку на Андріїв Гріш 30 листопада або 7 грудня і розмістити інформацію про Фонд на доступних Вам єпархіальних і парафіяльних ресурсах.

О. Любомир

о. Любомир Яворський
Патріарший економ УГКЦ

Christmas Prosphora

The sacrificial bread — the prosphora — carries deep Christological symbolism: it is made of two parts, representing the divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ.

The prosphora consists of two separate pieces of dough that are prepared independently and then joined together. On the top portion a seal is stamped, depicting an equal-armed cross with the inscriptions above the horizontal bar: IC XC (“Jesus Christ”), and below it NI KA (“Victory” in Greek).

On the prosphora, the first part of the Divine Liturgy — the Proskomedia — is performed.

Proskomedia means “offering,” expressing the action of the one who brings a gift or sacrifice. The bread that is offered is called prosphora, meaning “the thing that is brought,” the gift. Later, during the Divine Liturgy, this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the celebration of the Eucharistic Mystery, and the faithful receive them in Holy Communion.

During the Holy Supper on Christmas Eve, the family shares one prosphora with all who are present at the table as a sign of unity in Christ.

How do we eat the prosphora during the Holy Supper?

When the first star appears in the sky, the family gathers at the table. Before the meal begins, the head of the household lights a candle, and all pray aloud together. After the prayer, the family remembers those who, for various reasons, could not be there—friends, loved ones, and family members who have passed away.

Then the grandfather or father—the elder of the family—approaches each person with the blessed prosphora from the church. The prosphora is divided into pieces according to the number of people present and placed on a plate with honey. The grandfather offers each person a piece of the honey-dipped prosphora, extending heartfelt wishes to each family member.

Prosphora at Home

Let us make every effort to be present for the Holy Supper, so that we do not lose the bond of family unity and so that, through prayer and Christmas traditions, we may more fully enter into the mystery of the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior.

On behalf of our parish, I would like to express sincere gratitude to Iryna and all the women who helped bake our Christmas prosphora. All donations received for the prosphora will be directed to people in great need. Here in the city of Winnipeg there are individuals — and especially children — who require financial assistance, since some do not even have the means to purchase lunch at school. These funds will also be used wherever there is need among children, whether here in Canada or in Ukraine.



Wherever the greatest need arises, that is where your donations will go — and along with them, a piece of your

Різдвяна просфора

Жертовний хліб — просфора — має глибоку христологічну символіку: він складається з двох частин, що представляють Божество і людськість Ісуса Христа.

Просфора виготовляється з двох окремих частин тіста, які готуються незалежно одна від одної, а потім поєднуються разом. На верхній частині ставиться печатка із зображенням рівнораменного хреста та написів над горизонтальною перекладиною: IC XC («Ісус Христос»), а під перекладиною — НІ КА («Перемога» грецькою).

На просфорі звершується перша частина Божественної Літургії — проскомидія.

Слово проскомидія означає «приношення», тобто дію того, хто приносить якийсь дар чи жертву. Хліб, який приноситься, називається просфора, тобто «те, що приноситься», дар. Пізніше, під час Божественної Літургії, цей хліб і вино стають Тілом і Кров'ю Ісуса Христа через звершення Євхаристійної Тайни, і вірні приймають їх у Святому Причасті.

Під час Святої Вечері на Святечір родина ділиться однією просфорою з усіма, хто зібрався за столом, як знаком єдності у Христі.

Як споживати просфору під час Святої Вечері?

Коли на небі з'являється перша зірка, родина збирається за столом. Перед початком вечері голова родини запалює свічку, і всі разом промовляють молитву. Після молитви згадують тих, хто з різних причин не зміг бути присутнім: друзів, рідних, а також померлих членів родини.

Потім дідусь або батько — найстарший у родині — підходить до кожного з освяченою в церкві просфорою. Просфора поділена на частинки відповідно до кількості присутніх і викладена на тарілку з медом. Дідусь промовляє добре побажання й подає кожному шматочок просфори, вмоченої в мед.

Просфора вдома

Стараймося бути присутніми на Святій Вечері, щоб не втратити родинного зв'язку, і щоб через

молитву та різдвяні традиції глибше увійти у таїнство Різдва Ісуса Христа, Сина Божого, нашого Спасителя.

Від імені нашої парафії хочу щиро подякувати Ірині та всім жінкам, які долучилися до випікання нашої різдвяної просфори. Усі пожертви, отримані за просфору, будуть спрямовані людям у великій потребі. Тут, у місті Вінніпег, є особи — а особливо діти — які потребують фінансової допомоги, оскільки деякі з них навіть не мають змоги придбати обід у школі. Ці кошти також будуть використані там, де виникне потреба серед дітей — чи тут, у Канаді, чи в Україні. Де буде найбільша потреба,



HELP TO UKRAINE!

On the morning of November 27, nine days after the missile attack on Ternopil, the city was shaken by heartbreaking news: 12-year-old Adriana Unolt passed away in a hospital in Lviv, where she had been transferred from the intensive care unit of the Ternopil Regional Hospital.

The girl had suffered severe injuries when a missile struck near their building on 15 Kvitnya Street on November 19. Her mother, Olena Unolt, was killed instantly. Both daughters — seventh-grader Adriana and tenth-grader Eva — were taken to intensive care units in different hospitals. Their grandmother, Honored Artist of Ukraine Lyudmyla Chervinska, was also hospitalized in intensive care and later moved to a burn center in Lviv.

The family lived on 15 Kvitnya Street, building 25, not far from building 31, near which the missile struck, acquaintances of the family shared. That morning, the mother and her daughters were running toward the nearest shelter when they were overtaken by the blast wave...

We sent financial help to Adriana's dad.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Viktor and Nataliya Malyuta, who are suffering an unspeakable tragedy as well. As a result of the recent missile strike on Ternopil, their son Artem was killed, and the family's home was completely destroyed by fire.

Viktor, Nataliya, and their daughter Angelina sustained serious injuries and are currently in the hospital, where they will require long-term treatment and rehabilitation. Small financial support was given to the family in this difficult time.

We ask all parishioners to remember these families in your daily prayers and all victims.



 **THANK YOU FOR THE following volunteers for coming & decorating our church for Christmas :**

- ◆ **Nelli & Harry Fediuk**
- ◆ **Linda & Andy Labay**
- ◆ **Pearl & Gus Groen**
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- ◆ **Donna Olynyk**

May God bless you for your generosity !

Pearl Groen



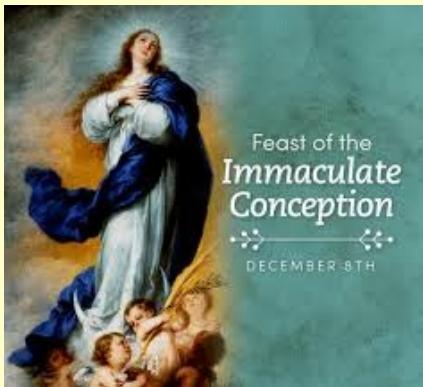
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FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception is a solemnity celebrated on December 9 in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

The following is a segment of an article from the Catholic News Agency (<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55424/the-immaculate-conception>)

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, *Ineffabilis Deus*, definitively clarified the longstanding belief of the Church that Mary was conceived without original sin. When proclaiming the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a dogma of the Church, the pope explicitly stated that Mary was con-

ceived free from the stain of original sin. This privilege of Mary stems from God's choosing her as Mother of the Saviour; therefore, she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being like us, was fitting because she was chosen to be Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary serve as a model for all Christians.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says of the Immaculate Conception of Mary:

§490. To become the mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role". The angel Gabriel, at the moment of the annunciation, salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

§491. Through the centuries, the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: **"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."** (Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854)

§492. The "splendour of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son." The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love."

§493. **The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (Panagia) and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature". By the grace of God, Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.**

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be forever!

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

John (Ivas) Babick

SUNDAY LITURGY

9:00 a.m. Children's Catechism

9:30 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. English/Ukrainian

Office Hours (Weds& Thurs.)

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

CONFESIONS Before Liturgies

BAPTISM By appointment

FUNERALS By arrangement

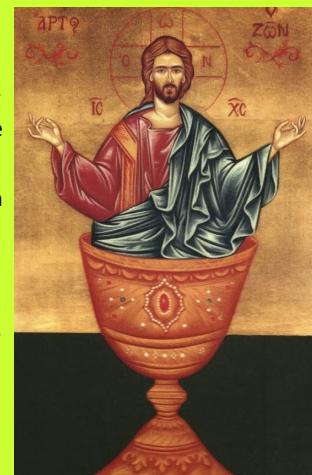
MARRIAGES: By appointment at least six months in advance

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: Dobrodiyka Olga, Ed T., Stanley S, ALL UKRAINIANS in time of WAR, John S., Fran C, David K., Ed & Sylvia P., Mary P., Luba

H., Jack M., Alexander Z., Virginia M., Mary I.Z., Bryce G, Alex Z.,

Shane M., Ruthie P., Ed T, Wayne G., Rose O. Tillie Z., Charlene G., Natalie B , Olga B, John C., ...

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.**

