

St. Andrew's Outreach Newsletter

Summer Issue



Christian Education: Nurturing the Faith

From its beginning, the Christian community has perceived the purpose of its educational efforts as the promoting of a lived Christian faith. Christian faith as a lived reality has 3 essential dimensions: it is first, a belief and a conviction; second, a trusting relationship with God our Father through Christ Jesus in the Holy Spirit; and third, a life of self-giving love.

First, faith as belief and conviction: at the celebration of the Liturgy, when we are invited to profess our faith in the common recitation of the Creed, we begin by saying "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty..." even though it would be equally appropriate to say "I commit myself to one God, the Father Almighty..." or even better, "I trust in one God, the father Almighty..." Our faith as believers is certainly more than mere "belief" especially when that word is reduced to nothing more than an intellectual assent to certain propositions or statements. Bishop Kallistos Ware, in his

book *The Orthodox Way*, writes that "Christianity is more than a theory about the universe, more than teachings written down on paper. It is a path along which we journey - in the deepest and richest sense, a way of life. Another Orthodox Christian Father wrote: "the Creed does not belong to you unless you have lived it." So, while our faith implies this intellectual dimension, it is - in the end - much, much more than that.

Second, faith as trusting: the English word "faith" comes from the Latin word "fidere" meaning "to trust." At its very root, having faith means trusting in the living God. This dimension of trust is the fruit of our relationship with God our Father who has saved us in His Son Jesus Christ and given us the gift of the Holy Spirit. This trust is nurtured in personal prayer, community worship, the disciplines necessary for living a Spirit-filled life and obedience to the will of God. It finds concrete expression in our loyalty,

love and attachment to Christ and His body, the Church. Because the Lord God is faithful to us, we can commit ourselves to Him in confidence and with complete trust. His faithfulness to us has been expressed in the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our response to this love is trust, awe, reverence, gratitude, love and adoration. Are we - and our children - being shaped by these values?

Thirdly, faith is the living of a life of self-giving love. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus explains that simply professing "Lord, Lord" is not sufficient for admission into the Kingdom of God. The will of God must also be done (Matthew 7:21). Christian faith, as a response to the commitment of God towards us, must include the doing of His will. Faith and love can be distinguished in the Christian life but cannot be separated. Of course, as sinful and broken human beings, we often know what is good, right and true but don't actually do it. But a genuine . . .

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Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada:

www.uoccc.ca

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www.uoccc.wd.ca/

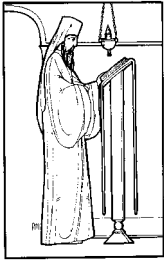
St. Andrew's Parish

www.uoccc-standrew.ca/

You can now read our monthly "Outreach" newsletter on the Parish website!



LITURGICAL



Liturgical Scripture Readings...

July & August,
2008

Sunday, July 6th

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 5:1-10;

Phil. 2:5-11;

Gospel: Matt. 6:22-33;

Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28..

Sunday, July 13th

4th Sunday After Pentecost

"Synaxis of Holy, Glorious and

All-Praised Apostles"

Epistle: Rom. 6:18-23;

1 Cor. 4:9-16;

Gospel: Matt. 8:5-13;

Mark 3:13-19.

Sunday, July 20th

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 10:1-10;

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

Sunday, July 27th

6th Sunday After Pentecost

*"Commemoration of the Fathers
of First Six Ecumenical
Councils"*

Epistle: Rom. 12:6-14;

Hebr. 13:7-16;

Gospel: Matt. 9:1-8;

John 17:1-13.

Sunday, August 3rd

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 15:1-7;

Gospel: Matt. 9:27-35.

Sunday, August 10th

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:10-18;

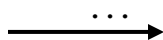
Gospel: Matt. 14:14-22.

Sunday, August 17th

9th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 3:9-17;

Gospel: Matt. 14:22-34.



Sunday, August 24th

10th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:9-16;

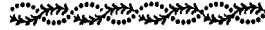
Gospel: Matt. 17:14-23.

Sunday, August 31st

11th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 9:2-12;

Gospel: Matt. 18:23-35.



WORSHIP SERVICES AT

ST. ANDREW'S SELO

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 12th

Feast of Holy Apostles Peter & Paul

(Liturgy - 9:30 a.m. start)

Thursday, August 28th

"Feast of Dormition of Virgin Mary"

10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 11th

*"Beheading of the Holy Prophet,
Forerunner & Baptizer of the Lord,
John"*

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee & Lunch

to follow every Divine Liturgy



CONGRATULATIONS TO

NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST!

On Sunday, June 29th Deacon *Peter Haugen* was ordained as a priest by His Eminence Metropolitan John at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral. Fr. Peter has been assigned for his clergy formation to St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish here in Edmonton. We congratulate Fr. Peter, and wish him the utmost success in his pastoral endeavours. We also congratulate Dobr. Erin in her new role alongside with Fr. Peter, and wish her well.

FAST DAYS

Apostles' Fast.

June 23rd - July 12th

Dormition Fast.

August 14th - 28th

WORSHIP SERVICES

AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, July 6th

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Bilingual

Sunday, July 13th

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Bilingual

Sunday, July 20th

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Bilingual

Sunday, July 27th

*"Holy Fathers of First Six
Ecumenical Councils"*

6th Sunday After Pentecost

English

Sunday, August 3rd

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Bilingual

Sunday, August 10th

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Bilingual

Sunday, August 17th

9th Sunday After Pentecost

Bilingual

Sunday, August 24th

10th Sunday After Pentecost

Bilingual

Sunday, August 31st

11th Sunday After Pentecost

English

Confession @ 9:00 a.m.

**Divine Liturgy commences @
9:30 am for the summer months
(starting July)**



Summer Worship Hours

July & August
Sunday worship
services
commence



at

9:30 a.m.

Confessions

from

8:30 a.m.



OUR PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

In Memorium!

St. Andrew's Sobor Family Extends their sincerest condolences to:

- ⇒ **Helen Zaparynuk and Family** on the repose of Helen's sister-in-law, Sophie Godziuk;
- ⇒ **Alex & Pauline Lysak and Family** on the repose of Pauline's cousin, Katie Hryhor (Foam Lake, Saskatchewan);
- ⇒ **Helen Shewchuk and Family** on the repose of Helen's husband, John;
- ⇒ **Edward & Phyllis Skaken and Family** on the repose of Ed's Mother, Anna.

ETERNAL BE THEIR MEMORY!

WE PRAY THAT THE LORD GOD WILL ESTABLISH THEIR SOUL WHERE THE RIGHTEOUS REPOSE

REMEMBERING THE LIVING & DEPARTED

During every liturgy the priest says prayers for the living and the departed. At the entrance to the church, please fill in special "Remembrance Cards" and submit them to the celebrant priest so that prayers may be offered.

NEXT PYROHY SUPPER!



Our next "Pyrohy Supper" will be held on **Friday,**

September 5th

from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Bring Family & Friends!
Dine In or
Take Out!



DONATION ENVELOPES



Should you require more "Offering Envelopes" contact Gene Luchka (465-1736) or Mark Bartko (469-9921) or fill out the request form in the Church vestibule entrance area.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIPS

The Sunday Fellowships are greatly appreciated by the worshipping congregation; therefore we would like to thank those who sponsored or provided these fellowships.

A most heartfelt thank you to:

... the month of **June** sponsors:

Stephanie McNee and Family (Memorial Fellowship for Lloyd McNee); Natalie Karbasheski, Nadine Brow, Sophie Rygus, Margaret Wozimirsky (June 8th); Church School Program (June 15th); the Fellowship Committee (June 22nd).



Thank You

50TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The St. Andrew's Men's Club will again be sponsoring our 5th *Pictorial Directory* this autumn and I was again asked to chair the directory project. The 2009 Directory will be dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of our beautiful Sobor Parish. The pictorial directory is based on the Biblical premise: "Love Thy Neighbor" or to be explicit, "Love Thy Parishioner". As a member of our Church "Family" we urge you to have your picture taken so that you could be included in our "Family" album.

Photo sessions will take place in the classroom area of our Parish Complex on October 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th. Every church member will be called by one of my twelve member committee asking for your participation. Calls will commence in September. Names of the full committee will be published in an ensuing edition of the fine and detailed "Outreach" newsletter published by our editors Fr. Victor and Robyn Shewchuk.

Questions? Please call me at 469-7870.

With love, appreciation and respect,

Johnny Bohonos

Pictorial Directory Chairman



At the same time we invite other parish members to also sponsor an occasional Fellowship. If you are so inclined, please sign-up on the displayed sheet or contact **Stephanie** (469-1463 or 469-5293). Thank you!



THANK YOU!

A special thank you is extended to **George Gushaty** for providing the greenery placed at the entrance of the church on the **Sunday of Pentecost** (as is our tradition). George, being one of our exemplary members, never fails in carrying out responsibilities placed upon him. Thanks, George! Your dedication is much appreciated!

VEERNEEST DANCE PROGRAM

Friday, September 12th

OPEN HOUSE & FALL REGISTRATION

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

We welcome all children 3 years of age and older with or without prior Ukrainian dance training ... minor fundraising ... a relaxed atmosphere ... top-quality instruction ... club-owned costuming.

For more information contact:

Trish Bartko (469-9921)

"We are dedicated to providing our students with a fun place to learn to dance!"



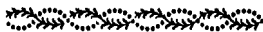
MORE PARISH BULLETIN BOARD!



GREETERS' ROSTER

The "Greeters/Hosts/Ushers" will recommence in the month of September.

Many thanks to those of you who have already volunteered for this ministry. *If you would like to volunteer to be a "Greeter" for a future date, please contact Pauline Lysak.*



ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY

The following information is a follow-up to Dr. Harry Hohol's report on St. Stephen's Cemetery in the June "Outreach" newsletter and the agenda item in the June 8th Special Parish Meeting.

An approved change was made in the guidelines of the Option Agreement Investment Plan at the July 2nd Council Meeting. An investor will have a choice of receiving 5 percent interest yearly or 7.5 percent annual simple interest at the end of the 5-year period. For example, a \$10,000 investment would earn \$500 interest yearly or \$3,750 interest over five years.

For more information, contact Michael Alexandruk (780-998-2356).



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Glory to Jesus Christ! Another Church School term has come to an end. Thank you students and parents for your

participation and support throughout the year. Your involvement was greatly appreciated. Even though there is no scheduled Church School, please do continue attending the Divine Liturgy during the summer.

Congratulations are extended to Michael Hnatiw on his High School graduation and completion of the Church School program, and to all other students who have achieved Honors or special recognition during their school term.

A thank you is extended to Robert Shewchuk for framing the ICON of St. Nicholas which will be placed in the classroom area for all to see as they come to Church School.

Church School registration for the 2008-2009 term will take place on Sunday, September 7th, 2008.

More information will be forthcoming in an August newsletter.

Grandparents' Day is on September 14th, 2008!

With God's Blessing have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Yours in Christ,
Olga Alexandruk

Director of Church School
(780-998-2356)

Dobr. Marusia Lakusta
Assistant Director
(780-438-1890)

ANNUAL BBQ

Thank you to all who attended the Annual St. Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Club BBQ in June. Special thanks to Stephanie, Nancy, Liz & Gord, June & George, Ollie, Fedor, Ernie, Steve, Ken and the three BBQ'ers — the Dr. Harrys and Orest.

The meal and steaks were awesome! Also thanks to those who cleaned the tables and washed the dishes, etc.

Have a great summer!

Men's Social Chair
Wally Yadowski



OSVITA NEWS

The Osvita 2008 Ukrainian Cultural and Immersion program would like to extend a warm invitation to the following:

ZABAVA

Friday, July 18th
St. Andrew's
Cultural Complex
8 p.m.

Tickets: \$8 (Advance)
\$10 (At the door)

Contact:

Andrij Hladio
St. John's Institute
780-439-2320 or email
osvita@
stjohnsinstitute.com

Cantoring Workshop

July 8-10
6 - 7 p.m.

For a cost of \$40 you will receive 3

instructional hours, printed materials (based on the Good Shepherd texts) and a CD with relevant music.

St. John's Institute Chapel
11024 Whyte Avenue

To register call Andrij at
780-439-2320.



MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Andrew's Men's Club will be holding their *9th Annual Mixed Golf Tournament and BBQ:*

Friday, August 22nd

Terrae Pines Golf & Country Club

9-Hole Texas
Scramble
Golf: 2 p.m.
BBQ: 6 p.m.



Cost:

9-Holes & BBQ - \$48.00
Golf only - \$27.00
BBQ only - \$22.00

(This year we will be serving roast beef rather than steak).

The number of golfers is limited to 52 so please **register early** (BBQ is unlimited)!

Entry forms are available at the Church Office or contact Gordon Haug (464-2777).

At the Honour Awards for St. Kevin's Junior High, Ukrainian Bilingual student, **Ryan Alexandruk** was recognized with Grade 8 Honours.

“Christian Education: Nurturing The Faith” (Continued from page 1)

. . . and deeply lived Christian faith demands not only that we know what is good, right and true but that we do it, as well. To put it in another way, the faith is in the doing. In the biblical understanding of what it means to know the Lord, there is an entering into a trusting relationship with the Lord and there is a doing of God's will. Or, as James, the apostle and brother of the Lord put it, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).

Thus, a genuine, lived faith has at least 3 essential components: believing, trusting and doing. Does your faith include these 3 dimensions and if so, how deeply? Does the faith that you are transmitting to your children at home have these 3 dimensions? These are important questions to ask and to answer. ***May the Lord open our minds and hearts to turn from what is evil and seek what is good that we may live wise and virtuous lives and grow in our understanding of the true faith!*** ■

The Liturgical Year in the Orthodox Church

The Liturgy and all the sacraments in the Orthodox Christian Church begin with the prayer:

"Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, always, now and forever".

The aim of all Christian living -- praying, studying, working and resting is to bring us before the awesome and renewing reality of the kingdom of God. Although God's kingdom may be described by many words (God's will, rule, power, lordship, majesty, glory and grace), put simply it is God's personal holy presence. To live in the reality of God's kingdom is to live in the presence of God -- with a sense of wonder, joy and thanksgiving in all circumstances and for all things.

What is the significance of the liturgical year?

The liturgical year is a way of discipline in prayer, a pattern of worship, an anchor of support for the life of the Church. But it also has deeper significance. The late George Florovsky, an eminent Orthodox theologian of blessed memory, has taught us that worship is a response to the call of God who has already made known His redeeming love to us through decisive events culminating in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. Worship has two major aspects: **remembrance** (anamnesis which means not only historical remembrance but also re-living the events commemorated) and **thanksgiving** (including praise and doxology).

Thus the liturgical year, by bringing unceasingly before us God's mighty deeds of salvation and the reality of God's kingdom in our midst, is the sanctification of time and thereby the true fulfillment of both personal and corporate aspects of our lives as Christians. Far from being simply a calendar, the liturgical year in the life of the Church -- the life of Christians living in community as brothers and sisters -- in awareness of God's kingdom, remembering the entire communion of Prophets, Apostles, Saints and all of God's people on earth and in heaven, being renewed by God's saving love, helping one another, witnessing to Christ's good news, and waiting for the fullness of the coming kingdom according to God's timing.

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord" (Rom. 14:8)

Orthodox worship proclaims the centrality of Christ. The liturgical year celebrates the presence of the mystery of Christ in the life of the Church and seeks to make the living Christ a renewing life-source for every Orthodox Christian.

Do not the most important feast days of the year celebrate the good news of the life and work of Christ, the Annunciation, His Birth, Presentation in the Temple, Baptism, Transfiguration, Triumphal Entry, Passion Week, Easter, Ascension and His gift of the Spirit on Pentecost day, all of which are based on the New Testament? Do we not remember and re-live His death and resurrection on each Sunday (Kyriake, that is, the Lord's Day) and in each Liturgy? Do we not continuously hear about Jesus' teachings, miracles and encounters with men and women from all walks of life? Even the Feast days of the Prophets, the Apostles, the Theotokos and the Saints, properly understood, point to the centrality of Christ, the Saviour and Lord of all.

This is the essential message of the Orthodox faith: Christ lives and desires to be one with us in a union of holy love. He is the Leader of our life and the Celebrant of the sacraments. He is the Good Shepherd who continues not only to seek out the lost but also to feed those who are already in His flock. Are we prepared to hear His call? Are we willing to open our hearts to Him? Do we seek Him as eagerly as He seeks us? I would like to end this preface with the image of Christ the Pursuer from the conclusion of St. John Chrysostom's 15th Homily on 1st Timothy, a passage to which George Florovsky has pointed. In the final part of this Homily, St. John Chrysostom meditates on Christ's love for us and exhorts Christians to glorify Christ for His countless material and spiritual gifts -- the same Christ that we often neglect and perhaps even secretly dislike for pursuing us and seeking to change our lives. Then St. John has Christ speaking to us in these words:

"But what shall I say? It is not in this way only that I have shown my love to you, but also by what I have suffered. For you I was spit upon, I was scourged. I emptied myself of glory, I left my Father and came to you, who hate me, and turn from me, and are loath to hear my name. I pursued you; I ran after you, that I might overtake you. I united and joined you to myself, "eat me, drink me," I said. In heaven above I hold you, and on earth below I embrace you. Is it not enough for you that I have your pledge of salvation in heaven? Does this not satisfy your desire? I again descended on earth (through the Eucharist): I not only am mingled with you, I am entwined in you. I am eaten, broken into tiny particles, that the fusion, intermingling, and union may be more complete. Things united remain yet (sometimes) in their own limits, but I am interwoven with you. I would have nothing separating us. I will that we both be one".

(Source: Internet – Orthodox Christian Info)



JULY 2008

Divine Liturgy during the summer months will begin at 9:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. — Confession)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5
Apostles Fast: June 23 - July 12 →						
6 <i>3rd Sunday After Pentecost</i>	7 <i>"Birth of John the Baptist"</i>	8 9 am-Golden Age Club Mtg	9	10	11	12 <i>"Saints Peter & Paul"</i> 9:30 am Lit. @Selo
13 <i>4th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	14 7 pm - Parish Board Mtg.	15 9 am-Golden Age Club Mtg	16	17	18	19
20 <i>5th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	21	22 9 am-Golden Age Club Mtg	23	24	25	26
27 <i>6th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	28 <i>"St. Vladimir the Great"</i>	29 9 am-Golden Age Club Mtg	30	31	Sunday Fellowship Roster: PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH ATRIUM TO SPONSOR A FELLOWSHIP LUNCH	

AUGUST 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>7th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	4 Civic Holiday	5 9 am-Golden Age Club Mtg	6	7	8	9
10 <i>8th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	11 Possible Parish Board Mtg - ?	12	13	14 <i>Dormition Fast Commences</i> →	15 Golf Tournament & BBQ	16
17 <i>9th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	18 7 pm - Ladies Aux. Executive Mtg.	19 9:30 am - Liturgy <i>'Holy Transfiguration'</i>	20	21	22	23
Special Church SOBOR - Saskatoon (August 20th - 24th)						
24 NO CHURCH SERVICE	25	26	27	28 10 am - Selo <i>"Dormition of Virgin Mary"</i>	29 Nat. TYC Symposium @ St. John's Cath.	30
31 <i>11th Sunday After Pentecost</i>						



Confession... 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.; Divine Liturgy...9:30 a.m.
 Reading of Hours (Youth Sunday)... 9:30: a.m.
 Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, "Fellowship Coffee & Lunch" is served!



From Your Parish President

Slava Isusu Khrystu! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am pleased to report on the following activities of the Board from the June 9, 2008 Board meeting.

1. In search for a centrally located planning tool/calendar of events to contain all of the parish's activities, it was decided to try utilizing the "Outlook" program and analyze its effectiveness. A procedure will be developed and advertised with the rollout of the calendar's use likely for September.
2. A consolidated list of emergency contacts and service contracts was presented.
3. The annual report to the consistory was submitted.
4. Mr. Lawrence Dary was appointed the head of the committee to determine the computer needs of the parish's potential user groups (really all committees) and report back to the Board of those needs, equipment, and peripherals.
5. A summary of the All Committees' meeting (held on May 27, 2008) was presented.
6. A letter from the Council of Ukrainian Orthodox Churches of Edmonton was received advertising their annual general meeting and requesting the names of the representatives from St. Andrew's. Michael Alexandruk and Ernest Skakun are our primary and alternate representatives, respectively.
7. A request for nominations by June 30, 2008 for the Hetman Awards was received from the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Branch. The Men's Club is nominating Dr. Harry Mosychuk and Judge Russell Dzenick. Subsequent to the meeting, a letter was submitted on behalf of the parish endorsing each of the nominations.
8. The May issue of the Occupational Health and Safety magazine was received.
9. Posters from the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village were received and posted advertising their Student Art and Watercolor Art workshops this coming summer and fall months.
10. A letter was received from the consistory regarding the Special Sobor in August. The Board will contact delegates with details and registration forms.
11. A letter and \$1000 donation toward our parish's Church School program were received from the Ukrainian Self Reliance League. This organization also provides reminder of the Memorial Service to be held at City Hall November 22, 2008 for the victims of the Holodomor/Genocide in Ukraine.
12. A letter requesting donation from our parish and its members was received from the Ottawa Taras Shevchenko Monument Committee to assist in the erection of statues by Dr. Leo Mol in Ottawa. A letter of regret will be sent indicating that a donation from the parish will not be made. Members wishing to obtain information about this organization and its objectives can ask me for more information.
13. Our parish website statistics were presented for information and filing with the meeting minutes.
14. An email from Fr. Bohdan Hladio outlining the potential for the UOCC to adopt online donating was reviewed. The Board will comment to Fr. Hladio that although convenient, the 3% fee charged would result in the church not receiving full value of the donation, and the church may lose information of which individuals are donating. Therefore, this type of donating may not be advantageous to the church.
15. A letter from the Christian Children's Fund of Canada was received requesting our support. The suggested support ranged from offering prayers to donating to holding fundraising activities.
16. A letter from The Friends of Ukrainian Folkloric Centre was received advertising their annual general meeting.
17. The chair of the Communications Committee reported that he is commencing his review of the publication costs of our "Outreach" and investigating potential for cost reduction.
18. The Treasurer's report was heard and accepted. Accepted that the bills payable be paid.
19. A report was heard from the Hospodar outlining recent repairs to our facility. A contract with Paragon Mechanical for HVAC system maintenance will be executed. A new security system is being investigated due to obsolescence of the existing system.
20. Reports were heard from the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Men's Club presidents of their respective upcoming activities.
21. A report was heard from our Parish Priest. Honoraria will be paid for a recent extra cantor service and recent past and specific future priest substitutions.
22. Appropriate gifts from the parish were authorized for the Ordination into the Holy Order of Priesthood of Fr. Deacon Peter Haugen and Fr. Myroslaw Kryschuk's 50th Anniversary in the Holy Order of the Priesthood.
23. Letters of invitation were sent out to the Calmar and Thorsby Ukrainian Orthodox Churches for the . . . →

From Your Parish President . . . Continued from p. 7

. . . upcoming Bar-V-Nok weekend.

24. A standard letterhead for St. Andrew's will be investigated and decided upon.
25. A permanent Tillie Kurysh Hall sign will be investigated and decided upon.
26. Disposal of surplus equipment at St. Andrew's will take place. The Facilities Manager to coordinate the activity and consult with the owners of the equipment.
27. The recently framed icon of St. Nicholas is to be hung in a suitable classroom.
28. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2008.**

Some time ago I heard a program on CBC radio where a person (I forget who and where in Canada) would travel to different churches on different Sundays. His intent was to informally poll how friendly a church congregation was to him, a stranger, by counting the number of "hello's" or "welcomes" he received. At some churches he would receive many such salutations; whereas at others, he would receive none. His point – how welcoming is a congregation that extends zero "welcomes"; and, is that experience even acceptable from people who call themselves Christian?

I also recall a story told to me by my "Kum" about how he went to a Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Edmonton (thankfully, not St. Andrew's) as a visitor, you see, he came here as a University student. On that particular Sunday he decided to go to confession, and, after receiving the sacrament, he easily found a seat because it was still early. As he waited for the Divine Liturgy to start, he drifted in prayer and thought. He was suddenly brought back to the church by a stern knocking he heard from somewhere. After some glancing around, he realized that an elderly parishioner was knocking on the pew with her cane where he sat. My "Kum" innocently chose a seat for himself; unfortunately it was where this member always sat every Sunday for years. "Welcome" indeed! You're sitting in my chair!

Now, I often overhear comments or receive question from many members of St. Andrew's when we see someone we don't recognize in church, "do you know who that person is?" – a natural question. My troubles start when I hear the same question posed about the same unknown person after he's been in church on a few consecutive Sundays! "Welcome" indeed!

Here is a challenge all members (including me) – to make St. Andrew's a welcoming Christian church! Let us change a "who is that" question to a "who is that – I better introduce myself and welcome him" statement! It's too easy to avoid those we don't know. Let us individually take the step forward, shake the hand of the visitor, and welcome him to come and enjoy our fellowship coffee and, please, sit at our table!

Who knows - he may be polling St. Andrew's. Better yet, he may even become a member!

Slava Naviky! Glory Be Forever!

Michael Zukiwsky – Parish President

"Are We Ready To Die?"

If you knew that you were going to die within the hour, how would you react? I suspect most of us would feel scared and horrified. Why? Isn't it because we consider this life on earth to be all that we have and thus we make detailed long-term plans for our lives and, in some cases, our children's lives? Isn't it because we are afraid of the unknown, and death is the great unknown? At a young man's funeral many people were asking: Why him? He was a good man, a good Christian, young - he had everything to look forward to. Why did he die?

We may never know, in this life, the full reason why God took this man. But many of us believe that, because this young man believed in Christ and was filled with such goodness, this evil world was not worthy of him; and God has called him home to Paradise.

See the difference when you look at it through spiritual eyes? Non-Christians can see only this life. You live seventy or so years (if you're lucky) and then you die. The End!

But as Christians, we know that life continues after "death". Our soul does not die with our body. This present existence on earth is only a tiny fraction of our whole existence. While we may live for a few years on this earth, we will be living for ever in either heaven or hell. ...

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"Are We Ready To Die?" ... (Continued from previous page)

Isn't it amazing that we spend so much time and effort planning our education, careers, holidays, etc., and little, if any, time in planning where we will spending eternity?

It is like a young person, when they've got their first job, wanting to buy a car. Their parents say no. Save your money and buy a house, they say. They can see the long-term scenario. They know that money spent on a car is wasted money; but a house and property is something that will have value indefinitely, But the child can only see his short-term need - a vehicle so that he can be mobile and go wherever he wants.

We are like that child - seeing only the short-term. We have to quickly reprioritise things, or else we may be in for a rude awakening.

Let us consider the loving work that God has done for us, in sending His beloved son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins. If we believe in Jesus, and trust Him, and turn away from our sins, then death is no more to be feared - it is simply a doorway to a better life.

To quote the Apostle Paul in more detail: "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgement, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation." (Heb. 9:27, 28).

And St. John Chrysostom confirms: "Let no one fear death for the Saviour's death has liberated us from it.... O Death, where is sin, your poisonous sting? O Hades, where is your infamous victory? Christ is risen, and you are utterly defeated! Christ is risen, and no one will remain dead in the graves!"

Are you ready to die? ■

From the Office of the St. Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary:



Sincere thanks are extended to all the people listed below for their time and effort in doing a fantastic job of kitchen cleaning. It is amazing how much grime is collected!

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| <i>Vivian Skakun</i> | <i>Victoria Zukiowsky</i> | |

Thank you!

Come and view the clean and well-organized cupboards as well as the sparkling walls and ceilings, and exterior of the walk-in cooler!!!



FATHER VICTOR'S VACATION TIME

Please note that during the summer months, Fr. Victor will be taking some vacation time. Exact dates will be announced later. During Fr. Victor's absence, any of the following priests may be contacted, should a pastoral need arise:

- Rev. Fr. Timothy Chrapko (780 – 221-6658)
- Rt. Rev. Fr. Stephan Semotiuk (780 – 475-3712)
- Very Rev. Georg Podtepa (780 – 477-2583)

SALMON SUPPER FOR SEPTEMBER

Specific information regarding the Salmon Supper will be in the next "Outreach" newsletter! Watch for it!



Pochaiv "Safe House" Update

The momentum to *make a difference* is growing!!!

Good news — I have been advised that our application to the Wild Rose Foundation for a matching grant toward the Pochaiv "Safe House" (*Klenovi Lyst*) has been approved. We are awaiting receipt of the funds.

-*Pauline Lysak*, Project Co-ordinator

Many thanks to those who opened their hearts and made donations!



LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



There will be **no** meeting scheduled for the month of July. An Executive meeting will be held on Monday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. The **Annual**

General Meeting will be held on Monday, September 15th! Have a nice restful summer!

-*Sandra Hohol*, Ladies Auxiliary President

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS!



**HARVESTING THE
FRUIT OF PASCHA**

*Continued from last month's
"Outreach" newsletter ...*

Sunday of the Paralytic:

A paralytic lies at the pool of healing waters for thirty-eight years, and Christ commands him healed by his word alone. Christ is the source, the well-spring of life, Who heals illness and sins. The epistle reading of the day highlights Peter's fulfilling the healing ministry of Christ. Christians are called upon to heal the wounded of heart by bringing Christ to the world-the helper of the helpless.

Sunday of the Samaritan Women:

This Sunday, Christ is at a well speaking of living waters that never leaves one thirsting. The Samaritan woman, St. Photini, was baptized at Pentecost and became an evangelist and missionary. Christ offers to renew us by His Grace which not only heals sins but calls us into His service.

Sunday of the blind man:

The Grace of Christ is present

again as He commands the man born blind to wash in the pool of Siloam. The epistle reading tells us how Paul and Silas heal the young girl, are imprisoned, miraculously escape and the jailer is converted. Christians are called upon to be illumined by God's grace and in turn to illumine others.

Thursday of the 6th week of Pascha- Ascension:

Forty days after the resurrection, Christ leaves the disciples and ascends to His Father. The feast of the Ascension is a day of joy and completion. Christ has completed his mission. For forty days he met with the apostles and harvested the fruit of his earthly life and then leaves. Christ ascends so that the Holy Spirit may descend upon the apostles and establish His Kingdom on earth through His Church.

Sunday of the Holy Fathers:

On the Sunday before Pentecost, the Church calls upon the Holy Fathers of the first Council of Nicaea in 325. They represent the seal of the Church's faithfulness and the fulfillment that the Holy Spirit is ever present guiding the Church in all Truth.

Sunday of Pentecost:

On the fiftieth day of the resurrection, Christ sends the Holy Spirit and establishes His abiding presence and sanctifying grace in the Church. Thousands are baptized and converted that day through the preaching of the Apostles!

Sunday of All Saints: The Second Triumph of Orthodoxy

The final witness to the harvest of the Holy Spirit is the presence of saints and martyrs. The Holy Spirit sanctifies and perfects Christ's work. The saints and martyrs bear witness to the Spirit's work abiding in the Church, God's Kingdom has been established and reign in heaven and on earth!

-Fr. Victor



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