



The Cathedral Connection

September 2019

Upcoming Events:

September

- 27 Pyrohy Supper

October

- 18 Pyrohy Supper
- 20 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 24-27 Western Eparchial Assembly

November

- 29 Pyrohy Supper

December

- 27 Pyrohy Supper

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GREETINGS FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN

Дорогі брати й сестри в Христі!

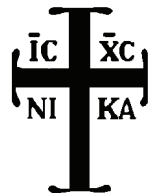
В цей час сердечно вітаю всіх Вас із надходячим початком Нового Церковного Року. Хочу вірити, що ви всі із охотою приступатимете до нової праці й діяльності при нашій Громаді. Я заохочую й прошу Вас регулярно вчащати до Церкви й активно включатись в Церковне Життя.

The liturgical year of our Church begins in September. This is the time we begin anew. As members of our Ukrainian Orthodox Community we need to live the life of the Church, involved in prayer, services and feast days throughout the entire year. Our Church Year is not complete if we do not participate all the way through. We, as parents, must be at Church with our children. We must pray together with our children. And most importantly, you must be the kind of Orthodox Christians that you want your child to grow up to be!

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



Clergy Visitation

If you are aware of anyone ill, at home or in the hospital, or who simply would appreciate a visit from any of our clergy, please inform the Administration Office (780)425-9692, or one of our Cathedral Priests

Clergy Office Hours

Wednesday 10 AM - 12 PM

Thursday 1 PM - 3 PM

President's Message

Hoping you all had a good summer break. September is the beginning of a new Church year and we are ready to work towards another successful year.

With all the rain we had this year we are fortunate to not having any problems with leaking roofs. Hoping this continues and that other necessary upgrades to our complex can we made. With limited finances and generous donations, the following has been accomplished.

The old computer has been replaced with a new one for the office. Finally, the old copier was nearing its reliability, was replaced with a new color copier thanks to personal donations and a generous \$ 2000 donation from the Cathedral Choir.

The kitchen also needed some upgrades. The kitchen fire suppression system was outdated and needed to be brought up to code at a cost of \$ 4400. Still needs to be supervised at the fire alarm panel. The fire alarm system is now being reviewed to determine it's cost to upgrade as was identified in our insurance audit this past spring.

The walk-in cooler equipment was replaced to a roof top condenser unit replacing the original system that showed soon to expect total failure.

Problems with the old dryer was replaced with a generous donation from Dennis & Donna Kowalishin of a new model washer and dryer.

In the Cathedral a possible fire was prevented when a failed bearing in the choir loft air circulating system was noticed in the south bell tower. Delay in the repair was finding parts in replacing the old equipment. Also, the hot water tank was replaced in the boiler room. A motor was replaced in the basement air circulation system.

The auditorium air condition system was repaired by replacing a circulating pump and a louver controller. The air compressor motor failed and was replaced.

All this and daily smaller problems have been dealt with, with the hard work of volunteers and generous donations.

The work is not finished all future work is outlined in the following.

The Cathedral heating system for temperature control has to be fixed. Currently the cost for replacing and repairing and installing new thermostats is being prepared.

The fire alarm detection system needs an upgrade to meet code. The auditorium floor needs to be refurbished.

As noted in the insurance audit a security camera system is to be installed. Develop a bigger parking area by utilizing manse back yard.

Chimes in the Cathedral are to be installed. Landscaping to be finalized when construction in this area is complete.

Personally, I wish to express sincere thanks to our Parish Council for support and positive progress in maintaining our great facilities, the Cathedral and Cultural Center.

Thank you to our clergy Fr. Stephan and Fr. Cornell for guidance and support, to our great volunteers and staff for their contribution with hard work.

Please, note that greetings for Thanksgiving and donation card are enclosed.

May God bless all who do faithfully support our beloved Parish.

Parish President,
Marshall Kachmar

New Parish Members

Welcome our newest members to the
St. John's Cathedral!

Daria Semotiuk
Zev Marantz

Volunteers Needed for Catering!

We ask for your help during events being held
at St. John's Cultural Centre.

There are sign-up sheets in the kitchen

Please Volunteer!

Central McDougall Road Improvements

The improvements consists of removal and replacement of public sidewalk, curb and gutter, and street lighting, as well as reconstruction and paving of the road.



St. John's Seniors Club

Seniors meet every Wednesday 10 AM- 3 PM, in the Seminar Room.

10 AM- 12 PM

Morning sessions include music and exercise program

1 PM- 3 PM

Afternoon sessions will vary and include educational and spiritual instruction as well as opportunities for fellowship



McDougal School Lunch
June 13, 2019



Pyrohy Making and Fellowship!



Pyrohy Making May 2019

All are welcome to join our team,
make pyrohy, & enjoy fellowship
coffee & lunch provided!

Please contact the Kitchen Office
for details: (780)425-3990



Church Board Advisory Committee Hard at Work



Making Borscht for Heritage Festival

Borscht-Making at St. Michael's Parish for the Ukrainian Pavillion at the Heritage Festival. The UWAC Edmonton Branches sent volunteers to get the job done. If you can imagine, I believe that 85 gallons of borscht are being prepared. The volunteers from UWAC, St. John's Cathedral Branch were Pauline Mudry, Nadia Opyr, Eileen Yewchuk, and Myroslava Chomiak (not pictured).



Annual Parish Council & Volunteer BBQ, June 12, 2019







Pysanka and Prayer evening on April 5, 2019

Lesia Pohoreski led a pysanka workshop with assistance from MaryAnn Baziuk. Father Stephan spoke about the meaning of prayer. Junior and Senior CYMK and Parish members participated.





**Cleaning The Church,
Preparing for Easter
April 2019**





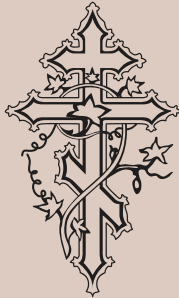
Easter Bread Making 2019





Easter Week Celebrations 2019





**To the Parents of
our young children...**

Relax, God put the wiggle in children,
consider it God's Holy noise.
All are welcome!

Sit towards the front where
it is easier to see what is going on.
They tire of seeing the backs
of people's heads.

Quietly explain the parts of
the service and actions of the
Priest, Deacon, Cantors and
Alter Servers.

If you have to leave the service
please feel free to , but please
come back. As Jesus said
"Let the little children come to me."

To the members of the church...

The presence of children is a gift to the
church and they are a reminder our
congregation is growing.

St. John's Sr. CYMK Report

May- August 2019

As the 2018-19 Sr. CYMK came to a close, our SR. CYMK members continued to stay active and contribute to the community around them. This is what they have been involved in the past few months:

May

- 4- Monthly meeting and Excursion to the Alberta Museum

June

- 1- Volunteered at the Edmonton Food Bank and presentation of \$300 raised from the Pysanka Bingo this past spring
- 5- Volunteering in kitchen for the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada- St. John's Branch's Annual Members dinner
- 9- Monthly meeting and Convention registration

July

- 26- Year-end wrap-up including Riverboat Cruise and time at Hawrelak Park

August

- 7-11- National CYC Conference- Toronto, Ontario- August 7-11, 2019.

Nine St. John's CYMK members along with one advisor participated in National Convention. CYMKivsti enjoyed attending the many sessions, attended a Blue Jays game, visited the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. George in Grimsby, Ontario, visited Niagara Falls, conducted their business sessions and participated in joint sessions with TYC and UWAC. The convention culminated on Sunday with a Hierarchical Service at St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Church where CYMK participated in the service through readings and singing in the Choir. It was an important time to re-connect, make new friends, discuss the future of CYMK, select a new National Executive and strengthen our religious and cultural connections as Ukrainian Orthodox youth.

Congratulations to the following St. John's CYMK members who received special recognition at the Awards of Excellence Banquet on Friday evening:

Nikolai Kruhlak- recipient of the Andrew Olynyk CYMK Leadership Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership as president of his local Branch.

Vivianne Kruhlak- recipient of the CYMK Community Leader Award in recognition of outstanding commitment to youth within the Ukrainian Orthodox community

St. John's Senior CYMK would like to gratefully acknowledge the following organizations who recognized the importance of our CYMK members' participation in National Convention. It is through your supportive donation that you made this possible for those who attended. Thank you so much to:

1. Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League
2. Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association- Edmonton Branch
3. His Grace Bishop Ilarion (Archbishop Andrew Fund)
4. St. John's Fraternal Society
5. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada- Western Eparchy

Yours in Christ,
Nikolai Kruhlak

St. John's Sr. CYMK President 2018-19



Annual General Meeting,

Friday, September 20, 2019

6:30 PM

CYMK Room

See you there!



St. John's Sr. CYMK

Join our CYMK family!

Ages 14 years or older
(going into Grade 9+)



Please contact Nikolai Kruhlak for more information
(780)468-9148 or nikolaikruhlak15@gmail.com

Ukrainian Women's Association, St. John's Branch, Annual Dinner

The UWAC St. John's Cathedral Branch in Edmonton held its Members' Annual Dinner on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at St. John's Cultural Centre. Attended by 56 members and their guests, the evening began with prayers and a delicious dinner. Greetings were provided by Julia Elaschuk, President, St. John's Cathedral Branch; Marshall Kachmar, President, St. John's Cathedral Parish; Vivian Skakun on behalf of UWAC Provincial; and Elaine Harasymiw on behalf of UWAC National.

The program, ably emceed by Myroslava Chomiak, consisted of two parts: the honouring of long-term members and entertainment. Those who were in attendance to receive recognition for their long-term service were the following:

Joana Janis – 70 years-- presented by Geraldine Nakonechny;

Jean Romanchuk – 40 years – presented by her granddaughters, Brianna Boyko and Aurora Harrison;

Luba Eshenko – 25 years – presented by Vivianne Kruhlak

Each presenter spoke eloquently about her honouree's background, her accomplishments as a member of UWAC, and her dedication to the organization. Each honouree received a pin and a long-stemmed rose.

Other members, who were also recognized for their long-term service but were not able to be present, were Pat Sembaliuk (60 years), Iris Ciona (40 years), Zena Skakun (40 years), and Roma Gauk (25 years).

Entertainment was provided by Viter Ukrainian Folk Choir, led by Lesia Pohoreski.

It was an enjoyable evening for all-- an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and dedication of members and to enjoy each other's fellowship!

Submitted by:

Oryssia Lennie, Chair of the Members' Annual Dinner Committee





Lesia Pohoreski,
conductor of
Viter Ukrainian
Folk Choir



Jean-Ann
Romanchuk's
granddaughters
Brianna Boyko
and Aurora
Harrison
presenting their
Grandmother's
40 years of
service .

Jean-Ann
Romanchuk with
her pin and
flower, in
recognition of her
40 years .



- some of the door prizes



Luba Eshenko, being presented with her UWAC pin and flower, in recognition of her 25 years of membership with UWAC, St. John's Cathedral Branch.



Joana Janis presented her pin and flower, in recognition of her 70 years of valued service with UWAC, St. John's Cathedral Branch.

Joana Janis expressing her thanks to the organization.



Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada St. John's Cathedral Branch, Edmonton Members' Annual Dinner

1. Opening Remarks Myroslava Chomiak, Emcee
2. Prayer/Dinner Blessing Protopresbyter Stephan Semotiuk
His Grace, Ilarion,
Bishop of Edmonton and the Western Eparchy
3. Greetings Julia Elashuk, President, UWAC St. John's Cathedral Branch
Marshall Kachmar, President, St. John's Cathedral Parish Council
Dr. Elaine Harasymiw, Vice-President, UWAC National Executive
Vivian Skakun, President, UWAC Provincial Executive
4. Dinner
5. Entertainment: "Viter Ukrainian Folk Choir"
Choral Director: Lesia Pohoreski
6. Honouring Members of Long-Standing
 - 25 Years Luba Eshenko
Roma Gauk
 - 40 Years Iris Clona
Jean-Ann Romanchuk
Zena Skakun
 - 60 Years Pat Sembaliuk
 - 70 Years Joana Janis
7. Acknowledgements/Announcements Myroslava Chomiak
8. Closing Prayer Archpriest Cornell Zubrisky



Союз Українок Канади Відділ при Катедрі св. Івана в Едмонтоні Річна Членська Вечеря

1. Відкриття Мирослава Хом'як, Господиня
2. Молитва Протопресвітер Стефан Семотіук:
Преошвенщений Іларіон,
Єпископ Едмонтону й Західної Єпархії
3. Привітання Юлія Лашук, Голова Управи СУК при Катедрі Св. Івана
Мирослав Качмар, Голова Катедральної Управи
Др-ка Олена Гарасимів, Заступниця Голови Крайової Управи СУК
Вів'янна Скакун, Голова Провінційної Управи СУК
4. Вечеря
5. Концертна точка: "Український Народний Хор Вітер"
Дирігент: Леся Погорська
6. Вшанування Довголітніх Членкинь
 - 25 Років Люба Іщенко
Ромка Гаук
 - 40 Років Оріся Цюна
Джин-Анна Романчук
Зеня Скакун
 - 60 Років Петрус Цинбалюк
 - 70 Років Іванна Дженіс
7. Кінцеве Слово Мирослава Хом'як
8. Кінцева Молитва Протоієрей Корнелій Зубрицький

UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BRANCH
INVITES YOU TO THE

MEMBERS' ANNUAL DINNER

THE EVENING'S PROGRAM WILL HONOUR
LONG-SERVING MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT: VITER UKRAINIAN FOLK CHOIR

ST. JOHN'S CULTURAL CENTRE
10611-110 AVENUE NW, EDMONTON

WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 2019
RECEPTION: 5:30 P.M.
DINNER: 6:15 P.M.

COST: \$20.00

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS
BY MAY 31, 2019

FOR TICKETS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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Tea and Talk with Theo, June 23, 2019

UWAC St. John's Cathedral Branch held the event, "Tea and Talk with Theo". Approximately 25 parish members attended the event. In an intimate setting and informally, Theodora Harasymiw shared the mosaic project, feedback was elicited, and the library was introduced (interesting background of the library presented by Elaine Harasymiw).

Thank you to all who provided home made goodies, helped set-up, decorated (Tatiana Martschenko), and showed support by attending and advocating!



commission for Father Michael Troy Junior High School

The
Ukrainian Women's Association of
Canada,
St. John's Cathedral Branch
is hosting...

Tea & Talk with Theo

following Fellowship Luncheon on
Sunday, June 23, 2019
in the
UWAC, St. John's Cathedral
Branch Library,
Cathedral basement
1:00 p.m.

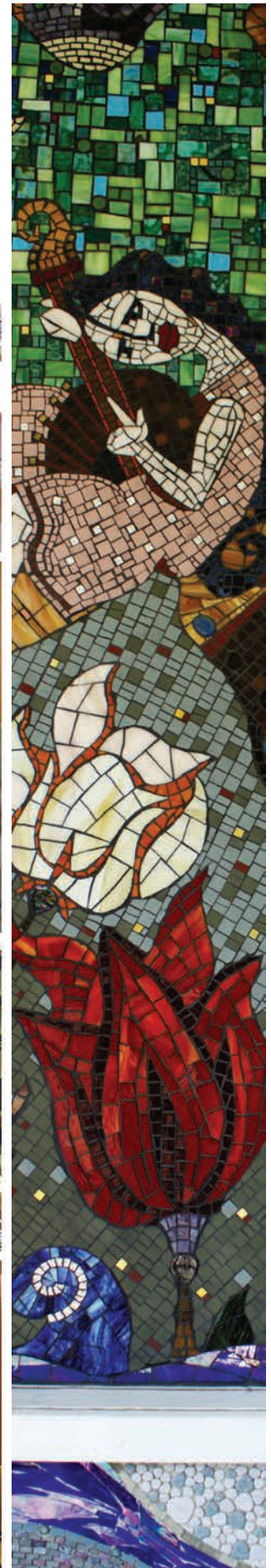


Everyone is invited to
meet the artist,
Theodora Harasymiw.
Learn about her
artwork, the creative
process involved, and
the buildings where her
work is displayed
showcased.

Tea and sweets will be served.



commission for St. John's Institute



Paska making workshop on April 13,2019

UWAC St.John organized paska making workshop, participants-Junior and Senior CYMK members and their parents.



**Paska Making Workshop
April 13, 2019**



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.

Mary Bartko, April 2019
Donna Saranchuk, June 2019
Katia Starchuk, July 2019

All Is Well

by Henry Scott-Holland

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I, and you are you.

Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference in your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we
enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me and if you want to, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it
always was,

Let it be spoken without effect,
Without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was;
There is unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of
sight?

I am waiting for you,
For an interval,
Somewhere very near,
Just around the corner.
All is well.



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