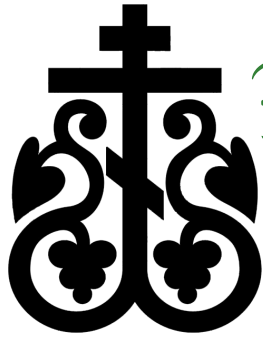


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Many thanks to the  
**Elizabeth Pundick**  
for sponsoring the Summer Newsletter.  
Her tribute can be found on page 3.

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

## PASTORAL MESSAGE

Submitted by Fr. Peter Haugen

**Христос посеред нас! Christ is amongst us!**

Dear Brothers in Sisters in Christ,

This September marks the 5th Anniversary of myself and my family arriving and serving the Bonnyville and District parishes. On a personal note, this also means this is my longest assignment in my 10 years as a Priest in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. I am excited to see what the next year brings! Glory be to God!



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## **Sunday School Team**

This past year we were fortunate to have Miriam Godziuk as our Sunday school teacher. As she has moved to Red Deer to begin her post secondary education, (in which we pray she has a successful and fruitful first year!) we are in need of a new teacher. Unfortunately, we haven't had anyone come forward with interest. One idea that was brought forward, and one that I support, is to have a Sunday school team of volunteers that would each take a couple of Sundays throughout the year. My hope is to have enough volunteers to at least teach Sunday school on the St. Paul and Bonnyville Sundays. If we receive enough volunteers, we will consider adding Nowa Bukowina.

If you are willing to assist in this venture and teach Sunday School on a periodic basis, please let me know in the near future. My hope is to begin this month on Sunday September 30th in Bonnyville.

## **Great Vespers**

We will be holding Great Vespers on the Saturdays preceding the Divine Liturgies in St. Paul and Bonnyville. It is my hope that in time, as our parishioners become more comfortable with this service, that individuals will volunteer to assist in the readings when they arrive at the Church. No one will be forced to read, so please don't avoid these services in fear of being asked, but it really is a wonderful way of becoming more involved in our worship services.

### **Schedule of Great Vespers:**

Saturday - September 8th - All Saints, St. Paul - 5 pm

Saturday - September 29th - St. Elias, Bonnyville - 5 pm

Saturday - October 6th - All Saints, St. Paul - 5 pm

Saturday - October 24th - St. Elias, Bonnyville - 5 pm

Saturday - November 17th - All Saints, St. Paul - 5 pm

Saturday - November 24th - St. Elias, Bonnyville - 5 pm

- Fr. Peter Haugen



## **Liturgical Scripture Readings**

*September 2018*

Sunday, September 9th

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 4:6-15 ;

Gospel: Mt. 22:35-46 .

Sunday, September 16th

*16th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:1-10 ;

Gospel: Mt. 25:14-30 .

Sunday, September 23rd

*17th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday before the Exaltation*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1 ;

Gospel: Mt. 15:21-28 .

Sunday, September 30th

*18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exaltation of the Cross*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 9:6-11 ;

Gospel: Mt. 17:14-23 .

**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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*A tribute from Elizabeth Pundick*



Margaret Ann Trapp Mills  
June 24, 1923- Nov. 6, 1997



Lucy Harbarenko Pundick  
Nov. 7, 1914- Mar. 27, 2009

I would like to dedicate this newsletter to all of the wonderful, strong, creative women that I have come to know who have taught me so much about baking babka, cooking, catering, organizing, cleanliness, hard work, art, the importance of traditions, and living life with a positive attitude.

Two women that I feel that I have been especially fortunate to know are :

my mother, Margaret Ann Trapp Mills,  
and my mother-in-law, Lucy Harbarenko Pundick.

They taught me about God, Church, love, integrity,  
patience and the importance of family.

With love and gratitude....

**THE BABY IN CHURCH**

We have all heard the baby crying in church when the priest was speaking. Not all, however, have read Father Conroy's book, "A Mill Town Pastor," nor his delightful telling of a similar experience. "There are two of us preaching in this church at once," said the pastor, "and I don't know which of us is giving the better sermon. When a baby cries in church he is telling two things: First, that there are babies in the family, and second, that the mother has come to Mass with her baby. On the whole, I think the baby is preaching the better sermon and I'll let him go on with it."





# Camp Sunshine 2018

## Millennium Ladies



**Erin**  
helping children  
Paint flowerpots



Thank you!!  
for your  
**AWESOME** help.



Caroline's family came to help



What's in Your Heart?®



- Sad
- Scared
- Happy
- Mad
- Sick





# SOBOR REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Dobr. Erin Haugen

From August 9th-12th I was grateful to accompany Fr. Peter as a delegate to the 100 Year Celebratory SOBOR of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada which took place in Saskatoon, SK.

This was not a traditional SOBOR in the sense that there was very little business to address, and celebration our Church really was the focus of each day.

From the moment I arrived at the opening reception (where I met up with Father Peter, who had separate clergy sessions to attend prior to the official start of the conference, and Ron and Elaine Rusnak who also came as delegates for our district), the energy was light and positive and welcoming.

I had been excited to attend on a personal level also because I had been commissioned to design the 'branding' for this particular celebration—which included a main logo design as well as pins, awards, banners, web headings, among other variations of. I have to admit that I was thrilled to find that the logo was EVERYWHERE. The SOBOR planning committee did a fabulous job of utilizing the brand in every way possible. And I was truly touched by the positive response I received throughout the entire weekend.

Each day began with a stunning hierarchical Divine Liturgy served by a rotating number of our hierarchs and clergy—rotating because of the sheer number in attendance... It would have been impossible to have everyone behind the Royal Doors! Also rotating was the choir for each Liturgy, and we were treated to the best which included the local Lastiwka Choir, the Ukrainian Male Chorus of Edmonton, and for the final Liturgy, a spectacular joint choir consisting of members of all the choirs, plus any laity wishing to squeeze in.

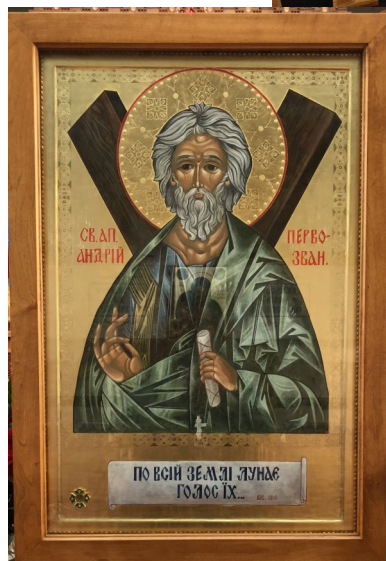
In the afternoons we were treated to a blend of history and fun: A bus tour of 100 year old rural churches in the area, candle making and community acts of kindness for the youth, a riverboat cruise, symposium, Ukrainian Museum of Canada tour and on Saturday night everyone gathered for a magnificent banquet where we heard words of congratulations from numerous dignitaries and were treated to the talents from the likes of world renowned jazz pianist John Stetch, the Pavlychenko Folklorique dance ensemble, violinist Carissa Klopoushak, opera singer Kateryna Khartova, the above mentioned choirs among others! It was 11:30pm before the program ended, but no one seemed to mind.

Over the course of the weekend, his Eminence Metropolitan Yurji also presented the St. Andrew Centenary Award to those individuals who had been nominated and selected based on contributions to the UOCC and community. I was incredibly honoured to be recognized and receive one myself during the banquet.

There's more I could say, but it's hard to capture it all in one page. I thank the All Saints parish for sending me as their delegate to this once in a lifetime celebration.











# 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. In the June Newsletter, we discussed a very basic question, “What is Prayer?” This month, we will start to look at ways in which our Orthodox faith teaches us to pray.

## The Rule of Prayer

In our busy lives, it is so easy to get distracted: work, family commitments, volunteering, getting caught up in social media...texting, posting, viewing, and the list goes on. In the busyness of life, then....when do we have time to pray?

Just as our Divine Liturgy has a “structure,” where some parts of the liturgy stay the same, so can our personal prayer life benefit from having structure. Ancient Christians used to pray three times a day: upon waking in the morning; while going about tasks in the middle of the day; and before bed at night. This structure of having **a regular time for prayer** is called the “rule of prayer”. So, if we ask the question, “how do we pray?” The first answer should be “consistently...every day!”

During Sunday Liturgy, when the Cherubic Hymn is sung, we repeat the words, “now lay aside all earthly cares”. The Church teaches us to set aside our earthly cares, be still, be silent. It is only in silence that we will hear the voice of God in our hearts. The second question is, “how can we do this??” The second answer is, “start small and build!”

Let’s start.....set aside the iphone; set aside the morning news, set aside the busy schedule, pick a quiet spot, and for 10 minutes every day spend time with God. If we truly want know God, we must devote space and time to Him. The beauty is, the more we pray, the less it will feel like a struggle or obligation and the more prayer will become a source of strength and joy in our lives.

In the next editions of the District Newsletter, we will look at many more 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:

Nettie & family

Mary & family

Dave & family

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



## FOOD BANK:

*Submitted by Caroline Yewchin*



### Food Bank Sunday

## All Saints ~ Oct. 7, 2018

Non-perishable items needed:

- \* Canned fish or meat
- \* Peanut butter & jam
- \* Rice & macaroni
- Canned vegetables & soups
- \* Baby foods

Giving Thanks

*“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/](http://www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/)

**We're also on Facebook!**  
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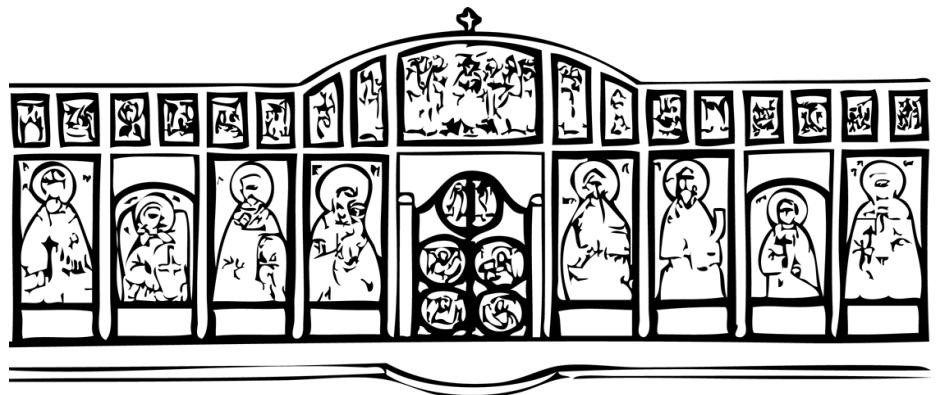
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# LOVE ST. PAUL COMMUNITY

Submitted by Caroline Yewchin



On Tuesday, August 14, 2018, All Saints volunteers completed many wonderful random acts of kindness as part of the "Love St. Paul Community" project. This project was an initiative of the St. Paul Interchurch Group and it was great to work with parishioners from other churches in spreading God's love throughout our community. Here are some photos.



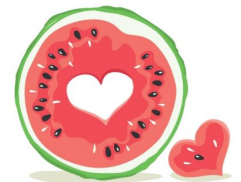
Ecumenical  
Worship  
Service to  
start the day



Main Street Cleanup Crew



Giving out  
Frezies  
&  
Watermelon



A visit to the  
Boys & Girls  
Club  
to give away  
bags of  
toothbrushes &  
toothpaste



Enjoying pizza & fellowship  
at the end of the day



# 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.

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

OCTOBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
7	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Thanksgiving
		3:00 PM	Stry	Obitnitsia/Thanksgiving
14	Sunday	10:00 AM	Glendon	*Protection of the Theotokos* /Thanksgiving
21	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Thanksgiving
26-28	Sunday	10:00 AM	WESTERN EPARCHY ASSEMBLY	

NOVEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
3-17		FR. PETER ON HOLIDAYS		
18	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
25	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
28	Wednesday	NATIVITY FAST BEGINS		

DECEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
2	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
4	Tuesday	*ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE*		
9	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Twenty Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
16	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Twenty Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
23	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost
30	Sunday	NO SERVICE WITHIN DISTRICT		

\*Note: Services for Elk Point and Hamlin may be scheduled at a future date.