

• UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS •

1500 Day Street, Winnipeg, MB R2C 1E4 Father Nicholas Orest Rauliuk and Father Bill Wasyliw Father Deacon Thomas Chaput Reader/Cantor: Allan Pawluk and Len Matiowsky • Choir Director: Jan Michalyshyn

33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 21 January, 2024

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1: 12–18 • Gospel: Luke 14: 16-24

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday, 21 January, 2024 - BILINGUAL

Sunday, 28 January, 2024 - ENGLISH

Confession will be available on Sunday morning starting at 9:15 AM. It is recommended that members of All Saints attend confession at least once every four (4) months.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Fr. Oleh and Dobrodiyka Maria, Victor and Helen,

Nadia, Marilyn, Lawrence, John, Janet, Chelsey, Mervin, Sonia, Elaine, Jeffery, Richard, Mary, Allan,

Linda and Michael, Bob, Debbie, Alex, Rev. Frs. Olexander, Eugene, Nicholas Orest,

Dobrodiyka Genya, Elaine, Zane, Larry, Darlene, John.

PRAYER OFFERINGS: If you would like someone to be mentioned in prayer, submit their names by email, directly to **Fr. Nicholas - <u>revorestrauliuk@gmail.com</u>**, **Fr. Deacon Thomas - <u>thechaputs@shaw.ca</u>** or <u>allsaintsuoc@mymts.net</u>, or inform one of the church elders.

Eve of the Theophany service Thursday January 18th at 5:30 pm. Holy Supper to follow.

Containers for blessed water will be provided.

The care and maintenance of our property remains a priority. If you are unable to attend church, please continue to support us with your offerings. All Saints accepts Interac E-transfers for donations in addition to cheques or cash. Please submit e-transfers to allsaintsuoc@mymts.net .

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS

The 2024 Church memberships fees are now due. The fees are \$158.00 per person and \$316.00 per family

THE 2024 CHURCH CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED

The 2024 church calendars have arrived. Please see William Rodrigues, as he will be managing the distribution and collecting payment for the calendars.

MALANKA 2024

We had a very successful Malanka. We will not know how well we did financially for another week or two. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out on Friday to setup the tables, decorate the hall, and tray the dainties. Thank you to everyone who made donations towards this event, to those who sold tickets, to those who volunteered at bar and ticket selling and clean up. Your help made this Malanka successful!

CHOIR NEWS

The All Saints Choir invites our congregation to participate in singing along with us during the Liturgies, specifically during; *"Communion before and after prayers", "I Believe," and "Our Father".*

These are particularly important to sing or recite along with the choir. Join us as we lift our voices and pray to our Heavenly Father in unity!"

There are Liturgy booklets in the pews. Please ask an elder or sister to locate one for you if one.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Thank you to Anya Haraschuk and Demi Kuzyk Bernier for providing this important program for our children. For more information about our Sunday School program, please contact Anya Haraschuk at fedyaz@yahoo.ca or Demi Kuzyk at demikb@shaw.ca.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

If you or your family are celebrating a major life event such as a birth, birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc., please notify Fr. Deacon Thomas at <u>thechaputs@shaw.ca</u> so a note of congratulations can be included in our bulletin. We look forward to sharing in your joy

DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF ALL SAINTS

The Christmas hamper committee members cannot thank you all enough for your generous donations and contributions to this year's families. Because of your generosity, we were able to make a difference in two families Christmas celebrations this year. They were truly grateful to receive all the food, clothes and grocery certificates that you all generously donated. People like you all make a difference in this community and we are incredibly thankful to you all!

Do You Have an Item for Our Bulletin? Please contact us via email at <u>allsaintsuoc@mymts.net</u> NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? If you're unable to make the trip on your own, we would be pleased to provide you with transport. Contact us at <u>allsaintsuoc@mymts.net</u> and we'll arrange a ride for you.

CHECK US OUT!

All Saints website, Facebook page, and Instagram has a great deal of information waiting for you at your fingertips!

All Saints news and information can be accessed at:

Church Website: <u>https://www.allsaintsuoc.ca/</u>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsuoc/

Instagram: <u>https://www.instagram.com/allsaintsuoc/</u>

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS 2023 Parish Council & Support Volunteers:

President – Len Matiowsky, (431) 668-8335

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DIVINE LITURGY LIVE STREAMS CAN BE FOUND AT THESE WEBSITES:

- Live stream from Ukrainian Orthodox Church of All Saints, Winnipeg, MB @ 10:00
 https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsuoc/live
- Live stream from Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral, Winnipeg, MB @ 6:30 am
 https://www.facebook.com/HTUOMC/

33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 8.

Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Martyr Neophytus of Nicaea (305). Martyrs Eugene, Candidus,Valerian, and Aquila at Trebizond, who were put to the sword (303). Virgin-martyr Agnes ofRome (ca. 304). Martyr Anastasius, disciple of St. Maximus the confessor (662).

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER...

The parable of the Great Banquet, which we heard today in the Holy Gospel, was told by Jesus at the house of a Pharisee lord during a dinner in which he had been invited with others. He took the opportunity to teach this parable from the words of one of those who ate with Him: "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God" (Luke 14:15).

The Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a great feast or banquet in which everyone wants to take part. Here they can enjoy the goods that the affectionate Father God has prepared. So he sends his servant to call the most distinguished and important people. But each refused to attend and made excuses. The first said to him: "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go see it." A silly excuse! He didn't look at the land before he bought it? The second one said: I bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them." Could this not have been done later? And the third said: "I have married a wife and therefore cannot come." He was called on a joyous occasion, and he had a chance to bring his wife with him!

All of them have a common feature: They did not appreciate the honor that was offered to them by the host, who had prepared such a great feast. This is just what happened to the Lord when he called the Israelites. Here was the Son of God, who came as a man to the earth and invited them to believe in Him and to enter into His heavenly Kingdom! They were the first, but they said no. It is the same with different people whom God calls to enjoy the blessings He offers through His holy Church. For various reasons, they refuse.

In addition to His Kingdom in Heaven, the Lord invites Christians to another great Supper that is prepared here on earth. It is the Last Supper, the first time Jesus spoke to His disciples that Great Thursday night, shortly before being arrested and led to Calvary. This Lasting Supper continues to be offered today, as it has over the centuries, so that all Christians for all time can participate in it. We understand: It is the Holy Mystery of the Divine Eucharist, which takes place during the Divine Liturgy every Sunday and feast day.

At this meal, the Lord proclaims Himself as food to all His believers: "take, eat; this is My body." And "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood...for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:26-28). With this divine nourishment, the soul and body are cleansed from all sins. The Holy Gifts unite Christians with Christ and their participation in the heavenly Kingdom is ensured. This is exactly what is emphasized in the prayer of the Divine Liturgy (reading before the Lord's Prayer): "Lord,....make us worthy to partake of Your heavenly and awesome Mysteries from this holy and spiritual Table with a clear conscience; for the remission of sins, forgiveness of transgressions, communion of the Holy Spirit, inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven...." There is no greater reality in human life than our participation in the Mystery of the Divine Eucharist, and no greater blessing and joy than when we live with Holy Communion. That is why the believer, who understands the benefit they receive with their union with Christ, leaves every other work behind on Sunday, and rushes to go to Church. It is here that they meet the Lord Jesus Christ, who is waiting to unite with them and offer His great blessings.

United with Christ here on earth, we will be worthy to hear in His Second Coming: "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34). Amen.

Fr. Antony Hughes

Слава Ісусу Христу! Slava Isousou Christou! Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Навіки! Slava Na Veeky! Glory Forever!

Blessing of Homes

The custom of blessing homes during the Theophany season is of special beauty and significance. It is not simply a sentimental tradition without meaning, nor is it a custom whose meaning we have forgotten, like an old friend whose face we remember, but whose impact on our life has been forgotten.

When an Orthodox Christian believer moves into a new home, he dedicates his new home as the abode of a follower of Christ. He asks that God, the source of all goodness and the Giver of every perfect gift, to bless his house and all that is within it; he recalls that Jesus Christ, His Son, came to bring Salvation to it, even as He brought Salvation to the house of Zacchaeus; he prays that the Holy Spirit may abide in it, guiding those who dwell in it in the paths of righteousness.

On the Feast of Theophany, we rededicate our home for its original purpose, just as we must periodically rededicate our life to Christ. We do it especially on this Feast because this is the day on which we remember in the Church Year the coming of Christ who began His Ministry when He descended into Jordan to be baptized by St. John the Forerunner and Baptist. He enters again into our lives reminding us that we must "repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand."

An Orthodox Christian dedicates not only himself and his house to the Lord, but his daily work and all his efforts as well. All things are to be done to the glory of God. That is why in the Orthodox Church, not only religious objects, such as icons, crosses, churches and vestments, are blessed, but also homes, fields, animals and all objects which are used in our daily life for the good of man. In this the Church expresses its faith that the Holy Spirit's sanctifying action extends over the whole Creation.



BLESSING OF HOMES

I wish to have Rev. Fr. Nicholas Orest Rauliuk bless my home during the

Theophany (Epiphany) season.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number and/or email:_____

Please check the appropriate line to indicate which day you wish to have your home blessed:

Sunday, January $21^{st:}$ 1:00 pm - 4:00pm;7:00pm - 9:00 pmMonday, January 22^{nd} :1:00 - 4:00 pm;7:00 - 9:00 pmTuesday, January 23^{rd} :1:00 - 4:00 pm;7:00 - 9:00 pmFriday, January 26^{th} :1:00 - 4:00 pm;7:00 - 9:00 pm.

ALTERNATE DATE & TIME:_____

You can email Rev. Fr. Nicholas at: revorestrauliuk@gmail.com or phone (landline): 204-691-5689; cell: 431-374-1794

(If you need to make special arrangements, contact Rev. Fr. Nicholas Rauliuk)