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GREETINGS FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!

Дорогі Брати й Сестри в Христі!

Знову Всемилосердний Господь Бог наш приводить нас, по днях покаяння, до всесвітного і всерадісного дня Христового Воскресіння. Ми особисто, щиро сердечно вітаємо Вас із цим радісним святом.

Christ is risen today, and He is risen among us. Now then, what significance does the Resurrection of Christ have for us today? It tells us that we have a living, reigning Lord. The Resurrection tells us that death has been vanquished. The open sepulchre of the Lord has laid bare all the secrets and terrors of death. It now has a new name and a new meaning: death is now the "falling asleep" in the bosom of Christ.

The Resurrection tells us that we, along with all those whom we have buried in the good earth, shall one day arise even as Jesus did. "Because I live," Christ said, "you shall live also." The Lord is reigning in His Kingdom, preparing a place for us, so that we might one day be where He is.

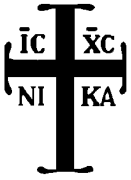
The Resurrection tells us that some day all things shall be made right, and perfect justice will be shared by all.

The Resurrection puts the seal of Divine approval on all that Christ said and did. What He claimed is true. This shows now that he is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

On this great Day of the Resurrection, we sincerely greet you and your family, and extend to you wishes of health, happiness and spiritual blessings.

З нагоди Світлого Воскресіння Христового ми засилаємо Вам і Вашій Родині найщиріші побажання – Божого благословення, міцного здоров'я та повної воскреслої радости!

CHRIST IS RISEN!



In Christ's love,

Father Stephan & Dobrodiyka Diana

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!

On behalf of Parish Council I wish to express Easter greetings to our membership as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. May this opportunity help us renew our faith as Orthodox Christians.

In 2018 we celebrated a milestone 100th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. This year we will conclude the celebration with presentations of Awards.

Our Parish will have our Committee busy working on plans for celebrating our 100th anniversary in November of 2023.

I am honored to again be elected as your President for the new term. Thank you for your support and confidence as we together work towards a successful year.

Our Parish Council with the guidance of Fr. Stephan and Fr. Cornell. Are looking forward to a productive year. At this time I wish to express gratitude to Dr. Elaine Harasymiw (Membership Chair and Centenary Nominations Committee Chair) and Brian Hill (Property Manager) for their service and who are stepping down.

Thank you to our Council members who will continue to service in their important roles.

Congratulations and welcome to the new members who will be joining us on Council. Events Chair –Roxoliana Tsisar, Membership Chair- Myroslava Chomiak, Assistant Treasurer- Orest Pohoreski, Property Manager –Dennis Kowalishin.

We were saddened to began the new year with the passing of three of our members. Past President –Eugene Topolnisky, the Honourable –Gene Zwozdesky and Oksana Ensslen. All three were also members of the St. John's Cathedral Choir. May they have eternal memory. ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ!

A successful year can only be measured by the support received financially and by volunteering. The Parish Council expresses sincere gratitude to all involved. Our kitchen staff and volunteers have received many compliments for catering to social events.

Special acknowledgement of Maria Derewianka who generously offers her time to assist us.

In conclusion I pledge to do my best in providing my service to this Parish. Please express positive comments to the office so we may best serve you.

Christ is risen!

Truly he has risen!

Marshall Kachmar

Parish President

Gerald Kruhlak, Treasurer, St. John's Parish, presenting the budget.

At the table left to right:

Archpriest Cornell Zubritsky; Marshall Kachmar, President, St. John's Cathedral Parish; and Emil Yereniuk, chair of the Annual Meeting.

Julia Elaschuk, President UWAC St. John's Branch presenting an idea for a mosaic mural to mark the 100th anniversary of St. John's Cathedral in 2023

Members as of the end of 2018

Families:	91	=	182	members
Singles:	94	=	94	members
Total:	185	=	276	members

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES 2019

MEMBER	AMOUNT	UOCC	WESTERN EPARCHY	ST. JOHN
SINGLE	$ 225	$110	$15	$100
SINGLE (HONORABLE)	$200	$110	$15	$ 75
FAMILY	$450	$220	$30	$200
FAMILY (HONORABLE)	$400	$220	$30	$150

Donations accompanying pledges is greatly appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL 2019

The following members were elected to the Parish Council at the February 24, 2019 Annual General Meeting:

President	~	Marshall Kachmar
Vice-President	~	Ed Thomson
Secretary	~	Karla Palichuk
Treasurer	~	Gerald Kruhlak
Membership Chairman	~	Myroslava Chomiak
Archivist	~	Larissa Ewanchuk-Laniuk
Property Manager (Hospodar)	~	Dennis Kowalishin
Assistant Treasurer	~	Orest Pohoreski
Events Chairman	~	Roxoliana Tsisar

The following members were appointed to the Parish Council:

Past President	~	VACANT
Church School	~	Merrie Zubritsky, Susan Jereniuk
UWAC	~	Julia Elaschuk
Cathedral Choir	~	John-Paul Himka, Karla Palichuk
St. John's Seniors	~	Eileen Yewchuk
CYMK	~	Nikolai Kruhlak

Decorating Church Before Ukrainian Christmas
Jan 3, 2019

PASCHAL SERVICES - 2019

April 21st:PALM SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. – Matins and Holy Confession
10:00 A.M. –Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Willows

April 24th: HOLY WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M. - Divine Liturgy
6:00 P.M. - Holy Unction at St. Anthony`s Church

April 25th: HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy of Basil the Great with Vespers
6:00 P.M. – Matins – Service of the Twelve Gospels

April 26th: HOLY FRIDAY

5:30 P.M. – Vespers : Procession of the Shroud

April 27th: HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy of Basil the Great with Vespers
6:00 P.M. – Blessing of Paska in St. John`s Home – 13516 102 Street
10:30 P.M. – Nadhrobne
11:00 P.M. – Easter Matins

April 28th: 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

April 29th: BRIGHT MONDAY

9:00 A.M. – Paschal Matins
10:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy

April 30th: BRIGHT TUESDAY

10:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy & Paschal Lunch at Dnipro Home

May 5th: ST. THOMAS SUNDAY – PROVIDNA

9:00 A.M. – Matins
10:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy & Breaking of Artos – Parish Paschal Luncheon

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

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MEMORIAL SERVICES – PROVODY 2019

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

5 May – EDMONTON CEMETERY at 3:00 P.M.
12 May – BEECHMOUNT CEMETERY at 2:00 P.M.
19 May – ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY at 2:00 P.M.
26 May – EVERGREEN MEMORIAL GARDENS at 2:00 P.M.
2 June – 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, 2 June at 3:30 P.M.**)

ALL OTHER CEMETERIES WILL BE VISITED UPON REQUEST.
PLEASE CONTACT OUR CATHEDRAL CLERGY:
FR. STEPHAN (780-475-3712)
FR. CORNELL (780-705-8612)

St. Stephen's Cemetery
20303 Meridian St NW
Edmonton, AB

St. Michael's Cemetery
13819 82 St NW
Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Cemetery
11820 107 Ave
Edmonton, AB

Beechmount Cemetery
12420 104 St NW
Edmonton, AB

Evergreen Memorial Gardens
16102 Fort Rd NW
Edmonton, AB

ST. JOHN'S SENIOR CYMK

President's Report, January- March 2019

The following is an outline of the activities of St. John's Sr. CYMK over the past several months:

January
11- Sr. CYMK members participated in the St. John's Malanka by caroling and raising around $1400 in support of the Paris
13- Sr. CYMK members and families caroled at the homes of our clergy, Right Reverend Father Stephan and Reverend Father Cornell
18- Eight of our Sr. CYMK members and parents volunteered to work in the kitchen for the Theophany Dinner

February
2- Participated in the annual AB CYMK Curling Funspiel
3- Monthly meeting after church
9- Attended University of Alberta Men's and Ladies' Volleyball games
15- Pizza and Movie night at the Kruhlaks including preparation of Hearts for the Heart and Stroke fundraiser
24- "Cookies for a Cause"- selling of cookies after church and during the church AGM in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation (Heart Month)

March
2- Weaving Project with Edmonton weaver Elizabeth Holinaty and religious talk with Father Cornell.
16- Volunteered at the Edmonton Food Bank warehouse packaging and sorting food.
29- Organized and ran the annual Pysanka Bingo with proceeds going to the Edmonton Food Bank. It was a very successful event and we thank everyone who came out and supported this most worthy cause!

We are grateful for the continual support of the Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League and the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association- Edmonton Branch.

Yours in Christ,

Nikolai Kruhlak
St. John's Sr. CYMK
President

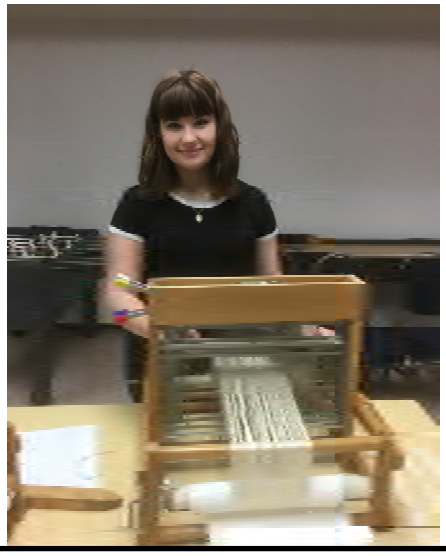
Edmonton Food Bank CYMK 2019

Weaving project with Elizabeth Holinaty 2019

Weaving participants complete their projects

Elizabeth Holinaty gives instruction for weaving for CYMK members

Jacob Lakusta weaving



Tina Dowbush weaving

Weaving project with Elizabeth Holinaty

Two Genes

Submitted by the Cathedral Choir

In the first week of January 2019, the cathedral choir lost two of its outstanding members, Gene Topolnisky and Gene Zwozdesky. So while the joyous Christmas season was progressing, we had to sing panakhydas for both of our beloved Genes. In what follows, individual choir members share some of their memories of these two pillars of our Ukrainian Orthodox community.

Gene Topolnisky

Gene was a tenor. He sang the epistles in English most Sundays and he led the singing at the English-language services once a month. He struggled with health problems for a long time and had some difficulty walking up the stairs to the choir loft, but he sang his heart out. He was, of course, well known even beyond the Ukrainian Orthodox community for the warmness of this heart.

I would like to share one recollection that I think captures important aspects of this man's character. I am involved in a project to document Ukrainian churches -- Orthodox, Catholic, and even Protestant -- in Alberta and Saskatchewan. This is a labor-intensive project that was often looking for funding. After I joined the choir some years ago, I learned from our director, Lesya, that the choir occasionally donated some of the money it earned from weddings and other services. She suggested that I might want to apply for a donation, and I did. I made a pitch for $2000 at the choir's annual general meeting. Gene opposed it, not because he had objections to our project, but because it went against a previous understanding that the choir should donate its funds to the parish, not to outside groups. Gene's argumentation carried the day, and our project was not funded by the choir. This was okay with me: nothing ventured, nothing gained. But to my surprise, later that year Gene wrote the project a check for $1000. And the next year he wrote another check for another $1000.

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There was never any doubt that Gene’s favourite music to sing was liturgical repertoire. Singing next to him for over a decade was a gift. He had excellent pitch and a beautiful, gentle tenor voice that seemed to have been created to blend with the other voices that make up a choir. As his health became a challenge he just rose above the discomfort and sang out with the voice that God gave him and a smile that lifted all our spirits. He was there to sing with his friends and for his congregation as long as he was able to make it to the choir loft. When that was no longer possible he committed to being a cantor and part of our small group that sang the responses for the monthly English language liturgy. May heaven enjoy his gifts.

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Gene Zwozdesky

For the last six years of Sundays I had the great privilege of singing in the bass section with Gene on my left. He was an accomplished musician (I am anything but). My children had grown up on his music, including a record he made at the age of ten, singing songs in Ukrainian and playing his guitar. One day in the choir loft, he told me that he never made a cent off that recording. My kids also loved the little books that he wrote the music for, with Lena Gulutsan's words and Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn's illustrations.

He was the "tuning fork" of the bass section. If there was a difficult piece coming up during services, he would first hum it or sing it quietly in advance; I suspect this was less about preparing himself than reminding me of how I should sing it. He was the gentlest teacher I ever knew. Sometimes I just didn't get the music down correctly. He wouldn't tell me to get my act together; he'd say "*we* need to get this right." He would fool me into believing that it wasn't just me making the mistake!

I usually got to the choir loft a bit before Gene. His entrance was always an event. Generally, he was fourth or fifth on the left and most of us were already lined up before he got there. He'd jump on to the pew behind us -- like a mountain goat, I kid you not -- and walk over to his customary place. He'd greet everyone effusively, punching shoulders and shaking hands, beaming, saying things like будь здоров, козаче or але-ж Ти ввесь час молодієш! His eyes would sparkle and everyone nearby would feel just great.

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I met Gene when he was about ten or twelve years old. St. John's Institute held a six-week summer program. I was asked to teach Ukrainian dancing. Gene came from Sangudo, a small skinny little boy. I taught the boys the *arkan*. I worked them hard: they brought towels the next day. They learned Ukrainian dancing and became dancers for Shumka and Cheremosh.

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Gene loved his faith and used every one of his gifts to glorify it for the spiritual engagement of all who entered into his sphere of involvement. His musical talent in our choir was a gift, but it was a gift that he shared with modesty that made everyone who sang with him believe that it was his privilege to sing with us. I always enjoyed sneaking a look at him in the bass section when our choir had just sung a particularly intriguing run of harmony – his eyes would twinkle and he smiled. He smiled as if in communion with the composer of the work, it was like he was paying homage to a fellow composer with whom he shared a common experience of arranging notes to perfection.

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The loss to the choir has been great. We need to replace the two Genes' voices, but we will never be able to replace these wonderful individuals.

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.

EUGENE TOPOLNISKY
GENE ZWOZDESKY
OKSANA ENSSLEN

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2nd - Kyiv Konnection
May 5th - Paschal Dinner
May 31st - Pyrohy Supper

June 5th - UWAC Annual Members' Dinner
June 28th - Pyrohy Supper
July 7th - Khram, Parish Feast Day Dinner

НАША БІБЛІОТЕКА ~ NEWS FROM UWAC – ST. JOHN'S ~ OUR LIBRARY

The **U.W.A.C. Library**, located in the Cathedral basement, will be open on the **first Sunday** of each month from **12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.** following the Divine Liturgy. Бібліотека під Катедрою буде відкрита в **першу неділю** кожного місяця після Служби від **12:00 до 13:00 год.**

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Monday to Friday
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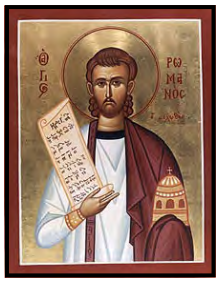
SINGERS!

The Cathedral Choir invites you to join!

Rehearsals are
Thursdays at
7:30 p.m.



Contact for
information:

Lesia Chumer
780.418.1025

СПІВАКИ-ХОРИСТИ!

Просимо Вас вступити до Катедрального Хору.
Проби кожного четверга о 7:30 год. веч.
По дальші інформації:
Леся Чумер, дириґент - 780.418.1025.

HAWRYSH SCHOLARSHIP

The Hawrysh Scholarship was donated by Bill and Kate Hawrysh in Memory of William and Mary Hawrysh to promote the Ukrainian language, culture, traditions and Ukrainian Orthodox religion. The value of the scholarship is equal to the amount of money earned on the principal sum in any given year. Two scholarships are awarded out annually, the value of each being half of the above stated amount.

Eligibility:

Member of Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John's (at least three years)
Ukrainian background
Have credits for Ukrainian 30 with an average of at least 70% in grade 12 courses

Open to students who enroll in:
Faculty of Theology, St. Andrew's College, Winnipeg, Manitoba;
Faculty of Education, majoring in the teaching of the Ukrainian language;
Faculty of Arts, majoring in Ukrainian language, history or Ukrainian-Canadian studies.

Application package should include:

- Completed Application Form (see following page)
- Proof of Registration
- Transcripts
- Character References (minimum of 2 letters)
- Covering Letter

Deadline:

- June 15 for Applications
- August 15 for Transcripts

Application packages can be forwarded to:

Mail:

Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John
Administration Office
10611 110 AVE NW
EDMONTON AB T5H 1H7

Email:

info@uocc-stjohn.ca

Hawrysh Scholarship Application

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Application Information

Full Name: _____
Last *First* *M.I.*

Address: _____
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

_____
City *Province* *Postal Code*

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ SIN Number: _____

Educational Institution Enrollment

University: _____

Address: _____

Advanced Placement

Are you, or have you been, in an advanced placement program? YES ☐ NO ☐

Education History

High School: _____

Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES ☐ NO ☐

University: _____

Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES ☐ NO ☐ Degree: _____

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____