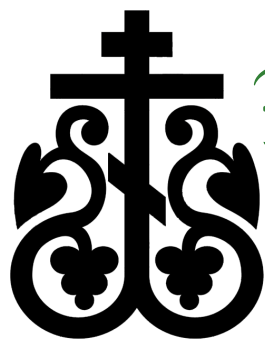


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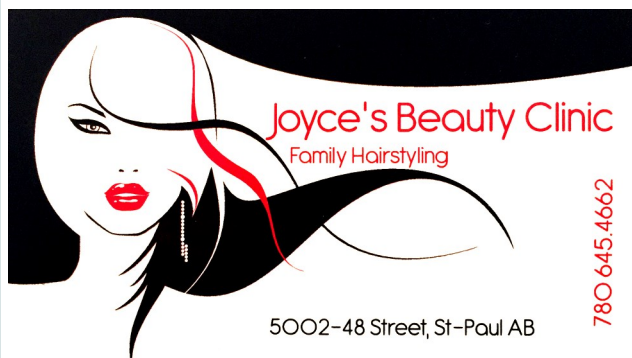


Bonnyville & District Parish News

Sponsors!

Our fundraising committee has begun a new campaign -
Newsletter Sponsorship!

If you are interested in how you can sponsor a newsletter,
please see Caroline Yewchin.



Many thanks to
Joyce Drapaka
for sponsoring the June
Newsletter.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Submitted by Fr. Peter Haugen

Христос посеред нас!

Christ is amongst us!

Each of the parishes within our district is named after a Saint, Saints, or a Feast Day. It is important for us to know and understand these important feast celebrations as they may help us to understand our faith, our parish life, and the Saints that we find example in.

Over the next few months, I will be publishing articles to assist us in this very discovery of our parish feast day celebrations, or as we refer to them in Ukrainian, our "Xpam".



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The Sunday of All Saints

“Be Holy for I am Holy”

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those –an enormous number -who are known only to God. There have been Saints at all times and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

In fact this is why the Holy Spirit was sent to us by Our Lord Jesus from the Father. The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy"(Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). No one should be content to remain as he or she is. We are all called upon to continually move on up to the heights, as one of the Holy Ones we have been speaking about, St. Gregory Palamas, challenged us to do with his dying breath.

No one ought to be simply measuring himself or herself against other people and being content to be better than the ones we perceive to be less than ourselves. Our standard is God Himself! A candle may appear to be less than microscopic in comparison with the mighty Sun, but it shares the Sun's quality of being able to shine, to give light, to give warmth and to give comfort. And also to light other candles! This is what all followers of Jesus are called to do!

There is a joy in being so linked and so challenged! There is also a sadness, because we frequently (perhaps even continually) see how far we are from this ideal state to which we are called. But this is a blessed sadness, like the thirst of someone who is about to drink a glass of cool fresh water –they are happy to have been thirsty, for that wonderful pleasure of having one's thirst so quenched would not be unless they were thirsty to begin with.

The Feast of All Saints may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all Martyrs. Eventually it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous



Liturgical Scripture Readings

June 2018

Sunday, June 3rd

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Heb. 11:33-12:2;

Gospel: Matt. 10:32-33, 33-38; 19:27-30.

Sunday, June 10th

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 2:10-16;

Gospel: Matt. 4:18-23.

Sunday, June 17th

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 5:1-10;

Gospel: Matt. 6:22-33.

Sunday, June 24th

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 6:18-23;

Gospel: Matt. 8:5-13.

Newsletter Submissions Needed!

Please keep the submissions for the newsletter coming! Announcements, reports, stories, photos... If you want to share it, we want to see it! Please feel free to submit to me anytime.

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If anyone you know is in the Hospital, or are at home ill and would like a visitation from me, please contact me and I will make immediate arrangements to meet with them.

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lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

A Troparion to All Saints goes thus: "Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets, holy Hierarchs, Saints and Righteous, having fought the good fight and kept the faith you have boldness towards the Savior. Intercede for us with Him, for He is good, we pray, that He may save our souls."

We are reminded that not only are we called to be holy, but that the Holy Ones continually accompany and surround us invisibly –not to judge and condemn us, but to pray and intercede for us so that we may join their blessed company (Hebrews 12:1).

While all the categories of Saints listed in that Troparion are familiar to us, the category of "the Righteous" may be most interesting –and accessible to us. It honours those who may not be tortured or put to death for bearing witness to Jesus, but who strive with all that is available to them to offer God the gift of humble, generous, lovely lives.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16/29) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the Monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of St. Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the Righteous, he knew that she would also be honoured whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.

May we also aspire to such righteousness out of grateful love to the Lord Who so abundantly gives us all that we need and ever so much more! Amen.

Fr. Ihor Kutash - o. Irop Kyташ



The Prayer Corner

Welcome to *The Prayer Corner* - a place where, over the next few months, we will explore prayer in our Orthodox Faith. Our goal is to learn and grow together as we delve more deeply into the many facets of prayer. Today, we start with a very basic question:

What is Prayer?

We often teach children that prayer is our way of “talking to God”. How many of us learned how to say our evening prayers, while kneeling beside the bed? It felt like God was “somewhere out there” looking down on us, and through our prayers we spoke to Him.

While it is essentially true that prayer *is* a conversation with God, Orthodox Christians believe that prayer is *more* than just conversation...it is an *intimate encounter* with God. When prayer is a part of our daily life, we draw closer and closer to God, until we can feel His presence within us.

Reverend Fr. Andrew Jarmus in his article, “Prayer:...the test, the source, the driving force...of all things” describes this intimate encounter with God:

“When we pray, we meet with God in our hearts, in the sanctuary of all our thoughts, motivations, dreams, emotions and concerns. This is a place where we can share our inner selves with no other human person as completely as we can share ourselves with the Lord. In this place in our hearts...we sense His presence inside us, stirring our hearts, guiding our actions, enlightening our minds.”

So how can we deepen our relationship with God? How do we move from merely having conversations with Him, to having a more intimate encounter?

In his article, “Walking the Talk”, Rev. Fr. Bohdan Hladio tells us that genuine prayer begins with attention, sincerity and love combined with discipline and hard work.

In the next editions of the District Newsletter, we will look at the many ways our Orthodox faith teaches us to pray and draw nearer to God.

Prayer Team

We invite you to become a member of the Prayer Team, praying for others who are in need. This month, please keep in your prayers:

Marie, Laura, & Brett & family

Kathy & Phil & family

Melanie, Kris & Lily

If you have names to submit for the Prayer Team, please email Caroline at: cjuchin@telusplanet.net



Mother's Day Wine Raffle



One of our winners, Loretta Kwiatkowski, celebrating with her prize.

Our District held another successful fundraising project! The Mother's Day Wine Raffle draw was held in Nowa Bukowina on May 13, 2018. In addition to Loretta, the other lucky winners were Kyla Mathews, Chelsea Giguere, Jo-Ann Dubelt, Laurier Vasseur and W. Campbell.

Many thanks to the following people for helping to make this project run so smoothly and so well:

- ✿ The Members of our District for their participation: working together, we sold ALL the tickets!
- ✿ Lori King from Cornerstone Co-op in St. Paul for organizing the wine donations from her suppliers. Amazing job...thank you, Lori!!
- ✿ Elaine & Ron Rusnak for donating the wine crates.
- ✿ Margie Kropiniski for beautifully decorating the crates.
- ✿ Sandra Yuschyshyn for co-ordinating the entire event...ticket printing, sales, and much more.

This was an awesome project!

Caroline Yewchin

Fundraising Committee



BIBLE STUDY:

Submitted by Father Peter Haugen

Bible Study! - This month we will be concluding our introduction and review of our Church History.

The dates are as follows:

Session 1: Tuesday, May 22nd - Examination of Hebrews - Bonnyville @ 6:30

Session 2: Tuesday, May 29th - Church History Part 5 - St. Paul @ 6:30

Session 3: Tuesday, June 5th - Church History Part 6 - Bonnyville @ 6:30

Session 4: Tuesday, June 12th - Church History Part 7 - St. Paul @ 6:30

Session 5: Tuesday, June 19th - Church History Part 8 - Bonnyville @ 6:30

*“O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God. Have mercy on me, a sinner .”
-Jesus Prayer*

WEBSITE

Don't forget we have a website!

It is under a bit of construction, but you can find updates, locations, and a long term schedule there. Photos will be coming soon as well. Check it out!

www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/

We're also on Facebook!

Look up:

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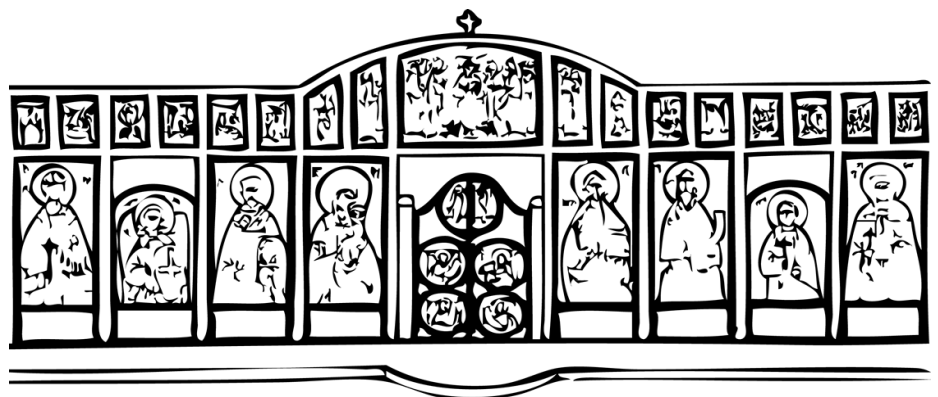
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"Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth." Psalm 18:5
"По всій землі лунає голос їх" Псалом 18:5

This summer, from August 9th - 12th, our church is celebrating the momentous occasion of our Centennial year as a church in Canada. As such, the Extra Ordinary Sobor Committee (EOSC) has been working with the Consistory in planning a program to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

We welcome all faithful to attend this celebration in Saskatoon, the birthplace of our Church. This will truly be a celebratory Sobor, which will include a resolution commemorating this historic occasion. All of our parishes are encouraged to send official delegates to participate in this historic Sobor, however this Sobor is not like the business Sobor's that are held every five years. As a celebratory Sobor there will be many activities and functions as laid out in the schedule. The remaining focus of this Extra Ordinary Sobor will be for all delegates and guests, gathered in Christ, will be on renewing and establishing friendships in the spirit of invigorating our faith and our Church for the next century.

If you would like to attend the Sobor in Saskatoon, either as a delegate or guest, please speak to your local parish president from the registration information.



2018 EXTRAORDINARY SOBOR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA

August 9 – 12, 2018 ~ Saskatoon, SK

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Thursday, August 9 *Mohyla Institute*
Clergy Conference
Meals: Lunch & Dinner (clergy only)
Registration & wine & cheese reception (all)

Holy Trinity Cathedral
CYC AGM & committee meetings (afternoon)
- Friday, August 10 *Holy Trinity Cathedral*
Meals: Lunch/Dinner
Hierarchal Liturgy/Registration/Opening of Sobor/Business Session (morning)
Symposium or Bus tour of first country churches in Saskatchewan (afternoon)
Youth program
Coffee/Dessert & gallery visit of Ukrainian Museum of Canada (evening)
- Saturday, August 11 *All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church*
Meals: Lunch (All Saints) & Gala Banquet – Saskatoon Inn
Hierarchal Liturgy & Panachyda (morning)
Riverboat Cruise and Historical landmark city tour/Internment site tour (afternoon)
Youth program
Gala Concert – Saskatoon Inn (evening)
- Sunday, August 12 *Holy Trinity Cathedral*
Hierarchal Liturgy
Meal: Lunch
Farewell

Bus &/or shuttle transportation will be available to: Mohyla Institute (wine & cheese), All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Holy Trinity Cathedral & The Saskatoon Inn.

Please visit www.uocc.ca for program details and updates.

HOTEL – The Saskatoon Inn, 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon SK S7L 6M4; 1-800-667-8789 or 306-242-1440. A block of rooms have been held until May 31, 2018. Please identify yourself as a delegate/guest of the “**UOCC SOBOR 2018**”. After this date, rooms will be on a “Space Availability Basis”.

Other hotel options: Airport area: Heritage Inn, Courtyard by Marriott, Hampton Inn & Suites.
Downtown area: Park Town Hotel, Holiday Inn Express.



Bonnyville & District Ukrainian Orthodox Parish Council Society - Schedule of Services - 2018

* Note: Services may be cancelled due to inclement weather. If weather is a concern, please contact the President listed to learn service status.

JUNE				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
3	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Feast of All Saints - Xram
4	Monday	APOSTLES' FAST BEGINS		
10	Sunday	10:00 AM	Sandy Rapids	Feast of All Saints - Xram
17	Sunday	10:00 AM	Glendon	Third Sunday after Pentecost (Father's Day)
24	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

JULY				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
1	Sunday	NO SERVICE IN DISTRICT		
8	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
12	Thursday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Sts. Peter and Paul - Xram
14	Saturday	10:00 AM	Thorhild	Re-Consecration Service
15	Sunday	10:00 AM	Kievs-K-Hi	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
22	Sunday	10:00 AM	Kievs-K-Hi	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
29	Sunday	10:00 AM	Kievs-K-Hi	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
5	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Prophet St. Elias - Xram
9-12	Thu-Sun	Extraordinary 100 th Anniversary Jubilee SOBOR		NO SERVICE IN DISTRICT
14	Tuesday	DORMITION FAST BEGINS		
19	Sunday	10:00 AM	Sandy Rapids	*Transfiguration of Jesus Christ*
26	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
28	Monday	*DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS*		

SEPTEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
Aug. 29 - Sept. 5		FR. PETER ON HOLIDAYS		
9	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
16	Sunday	10:00 AM	Glendon	District General meeting
21	Friday	*NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS*		
23	Sunday	10:00 AM	Sandy Rapids	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
27	Thursday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	*Exaltation of Cross* - STRICT FAST
30	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost