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## GREETINGS FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN

### Дорогі брати й сестри в Христі!

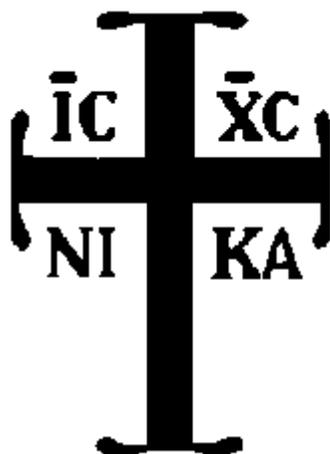
В цей час сердечно вітаю всіх Вас із надходячим початком Нового Церковного Року, і хочу вірити, що ви всі із охотою приступатимете до нової праці й діяльності при нашій Громаді. Я заохочую й прошу Вас регулярно вчашати до Церкви й активно включатись в Церковне Життя.

I sincerely greet each and every one of you with the coming of the New Church Year. Our programs and activities will soon be commencing. Let us view church attendance as a gift, rather than as an obligation and troublesome duty. We need to be mindful of the fact that living in a society of many temptations and countless mixed messages, we need the encouragement of one another to help us become and remain strong Christians. It is only by supporting one another that we are able to avoid distraction, remain focused, and order our priorities rightly. That is why St. Paul writes: "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together ... but let us encourage one another all the more." (Heb. 10:25)

Those of you, who cannot attend Church regularly, because of ill health, or some other valid reason, can still pray for the Church, its ministry, its needs and its people. At the same time, those of us who are not limited must take the Church to those who cannot attend. We must visit them regularly, bring them antidoron, and be God's presence in their lives. In this way we "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal.6:2)

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

As the season changes from summer to fall, we have our Orthodox Church begin the New Ecclesiastical Year on Sunday, September 14, 2014. To celebrate the coming of the Church New Year, our parish will have an Appreciation Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September the 7th for all parishioners, members, adherents, and visitors.

There will be the opportunity for all organizations: Church School, Cathedral Choir, CYMK, UWAC, TYC, St. John's Seniors Club, Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch, St. John's Fraternal Society, Alberta Benevolent Cantors Association, Council of Ukrainian Orthodox Churches of Edmonton (St. Stephen's Cemetery), and our Parish Council to have a table to share information, sign-up members and volunteers.

### Roof Replacement and Repairs:

The Cathedral roof replacement has been completed at a cost of \$147,373.80 and has been paid in full. One roof drainage cast iron pipe was cracked and needed to be replaced. After the last heavy rains, there had been no signs of any leakages.

The Cultural Centre roof drain leaks have been repaired. Rusted out pipes have been replaced. We are awaiting the final billing for these repairs which will come to approximately \$20,000. To overcome the problem of the roof drains being clogged by spruce needles and cones, we had the five spruce trees beside the Cultural Centre removed. Plans are for re-landscaping and a brick pathway from the parking lot to the city sidewalk (110 Avenue) to be put in.

### New Icons in the Cathedral:

With the initiative of Joana Janis, a new icon of the Mother of God of the Sign (*ИКОНА БОЖОЇ МАТЕРІ "ЗНАМЕННЯ"*), accompanied by four angels was commissioned and done by iconographer Alexandre Koutsenko from Vancouver. This was installed on the curved ceiling in the *BIBTAP* behind the Iconostas at a cost of \$12,000. Anyone wishing to donate towards the icon may do so in increments of \$100, \$200, \$300, or more. The donation could be made in memory of a loved one.

### Church School Office:

The smaller classroom that was used by the Sadochuk has been emptied, cleaned and repainted. With new shelving it will become the new Church School Office.

### Other Projects:

As with owning one's home, there are always need repairs and replacements. Our Cathedral is in need of the following:

Chairlift in the south-west stairwell with an estimated cost of \$9,800.

Red Carpet replacement with a cost of \$9,000.

Chimes replacement with a cost of \$11,000.

Donations for these projects are being gratefully accepted. We are very appreciative of all our donors and supporters. Many help through their volunteering. We are truly thankful for our many volunteers that continue to offer their talents, time and effort to help our Cathedral, our Cultural centre, and our Church Community, all for the Glory of God!

With Christian Greetings,

Eugene L. Topolnisky

## NEW ICONS

As of August 2014 the Cathedral has new icons installed on the ceiling above the altar (more information can be found in the **President's Message**.) Below is an image of the icons as installed in the Cathedral. Icons were painted by iconographer Alexandre Koutsenko from Vancouver. Anyone wishing to donate towards the icon may do so in increments of \$100, \$200, \$300, or more. The donation could be made in memory of a loved one.



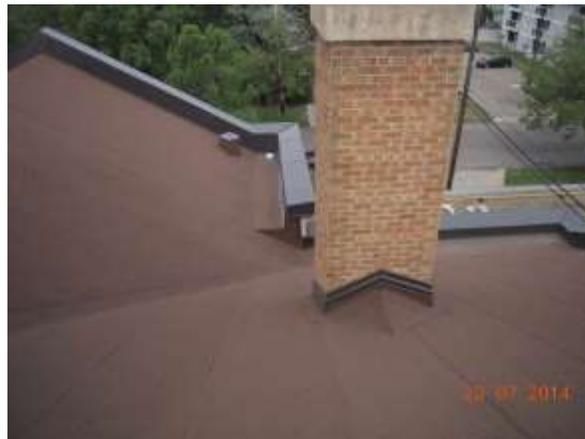
## CHAIRLift project



For the convenience of many seniors in our congregation, a chairlift will be installed at the southwest entrance to the church vestibule. Donations towards this project would be greatly appreciated.

The cost is estimated at \$9,8000.

# CATHEDRAL ROOF COMPLETED



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On behalf of my wife, Dobr. Diana and myself, I wish to sincerely thank His Grace, Bishop Ilarion, the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and the Anniversary Committee for planning and hosting my 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ministry, which was held on our Annual Feast day, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at our Cathedral Parish. The phenomenal amount of work of the anniversary committee, chaired by Marshall and committee members, Fr. Cornell, Eugene, Dylan, Michael and Olena brought this event to fruition. I especially wish to thank the following organizations, which presented me with greetings and gifts: Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St. John the Baptist, **Ukrainian Women's Association – Cathedral Branch and St. John's Church School.** I also wish to express heartfelt thanks to our chef, Maxine Zakordonski and her staff. In addition my gratitude is extended to the other Parishes and individuals who also helped make this a successful event. As I had indicated at the celebration, I have served the Cathedral Parish for 22 years and I can honestly say that our stay here has been a very positive experience. Once again my sincere thanks go out to all our parishioners who have supported me and have worked harmoniously within our Cathedral Parish.

Оцим, від себе та своєї дружини, добр. Діяни, щиру сердечну д'якую Йому Преосвященству, Преосвященнішому Владиці Іларіону, Управі Українській Православній Катедрі Св. Івана та Ювілейному Комітету Святкування 45-Ліття мого Пастирського Служіння за величаве та успішне відзначення мого ювілею. Я з родиною є надмірно вд'ячні всім організаціям та по-одиноким членам за привіти та подарунки вислані мені. Нехай Господь Бог благословить всіх Вас здоров'ям та добром за виявлену Вашу пошану і любов до мене! Спасибі!

In Christ's love,

Rt. Rev. Fr. Stephan Semotiuk, Cathedral Dean

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

**St. John's Church School celebrated Mothers' and Fathers' Day with our parishioners by presenting them with carnation corsages in May and June.** Jacob Lakusta and Anastasia Watson greeted Bishop Ilarion on behalf of the youth of the Parish on June 29<sup>th</sup> in celebration of our Parish Xhram and **Rt. Rev. Semotiuk's anniversary in the Priesthood.** **At the celebratory banquet, the church school students in attendance recognized Dobr. Semotiuk with a floral bouquet for her contributions to the various Parishes as a Dobrodijka.** Mnohaya Lita!

On Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we held our year end Parish picnic and games day. The food was great, the weather was gorgeous and a good time was had by all (especially with the water balloons)!

Thank you again to Rt. Rev. Semotiuk, Rev. Zubritsky, Deacon Anton Lakusta and Deacon Yaroslav Boychuk for their support throughout the year. The children enjoy your visits with them. Also, a big thank you goes out to our teachers; MaryAnn Baziuk, Dobr. Semotiuk, Ivanna Kruhlak, Kristina Kuchta, Katelyn Kuchta, Ron Bayda, Taras Jereniuk, and Lesia Pohoreski. Your dedication to our children is heartwarming.

Thank you also to Edmonton TYC for their ongoing financial support of our program.

Church School registration for 2014-15 will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2014. We encourage any children age 4 (by November 1, 2013) and older to join our program. If you would like more information, please contact me, Susan Jereniuk (780-419-2276) or Dobr. Merrie Zubritsky (780-428-8612).

## UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, ST. JOHN'S EVENTS



### *Sadochok Clean Out*

May, 2014 Sadochok materials moving day: Useful items were packed and transported to St. John's Institute for the new day care. Thank you to (left to right): Daniel Bridges, Justine, Taras, Susan and Adam Jereniuk! Photo by Leona Bridges.



### *General Meeting and Speaker Series #3*

May 26, 2014: Betty Corlett (right) demonstrates how to prepare a herb planter with help from Larissa Ewanchuk Laniuk and Eileen Yewchuk. Each member went home with a planter.



### *Annual Members' Dinner*

June 4, 2014: Guest speakers, Jeanette Homeniuk (left) and Daria Gushaty (third from left) with the Organizing Committee—Leona Bridges, Kay Hobden, Donna Kowalishin, Eileen Yewchuk, Iris Ciona, MaryAnn Baziuk (honouree), Natalie Deptuck and Christine Zwozdesky.



### *Annual Members' Dinner Honouree*

June 4, 2014: (left to right) Christine Zwozdesky, Presenter; Leona Bridges, President; MaryAnn Baziuk, Honouree; Kate Hawrysh, Honourary Committee Chair. Save the dates!

Bukovinian Backroads Tour September 13  
General Meeting September 21

## ST. JOHN'S SENIOR CYMK

St. John's Senior CYMK invites youth going into grade 9 and older to join us as we begin another CYMK year!

CYMK allows Ukrainian Orthodox Youth to connect with one another and learn about our Orthodox faith and Ukrainian culture. This past year, our CYMKivtsi did various activities such as religious discussions, monthly meetings, cultural and sports activities. We participated in winter festivities with ice skating and being a part of our Parish's Malanka. In the spring, we had a pyrohy workshop and organized St. John's Pysanka Bingo. CYMK offers a fun way to spend time with new and old friends!

We welcome new members and look forward to another wonderful year! For more information, contact Katelyn Kuchta at [katelynk@shaw.ca](mailto:katelynk@shaw.ca) or 780-469-8626.



## ST. JOHN'S JUNIOR CYMK

2014 has been an active year so far for St. John's Jr CYMK. Our members from ages 9 – 14 have been busy doing the following activities:

Jr. CYMK members participated in the Malanka skit and caroling at the St. John's Malanka

February 2, we talked with Deacon Anton about praying and we did some yoga lead by Carla Hudyma

March 28 was the Pysanka bingo Jr CYMK helped with the concession and calling back numbers.

April 21 the older kids went to go see the movie "Noah" with Senior CYMK and had a discussion with Father Cornell about the movie in reflection of our Orthodox faith.

April 25 we had Marki Baziuk come to teach us basic safety and first-aid.

May 31 we joined other local branches of CYMKivsti at St. John's Institute for a day of crafts and a discussion with Deacon Anton. Following lunch we went to Launch Pad for a great afternoon. We would like to thank the AB Provincial Executive for planning such an awesome day.

To end off our year we went to Queen Elizabeth Outdoor Pool and went to Kinsmen Park.

Thanks to those who participated and for our Advisor, Mrs. Susan Jereniuk for planning all of these activities.

I also would like to thank St. John's UWAC for subsidizing the fees for Camp Bar-V-Nok for the members that went from our local.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Jereniuk

St. John's Jr CYMK, President

**ЗАПРОШЕННЯ від КАТЕДРАЛЬНОГО ХОРУ**

AN INVITATION from ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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

We appeal to singers of all ages and voices to consider making St. John’s Cathedral Choir one of your “new” choices this September.

**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.**

St John’s Cathedral Choir will mark its 91st year of singing during this 2014/2015 Church Year. As the choir of a cathedral, the Bishop’s See, St. John’s Cathedral Choir plays a vital role in the musico-liturgical needs of this parish. By becoming a member, YOU will help this organization remain strong and continue its tradition of service within the Ukrainian Orthodox community.

Please come and sing with us!

**За додатковою інформацією / For more information:**

Lesia Chumer, conductor - 780 418 1025 - **Леся Чумер, диригент**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2013 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>3 Month Actual</b>	<b>6 Month Actual</b>
Contributions (Plate, General)	\$280,000	\$305,000	\$66,214	\$124,560
Campaign Contributions	\$25,000	\$21,000	\$6,078	\$11,808
Membership	\$60,000	\$57,000	\$21,425	\$37,300
Catering Revenue	\$270,000	\$280,000	\$49,458	\$115,377
Property Rental	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Facility Rental -N/Catering	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$6,155	\$25,429
Facility Rental - Catering	\$28,000	\$23,000	\$5,270	\$11,730
GST Rebate	\$7,600	\$8,000	\$8,957	\$8,957
Linen Recovery	\$7,000	\$6,000	\$1,100	\$3,305
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$850	\$2,788
Grant CS	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant CFEP	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Savings	-	-	-	-
V-Nok	\$45,000	\$32,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$864,600</b>	<b>\$769,500</b>	<b>\$197,007</b>	<b>\$374,254</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Programs	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$24,000	\$22,000	\$0	\$20,172
Salaries	\$310,000	\$285,000	\$73,344	\$122,102
Professional Fees	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$3,754	\$3,754
Utilities	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$17,904	\$37,398
Bank Charges	\$400	\$500	\$192	\$225
Loan Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$4,510	\$6,505
Conventions/Travel	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$250	\$1,102
Donations	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$21,710	\$24,510
Consistory Levy	\$28,000	\$29,000	\$8,500	\$8,500
West. Eparchy Levy	\$5,250	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Church Supplies	\$8,000	\$5,500	\$1,741	\$4,872
Office Supplies	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$1,803	\$4,280
Facility Supplies	\$12,000	\$6,500	\$1,424	\$3,358
Property Taxes	\$3,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,353
Security System	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$4,570	\$5,159
Manse Repair	\$4,000	\$24,000	\$533	\$610
Facility/Church Repair	\$165,000	\$130,000	\$13,898	\$39,062
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$1,761
Catering Expenses (Incl. salaries)	\$130,000	\$126,000	\$29,484	\$88,795
Catering Efficiency	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Projects	\$0	-	\$9,774	\$17,098
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$830,650</b>	<b>\$766,500</b>	<b>\$197,891</b>	<b>\$394,616</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$33,950</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>-\$884</b>	<b>-\$20,362</b>



## BUKOVINIAN BACKROADS IN KALYNA COUNTRY

*Saturday, September 13, 2014*

**Departing St. John's Cultural Centre at 8:15 a.m.** - Returning by 6 p.m.

Explore the Bukovinan heart of Kalyna Country, visiting historic sanctuaries and cemeteries with fascinating stories to tell. See the childhood haunts of the late, great painter, William Kurelek, who was born on a farm north of Whitford. Our expert historian and guide, Jars Balan, of the Kalyna Country Ecomuseum Trust Society and the Kule Ukrainian Canadian Studies Centre, will lead us through the countryside between Andrew, Shandro and Szypenitz, interrupted only by your questions and a tasty lunch served at Boain Hall!

Lunch is included in your ticket - \$40 per person.

For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact Marshall Opyr at [marshall.opyr@stantec.com](mailto:marshall.opyr@stantec.com); (780) 438-9495 or Bohdan Maslo at [Bohdan.Maslo@edmonton.ca](mailto:Bohdan.Maslo@edmonton.ca); (780) 430-7195 or Kay Hobden at (780) 466-7540

**Organized by Edmonton TYC and UWAC St. John's Cathedral**

## 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.



Mary Kowalchuk  
John Malysh  
Rose Karpiak  
Cecilia Kreptul  
Dr. Alexandra Rudnytsky



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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7th—Appreciation Luncheon following Divine Liturgy for all parishioners, members, adherents, and visitors.

September 21st— Fellowship sponsored by UWAC

September 26th— Pyrohy Supper

October 7th— Fellowship sponsored by St. John's Choir

October 18th— Hetman Awards

October 19th— Thanksgiving Dinner

October 24, 25, 26th— Western Eparchy Convention

November 2nd to 9th— Museum Exhibit

November 28th— Pyrohy Supper

December 19th— Pyrohy Supper

December 21st— St. Nicolas Concert

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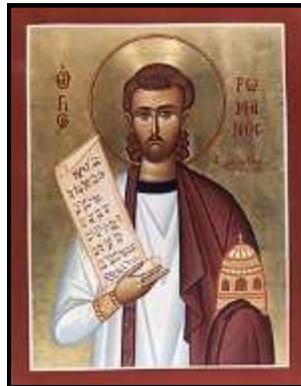
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Monday to Friday  
9:00am to 3:00pm



**SINGERS!** The Cathedral Choir invites you to join!  
Rehearsals: Thursday at 7:30 pm. For information, call Lesia Chumer at (780) 418 1025.

**СПІВАКИ-ХОРИСТИ!** Просимо Вас вступити до Катедрального Хору. Пробі кожного четверга о 7:30 год. веч. По дальші інформації: Леся Чумер, диригент - (780) 418 1025.