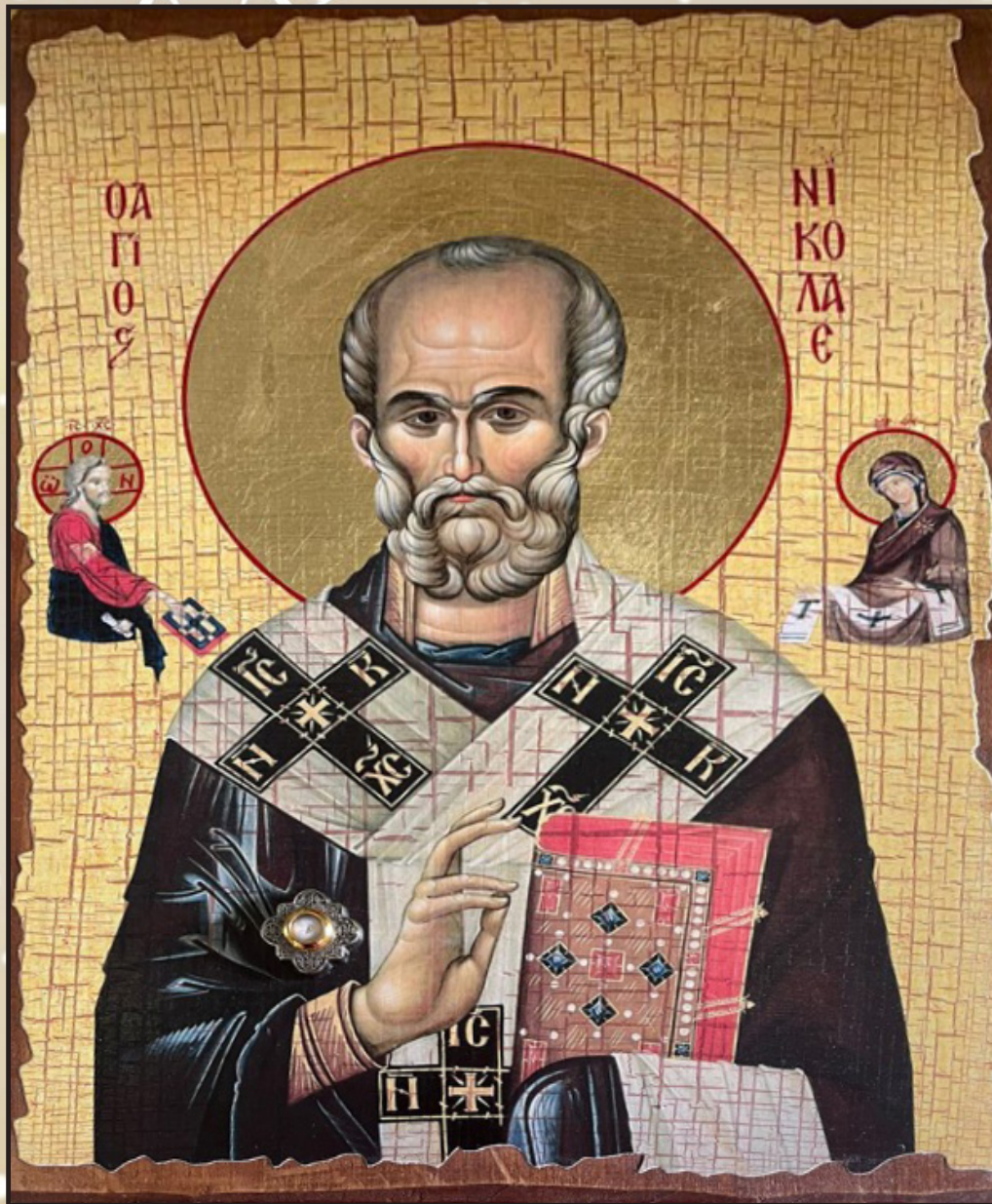


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Ваше Преосвященство!

Шанобливо передаємо Вам та Вашій пастві в дар ікону
Святителя і Чудотворця Миколая, архієпископа Мир Лікійських
для молитовного шанування та постійного зберігання.

З любов'ю до Христа



Олександр Дрибинський
МИТРОПОЛИТ ПЕРЕЯСЛАВСЬКИЙ І ВИШНЕВСЬКИЙ

ВІДБУЛАСЯ 61-ША ЄПАРХІАЛЬНА АСАМБЛЕЯ ЕДМОНТОНСЬКО-ЗАХІДНОЇ ЄПАРХІЇ УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ В КАНАДІ

(ЕДМОНТОН, 31 ЖОВТНЯ 2021) Під головуванням керуючого Едмонтонсько-Західною Єпархією і місцеблюстителя митрополичої кафедри УПЦК, Преосвященнішого Єпископа Едмонтонського Іларіона, у дні від 29-31 жовтня 2021 р., відбулися щорічні конференція духовенства й асамблея єпархії. 61-ша асамблея – яка не скликалась у 2020 р. через карантинні умови – стала прецедентною через те, що відбулася повністю в режимі онлайн. Асамблея закінчилася відслуженням Божественної Літургії (архієрейським чином) у неділю 31-го жовтня у кафедральному соборі Св. Іоана Хрестителя м. Едмонтону. Кульмінаційною подією дня – принесення в кафедральний собор ікони з частинкою святих мощів Свт. Ніколая, архієпископа Мир Ликійських, чудотворця, для постійного почитання в головному храмі єпархії. У його слові до присутніх священнослужителів та вірних, Єпископ Іларіон пояснив, що ікона зберігалася у м. Києві, у Високопреосвященнішого Митрополита Переяслав-Хмельницького й Вишневецького Олександра (Драбинко), з яким Владика Іларіон, «тісно працював під час підготовчого процесу, який завершився проголошенням автокефалії для Української Церкви.» Як вияв християнської взаємоповаги та братерської любові між православними вірними України й Канади, Митрополит Олександр вирішив подарувати Владиці Іларіону ікону з мощами для духовного укріплення та зросту благочестивої канадської пастви, якою зараз опікується Владика Іларіон, який висловив щире спасибі Митрополитові Олександру за його щедрість та любов до канадської української Церкви.

Комісія комунікації

Української Православної Церкви в Канаді

THE 61ST ASSEMBLY OF THE WESTERN EPARCHY OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA

(EDMONTON, 31 OCTOBER 2021) The 61st annual Clergy Conference and Eparchial Assembly were convened from 29-31 October 2021, under the chairmanship of the ruling bishop of Edmonton and the Western Eparchy and Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Cathedral of the UOCC, His Grace Bishop Ilarion. The assembly – which was not convened in 2020 due to pandemic restrictions – set precedence, taking place entirely online. The assembly concluded with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy (hierarchical rite) Sunday, 31st October, in Edmonton's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The highlight of the day – the bringing in of an icon with a particle of the holy relics of St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the Wonderworker, for permanent veneration in the chief temple of the eparchy. In his word to clergy and faithful present, Bishop Ilarion explained the icon was kept in Kyiv, in the care of His Eminence, Metropolitan Oleksandr (Drabinko) of Pereyaslav-Khmelnitskyj and Vyshnevsk, with whom Vladyka Ilarion, “worked closely during the preparatory process which led to the proclamation of autocephaly for the Ukrainian Church.” As a sign of mutual respect and fraternal affection between Orthodox faithful of Ukraine and Canada, Metropolitan Oleksandr decided to gift Vladyka Ilarion this icon with relics for the spiritual edification and growth of the pious Canadian flock, currently under the care of Vladyka Ilarion, who in turn expressed his sincere gratitude to Metropolitan Oleksandr for his generosity and love to the Canadian Ukrainian Church.

Communication Committee

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

GREETINGS FROM THE BISHOP

Дорога Катедральна роди́но!

Для велика радість вітати всіх вас з великим празником Різдвом Господа і Спаса нашого Ісуса Христа, в цей час коли ми готуємося до Нового 2022 року і застановаємося над прожитим 2021 роком.

The year 2021 has been a year of challenges on many levels of our life: on our spiritual, physical, and emotional health, as we adapt and adjust to unprecedented circumstances.

In July I became the temporary Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada, with the official title of “Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Cathedral.” This is a challenging position and there are many growing pains associated with this new position. Every day it is necessary to deal with concerns not only in the Western Eparchy, but also in the Central Eparchy, the entire UOCC, and beyond the borders too. I thank all of you for your prayers, your patience, and your understanding as we navigate these uncertain and unclear waters. Our Church in Canada is experiencing challenges and needs our prayers. For this reason, I have instituted the Akathist Service to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to be served every Wednesday until the 24th Sobor of the UOCC in June, 2022. May God help us all.



My first blessing was to return our Holy Church to full Sacramental life, following guidelines as set out by the health authorities. It is especially rewarding to see that our Sacramental life is developing as more people return to the regular Sacraments of Confession and Communion, and I pray that even more people do so in the coming year. Our spiritual life is supported by Father Stefan and Father Cornell, Protodeacon Gary, and they are assisted by Ed Thompson, altar servers, and our dedicated cantor, Fedir Gotsaliuk. May God reward all of you generously with His Heavenly Blessings. I would like to thank Alice Chumer for her many years of dedicated service to our Cathedral Choir and wish her good health and strength for many years. At the same time, I welcome the new Choir Conductor, Orest Soltykevych, to the Cathedral Choir, and may God bless them to glorify God by singing for many years.

There have been many sacrificial people who help the Cathedral family to function effectively in this turbulent time. I would like to begin by thanking Marshall Kachmar, the President of St. John's. Not only did he attend to responsibilities of the President, but he filled in as office manager, coming to the office every day. And more, he maintained his responsibility as Treasurer of the Western Eparchy, fulfilling many duties on several levels. May God grant him good health and strength for many years and reward him generously.

At the same time, I would like to thank the entire Parish Council for their assistance to keep the Parish functioning during these difficult times as the pandemic still has a grip on all of us. The Parish Council has initiated many changes to keep up with the changing situation. Live stream services have been made available and I thank those who use technology to keep the Church Services available to those who cannot physically come to pray together in our Cathedral.

Я всім вам вдячний за ваші особисті пожертви, які є необхідні для функціонування нашої Катебри. А також вдячний всім при церковним організаціям за їх волонтерську і фінансову допомогу. Нехай Господь щедро благословить всіх Вас !

З духовною радістю, миром і любов'ю в Бозі я вітаю всіх вас:

ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ! CHRIST IS BORN!

With Archpastoral blessings,

+Ilarion, Bishop of Edmonton

PRESS RELEASE (via uocc.ca)

HIS GRACE BISHOP ILARION, BISHOP OF EDMONTON AND THE WESTERN EPARCHY, LOCUM TENENS OF THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL UOCC, VISITS MILITARY HOSPITAL IN L'VIV, UKRAINE

During his stay in Ukraine, His Grace Bishop Ilarion, Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Cathedral UOCC, fulfilled the Lord's commandment "I was sick and you visited Me." (Matthew 25:36)

He has regularly visited the Lviv Military Hospital providing spiritual and financial assistance to wounded Ukrainian soldiers who are defending their homeland from the aggressor in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

The Edmonton Deanery, Western Eparchy UOCC, created a special "Wounded Soldier" fund many years ago. At this time, special assistance was given to a soldier from the Kherson region.

Vlad was wounded in February, 2021 when an explosive bullet fired by an enemy sniper hit him. The bullet pierced the protective helmet on his head and exploded under it, destroying the bones on the right of his skull in the area between the temple, ear and nape, damaging his brain. The hollow in his head was so large that even his fist could fit in that space. There were no funds to cover the procedure needed to repair his skull, and he was forced to wear a bicycle helmet to prevent further injury to his brain. As a result of the operation, the missing head bones were replaced with a titanium plate measuring 90 square centimeters in size. After the operation, the contour of his head became symmetrical, and now there is no need to wear a bicycle helmet. At this time, his ability for speech is gradually being restored, but his left arm and leg are still partially paralyzed.

His Grace Bishop Ilarion is sincerely grateful that the "Wounded Soldier" fund of the Edmonton Deanery, Western Eparchy UOCC, financed this vital operation.

The operation was successful and Vlad will soon return to his wife and two children in the Kherson region and he warmly offers his gratitude to the Edmonton Deanery of the Western Eparchy UOCC for their generous help in improving his physical health.



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.

Yaroslav Skrypnyk

October

John Karpiak

October

Bohdan Tataryn

October

GREETINGS FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN

Христос Рождается! Славимо Його!

Beloved Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

Once again, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In these unprecedented times of the continuing pandemic, we muster all our faith and courage to come before Jesus, Our Lord, to seek His mercy and salvific love. 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 this Holy Season, we are to gather around the Son of God, Who is born of the Virgin. We are called to bear strong witness to our faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, showing our commitment to His Holy Incarnation. For us, daily life must be undertaken in the light of His coming from the Heavens for the recreation of the nations. This Christocentric direction inspires many acts of communion, sacrifices and generous volunteer efforts in our communities.

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. So let us open our hearts and let the Son of God enter to dwell in us. Let us receive the Body and Blood of Christ that we may abide in Him and He may abide in us. Then too, the fullness of God's greatest gift, in all its beauty and joy will fill our lives with the promise of salvation, immortality and the inheritance of the Kingdom of God!

As the day of the Nativity approaches, let us be mindful of the words of the angel who told the shepherds: "This very day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord!" (Luke 2:11). As we prepare to celebrate this holy day, we must not forget Who Christ is. Looking into the face of Our Saviour we can see and meet the holiness, the grace and the love of our Eternal and Heavenly Father!

On behalf of Fr. Cornell, myself and our families, we extend to each and every one of you sincere and heartfelt greetings. As we enter another year in the history of our Cathedral Parish, may it be one, which, just as the birth of the Christ-Child, will herald a new rebirth and an end to the present pandemic. May the saving Feast of the Nativity and coming Theophany bring about the fulfillment of true brotherly love toward each other and a desire to work together, reaffirming our Orthodox Faith!

CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!



In Christ's love,
Father Stephan.



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May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with peace and happiness,

And the New Year be filled with hope, health, and prosperity!

We thank you for your generous past support.

Your Koliada donation to the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John is most graciously appreciated.

Please fill out the donation card along with your remittance.

Thank you!

On this Feast Day of Christ's Nativity and the New Year, the Cathedral Priests, Board of Directors, and Staff of the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St. John the Baptist in Edmonton extend sincere greetings to all our members and their families as well as to all our friends.

З Празником Різдва Христового й Новим Роком Божим, Священики, Управа й Персонал Української Православної Катедральної Парафії Св. Івана Хрестителя в Едмонтоні висловлюють найщиріші побажання всім членам, їхнім родинам і приятелям нашої Громади.

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN DONATION RESPONSE

The Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is appealing to you to continue your generous support of our parish.

Please complete the reverse side and insert into the self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

Make your cheque payable to:

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN
10611 - 110 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T5H 1H7
(780) 425-9692

Thank you for your generous support.

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN DONATION RESPONSE

Please accept my donation in the sum of: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

☐ I would prefer to have my donation remain anonymous.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Христос Раждается! Chris is Born! Славите Його! Glorify Him

In this message I wish to express my sincerest Festive Greetings to all who read our St. John's Cathedral Connection.

Who would have predicted that we would celebrate Christmas in the second year of the Pandemic.

We are so thankful to all those who so faithfully followed protocols and have kept us safe. Hopefully we all trust that vaccinating will stop this virus from harming us. Actions of some people prove how difficult it is to convince people to do the right thing. Our hope is that the restrictions now give us some room to generate income to operate our Church and Cultural Centre.

We will continue for the near future depending on your generosity to help us get through the pandemic.

To all those who have donated financially, we wish to humbly express our sincerest appreciation, and to say Thank You with a BIG HUG.

With all said there is a glimmer of hope that we will return to normal sooner than later.

Year end is fast approaching to begin issuing tax receipts for the 2021 year. We would greatly appreciate a donation. Please check your Membership Pledges, as our records show that as of November 20th, 2021 \$8380.00 still remains unpaid.

As most of you know we will as a Parish celebrate our 100th Anniversary in November of 2023. Our expectation is that many of our members will help in celebrating this milestone in the life of our Cathedral.

With time we find our facility ages as well. To date we have been able to keep up with the necessary repairs and renovations. However soon we will need to do more work to maintain our facility in a safe manner.

The heating system in the Cultural Centre had a failure in the Museum, luckily no damage resulted, as a result of being present when the failure occurred. This repair and upgrade cost \$5000.00. This portion of the system is only a very small part of the entire heating system in the upper and lower level of the building.

Funds need to be provided to bring systems up to standard. Your generosity will determine on how soon this work can be concluded. PLEASE HELP

Our alarm system is obsolete and repair parts are no longer available. This needs to be upgraded at a cost of \$4000.00.

We will soon have a budget for our Anniversary Celebration. It is not too early to start accepting donations to this once in our lifetime celebration.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we wish to thank Bishop Ilarion and our clergy, Fr. Stephan and Fr. Cornell for their support and encouragement.

In conclusion Best Wishes for the Festive Season and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for caring for our St. John's Cathedral Parish and Cultural Centre.

Marshall Kachmar
Parish President



TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Seasons Greetings to all our parishioners, family and friends as we eagerly await the birth of Christ

Thank you for your support, prayers and stewardship as we finish the year 2021- one of having to deal with constant change and uncertainty which has been difficult for everyone – being a community gives us hope and optimism for the future.

A brief report to share on our parish's financial health over this past year

- Thanks to your continued support, along with estate donations and federal (\$70000)/provincial (\$5000) covid-related programs, we should end the year overall in a surplus position which will help to replenish our limited reserves. Recent months though have shown an operating deficit now that these programs have ended.
- Our catering revenue remains one of concern, due to Covid both to scaled down events and postponements of booked events, along with a lack of parish volunteers for our kitchen. This area normally generates revenue of between \$50-100000 yearly for our church and this year we may not break even in this area. Catering commenced again in July and we hope 2022 will bring improvement – please consider donating your time to assist and also refer potential events!
- Normal operating/overhead costs did see a sizable increase this year – Utilities such as power/water have increased close to \$10,000, insurance another \$10,000.
- We have been able to keep our repairs and maintenance generally within our budget – with unforeseen repairs difficult to control costs. (for example this fall - one radiator zone valve corrosion leak right next to the museum - of which the church has many of these valves- cost almost \$5000 to repair this section to mitigate the risk of water damage to the museum and our facility.)
- Budget preparations for 2022 are underway and with your assistance and monitoring we hope to avoid any deficits.

To assist in the repair of old equipment/purchase of new equipment based on need and priorities, or to set aside funds in preparation for our upcoming 100th Anniversary – we would like to establish a capital fund so we can maintain our beautiful but aging facility with its needs. This account would be in addition to our regular operations donations/contributions – when donating just inform us this is to be earmarked for this purpose. Please give some thought to support this endeavour.

A reminder that there are additional convenient ways of giving to your parish and its upkeep besides presenting a cheque or our collection plate:

- Pre-authorized giving - automatic monthly withdrawals from your bank account
- E-transfers – from your online banking to giving@uocc-stjohn.ca
please include comments for direction of funds ie donation/membership/other
- Donating via credit card to CanadaHelps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-ukrainian-orthodox-parish-of-st-john/> (please keep in mind this service has a 4% cost to the church for processing)

...and other ways of giving via United Way and other programs.

Your kind and generous support of our parish thru Koliada is most needed and appreciated! Wishing you a blessed holiday season.

Orest Pohoreski
Treasurer



Consider Cathedral Choir!

"I love to hear a choir. I love the humanity... to see the faces of real people devoting themselves to a piece of music."
- former Beatle Paul McCartney

I bet most of us feel the same way as Paul does. We love listening to a choir, and many of us also like singing in a choir. I certainly do, as do so many of my friends. In addition to conducting the Cathedral Choir, I sing in Kappella Kyrie Choir, and I host a choral music program on CKUA Radio.

The first choir that I ever "sang" in was actually our own Cathedral Choir. My father had just been appointed as the conductor of the choir, and as a 8-year old boy, I liked spending time with my father, so occasionally I would accompany him to church. My "singing" actually involved standing on a pew in the tenor section of the choir loft between Mr Otto Jereniuk and Mr Eugene Yereniuk. I'm not sure that any sound that I made was a valuable musical contribution, but watching a group of adults singing together with devotion made a long-lasting impact on me.

Decades later I find myself in the same position as my father - standing in front of a group of wonderful individuals all devoted to singing our wonderful Ukrainian sacred choral music. The times have evolved, the singers have changed, but the beauty of the music remains timeless. And most of our choristers are in the choir because they were encouraged by someone to join.

So I take this opportunity to encourage you to join our Cathedral Choir. Through your participation in singing, you will be helping to provide an invaluable service to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, to the clergy, to our parish, and to our fellow parishioners. You will also be honouring all of the composers who wrote the music that we sing - many of whom paid for their efforts with their health or their lives. You will also be honouring our predecessors who founded the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. And you will be part of the Choir as we prepare our involvement in the celebration of the centenary of our Parish in 2023.

If you would like more information about joining our wonderful choir, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to welcoming you into our choir!

Orest Soltykevych
osoltykevych@yahoo.ca
780-953-6671



New Church Member!

Matthew Karpiak

Welcome to the family!

2022 Calendars

are available for pick-up at
the Cathedral Office

Letter from Orest Soltykevych

December 6, 2021

Dear Mr Kachmar,

Thank you for reminding me of your letter dated December 1, 2017, indicating that the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St John donated \$500.00 to the Roman Soltykewych Music Award, supported by the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre at MacEwan University.

I am aware that this response from me is four years late, and I sincerely apologize for neglecting to respond earlier.

Thank you for your generous donation to the Roman Soltykewych Music Award. Your financial support helps interested individuals pursue further studies in the field of Ukrainian choral or vocal music.

I also want to thank you for expressing such beautiful and heartfelt sentiments regarding my father. One of the definite highlights in his music career was conducting the Cathedral Choir and the CYMK Choir, and I remember how much he enjoyed working with both of these choirs. My father developed many friendships at the Cathedral, and was treated with a great deal of respect by the clergy and the parishioners.

I will also take this opportunity to thank the leadership of the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St John for making the decision back in 1965 to not only hire my father, but to also concurrently organize the CYMK Choir at the Parish. I firmly believe that this initiative had a profound and long-lasting influence on the development and flourishing of Ukrainian choral music - not only at the Cathedral, but also throughout Edmonton and beyond. Because of the Parish's visionary outlook, hundreds of young people became involved in singing Ukrainian sacred and secular choral music. Without the Parish's substantial financial and moral support, many of these youth may not have otherwise had that opportunity. I include myself in this regard.

The strong tradition of supporting Ukrainian choral music at the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St John continues to this day, and I am honoured to be involved in its continuance and development.

Thank you again for your support, and best wishes in your continued work for the benefit of the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St John.

Sincerely,
Orest Soltykevych

Antonina Lanoir With Parents Larissa & Terry Laniuk



Antonina at 18 months. Larissa is the Parish Archivist and is a Parish Council Member.



Happy 100th Birthday!

Anne Kraychy was born in Redwater, Alberta December 1, 1921, She was raised on a farm with her parents Nicholas and Maria Kraychy.

Anne was second born among 13 siblings.

Her younger years were spent helping out on the farm with gardening and feeding the animals. She completed her education in Redwater and Edmonton then later attended Normal School in Edmonton and became a teacher. Anne loved children and taught Grade 1.

All the parents wanted their children to go to Annes class as she was a wonderful teacher and well liked.

She taught at Guthrie School at the Canadian Air Force Base in Nameo, Alberta Later then taught school for 4 years with the Canadian Air Force Base in France and travelled Europe extensively.

Anne loved to golf in the summer and curl in the winter. She won many trophies.

She golfed three times per week until she was 85 years of age.

Other interests included knitting, and gardening on the farm.

Anne always maintained that it was important to be active and keep physically fit.

On December 1, 2021, Anne spent her 100th Birthday with family and also with the residents at Rosedale Seniors Living Residence in Edmonton, Alberta.

Lasha Kraychy, Niece on behalf of Anne Kraychy



Hawrysh Scholarship - Marco Kruhlak



My name is Marco Kruhlak and I have been a member of St. John's Cathedral since I was born. With my family, I attend church regularly and feel that church is an important part of my life. Over the past many years, I have remained very active within the church community starting with acting as an altar server (acolyte) for 10 years (age 8-18). It has been an honor to assist the clergy for the Divine Liturgy as well as for special holiday services. In addition I was an active student in St. John's Church School for 13 years. Being a member of CYMK for the past 14 years has also played a large role in my church life. I have acted as both president of Junior CYMK and treasurer of Sr. CYMK. I have actively participated in all CYMK activities including leadership and charity events such as serving a meal for the homeless at Hope Mission and helping at the annual Pysanka Bingo to raise funds for many important causes. I have attended many Provincial and National CYMK Conventions over the years and have enjoyed meeting other CYMK members from across the regions. Another area in the church that I have been active is in the catering operation where I regularly help in the kitchen preparing, serving and cleaning up for banquets and other events, all in support of the church's financial operations.

Within the general Ukrainian community, I participated in Ukrainian dance from age 4-15, dancing for several Dance Schools including Cheremosh School, St. Basil's and Shumka School. In addition, I attended Camp Barvinok Cultural Church Camp for 7 years as a camper, taking part in many religious and cultural activities, followed by four years as a lifeguard and counsellor.

Within the general community, I have been involved in many events including volunteering at Heritage Days, 630 CHED Santas Anonymous and Festival of Trees as well as collecting pledges and participating in the Mother's Day Walk for the Stollery and the CIBC Run for the Cure for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. For two years, I also volunteered for the Edmonton Humane Society where I regularly walked dogs and spent time socializing with them. In addition, for the past four years, I volunteered for the Steadward Centre at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Kinesiology where I set up, monitor and modify individualized Functional Electrical Stimulation Programs for adults and youth living with impairment to support their fitness goals. I have also been very involved with North Seera Hockey, volunteering at summer camps and over many years volunteered for "The First Shift", a hockey program sponsored by Hockey Edmonton and Canadian Tire which introduces young children to the game of hockey.

When the covid pandemic began, my brother and I had been volunteering at the Edmonton Food Bank in their warehouse but it has been hard to maintain volunteer hours and hopefully I will be able to continue more regular hours there in due time.

I am currently studying full-time at the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Education with a focus in the secondary route of teaching.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of me for the Hawrysh Scholarship. This scholarship will greatly help support me with my post-secondary studies.


Yours in Christ,


Marco Kruhlak

Marco Kruhlak



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Hawrysh Scholarship

The Hawrysh Scholarships in memory of William and Mary Hawrysh have been presented since September 1, 1987, every Thanksgiving.

The Hawrysh Scholarship is awarded to students who are members or whose parents are members of St. John's Orthodox Cathedral for at least three years.

These are the recipients:

1988 Cornell Zubritsky – Wendy Wasylciw
1989 Andrea Marteniuk
1990 Yaraslow Buciora
1991 Cornell Zubritsky
1992 Nadia Sas – Bill Sapeha
1993 Bill Sapeha – Yaraslow Buciora
1994 Cornell Zubritsky – Larissa Makowsky – Bill Sapeha – Michael Yereniuk
1995 Deacon Patrick Yamniuk – Gary Boychuk – David Makowsky
1996 Deacon Patrick Yamniuk – Gary Boychuk
1997 Ronald Bayda – Anastasia Olinek – Gary Boychuk
1998 Adrian Harasymiw
1999 Katherine Kowalishen
2000 Andriy Harasymiw – Katherine Kowalishen
2001 Adrian Harasymiw
2002 Adrian Harasymiw
2003 Adrian Harasymiw
2004 Christine Maslo – Andriy Harasymiw
2005 Lesia Pohoreski – Christine Maslo
2006 Lyudmyla Shmygelska
2007 Lyudmyla Shmygelska
2008 Lyudmyla Shmygelska – Luke Makonechny – Solomia Tsisar
2009 Katrusia Phoreski – Larissa Pohoreski – Luke Nakonechny
2010 Tanya Pacholok – Matvi Ferbey – Stefan Kruhlak
2011 Christine Ferbey – Ivanna Kruhlak
2012 Solomia Tsisar
2013 Andriy Kruhlak
2014 Christine Kuchta – Katelyn Kuchta – Christine Pohoreski
2015 Lukian Kruhlak
2016 Larissa Kuchta
2017 Marko Kruhlak
2018 No Scholarship Presented
2019 Nikolai Kruhlak
2020 Pavlo Tsisar
2021 Marko Kruhlak is the recipient this year

Since 1988 over 800 have received the William and Mary Hawrysh Memorial Leadership Scholarship for all faculties first years students. Now \$5000.00 at UofA only three from St. John's Parish have received it. (Markianna Baziuk, Stacey Gordey and Lyudmyla Shmygelska) and Pauline Lysak.

In November 2013 another UofA Scholarship was established in memory of my grandparents Hnat and Maria Babich and George and Elena Babichuk. The Babich / Babichuk Agricultrual Scholarship for Ukrainian students. Three women from Ukraine have received it so far: Olga Mameeva, Oksana Babii, Kateryna Davydkova, and a number of Executive MBA students who were visiting from Ukraine benefited.



Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, St. John's Cathedral Branch 2022 Executive

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*St. John's Cathedral parishioners are welcome and encouraged to participate in benevolent projects.

"Our Heritage: The Past, The Present, The Future"

mural project update December 2021

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the St. John's Cathedral, Edmonton in 2023, the **Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada – St. John's Cathedral Branch** contracted a local renowned artist, **Theo Harasymiw**, with ties to the Ukrainian community, to create a prominent, permanent monument; an artistic symbol of the past and present achievements of this parish, and projecting into the future.

Project Description:

Theo Harasymiw, will design and create twelve mosaic murals, 8 ft by 4 ft to be displayed on the upper angled walls on both sides of the St. John's Cathedral Cultural Centre. The mosaic murals will be consistent with the design, art medium and Ukrainian character of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Edmonton.

Objectives of the project:

1. **Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Edmonton, AB. in 2023.**
2. **Enhance and beautify** the Cathedral's Cultural Centre which is used by the Parish, and Edmonton's Ukrainian and greater communities.
3. **Create a permanent visual tribute and legacy**
4. **Build community spirit and ownership**

UPDATE for December 2021

"The Past" four panels and "The Present" four panels have been mounted. The first two "Future" panels will be mounted December 29, 2021. Regular update articles to the quarterly *Cathedral Connection*; final reports to the SUS Foundation of Canada (\$10,000) and Shevchenko Foundation (\$5000) for their project grants were submitted. Input for all the panels was solicited through print requests, emails and sessions.

The Future panels are being mainly funded with the 2001 \$25,000 Krysa Foundation grant for a St. John's UWAC project. Each of the three phases of the project costs \$30,000. The UWAC St. John's Branch Benevolent and Cultural Fund which was raised by UWAC members mainly through their efforts in the kitchen, will subsidize the shortfall. Plans for a plaque listing volunteers and acknowledging donors, and a brochure commenting on the murals are planned.

As of November 23, 2021, UWAC, parish and community volunteers donated over 600 hours. There will still be an opportunity to participate in the project when Theo begins the last two panels in 2022! Call Theo and arrange to help out 780-718-1672. Volunteers who have so generously donated from one hour to 35 plus hours include:

Andrea Kopylech
Dean Cramer
Donna Kowalishin
Eileen Yewchuk
Elaine Harasymiw
Elana Scharabun
Gladys Magega
Glenise Harvey
Helen Elkow
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Irene Tarnowsky
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Our Heritage: The Past, The Present and The Future



***The
Past
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***The
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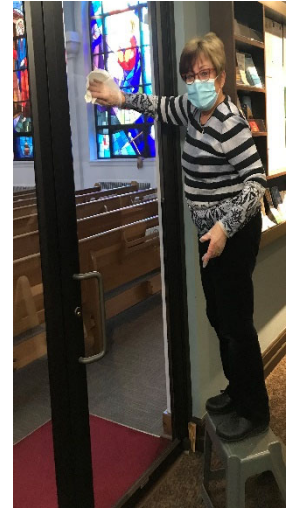


Theo Harasymiw, designer of the mosaic and lead artist, with the completed 1st two FUTURE panels

I remember when my mother would start in on the ritual cleaning before any holiday. All of the family had assignments and even if it did not appear to need cleaning to us, it had to be wiped down or swept out or polished. Anticipation of the holiday season and the celebrations kept us from complaining too loudly. Our home was readied for the ensuing festivities.

I remember the annual Cathedral cleaning before Christmas and Easter a few years ago. A group of parishoners would gather with rags, pails and polishing cream to wipe down, sweep out and polish. Shared stories, laughter and the home baked treats transformed the work into a celebration. Community spirit prevailed.

What will I remember from this year?



COVID restrictions over the last two years meant this was the first cleaning in two or three years. Dust and wax had accumulated! But a small group organized by **June Kachmar**, joined by **Lorna Stefaniuk, Grace Pelepchan, Ed Thomson, Julia Elaschuk, Nadia Opyr, and Julia Wolas** wiped, vacuumed and polished. **MaryAnn Baziuk and Donna Kowalishin** decorated the trees. As you can see from the photograph, **Father Cornell and Marshall Kachmar** supervised to ensure quality control. Even this small group generated community spirit!



This year, I will remember that it felt a little like we were returning to a time before COVID. I pray that is the case.



Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, St. John's Branch and St. John's Cathedral Christmas Outreach

Volunteers: Donna Kowalishin, Ed Thompson, Elaine Harasymiw, George and Gloria Zaharia, Julia Elaschuk, Julia Wolos, Larysa Chomiak, Lorna Stefaniuk, MaryAnn Baziuk, Myroslava Chomiak and Olesia Talpash made kolachi and cookies (under the guidance of chef Maxine Zakordonski); filled gift bags with a kolach, honey cookies, a 2022 bi-lingual Orthodox calendar, latest edition of the Cathedral bulletin, a candle and a Christmas card. The gift bags were delivered to over 30 UWAC and senior parish members who were shut in or needed and would appreciate a Christmas gift.



Volunteers and in particular those at St. John's Cathedral, can feel confident that Saint Nicholas has noted and will reward the time and talent generosity.

Pyrogy Supper and Cabbage Roll Making





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CHRIST IS BORN!**

7 January, Friday – **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
09:00 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**

9 January, Sunday – AFTER NATIVITY. FEAST OF THE PROTOMARTYR & ARCHDEACON STEPHEN

14 January, Friday – **FEAST OF ST. BASIL – NEW YEAR**
09:00 A.M. – Litiya

08:30 A.M. – Matins
09:30 A.M. – Divine Mass

19 January, Wednesday – **HOLY THEOPHANY – BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST**
08:00 A.M. – Great Compline

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***NOTE! In case of any alterations to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, this schedule may change, as could any restrictions related to attendance at worship. We will endeavour – to the best of our ability – to inform you of these in a timely fashion!**

SHOULD CONDITIONS ALLOW, throughout the Theophany Season, **19 JANUARY – 15 FEBRUARY**, your parish priests will visit you & your family to **bless your home with the Holy Waters of Jordan**. **Sign-up information will be posted at a later date. All COVID-19 prevention measures will be followed. Visitations are subject to cancellation by government restrictions.**



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