

Christ is among us!
He is and will be!



Христос посеред нас!
Є і буде!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec 23 • Sunday before the Nativity Hebrews 11: 9-10; 17-23; 32-40 ~ Matthew 1: 1-25

5:00 pm (Sat.) †Nellie Romanitz (40 day).....Muzyka family

8:30 am God's blessings for St. Joseph's parishioners.....

10:00 am (HFH) God's blessings for Sister Eugenia Stefaniuk.....SSMI

11:00 am †William Domitruk (10 yrs).....Sonia and family

Monday, December 24 • Eve of the Nativity Hebrews 1: 1-12 ~ Luke 2: 1-20

8:00 am Health of Fr. Frank.....Phyllis Trach

5:00 pm God's blessings and safe journey for Samantha and Stacy.....Carol and Wally Sawchuk

8:30 pm Christmas blessings for all St. Joseph's parishioners.....

10:30 pm Christmas blessings for all St. Joseph's parishioners.....

Tuesday, December 25 • Nativity of Our Lord Galatians 4: 4-7 ~ Matthew 2: 1-12

10:00 am Christmas blessings and prayers for all the hurting families in Newtown, CT.....

10:00 am (HFH) Christmas blessings for residents and staff of Holy Family Home.....

Wednesday, December 26 • Plenary Memorial of the Mother of God Hebrews 2: 11-18 ~ Matthew 2: 13-23

8:30 am God's blessings for the Lukie and Gurica families.....Ollie and Ernie

7:00 pm †Rose Muckosy (40 days).....Family

Thursday, December 27 • St. Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6: 8-15; 7:1-5; 47-60 ~ Matthew 21: 33-42

8:30 am †Grace Prokop and †Marian Gelinias.....Steve, Garry and family

7:00 pm Blessings for grandchildren, esp. Ishvara and Katherine.....Dorothy Labay

Friday, December 28 • Martyrs in Nicomedia Post feast of the Nativity James 2: 1-13 ~ Mark 10: 24-32

8:00 am †Stella.....Solman family

10:00 am (Middlechurch) Christmas blessings for residents and staff of Middlechurch Home.....

11:00 am (Bethany) †Olive Nebozenko.....Nicholas, Stella and Nicolette

Saturday, December 29 • Saturday after the Nativity Timothy 6: 11-16 ~ Matthew 12: 15-21

7:30 am (HFH) In ThanksgivingMalenko and Ouellette families

8:30 am †Joseph Lysak (40 days).....Winnie and family

Sunday, Dec 30 • Sunday after the Nativity Galatians 1: 11-19 ~ Matthew 2: 13-23

5:00 pm (Sat.) 70th birthday blessings for Al Lukie.....family

8:30 am God's blessings for St. Joseph's parishioners.....

10:00 am (HFH) Blessings for Sister Mary Basil Kunanec.....SSMI

11:00 am †Marian Parij (40 days).....Parij and Bailey families



SUNDAY COLLECTION December 16, 2012 THANK YOU! 220 envelopes \$ 5,684.00
 Open Collection \$ 82.05 ; Vigil Lamps \$ 146.00 ; Outreach \$325. ; Christmas Flowers \$ 125.00 ;
 Christmas Offering \$ 765.00 ; Church Decorating Fund \$1,300. including \$200. in memory of
 †Rose Muckosy and \$250. in memory of †Mary Boychuk from husband Peter.
 Payment of \$7500 has been mailed to Cdn Wheelchair Foundation for 50 Wheelchairs to Ukraine project.

Parishioners who need a ride to Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Saturday (ENG), 8:30am Sunday (UKR), are asked to please call Josie & Rudy 694-8763 or 797-4639 no later than 6:00 pm the evening before.

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DECEMBER 23RD 2012 • SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

23 грудня 2012 • Неділя перед Різдром

PASTORAL CARE - REDEMPTORISTS
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FATHER LEONARD RATUSHNIAK, CSSR
Pastor of ST. ANDREWS PARISH

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY

5:00 PM SATURDAY (ENGLISH)
 8:30 AM (UKRAINIAN) • 11:00 AM (ENGLISH)

DAILY DIVINE LITURGY

8:00 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY • 8:30 AM SAT.

VESPERS SATURDAY 4:15 - 5:00 PM

Holy Days

8:30 AM (UKRAINIAN) • 7:00 PM (ENGLISH)

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HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY: AFTER DIVINE LITURGIES
 MONDAY: CLOSED
 TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 SATURDAY: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Christ is born! Glorify Him!

The parish of St. Joseph extends a warm welcome to all our guests. We are pleased that you have come to pray with us. May the Lord bless you!

ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВІТЕ ЙОГО!

Парафія святого Йосифа сердечно вітає всіх гостей, які прибули до нас на Богослуження. Нехай Бог вас благословить!

Dear beloved parishioners and guests,

How very exciting this time of year is for both Christians and Jews – a time of great celebration for us all! The feast of *Hanukkah* or the “*Festival of Lights*” is commemorated with the lighting of the nine-branched *Menorah* as a reminder of God's protection and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem and we celebrate with them.



From the Pastor's Desk

We, as Christians throughout the world, celebrate the “*birth of Jesus*”, the central figure of Christianity. We happily acknowledge God loving us so very much that He sent His only Son to be born a human that we, in turn, could become divine by uniting ourselves through Holy Baptism with Jesus, thus answering the call: “*Come, follow Me.*”

As I celebrate the daily Liturgy and turn to bless you, my heart fills with much warmth and love as I gaze lovingly on the beautiful Icon of the Nativity that now graces our St. Joseph's church and I am ever so grateful for your trust and generosity to make this a special reality – what a delightful preparation for Christmas!

Obviously this Icon (*as all icons contain much symbolism and meaning*) truly calls forth for a sermon unto itself and this will take place, but bear with me as I share a few notes of explanation for this Icon, respected, loved and adored over the centuries by Ukrainians, Greeks and all Byzantine Christians. (*Turn & look at the icon as you read!*)

The *immense power* of God from above breaks into the *cosmos* of this world to unite the whole universe. The *Star of Bethelhem*, guiding the *Wisemen* and the *Shepherds*, brightly shines above the site of *Jesus's birth*. We witness the *new-born child*, the baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes, as if in a *death-shroud* and placed in a *tomb-like crib*, as a visible reminder that Jesus, the Son of God, was born for us, lived for us, suffered and even died for us. This is the most “*central tenet*” of our Christian faith.

The most prominent figure, *Mary, the Mother of God*, resting on a bright-colored hammock, is not gazing at her child, but warmly turned to *Joseph*, who truly is puzzled and confused with this overwhelming event. Mary lovingly reaches out to him (*and to all of us!*) to console him (*and us!*) and ensure that this is God's holy plan of salvation.

The *handmaidens* in the lower right corner are washing and caring for the child Jesus to remind us of *His humanity* – that verily He is human. The *angel* above comes down from heaven to verify that Jesus is also truly *divine*. And of course, the gift-bearing *wise men*, the *Magi* come to adore Christ and to remind us that we too must adore the Son of God and offer our most precious gift – the *Gift of ourselves!*

Such a brief description does not do this beautiful awe-inspiring Icon justice, but should encourage us to read, to study and experience more fully the unfathomable depth of all Icons, especially as we prayerfully prepare to celebrate this momentous earth-shattering event – the BIRTH OF THE SON OF GOD!!!

May this be a most wonderful Christ-mas!!!

Fr. Fedor

December 22nd
Dec. 23, 2012

Epistle Readers
5:00 pm Saturday
G. Winch
8:30 am Sunday
A. Marcinkow
11:00 am Sunday
J. Washchysyn

Ushers
5:00 pm Saturday
J. Tchir
S. Sumka
8:30 am Sunday
A. Danylchuk
N. Winchar
11:00 am Sunday
D. Gulchak
B. Rolston

Vigil Lamps
Dec 24 - Jan 6, 2013
D. Sidak
E. Kuzenko

December 29th
Dec. 30, 2012


Epistle Readers
5:00 pm Saturday
K. Hrechka
8:30 am Sunday
C. Sikorsky
11:00 am Sunday
J. Dudych

Ushers
5:00 pm Saturday
D. Sumka
S. Sumka
8:30 am Sunday
Z. Hudyma
L. Hudyma
11:00 am Sunday
M. Samec
I. Werbovetski


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St. Joseph's Seniors
thank all those who came to help at the last Perogy Bee. God Bless You!
Please keep January 15 and 16 open for the next Perogy Bee. Call Millie 589-3518 to place your order.



 Caroling at HFH, Tues, Jan 8, 2013
4:45 pm registration; \$12/person for dinner that will follow the caroling for the residents.

Year End 2012 Donations must be in the office by Monday, December 31, 2012

 2013 Calendar and 2013 Offering Envelopes, which are in numerical order, are ready for pick up in the church auditorium.

Bethlehem Peacelight from the Birthplace of Jesus will be here on Sunday, Dec 23.

This Peace light was brought to our church by Plast Ukr Youth Association in Winnipeg. Come join us in sharing this symbol of peace, love and hope! You may buy a candle and bring the live flame home.



Congratulations to Meghan Funk on the baptism of her daughter, Skylar Mia, who was baptized on December 9th, 2012. Welcome!



Condolences and prayers are offered to the family and friends of †Anne Chick and to Mary Glowa and family on the repose of her husband †Samuel Glowa. May God grant their soul eternal rest. Вічна пам'ять.



Upcoming at St. Joseph's
Dec 24 Mon. **Christmas Eve (Fast Day)** Divine Liturgies 5pm and 8:30 pm English; Great Compline & Carols 10pm & Divine Liturgy 10:30 pm (Ukr); Epistle Readers: P. Lewak (5pm); K. Hrechka (8:30pm); Parish Choir (10:30pm)
Dec 25 Tues. **Christmas Day** Divine Liturgy 10:00 am; Epistle Reader: P. Krasnowski
Christ is born! Glorify Him! ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВІТЕ ЙОГО!
JAN 01 TUES HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Jan 06 Sun St. Joseph's Choir sing at Sunday Divine Liturgy 8:30 am
Jan 09 Wed Knights of Columbus Executive meeting 8:00 pm
Jan 13 Sun Catechism and Adult series resume at 10:00 am in church auditorium
Jan 15 & 16 Seniors Perogy Bee 9:00 am





Thank you for purchasing Mary's Angel ornaments. Thank you for your support to the Marian Hour (on CKJS radio station 810 every evening at 10:30 pm) and five orphans who are presently in a psychiatric hospital in Ukraine. \$275 will go directly to the orphans for their needs such as food, personal items and clothing.

You purchased the angels in memory of your loved ones. Panakhya Service will be held after Liturgy Saturday, December 22 (5pm) and Sunday, December 23 (8:30 am & 11am)

ATTN: Just in from Ukraine-NEW ITEMS for Christmas gift giving in the Shrine Gift Shop.

The Shrine and Museum will be closed December 24, 25, 26 & 27th.

The Shrine is open during and after each Divine Liturgy.

The Jesus Lifestyle

What's it about? Our culture is obsessed with lifestyle. Everyone wants to tell us how to live our lives. Jesus didn't leave us a lifestyle magazine; he sat down on a mountainside and began to teach. In this engaging and fascinating study Nicky Gumbel takes a closer look at the Sermon on the Mount and presents, with his familiar mix of humour and wisdom the life that Jesus wants us to live.



Please join us in the church auditorium Sunday mornings 10:00 am sharp - 11:00 am for this interesting video series. No books! No Homework: Everyone is Welcome!

The series will continue on January 13, 2013 - How to Become a Generous Giver

For further info please call Sandy or Norm Dobson (204)222-2098

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2013 • 12:30 - 3:00 pm ~ UCWLC St. Joseph Branch VALENTINE LUNCHEON

UCWLC Fall Dinner and Sauerkraut Perogie Bee

My heartfelt thanks to all of the parish volunteers and UCWL members who faithfully assisted in our very successful fundraising projects and to our parishioners for attending the Fall Dinner and purchasing our sauerkraut perogies.

Thank You and God Bless you all.

Ollie Szudiak



Community Events - Mark the Date!

Sun Jan 13 - Festival of Carols at 2:00 pm at Sts. Vladimir and Olga Cathedral, 115 McGregor St.

Sun Jan 20 - Bishop's Levee at 3:00pm at Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 965 Boyd Ave.

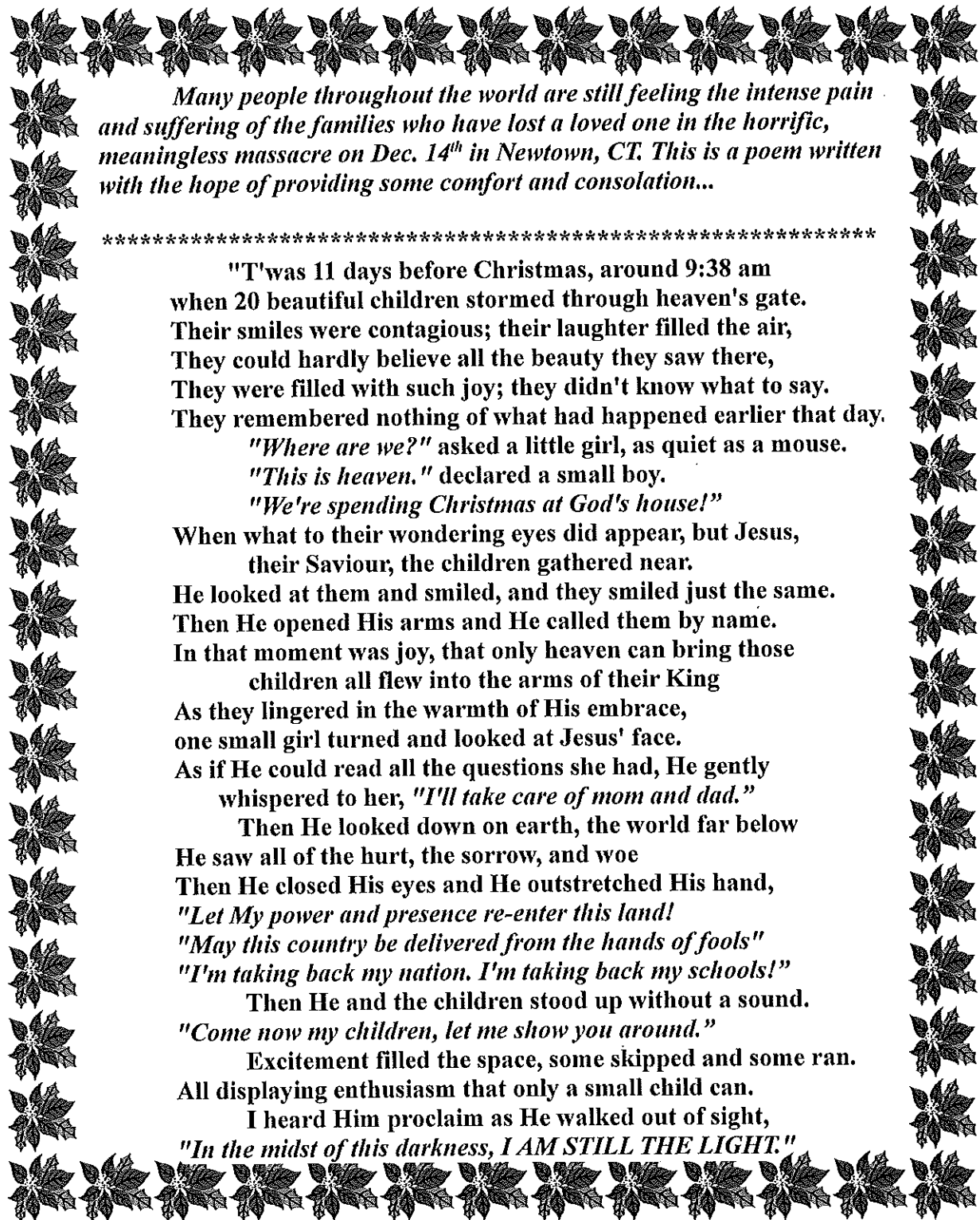
Thurs Jan 24 - Alzheimer Society of MB- presents 'Spotlight on Research' - info about dementia research; 7-9pm - Centro Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Ave; Register by Jan 22, online alzheimer.mb.ca

Sat Jan 26 - K.U.C.A. Youth Winter Games: Bowling for 5 to 16yrs at Rossmere Lanes, 3:30pm-6pm

Sat Feb 09 - Mini Olympics For 5 to 10 yrs -12:30pm to 2:30pm; 11 to 16 yrs - 2:30pm to 4:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, 650 Flora Ave. (hot dogs & drink served)

Sat Feb 16 - Indoor Soccer/Hockey for 5 to 10 yrs -12:30 to 2:30pm; 11 to 16 yrs - 2:30 to 4:30 pm;

Sat Feb 02 ~6th Annual "PUSCHENIA"-Pre-Lenten Dance at St. Nicholas Church, 737 Bannerman Ave
Music by "The Female Beat", 8pm-1am, Tickets \$17.50 includes hot lunch - call Peter/Marlene Skrinksi 204-632-0484 (KofC Fr Filipow Council #8944)



Many people throughout the world are still feeling the intense pain and suffering of the families who have lost a loved one in the horrific, meaningless massacre on Dec. 14th in Newtown, CT. This is a poem written with the hope of providing some comfort and consolation...

"T'was 11 days before Christmas, around 9:38 am when 20 beautiful children stormed through heaven's gate. Their smiles were contagious; their laughter filled the air, They could hardly believe all the beauty they saw there, They were filled with such joy; they didn't know what to say. They remembered nothing of what had happened earlier that day.

"Where are we?" asked a little girl, as quiet as a mouse.

"This is heaven." declared a small boy.

"We're spending Christmas at God's house!"

When what to their wondering eyes did appear, but Jesus, their Saviour, the children gathered near.

He looked at them and smiled, and they smiled just the same. Then He opened His arms and He called them by name.

In that moment was joy, that only heaven can bring those children all flew into the arms of their King

As they lingered in the warmth of His embrace, one small girl turned and looked at Jesus' face.

As if He could read all the questions she had, He gently whispered to her, *"I'll take care of mom and dad."*

Then He looked down on earth, the world far below He saw all of the hurt, the sorrow, and woe

Then He closed His eyes and He outstretched His hand, *"Let My power and presence re-enter this land!"*

"May this country be delivered from the hands of fools"
"I'm taking back my nation. I'm taking back my schools!"

Then He and the children stood up without a sound.

"Come now my children, let me show you around."

Excitement filled the space, some skipped and some ran. All displaying enthusiasm that only a small child can.

I heard Him proclaim as He walked out of sight,

"In the midst of this darkness, I AM STILL THE LIGHT."

**PASTORAL LETTER OF
THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA
ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - 2012**

To the Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters, Seminarians and Lay-Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When as a Christian family, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we greet one another with words of joy: "Christ is Born! Glorify Him!". This is our expression of faith and of our commitment to give glory and honor to the One who came into this world to save us, to restore humankind's relationship with its Creator.

In the Sacred Scriptures we read of the wondrous birth of our Lord. The Gospel of Luke recounts how Mary and Joseph went from door to door in Bethlehem and were turned away. They found shelter in a humble cave, used as a stable, and there the King of Kings was born into our world. A lowly manger served as His cradle. The first to witness the event of God being born among us were simple shepherds, living and working far from the circles of power and influence. Yet, it was to them that the Angel said: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord," (Lk. 2:10-11).

What was the response to this wonderful news that they had heard? Did they shut their minds to what was seemingly the impossible? Did they make light of it - or dismiss their vision as an illusion? No, they opened the doors of their hearts, and thus were able to accept that, which can only be discerned by those, who believe. "When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made know to us.'" (Lk. 2:15). These men found their way to the Infant, and through the eyes of faith were able to recognize the Saviour, the Messiah, as the Angel had told them. Without faith, they would have simply seen a new-born baby and his parents in a stable surrounded by barnyard animals, nothing new or wondrous, just another poor child born into the world!

Just as the shepherds more than two thousand years ago, so too each Christian generation is called to recognize the signs of salvation in their midst. This year here in Canada we were blessed to host the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, held in Manitoba in September. Together on hospitable Canadian soil we sought to discern the signs of our times in order to reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ and our commitment to give Him glory through the life and service of our Church throughout the world.

We live in a particular moment in history, a time that presents great challenges to the faith, but also great opportunities. Gathered in Synod on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the arrival to Canada of Blessed Nykyta Budka, our first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop, we reflected on both the growth of our

Church over the last century, and the need for more vibrant expressions of faith in the circumstances of the 21st century. We are reminded of this as we celebrate "The Year of Faith" proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. In his pastoral letter to proclaim the year of Faith, Porta fidei, "the door of faith", the Holy Father recalls the famous words of Blessed Pope John Paul II's inaugural homily: "Open wide the doors to Christ". When we celebrate our Lord's Nativity this year, we are called, dear Sisters and Brothers, in a particular way to "open wide the doors to Christ".

For us the year 2013 has another significance. It is the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine. As children of the Baptism of Kyivan Rus', we can once again reflect on the legacy of Saint Volodymyr the Great who led his nation into the baptismal waters of the mighty river Dnipro, accepting in faith the same Good News that the Shepherds of Bethlehem heard proclaimed. This past year while visiting many of our parishes in Canada, His Beatitude our Patriarch, Sviatoslav invited the faithful of Canada to journey to Kyiv in a world-wide pilgrimage to commemorate the Baptism of Kyivan-Rus' at the newly-constructed Sobor of the Holy Resurrection. Like the Shepherds of old, we are invited to see for ourselves the wonder and join together to celebrate our baptismal spiritual heritage with our Patriarch, our bishops, clergy, religious and lay-faithful from around the world. For those of our faithful who are not able to make this pilgrimage we encourage you to find ways of celebrating this anniversary in your own parish communities. But let us celebrate this anniversary with a spirit of more than looking back into history, let us examine closely our Christian heritage and what we as Eastern Christians and Eastern Catholics believe. Let us go forward into 2013 with our hearts and minds open wide to the living patrimony of faith that has been given to us.

May our New-Born Savior Jesus Christ bless you as you open your hearts wide to receive Him. Throughout the New Year may you receive God's many blessings with a spirit of thanks and praise. And as we share the Good News with one another, "Christ is born!, "Glorify Him!", let the words heard by the Shepherds of Bethlehem be our prayer of praise to God for His many gifts and wonders: "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" (Lk. 2:13-14)

The Blessing of the Lord be upon you!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

- +Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
- +Michael Wiwchar, C.Ss.R., Eparch Emeritus of Saskatoon
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