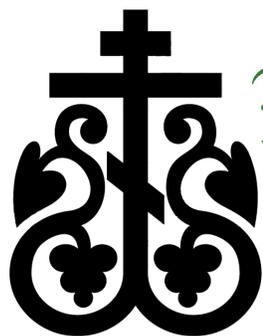


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**Bill's history can be found on page 6.*

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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 parish "Xpam".



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The Feast day of Saints Peter and Paul - July 12th

On the 29th June of every year our Orthodox Church celebrates the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul. So important is this celebration in the Orthodox Church that it is marked by a preparatory fasting period – called the fast of the apostles – beginning from the Monday after Pentecost and lasting until the eve of the feast day of Sts Peter and Paul. Following the practise of the early Church, where the first Christians would commemorate departed saints by celebrating the Divine Eucharist on top of their tombs, we too, nearly two thousand years later follow that same tradition. We too continue to this day to celebrate the feast days of saints by celebrating the Divine Liturgy over the altar of the Church of the particular saint to which the Church is dedicated. The reason for this is that the altar of every Church is said to be symbolic of saints' tombs in that every consecrated Church has relics of saints within the altar.

One may quite justifiably ask why these two apostles in particular are celebrated on the same day. Peter was one of the twelve whereas Paul was not. From the Biblical evidence that we have we know that Peter's ministerial outlook was very different from Paul's. At the council of Jerusalem (48AD), great problems had arisen in the Church from a large influx of Gentile converts and these saints had different opinions as to how they should be received. Yet we find that not only are they celebrated on the same day, but even icons of Sts Peter and Paul portray these two major apostles embracing each other.

Historically the reason why the Church combined the feast day of the two apostles into one was that they were both martyred in Rome and on the same day. There is a very ancient tradition which claims that they were both executed during Nero's persecution approximately in the year 68AD. For this reason, probably from the fourth century onwards the Church in Rome came to celebrate the feast day of these two apostles on the 29th June where they were martyred. By contrast, Constantinople celebrated this feast day several days after Christmas on the 28th December. However we see that it was the Roman custom that has prevailed in the Church today, but the evidence does not reveal to us precisely when this came to be.

Theologically speaking, the reason why the feast day of these two apostles was combined into one was to show that even though their ministe-



Liturgical Scripture Readings

July 2018

Sunday, July 1st

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 10:1-10 ;

Gospel: Mt. 8:28-9:1 .

Sunday, July 8th

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 12:6-14 ;

Gospel: Mt. 9:1-8 .

Sunday, July 15th

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 15:1-7 ;

Gospel: Mt. 9:27-35 .

Sunday, July 22nd

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:10-18 ;

Gospel: Mt. 14:14-22 .

Sunday, July 29th

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 3:9-17 ;

Gospel: Mt. 14:22-34 .

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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rial vision was not the same yet both were necessary and even complemented each other. Even though the apostle Paul was not one of the twelve, he would claim, nevertheless that his ministry was considered equal if not superior to those ministers who had been appointed by Christ during His earthly ministry since he had suffered so much for Christ. During their lifetime, these two great apostles of our Church disagreed greatly as to how to receive new members into the newly established Christian faith. St Paul is said to have rebuked St Peter for duplicity in this matter. In Galatians 2.11, St Paul tells us of a disagreement he had with St Peter: "when Peter came to Antioch, I withstood him in the face because he was to be blamed."

Peter believed that new members firstly had to fulfil the requirements of the Jewish law by being circumcised before they could become Christians whereas Paul was totally opposed to this. What we can learn from this is that when the Church is ruled by the Holy Spirit tensions of this kind can be overcome.

In celebrating their feast day, let us glorify Him who glorified them and rejoice together with Sts Peter and Paul and sing:

"Rejoice o Peter the apostle, for you are the great friend of the Master, Christ our God. Rejoice well beloved Paul, preacher of the faith and doctor of the universe. Because of this, may you both intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls."

~Taken from Philip Kariatlis, Academic Secretary and Associate Lecturer, St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College

Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah (Elias)

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God. Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: "When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames." The name Elijah (the Lord's

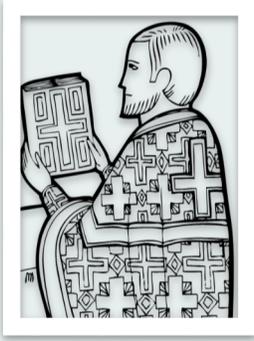
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strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their Fathers, they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1) The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephta to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting death by starvation. At the request of the prophet, she prepared him a bread with the last measure of flour and the remainder of the oil. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow. After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens



Liturgical Scripture Readings

August 2018

Sunday, August 5th

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:9-16 ;
Gospel: Mt. 17:14-23 .

Sunday, August 12th

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 9:2-12 ;
Gospel: Mt. 18:23-35 .

Sunday, August 19th

*THE HOLY
TRANSFIGURATION OF
OUR LORD*

Epistle: 2 Pet. 1:10-19 ;
Gospel: Mt. 17:1-9 .

Sunday, August 26th

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 16:13-24 ;
Gospel: Mt. 21:33-42 .

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opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave. The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in “a gentle breeze” (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah’s mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

The life of the holy Prophet Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (3 Kings; 4 Kings; Sirach/Ecclesiastes 48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58). At the time of the Transfiguration, the Prophet Elijah conversed with the Savior upon Mount Tabor (Mt. 17: 3; Mark 9: 4; Luke. 9: 30).

Orthodox Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Kievan-Rus, built at Kiev under Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism Saint Olga (July 11) built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in her native region, at the village of Vibuta.

In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.

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WILLIAM STEPHEN HOMINIUK

Submitted by Christine, Landon & Brianna Hominiuk

William (Bill) Hominiuk was born on August 2, 1949 in Vilna to Nick & Mary Hominiuk.

Upon graduating from high school, Bill went onto pursue his career. In the mid 1970's, he returned to the family farm to help his elderly parents and there he remained. Family, friends and community were very important to him. Bill sat on numerous boards and volunteered for community organizations. He and his family were recognized for their farming management and community involvement by receiving the 'Farm Family Award' in 1999.

In his younger days, Bill enjoyed playing sports and was a member of the Hamlin Hammers Fastball and the Vilna Flyers, later the Vilna Flyers Old Timers Hockey teams. His team spirit and competitiveness were prevalent at the games.

In his later years, he acquired an interest in antiques, specifically homemade primitives. He accumulated a large collection, which when possible, included the history on each piece. He was amazed and intrigued by the perseverance and ingenuity of our forefathers and had a great respect for all they endured. Bill had the filming crew of the 'Antique Hunter' TV show at his yard highlighting and purchasing one of his pieces. He was also featured on the 'Canadian Pickers' TV show and had a couple of items on the set of the 'Patriot' movie.

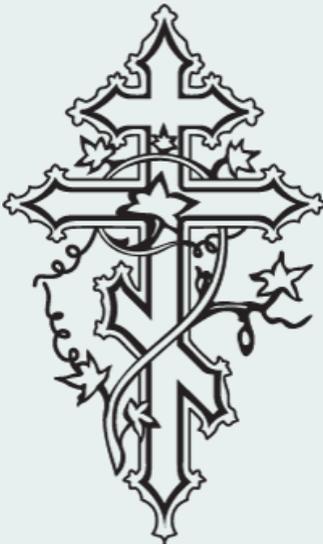
Bill was a long time member of the Hamlin St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church of which his grandparents were one of the first founding members. His faith in our dear Lord was evident to the end.

Bill passed away tragically from a farm accident on July 26, 2017. He was hard working, strong willed, a perfectionist and had a witty sense of humour; qualities he will be remembered for.

He is greatly missed and forever loved.

Вічная Пам'ять!

Memory Eternal!





FEAST DAY OF STS. PETER & PAUL:

*Fr. Timothy Chrapko preaching the Homily -
Submitted by Sandra Yuschyshyn*



*“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!

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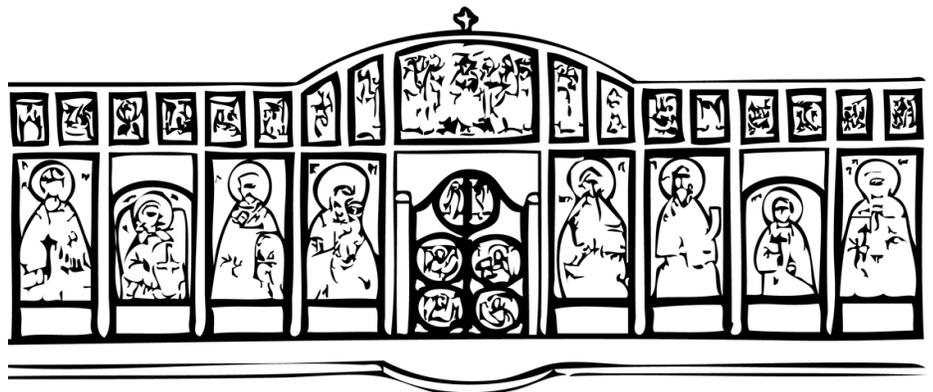
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"Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth." Psalm 18:5
"По всій землі лунає голос їх" Псалом 18:5

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