

# CATHEDRAL CONNECTION

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



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### Theophany Holy Supper

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

6:30 p.m.

St. John's Cultural Centre

ADULT - \$ 25

Youth (6-15 year)- \$15

Children under 6 years - FREE

**Дорогий отче настоятелю Корнелію з соборною родиною!  
Христос Раждається!**

Для мене надзвичайно приємно вітати всіх вас з великим святом - Різдвом Господа і Спасителя нашого Ісуса Христа!

At this time we also prepare for a new year and reflect on the year that is ending. The year 2022 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.

On February 24, the world and our life changed. The catastrophic war in Ukraine which Russia began by invading and occupying territory, by killing innocent people, by destroying infrastructure, and by displacing millions of people is the greatest tragedy the world has experienced in the 21st century. Not long after the war began, we, here in Edmonton experienced the consequences, as we began to welcome and support displaced Ukrainian refugees. Our Cathedral family opened their hearts in generosity and care to welcome them. The war is now in its 11th month and no end is in sight yet. "Боже Великий єдиний, нам Україну храни!"

On a national level, our UOCC has also experienced an important year, with the 24th Sobor which was held in June. In spite of some active undercurrents, God's will for His Holy Church prevailed, and I was elected as Primate of the UOCC in July, one of three candidates presented to the Holy and Sacred Synod, who chose me for this position. I am now Primate and Metropolitan of the UOCC. This is a very difficult cross to bear but with God's help, our UOCC will get through this hurdle. This is a challenging position and there are many changes with this new position. Every day it is necessary to deal with concerns not only in the UOCC but 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.

Fr. Stephan Semotiuk retired as Dean of our Cathedral. May God bless him with peace, health, and strength to continue his service in new ways. At the same time, we welcome Fr. Cornell Zubritsky as the new Dean of our Cathedral. May God bless him and help him to successfully care to the spiritual needs of our Cathedral family and continue the good service which Fr. Stephan maintained for the last 30 years.

There have been many people who helped the Cathedral family to function effectively in this turbulent time. I would especially like to thank Marshall Kachmar, the President of St. John's Parish Council, for his sacrificial services. 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.

I thank all of you for your personal donations which are necessary to maintain our Cathedral. I also thank the affiliate organizations for their voluntary and financial support. May God bless all of you.

Нехай Новонароджений Христос Спаситель дарує мир багатостраждальній Україні і благословляє всіх вас Своїми великими ласками і щедротами у Новому 2023 Році :

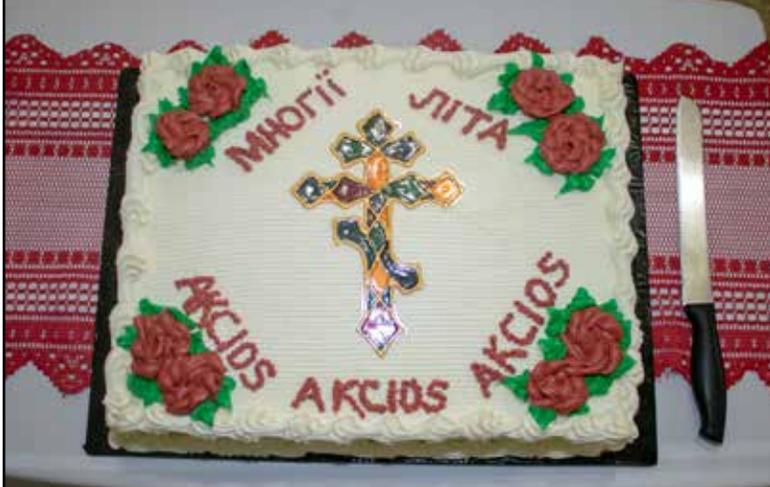
**ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ! CHRIST IS BORN!**

With Archpastoral blessings,  
+Illarion, Metropolitan

Enthronement of Metropolitan Ilarion  
November 19, 2022







## NATIVITY GREETINGS FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN

### **Христос рождается! Christ is born!**

*When the Lord Jesus was born of the Holy Virgin, the whole universe was filled with light.*

*The shepherds watched in the fields.*

*The Magi worshipped, and the Angels sang.*

*But Herod was troubled, for God had appeared in the flesh.*

*He is the Saviour of our souls (Stykhyra from Nativity Vespers)*

Beloved in Christ – members and participants in the life of St. John’s Cathedral!

My family and I extend our warmest greetings and embrace each and every one of you joyously during this season marking the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Baptism of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and Holy Theophany. We assure you of our affection and sincerest prayers for good health, God’s many bounties and mercies, and continuing successes in your many endeavours and good works in the coming year!

In the stykhera verse above, the Church presents us with a wonderful and vivid description of the universe – God’s creation and his creatures – welcoming and witnessing the birth-in-the-flesh of the second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Son of God, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Like the shepherds tending to their duties, unaware of the great miracle occurring near them until the announcement comes from the angels above, we, too, keep to our daily routines, sometimes not pausing to pay attention to that very same miracle that is ever present – that “God became man, so that man might become god” (as St. Athanasius the Great stated in the 4th century, and which continues to summarize this truth of not only the Nativity, but of the entire Gospel)! We are continually distracted by our tasks and business, our computer screens, and a “virtual” existence, not really hearing, seeing, or responding to the news of the birth of our Lord, not noticing “the universe filled with light,” which shines in us when we participate in His Holy Mysteries, because we ourselves walk in the shadows of a life without Christ in our life every day.

The Magi worship with pure joy, having found the Child they sought out for so long, and traveled from so far to see. They continue to inspire us to be vigilant and determined to fight off every obstacle and challenge that would attempt to keep us at a distance from our Lord. They continue to be examples of the courage needed to worship Christ without fear of “the world” which stubbornly continues to convince us to reject Him and live in the fleeting shadow of “the temporary dream, the silver, and the servants,” paraphrasing St. John of Damascus. The Magi continue to encourage us to be confident and to stay the course in our own individual journeys toward Christ, and to remain faithful to Him (and His Holy Church) when we finally encounter Him.

And, finally, we are reminded through Herod, troubled because of his fear of losing power and strength, that even today, there are those beyond the embrace of the Body of Christ and – let’s never forget or naively believe there not there! – within the Holy Church who fear the act of submitting themselves to Christ and His Church, not realizing that submission to Him is, in fact, “putting Him on” ourselves; it is the acquisition of the power to choose light over darkness, life over death, service over demanding to be served, humility over pride, and love over hatred. Submission to Christ is reception of authentic freedom and authority!

I must add, here, my expression of particular joy during this year's season of these great feasts because we are celebrating it for the first time under the loving and protecting omophorion of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada's new spiritual father, His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion, Archbishop of Winnipeg and the Central Eparchy, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada – by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, elected canonically and in complete adherence to the unique and proper order of our UOCC this past summer. May we all resolve to support wholeheartedly and work diligently with our beloved Vladyka Metropolitan in all his good works and deeds, that he may bring Christ the numerous gifts of our collective struggles and labours and lay them at His feet.

May this year's celebration of the Nativity and Theophany illumine your household with the great Light of Christ, which brings faith, joy, courage, and confidence as we navigate our way through a complicated, busy, and often hazardous life, which tries to distract us away from the Lord. His birth-in-the-flesh is a promise that we may be born into eternal life; the manifestation of the Holy Trinity at the Theophany is the promise that truth is beloved and well-pleasing, it renders strength and freedom and salvation to those who accept it and it never submits to frail narratives or outright lies of the world. Let us struggle with "all our heart, with all our mind and with all our strength" to never lose hope in the fulfillment of this promise and truth, to be determined in living our lives as the Gospel directs us: to love God above all things, to forgive (rather than judge) those who are on occasion tempted and lured into life in the darkness, to love and cultivate harmony with our neighbour... each and every day of our life! This is the authentic Gift "that keeps on giving!"

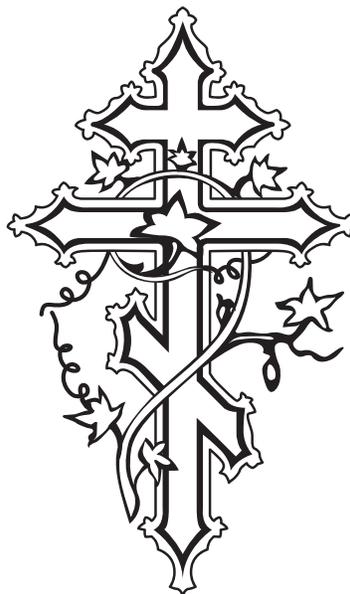
With love in the Newborn Saviour, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity,

One with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

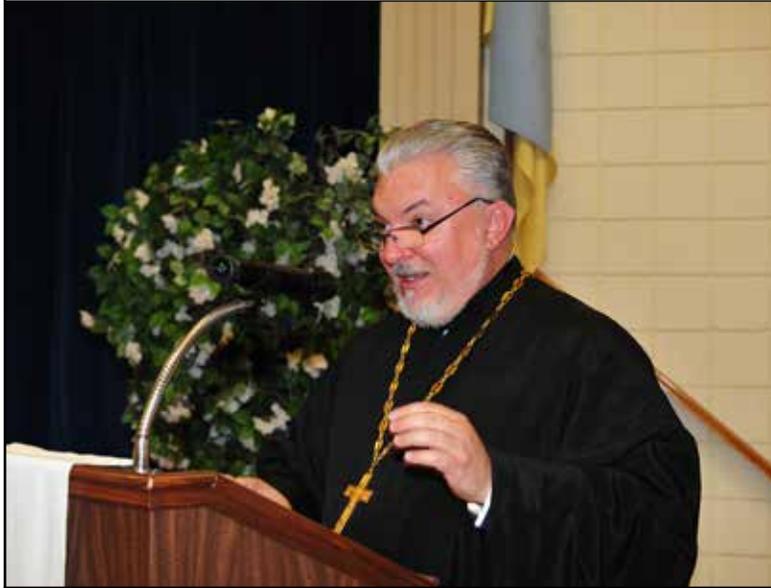
Archpriest Cornell Zubritsky

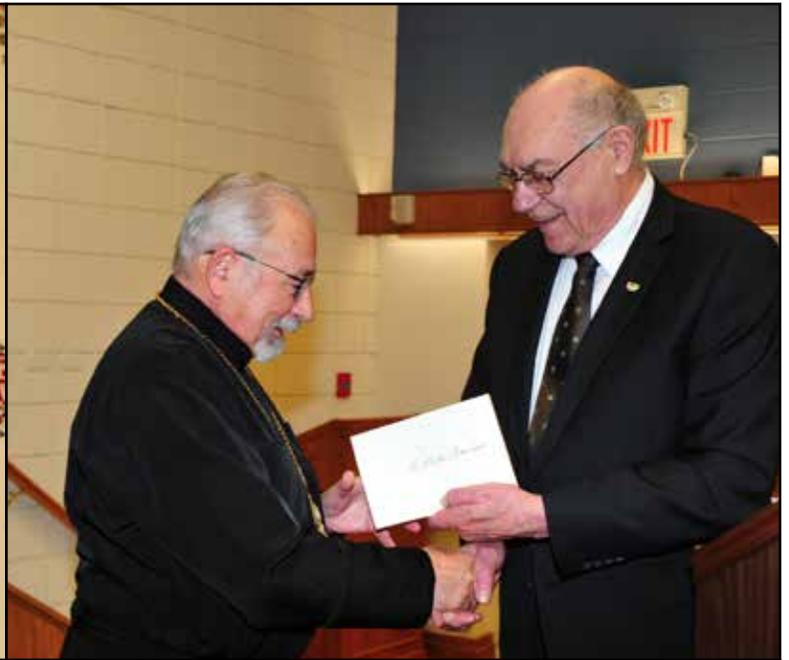
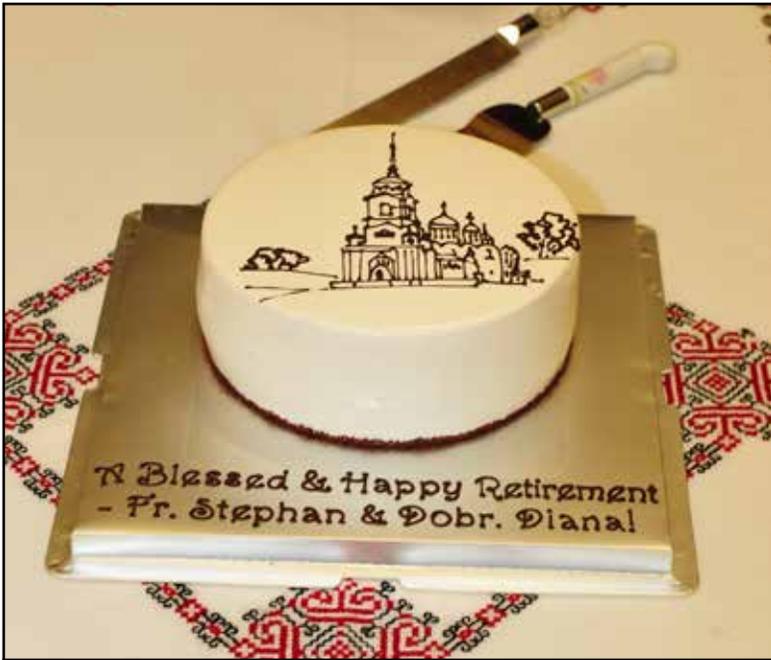
Cathedral Dean

**Славно новонародженого Христа! Let us glorify the newborn Christ!**



# Fr. Stephan Retirement Celebration





## 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 my 53rd Anniversary of Priestly Ministry with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada as well as 30 Years of Service at St. John's Cathedral in Edmonton, AB.. This indeed is a big milestone for me and it is difficult to believe that 53 years have gone by, 30 of those years here at St. John's Cathedral in Edmonton. We sincerely thank all for your sincere greetings and gifts.

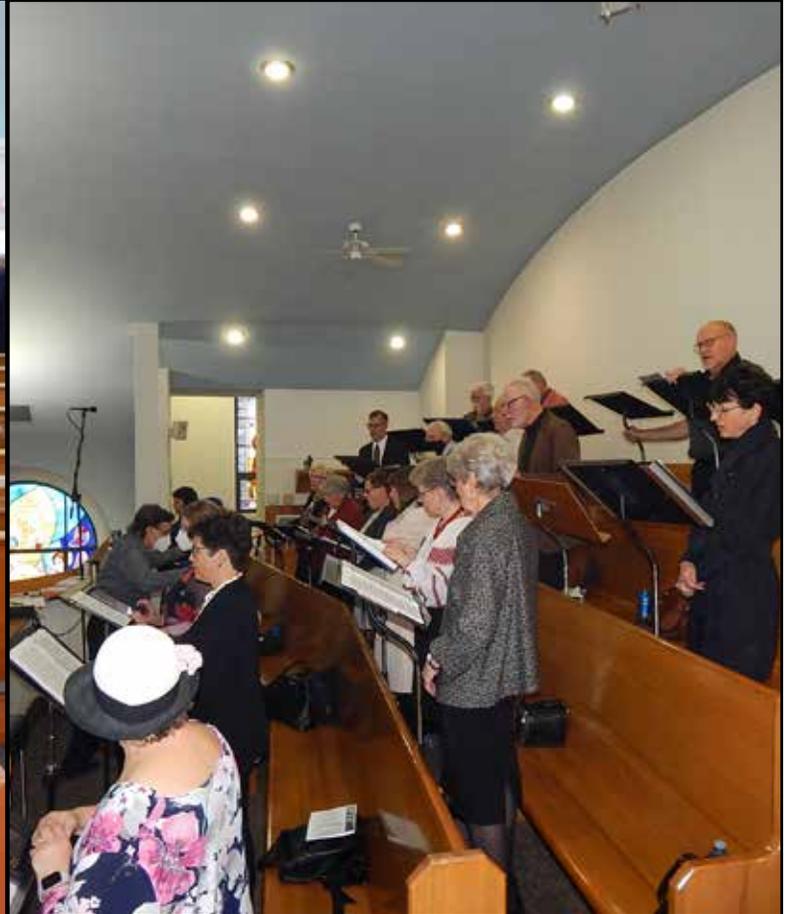
Оцим, від себе та своєї дружини, добр. Діяни, щиро сердечно д'якую Його Високопреосвященство, Високопреосвященнішому Митрополитові Іларіону, Управі Української Православної Катедри Св. Івана та Ювілейному Комітету за величаве та успішне відзначення мого ювілею. Я з родиною є надмірно вд'ячні всім організаціям та по-одиноким членам за привіти та подарунки доручені та вислані нам. Нехай Господь Бог благословить всіх Вас здоров'ям та добром за виявлену Вашу пошану і любов до нас! Спасибі!

I am also honoured and humbled to have had this commemoration take place at the beginning of our 100th Anniversary of our Cathedral Parish. The greetings of our Cathedral President, Marshall Kachmar, as well as that by His Eminence Metropolitan 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



# Western Eparchy and Youth Appreciation





# Thanksgiving Celebration



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **Христос Рождается! Christ is born!**

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

The Year is quickly coming to an end and we went through alot as we have been slowly been returning to normal. It has been slowly getting busier, and our volunteers have continued to be a blessing to our operation.

With the festive season quickly approaching, I wish to on behalf of our parish council thank everyone for their help and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Words are not enough to express our sincerest gratitude to our church family for their help.

This was a busy year with numerous major events taking place:

The 24th Sobor of the UOCC was held virtually and in person.

Western Eparchy Assembly was held in person, concluding with a youth appreciation banquet.

The Order of St. Andrew acknowledging the altar servers who serve the church of the Western Eparchy.

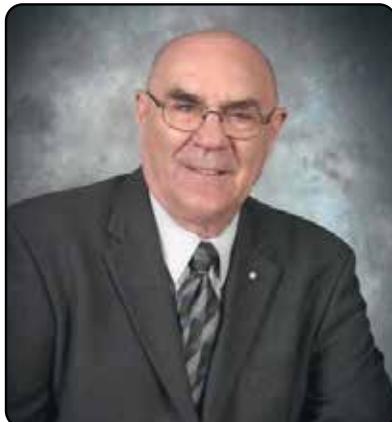
I had the opportunity of attending the Enthronement of our Metropolitan Ilarion in Winnipeg. This was a great honor for me to see our Bishop become the Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

While in Winnipeg, I had the opportunity to visit St. Andrews College, which is a very beautiful facility to tour and is well taken care of.

On the home front, we were blessed with the completion of the mosaic project of the Ukrainian Women's Association. This project has beautified the Cultural Centre Auditorium. We were also fortunate not to encounter any major failures of the aging infrastructure within the facility, aside from the kitchen dishwasher acting out a few times, but we were able to find repair parts and keep it operational. Currently our Projector Screen within the Auditorium is undergoing some repairs, and we are looking at upgrades on our Projector to make the system function properly in all different lighting conditions.

To end, May God's Blessing be granted to all as we celebrate the Birth of Christ!

Marshall Kachmar  
Parish President



## Parish Council Members

President: Marshall Kachmar

Seniors: Grace Pelepchan

Vice President: Gerald Kruhlak

Hospodar: Tony Horobec

Secretary: Karla Palichuk

Church School: Lesia Pohoreski

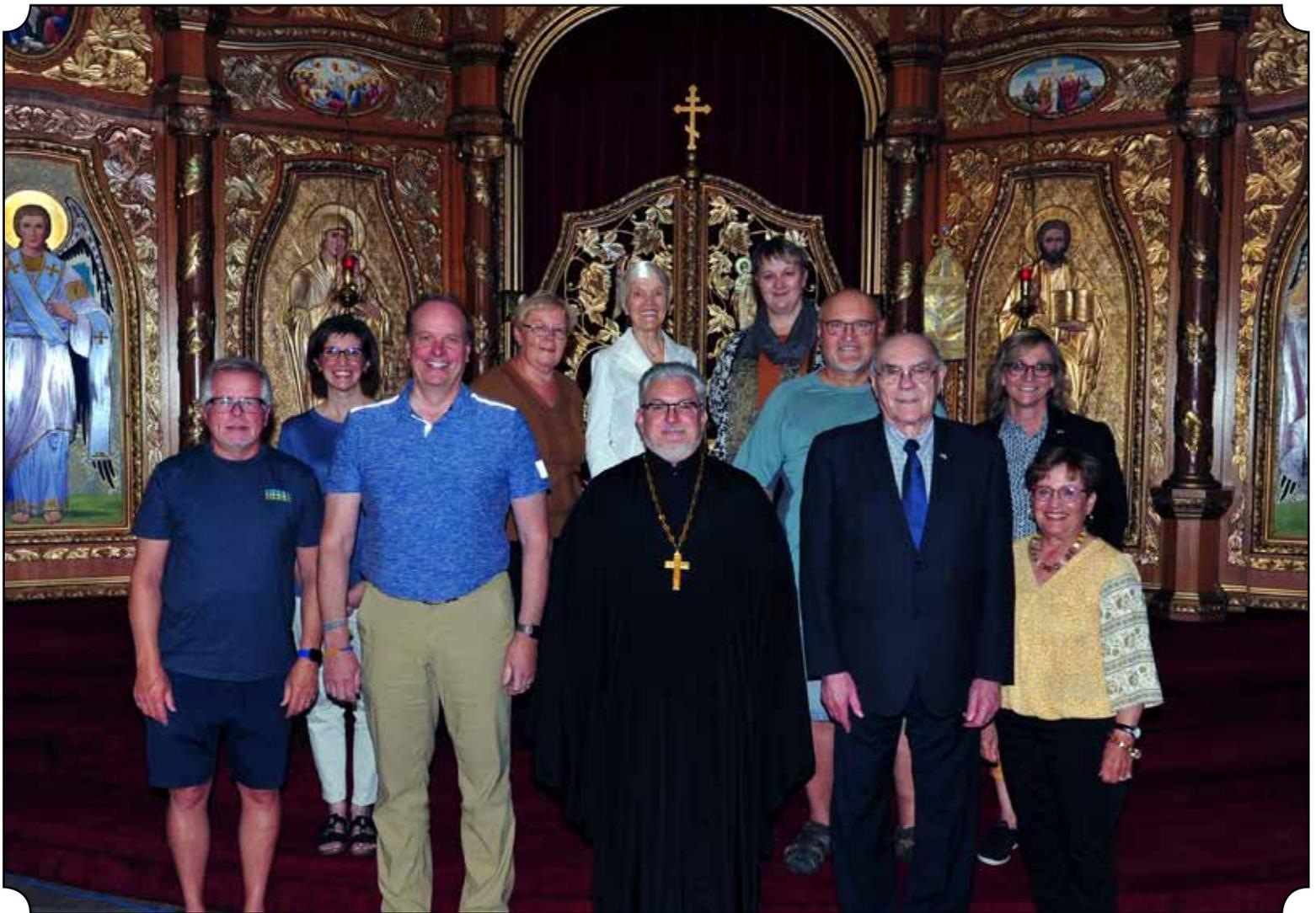
Treasurer: Orest Pohoreski

Archpriest: Cornell Zubritsky

Archives: Larissa Ewanchuk- Laniuk

UWAC: Julia Elaschuk

Membership Chair: Myroslava Chomiak



## Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St. John - 2022 Operating Budget

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget full year	2022 November YTD
<b>Revenue</b>				
Campaign Revenue	\$20,000	\$16,925	\$20,000	\$18,120
Catering Revenue - bar	\$9,000	\$2,605	\$13,000	\$12,741
Catering Revenue - facility rent	\$10,000	\$1,555	\$10,000	\$11,800
Catering revenue - kitchensales	\$13,000	\$8,219	\$13,000	\$7,781
Catering Revenue- meals	\$50,000	\$51,545	\$115,000	\$165,165
Facility rental -other orgs/event	\$40,000	\$55,307	\$58,000	\$72,747
Donations - organizations	\$65,000	\$39,550	\$65,000	\$38,250
Membership	\$51,000	\$49,445	\$49,000	\$42,695
Contributions -offerings &other	\$180,000	\$297,408	\$230,000	\$208,508
misc revenue	\$5,000	\$5,360	\$5,000	\$6,796
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$443,000</b>	<b>\$527,919</b>	<b>\$578,000</b>	<b>\$584,603</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Advertising	\$5,000	\$4,974	\$6,000	\$5,065
Catering - bar	\$5,000	\$3,938	\$7,000	\$8,916
Catering - food	\$25,000	\$24,177	\$50,000	\$79,432
Caterings - wages	\$42,000	\$32,680	\$44,000	\$41,519
Catering - supplies	\$10,000	\$5,293	\$13,000	\$13,970
Church supplies	\$7,000	\$5,400	\$6,000	\$7,462
Conferences & Meetings	\$4,000	\$837	\$4,000	\$7,106
Donations	\$11,000	\$10,720	\$11,000	\$12,376
Insurance	\$27,000	\$34,773	\$42,000	\$33,093
Consistory Levy	\$31,000	\$28,290	\$28,000	\$28,175
Western Eparchy Levy	\$4,000	\$3,690	\$3,600	\$3,675
Licenses and taxes	\$5,000	\$4,613	\$5,000	\$5,061
Office Supplies	\$6,500	\$5,349	\$5,500	\$5,307
Professional Fees	\$3,500	\$2,914	\$3,000	\$3,176
Repairs and Maintenance	\$55,000	\$71,493	\$65,900	\$54,252
Salaries & benefits	\$205,000	\$181,000	\$207,000	\$189,398
Scholarships	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000
Security	\$3,000	\$1,758	\$4,000	\$4,622
Utilities	\$75,000	\$80,178	\$85,000	\$102,648
Federal wage subsidy rebate	-\$35,000	-\$70,304	-\$16,000	-\$34,235
misc	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,730
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$492,000</b>	<b>\$434,773</b>	<b>\$578,000</b>	<b>\$575,748</b>
<b>Surplus/(-deficit)</b>	<b>-\$49,000</b>	<b>\$93,146</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,855</b>

## 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, both in volunteering and financial, and prayers through 2022 as we returned to a different state of normalcy of our activities.

A brief report to share on our parish's financial health over this past year – attached is our budget November year to date results – hilites and lowlites below:

- Presently we have a small surplus of \$8855 helped by your assistance, net catering event revenue of \$53650, estate donations and last portion of \$34235 in our federal govt covid wage subsidy program.
- Our kitchen sales (pyrohy etc) are up \$2000 over last year.
- Pyrohy suppers (included in catering figures) brought in \$31000 – we net between \$1500 and \$2000 each month end supper. Please volunteer!
- Facility rentals (hall/solarium/seminar room etc) are up \$16000 to \$49000 over the previous year, with parking revenue from RAH staff generating \$7700.
- Electricity/water/heating costs have soared .YTD Power from \$29000 to \$48000, Natural gas from 30,500 to \$40,600. – Total utilities up 43% over last year. Insurance costs also up some \$8000 year over year.

Major repair expenses this year included manse and also kitchen repairs of some dishwashing equipment(\$10000) We have a possible major repair bill of \$70000 due to heating coil failure in the church boiler system, of which we do not have funds set aside to cover at this time. This is our urgent need presently.

So what can we do to help? Your church executive regularly looks at revenue/expense leakage to try and adjust our revenues to cover associated increasing costs. Your volunteering help thru our Tuesday amd other pyrohy making sessions, and helping in our kitchen catering events is very very important – as you can see by the revenues generated. Please join our volunteer groups!

And your financial support thru pledges, regular donations big or small- every bit helps and is needed & appreciated! Wishing you a blessed holiday season.

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  
10611 110 Avenue NW  
Edmonton, AB T5H 1H7

Thank you for your generous support.

*Welcome, to our new Parish Members!*

Stephan and Marguerite Maslo and family

Andriy Kruhlak

David Chumer



**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.



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

## Recognition of Milestone Memberships

for 2020, 2021, and 2022

Sunday, October 23, 2022



above: Kate Hawyrsh  
below Natalie Deptuck



Left top: Leona Faryna Bridges & Christine Zwozdesky  
Left bottom: Natalie Grytsiv & Donna Ewasiuk Kowalishin  
Centre top to bottom: Zonia Ewanchuk; Marion Hnatiuk;  
Helen Palichuk  
Right bottom: Pauline Mudry & Dr. Elaine Harasymiw  
Missing: Sofia Skrypnyk, Mary Marchyshyn; Helen  
Shewchuk

**Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, St. John's Branch**  
**Membership Recognition Event**  
**October 23, 2022**

Recognized the following:

**2020**

25 years- **Helen Palichuk**  
40 years – **Dr.Elaine Harasymiw, Sofia Skrypnyk**  
50 years- **Kate Hawrysh**  
60 years- **Mary Marchyshyn**

**2021**

25 years- **Zonia Ewanchuk**  
40 years- **Leona Faryna Bridges**  
50 years – **Donna Ewasiuk Kowalishin, Pauline Mudry**  
65 years -**Marion Hnatiuk**

**2022**

25 years- **Natalia Grytsiv, Helen Shewchuk**  
40 years- **Christine Zwozdesky**  
50 years **Natalie Deptuck**



Oryssia Lennie, UWAC, St. John's Cathedral Branch Membership Chair, presented members by reviewing their contributions to UWAC and St. John's Parish. Julia Elashuk, UWAC President, assisted by Susan and Justine Jereniuk, presented each honoree with a rose and a pin.



## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH and PREPARATION

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, St. John's Branch and St. John's CYMK under the guidance of chef, Maxine Zakordonski, worked together to bake kolachi and honey cookies. Christmas bags were then filled and delivered to the homebound UWAC and parish members.

UWAC volunteers included: Nadia Bayda, Leona Bridges, Larysa Chomiak, Myroslava Chomiak, Julia Elashuk, Susan Jereniuk, Oryssia Lennie, Lesia Pohoreski, Lorna Stefaniuk, Olesia Talpash

CYMK volunteers: Ron Bayda, Simon Bayda, Santina Dowbush, Rollie Dowbush, Justine Jereniuk, Taras Jereniuk, David Makowsky, Jonah Makowsky, Micah Makowsky, Jason Sydor, Alexander Zubritsky, Ephraim Zubritsky, Rev. Cornell Zubritsky





CYMK members dressed the Cathedral Christmas trees and assisted June Kachmar and Darlene Barnard to clean the Cathedral.

## Mosaic Murals Blessed

### *Our Heritage: The Past, The Present and The Future*

The Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, St. John's Cathedral Branch marked the St. John's Cathedral centennial in 2023 by commissioning an artist to create and installing twelve mosaic murals in the Cultural Centre. The murals were blessed by Metropolitan Ilarion on October 23, 2022 after the Divine Liturgy. UWAC and parish members, and delegates from the Western Eparchy attended this event. After the blessing, lunch was served, Julia Elashuk, President of UWAC welcomed attendees, thanked the Metropolitan for the blessing and his appreciative words for the role and contributions women make to the church and parish, reviewed highlights of this centennial project and introduced artist, Theodora Harasymiw who shared her personal perspective.



# Remembering Our Veterans

On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> St. John's Sr CYMK members and parents gathered to commemorate deceased members of our Parish who had served in the Armed Forces. The day started with a Liturgy and Panakhyda served by Rt. Rev. Semotiuk and Rev. Zubritsky where all of the names of veterans from our Parish were read. We then enjoyed chili for lunch and some fellowship before breaking up into smaller groups to visit the cemeteries. We visited the graves of 21 members buried in cemeteries in the Edmonton area where we laid poppies and a Canadian flag to acknowledge the sacrifices made by our Parish members.

The planning had started weeks before. We had a list of some names of veterans from the Legion and then we researched where they were buried. Once we had that information, we contacted these cemeteries with the names of the deceased so that they could provide us with maps and locations. The experience was rewarding for all of us who participated that day. We hope to make this an annual event to commemorate the legacy of our members who fought for our rights and freedoms. May their memory be eternal!

Thank you to Isabella Bayda; Rollie and Santina Dowbush; Justine, Susan and Taras Jereniuk; Jacob and Nicholas Lakusta; David, Jonah and Luke Makowsky; Toma Makowsky and Dr. Tania Mysak; Alexander, Ephraim, and Fr Cornell Zubritsky for offering your time to recognize those from St. John's who had served in the Armed Forces. We hope to make this an annual event to ensure that the sacrifices made by our members are never forgotten.

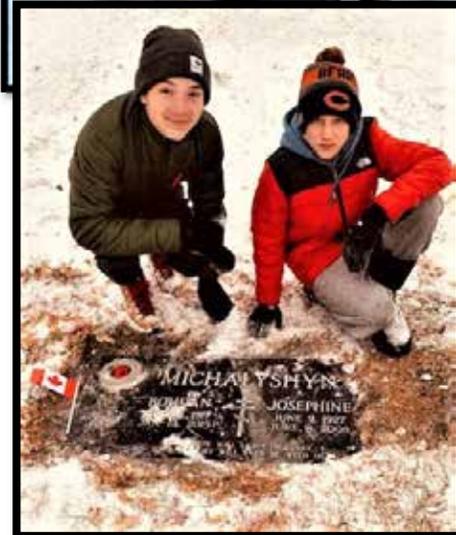
## UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH OF ST. JOHN SERVED IN MILITARY & MEMBER OF PARISH

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BODNAR, NICK	HRUSHKA, JOHN	MELNYK, JOSEPH
CHARNETSKI, ALEX	HALISKY, John	MICHALYSHYN, DR. BOHDAN
CHERNIAWSKI, MARSHALL	KAMINSKY, MIKE	OCHOTTA, NICK
DOWHANIUK, WALTER	KOSTASH, WILLIAM	OZIPKO, MIKE
ELASCHUK, MUREL	KROKOSH, HARRY	PLAWIUK, EUGENE
FARYNA, RAYMOND	KRUHLAK, TERRY	ROMANIUK, WALTER
FEDOROVICH, IRENE	LAWRENIUK, JOHN	SAMYCIA, MYROS
FYK, REV FR MICHAEL	LOPATKA, SYLVESTER	TCHIR, JOHN
GORESKY, ISADORE	MARCHYSHYN, NESTOR	TOKAREK, GEORGE
GREGORY, JOHN	MELNYCHUK, ANDREW	YANDA, WILLIAM
HARASYMIW, Dmytro	MELNYCHUK, BOHDAN	YAREMCHUK, DR STEPHAN
HERCHECK, JOHN	MELNYCHUK, JOHN	

## St. John's Cathedral CYMK members Remember Our Veterans

Left: Luke, Toma and Jonah Makowsky put poppies and flags at grandparents' graves at Edmonton Cemetery.

Above: Justine Jereniuk and Isabella Bayda put poppies and flags at a Melnychuk grave.



## St. John's November Pyrogy Supper prize draw evening

Senior CYMK advisors: Susan and Taras Jereniuk,  
prize draw organizers



CYMK members take a supper break after selling draw tickets and helping with clean up.



Below: Jason Sydor, Junior CYMK advisor, supervises son, Oleksa, who wipes down the tables



Parish member draw winners: above: June Kachmar and right: Ron Bayda

**The draw ticket sales generated \$800 for the parish. Thank you to all the generous prize donors.**



## Unity in Diversity

*“The purpose of this weekend is for Christians to celebrate our diversity being united in Christ and all the wonderful cultures we have in our beloved church!”*

To achieve this objective, St. Mary and St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church in Edmonton hosted performances and presentations from a variety of Orthodox parishes. **St. John’s Cathedral Choir**, the Sudanese ensemble, Ethiopian and Eritrean Tewahedo Orthodox Church groups and the host church performed examples of their liturgy. Presentations about the country and origins of Orthodoxy from Lebanon, Ireland and Netherlands also contributed to an entertaining and educational experience!

St. Mary St. Mark  
**ALL NATIONS CELEBRATION**  
*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.  
-Isaiah 56:7*

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### 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 year.

**Bruce Sembaliuk**  
**John Tanasiuk**  
**Isabelle Darkovich**  
**Patricia Stefaniuk**  
**Joana Janis**

**Halyna Jereniuk**  
**Orest Yusypchuk**  
**Olha Logvynenko**  
**Nadia Luksha**

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





## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Update

### Exciting news!

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of St. John's Cathedral parish have commenced!

"God is with us" These words were spoken at the first organizational meeting of the Ukrainian Orthodox church in Edmonton. The words "God is with us" were a rallying call for the formation of our parish and one hundred years later are still relevant in our church and in our daily lives. **The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John's celebrates the past 100 years of our Ukrainian Orthodox faith and community within our Cathedral.**

**We began our yearlong celebration by acknowledging and honoring the retirement of our beloved dean Fr. Stephan Semotiuk.** Fr. Stephan served in our parish for the past 30 years, more than half of his 53 years of priesthood. At this event on **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, Marianne Makowsky, on behalf of the anniversary committee announced the beginning of the parish celebrations. John Paul Himka gave a brief informative talk on the inaugural meeting of St. John's parish.

In **October** we were privileged to attend the  **blessing of the legacy mosaic project entitled "Our Heritage – The Past, The Present and The Future"**. These beautiful mosaics were sponsored by UWAC St. John's branch and were the vision of artist Theodora Harasymiw.

**November** saw **CYMKivtsi honoring the veterans of our parish.** This involved a liturgy/panakhyda, followed by visits to various cemeteries to place poppies and Canadian flags on veterans' graves. Unfortunately plans for a family parish puschennia had to be cancelled due to low interest.

**On December 18, St. John's church school will be celebrating St. Nicholas with a program and a visit from St. Nicholas.** After the program we will invite the children to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by decorating cookies in the shape of 100.

As well in **December, the 100 Acts of Kindness campaign will be launched.** During the Centennial year we are encouraged to be mindful of our Christian responsibilities to each other. Individual or family Acts of Kindness are to be recorded in booklets available in the church office. Completed or in progress booklets will be submitted for prize draws during the June xhram or in November, 2023.

**January** is filled with the Christmas season. Sviat Vechir and Rizdvo are special family times as we joyfully celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. St. John's will be hosting a **Malanka** on January 13, 2023. Tickets are available for purchase at the church office. Cathedral members will be given priority until December 11, at which time, tickets will go on sale to the general public. The feast of Jordan, and the Cathedral hosting the **Ukrainian carol festival on January 22** will make for a busy January.

**"Turning the Pages"**-a 45 minute dramatic reading of a play by parish members will be presented on **February 12** during the Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy. References to the early days of our Cathedral parish are made through scenes following a family's growth through the first seven decades of the church founding. Narration provides the background and commentary.

**March** will see church visits and a series of talks about our church. As well, John Paul Himka will be continuing with his interesting talks about the history of St. John's parish. The dates for all these talks are still being finalized but are sure to be of interest to all.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the many planned events. Our parish, historical and contemporary, is important to all of us. We welcome all ideas, suggestions and volunteers. We are also **appealing to all of you to help us share our parish history and activities through pictures and archival material.** Please forward these items to the church office where they will be scanned and returned to you.

Centenary Committee members: Father Semotiuk, Father Zubritsky, Iris Ciona, Julia Elaschuk, John Paul Himka, Marshall Kachmar, Gerald Kruhlyak, Pauline Mudry, and Gloria Zaharia.

**Let's honor our past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future. The spirit lives on in the vibrancy of our parish.**

Marianne Makowsky

Chair Centenary Committee



Веселих  
Свят!



О хто хто Миколая любить!





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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.

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