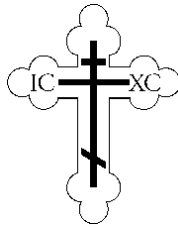


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What is the Church — and Where?

What indeed is "the true Church," and just where do we find it?

The only possible way to answer the question is to go back to the sources of Orthodox faith, to Scripture and the whole of sacred Tradition. Those sources, though, need to be seen for what they are: the witness of people who have been there before us, who lived through times of trial and tribulation that make today's disillusionments and frustrations seem less than momentous and hardly devastating. Recall, for example, the Church's martyrs, from apostolic times to the present; or the internecine strife that left battle scars on bishops and lay theologians of the first ecumenical councils; or the tragic schism symbolized by the date 1054; or the fear and misery of so many Christian believers under the yokes of Islam, then communism, then Islam again. Then think, too, about the state of some other Christian confessions, where preachers and theologians are inveighing against everything from

traditional belief in the divinity of Christ to the notion that a child in the womb might possess some inherent value.

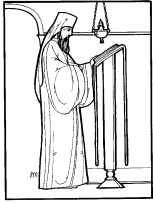
This is not to make light of our own difficulties or to deny the need for appropriate action to clean house and redress wrongs. It is simply to say that the Church we long for, the Church that leads us to the threshold of the Kingdom of God, is already present; it is in our midst, even "within" us (Lk 17:21).

People have often resorted to a dualistic ecclesiology in an effort to find "the true Church." They have imagined the "institutional church" as the weak, fragile and often corrupt reality made up of concrete human communities: parishes, monasteries, seminaries, and chanceries. The "true Church" they imagine as located beyond all that: an invisible, invincible, all-holy reality that encompasses angels and the blessed departed. Whether this dualistic view focuses on the "visible" and "invisible," or on the "Church militant"

and "Church triumphant," it represents a widespread and regrettable distortion of what our "sources" know to be true.

According to those sources, those living witnesses, the Church is One: undivided in its faith and its inherent structure. It is characterized by a total and essential continuity: from Creation, through the Incarnation and Resurrection of Christ, to His Second Coming. This continuity extends vertically as well as horizontally. It embraces not only the temporal past, present and future, but also the things of earth and the things of heaven. The Church encompasses all of time and space, immanence and transcendence, ourselves and the communion of saints, earthly existence and heavenly glory. The Church is the Bride of Christ, His Beloved, for whom He offers the supreme sacrifice. Symbolized by Eve, drawn from Adam's side, the Church flows forth in visible form from the wounded side of Christ.

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LITURGICAL SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 2009

Sunday, June 7th

Pentecost

Descent of the Holy Spirit

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11;

Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12.

Sunday, June 14th

1st Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday of All Saints

Epistle: Hebr. 11:33-12:2;

Gospel: Matt. 10:32, 33, 37, 38,
19:27-30.

Sunday, June 21st

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

All Saints of Glorified Ukraine

Epistle: Rom. 2:10-16,

Hebr. 11:33-12:2;

Gospel: Matt. 4:18-23,

Matt. 4:25-5:12.

Sunday, June 28th

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 5:1-10;

Gospel: Matt. 6:22-33.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, June 7th

Bilingual

Sunday, June 14th

Bilingual

Sunday, June 21st

Bilingual

Sunday, June 28th

English

Confession @ 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy commences

@ 10 a.m.



WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S SELO

Monday, June 8th

Feast of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, July 7th

Feast of St. John the Baptist

Friday, August 28th

*Feast of Dormition of Mother of
God, Virgin Mary*

10 am - Divine Liturgy
Fellowship Coffee & Lunch
to follow every Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Dates:

June 7th — **Pentecost** (is always 7 weeks after Easter Sunday or the 50th day inclusively)

June 8th — **Feast Day of the Holy Spirit**

Liturgical



P E N T E C O S T

Pentecost is one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church.

It is celebrated 50 days after Easter to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, and the birthday of the Christian Church.



On this day there is also a special service in which the Orthodox Christians kneel and pray to the Holy Spirit.

DIMENSIONS OF WORSHIP

Worship is an experience which involved the entire Church. When each of us comes together for Worship, we do so as members of a Church which transcends the boundaries of society, of time and of space. Although we gather at a particular moment and at a particular place, our actions reach beyond the parish, into the very Kingdom of God. We worship in the company of both the living and the departed faithful.

There are two dimensions to Orthodox Worship which are reflected throughout the many Services of the Church. First, Worship is a manifestation of God's presence and action in the midst of His people. It is God who gathers His scattered people together, and it is He who reveals Himself as we enter into His presence. The Worship of the Orthodox Church very vividly expresses the truth that God dwells among His people and that we are created to share in His life.

Second, Worship is our corporate response of thanksgiving to the presence of God and a remembrance of His saving actions - especially the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Orthodox Worship is centered upon God. He has acted in history, and He continues to act through the Holy Spirit. We are mindful of His actions and we respond to His love with praise and thanksgiving. In so doing we come closer to God.

In Memoriam!



[Should you have names of loved ones you would like included in this section, please contact the Church Office (780-469-1463)]

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

- ⇒ June & George Gushaty and Family on the repose of June's mother, Annie Lakusta;
- ⇒ Ted Horiachka and Family on the repose of Ted's brother, Michael Horiachka (of Sherwood Park);
- ⇒ Russell & Joanna Dzencik and Family on the repose of Russell's sister-in-law, Margaret Dzenick (of Edmonton);
- ⇒ Kay Elko and Family on the repose of her sister, Nancy McCallum (of Calgary);
- ⇒ Bill & Gloria Marcyniuk and Family on the repose of Gloria's mother, Elsie Mydynski;
- ⇒ Friends and family of Rose Bagan on her repose;
- ⇒ John Harasymuk and Family on the repose of his wife, Anne;
- ⇒ Greg & Patrece Maluzynsky, Sheri & Mark Harasymuk, David & Katherine Harasymuk and Families, on the repose of Anne Harasymuk (mother to Patrece, David and Mark).

**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.

Parish Bulletin Board

GREETERS' ROSTER

Listed below is a roster of those who have confirmed their participation as "Greeters/Hosts/Ushers" for this month:

June 7 - PENTECOST
Bruce & Gloria Macdonald
June 14 -
Alex & Pauline Lysak
June 21 -
Gordon & Liz Haug (new greeters to our list!)
June 28 -
Robert Shewchuk

MORE GREETERS NEEDED

If you are interested in acting as a Greeter, please contact Pauline Lysak (434-4826).

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.

FLORAL FUND

There were some individuals who were erroneously left off the Easter Floral Donation list last month. They are as follows:

Steve & Emilie Gorgichuk — in memory of John & Pilahia Chmilar, Dan, Anastasia, Fred & Klaus Gorgichuk, Gerald Kostyniuk

Alex & Pauline Lysak — in memory of family

Kay Elko — in memory of loved ones

Myron & Emily Stechishin — in memory of family

Eugenia & Michael Hnatiw in memory of Anna, Irena

Mary McIntosh — in loving memory of all loved ones



Pochaiv / Klenovi Lyst Project Sunday, October 18th, 2009



*A Fundraising Event at
St. Andrew's Cultural Center Complex
9831 - 75 Street, Edmonton*

1:00 p.m. Luncheon & Silent Auction

GUEST SPEAKER: Victor Malarek

*CTV W5 Journalist & author of "The
Nataschas"*

and his latest book "The Johns"

MC: Graham Neil, Award-winning CTV Reporter

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS
EVENT WILL
GO TOWARD
THE POCHAIV / KLENOVI
LYST "MAPLE LEAF"
PROJECT IN UKRAINE



TICKETS:

\$25.00 per person IN ADVANCE ONLY!
(Seating is limited!)

For more information or tickets, contact:

Pauline Lysak — 780-434-4826 or aplysak@telusplanet.net

**Thank you for helping to make a difference toward
diverting the children of Ukraine from human
trafficking through education, awareness and a
"Safe House" Center**

What is the Church — and Where? *-Continued from p. 1*

"The Word was made flesh, and the Church is a member of Christ's Body, she who was born of His side by water and received life by His blood. That flesh in which the Word was born, who exists from all eternity as Son of God, dwells among us sacramentally.... The Church is made up of publicans and sinners, of people from among the nations. Only the heavenly Second Adam is without sin. Nevertheless, the Church will be saved despite her sin, by bringing into the world offspring who will persevere in their faith." (Hilary of Poitiers [+367], *De Mysteriis*

1.3)

In this perspective, the Church is the visible yet transcendent locus of our sacramental communion in Christ. Constantly filled with the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, she reveals, manifests, and makes present the Word of God to the world. The Church indeed is Christ, the living and life-giving Body of which He is the Head. Yet the Church is also us: simple, sinful people, called to persevere in our faith, to offer mutual forgiveness for our foibles and transgressions, and to witness to God's love for each of us and for the world that considers itself to be beyond the Church's borders. This is why our "sources" speak of the Church as a *theandric* or divine-human reality. She may often manifest herself as fragile and sinful, a very human institution. But in her essence, her innermost reality, she remains the transcendent Body and Bride of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and the locus of true worship that unites our mundane lives and activities with the ceaseless celebration of the saints and the angelic host.

The Church of Christ is everywhere. It fills the cosmos, both visible and invisible. However bitter its struggles and frail its human institutions, it will pursue its mission until the end of time. And not even the gates of hell will prevail against it. ■

"A Parish Restructured" ...

Continued from last month's Outreach:

The facilitators for the Enrichment Program groups are to be competent and committed parishioners who work closely with the Pastor, Parish Executive Committee, and parish membership at large. The Pastor, who ultimately is responsible for all parish education programs, selects materials appropriate for the groups. Groups often are given a choice of themes.

Such study groups have proven effectual for integrating newcomers in a parish community. In a wholesome and stimulating atmosphere, they can become a part of our community, get to know some parishioners rather well in a short period of time, and feel an essential bond that often determines how involved they will become in the future. Lasting friendships have developed that compare with the deep friendships that usually exist only while a parish is in its earliest stages of life.

As our parish has grown in age ...

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**NEXT
PYROHY
SUPPER!**

Our next "Pyrohy
Supper"

will be held on

**Friday,
June 5th**

from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Bring Family & Friends!



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 months of May
sponsors:

Fellowship Committee
(May 3rd & 10th);
Perritts,
Zukiwskys
& Skakens
(May 17th).



Parish Bulletin Board

At the same time we invite other parish members to also sponsor an occasional Fellowship.

FOR SALE

If you are interested in purchasing any of the following please contact Gordon Haug (780-464-4777):

- 8 ft. rectangular banquet tables (\$30.00 each)
- 22 - 64 oz. insulated, beverage servers (\$20.00 each)

DVD SET AVAILABLE

A 3-disc copy of the *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Enthronement of His Grace Ilarion* as Bishop of Edmonton (from October 26th, 2008), as well as the banquet program, is available for purchase through the Church Office for a cost of \$30 for the 3-DVD set.

Golf Tournament

St. Andrew's Men's Club will be holding their 11th Annual **Mixed Golf Tournament & BBQ on Friday, August 21st, 2009** at Sherwood Park Golf Club (52321 Range Road 233).

9-Hole Texas Scramble
Golf — 2 pm
BBQ — 6 pm

COST:

9-Holes & BBQ \$45.00
Golf only \$20.00
(Golf carts are extra)
BBQ only \$25.00

Number of golfers is limited to 52 so please register early (BBQ is unlimited)! Entry forms will be available at the Church Office or **contact Tom Haugen** (1-780-797-2696).

The menu for this year is steak/chicken dinner. More information will be forthcoming in the next "Outreach" newsletter!

Alive In Christ — Fruits of the Holy Spirit Retreat

St. Philip Orthodox Church Edmonton is hosting the annual retreat June 12 - 14. The speaker this year is Fr. Michael Laffoon, Pastor of St. Mark Orthodox Church, Irvine, California.

For more information contact Nellie Salloum at 780-484-2515 or njsalloum@shaw.ca

Father Victor pictured here with the 2008-2009 Altar Boys on May 24th:



“A Parish Restructured” - continued from p. 4

... with a constantly changing membership primarily due to age demographics and shifting of membership make-up; it has been a challenge to maintain the closeness that is essential for a healthy parish. These study groups can give the participants an opportunity to know one another well enough to experience inclusivity and mutual support. We have found this to be especially important since most of our parishioners are scattered over a great radius of the church. This approach helps compensate for the absence of the fundamental support and interaction that would come naturally if we all lived within a few blocks of the church and each other.

Conclusion

Am Enrichment Program could serve our parish well. In spite of the constant demographic shift of people who move to and from the area and our parish ever year, the changing of the medium age; with appropriate programs we will be able to integrate newcomers, experience a reasonable rate of growth, generate a high level of involvement and commitment, educate coming generations, and witness to the community about us. For this we will be very honored and grateful. In closing I yet again remind all that there must be a sense of commitment and dedication from all parish members. Personally agenda, and self-glorification or recognition has no place in a true parish community. With that said I challenge each and every member of our parish community to step forward and be a contributor of our parish restructuring. Be a part of the solution! Take an interest in your parish’s ministry. This is my challenge to you!

-Fr. Victor

VEERNEEST REMINDER:

Friday, June 12th:
Open House which will feature:



- Pick up your DVD copy of the May 9th Year End Concert
- Costume Exchange / “Second Hand Costume” Sales
- Return Borrowed Costumes from the Program
- Early Registration — Open House & Meet the Teachers

Mark your calendars:
Fall Open House — September 11th, 2009 (6:30—8 pm).



CHAIKA ORCHESTRA WORKSHOPS

The Vegreville Pysanka Festival will be sponsoring music workshops July 3, 4, and 5 during the festival. All players must be able to read music. There is no fee for the workshops but you must register by June 20th. For more information go to: www.vegpyankafestival.ca Phone: 780-632-2777 or email: vegrevillefestival@telusplanet.net

FREE BOOK
A History of CYMK in Albert and BC (1931-1988)

The book “CYMK PATHWAYS” is available for free by contacting the Western Eparchy Office at 780-455-1938 or admin@uocc-we.ca

56th Ukrainian Self-Reliance League Convention

Regina
August 6 - 9
For more information call Sandra (780-466-0810)

With Thanks

We, the family, of the Late Annie Lakusta would like to extend heartfelt thanks for the kindness and support shown to us. Thank-you’s to everyone for their phone calls, flowers, memorial donations, prayers and sympathy cards. Sincere thanks to Walter Yadowski from Park Memorial Funeral Home for overseeing mother’s funeral arrangements

CAMP BAR-V-NOK

Pigeon Lake
June 28 - July 11
For youth ages 8-14

Participating youth will experience a variety of cultural, religious and sporting activities.



Registration deadline is June 1st.

Brochures are available in the Church vestibule. For more information contact Erin Haugen @ 780-469-5293 or e_corlett@hotmail.com



Sunday, July 26th

Pancake Brunch

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

June 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 9 am — Golden Age Club	3	4 7:30 pm - Choir Practice	5 5-7:30 pm — Pyrohly Supper	6
7 PENTECOST <u>Bilingual</u>	8 10 am — <i>Feast of the Holy Spirit</i> @ SELO 7 pm - Parish Board Meeting	9 9 am — Golden Age Club	10	11 7:30 pm - Choir Practice	12 Veerneest — Costume Return & Open House	13
14 <i>Sunday of All Saints</i> <u>Bilingual</u>	15 5:30 pm — Men's Club & Ladies BBQ 7:00 pm - Ladies & Men's Mtgs	16 9 am — Golden Age Club	17	18 7:30 pm - Choir Practice	19	20
21 <i>All Saints of Glorified Ukraine</i> FATHERS' DAY <u>Bilingual</u>	22	23 9 am — Golden Age Club	24	25 7:30 pm - Choir Practice	26	27
28 <i>3rd Sunday After Pentecost</i> <u>English</u>	29	30 9 am — Golden Age Club				
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Camp at Bar-V-Nok (Pigeon Lake) (June 28th—July 11th, 2009) → </div>						

Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy,
 "Fellowship Coffee & Lunch" is served!
 We welcome you and yours!

Parish President's Report

Khrystos Voskres! Christ is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am pleased to report on the following activities of the Board from their meeting of May 4, 2009.

1. St. Andrew's Board is still searching for a member to act as our computer system administrator to help us manage our new computer system. Please help us and volunteer for this position. This position could be filled by an adult, university student, or a senior high school student with an aptitude for computers. All interested persons are to call me at 780.469.1729 or George Tkachyk at 780.634.5803.
2. The second phase of the Parish computer system is now installed and operational. Minor issues are reported and are being worked through. Training of the system did occur. The membership is reminded that part of the new system includes a laptop and a projector that is available for committee use in the church. To date, only Dobr. Nadia Kryschuk, on behalf of the Adult Ukrainian Language classes, is requesting the use of this equipment.
3. A report was received from Fr. Bilas of the recent construction activities on the Pochaiv Safe House Project in Stoyaniv, Ukraine.
4. Repairs to the cultural building HVAC are complete and costs were less than expected.
5. The new security system is installed. A transition to the new system from the old will soon commence.
6. The President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair will review the policy handbook and outline roles and responsibilities for staff positions that are missing.
7. The Choir Committee Chair, Dr. Harry Mosychuk, attending a portion of the meeting, provided history and clarity on some of the initial correspondence, and together with all correspondence received, the position of choir director was discussed. Subsequent to the meeting, Dr. Mosychuk reports that the direction provided by the Board regarding the choir director position was followed. Mr. Greg Maluzhynsky will continue to act as primary contact for the choir, with Mr. Orest Soltykevych sharing in the conducting responsibilities of the choir. I encourage all members to welcome Orest and his family to St. Andrew's.
8. The photograph of Fr. Benny Ambrosie received from the Pictorial Committee will be framed and mounted beside the pictures of the other St. Andrew's priests' photographs in the Church entrance. A picture of Fr. Benny and Dobr. Lorraine will be obtained and mounted beside the pictures of the other photographs of St. Andrew's priests and wives in the Tillie Kurysh Hall.
9. The newly formed Sustainability Committee will meet May 14, 2009.
10. The Consistory provided a survey form to all Parishes requesting opinion on the establishment of a national payroll system for all UOCC clergy.
11. A thank-you card will be written to the Ukrainian Self Reliance League for the donation of \$500 they provided toward their use of our facility.
12. The BIPHICTb April and May newsletters were received.
13. Two letters from Mr. Greg Malushynsky were received.
14. Thank-you cards were received from Mrs. Kay Keaschuk and Dr. Bert Hohol' for baskets of Blessed Easter Food from the Parish.
15. "Dobros", a company providing Ukrainian costuming from Ukraine sent an email to the Parish advising of their services.
16. A letter of donation request, received from the Royal Alexandra Hospital, was forwarded to the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Men's Club for consideration.
17. Thank-you letters were received from Holyrood and Delwood Schools' parents' association and students respectively for the Paska dough received from St. Andrew's used by the Ukrainian Bilingual Language Program students' Paska making workshop.
18. The President reports that contact with committee chairs is complete, a draft of the emergency protocol was tabled, and that the All-Edmonton Parish Presidents/Priests meeting occurred on April 29.
19. The Treasurer's report was heard and accepted. Accepted that the bills payable be paid. As discussed at the Parish Special General Meeting in March, details of monthly Parish expenditures and received donations will be reported for the members' information. Since this report is started in April, It is reported that the year to date expenditures experienced by the Parish total \$77,898, and income ...

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Next "Outreach" Issue - June 28th

This will be our July/August "Summer Issue"

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St. Andrew's Men's Club Website

www.uocc-standrew.ca/mensclub/



Pastoral Reflections



My Farewell to St. Andrew's Parish!

On May 7th with the unexpected resignation of Very Rev. Gregory Mielnik from the office of Chancellor (Chair) of the Presidium of the Consistory of Ukrainian Orthodox Church I was unpredictably elected to replace Fr. Gregory as Chancellor.

It was a decisive moment for me and my family! We were confronted with contrasting thoughts and emotions. As I contemplated the calling placed before me I was reminded of Article 3 of the "Priest's Pledge" I signed before my ordination; that: *"I will be subservient to the Higher Spiritual and Church Leadership in all matters which relate to my spiritual and administrative obligations as a cleric of the UOCC."* After much prayer and meditation, I respectfully submitted to my new calling - as Chancellor of the Presidium of the Consistory.

I only pray that I am worthy of position, and that the Blessed Lord God grace me with good health, faith, wisdom, and discernment as I accept the responsibilities of the Office of Chancellor. I humbly ask for your prayers!

Fourteen years ago I came to your parish as your pastor. Over the course of those years in my ministry to you, the faithful of your parish community, I and my family had established special relationships with many of you. In leaving your parish family, we do so with great emotions and many pleasant memories which we will cherish for years to come. We thank you, especially those of you who were supportive and encouraging of my ministry to your parish family.

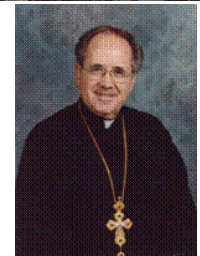
As I leave you, I bring to your attention the words of a Russian Orthodox priest who wrote in his



diary: *"You cannot cure the soul of others or "help people", without having changed yourself. You cannot put in order the spiritual economy of others, so long as there is chaos in your own soul. You cannot bring peace to others if you do not have it yourself."* Therefore I pray that the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for each other! May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

-Fr. Victor



We wish you well, Father Victor! You will be greatly missed!