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GREETINGS FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!

Дорогі брати й сестри в Христі!

З нагоди великого й радісного Свята Воскресення Христового, від себе та своєї родини, сердечно вітаю всіх членів та прихильників Катедрі Св. Івана та бажаю всім веселих Великодних Свят.

There is no other greeting more solemn than *Christ Is Risen!* And the response *He Is Risen Indeed!* Each of us from early childhood remembers that no other feast or celebration is comparable to the Holy Resurrection of Christ. Even people of little faith, or no faith at all, on this Lord's Day hasten to Church for the Resurrection services and willingly observe the Paschal Feast and its customs. It is difficult to imagine that anyone would show ill-will towards others on this day, for every-one has the urge to embrace one another.

It is almost two thousand years since Jesus Christ appeared to the myrrh bearing women after His glorious resurrection and said "Rejoice!" (Mt. 28:9). And even to this day no one can take away the happiness and joy from us. As long as the Christian world exists, and it will exist until the end of time, Christians will always observe Pascha very triumphantly.

May Easter be for us, not just a happy annual holiday that is soon past, but also the renewal of a firm commitment to our Faith, which will be evident to others as they observe our way of life. If we walk in the light of the Resurrection, Easter will renew and refresh us. This Easter can be the beginning of a new life as well as of a new day. The shining Figure beside the empty tomb beckons to us. For almost twenty centuries many thousands have witnessed to His power and His love. May we all be among the immortal fellowship both this year and forever.

Нехай Великодне Чудо стане всім нам ясним запевненням, що ми всі міцно віруємо в Свого Господа Бога, і всі поспішаємо до Нього, і що ми надалі будемо любити один одного, як Воскреслий Христос любить нас! І що ми всі будемо завжди жити в братерській згоді та в міцній єдності, бо Христос Воскрес і Вічна Радість Його Воскресення! Ще раз, усіх сердечно вітаємо з Воскресенням Христовим і всім голосно й широко проказуємо:

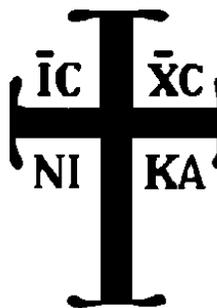
ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

In Christ's love,

Father Stephan & Dobrodiyka Diana

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

May this Easter renew and refresh us in our faith. On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish to express sincerest greetings and hope you all may celebrate in joy the Holy Pascha and Resurrection of Christ.

I wish to share with you my message as presented in my report at the Annual General Meeting on February 25th with those of you who were unable to attend. I also wish to congratulate those members of Council who were re-elected and welcome two new members: Gerald Kruhlak (Treasurer) and Brian Hill (Property Manager). Thank you for your past service: Michael Hnatiw, Pauline Mudry, and Greg Yewchuk. I lastly thank you all for your confidence in re-electing me as your President for a 4th term. May God Bless Us All.

With this report, I conclude my third year as President of St. John's Parish. It has been a privilege. Serving in this capacity would not have been possible without the support and well wishes of our membership. For these I am humbly thankful. There are many people to acknowledge for making 2017 another year of success:

His Grace Bishop Ilarion for his spiritual guidance of our congregation and the inspiration from his visitations. Our clergy, Fr. Stephan and Fr. Cornell, for serving us and being available to provide counselling and comfort throughout trying and difficult times.

Alice Chumer, for having served 40 years in her role as Cathedral Choir Director. We are thankful for your dedicated service, Alice, and acknowledge this significant milestone. Thank you to the choir members for their participation in rehearsal and liturgical services.

Fedir Gotsaliouk as cantor, for the reliable and capable services he provides. You are very much appreciated. I wish to welcome Ed Thomson for assisting our very dependable elder Ken Ozipko in his duties, and we thank them both for their devoted service.

Where would we be without our valued office, caretaking, and kitchen staff? Our catering operation with Maxine Zakordonski and the volunteers feature prominently in our success stories. Many compliments, unfortunately, are not shared with the rest of the membership. We as a Parish rely heavily on revenue from catering, as member donation pledges comprise less than 10% of our revenue budget. We rarely appreciate the responsiveness of our catering operation in adapting to the changing demand we experience from time to time. As always, everything works out to the satisfaction of many.

The general public shows immense respect for our Parish in their use of our facilities for their special occasions. I wish to share with you some of the most recent compliments we received from the patrons who frequent our premises.

The Les Amies Dance Club, a long-time tenant, hosted a dinner and dance in our auditorium hall on February 16th. Within days, they passed on sincere gratitude to all our staff for helping make their event a resounding success. They found the dinner selections delicious and were impressed by Maxine's special dessert. They commended Chef Maxine for always providing extra attention and assistance in finalizing the menu with their group. The serving staff and table bussers were praised for their attentiveness and excellent service.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

The Edmonton Host Lions Club has rented our solarium hall for monthly meetings for several years now. Following their February 15th dinner meeting, they expressed high praise for the quality of the meals we serve, not for the first time. Their appreciation for our services was made very apparent this year. I thank the Edmonton Host Lions Club for generously donating towards the purchase of a video system for the Solarium, which has become popular in its use.

I am pleased and thankful to our Parish Council members for their contribution to deliberation at our meetings. It is a pleasure to be surrounded by professional individuals who are capable of offering constructive input to the business of our Parish. The skills you have developed over the course of your individual pursuits are unique and invaluable to our cause. I respect most among you those who are ever willing to learn and improve, and continue to work diligently in the role they have been assigned. You should take pride in having fulfilled your obligations. Thank you for respecting the confidence our dear members have put in all of you!

I welcome Ed Thomson, who stepped in as interim Vice President in place of Pauline Mudry, who had served in this role for a number of years. Thank you, Pauline, for your service. And Ed: the commitment and attentiveness you have demonstrated in your short time in this role leaves me hopeful. We pass on the significant responsibility of our catering operation from one pair of proven capable hands to another.

Special acknowledgement goes out to our Treasurer, Mike Hnatiw, who monitored our financial operation on an ongoing basis in great detail, for no other reason than his sincere dedication to this position and the Parish. The procedures and controls he has implemented throughout the last couple of years have seen our catering profits rebound in spite of stagnating event bookings to over \$100,000.00 – only the second time this has been achieved in our church's history, the first in 2016 – not coincidentally, his 2nd year as Treasurer. Notably, our kitchen sales of pyrohy and holubtsi, Easter baking and kolachi, and other goods, have hit a record high of almost \$30,000.00. Maxine Zakordonski and her team of pinchers, rollers, bakers, cheese graters, and taste-testers should take pride in this achievement. Let us recognize the significance of these milestones, and may they serve as new benchmarks for us to aim for in the future.

To our membership, faithful and generous, whom without we would not be successful: Thank you! God Bless those members who through continued financial and volunteer contributions make it possible to be proud of our beautiful Cathedral and Cultural Centre. I thank you in not taking for granted what we have as a Parish come to be over the years. Nor your place in it.

Our Reverend Fathers should take heart they do not preach to deaf ears. Through your respect and kindness for one another; your forbearance; your forgiveness of slights and misunderstandings, of grievances past – you truly demonstrate a willingness to move forward and the vision I have for our community: a clear and bright future. Your actions and attitudes bring the light. Of all the possibilities we can envision for our Parish, it will become only what we make of it. Each one of us. Think about what you see in our future: What you hold in your mind, is not without influence. You are a part of this community, and so your obligations to it extend beyond yourself. You taught me this, dear members, and I do my best to follow your example and strive ever forward.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

Also, let us bear in mind the position we hold as a Parish community, and what we have to offer not only our members, but the community-at-large. After all, the public has played an important part in the story of St. John's Parish & Cultural Centre, years after its founding members laid the foundation. We recognize the ever increasing contributions they make, and we can only benefit from attracting more likeminded patrons. Thank you, all!

Finally, and notably, I wish to express sincere gratitude to the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada – St. John's Cathedral Branch for their donation of \$10,000.00 to the emergency repair of our Cathedral steam boiler this past fall. Thank you to all those individual members who also generously donated to the boiler repair.

I also offer a special reminder for the coming months: we are celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada in Saskatoon, SK in August 2018. In November, our Parish will be celebrating its 95th Anniversary. Stay tuned for details!

On behalf of the Parish Council, I hope each and every one of you celebrate the bright and glorious occasion of Pascha and Resurrection of Christ in good health and spirit.

With Christian Love,

Marshall Kachmar

President

MK



Members as of the end of 2017

Total Couples: 93 = 186 members

Singles: 97 = 97 members

Families: 190 = 283 members

Member Donation Pledge 2018 *NOTE: "Honorary" is not a "seniors rate"*

Single \$225.00

Family \$450.00

Honorary Single \$200.00

Honorary Family \$400.00

PARISH COUNCIL 2018

The following members were elected to the Parish Council at the February 25, 2018 Annual General Meeting:

- President – Marshall Kachmar
- Vice President – Ed Thomson
- Secretary – Karla Palichuk
- Treasurer – Gerald Kruhlak
- Membership Chair – Elaine Harasymiw
- Archivist – Larissa Ewanchuk-Laniuk
- Property Manager (Hospodar) – Brian Hill
- Assistant Treasurer – Elaine Harasymiw
- Events Chair – *vacant*

The following members were appointed to the Parish Council:

- Past President – Eugene Topolnisky
- Church School – Merrie Zubritsky, Susan Jereniuk
- UWAC – Iris Zwozdesky-Ciona, Julia Elaschuk
- Cathedral Choir – John-Paul Himka, Karla Palichuk
- St. John's Seniors – Eileen Yewchuk

PASCHAL SERVICES - 2018

08 April: HOLY PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

12:00 A.M. – Paschal Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Paska

8:00 A.M. – Paschal Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Paska

09 April: BRIGHT MONDAY

9:00 A.M. – Paschal Matins

10:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy

10 April: BRIGHT TUESDAY

10:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy & Paschal Lunch at Dnipro Home (11030–107 ST)

15 April: ST. THOMAS SUNDAY – PROVIDNA

9:00 A.M. – Matins

10:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy & Breaking of Artos – Parish Paschal Luncheon

BLESSING OF PASCHAL BASKETS – PASKAS WILL TAKE PLACE **ONLY**
AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGIES AT **1:45 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.**

MEMORIAL SERVICES – PROVODY

THE ORDER FOR THE EDMONTON DEANERY MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

15 April – EDMONTON CEMETERY at 3:00 P.M.

22 April – BEECHMOUNT CEMETERY at 2:00 P.M.

29 April – ST. MICHAEL’S CEMETERY at 2:00 P.M.

06 May – EVERGREEN MEMORIAL GARDENS at 2:00 P.M.

13 May – ST. STEPHEN’S CEMETERY at 2:00 P.M.

(In case of rain on any of the above-mentioned Sundays,
Memorial Services will be served on **Sunday, 13 May at 3:30 P.M.**)

ALL OTHER CEMETERIES WILL BE VISITED UPON REQUEST.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR CATHEDRAL CLERGY:

FR. STEPHAN (780-570-3712)

FR. CORNELL (780-705-8612)

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S KITCHEN



St. John's Volunteer Bakers **Lilly Velt, Brian Hill, Rick Aussant, Halyna Elkow, and Rick Fyk** package the freshly baked paskas for the upcoming sale (March 14, 2018)



Shirley Jackson and Maxine Zakordonski keep an eye on the baking paskas (March 14, 2018)

Thank you, everyone who contributed to another successful

EASTER BAKE SALE (March 23, 2018)!

Our skilled paska and babka bakers:

Rick Aussant, Pauline Bizuk, Shirley & Matthew Borys, Lil Boyko, Leona Bridges, Halyna Elkow, Rick Fyk, Alison Glass, Cathie Gordey, Elaine Harasymiw, Brian Hill, Shirley Jackson, Donna Kowalishin, Mary Laniuk, Flo Mitchell, Svitlana Romanova, Sophie Steinbach, Lilly Velt, Maxine Zakordonski, Christine Zwozdesky

A special thank you to Leona Bridges, Myroslava Chomiak, Jackie Dowbush, Elaine Harasymiw, Brian Hill, Susan Jereniuk, Donna Kowalishin, Tatiana Martschenko, Anna Melnychuk, and Eileen Yewchuk for supervising and managing the Bake Sale during a very busy Pyrohy Supper.

Thank you to everyone who donated home-made baking — our guests really enjoyed the impressive selection:

Leona Bridges, Myroslava Chomiak, Sylvia Chomyc, Alice Chumer, Zonia Ewanchuk, Elaine Harasymiw, Kay Hobden, Donna Kowalishin, Oryssia Lennie, Marianne Makowsky, Nadia Opyr, Melvina Ozipko, Grace Pelepchan

NEWS FROM U.W.A.C. ST. JOHN'S BRANCH

EXECUTIVE FOR 2018

Past President
 Co-Presidents
 1st Vice President (Alternate)
 2nd Vice-President
 Recording Secretary
 Treasurer
 Greetings and Sympathy
 Membership Convenor
 Honourary Members
 Candle Distribution
 Member Communications Convenor
 Library Convenor
 Benevolent Committee
 Junior CYMK
 Archivist
 Casino Co-ordinator
 Financial Review
 Speaker Series
 Funeral Dinners
 Promin Representative
 Memorial Bookkeeper

Lesia Pohoreski
 Iris Zwozdesky-Ciona & Julia Elaschuk
 Donna Kowalishin
 Elaine Verchomin Harasymiw
 Tatiana Martschenko
 Tanya Bidulka
 Donna Kowalishin
 Oryssia Lennie
 Natalie Deptuck
 Eileen Yewchuk
 Myroslava Chomiak
 Leona Bridges
 Eileen Yewchuk & Zonia Ewanchuk
 Marsha Jereniuk

 Elaine Verchomin Harasymiw
 Nadia Opyr, Lorna Stefaniuk, Daria Gushaty
 Christine Zwozdesky
 Zonia Ewanchuk & Nadia Opyr

 Olha Logvynenko



St. John's Cathedral Branch Executive of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, 2018
 seated (left to right): Lesia Pohoreski, Julia Elaschuk, Tatiana Martschenko
 standing (left to right): Myroslava Chomiak, Zoya Volosatska*, Donna Kowalishin, Lorna Stefaniuk, Eileen Yewchuk, Oryssia Lennie,
 Tanya Bidulka, Elaine Harasymiw, Nadia Opyr
 missing from photo: Leona Bridges, Iris Ciona, Natalie Deptuck, Zonia Ewanchuk, Daria Gushaty, Marsha Jereniuk,
 Olha Logvynenko, and Christine Zwozdesky
 *Zoya Volosatska was invited to speak to the Executive about the experiences she has encountered as a recent immigrant to Canada.

NEWS FROM U.W.A.C. ST. JOHN'S BRANCH CONT'D

Sewing of New Cathedral Linens

Sponsored by the UWAC St. John's Branch, **Lorna Stefaniuk**, M.Ed., teacher, seamstress and quilter extraordinaire, researched, acquired and is now sewing up the replacement church linens. Lorna's accomplishments include displays of her art in many Canadian museums.

from start...



... to finish!



*Photos courtesy of Julia Elashuk, Co-President
U.W.A.C. - St. John's Branch
February 3, 2018*

NEWS FROM U.W.A.C. ST. JOHN'S BRANCH CONT'D

Blessing of New Cathedral Linens



*Photos courtesy of
Julia Elashuk, Co-President
U.W.A.C. - St. John's Branch
February 18, 2018*

Blessing of linens on the Sunday of Forgiveness (February 18, 2018)

**Pictured: Protopresbyter Stephan Semotiuk
Lorna Stefaniuk
Julia Elashuk
Archpriest Cornell Zubritsky**

NEWS FROM U.W.A.C. ST. JOHN'S BRANCH CONT'D

Laying of New Cathedral Linens



**Veronika Dymouriak,
Melvina Ozipko,
and Grace Pelepchan**
prepare the new linens
(February 19, 2018)

**June Kachmar (back),
Lorna Stefaniuk (right) and
the other ladies** dress the tetrapod.



*Photos courtesy of
Julia Elashuk, Co-President
U.W.A.C. - St. John's Branch
February 19, 2018*

NEWS FROM U.W.A.C. ST. JOHN'S BRANCH CONT'D

Pysanka and Prayer: A Reflection

Prayer is the union of humanity with God. It's the movement of the heart toward God (toward the Holy Father). Is this not miraculous? These were Rev. Father Cornell Zubritsky's words as he opened an evening of *Pysanky and Prayer*.

On Friday, March 9, 2018 in the Solarium of St. John's Cultural Centre, more than 50 individuals, from eight – 80 years of age, gathered to participate in an evening of prayer and writing a "pysanka". To think that the range of age would prevent the evening from being successful would be misleading! On the contrary, the cooperation, collaboration and conversation amongst the participants proved to be uplifting!



The evening began with a talk on the symbolism and meaning of prayer by Rev. Father Cornell Zubritsky. Rev. Zubritsky kept the participants deeply engaged in his talk – it was as if he was speaking to them individually, supporting each of the participants through their Lenten journey.

The initiative was organized by Lesia Pohoreski, past co-president of St. John's Cathedral Branch UWAC. She spoke on the art and tradition of the "pysanka", encouraging each person to think about his/her design throughout her presentation.

NEWS FROM U.W.A.C. ST. JOHN'S BRANCH CONT'D

“True Prayer comes from the heart. In prayer, we strive for a sincere invocation of a feeling of reverence of God, devotion to Him, gratitude for His blessings, submission to His Holy Will.”



With this message in mind, each of the participants began to write. Lesia Pohoreski along with Mary -Ann Baziuk and David Makowsky, assisted the young CYMKivtsi with their delightful “pysanky” so that each of them could have one in his/her basket at Easter – waiting to be blessed. Fortunate are the children whose parents create an environment that supports and promotes the love of their inherited culture.

NEWS FROM U.W.A.C. ST. JOHN'S BRANCH CONT'D



A huge thank you to Archpriest Cornell Zubritsky and Lesia Pohoreski for continuing with this initiative. All of the participants (UWAC Members, seniors, CYMKivtsi and their parents, and parishioners) are left with an enhanced appreciation and understanding of their religion and culture with an evening such as this - the Second Annual *Pysanka and Prayer*.

With respect and gratitude,
Olha Logvynenko

ST. JOHN'S SENIOR CYMK

St. John's Sr. CYMK was busy with Malanka preparations in January. We enjoyed performing the skit and carolling which raised funds for the Parish. In February, we went to the Ice Castles at Hawrelak Park. On March 9, we attended the Pysanky and Prayer workshop organized by Lesia Pohoreski, with Father Cornell as the guest speaker. We learned more about prayer while writing pysanky. We enjoyed touring the ice sculptures and then had some hot chocolate to warm up. On Friday, March 23 we hosted the Pysanka Bingo. We raised \$555 in support of the National CYMK initiative UCU: Ukrainians helping Ukraine which supports the rehabilitation of soldiers wounded in Ukraine. We could not have done it without the generous donations of pysanky from Joanne Melnychuk, Halyna Elkow, Eugene Topolnisky, Lil Boyko, Dobr. Diana Semotiuk, Donna Kowalishin and Lesia Pohoreski. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event. We wish everyone a Blessed Pascha!

Adam Jereniuk

Sr. CYMK President- 2017-18



CYMKivtsi host Annual Pysanka Bingo (March 23, 2018)



CYMKivtsi visit the Ice Castles at Hawrelak Park (February 2018)

**THANK YOU,
LADIES OF ST. JOHN'S U.W.A.C!**



Donna Kowalishin, Vice President of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada -- St. John's Cathedral Branch presents **Marshall Kachmar**, President of the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St. John with a cheque for **\$10,000**. The U.W.A.C. -- St. John's Branch had generously pledged to donate this amount towards the cost of repairs to the church steam boiler last year. Дякуємо!

(January 18, 2018)



~OPEN INVITATION~
“AN EVENING WITH EUGENE”



Join us in honouring **EUGENE TOPOLNISKY** for his years of dedication and service to the Ukrainian community, on the occasion of his BIRTHDAY,

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 30TH, 2018**

**ST. JOHN'S CULTURAL CENTRE
6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.**

TICKETS: \$10.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Tickets are available at the Parish Administration Office:

780-425-9692

info@uocc-stjohn.ca

****HOSTED BY ST. JOHN'S PARISH****

THROUGH THE EYES OF A BAPTIST CHRISTIAN...

“Beauty and Symbolism in St. John’s Cathedral”

By Peyton Rockel (October 2017)

Across the cultures and religions of the world and through the centuries, artwork has been greatly valued for its beauty, recognized as a source of inspiration for people, and understood as an effective way to communicate ideas. St. John’s Cathedral, located in North-Central Edmonton, is a place of worship for the Ukrainian Orthodox community. The cathedral, originally built in (1953), . . . , is both fascinating and beautiful; it captures the eye of the onlooker with bright, rich colours and extravagant installation pieces. The architecture of the building as well as interior design decisions that were greatly influenced by traditional Ukrainian design. The purpose of the artwork in St. John’s Cathedral is to show beauty in order to bring awe and excitement to the viewer, as well as to use icons and symbolism to communicate and represent stories and characters. This purpose is revealed when analysing formal elements in individual pieces, then understanding how the pieces work together to create more meaning.

At first glance, the appearance of the sanctuary (sic) is overwhelmingly beautiful. It appears bright and the attention of the viewer is drawn from the ground up towards the windows and ceiling where coloured light gleams through decorated windows. From the viewpoint of the doorway looking towards the (lesser) altar, the room appears to be symmetrical. Each side of the aisle contains an equal number of pews and is lined with three stained glass windows, and centred in the front is a large chandelier with smaller fixtures hanging on both sides of it. The symmetry of the room creates balance in the space with the focus directed towards the front. The interior is large and open, with appropriate seating arrangements as well as the consideration of how the acoustics of the choir will be affected by the size of space. The design of the sanctuary (sic) itself is not only visually pleasing, but intentionally planned in a way that contains symbolism. The sanctuary (sic) itself is shaped like a cross that is laid down with the top pointing toward the east, representing the belief that Christ’s second coming from the east. The elements in the lower part of the room lead the attention to the front (lesser) altar, which holds significance as it is the space that the clergy share the gospel from during the service (sic). Behind the golden door and scarlet curtain is the altar room, which is a sacred space that contains the gospel as well as the Eucharist. The overall design of the cathedral is both symbolic and functional as a place of worship.

The visual element of colour is a major way through which meaning is communicated in the cathedral. Each colour has representations that revolve around traditional beliefs, or is associated with certain characteristics of individuals. For example, the colour of the scarlet carpet that runs through the middle of rows of pews on either side and up onto the front steps symbolizes and pays homage to the martyrs in the history of the church’s foundation. The ceiling over the front of the sanctuary (sic) that extends back into the altar room is painted sky blue, the colour that traditionally represents the Virgin Mary’s purity. In this environment the colour represents the sky, specifically the heavens. Lastly, the most important colour is (sic) the cathedral is gold, which symbolizes divinity and holiness. There are many examples of this displayed around the cathedral, usually framing an image.

THROUGH THE EYES OF A BAPTIST CHRISTIAN...CONT'D

“Beauty and Symbolism in St. John’s Cathedral”

By Peyton Rockel (October 2017)

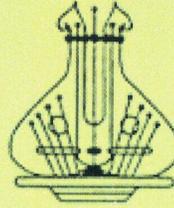
The elegant main chandelier which was imported from Portugal and installed in 2012, contains fine gold detail that couples with Swarovski crystals to dazzle within the room. This piece adds an extra sense of royalty and splendour to the space. The most prevalent case of gold is the *Iconostas*, a large and exquisite piece that was designed and created by Wadym Dobrolige in 1973 which is located at the front, behind the (lesser) altar. The gold that surrounds the icons of Christ, the Virgin, and Saints is one of the ways that their importance is emphasized visually.

The beautiful stained glass windows that surround the circumference of the sanctuary (sic) were done by Roman Kowal in the late 1980’s. The combination of symbolism, craftsmanship, colour, and glistening light create a truly magnificent sight. Through the window designs, gospel stories are expressed to the onlooker in a simple, stunning, and memorable way. The large stained glass piece on the south window of the cathedral is titled “Life of Jesus Christ, Our Savior”. The artist uses the many panels that surround the centre portrait of Jesus to depict scenes and stories of Jesus on earth and how he interacted with others in the gospels. Primary colours are used to bring attention to the images, and to give them a majestic appearance that gleams. The element of scale is used as we see Jesus portrayed in the largest window that is centred between two smaller ones, which reveals that he is the main character and the figure to focus on in the other panels. Although the three windows are not attached to each other they can be observed as a unified work, which can suggest that all the stories represented are connected, perhaps through the characteristics of the Christ.

To conclude, St. John’s Cathedral contains artwork and elements of design that are not only pleasing to view and functional for the purpose of worship, but are used to communicate stories and meanings to the viewers. Visual elements are effectively displayed throughout the sanctuary to bring depth into the formal viewing of the art pieces. The symbolism expressed through architecture, colours, and iconography expresses the values of the Ukrainian Orthodox tradition. The beauty and mystery that artwork in a worship setting contains will continue to inspire people for the generations to come.

Written For: History of Art and Visual Design 100

*Ukrainian
Music
Society
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Музичне
Товариство
Альберти*

***Концерт
Великодньої музики
Music of the Easter Cycle***

**Friday, April 20, 2018 7:00pm
Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral
of St. John the Baptist
10951 - 107 St., Edmonton**

**Admission by donation to
Orphanage Project in Ukraine
care of Western Eparchy**

Tax receipts issued for min. \$20 donation.

Information: Luba Boyko-Bell

780.469.4890

www.umsacanada.com

U.O.C.C. DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

\$2,090 RAISED OF \$15,000 GOAL

This campaign that was started in the December 2017 Issue of the Cathedral Connection will be concluding shortly after Pascha. Donations are still being accepted!

REMINDER:

HAWRYSH SCHOLARSHIP

Attention students! The Parish office is once again accepting applications for the *William and Mary Hawrysh Memorial Leadership Scholarship*. The deadline is June 15. Please contact the office at 780-425-9692, or info@uocc-stjohn.ca for details and eligibility requirements if you are interested.

THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN ... AND OTHERS

A little boy was attending his first wedding.

After the service, his cousin asked him,

"How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly.

"How do you know that?"

"Easy," the little boy said.

"All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said,

4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."



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The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?"

"No ma'am," little Johnny replies, I don't have to.

My mom is a good cook."



A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story.

From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.

She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



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.



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



Vera Ponich
Bohdanna Maslo
Dmytro Petriw
Peter Ponich
Betty Krysa

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15th - Paschal Lunch ("Спільне Свячене")

April 27th - Pyrohy Supper

May 2nd - Kyiv Konnection Banquet

May 25th - Pyrohy Supper

May 27th - Annual Church School Picnic

June 6th - UWAC Annual Members' Dinner

June 24th - Khram, Parish Feast Day Dinner

June 29th - Pyrohy Supper

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