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## GREETINGS FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN

Дорогі брати й сестри в Христі!

В цей час сердечно вітаю Всіх Вас із надходячим початком Нового Церковного Року. Після літнього сезону, праця знову ж буде посилюватись в нашій Громаді. Хочу вірити, що Ви будете старатись регулярно вчащати на наші Богослуження, та помагати в Церковній праці.

At this time, I sincerely greet each and every one of you with the coming of the New Church Year. Once again our programs and activities will begin at our Cathedral Parish. I trust that you will be active participants in our Church Services and supportive in all our endeavours. Presently, many do not attend church at all, or do so very infrequently. We live by the timeworn excuse that, "you don't have to go to church to be a good Christian". While that might be true in the absolute sense, I would nonetheless point out that Christ Himself, though He was without sin, thought it important to attend and participate in weekly worship. By what standard of measurement do we feel that we are entitled to do less?

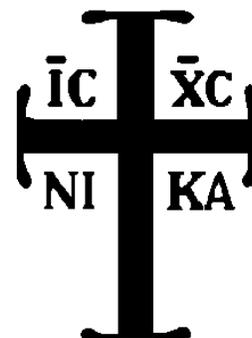
At the same time, those who attend Church need to remember that they must do the right things for the right reasons if they are to have any value. When we gather as God's people, let us not do so in order to be seen, to see others, or to nourish feelings of unjustified self-righteousness; rather let us be united, as the Liturgy says, "with one heart and one mind" and thus keep Christ pre-eminent. Let us approach God's holy altar with the only gift He seeks – a thankful and contrite heart.

Ще раз закликаю всіх Вас до відданого й активного життя в нашій Церкві!

In Christ's love,  
Father Stephan.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the change of seasons from summer to fall, we have a change in our Orthodox Church calendar and the beginning of a New Ecclesiastical Year. With the end of the summer break we resume our regular schedule of activities.

Church school classes start again, Choir rehearsals resume, the Church Council has its monthly meetings, CYMK, UWAC, and TYC resume their regular activities. All this would involve many volunteers in various roles and positions.

We rely on our volunteers to ensure that our Church community be vibrant and productive and fulfill the needs of our parishioners. The role of volunteers can never be taken for granted; they cannot be dismissed lightly.

*"Volunteering is the most fundamental act of citizenship and philanthropy in our society. It is offering time, energy and skills of one's own free will. It is an extension of being a good neighbour ... as people become involved in the improvement of their surroundings and choose to help others. By caring and contributing to change, volunteers decrease suffering and disparity, while they gain skills, self-esteem and change their lives. People work to improve the lives of their neighbours and, in return, enhance the own."* (Source: Volunteer Canada; [www.volunteer.ca](http://www.volunteer.ca))

There are many benefits of volunteering.

Volunteering connects you to others by increasing your social and relationship skills and helps you make new friends and contacts.

Volunteering is good for your mind and body by increasing your self-confidence, combating depression, and helping you staying physically healthy.

Volunteering can broaden your experience by teaching you various job skills and giving you the opportunity for teamwork, communication, problem solving, project planning, task management, and organization.

Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life and can be an energizing escape from your day-to-day routine, and provide you renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into your personal life.

When it comes to volunteering, passion and positivity are the only requirements! (Source: [www.helpguide.org/life/volunteer](http://www.helpguide.org/life/volunteer))

We are truly thankful for our many volunteers that continue to offer their talents, time and efforts, however, we do need more of our parishioners to become involved. There are many op-

portunities to do this:

- Become a greeter in Church
- Sign up on the roster for fellowships
- Join the Choir
- Become a Church Elder
- Volunteer at the Cultural Centre for table setting, food prep, serving, clean-up, or bar tending; or help at the work bees making pyrohy (the men are also welcomed to come and help).
- Join our affiliated organizations.
- Serve on executives or committees

Our Parish does need your help and participation.

With Christian Greetings,

Eugene Topolnisky

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to our current and past summer students-Torrey Gilday, 2010 and Michael Hnatiw, 2011.

Torrey redesigned the Cathedral Connection and worked on various other projects in the parish office. Michael has aided in setting up a Safety Guide and a comprehensive Members database.

Thank you for all your help!

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

September is an exciting time. It is a time of "beginnings" as we look forward to the new school year, the start-up of organizational activity, and – for our parishes across the world – the beginning of the Orthodox Church Year.

We appeal to singers of all ages and voices to consider making St. John's Cathedral Choir one of YOUR "new beginning" choices this September. It is a choice we believe you will find both spiritually and personally rewarding! We know there are many good voices out there – voices who have sung with Edmonton's famous CYMK choirs over the years, voices new to our city or parish who have sung with other church choirs, or voices who simply would like an opportunity to sing.

З початком нового церковного року, Катедральний Хор св. Івана просить усіх зацікавлених співаків пристати до хору! Нам потрібно усіх голосів – чи ви співаєте сопраном, альтом, чи тенором або басом. Проби хору – себто репетиції - відбуваються кожного

четверга о 7:30 вечора. Якщо не зможете прийти на проби, ми все ж таки Вас щиро прийемо неділю рано на хорі.

How could singing in the Cathedral Choir be a rewarding choice for YOU?

\*\*Liturgical singing in the Orthodox Church tradition is a form of worship: *To Sing is to Worship*.

\*\*You will be exposed to the Choir's impressively large collection of liturgical and sacred music.

\*\*You will become even more familiar with the Sunday morning Liturgy as well as other services which the Choir is called upon to sing.

\*\*You will enjoy a weekly evening out as you join the Choir in the Cathedral basement for rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30 PM.

\*\*You are welcome to sing with us on Sunday mornings, if Sunday Liturgy is the only time you are able to join us.

St John's Cathedral Choir will mark its 88th year of singing this 2011/2012 Church Year. It enjoys a long and venerable history, and as the choir of a Cathedral, the Bishop's See, it plays a vital role in the musical-liturgical needs of this parish. By becoming a member of the Cathedral choir, YOU will help this organization continue its work.

Please come and sing with us!

### **Contacts / Контакти:**

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Леся Чумер,  
диригентка

Gloria Zaharia, assistant conductor - 780 435 5872 -  
Мирослава Загарія, заст.  
диригентки

Olesia Talpash, president - 780 436 8801 -  
Олеся Талпаш, голова  
управи

## SENIOR CYMK

St. John's Senior CYMK wrapped up yet another successful CYMK year on Friday, June 10, with some laser tag action followed by a pizza dinner. A good time was had by all who attended. We are proud to have had 24 paid Sr. CYMK members this past year and we hope to have even more in the 2011-12 year!!

In August, 2011, there will be 18 Sr. CYMK members and 2 advisors attending the National CYC Convention in Edmonton. This convention will serve to unite CYMKivsti from across Canada as well as strengthen CYMK as an organization. Special for this convention is a Youth Rally including a bus tour of Kalyna Country which will be most interesting. Sr. CYMK would like to gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the St. John's Church Board and the St. John's Ladies Association (UWAC) for their financial contributions enabling our CYMKivsti to attend the Convention. We sincerely thank you for your assistance and support of this very special year for CYMK, that is, its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations!!

Sr. CYMK will hold a short meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2011, following the Divine Liturgy, in order to discuss their plans for the fall as well as setting the date for the Annual General Meeting. If you are in grade 9 or older, we encourage you to get involved in CYMK at St. John's Parish. It is easy to do!!....just phone or email Ivanna Kruhlak, president (780-468-9148, [bball\\_kruhlak@hotmail.com](mailto:bball_kruhlak@hotmail.com)) and let her know you are inter-

ested in joining. She can answer any questions you may have about CYMK.

Looking forward to seeing both returning and new members in September.

Yours in Christ,  
Vivianne Kruhlak  
Sr. CYMK advisor

## JUNIOR CYMK

St. John's Junior CYMK continues to be an active and busy group. To finish off the year with some fun, CYMKivsti and family members cycled to the Legislature Grounds on July 1 and took in the Canada Day Festivities. This was the first cycling adventure taken on by our CYMKivsti and certainly not the last as it proved to be a great time. After the bike ride, everyone returned to the Kuchta house where we had a BarBQ lunch. This was an awesome way to wrap up the CYMK year!!

We are breaking in the summer until August 11, when the National CYC Convention begins here in Edmonton. Seven of our CYMK members are participating as delegates in this year's convention. The activities include CYMK business through Kalyna Country. No doubt it will be an interesting time. Junior CYMK would like to thank the St. John's Church Board as well as the St. John's Ladies Association for their donations to CYMK to help cover the registration costs for the convention.

We all appreciate your support very much.

Junior CYMK will hold their start-up meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2011, right after the church service to discuss new upcoming events and begin to set the schedule for the year. If you are between grades 3 and 8, Junior CYMK is the place for you!! It's fun and a great way to meet other Ukrainian Orthodox youth. Consider joining by phoning Lukian Kruhlak, president, at 780-468-9148 or emailing to [ljkrhlak@hotmail.com](mailto:ljkrhlak@hotmail.com).

Thanks to all CYMK members for coming out to CYMK this past year.

Submitted by  
Lukian Kruhlak  
President

## NOTICE: ST. JOHN'S GRADUATES

Every Thanksgiving Dinner at St. John's Parish we like to honor those members that have graduated from either University or High School.

If you or a family member have graduated in 2011, please contact the Church Office by phone, (780) 425-9692 or email, [info@uocc-stjohn.ca](mailto:info@uocc-stjohn.ca)

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

In May and June, St. John's church school celebrated Mother's and Father's Day with our parishioners by presenting them with carnation corsages. On Sunday, June 19 we held our year end picnic with the rest of the Parish. We all enjoyed a BBQ lunch and then the church school children enjoyed a few games.

This year we say farewell and extend sincere thanks to one of our dedicated teachers Mariana Herchek. She has been the Level 1 teacher for the past 4 years and we thank her for her participation and contributions to our church school. We also must thank our clergy, Rt. Rev. Semotiuk and Rev. Zubritsky, for their continued support and participation in our program. Thank you also to Edmonton TYC for their continued financial support of our program. Finally, a special thank you to all the parents who take the time to ensure their children are members of our church school program. May we wish everyone a blessed and relaxing summer.

Church School registration for 2011-12 will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 9:30am. We encourage any children who are four years of age (by November 1, 2011) to join our program. We are looking forward to another fun and interesting year.

Yours in Christ,

Vivianne Kruhlak

Susan Jereniuk

Church School Co-Directors

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 9**—Pyrohy Supper

**October 1**—AUSRL Convention

**October 16**—Thanksgiving Dinner

**October 28**— Pyrohy Supper

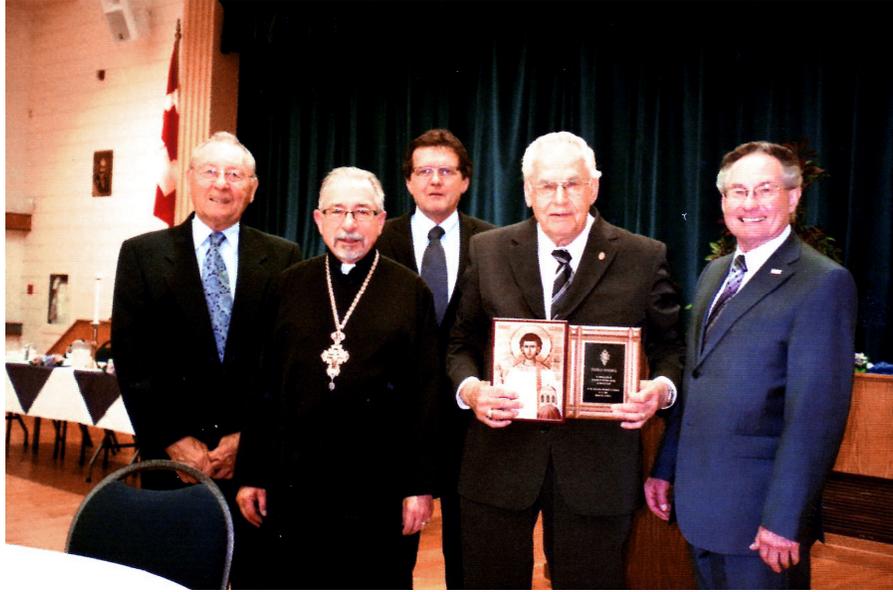
**November 2 to 6**—Ukrainian Museum of Canada - Alberta Branch Exhibit: Tribute to 120th Anniversary of Ukrainians Settlement of Canada

**November 25**—Pyrohy Supper

**December 16**—Pyrohy Supper

**December 18**—St. Nicholas

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND THE PARISH AND CULTURAL CENTRE



**Above:** June 26, 2011, Parish Feast Day Dinner. Elders are honoured during the Parish Feast Day Dinners. There was a special recognition for Steve Newediuk for the many years of services he has provided to our Parish.

**(Left to right):** Ken Ozipko, Rt. Rev. Stephan Semotiuk, Rick, Fyk, Steve Newediuk, and Eugene Topolnisky.



**Above:** Volunteers on June 1, 2011, UWAC Members Dinner. Volunteer members who are dedicated to providing service to our Cultural Centre & Church functions.

**(Left to right):** Orest Pohoreski, Marshall Kachmar, Don Chomyc, Rick Fyk, Nestor Chumer, Paul Garrick, and Tom Ewanchuk.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

I take this opportunity to express a sincere thank-you, on behalf of St. John's Parish Council, to all those who donated to the projects undertaken this past year.

Many of the projects were long overdue and we will soon be seeing the benefits of these undertakings, one being a reduction in utility costs.

We applied and received a Community Facility Enhancement Grant which had to be matched.

The major project of renovating the Cathedral stairs was totally at our cost. The cost

of the stairs project was covered in half by donations.

The total amount is now paid for. The balance was paid out of our reserve funds.

Our next major challenge is to upgrade and make necessary repairs to the Cathedral. The Cathedral roof needs to be insulated and replaced; this is a priority. Repairs to brick walls, painting, carpeting, Iconostas refurbishing and chandelier replacement are some of the projects we will be undertaking.

These projects can only be accomplished if sufficient funds become available. We humbly ask for support,

whether large or small.

Membership dues remain outstanding so please review your records and make payment if it is an oversight.

It is heart-warming to receive favourable comments from our members and the general public.

Thank-you.

With Christian Love,  
Marshall Kachmar  
Treasurer

## COMPLETED CATHEDRAL SIGN



## CURRENT STATE OF OUR ELDERS ROOM



Our Elders Room is in a dire need of restoration. Renovations will include new cupboards and sink. We also need to paint the walls and replace the curtains and carpet.

The estimated costs for the upgrade will be approximately \$8500.00.

Donations to date: \$1000.00. This project is currently underway.

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>Projected 12 Month Actual</b>	<b>2011 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>6 Month Actual</b>
Contributions (Plate, General)	\$224,000	\$304,509	\$255,000	\$135,063.00
Campaign Contributions	\$30,000	\$27,177	\$28,000	\$14,021.00
Membership	\$70,000	\$57,760	\$65,000	\$35,630.00
Catering Revenue	\$220,250	\$255,717	\$240,000	\$82,480.00
Property Rental	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$3,000.00
Facility Rental -N/ Catering	\$32,000	\$46,844	\$30,000	\$26,535.00
Facility Rental - Catering	\$22,000	\$17,572	\$24,000	\$6,880.00
GST Rebate	\$4,000	\$4,955	\$6,000	\$7,880.00
Linen Recovery	\$3,000	\$8,328	\$7,500	\$2,154.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$3,000	\$8,375	\$5,000	\$577.00
Grant CS	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0.00
Grant CFEP	\$62,500	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$60,000.00
Savings		\$67,000	-	\$100,000.00
V-Nok			\$70,000	\$50,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$699,750</b>	<b>\$868,237</b>	<b>\$796,500</b>	<b>\$524,220.00</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>Projected 12 Month Actual</b>	<b>2011 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>6 Month Actual</b>
Insurance	\$30,000	\$20,290	\$23,000	\$19,146.00
Salaries (Incl. catering)	\$240,000	\$320,000	\$280,000	\$154,257.00
Professional Fees	\$5,500	\$5,352	\$3,500	\$3,439.00
Utilities	\$72,000	\$68,000	\$72,000	\$30,566.00
Bank Charges	\$500	\$602	\$600	\$409.00
Loan Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Advertising	\$6,000	\$9,662	\$9,000	\$4,425.00
Conventions/Travel	\$10,000	\$19,236	\$7,000	\$684.00
Donations	\$20,500	\$20,446	\$25,000	\$15,782.00
Consistory Levy	\$28,000	\$26,975	\$32,000	\$7,300.00
West. Eparchy Levy	\$6,800	\$6,225	\$6,300	\$1,500.00
Church Supplies	\$5,000	\$4,839	\$6,000	\$4,204.00
Office Supplies	\$5,000	\$8,988	\$8,000	\$3,189.00
Facility Supplies	\$8,000	\$9,060	\$8,000	\$7,826.00
Property Taxes	\$3,000	\$2,756	\$3,800	\$3,549.00
Security System	\$8,000	\$9,845	\$7,000	\$2,490.00
Manse Repair	\$10,000	\$0	\$7,500	\$3,880.00
Facility/Church Repair	\$100,000	\$175,214	\$100,000	\$36,317.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$4,000	\$17,275	\$4,000	\$3,613.00
Catering Expenses	\$120,000	\$117,818	\$110,000	\$47,835.00
Capital Projects			\$60,000	\$206,095.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$682,300</b>	<b>\$842,583</b>	<b>\$772,700</b>	<b>\$556,506</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$17,450</b>	<b>\$25,654</b>	<b>\$23,800</b>	<b>(-\$32,286)</b>

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### CHANGE IN HOURS

Office Hours Starting  
September 2, 2011

Tuesday to Friday  
9:30am to 5:00pm

## SINGERS NEEDED!

If you sing TENOR, BASS, or ALTO, the Cathedral Choir invites you to JOIN. Sopranos, of course, are also welcome.

Rehearsals: Thursdays at 7:30 pm

For more information: Lesia Chumer 780 418 1025  
or

Olesia Talpash 780 436 8801

## ПОТРІБНО СПІВАКІВ!

Якщо співаєте ТЕНОРОМ, БАСОМ, або АЛЬТОМ, просимо Вас вступити до Катедрального Хору. Очевидно, приймаємо і сопранів! Проби кожного четверга о 7:30 год. веч.

По дальші інформації: Леся Чумер, диригент –  
780 418 1025 Оlesia Талпаш, гол. хору –

780 436 8801

## IN MEMORIAM

The St. John's Cathedral Parish Family would like to remember the following individuals who have reposed to the Lord over the past months.

- Andrew Chimich
- Peter Prokopiw

We pray that the Lord God will establish their souls where the righteous repose.

