



St. Joseph's

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, CSsR Shrine
Bishop - Martyr

Served by the Ukrainian Catholic Redemptorists

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Parish Bulletin

DECEMBER 20 & 27 2020



Currently the Province of Manitoba has entered Critical level (Red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System to stop COVID-19 transmission. All public gatherings, including all services have been suspended until further notice.

Sunday Divine Liturgy will be live streamed on
Youtube—St Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg 10:00am

Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky CSsR Devotions Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
YouTube - Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine

St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church

Christmas Divine Liturgy Schedule 2020



Thursday December 24 - Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Divine Liturgy (English)

8:30 pm Great Compline & Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

Friday December 25

Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 26

Sobor of the Mother of God

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday December 27

Saint Stephen

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Friday January 1

Circumcision of Our Lord

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

*Following current public health guidelines all Divine Liturgies will be Live Streamed only at
YouTube - St Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg*

Христос посеред нас!

Christ is among us!

The Redemptorists and parishioners of St. Joseph's extend a warm welcome to all. Thank you for worshipping with us today via our live stream.



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**A warm welcome is extended from all parishioners of St. Joseph's to
Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak OSBM
who will be the main celebrant at our church at the 8:30 pm
Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy**

Online Services for Repentance and Reconciliation Metropolitan Lawrence host online services for repentance and reconciliation as we prepare for the Nativity of our Saviour.

Two live online Penitential Services will be broadcast via livestreaming on **YouTube Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg**. They will take place on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 PM [English] and Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 PM [Ukrainian]. On these days, the participants will have the opportunity to examine their conscience, express their repentance to the Lord in their hearts and pray a Perfect Act of Contrition.

UCWLC A heartfelt thanks to all UCWLC members who offered food and monetary donations to Welcome Home for their Christmas hampers. Your generosity and spirit of giving will be greatly appreciated by those in need this Christmas Season. May God bless you as you have blessed others. Michelle Blanchard UCWLC President

2020 Christmas Mailing If your mailing has not been received please call Natalia at the parish office, 204-339-4512, so that arrangements may be made to receive them.

Sunday before the Nativity- December 20, 2020

The Holy Fathers

Sunday Tropar, tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen* granting to the world great mercy.”

Tropar of the Holy Fathers, tone 2: The three young men who are the great guides of the faith,* rejoiced in the pit of flame as if they were in a water of rest;* and the prophet Daniel appeared as a shepherd to the lions.* O Christ God, save our souls for their sake.

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

Christmas Pre-festive Kondak, tone 3: Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave* where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding* to the Word Who is in all eternity.* Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded.* With the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him* Who chose to be seen as a newborn babe* while remaining God in all eternity.

Prokimen, tone 4: Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

Verse: *For you are just in all you have done.*

Epistle: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (Heb. 11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40)

Brothers and Sisters! By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations whose designer and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac; he who had received the promises was ready to sacrifice his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your descendants be called.” He reasoned that God was able to raise from the dead, and so he received Isaac back as a symbol. By faith Isaac invoked for Jacob and Esau blessings that were still to be. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped God, leaning on the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, near the end of his life spoke of the Exodus of the Israelites, and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after his birth, thereby disregarding the king’s edict because they saw that he was a beautiful child. What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises: they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword’s point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not

obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect.

Alleluia Verses: *O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us.
But you have saved us from our foes, and those who hated us you put to shame.*

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

A family record of Jesus Christ, Son of David, son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac the father of Jacob. Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of King David, David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa. Asa was the father of Jehosaphat, Jehosaphat the father of Uzziah. Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor. Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud. Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah was born. Thus the total number of generations is: from Abraham to David, fourteen generation; from David to the Babylonian captivity, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian captivity to the Messiah, fourteen generations. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, an upright man unwilling to expose her to the law, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said to him: "Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son. and they shall call him Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him and received her into his home as his wife. He had no relations with her at any time before she bore a son, whom he named Jesus.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.
Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHRISTMAS PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans, God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics,
Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters, in Ukraine and throughout the world

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich (2 Cor 8:9)

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Beloved in Christ!

It is hard to believe how our life has changed from the final carol of last year to the first "Boh Predvichnyj" (God Pre-eternal) of this year's Christmas Eve. Throughout 2020 we were, it would seem, transported into a different world-a world of fear and uncertainty before the unknown. Yet, in spite of the restrictions, challenges, and human losses we endured due to the coronavirus pandemic, together, as Church, in our families, parishes, communities, and countries, we did not cease to proclaim the good news of hope, love, and joy. And so, this year on the occasion of Christ's Nativity, we are called in a special way to bear witness before others to the "good news of great joy that will be for all the people: for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11).

The mystery of Christmas is found in the joy of the coming of the Son of God into a world, full of affliction, pain, and suffering. He leaves heavenly glory in order to enter into the human frailty of all times, cultures, and people. Christ-God becomes not just a human being, but a poor human being, a person who suffers from the beginning of His earthly life. The Pre-eternal God enters into human history and experiences human hunger and cold, pain and sickness, adversity, and the indifference of society.

A homeless newborn God-what a strange contradiction, what wonder is this divine poverty! The Almighty God becomes poor in order to enrich us. The King of the Universe is placed "in a poor stable-cave, in a manger on hay" (from the carol, *Vozveselimsya vsi razom nyini*), in order to set a path for us to the heavenly abode. Gazing at this mystery St. Gregory the Theologian says: "The One who enriches became poor; for he took on the poverty of my flesh, in order that I may be enriched in His divinity" (Oratio 45, 9). The Lord has come, the One who with His wounds heals our wounds, our weakness, our affliction. And He remains from generation to generation our Emmanuel, which means "God is with us," in our needs, pains, and sufferings. The presence of the incarnate God in human history and in our life is our constant and endless joy, both on Nativity Day, and all the days of our life.

In everyday life we sometimes use a word without thinking about its origin or meaning. Language evolves spontaneously and abruptly- we forget where the word came from and fail to grasp its depth. This is the case of the Ukrainian word *ubohyj*, which is used to describe a poor person. However, when we examine how this word is constructed, we understand that *u-Bohyj* (in God) is a person through whom the Lord comes to us, a person who is "in God," that is, under the special care of the Almighty.

Christ teaches us that the materially poor and the poor in spirit, the humble, are happy, are blessed, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven (see Lk 6:20). Only God is the last hope, support, and salvation for the poor. Their fate is always in God's hands. And the Lord is especially sensitive to how we treat His poor, that is, the needy, downtrodden, homeless, hungry, lonely, widows, and orphans. Those who disregard the poor scorn their Creator. To wrong such persons is to commit a sin that calls to heaven for vengeance!

This year, in fact, the Synod of Bishops of our Church focused its attention on the face of poverty today. I encourage you to heed the Synodal pastoral letter, entitled "Only one thing will remain yours - that which you have given to the poor!" and examine it in the light of the star of Bethlehem, contemplating the face of the newborn Savior. The Divine Child is present in every destitute person who knocks on the door of our heart, as Joseph knocked on the doors of the inns in Bethlehem.

Then, the wise men from the East hurried to the town of David, in order to bring gifts to the King of the ages, who was born as a little child in a stable-cave-gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Today, the infant Jesus is present in the sick, the frail, the homeless, and the neglected, who wait for someone to help them, to bring them gifts-the gold of a compassionate

frail, the homeless, and the neglected, who wait for someone to help them, to bring them gifts-the gold of a compassionate word, the incense of brotherhood, and the myrrh of immediate assistance, necessary for life. Those who stretch out their hand to the poor become rich with God and become partakers in the eternal goodness of the Creator Himself.

We are celebrating Christmas in the midst of a worldwide situation of human anguish, brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. We have not yet fully grasped or understood all the consequences and faces of this global misfortune. We do not know what changes await us in the sphere of economic, social-community, and church life... But we have already understood that the virus is not interested, neither in our place of residence, nor in our wealth or social status. All of us are equally in danger of infection, and a new threat of poverty hangs over all corners of the globe. All of us in the same way need the kind of help and strength that goes beyond human abilities and power. For this reason, Christ's Nativity is for us a ray of hope and joy in the midst of today's dark fear and confusion, and each one of us must be open to God's grace, which pours out on us without ceasing, even in the worst of times.

To celebrate Christmas in a time of pandemic is to enlighten those who dwell in darkness, as the prophet Isaiah foretold: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined" (Isaiah 9:2). If we are permitted to gather-with proper distancing, of course-may our eyes shine with a joy that is visible to all. Let us wear masks, when necessary, but let them not silence our traditional carols. Let us celebrate as we are able. Let us acclaim the birth of the Savior, however possible, so that even in this pandemic we might bear witness to the most important truth of human history-that we are not alone or abandoned, because "God is with us!"

Today let us bring to Bethlehem as our gift for the newborn Savior our own poverty and the wounds of humanity today, and let us ask Him for the richness of Divine wisdom in order to overcome this disease, for the fullness of divine strength in order to deal with its effects on society, on the life and health of every person. Above all, let us ask for the richness of His love, which alone can restore this distressed world of ours, and grant it hope, security, and joy. Solidarity with and closeness to those in need, participation in their pain and anxiety, rather than escape from the suffering that hangs over us all today-this will grant us the possibility to be merry and truly celebrate Christmas this year. Therefore, let us hurry to the creche where our Savior rests in a manger, and together with the shepherds and wise men let us sing:

The pre-eternal God has been born!

Today he came from the heavens,

To save all his people,

And has comforted all!

Dear Brother and Sisters! In spite of our poverty and frailty, today we are rich in the joy and love of our newborn Savior. With Christ's Nativity, I sincerely greet you all: from Kyiv to London, from Buenos Aires to Melbourne, from Winnipeg to Zelenyj Klyn-those who are celebrating today in their family circle and those who are keeping distance from their loved ones to protect them from danger, those who are able to attend church services for the Feast, and those who at home join in community prayer through social media. I especially greet all medical workers who, in spite of real danger to themselves and their families, tirelessly and with great sacrifice give of their time and talents for the health of others. I embrace those who suffer physical and spiritual wounds. I send a word of comfort to those who this year lost family members and friends, and for whom it is particularly painful to approach the festive table this Christmas eve. I unite myself in prayer with those who fearlessly stand on the frontlines and defend our country and people, risking their lives not only before the threat of the insidious sniper's bullet, but also before the microscopic virus-enemy that has come upon us and inflicts on us added suffering and distress. May the all-merciful Lord, who in His infinite love has visited our poverty, fill the heart of each and every one of us, Dear Brothers and Sisters, with His peace, His grace and hope!

From the bottom of my heart, I wish all of you the authentic joy of the children of God, a tasty kutia, a cheerful celebration of Christ's Nativity, and a happy, peaceful, and blessed New Year!

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† SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, on the day of the all-praiseworthy Apostle Andrew the First-called the 13th of December (30th of November) in the 2020th Year of our Lord

Nativity of Our Lord - December 25, 2020

First Antiphon: I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord,* I will tell all your marvels.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies,* great are the works of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

They are sought* in order to accomplish his will.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be . . . now and forever . . . : Only Begotten Son

Third Antiphon: The Lord said to my Lord:* Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Christmas Tropar, tone 4: Your birth, O Christ our God,* has shed upon the world the light of knowledge;* for through it, those who worshipped the stars* have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice,* and to recognize You as the Orient from on high.* Glory be to You, O Lord!

The scepter of your power the Lord will stretch forth from Zion:* Rule in the midst of your enemies.

Your birth, O Christ

Yours is princely power in the day of your birth in holy splendor.

Your birth, O Christ

At the 'small entrance': Before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you. The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent; You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Your birth, O Christ

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

Kondak of Christmas, tone 3: Today the Virgin gives birth to Perfect Essence,* and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.* The angels sing his glory with the shepherds,* the wise men journey with the star,* for there is born for us an infant child, God Eternal.

Instead of 'Holy God...': All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Prokimen, tone 8: Let all the earth worship and sing praise to You:* sing praise to Your Name.

Verse: *Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of his name;* proclaim his glorious praise.*

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians. (Gal. 4:4-7)

Brothers and Sisters! When the designated time had come, God sent forth his Son born of a woman, born under the law, to deliver from the law those who were subjected to it, so that we might receive our status as adopted sons. The proof that you are sons is the fact that God has sent forth into our hearts the spirit of his Son, which cries out "Abba!" ("Father!") You are no longer a slave but a son! And the fact that you are a son makes you an heir, by God's design.

Alleluia Verses: *The heavens declare the glory of God,* and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day pours out the word to day,* and night to night imparts knowledge.*

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." At this news King Herod became greatly disturbed and with him all Jerusalem. Summoning all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the princes of Judah, since from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them: "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report it to me so that I may go and offer him homage too." After their audience with the king, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They received a message in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

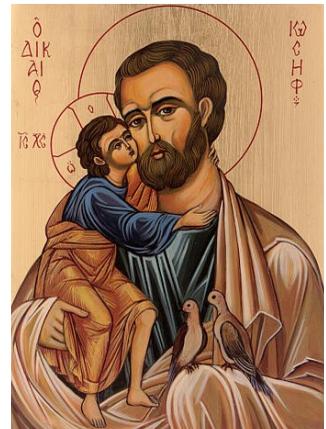
Instead of 'It is truly right...': My soul, praise Christ the King* born in a cave.* Behold a strange and wonderful mystery:* the cave has become heaven,* the Virgin a throne of the Cherubim,* and the manger a noble place where Christ our God reposes.* Wherefore let us praise and exalt Him!

Communion Hymn: The Lord has sent salvation to his people. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Where it is the custom: **Instead of "Blessed is He..."**, **We have seen..."**, **"May our mouths..."**, **"Blessed be the name..."**: The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

***Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.***



Sunday after the Nativity- December 27, 2020

St. Stephen, first-martyr

First Antiphon: I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord,* I will tell all your marvels.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies,* great are the works of the Lord.

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Third Antiphon: *Regular 3rd Antiphon but with the following response:*

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Christmas Tropar, tone 4: Your birth, O Christ our God,* has shed upon the world the light of knowledge;* for through it, those who worshipped the stars* have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice,* and to recognize You as the Orient from on high.* Glory be to You, O Lord!

Tropar of St. Joseph, tone 2: O Joseph, announce to David, ancestor of Christ,* the good news of these wonders you have seen:* a Virgin giving birth to a Child;* with the shepherds you have glorified Him;* with the wise men you have worshipped Him;* and an angel appeared to you.* Ask Christ to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

Kondak of Christmas, tone 3: Today the Virgin gives birth to Perfect Essence,* and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.* The angels sing his glory with the shepherds,* the wise men journey with the star,* for there is born for us an infant child, God Eternal.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kondak of the Saint, tone 3: Yesterday the Lord came to us in the flesh,* today his servant departs from this life.* Yesterday the King was born as a man,* and today his servant is stoned to death.* It is for His sake, that the first martyr* and holy Stephen gives up his life.

Prokimen, tone 4: God is wonderful in His saints;* the God of Israel.

Verse: *Bless God in your choirs,* bless the Lord, you who spring from Israel!*

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians. (Gal. 1:11-19)

Brothers and Sisters! I assure you, the gospel I proclaimed to you is no mere human invention. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I schooled in it. It came by revelation from Jesus Christ. You have heard, I know, the story of my former way of life in Judaism. You know that I went to extremes in persecuting the Church of God and tried to destroy it; I made progress in Jewish observance far beyond most of my contemporaries, in my excess of zeal to live out all the traditions of my ancestors. But the time came when he who had set me apart before I was born and called me by his favor chose to reveal his Son to me, that I might spread among the Gentiles the good tidings concerning him. Immediately, without seeking human advisers or even going to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, I went off to Arabia; later I

returned to Damascus. Three years after that I went up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, with whom I stayed fifteen day. I did not meet any other apostles except James, the brother of the Lord.

Alleluia Verses: *Remember, O Lord,* for David all his anxious care.*

How he swore to the Lord, vowed to the Might One of Jacob.*

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph with the command: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise. Herod is searching for the child to destroy him." Joseph got up and took the child and his mother and left that night for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I have called my son." Once Herod realized that he had been deceived by the wise men, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem and its environs, making his calculations on the basis of the date he had learned from the wise men. What was said through Jeremiah the prophet was then fulfilled: "A cry was heard at Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentations: Rachel bewailing her children; no comfort for her, since they are no more." But after Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt with the command: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and set out for the land of Israel. Those who had designs on the life of the child are dead." He got up, took the child and his mother, and returned to the land of Israel. He heard however, that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea, and he was afraid to go back there. Instead, because of a warning received in a dream, Joseph went to the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way what was said through the prophet was fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazorean."

Instead of 'It is truly right...': My soul, praise Christ the King* born in a cave.* Behold a strange and wonderful mystery:* the cave has become heaven,* the Virgin a throne of the Cherubim,* and the manger a noble place where Christ our God reposes.* Wherefore let us praise and exalt Him!

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

Exult, you just, in the Lord,* praise from the upright is fitting.* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph's parish, Fr. Shyshkowich Council 8925, invite you to support your council and parish by purchasing Inter-Council Charity Drive (ICCD) raffle tickets. The grand prizes include your choice of brand new vehicles and cash. Most proceeds of ticket sales go towards supporting a variety of K of C charities in Manitoba. As well, a lesser amount is rebated to our K of C council to support local charities and parish projects. The pandemic has reduced the Knights' ability to hold fund-raising events to address the financial challenges of our parish and many charities. The rebate from the sale of ICCD tickets may be our only source of new funds this year. YOU CAN HELP by calling Don Gulchak at 204 338-1030 or email at: don.gigi2000@gmail.com or you may order on the provincial K of C website: www.manitobastatecouncil.ca or email: mbstkc@shaw.ca . Please indicate COUNCIL 8925 on the website order to grant our Fr. Shyshkowich council credit for your purchase. ORDER TODAY to be eligible for the early bird draw on January 23. Also, if you order before January 15, Fr. Shyshkowich Council will receive an extra 5% in rebates. With our thanks and prayers for a blessed holiday season, Fr. Shyshkowich Council

Divine Liturgy Intentions & Scripture Readings

Dec. 20-January 3

Sunday before the Nativity - The Holy Fathers			Heb. 11:9-10; 17-23; 23-40 Matt. 1:1-25
Sunday	December 20	For Our Parishioners	
Martyr Juliana			Heb. 8:7-12 Mark 8:11-21
Monday	December 21	Health John Birthday Blessings Chris (50th)	Elsie & Baryluk Family Mom & Dad
Great Martyr Anastasia			Heb. 9:8-10, 15-23 Mark 8:22-26
Tuesday	December 22	+Nick Samorodny +Frances Chanas (40th Day)	Helen Family
10 Martyrs of Crete			Heb. 10:1-18 Mark 8:30-34
Wednesday	December 23	Health Stijn DeMare	Theodore Reznowski
Eve of the Nativity			Heb. 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20
Thursday	December 24	God's Blessings Sofia Hull (101st Birthday)	Orysia
Christmas Eve			
4:00 pm	December 24	<i>Divine Liturgy</i>	
8:30 pm		<i>Great Compline & Divine Liturgy</i>	
Nativity of Our Lord			Gal. 4:4-7 Matt. 2: 1-12
10:00am	Friday December 25	For Our Parishioners	
Sobor of the Mother of God			Heb. 2:11-18 Matt. 2:13-23
Saturday	December 26	+Evelyn Zaboroski +Stefania Pankewycz	Zaboroski & Wowczuk Families Marcinkow Family
Sunday after the Nativity St. Stephen, First-Martyr			Gal. 1:11-19 Matt. 2:13-23
Sunday	December 27	For Our Parishioners	
Martyrs of Nicomedia Post-feast of the Nativity			Heb. 11:17-31 Mk 9:42-10:1
Monday	December 28	Health Marusia & Fr Ivan Barszcyk Health Ed & Vicki Tycholis	Winnipeg Archeparchy UCWLC Family
Holy Innocent s- Post-feast of the Nativity			Heb. 12:25-28, 13:22-25 Mark 10:2-12
Tuesday	December 29	+Frances Chanas +Gerald Brosnyak	Winnie Chanas Adele Yanuszewski
Martyr Anysia - Post-feast of the Nativity			James 1:1-18 Mark 10:11-16
Wednesday	December 30	+Lida Popeniuk	George Welleck
Venerable Melania - Post-feast of the Nativity			James 1:19-27 Mark 10:17-27
Thursday	December 31	+Water Lukie	Isabel & Family
Circumcision of Our Lord, St. Basil the Great, New Year			Col. 2:8-12 Luke 2:20-21; 40-52
10:00am	Friday January 1	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday before Theophany			1 Tim. 3:14-4:5 Matt. 3:1-11
Saturday	January 2	+Olga Palmer	Adele Yanuszewski
Sunday before Theophany			2 Tim. 4:5-8 Mark 1:1-8
Sunday	January 3	For Our Parishioners	