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**Sunday Services**

6:00 pm (Sat) - Great Vespers

8:00 am - Ukrainian

10:00 am - English

**Confessions**

4:30-6:00 pm Saturdays

or by appointment

**Marriage**

Please make arrangements with  
the Pastor

**Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist**

Please make arrangements with  
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# HOLY EUCHARIST

## UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Українська Католицька Церква Пресвятої Євхаристії

Sunday, December 18, 2022



### Sunday before the Nativity of Christ. Octoechos Tone 3.

*Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions*

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 3:* Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

*Troparion, Tone 2:* Great are the achievements of faith!\* In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest,\* and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep.\* Through their intercession, O Christ God,\* save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 6:* Armed by the Being that defies description\* You defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.\* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:\* "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,"\* for You can do whatever You will.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 4***

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,\* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

*verse:* For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. (Daniel 3:26,27)

***Epistle - Heb 11:9-10,17-23,32-40***

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Abraham dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child;

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

**Funerals**

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

**Divine Liturgy Intentions**

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

**Catechism**

Contact forthcoming

**Parish Pastoral Council**

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**Millennium Seniors' Club**

Bernice Hrehirchuk  
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Wednesday, 12:30 pm

**Young Adults (18-35)**

Contact forthcoming

**Cinema Divina**

Monthly. Contact Fr. Michael

**Cantor Course**

Contact Fr. Michael

and they were not afraid of the king's command.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

***Alleluia, Tone 4***

*verse:* O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days.

*verse:* You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us. (Psalm 43:2,8)

***Gospel - Matthew 1:1-25***

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Aminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot

Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

***Communion Hymn***

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1).\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1).\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are more people in need at this time of the year than we might realize. While some are in need of basic necessities like a warm place to stay, and a meal, most are in need of **simple human contact**. If you would like to reach out beyond your comfort zone and be an instrument of the Lord's peace and love, please contact Fr. Michael. He will accompany you in visiting those in our parish, and maybe beyond, to offer a hamper if needed, but mostly to share the Good News in your presence.

A special **Bingo Volunteer Dinner** will take place on Wednesday, December 21 at 12:00 noon in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Parish Centre. If you have ever volunteered for Bingo over the last 76 years, then please call the parish office to register for this special meal in gratitude for your dedicated giving of time and talent in raising funds for the parish.

There are a few parishioners who would like to offer **Christmas hampers** to those in need. If you would like to help or know someone in need, please contact Fr. Michael.

**Singing Practice for Christmas** will be this Thursday from 7:00-8:15 pm in the church. All are welcome.

A special session for **Confession** will be this Friday evening, from 6:00-9:00 pm in the church. You can find a preparation guide to Confession at the back of the church.

The UCWLC is selling **Mary's Angels** for \$5.00 and are available after the Divine Liturgy at the Coffee House. Proceeds in support of the *Marian Hour* on CKJS radio station.

Our parish **Christmas pot-luck meal** will follow the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Upon recommendation of his health specialists, **Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak** recently underwent day surgery for a coronary angiogram at Winnipeg's Saint Boniface Hospital. Following the successful procedure, he will require time to recuperate before returning to his regular pastoral ministry. Metropolitan Lawrence expresses his sincere appreciation to the medical personnel for their dedicated and professional service at all levels, as well as to the faithful for their **prayers and support**.

We are pleased to announce that another of our own parishioners, our sister in Christ, **Joanne Lewandoski**, has been selected to receive the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Manitoba), to mark the 70th anniversary of Her Late Majesty's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. She received the award on December 12, 2022.

## Was Jesus Christ actually born on December 25?



Christians have been trying to figure that out since the third century! There are two theories as to how we arrive at the date of December 25. The first theory held that the historically accurate date of Christ's Passion was March 25. Continuing the Judaic belief that the conception date and date of death was the same for the religiously important, they added nine months to March 25 and arrived at December 25. This theory may hold some water, but the second theory is more probable.

In the Roman Empire, there was a pagan feast called *Natalis Solis Invicti* (Invincible Sun-God) honouring the pagan sun-god, Emesa. It was celebrated on the December 25, the day of the winter solstice (the day of the longest darkness, after this date, the days would become longer). In order to minimize the attraction of Christians to this pagan festival, the feast of the Nativity was celebrated on the same day. Recalling from the prophet Malachi, the early Christians knew Christ as the 'sun of righteousness:' "But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in his wings. You shall go forth leaping like calves from the stall" (4:2). They also recalled that Christ called Himself the "light of the world" (Jn. 8:12), and that He is the "true light that enlightens every man who was to come into the world" (Jn. 1:9). The winter solstice then was the perfect time for Christians to celebrating the True Light breaking forth into the darkness of the world.

So, you see, Christmas is much more than just a birthday celebration for our Lord Jesus. It is a celebration of the **Light** breaking forth into the darkness of this world of sin and despair! It is a celebration of the **Sun of Righteousness** rising and showing with what beauty the world was created! It is a celebration of **God-with-us** (*Z namy Boh*)! It is the celebration of the **beginning of our redemption!**

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Holy Eucharist  
Parish presents

**Cinema Divina**

Seeing movies  
through the lens  
of scripture



**7:00 pm Sunday  
December 18  
Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm**

460 Munroe Ave, Winnipeg  
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Our First Bishop, Blessed Nykyta Budka, established the practice of the "Dar Lubovy - Gift of Love" as a way for the Ukrainian Catholic faithful in Canada to express their appreciation to their pastors and bishop during the Christmas and Easter seasons. You will find the traditional "Christmas Gift of Love for Clergy" envelope at the back of the church.

**Please remember in your prayers our parishioners!**

Lavinia Aftanas, Jane Budzen, Sophie Demjanew, Jennie Huchko, Jack Kisil, Nadia Kowal, Olga (Ollie) Kowalski, Milly Manitowich, Fr. Victor Yakowchuk.

| Offerings          | Sunday, Dec 4     | Sunday, Dec 11    |
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| Envelopes          | \$ 2870.00        | \$ 1340.00        |
| Open collection    | \$ 72.00          | \$ 60.00          |
| Candles            | \$ 10.00          | \$ 20.35          |
| Christmas Flowers  | \$ 265.00         | \$ 25.00          |
| Peter's Pence      | \$ 20.00          | \$ 0.00           |
| Christmas Offering | \$ 40.00          | \$ 100.00         |
| Caroling           | \$ 70.00          | \$ 25.00          |
| IHMS/HFH           | \$ 20.00          | \$ 0.00           |
| CCCB               | \$ 0.00           | \$ 0.00           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$ 3367.00</b> | <b>\$ 1570.35</b> |

## Parish Schedule December 18-25, 2022

### Sunday, December 18

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers. Octoechos Tone 3. The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions. *Nativity Fast Day 34.*  
Heb 11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Mt 1:1-25  
08:00 am Divine Liturgy [Ukr] (for parishioners)  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy [Eng] (for parishioners)  
06:00 pm Cinema Divina Pot-Luck & Movie

### Monday, December 19

Holy Martyr Boniface. *Nativity Fast Day 35.*  
Heb 3:5-11, 17-19; Lk 20:27-44  
*No Services*

### Tuesday, December 20

Forefeast of the Nativity. Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer. *Nativity Fast Day 36.*  
Heb 4:1-13; Lk 21:12-19  
09:00 am Divine Liturgy (+Tony Skochylas by Perogy Group))  
07:00 pm Cantor Course

### Wednesday, December 21

Forefeast of the Nativity. Holy Martyr Juliana. *Nativity Fast Day 37. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.*  
Heb 5:11-6:8; Lk 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24  
09:00 am Divine Liturgy

### Thursday, December 22

Forefeast of the Nativity. Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia. *Nativity Fast Day 38.*  
Heb 7:1-6; Lk 21:28-33  
06:30 am Prayer for Families  
07:00 pm Singing Practice for Christmas

### Friday, December 23

Forefeast of the Nativity. Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete. *Nativity Fast 39. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.*  
08:00 am Royal Hours  
06:00 pm Confessions

### Saturday, December 24

Eve of the Nativity of Christ. Martyr Eugenia. *Nativity Fast Day 40. Abstention from meat and dairy products and foods that contain these ingredients.*  
Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29  
09:00 am Divine Liturgy

### Sunday, December 25

**Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ (Christmas).**  
09:00 pm (Sat evening) Great Compline  
10:00 pm (Sat Evening) Divine Liturgy  
08:00 am Festal Matins  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy