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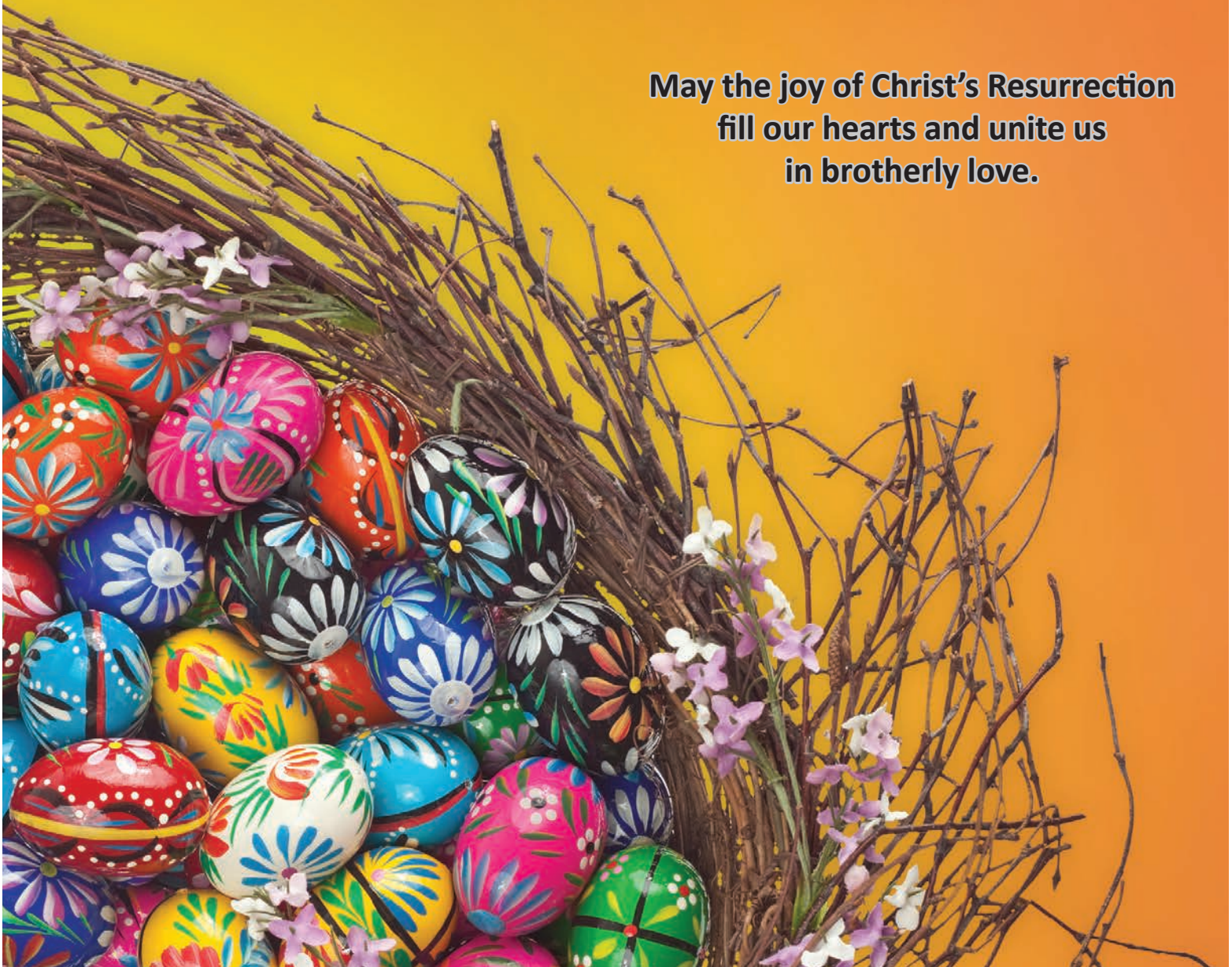
The Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and Cultural Centre

**ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!
ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

“Воскресіння день,
Просвітімось, люди!
Пасха Господня, Пасха!
Бо від смерти до життя,
І від землі до небес
Христос Бог нас перевів,
Пісню перемоги співаючи”
(Канон Пасхи, Пісня 1)

May the joy of Christ's Resurrection
fill our hearts and unite us
in brotherly love.





ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

Всечесні отці, дорогі браття і сестри!

В ці дні світлого Христового Воскресіння молитовно бажаю, щоб Воскреслий Господь дарував всім вам духовну радість і спокій, здоров'я тілесне і допомогу Божу в усіх добрих справах на многії літа!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

In these festive days when we joyfully celebrate The Holy Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - the victory of life over death, I heartily greet you.

May the joy of Easter never be extinguished in our hearts, and let the Risen Lord bless you with health, peace, and prosperity for many years.

Дорога Катедральна родино!

As your Presiding Hierarchy of the Cathedral, I greet all of you on this glorious and festive day, The Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

We have been together spiritually during the dark and solemn days of our Lord's betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and we mourned for His suffering, His death, and we felt a terrible emptiness in our life. The emptiness we felt was transferred from our hearts to the emptiness of His tomb which was discovered by the women who approached to anoint His Holy Body. He was not there. He arose on Holy Easter Sunday. Our hearts are filled with joy and we rejoice at the empty tomb, and our hearts are filled with exceeding gladness once more. The sorrow is replaced with joy.

Our life has both sorrow and joy, but let us focus first on joy. Our Cathedral has been blessed and honoured this year. The will of our Lord for His Holy Church continues to be accomplished. This year, The Holy and Sacred Synod elected me as the Primate of the UOCC and also elected me to sit on the Holy and Sacred Synod in the heart of Orthodoxy in Constantinople. A voice you have often heard here in our Cathedral is now heard at the highest level in our Church. This is a great blessing and honour for our Cathedral.

A second joy is that our Cathedral is celebrating her 100th anniversary this year. Due to the commitment and futuristic thinking of our first members of this Cathedral, and passed on and carried through by generations of faithful Cathedral members, we can now joyfully celebrate 100 years!

But there is sorrow as well. The sorrow continues with the ongoing war in Ukraine. Over a year has passed since that fateful day, February 24, 2022, when our Ukrainian nation and her people became victims and still continue to suffer at the hands of the Russian aggressor. "Боже Великий єдиний, нам Україну храни!"

Our Cathedral continues to welcome and help newcomers adapt and adjust to life in Canada, and specifically to Edmonton. It is not easy to make a fresh start in a new country, city, and Church. At this time, I thank all of you, individuals and organizations, for your overwhelming support and assistance directed to Ukraine, to Ukrainian refugees, to the needy people of Ukraine. There are so many ways to use your God-given talents and skills through projects and donations. I pray for all of you who have shown that Ukraine and her people are close to our hearts. When one member suffers, all members suffer and your prayers for Ukraine, individually and through our Cathedral, and your generous support, spiritually and financially, are to be commended.

I thank you for your sacrifices, patience, and understanding in the current situation which none of us has ever experienced before. God willing, we will experience the joy of the Resurrection for and with all the people in Ukraine very soon. I pray that the current crisis in our native homeland ends and is never repeated again.

For the first time during this Paschal Season, 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, not just during the Paschal Season, but throughout all the days this year, filled with both joy and sorrow.

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 Воскреслий Господь благословить вас Своїми великими милостями і щедротами на довгії і благії літа!

З архіпастирським благословенням,

+ILARION

Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

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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

January

Paul Diachuk

Dobr. Jane Luchak

February

Sophie Bielich

March

Eileen Yewchuk

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



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.

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З нагоди Світлого Воскресення Христового, Священики, Управа й Персонал Української Православної Катедральної Парафії Св. Івана Хрестителя в Едмонтоні, засилають Вам і Вашій Родині найщиріші побажання - Божого благословення, міцного здоров'я та повної воскресної радості!

В цей радісний день обніміймо по братньому один одного і все простімо ради Христового Воскресення. Нехай Воскреший Христос наповнить Ваші серця чистою і глибокою радістю та подасть Вам душевного спокою.

On this great Day of the Resurrection, the Cathedral Priests, Council of Directors and Staff of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Edmonton, sincerely greet you and your family, and extend to you wishes of health, happiness and spiritual blessings.

May the power of Christ's Resurrection bring about the Lord's Kingdom into our own lives, our homes, our community and our Church. Let us be illumined by the most holy of Holy Days, by the greatest of all Joys, for Christ is Risen, Eternal Joy!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN
(01 AUGUST 2022 – 20 FEBRUARY 2023)

Introductory Comments

I was assigned the obedience of serving this cathedral community as its dean on 01 August 2022 by His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion of Winnipeg, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, to whom I am ceaselessly indebted for his paternal wisdom, guidance, and trust in my ministry. This follows close to a decade-and-a-half of harmonious and fruitful work alongside my immediate predecessor, the Right Reverend Protopresbyter Father Stephan Semotiuk. I wish to begin my annual report by acknowledging, firstly, Fr. Stephan's numerous contributions to our cathedral community over his thirty years of ministry with us and express my sincere personal gratitude for the opportunity to pray with him, work and serve with him, and learn from him. He has proven to be a most valuable and appreciated friend, mentor, and example of caring pastoral service to the people of God, and leaves a wonderful legacy of loving, authentic priestly ministry for our Christian family of faithful. I wish to acknowledge and thank Protodeacon Yaroslav Boychuk, with whom I enjoy the blessing of serving before our Lord's Holy Table.

I would never have expected to be re-assigned to my current duties in a time of (what I have characterized as) a "perfect storm of pastoral challenge": 1) being assigned to serve as dean of a large, cathedral congregation as the sole priest, 2) transitioning out of the COVID-19 pandemic, 3) carrying out my ministry during a time of world-scale conflict affecting our Ukrainian Orthodox community directly, including meeting the needs of a new, sizable constituency within our congregation – Ukrainian refugees and new immigrants, who now make our cathedral their spiritual home, and are settling into the rhythm of our community. The challenge is great, though far from insurmountable! I am so very thankful that I "share the load" of our labours with our determined and creative Parish Council team, led by its capable and dedicated President, our brother-in-Christ, Marshall Kachmar.

I am concluding the seventh month of the first year of my new service. I am blessed, beyond any doubt, with having been given the opportunity to pastor this community of faithful Orthodox Christians. Our cathedral, celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2023, has firmly established itself in the Orthodox community of Edmonton, the wider Ukrainian community of our city and province, and as the "mother church" within the Western Eparchy (since 1959). We are a recognizable, landmark church community within the city of Edmonton and the Province of Alberta. It is important to remind ourselves, however, that we are also a dynamic community, and though we have much to laud from our past – we must continue to adjust and make the necessary decisions that will allow us to keep fulfilling our chief and most important commission: preaching the Gospel of Christ in the hostile environment of growing secularism and godlessness, in a manner that is relevant and effective in the lives of current and future generations.

In the following paragraphs, I offer information on my service in these last seven months, along with observations, where applicable.

I. Dean's Daily Administrative & Pastoral Responsibilities

Since August, I have adjusted my time of physical presence in the cathedral. The new office hours are posted each week in the Sunday bulletin. Essentially, I can be found in my office every day of the week. Members and visitors have physical access to me anytime they come by to the cathedral and, to this point, many of you – and our newly-arrived friends from Ukraine in particular – have taken the opportunity to stop by, light a candle, say a prayer and stop in for a visit. I wish to note that in my weekly schedule, Wednesday is the day on which I try to set aside for scheduled visits to/with those who need it or request it outside the office. As our faithful are adjusting to the new limitations of being served by one priest, I am also receiving, with increased frequency, individuals who wish to participate in the Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession) during the week, rather than on the weekend.

Generally, my work is taken up with homily preparation, bulletin preparation, flyer creation (when relevant), contributing to our Facebook page, monthly/festal calendar preparation, the "ustav" (liturgical order) preparation for the week's liturgical service(s), programme scheduling and planning (when relevant), and frequent interaction/consultation with our Parish Council President and Office Administrator.

OBSERVATIONS: The preparation of the weekly bulletin was a task assigned to me in 2008, upon my arrival in the parish as the Associate Priest, "just temporarily, until we find another volunteer." That was almost 15 years ago... More recently, the task of preparing the monthly calendar landed on my desk after the decision was made to stop publishing the pocket calendars of previous years. The Facebook and YouTube pages were initiated by me, off my personal accounts, because we

had no social media presence (apart from our web page, managed by Chickenlip Consulting, who provide us with our IT systems – many thanks to Michael and Patricia!). YouTube proved to be an absolute necessity during the pandemic! I am extremely thankful to Orest Pohoreski for taking the lead on building our audio-video capabilities, allowing us to livestream worship and events – a great enhancement of our services in the digital age. However, neither he nor I can continue in status quo. Sooner, rather than later, we need to reconsider how these tasks can be shared and who can take responsibility – individually or as a collective – for these important functions in our parish. My thanks to Olena Korniyenko for her sustained and willing assistance with my office duties whenever I require it.

On the issue of pastoral visitations – this is an area of ministry that always requires review and improvement. Contrary to the presumptions of some, this is an active part of my ministry. My hope is – with the goal of enhancing this important part of our parish's life – we will have opportunity soon to review the activity of the once functioning "Pastoral Care Committee" of the late 1980's to the mid-1990's, which was also a component of the "Ukrainian Orthodox

Benevolent Committee of Edmonton" (chaired by Mitch Makowsky), involving all five (!) of our local congregations. We ought to consider reviewing the scope of "pastoral ministry" which does not presume pastoral service to the sick, shut-in and dying exclusively, but also those who are, for example, seekers, new to our cathedral community, new parents, newlyweds, etc. I wish to thank all those who contact me with invitations, or request visits and calls on behalf of others. This is extremely helpful and appreciated!

II. Liturgical & Sacramental Life of the Cathedral

The liturgical and sacramental life of the Church is, without any question, Her central and most important role/service/function, unique and exclusive compared to any other social institution. It needs to be so! The health of the Church is not measured by numbers or documents, but by the strength of Her sacramental life – the Communion – of Her members, in unity with God and with the rest of the Body of Christ! A cathedral parish, additionally, has the unique responsibility of showing an example to other parishes in the eparchy of a rich, full liturgical life, anchored by the Eucharist and Holy Mysteries (Sacraments).

The COVID interruption to our liturgical life certainly imposed limitations on our corporate prayer rhythm; however, it did provide an opportunity as well – to consider alternatives and additions to the parish's prayer/worship, and even "liturgical cooperation" with our sister congregations. We added, for example, the weekly Moleben' & Akathist (by directive and blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion). Divine Liturgy (especially when we were livestreaming exclusively) was served at 9:30 AM, and now this has become a fixed time. The Edmonton Ukrainian Orthodox Deanery gathered in our cathedral during the Nativity Fast to celebrate the Holy Mystery of Unction for the first time; this will be an annual event, now. Since November 2022, Great Vespers has been added to the service schedule on all Saturdays, not only during the Holy & Great and Nativity Fast periods. This allows another opportunity to worship and pray in our cathedral in addition to Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, and for our faithful to participate in the Holy Mystery of Repentance in an unhurried, more tranquil setting on Saturday evenings. I anticipate making a few "tweaks" to the schedule during the Holy & Great Fast, as well. I will be taking the rest of the year to evaluate and consider our schedule of liturgical services and will consult with the Parish Council regarding any modifications.

Since 01 August 2022, 7 Baptisms and 2 Weddings have been celebrated, along with numerous Funerals, Panakhydas, and a small number of Molebens (by request). This summer will see a higher number of weddings celebrated – five – than in the immediately preceding years.

OBSERVATIONS: Please consider that all these services are not the responsibility of the priest alone, but of several other dedicated individuals – the (one and only!) Diak, the (one and only!) Ponomar (Elder), the choir and its conductor, our Acolytes, and those who see to it that the cathedral is clean and tidy. I wish to express my deepest appreciation to our cantor, Fedir Gotsaliuk and Ed Thomson for their labours of love and dedication to service during worship. Thanks also to Orest Soltykevych, now in his second year "holding the baton" before our

cathedral choir, and to all our choir members for sharing their time for the love of liturgical music and for their dedication to offering their talent in such a beautiful fashion. I am enjoying praying with our re-invigorated Acolyte team, supported and encouraged by their parents. I thank the volunteers who gather seasonally to help clean and "vest" our beautiful worship space for festal and lenten seasons.

III. Education & Spiritual Development

Among the numerous "victims" of the COVID pandemic were, of course, our children and youth, who were deprived of acolyte service, Church School, CYMK gatherings, even summer camp sessions at Camp Bar-V-Nok. We cannot, at the same time, dismiss the negative consequences of COVID which have left their mark on our Seniors' Club, UWAC branch activities, even our catering activities (among several others). We are coming back slowly but surely, working toward revitalizing and renewing membership and participation. It is, admittedly, a struggle. It is not as simple an endeavour as simply announcing "we are back – come join us!" Some cannot come back, some have moved on, some have succumbed to the temptation of the "chesterfield church" of livestreams and Zoom meetings and are working through motivating themselves to return to real-life participation.

Like the renewal of our post-pandemic liturgical life, our education and social programmes are in a state that requires more than simply returning to status quo, they all require objective review, consideration, and contemplation of creative solutions to delivery and execution. Collectively, we have made progress in reengaging our acolytes, and the Church School is making progress in returning to consistent and productive instruction and liturgical participation, including attracting and engaging children of our newly-arrived families. I wish to express my gratitude to Lesia Pohoreski for volunteering and dedicating her precious time to getting Church School “back on its feet” and finding parent volunteer instructors to assist her in this challenging task. I am happy to report we had two successful Marriage Preparation sessions this fall and winter for all five of our couples preparing for the Holy Mystery of Crowning in Marriage this summer. A priority for me is to have Diakivstvo instruction start before the end of this ecclesiastical year.

OBSERVATION: When I moved to Edmonton in 1988 and began worshipping at this cathedral, I continued my study of diakivstvo under the tutelage of Andrew Melnychuk (of blessed memory). Eventually, there were six diaky serving this parish. None of us in that group waited for a “programme” or class to start. We simply asked Mr. Melnychuk if we could sing with him. That’s how it begins...

In addition, I have a number of other ideas for education and spiritual development, e.g. bringing back the “Fellowship in Faith Encounters” adult education sessions I offered in the early years of my service, here; family faith development; seekers classes; reading circles; baptismal preparation classes; grief support circles; support and social activities for Ukrainian refugees and new immigrants, creating a kiosk for the selling of icons and literature, etc., etc. None of the

above, however, can be accomplished (let alone successfully) by one person or the same small group of people who are doing a dozen other tasks in our parish already. Too often I and Parish Council hear the statements, “you need to...” or “why aren’t you/they doing...”. The parish is a community, a family. Its talented members are always welcome to contribute to our common needs and goals – propose and execute a good idea which will benefit our growth, development and aid us in our journey toward salvation! For some of the above, I have spoken to other priests in the Edmonton Deanery about collaborating on some of these activities, because none of them are “Cathedral exclusive” nor is it necessary for five parishes to be doing the exact same thing, each of us “in our own little corners.”

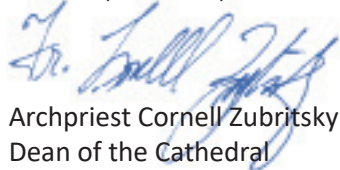
Concluding Comments

I realize my report is lengthy, longer than in previous years, perhaps. My hope is that through it, I have at least inspired some consideration of how much we accomplish in our cathedral community each and every day, how hard our staff and volunteers work, how many more volunteers we need to accomplish even greater things. This parish community certainly has the talent and potential to achieve them! Whether it is in the church proper, the administration office, outreach beyond the church building, our substantial facility and property (cared for by Petro Motyka and Anna Wilson), or with our cook, Maxine Zakordonski and her team in our kitchen and cultural centre – each of us certainly has options when considering making a contribution of time and talent to our church family. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, we all need to evaluate and draw a distinction between what is necessary and beneficial in our lives and what is of secondary importance or superfluous. We are an Orthodox Christian community of faithful, first and most importantly. I hope and pray we will all take up the challenge of making personal contributions, regardless how small or large, to continually improve our work and good deeds. The best tribute we can offer to those who came before us in the last century of our cathedral’s service to our wonderful Ukrainian Orthodox community is to respond with a determination to value and increase this inheritance, to declare as Joshua did to the gathering of the clans at Shechem: “... as for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord.”

To conclude, I wish to repeat my sincerest gratitude to His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion for his continuing trust and unquestionable canonical leadership; to our Parish Council, and all our staff and volunteers – your work and assistance form the strong backbone upon which all else is built up in our cathedral.

Finally, in all sincerity, if I have offended or hurt any of you in any way in these months – I ask your forgiveness!

With fraternal affection
in Christ, the Lord,



Archpriest Cornell Zubritsky
Dean of the Cathedral

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Христос Воскрес--Воїстено Воскрес!

Please accept my festive greetings to all our membership and community family. I wish to greet our new arrivals from Ukraine with Easter greetings who are far away from family and friends at this time of year.

I wish to humbly thank all who have supported me and the parish council in returning to serve you for another year. With the pandemic in the past, our hope is for a good and successful year for our parish.

Our bookings are a good indication for a forthcoming very busy year. Many new arrivals have helped our volunteers, of which we rely heavily on to both host and serve in the many functions. We are all very thankful for our volunteers who assist in sharing the workload.

As has been mentioned in the past, our facilities and equipment are aging. Close monitoring has thankfully prevented major problems. On a recent inspection, we have found that our Cathedral steam boiler is leaking badly. This will be a major repair bill, and at this time we have yet to receive a quote on the estimated cost. I am thankful that this issue has been spotted, as it allows us to do the repairs over the course of the summer months in preparation for next winter.

It has been nice to see that our attendance in church has been increasing, and we continue to thank our newly arrived Ukrainians to our church family. Let us all help them settle in their new city and country so that they may enjoy a lifestyle that we are accustomed to.

On behalf of Parish Council, we wish to thank Metropolitan Ilarion and our Cathedral Dean Archpriest Fr. Cornell Zubritsky for their support and continued Christian leadership. It is with great pleasure to see our recently retired Clergy attend our services and help out as the need arises.

It has been a pleasure to see our youth participate in Church under the direction and leadership of Lesia Pohoreski. A big thank-you to all those individuals who assist her.

Deacon Gary and the twin Zubritsky altar servers add so much to our liturgies. The singing and participation of the Choir and Cantor continue to make our services complete. Thank-you from all of us!

May Easter bring you blessings throughout the year! Please stay safe, healthy and happy!

With Christian Love,

Marshall Kachmar
Parish President



St. John's Cathedral Parish Council 2023-2024

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ATTENTION: MARSHALL KACHMAR

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

We extend a VERY SINCERE THANK YOU to the Western Eparchy of the UOCC for providing the full Banquet meal, wine and Celebratory Cake for the Metropolitan's Enthronement Celebration held on Saturday, November 19, 2022

Your love, kindness, and generosity made it possible for us to bring this Celebration to a GRAND SUCCESS!

MARSHALL: Thank you for your advice and guidance in planning this Historic Event in the Life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada.

May God help YOU to reap the fruitful harvest for your love, kindness, and generosity!

With Christian Love;

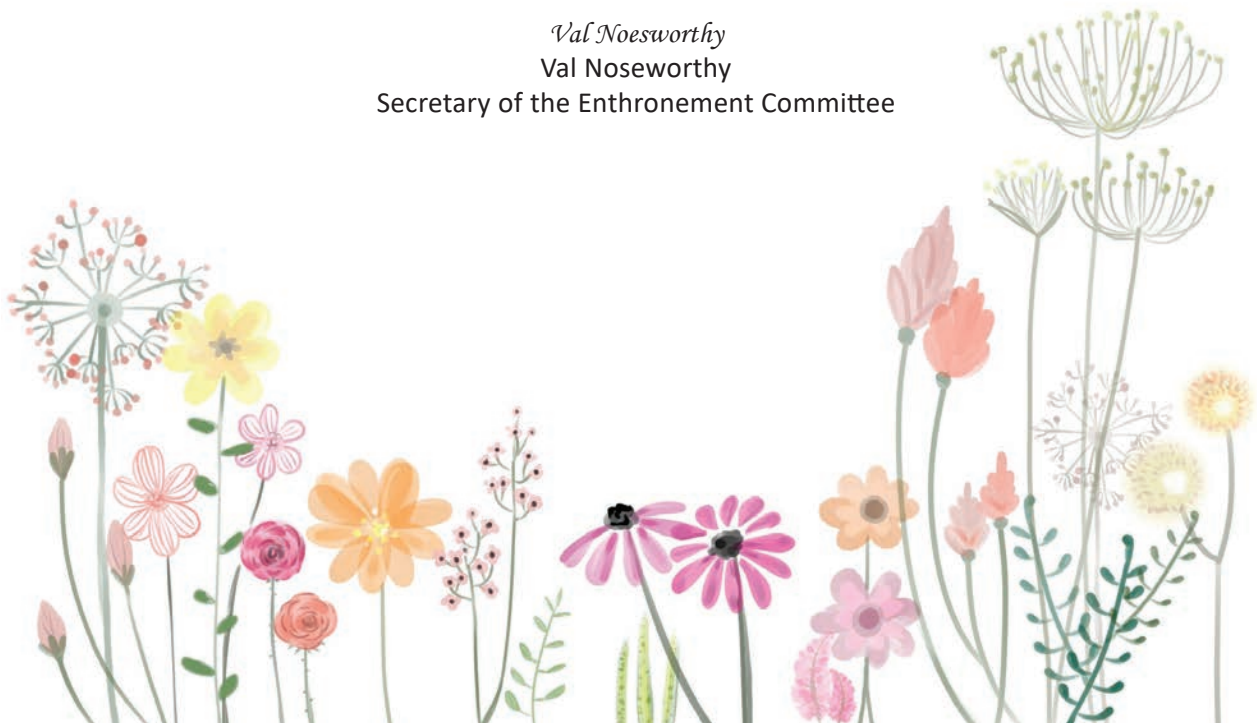
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Rt. Rev. Nicholas Orest Rauliuk

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Chair of the Enthronement Committee

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Secretary of the Enthronement Committee



Treasurer's report - Orest Pohoreski

The following are some of the highlights of our finances over the past year-Overall we have seen a small surplus in our 2022 operating budget.

- Major revenue contributors were:
 - Estate bequests of approx. \$23,000 received.
 - The remainder of federal government wage subsidy covid support of approx. \$34,000
 - V-nok Society (fundraising casino towards complex operations) \$29,000
 - Catering events (thanks to our volunteers!) – approx. \$58,000 net
 - Non-catered facility rental - approx. \$62,000
 - Parking revenue - \$8,000
 - **USRL Edmonton donation - \$16,000** Thank you to all those who gave of their time, their efforts, and their financial support which is needed and appreciated.
 - **Much appreciation as well goes out to our UWAC (Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada) local that recently provided a \$20,000 donation to our parish!**
- Major expenses/costs for this past year:
 - Utilities (power/water) up \$43000 or 41% increase to \$113000.
 - Insurance up 50% over 2020 costs to \$36500 – this year now \$40000
 - Total salaries \$251000 including clergy/catering/admin/caretaking/etc
 - Repairs and replacement of kitchen and manse equipment.
- As per these costs- just to keep our complex open and lights on costs over \$400,000 yearly.

Overhead costs such as these are a challenge to manage especially in a large complex such as we have. For example – our steam coil system for the church heating has worn out after some 70 years – replacing this part alone this year is estimated at over \$70,000.

We continue to look at any revenue leakage or expense control opportunities – but we cannot manage effectively without your generous support. Please help however you can whether volunteering or giving (contributions/preauthorized donations/eTransfers/estate bequests) to assist in taking care of this beautiful facility and our parish community.

- Speaking of finances and it being tax season – just a refresher on how we all benefit from charitable giving from a tax perspective – consider this example:

Your donation to St. Johns	\$200	\$1000	\$5,000
CRA Tax credit	\$50	\$450	\$2,450
Your actual cost	\$150	\$550	\$2,550

Also – I am ready to train any interested techy volunteers in operating our church livestream system which services on YouTube generate on average 200-250 views per week with over 300 subscribers – helping in our mission/outreach efforts as well as providing a faith connection to those parishioners unable to physically attend services. We provided over 80 livestreamed services in 2022 - hopefully we can continue this livestreaming on a regular basis with your help. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and faith!



Communion



"Turning the Pages"

A dramatic reading presented on February 12, 2023 in the Cultural Centre after a fellowship lunch.



St. John's Cathedral history was narrated and scenes from a fictional family were presented. Scenes depicted life at home as influenced by its Parish membership for each decade. The original presentation was conceived and directed by **Julia Elaschuk** for The Cathedral's 75 anniversary. The 2023 Centenary production was adapted by Julia Elaschuk, Leona Faryna Bridges and the cast. Talented parish cast members include: **Ron Bayda, Isabella Bayda, Leona Faryna Bridges, Larysa Chomiak, Halyna Elkow, Jonah Makowsky and Christine Faryna Zwozdesky.**



“A Century of Expressing the Orthodox Faith”

The first in the Jubilee Lecture series by Father Cornell



Archpriest Cornell Zubritsky kept an audience of about 45 participants intrigued with his presentation about our Cathedral temple's history, iconography etc. on Sunday, March 12.



**Two more in the series are planned
after Fellowship lunch:**

March 19 *Membership in the
Orthodox Church: What It Is, What It
Isn't, Why It's Necessary"*

April 2

100 ACTS OF KINDNESS

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations we introduced a booklet and asked anyone interested to track 100 acts of kindness in celebration of our 100 years. This is a reminder that the books are available in the church office.

З нагоди святкування 100 річчя заснування нашого собору, створений буклет «100 добродійних вчинків», він знаходиться в офісі кафедри і всі бажаючі можуть його заповнювати.

100 ACTS OF KINDNESS



100 добрих вчинків

Name / Ім'я: _____

100 Acts of Kindness

Celebrate and mark the St. John's Cathedral centenary by completing and recording.

100 Acts of Kindness during the Centennial Year

- Pick up a booklet from the church office or a Centenary committee representative to be completed as individuals or as a family
- Record your Act: completing a household chore with no reminders, donating to a charity, supporting or helping someone in need, volunteering at or donating to a charity, reading to or helping a sibling...
- Similar or the same Acts can be recorded more than once if performed more than once
- Booklets, partially filled in or completed, to be submitted for a prize draw in June at the Cathedral xhram and finally during St. Nicholas visit December 2023
- Completing more than one booklet is encouraged
- Blank pages can be used to illustrate or draw Acts

100 добродійних вчинків

Святкуйте сторіччя Кафедрального Собору Св.Івана записуючи свої добродійні вчинки.

100 добродійних вчинків на протязі року святкування сторіччя створення Кафедрального Собору Св.Івана

- Ви можете взяти форму для заповнення в церковному офісі або у представника комітету по святкуванню, кожна форма може бути заповнена ,як для окремої людини, так і для сім'ї.
- Запишіть свій вчинок, наприклад, виконання домашньої роботи без нагадувань; допомога брату або сестрі, читання їм книжок; пожертва на благодійні організації; підтримка та допомога тих, хто потребує помочі; волонтерство...
- Подібні або тиж самі вчинки можуть бути записані більше одного разу, якщо вони виконувались більше одного разу.
- Заповнені форми будуть приймати участь в розіграші призів попередньо у червні в Соборі та остаточно в грудні 2023, під час візиту Святого Миколая.
- Ви можете заповнити більше однієї форми.
- На порожніх сторінках можна малювати свої добродійні вчинки.

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, St. John's Cathedral Branch and St. John's Parish Easter Bake Sale

Larysa Chomiak, Myroslava Chomiak, Zonia Ewanchuk, Elaine V. Harasymiw, Donna Kowalishin, and Oryssia Lennie managed a paska, babka and home baking sale on Friday, March 31, at the "Varenyky" supper and then again on Sunday, April 2, at Fellowship and prior to Father Cornell presenting the third in the Jubilee Lecture Series- *"100 Years of Preaching the Orthodox Faith"*.

Sincere appreciation to the members of the UWAC, St. John's Cathedral Branch who donated so generously to the bake sale and to St. John's Parish and community members who supported this venture.

We thank UWAC, St. John's Cathedral Branch and Parish members who made Easter Outreach deliveries (babka, paska, card and The Cathedral Bulletin) to the homebound: **Leona Bridges, Larysa & Myroslava Chomiak, Julia Elashchuk, Elaine V. Harasymiw, Donna Kowalishin, Oryssia Lennie, and George and Gloria Zaharia.**



Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada. St. John's Cathedral Branch and St. John's Cathedral Parish Easter Baking March 2023

The following volunteers under the guidance of chef Maxine Zakordonsky donated time and skills to create and bake pasky and babky for the annual Easter sale.

Monday, March 27: Rick Assant, Darlene Barnard, MaryAnn Baziuk, Lori, Boyarski, Iris Ciona, Julia Elashuk, Danielle Gauld, Cathie Gordey, Shirley Jackson, Elaine V. Harasymiw, Donna Kowalishin, Nadia Opyr

Wednesday, March 29: Rick Assant, Darlene Barnard, Leona Bridges, Larysa Chomiak, Myroslava Chomiak, David Chumer, Sandra Dymianiw, Julia Elashuk, Danielle Gauld, Cathie Gordey, Elaine V. Harasymiw, Shirley Jackson, Khrystyna Kostyshyn, Donna Kowalishin, Iris Olinek, Olesia Talpash



George Zaharia receives the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal



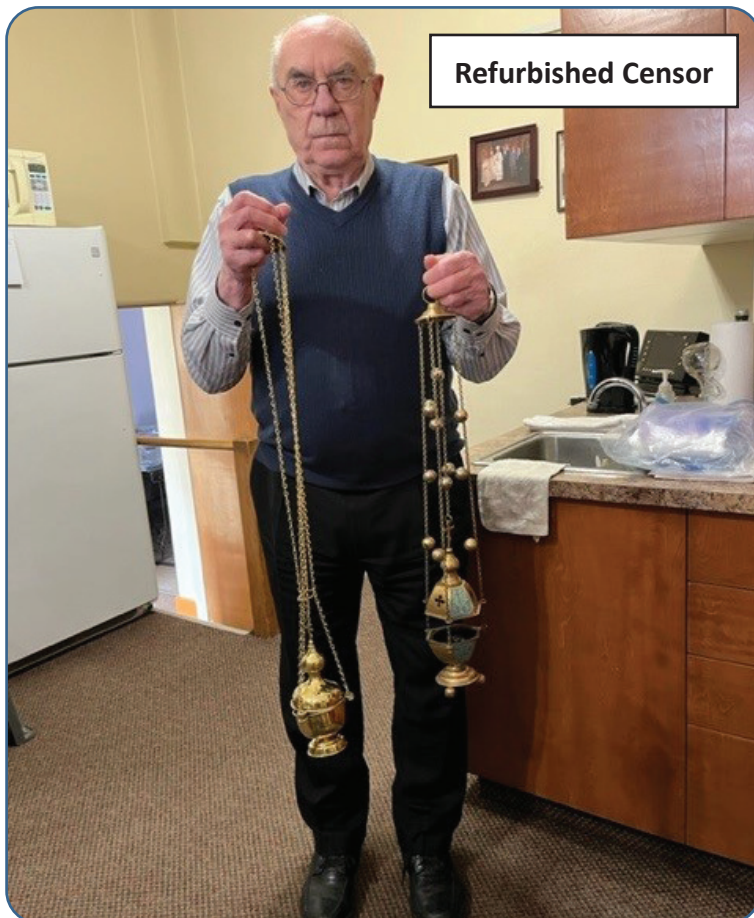
Our cheerful and dedicated church greeter, George Zaharia, was honoured on February 21st with the Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee medal. It was presented by the Honourable Dale Nally at a special ceremony at Government House. He was nominated by the Director of Cemeteries for the Province of Alberta for being

"a strong advocate of cemetery development and long-term planning, and being proactive in working to address issues that impact all non-profit, non-municipal cemetery owners. He is passionate about ensuring cemeteries provide meaningful and dignified services to communities they serve."

George is the General Manager and sole employee of St. Stephen's Cemetery, operated by the Council of Ukrainian Orthodox Churches in Edmonton. He has been involved from the very beginning of the development of the cemetery, from securing funds for the purchase of the 80-acre site, to operating all aspects of running the business - working with architects and landscape architects, maintaining and developing the property, and arranging for all burials and interments.

George was the president of St. John's Parish on two occasions, for a total of eight years. During that time he was instrumental in many of the building projects and enhancements that took place, including the pedway, the seminar room, the enlargement and refurbishment of the kitchen in the Cultural Centre, and the construction of the solarium.

We are proud to offer congratulations to George, on behalf of St. John's Cathedral members and adherents.



Refurbished Censor



Guess Who I Am?

I am now 3 years old and my 3rd appearance in the Cathedral Connection. Who am I?



JOIN US FOR AN

**Easter
Potluck
luncheon
Спільне
Свячене**

Bring a salad, or a
meat! Perhaps a
dessert?

Pasky,
babky-
Easter
foods
welcome!

**SUNDAY, APRIL
23RD, FOLLOWING THE
DIVINE LITURGY
PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE
CHURCH OFFICE**

CONTACT POHORESKIL@GMAIL.COM FOR
MORE INFORMATION!



Job Fair, organized by Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC)



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PASCHAL VISITATION OF GRAVES ("PROVODY") 2023*

(START TIME IS 2:00 PM AT EACH CEMETERY)

CONGREGATION

	<u>St. Andrew</u>	<u>St. Elias</u>	<u>St. Michael</u>	<u>St. Anthony</u>	<u>St. John</u>
<u>Edmonton Municipal</u>	23 April	30 April	07 May	14 May	21 May
<u>Beechmount</u>	30 April	07 May	14 May	21 May	23 April
<u>St. Michael</u>	07 May	14 May	21 May	23 April	30 April
<u>Evergreen</u>	14 May	21 May	23 April	30 April	07 May
<u>St. Stephan's</u>	21 May	23 April	30 April	07 May	14 May

CEMETERY

*As you can see, above, priests from only one of our parishes will be present at each cemetery, each Sunday, at the scheduled time.

Alternatively, you may make individual appointments with your parish priest(s), as required. Priests will not consider individual appointment requests before 3:30 PM on the any of the above-noted Sundays.

**ПАСХАЛЬНЕ ВІДВІДАННЯ ГРОБІВ ("ПРОВІДИ") 2023 р.*
(СЛУЖІВНІ ПАНАХИД ПОЧИНАЄТЬСЯ О 14:00 НА КОЖНОМУ ЦВІНТАРІ)**

ПАРАФІЯ

	<u>Св. Андрея</u>	<u>Св. Іллі</u>	<u>Св. Михаїла</u>	<u>Св. Антонія</u>	<u>Св. Івана</u>
<u>Edmonton Municipal</u>	23 квітня	30 квітня	07 травня	14 травня	21 травня
<u>Beechmount</u>	30 квітня	07 травня	14 травня	21 травня	23 квітня
<u>St. Michael</u>	07 травня	14 травня	21 травня	23 квітня	30 квітня
<u>Evergreen</u>	14 травня	21 травня	23 квітня	30 квітня	07 травня
<u>St. Stephen's</u>	21 травня	23 квітня	30 квітня	07 травня	14 травня

ЦВІНТАР

*Просимо зауважити, що кожної неділі будуть присутні тільки священнослужителі згаданої парафії на зазначеному цвинтарі

Якщо вищезгаданий розклад Вас не влаштовує, можна домовлятися безпосередньо з настоятелем вашої парафії. «Приватні панахиди» в неділю можна замовляти тільки після 15:30.



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¹ Details of these services are found in the brochure, "Holy Week & Paschal Services 2023," (available in print form in the Administration Office or read the PDF version on our Facebook page).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5TH SUNDAY OF THE FAST 2 (VEN. MARY OF EGYPT) 8:30 AM MATINS 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY *PRESENTATION BY FR. CORNELL	3	4	5 5:30 PM LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS ("AXIOS" CHOIR SINGING)	6	7 ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS 9:15 AM LITIA 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY	1 SATURDAY OF THE AKATHIST 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY 4:30 PM GREAT VESPERS (CONFESSION)
9[*] PALM SUNDAY (ENTRANCE OF OUR LSIC INTO JERUSALEM) 8:30 AM MATINS 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY	10[*]	11[*]	12[*] GREAT WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY 6:00 PM HOLY MYSTERY OF UNCTION AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY OF KYIV	13[*] GREAT THURSDAY 9:30 AM VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY 6:00 PM MATINS (READING OF THE 12 PASSION GOSPELS)	14[*] GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY 5:00 PM VESPERS & CARRYING OUT OF THE SHROUD	15[*] GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY 9:30 AM VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY 10:30 PM MIDNIGHT SERVICE 11:00 PM PASCHAL MATINS
16[*] PASCHA OF CHRIST MIDNIGHT DIVINE LITURGY & BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOODS 8:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY & BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOODS	17[*] BRIGHT MONDAY 8:30 AM MATINS 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY	18[*] BRIGHT TUESDAY 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY	19[*] BRIGHT WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM AKATHIST TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST	20 CHRIST IS RISENI!	21 CHRIST IS RISENI!	22 CHRIST IS RISENI!
23[*] 2 ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA (APOSTLE THOMAS) 8:30 AM MATINS 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY	24 Христово Воскресіння!	25	26	27	28 "VARENYKY" SUPPER 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	29



Українська Православна Катедрa Св. Івана Хрестителя

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<p>1 Детальна інформація, щодо цих богослужінь надрукована в брошурі "Богослужіння страсного тижня та Пасхи Христової 2023" (копії знаходяться при вході до храму та в офісі адміністрації катедрі. Можна й читати PDF версію, яка знаходиться на нашому Facebook сторінці).</p>						
<p>2 5-та Неділя Посту (Прп. МАРІЇ ЄГИПЕТСЬКОЇ) 08:30 УТРЕНЯ 09:30 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ * Доповідь о. Корнілія</p>	3	4	<p>5 17:30 ЛІТУРГІЯ РАНІШОСВЯЧЕНИХ ДАРІВ (співає ХОР «АКСІОС»)</p>	6	<p>7 БЛАГОВІЩЕННЯ ПРЕСВЯТИЙ БОГОРОДИЦІ 09:15 Літія 09:30 Бож. Літургія</p>	<p>1* СУБОТА АКАФІСА 09:30 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ 16:30 ВЕЛИКА ВЕЧІРНЯ (Сповідь)</p>
<p>9* НЕДІЛЯ ВЕРБНА (Вхід ГНІХ в Єрусалим) 08:30 УТРЕНЯ 09:30 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ</p>	10	11	<p>12* ВЕЛИКА СЕРЕДА 09:30 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ 18:00 ТАЙСТВО ЕЛЕОПОМАЗАННЯ (Соборування) в Церкві Прп. АНТОНІЯ ПЕЧЕРСЬКОГО</p>	<p>13* ВЕЛИКИЙ ЧЕТВЕР 09:30 ВЕЧІРНЯ з БОЖЕСТВЕННОЮ ЛІТУРГІЄЮ 18:00 УТРЕНЯ (Читання 12 СТРАСНИХ ЄВАНГЕЛІЙ)</p>	<p>14* ВЕЛИКА І СВЯТА П'ЯТНИЦЯ 17:00 ВЕЧІРНЯ І ВІНОС ПЛАЩАНИЦІ</p>	<p>8* ЛАЗАРЕВА СУБОТА 09:30 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ 16:30 ВЕЛИКА ВЕЧІРНЯ (Сповідь)</p>
<p>16* ПАСХА ХРИСТОВА 00:00 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ І ОСВЯЧЕННЯ ПАСХАЛЬНИХ СТРАВ 08:00 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ І ОСВ. ПАСХАЛЬНИХ СТРАВ</p>	<p>17* СВІТЛИЙ ПОНЕДІЛОК 08:30 УТРЕНЯ 09:30 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ</p>	<p>18* СВІТЛИЙ ВІВТОРОК 09:30 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ</p>	<p>19* ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! 18:00 АКАФІСТ ВОСКРЕСІННО ХРИСТОВОМУ</p>	<p>20 ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!</p>	<p>21 ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!</p>	<p>15* ВЕЛИКА І СВЯТА СУБОТА 09:30 ВЕЧІРНЯ з БОЖЕСТВЕННОЮ ЛІТУРГІЄЮ 22:30 ПОЛУНОЦНИЦЯ 23:00 ПАСХАЛЬНА УТРЕНЯ</p>
<p>23* 2-га Неділя ПАСХИ (Св. Ап. Фоми) 08:30 УТРЕНЯ 09:30 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ</p>	<p>24 ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!</p>	25	26	28	<p>28 ВЕЧІРНЯ "ВАРЕНИЧНА" 17:00 - 19:00</p>	<p>22 ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!</p>
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