

CATHEDRAL CONNECTION

The Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and Cultural Centre



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QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Her reign of 70 years and 214 days

1926 - 2022

The Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is deeply saddened by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

Our thoughts are with members of The Royal Family.

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PRESS RELEASE

(The Phanar, 01 September 2022) The Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada signed the Diptych of the Ecumenical Throne of Constantinople on the day of the Indiction-New Ecclesiastical Year

Today, in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Mother Church – Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Holy Great Martyr George, His All-Holiness Bartholomew I, Archbishop of Constantinople and New Rome, Ecumenical Patriarch, presided over divine services dedicated to the day of the initiation of the Indiction (Ecclesiastical New Year).

Following divine worship, together with all the hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne of Constantinople present, His Eminence Ilarion, Metropolitan of Winnipeg signed the book of proclamation of the Indiction (Diptych) – for the first time as Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

The visit of Vladyka Metropolitan Ilarion to the Ecumenical Patriarchate continues.



Communications Committee of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada



ПРЕС-РЕЛІЗ

(Фанар, 01 вересня 2022) Первоієрарх Української Православної Церкви в Канаді підписав Диптих Вселенського Константинопольського Престолу в день Індикти-Нового Церковного Року



Сьогодні, в патріаршому соборі Матері-Церкви Константинопольської Патріархії, Святого Великомученика Георгія Побідоносця, Його Всесвятість Варфоломій I, Архієпископ Константинопольський та Нового Риму, Патріарх Вселенський очолив богослужіння присвячені дню початку Індикту (церковного новоліття).

Після богослужіння, разом з усіма присутніми архієреями Вселенського Константинопольського Престолу, Високопреосвященніший Іларіон, Митрополит Вінніпезький вперше підписав книгу проголошення Індикту (Диптих), як Первоієрарх Української Православної Церкви в Канаді.

Візит Владика Митрополита Іларіона до Вселенської Патріархії далі триває.

Комісія комунікації Української Православної Церкви в Канаді



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MESSAGE FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN

**Kondak of the Indiction, Tone 2
Living in the Highest, Christ the King,
The Creator and Fashioner of all things visible and invisible,
Who creates the days and nights, times and seasons:
Bless now the crown of the year
And protect Your Orthodox rulers, cities and people in peace,
O Greatly merciful One.**

Beloved Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

Dear cathedral community!

GREETINGS WITH THE ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR! With the advent of the fall season, the Church marks the initiation of a new year – the crops are gathered and work begins to prepare a new harvest! The summer ends and we return to our routines in school, community groups, sports teams, dance lessons, etc. In our parish, following two years of pandemic and absence of gatherings in any organized fashion – particularly outside of the liturgical setting – organized programming is starting anew. The Parish Council shall resume its important work and regular meetings following the summer pause. Church School and CYMK will return to their lessons and social events. UWAC will resume their activities and service. Our altar servers will be scheduled for a new year of service at the Holy Table. In a word – things get “busy again” in our cathedral!

Unique to 2022, we begin this new year “in a new relationship.” Following fourteen good and fruitful years of serving alongside Protopresbyter Fr. Stephan Semotiuk (to whom, together with Dobr. Diana, I and my family will be forever grateful for their affection and guidance!), my unworthiness has been assigned, by His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion, to the weighty obedience of serving as Dean of this well-established, large, dynamic and diverse church community. Accepting the responsibility for pastoral leadership and service to such a community, in these times, is somewhat daunting, I admit; particularly as we now welcome new faithful from war-torn Ukraine, also. The prospect of sharing my perspectives and offering my talents in this new office, however, with a determination to continue to grow our wonderful community, to offer necessary spiritual nourishment to you, the faithful now in my charge, and to bear abundant fruit for Christ’s sake, is also exciting and regenerative!

Equally unique to this year was the convening of the XXIVth Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, in June. To be completely frank – it was a challenging Sobor. It exposed a divergence in our Church regarding perceptions of how ecclesial governance is defined and how it functions. It ought to be directed to perfecting the Image of Christ in us, the faithful, and founded upon on the Holy Gospel, Holy Tradition and an authentic application of sobornal decision-making. What we witnessed, in my opinion, was a manifestation of viewing the Church through a predominantly corporate lens, an institution “workshopped and strategized” into “our image,” with a focus on adherence

to secular rules, laws, and our own expectations. Enough said about that at this point, I think... I am thankful, nevertheless, that this Sobor – for the first time in our history as a Metropolis in the Ecumenical Patriarchate – elected our own three candidates for Metropolitan, from which the Holy and Sacred Synod elected “a wise and loving archpastor who will inspire us to continue to toil in Christ’s Vineyard to His glory and for the good estate of our beloved Church.” (from the Greetings and Salutations Resolution 6, passed unanimously at the XXIVth Sobor) Our task now is to support our newly-elected Metropolitan Ilarion with bearing his new primatial burden, and encourage the newly-elected Consistory and Chancellor to constantly seek consensus among themselves and the Metropolitan and Council of Bishops to manifest

Message from the Cathedral Dean Continued...

our faith in actions that will bear good fruits in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada in this new term (and beyond!).

With all this “newness” about, I anticipate hearing from you! What are you doing new in our parish this year? How are you going to contribute to Christ’s Holy Church and her evangelization of the world? How would you like to use your talents for the good of our community and its growth. What do you consider service to our cathedral family? There’s a whole, big city out there that needs Christ! What will we do as a parish to bring them to Him?

True, we are all busy, and our households are busy with activities around which we plan our lives. But remember Christ’s encounter with the sisters, Mary and Martha: He reminded Martha (who was busy, scurrying about the house, wanting to be a good host to her Lord) to remember the “good part” chosen by Mary – even in our “being busy” the Word of our Lord must be the good part, at the centre of our life, and, like Mary, we cannot allow it “to be taken from [us].” (Luke 10:41) If we ignore this fundamental point, if we don’t see Christ always in our presence – does our “business” account for anything? How can we justify expecting Christ’s constant presence in our lives if we lead our lives absent from Him and His Mystical Body, the Church?

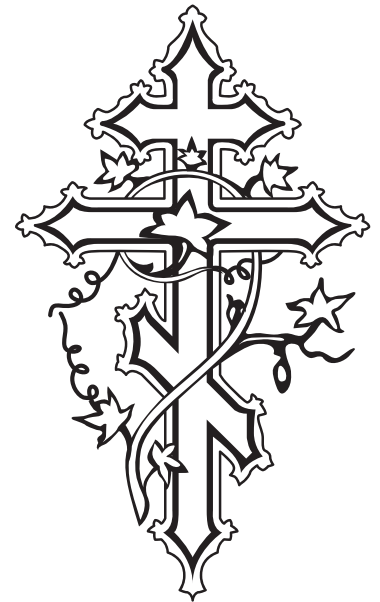
So, as we begin a new year, think about the ways you and your family will be involved and participating in parish life this year; how and how often will you make time, with your family, to be with us for worship and fellowship? What seeds will you sow in our cathedral community that will yield for your family and your extended cathedral family a bountiful new harvest?

It’s the New Year – choose the good part and let our households serve the Lord and His Church! A blessed New Ecclesiastical Year to us all!

With love in Christ, the Lord,



Archpriest Cornell Zubritsky
Cathedral Dean



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.

Isable Darcovich ~ April

Joanna Janis ~ May

Halyna Jereniuk ~ July

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



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Отче Корнилій,

В імені Катедральної управи, бажаємо Вам Божої допомоги, кріпкого здоров'я, душевної радості й багато сили у виконання вашого найновішого призначення, а саме, Настоятель Української Православної Катедрi Св. Івана Хрестителя.

We understand that with your new appointment, Dean of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, there will be many joys, challenges, and achievements. We also appreciate that with this new appointment your family will experience the same joys, challenges, and achievements that await you. We trust and believe that you will carry out your responsibilities dutifully, respectfully, in accordance with the protocol of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada and into the second hundred years of the Cathedral's existence. As such, we look forward to working **with** you and supporting you in the many, many years ahead!

Нехай Бог Благословить Вас та Вашу Родину - Добрдійку Меррі, Ефрима та Олександра!

З Глибокою Пошаною,

Мирослав Качмар,
Голова Управи

Мирослава Хом'як,
відповідальна за Членство

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We are hoping this message finds you well in surviving the past Pandemic summer. I am very thankful to all who helped in following the Alberta Health Service Protocols reducing the risks of getting Covid.

In a few months I will be completing my 8th year as President of the Parish. I thank everyone for giving me the experience, trust, and support.

It is my great honour, on behalf of the Cathedral members to congratulate our Bishop of being elected as Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Gods gift to the Cathedral as we prepare to celebrate 100 years as a parish.

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА Митрополит Іларіон!

Congratulations to Fr. Cornell Zubritsky for your appointment as our Cathedral Dean. We look forward to your leadership and working together for a bright future of our Parish МНОГАЯ ЛІТ Fr. Cornell.

We will miss Fr. Stephan as he retires after faithfully serving the Parish for 30 years. Many fond memories have been experienced by members of our Parish having Fr. Stephan as part of their lives. We will gladly welcome Ft. Stephan and Dobr. Dianna every time they join us at Cathedral Liturgies. On September 25 we look forward to celebrating with Fr. Stephan and Dobr. Dianna 30 years of service wishing them the best in retirement.

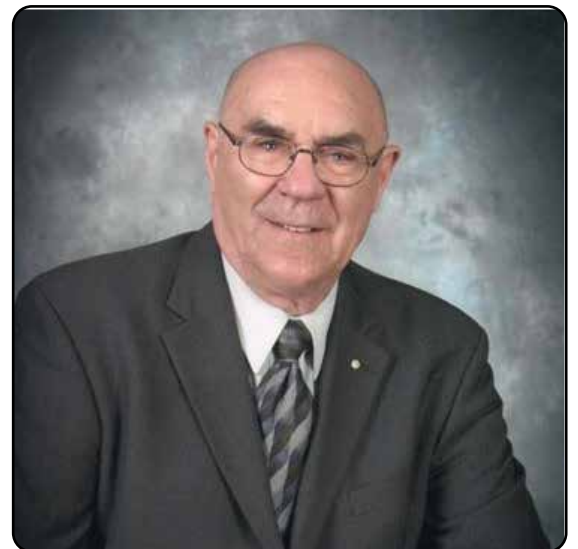
Our Cultural Centre is progressively getting busier. The reliance on our volunteers is what makes this effort successful. It is difficult to find the words that they sincerely deserve for their dedication. As volunteers are becoming harder and harder to find, we are so very grateful to those who come and help. Bless you in your daily lives.

Personally, I wish to thank our staff for all the work they do. Our reliable and dedicated Cantor Fedir, choir director Orest and his choir members, Palomar Ed for his service to the church, Maxine and the volunteers who never let us down when called on, office administrator Olena who can communicate in many languages, Petro and David for security, cleaning and preparing for the various events and being our handy man. Grace and her crew for table setting and volunteering. Lastly, I wish to thank our Council members for support and working as a team, happy in their responsibilities. We all can be proud of how well our group of people make the Cathedral and Cultural Centre function so well.

We are fully supported by our clergy and now our Metropolitan and may God Bless them as we thank them at a time of Thanksgiving.

З Богом

Marshall Kachmar
Parish President





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This is your invitation to honour **the Right Reverend Protopresbyter Fr.Stephan Semotiuk** with your attendance celebrating his retirement.

Fr.Stephan has faithfully served with compassion our Cathedral family for 30 years.

Event will be held on September 25th, 2022 in Cultural Centre following Liturgy.

Tickets are adults- \$ 60, children 5-12 -\$20.

Available at office , call 780-425-9692





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Отче Стефане,

В імені Катедральної управи, складаємо Вам сердечну подяку за Вашу службу й обслугу в наші Парафії, Українській Православній Катедрі Св. Івана Хрестителя, через 30 років! На Вашому відпочинку, бажаємо Вам Божої допомоги, багато здоров'я, щастя, й душевної радості!

Congratulations on your wonderful and abundant achievements in our parish! In your retirement, you now will have time to reflect on all of your accomplishments and memories you have of the Parishioners, the celebrations, the Parish Council and the mentorship you have provided. Wishing you all the best in your retirement – much joy and good health. Rest and enjoy this new phase in your life!

Нехай Бог Благословить Вас, Добродійку Діяну та Вашу Родину!

З Глибокою Пошаною,

Мирослав Качмар,
Голова Управи

Мирослава Хом'як,
відповідальна за Членство

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parish Family and supporters:

Welcome to the start of our church program year and our Thanksgiving season – I hope you and your families enjoyed the summer and are energized for this season and being involved in our parish community!

Some items to share from the past couple of months financially:

- Our year-to-date operating budget is presently at a breakeven basis, helped by the remaining government covid subsidies earlier in the year of \$34,000. The July/August months reflected a loss of approximately \$10,000 a month due to lower revenues/attendance coupled with higher costs.
- Average Sunday plate collections for the past two months is \$8-900. compared to over \$2000 weekly pre covid - Our church attendance continues to be lower thus impacting our revenues.
- Our utility (power/Gas) costs have skyrocketed along with everyone else's – we now are paying over \$10,000 monthly just for electricity and gas for our complex - and with no decreases in sight.

During this time of giving - please keep your parish top of mind to help support our operations however you can. Of course, we have convenient options of supporting our parish by:

- dropping off a cheque at the church office or cultural centre mailbox
- mailing cheques to the parish 10611 - 110 Ave Edmonton T5H 1H7
- joining our preauthorized monthly payment program using your bank account (pls ask/phone the church office and we can provide details)
- e-transfer of funds directly to our parish bank account using the email giving@uocc-stiohn.ca
- remember offerings/pledges/donations are tax deductible so actual cost to you is approx .. 60-75% of your actual contribution- a win for you as well as for the parish.
- contributions can also be made online using your credit card at Canadahelps.org where they issue a charitable tax receipt and submit funds to the church.

Wishing you all health and happiness during this Thanksgiving season, God Bless!

Orest Pohoreski
Treasurer



UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN DONATION RESPONSE

The Board of Directors of The Ukrainain 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 mail in to our Church office.

Make your cheque payable to:

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN
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Thank you for your generous support.



Volunteers are always needed!

**Please call the Church Office to
find out how you can contribute.**

(780) 425-9692

**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.



Easter 2022 Cleaning & Blessing of the Baskets

Occurred outdoors since it was a beautiful morning!



Cleaning for Easter



Blessing Baskets for Easter

John A. McDougall School Lunch 2022



Welcoming New Ukrainian Arrivals - May 8, 2022

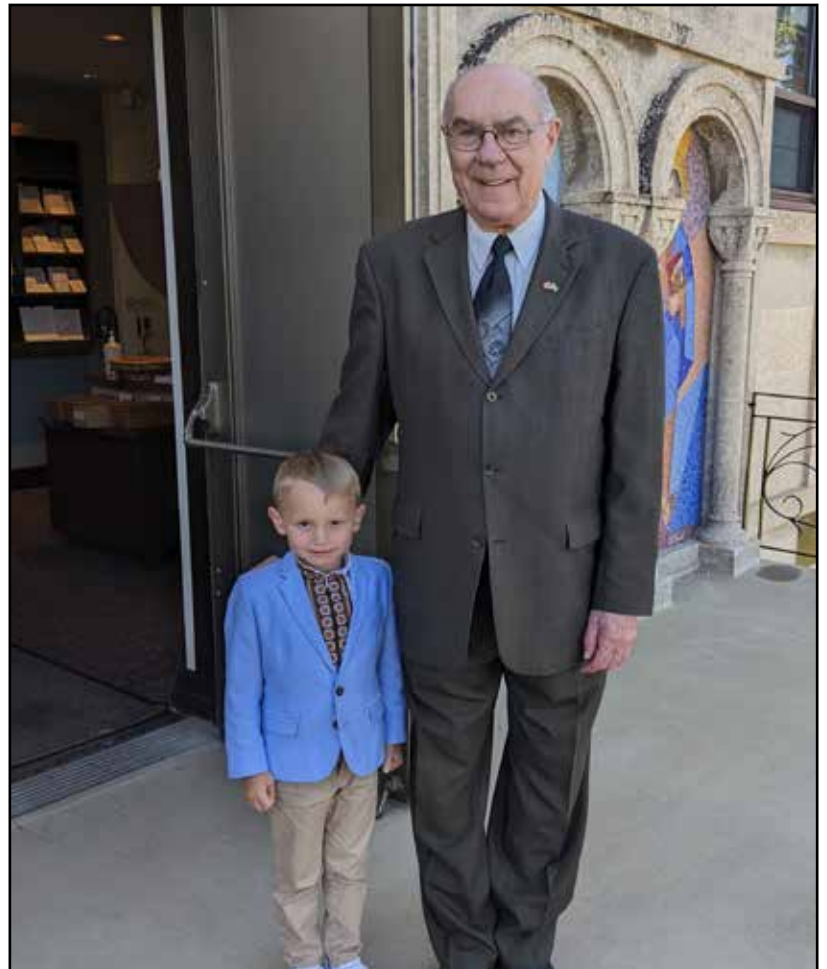


Ukrainian refugees attending Cathedral for first time - Easter



Parish President, Marshall Kachmar & Marco Synevskyy waiting to greet Bishop on the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist

Marco - Son of Vasyl & Maryana Synevskyy



Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, St. John's Branch update

On May 13, 2022 UWAC, St. John's Branch executive hosted a social event "Mosaic and Merlot" to present an opportunity for members, parishoners and the community to hear the artist, Theo Harasymiw, present: her interpretation of ideas submitted by the UWAC and parish members, process in creating the mosaics, and symbols and depictions within the creations. Donation proceeds of \$625 were donated to the Humanitarian Aid (Ukraine) and Refugee Aid Alberta.



October 23, 2022, after the Divine Liturgy, the murals will be blessed at a Fellowship luncheon. This will be followed by a Years of Service presentation to UWAC members who have achieved milestone membership years from 2020 to 2022.



UWAC, St. John's Branch Member contributions and participation at the USRL Convention, August, 2022

Conscientious and committed members: Chris Zwozdesky (Co-chair), Susan Jereniuk (Treasurer), Leona Faryna Bridges (Program Booklet, Registration and UWAC minutes) and Iris Zwozdesky Ciona (venue, excursions, events), Donna Kowalishin (registration and UWAC minutes) and Elaine Harasymiw (registration and with her museum team: Greg Borowetz, Kathy Buchanan, Larysa Chomiak, Donna Kowalishin, Iris Olinek, and Nadia Opyr set up an impressive display). Tatiana Martschenko took USRL minutes and Julia Elaszuk chaired a USRL session.



Leona Bridges was presented with flowers in recognition of her many years as the Promin editor.



Welcoming Visitors in Parish Office

Anna Lytwyn (left) is visiting Canada from Bury, England. She is a second generation Ukrainian from the British-Ukrainian community. She wanted to see the church and the museum along with her daughter's mother-in-law, Tamara Zujewskij. Their son and daughter, Stefka Lytwyn and Steven Brese attend St. Johns. Pictured with Marshall and Olena.



Blessing Fruit and Transfiguration Liturgy



Independence Day Service

August 24, 2022



100th Anniversary Committee Update

The 100th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John is a significant milestone that celebrates the past 100 years of our Ukrainian Orthodox faith and community within our cathedral. As part of our centennial celebrations, our cathedral community will host monthly events starting on September 25, 2022. These events will recognize and bring together all members of our cathedral: from our children and youth to our seniors, and from long time members to our new members. We are, after all, a vibrant, ever evolving church family.

The yearlong celebration will culminate in fall 2023, when we formally recognize the founding of our parish on the weekend of November 17-19, 2023. On that weekend, we are planning a concert of sacred music, a Founders' Ball and, most importantly, a Hierarchical Liturgy to honour our past and present church families.

We encourage you to attend the following events as part of our centennial celebration:

- September 25, 2022 – Our parish will honour The Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Stephan Semotiuk's 53 years of service to the UOCC and 30 years serving as our Dean. Please join us as we pay tribute to his long-time service and recent retirement. Tickets for the dinner are available through the Cathedral office. As part of this event, we will declare the beginning of the centennial celebrations of our Cathedral and present a brief description of the very first organizational meeting of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox parish of St. John the Baptist.
- October 23, 2022 – You are invited to attend the blessing of the mosaic project entitled "Our Legacy: The Past, The Present and The Future." Sponsored by the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada – St. John's Cathedral Branch, this event will include a short presentation by artist Theo Harasymiw discussing the process to create and install this legacy piece in our Culture Centre. Following the blessing of this mosaic project, UWAC-St. John's Branch will honour long-term UWAC member during a fellowship lunch, in conjunction with the Western Eparchy conference.
- November 5, 2022 (Demetrius Saturday) – Our parish will honour veterans from our Cathedral community. This will be a CYMK-sponsored project that includes a memorial service, as well as lunch with a short program. Prior to this date, CYMKivtsi will be placing a poppy on the graves of our deceased veterans. If anyone in your family is a veteran, please submit their name and any accompanying information (cemetery name and location of gravesite) to the Cathedral office.
- November 26, 2022 – We are pleased to bring back the family Pushchennia, a social event in advance of the Christmas Lenten period. Ticket sales will be through the Cathedral office.
- December 18, 2022 – St. Nicholas concert by our children, with a special visit from St. Nicholas and other children's activities.
- Future events in the New Year include Malanka on January 13, 2023, and a carol festival on January 22, 2023. More details on upcoming events will be announced in the next issue of the Cathedral Connection.

We, as a committee, are still in the process of planning and finalizing events over the next year. We welcome any and all ideas and suggestions that could add to and enhance our already planned activities. Volunteers are always appreciated as our Cathedral parish has such a tremendous and varied source of personal and professional knowledge and interests.

Finally, we are still looking for pictures and archival materials that reflect our parish and its activities over the past 100 years. Please forward any pictures/materials to the Cathedral office (once scanned, they will be returned to you). We are appealing to all of you to help us share our Cathedral history for all to appreciate.



Happy THANKSGIVING

May we rejoice in our abundant blessings and enjoy the bounties of the season with our friends and loved ones. Happy Thanksgiving!

As families and friends gather to enjoy this Thanksgiving Season, we celebrate God's gift of freedom and His love that conquers death. Our Orthodox Faith brings confidence that good will overcome evil and joy is everlasting. We give thanks for God's many blessings and pray for His peace in the affairs of men.

The Cathedral Priests, Board of Directors and Staff of the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St. John the Baptist in Edmonton

Радіймо нашими щедрими ласками та втішаймося із здобутками й добра цього сезону з нашими улюбленими! Вітаємо всіх із Днем Подяки!

В цьому сезоні, коли ми святкуємо День Подяки, ми, як одна спільна християнська родина, сходимося виявляти вдячність Богу Нашому. Наша Віра Православна запевняє нас про перемогу добра над злом. За це ми дякуємо Всевишньому Творцеві й складаємо подяку за Його ласки й щедроти які Він нам зсилає!

Священики, Управа й Персонал Української Православної Катедральної Парафії Св. Івана Хрестителя в Едмонтоні