



# The Cathedral Connection

January 2020

## Upcoming Events:

### January

- 18 Feast of Jordan Supper
- 31 Pyrohy Supper

### February

- 23 Cathedral AGM
- 27 Bishop's Men's Supper
- 28 Pyrohy Supper

### March

- 20 Pyrohy Supper

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## GREETINGS FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN

**ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВІМО ЙОГО!**

Дорогі брати й сестри в Христі!

У цей час Різдва Христового, Нового Року, та надходячого свята Йордану, хочу від себе та своєї родини скласти всім Вам щирий привіт. Нехай всесвітнє святкування Різдва Господа Ісуса Христа оживить та збагатить наше життя ще більшою любов'ю до Бога. Особливо в цей критичний час, коли світ відвертається від Господа Бога, й руйнує себе всякими злими вчинками, ми більш як коли потребуємо відчутти присутність Новонародженого Христа.

The annual celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ once again brings the Gospel message of hope to the world. In the Word made flesh, the depth of God's love is revealed. In Jesus Christ, the power of death is broken; the power of truth restored and human flesh is blessed with eternal life.

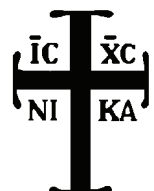
God came to dwell in our midst, yet there was no room in the Inn of Bethlehem, or in the hearts of many whom He came to save. However, in the heart of God there was ample room for all, even the most despised of men.

Open your hearts and let the Son of God enter in to dwell in you. Receive the Body and Blood of Christ that you may abide in Him and He may abide in you. Then too, the fullness of God's greatest gift, in all its beauty and joy will fill your life with the promise of salvation, immortality and the inheritance of the Kingdom of God.

On this saving Feast of the Nativity and coming Epiphany, we extend to each and every one of you sincere and heartfelt greetings. We wish you all holy and radiant joy – for God Is With Us! May you enjoy the best of health and happiness in the New Year!

CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!

In Christ's love,  
Father Stephan & Dobrodiyka Diana



## 50th Wedding Anniversary and 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ministry

**THANK YOU!!!    THANK YOU!!!**

On behalf of my wife, Dobr. Diana and myself, I wish to sincerely thank our president, Marshall Kachmar, the Ukrainian Women's Assn. – Cathedral Branch and the members of our Cathedral Parish for honouring us on the occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary and my 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ministry with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. This indeed is a big milestone for us and it is difficult to believe that 50 years have gone by, 27 of those years here at St. John's Cathedral in Edmonton. We sincerely thank all for your sincere greetings and gifts.

I am also honoured and humbled to have had this commemoration take place at our Annual Eparchial Assembly. The greeting and Metropolitan's Certificate presented to me by His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy, as well as the greeting by His Grace Bishop Ilarion, were very uplifting and meant a great deal to me.

For all this we thank the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John Parish and pray that God will continue to bless and protect this God – loving community.

In Christ's love

Rt. Rev. Fr. Stephan Semotiuk, Cathedral Dean

Notice of Church Board Annual General Meeting:

**AGM**

February 23, 2020

Following the Divine Liturgy, approximately 12 pm

# President's Message

## Христос Рождается! Christ is born!

On behalf of St.John`s Parish Council I am very pleased to bring Christmas greetings to our Bishop, His Grace Bishop Illarion, Fr.Stephan and Fr.Cornell and our Parish members.

Seasonal greetings to Council members for volunteering their valued time, skills and talents to serve during the past year and to thank the staff for their valued service.

May God bless each of you with good health, love, happiness, prosperity and peace through the New Year 2020.

Special thanks to Council members for your support and trust over the past year.

My sincerest greetings to all our volunteers who without them we would not be so successful in our endeavors. Busy we were and any stressful situations are now behind us. We always strive to do better. To the many financial supporters of our Parish, we thank-you sincerely and wish you the best in the coming year. May God bless you and reward you in the New Year.

There are many project that we are working on ranking them in priority and gathering quotations as to cost. Some major upgrades being worked on are listed in the following:

- Upgrade to the fire alarm system and monitoring,
- installing security camera system,
- repair to the temperature monitoring system in the Cathedral, a major undertaking,
- refinishing the auditorium floor,
- expand and paving of parking lot.

Completion of this work will depend on the finances that will be available. Your donation will help to keep our aging complex stay in good condition for the near future.

Веселих Свят Вам та Вашій родині в Новому Році!

З повагою,  
Marshall Kachmar,  
President of St.John Parish





# Request for Donations to Complete Cathedral Icons



*„Рождество Христово“ Вручані Богородиці (Великий розмір).*



*„Рождество Христово“ -  
справа от иконописця*

These are simple examples of Icons that will be written in Cathedral when donors for the project can be found!

# Vice President's Message

At this time like to thank all those who volunteer at the various events. Your donation of time is greatly appreciated towards the upkeep of our Cathedral.

I would especially like to thank all those who volunteer multiple times during the Western Eparchy weekend. This is over and above our normal requirements.

Thank you again.

If you haven't volunteered yet, this is a wonderful way to meet fellow parishoners. We have a lot of fun in the kitchen during events.

AND GUESS WHAT??

You get to enjoy a wonderful meal with your fellow workers. Also if the MAN with key is there.....you can also enjoy one of our fine beverages from our cabinet!!!

One of the ways of being rewarded for your time spent working.

Also I have to tip my hat to the members of the Advisory Board, with whom I have the pleasure of working with.

A big thanks to Grace, MaryAnn, Donna, Olesia and Nadia. I couldn't do this without you.

These are dedicated and concerned members who we get together with once a month, to discuss issues involving our catering needs.

At present we're in the midst of discussing our menus, pricing and streamlining our offerings to make it easier for potential customers to pick what they'd like to have served at their events. As you are well aware food prices are rising and we have to keep up to ensure our catering is profitable.

As the Pyrohy Supper and Christmas Raffle is about to happen tonight while I'm typing this up, I'd like to also thank all those who've donated items or have given donations to the purchase of our gift certificate. Thanks Grace and MaryAnn for putting all the prizes together. It looks wonderful

## 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 programs

1 PM- 3 PM Afternoon sessions will vary and include educational and spiritual instruction as well as opportunities for fellowship

# St. John's Cathedral 100th Mosaic Anniversary Project

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the St. John's Cathedral in 2023, the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada – St. John's Cathedral Branch have contracted a local renowned mosaic artist with ties to the parish, to create a prominent, permanent monument – an artistic symbol of the past and present achievements of this parish and UWAC, St. John's Branch, and project into the future. Theo Harasymiw will design and create mosaic murals which will tie in with the design, art medium and Ukrainian character of the Cathedral and Parish. Theo works with community to inspire her design by soliciting input and then including the community in the actual creation of the murals. Her art works can be viewed throughout the city including on the outside wall near the front entry of St. John's Institute.

Mosaic Tile Panels would:

1. **Enhance and beautify** our Cathedral Cultural Centre
2. **Create a permanent tribute** to the Cathedral founders, recognize UWAC and parish members' past and present achievements, and project into the future. It will become an artistic community legacy and time line.

The UWAC- St. John's branch has **donated the start-up funds** and will pursue donations and grants to complete the project by the 100th anniversary of the Cathedral. The start up funds are drawn from past UWAC savings. Savings accumulated from past UWAC members efforts in the Cultural Centre and home kitchens and in the greater community. It is intended that UWAC members and the organization will be acknowledged through this public project.

3. **Engage the entire parish community** in looking forward to the 100th year Cathedral anniversary over the next four years and build community spirit. As of November, over 70 volunteer hours have been donated to create the first two mosaic panels by the following parish members: Myroslava Chomiak, Larysa Chomiak, Iris Ciona, Julia Elaschuk, Elaine Harasymiw, Donna Kowalishin, Oryssia Lennie, Tatiana Martschenko, Petro Motyka, Lorna Stefaniuk, Eileen Yewchuk, Willie Zwozdesky. We are very appreciative of community members who also participated in the creation contributing a total of an estimated 100 volunteer hours. Volunteers are welcome to contribute their time. No special talents are required! You will be guided through the process.

The project would have three phases- past, present, and future.

Four mosaic tile panels, mounted on 8 ft by 4 ft plywood, would be created for each phase. They will be mounted on the top angled walls on both sides of the Cultural Centre walls.

Tiles of the highest quality, consistent with the tiles on the front of the Cathedral, glass and pieces of donated bone china, Ukrainian pottery or wood plates will be integrated into the panel designs. Individual donations are welcome.





You are invited to provide input for this 100th Anniversary Project by speaking to the artist or filling out questionnaires available from the Cultural Centre office.

You are also encouraged to assist with the actual creation by engaging in hands on participation at Theo's studio. 9504-87 St. (take the stairs above Ralph's Minimart). Theo plans to be in her studio on Fridays and on some Saturdays. To confirm your intention to volunteer call her at 780-718-1672.

Contact Julia Elaschuk for more information. 780-456-6580

Submitted by Julia Elaschuk, President, UWAC, St. John's Cathedral Branch, Edmonton (Nov 2019)





Members of UWAC St. John Branch work with Theo Harasymiw to complete the 1st two mosaic panels which represent the first wave of Ukrainian immigration





## Mosaic Update

The first two mosaic panels are scheduled to be put up- north east upper wall in the Cultural Centre on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. They represent the first immigration wave and are agricultural themed. So far over 100 volunteer hours have been donated to create these first two panels. The third panel has been started. The third and forth panels “the past”, will represent later immigration waves and will be more urban.

We invite all to be part of this project. The intent is that participants feel a sense of ownership and pride as we leave a legacy. Also if you have ideas on what the “present and future murals” should represent- get your ideas in!

Theo is in the studio on Fridays, through the Christmas break and on Sat. Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. Call to confirm she is in at (780)718-1672. Take photos while you are there and forward them to me.

Thank you to the council and Petro for painting the walls in preparation for the installations.

Julia Elaschuk  
julia.elaschuk@shaw.ca



# Bishops Tea Presentation

## IVANNA KRUHLAK

Ivanna Kruhlak is the daughter of Vivianne and Gerald Kruhlak and grew up attending St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Edmonton where she attended Church School and later served as a church school teacher for many years. Ivanna was involved in CYMK as an active member since the age of eight, holding the roles of treasurer and president at both the Junior and Senior levels as well as President of AB Provincial CYMK.

Throughout her studies in the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Alberta (2011-2015), Ivanna enjoyed volunteering for many organizations. She was a medical first aid responder for St. John's Ambulance and also volunteered at Grey Nuns Community Hospital in both the General Medicine Ward and later, taking on the role of training other volunteers. She also served as a student Ambassador for the Faculty of Sciences. In September, 2015, Ivanna began her studies in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta. She combined her love of travel and her passion to help people during this time. Ivanna took part in two separate Medical Aid trips with Flying Doctors of Canada travelling to El Salvador to provide medical clinics, dental hygiene education for children as well as improving standard of life through the building of stoves for many homes. As a medical student, Ivanna also completed a six week elective in Kathmandu, Nepal working in both Emergency and Orthopaedic Surgery at Patan Hospital.

In the Faculty of Medicine, Ivanna was an active member of various clubs and organizations, including a major fundraising event "Affair of the Heart" which raised money for worthy charities.

Throughout her studies, Ivanna was the recipient of numerous academic, leadership and volunteer scholarships including the Hawrysh Award, AUSRL CYMK Leadership Award and the prestigious Peter Lougheed Award, just to name a few. This past April, Ivanna completed her Doctor of Medicine Degree and licensing exam and is currently completing her Family Medicine Residency in Edmonton. In her short time as a resident doctor, Ivanna is already proving to be an outstanding physician. We wish her much success in all of her future endeavors!



Ivanna Kruhlak and Bishop Ilarion  
Presentation honouring her graduation in achieving  
Doctor of Medicine Degree



# Bishops Tea Presentation

## NIKOLAI KRUHLAK

Nikolai Kruhlak is the youngest son of Vivianne and Gerald Kruhlak and was raised at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral where he is an active member of the parish. He has been an altar server for the past ten years and also attended church school since age four. Nikolai is an active member of St. John's CYMK, having held various positions both at the Junior and Senior level. He just completed a term as President of Sr. CYMK where he lead monthly meetings and organized events including volunteering at the Edmonton Food Bank. Nikolai recently attended the National CYC Convention in Toronto, where he had the honor to receive the Andrew Olynyk CYMK Leadership Award for his contributions to St. John's Sr. CYMK. He has also taken on the role of treasurer on the Alberta Provincial CYMK executive for the 2019-21 term. In 2017, Nikolai had the honor to travel to Ukraine with His Grace Bishop Ilarion to visit orphanages, alongside a group of other CYMKivsti.

Within the Ukrainian community, Nikolai was involved in Ukrainian Dance for many years as well as attending Camp Barvnok Ukrainian Orthodox Summer Camp both as a camper and then as a counsellor. He also enjoys volunteering his time with the church's catering operation on a regular basis.



Nikolai Kruhlak and Kate Hawrysh  
Receiving the Hawrysh Scholarship

Nikolai played hockey from age four to seventeen for North Seera and later SEERA hockey as a defenseman. He has continued to give back to the hockey community through his volunteer work at summer hockey camps and the Bauer First Shift program, a program aimed to expose the game of hockey to young children. He is also an avid golfer and played soccer for many years as well. Nikolai has remained active as a volunteer in both the Ukrainian and general communities including volunteering for the Edmonton Humane Society for two years.

Nikolai graduated with Honors from grade twelve at Austin O'Brien High School in June, 2019, which included the culmination of his studies in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program. He was the recipient of the AUSRL CYMK Leadership Award awarded at the recent provincial convention. This past September, Nikolai began his post-secondary studies in the Faculty of Sciences at MacEwan University in Edmonton and is looking forward to where his studies will lead him. He is an outstanding young member of our church community and we wish him all the best as he continues his post-secondary studies.

# St. John's Sr CYMK

St. John's Sr CYMK held our annual meeting on September 20th and elected a new executive for the 2019-2020 year:

President – Justine Jereniuk

Vice President – Jonah Makowsky

Treasurer – Jacob Lakusta

Secretary – Ksenya Jereniuk

Advisors – Taras and Susan Jereniuk

Our members participated in the AUSRL convention and Bar-V-Nok retreat on October 5th and the Western Eparchy Youth Retreat and Banquet on October 27th. Larysa Kuchta, a St. John's member who is on the National Executive gave a great presentation on CYMK to encourage new branches at the various parishes throughout the Western Eparchy. On Sunday, November 10th, we gathered to watch the movie "Holod 33" about the Holodomor. It was a moving film and a very sad depiction of this tragedy. On Saturday, November 23, we joined other Ukrainians from Edmonton to commemorate Holodomor at City Hall. CYMK was represented by Roxoliana Tsisar, holding the flag and there were 10 members from St. John's Jr and Sr CYMK. May we always remember those who perished from the man-made famine.

This year, we are collecting coats for the Coats for Kids campaign in December. Any donations of gently worn winter clothing is greatly appreciated. Please leave your donations in the church office. We also wrote and sent Christmas cards to Canadian soldiers serving in Ukraine over the holidays.

Justine Jereniuk





# Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, St. John's Cathedral Branch 2020 Executive



Name	Executive Position
Lesia Pohoreski	Past President
Julia Elaschuk	President
Donna Kowalishin	1st Vice-President
Elaine Harasymiw	2nd Vice-President
Tatiana Martschenko	Recording Secretary
Tanya Bidulka	Treasurer
Oryssia Lennie	Membership Convenor
Natalie Deptuck	Honourary Members
Eileen Yewchuk	Benevolent Committee
Myroslava Chomia	Member Communications
Leona Bridges	Library Convenor
Zonia Ewanchuk Nadia Opyr	Funeral Dinners
Melanie Harrison	Archivist
Lorna Stefaniuk Daria Gushaty Myroslava Chomiak	Financial Review
Elaine Verchomin Harasymiw Christine Zwozdesky	Stewardship Committee
Olha Logvynenko	Memorial bookkeeper
<b>vacant</b>	Speaker Series Convenor
Dobr. Merrie Zubritsky Andrea Lakusta Ron Bayda Jason Sydor	Junior CYMK Advisory Committee

## 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!**

# Western Eparchy Convention October 24 - 27, 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.

Zonia Lazarowich	September 2019
Anna Zwozdesky	September 2019
Michalina Tataryn	October 2019
Dobr. Maria Chomiak	October 2019

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

## 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  
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