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Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!
Glory Be To Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Parish Administered by:
The Order of St. Basil the Great (Basilian Fathers)

Fr. Zachary Shwaluk, OSBM	Pastor
Fr. Isidore Dziadyk, OSBM	Assistant Pastor
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM	Provincial Superior
Fr. Emilian Nychak, OSBM	Parochial Vicar

Bro. Peter Pitchko, OSBM	Parish Office (Pastoral Intern)
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Parish Office Hours:	Monday to Friday 9am-4pm
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Liturgical Regular Schedule:

Sundays:	Weekdays:
8:40am Rosary	6:55am (Ukrainian)
9:00am (Ukrainian)	
10:40am Rosary	
11:00am (English)	
7:00pm (English)	

Holy Days of Obligation & First Fridays of the Month

6:55am & 7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

15 minutes before Divine Liturgy on Sundays & First Fridays

Sacrament of Baptism & Chrismation (Confirmation)

by appointment with the Pastor

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony (Marriage)

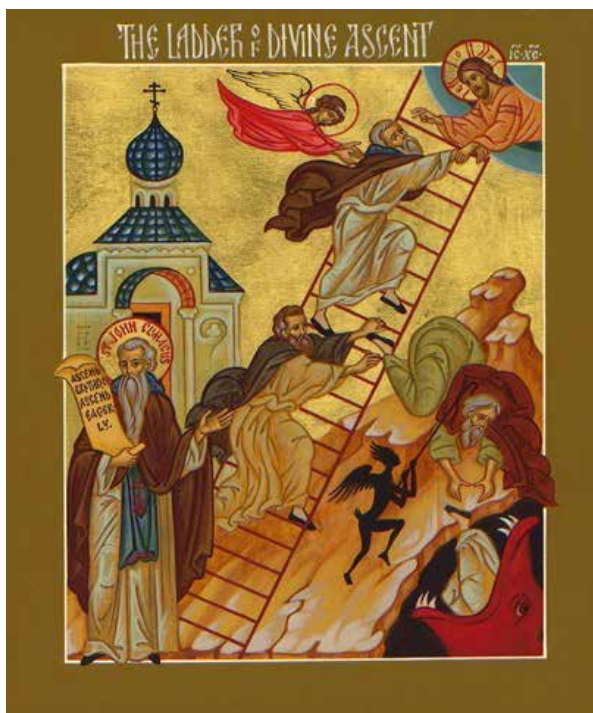
by appointment with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance

Sacrament of Holy Anointing (Sacrament of the Sick)

by appointment

Funerals

by appointment with the Pastor



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Epistle: Heb. 6:13-20 **Gospel:** Mk. 9:17-31

We extend a joyous welcome to all our parishioners and guests that have come to join us this Fourth Sunday of Lent. In keeping with the public health measures adopted in attempt to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, all public gatherings at the parish have been suspended and worship services have been closed to the public. The parish plans to livestream as many liturgical and prayer services as it can. The links to these livestreams will be posted on the parish website as they become available.

At this time, although the Parish Office will remain open and follow regular office hours, we strongly encourage the practice of social distancing to help curb the spread of COVID-19, that is, limiting one's person to person physical contact. However, please be assured that we will try to assist you in the best way that we can.

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PARISH COMMUNITY...

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS: MAR. 22 - 23, 2020

Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00am +Mary Sumka

11:00am +Anne Pitura

7:00pm Parish & Parishioners

Monday, March 23

6:55am Heath of Amelia Khoma

7:00pm Divine Liturgy Deceased ++Sorokousty

Tuesday, March 24

6:55am B-day Blessings: Fr. Emilian Nychak, OSBM

Wednesday, March 25 - Feast of Annunciation

6:55am Parish & Parishioners

7:00pm

Thursday, March 26

6:55am

Friday, March 27

6:55am +Michael Schurko

Saturday, March 28

6:55am

Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00am Parish & Parishioners

11:00am +Merlyn Onyschuk

7:00pm

Monday, March 30

6:55am

7:00pm Divine Liturgy Deceased ++Sorokousty

PEROGY CREW

Due to precautionary measures, the Perogy Crew at St. Nick's **has suspended all operations until further notice.**

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Envelopes (95): \$ 2,162 Loose: \$10

Automatic Debit Program: \$244

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 7, 2020 @ 7:35pm

FRONT PLAZA RENOVATIONS

The Front Plaza Renovations are now 100% complete!

Fundraising Goal: \$200,000

As of March 15, 2020, we have collected \$196,624.27!

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL MEETING - POSTPONED

The Parish Annual Meeting for 2020 has been postponed until conditions allow for public assemble. All parishioners will be invited to attend.

ST. NICHOLAS CLUB 55+ - POSTPONED

March 26 at 1:00pm. - Healthy Eating for Older Adults

SANCTUARY VIGIL LAMP INTENTION

For the Parish and Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church

PRAYERS @ SNC

Feel free to submit to the Parish Office the name of anyone who is ill and in need of our prayers. **Please remember in your prayers those in care homes and those who are not able to join us actively in our community:** Jennie Ewasko, Olive Yaremko, Debbie Yaremko, Debra Procopchuk, Sukaylo Family, Vera Horechko, Peter Melnyk, Geraldine Kwasny, Mildred Kucher, Katherine Swack

SNC SACRAMENTAL PREP/CATECHISM

Upon consultation with the parents, the SNC Sacramental Classes has been temporarily suspended until further notice.

K OF C - FR. FILIPOW COUNCIL - MEAT BINGO

POSTPONED. Sunday Mar 22, 2020, Games begin at 12:30pm (until 4pm). Only \$7 Entry (3 Cards). St. Nicholas Church Hall.

DURING THE PERIOD OF GREAT LENT

During Great Lent we will celebrate:
- Divine Liturgy and the Sorokousty Service (praying for our deceased family members and friends) every Monday at 7pm
- Stations of the Cross every Sunday at 6:15pm and every Friday at 7:00pm (except Friday April 3 at 6:15).

2020 PARISH SOBOR

On **Thursday April 30, 2020 at 7pm**, St. Nicholas Church will be hosting its Parish Sobor- a time that gives the people in the pew the opportunity to share their thoughts on the questions regarding emigration, immigration and Church unity. This will be a very helpful preparation for our Archeparchial Sobor that will take place in Winnipeg on Saturday 23 May, 2020.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CONTACT PHONE

The Emergency Contact Phone Service is an option provided by the parish to connect you with one of the priests at St. Nicholas in times of Emergency (i.e., emergency sick calls to hospitals/ nursing homes, etc). It is not meant for information on ordering perogies and all other such inquiries. Thank you.

ANNUAL EASTER DINNER - PENDING

St. Nicholas UCC invites all Parishioners & Friends to
The Annual Traditional Easter Dinner

Sunday, April 19, 2020 @ 12:30 pm, SNC Church Hall

Everyone is Welcome!

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY.

See poster for details.

**Come and wish Fr. Isidore Dziadyk, OSBM
a Happy 60th Anniversary of the Priesthood!**

**Tickets sales have been temporarily suspended as we
monitor the latest COVID-19 status.**

No tickets will be available at the door.

Get your tickets early and avoid disappointment!

BEYOND OUR PARISH

SAVE THE DATE!

Come and Celebrate Manitoba 15 - Praznik at Ukrainian Park- an initiative of the Archeparchy **on Saturday June 13, 2020**. More information to follow.

FAITH- BASED LIVING WILLS

A seminar on Faith Based Living Wills / Advance Health Care Directives for Medical Decisions. **Sunday, May 31, 2020**, following 11 am Divine Liturgy St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Parish Auditorium 250 Jefferson Avenue Presenter: Katarina Lee - Ameduri Clinical Ethicist Health Care Ethics Service, St Boniface Hospital and The Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba. Please RSVP by Monday, May 25 to George Koch (204) 697-1988 or gkoch5@mymts.net

Directives # 2 (19 March 2020)

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Prot. H/10/2020

To the Reverend Clergy, Religious Sisters and Laity of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg:

Since issuing the first directives for the Archeparchy of Winnipeg re the Coronavirus pandemic on 12 March 2020, the situation continues to worsen, forcing us to take drastic measures. In consultation with other Church officials we are issuing the following directives, effective Friday, 20 March 2020. Further spiritual reflections on this current crisis will be forthcoming.

GENERAL NORMS

- 1) We are to follow the regulations and directives of the pertinent civil authorities, public health officer and other medical sources given for the common good of society. Our directives are issued especially with due concern for the health and well-being of our clergy and faithful.
- 2) Particular care is to be given in keeping all spaces and objects clean and sanitized.
- 3) Special attention is to be placed on avoiding physical contact with other persons, keeping advised distances (social distancing) from other persons (at least two meters), avoiding coughing, sneezing, speaking close to, and breathing upon other persons. These precautions are to be maintained in liturgical services as well.
- 4) In keeping with current civil directives for the Province of Manitoba, all gatherings are restricted to less than 50 persons. This number will likely be further restricted. This restriction applies to all gatherings as well in our churches and on church property.

LITURGICAL SERVICES

- 5) Following upon the civil restriction concerning the gatherings of persons, all Sunday and Feast Day Divine Liturgies are hereby closed to the public. This means that priests are to celebrate these liturgies with limited assistants, such as a cantor, for the given intentions, especially for the parish, the sick and deceased. The faithful are dispensed from the canonical obligation to attend Sunday and Feast Day Liturgies.
- 6) The same restriction applies to other liturgical functions, including the Lenten services and weekday liturgies. The clergy are to conduct these liturgical services, especially for the spiritual benefit of the faithful, but only with limited assistants. All Lenten Missions are cancelled.
- 7) Special Instructions will be given separately for liturgical services for Holy Week and Easter.
- 8) Parishes should use electronic means to transmit liturgical services, including “live stream”, and other uses of the Internet.

Pre-recorded services, homilies, catechesis and other similar presentations can be made available via "YouTube" or other social media platforms. We hope to give further updates as to available programming via the internet, especially from within the Archeparchy of Winnipeg. Liturgies are also transmitted from Ukraine. In Canada a daily Roman Catholic Mass is offered on Canadian TV networks.

9) Funerals may continue to be conducted in churches and funeral homes according to local regulations. Gathering restrictions must be followed, in consultation with relatives of the deceased. Persons who are at risk should not attend. Some families may request immediate burial with a Panaxyda and interment rites at the gravesite. At this time, unless a Divine Liturgy is deemed essential, the funeral service should consist of the Parastas and/or Panaxyda.

A memorial liturgy can be planned for a later date. Public receptions following a funeral are not to take place, especially on church property.

10) Marriages/ Crowning, where possible, should be postponed to a later date. If taking place during the pandemic, gathering restrictions must be followed. Those who are at risk should not attend. Public receptions following a marriage are not to take place, especially on church property.

11) Baptism and Chrismation / Rites of Initiation where possible, should be postponed to a later date. If taking place during the pandemic, participation is restricted to the immediate family and sponsors, according to the gathering restrictions. Those who are at risk should not attend. For the prayers of exorcism, the priest is not to breathe over the candidate. This can be replaced by the waving of the hand over the candidate.

12) Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession will continue to be made available to the faithful, but on an individual basis. Group preparations, including Lenten Missions, are suspended. Pastors should indicate to the faithful when they are available in church for Confessions. A practical distance of 2 meters (6 feet or 2 chair lengths) should be maintained between the penitent and the priest. Confessions are to take place in an open space. Safe environment precautions continue to be required, e.g. no confessions in a closed room, especially with minors.

13) Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins continues but within the health directives of hospitals, health care facilities and private homes. While providing spiritual support to those in need, clergy are to avoid situations where they too can become carriers of the virus and thus endanger others. Precautions are to be taken when administering the Sacramental Mysteries of Holy Communion, Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick, as outlined elsewhere in these Directives.

14) Distribution of Holy Communion

-i- The priest must wash his hands thoroughly before beginning the preparation of the Gifts at the Proskomide (Prothesis). He also should sanitize his hands before the fraction of the Eucharistic Bread during the Divine Liturgy ("Holy Things for the Holy").

-ii- Only the main celebrant is to drink from the Eucharistic Chalice, while other clergy are to "Intinct" the Eucharistic Bread into the chalice.

-iii- All clergy are to refrain from saying the reception formula aloud when distributing the Holy Eucharist to the faithful, to avoid breathing or spraying saliva onto the face of the recipient.

-iv- Use of wooden single-use utensils (e.g. wands, flat sticks) are permitted for the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful.

Such wooden utensils are to be used one per person, and then cleansed after the Liturgy like the communion spoon. These wooden utensils are to be burnt within a week after usage.

-v- If the church is to be open for individual visits by the faithful at prearranged times, the clergy may distribute Holy Communion to the faithful, following the above norms.

-vi- Distribution of the Holy Eucharist to the sick and shut-ins can be done with wooden utensils, following the norms given above. Washing hands before and after each visit is a high priority.

SANITARY NORMS

15) Clergy and others assisting around the altar must wash their hands thoroughly before and after every liturgical service.

16) Clergy and laity must refrain from shaking hands and any other forms of body contact within the church. Keeping a distance between persons is also important.

17) Holy Water containers are to be emptied and covered, including those at church entrances.

18) Veneration of icons, the gospel book, crosses and crucifixes, reliquaries and any other church items by kissing, touching or any other means is to be halted.

19) Chalice, other sacred vessels, hand crosses, gospel books and similar items are to be washed with sanitizers or warm soapy water. Purificators, towels and other linen are to be replaced with fresh ones after each liturgy.

20) All books and other movable items should be taken from church seating and stored until further notice.

21) Door handles, bannisters, pew tops, counters and other areas frequently touched inside and outside churches are to be sanitized. Washrooms especially are to be kept sanitized.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

During this time of trial let us raise our prayers to the Lord, Physician of our body and soul, for the spiritual strength and bodily health so much needed in these days. May He help us through his peace to overcome our anxiety and fear. Through the prayers of the Mother of God and all the saints.

In Christ,

Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak OSBM

Archeparch of Winnipeg

Metropolitan for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada

PRAYER DURING TIMES OF COVID 19 PANDEMIC

(To say this prayer after the Ambo prayer, aloud)

Priest: Bowing our heads and bending our knees, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. For yours is the Kingdom and Power and Glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PARISH INFORMATION & CONTACTS...

PARISH CONTACT INFO

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Young Adults of SNC (YA)

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Chrismation - for infants and adults; by arrangement in advance with the Pastor. For infants- the parents of the child to be baptized must personally meet with the Pastor on Sunday after one of the Divine Liturgies prior to making arrangements with the Parish Office.

Holy Matrimony (Marriage) - please make an appointment with the Pastor at least six months in advance. All couples are required to attend the Marriage Preparation Program held usually during the Lenten season and are expected to be active members of the church community.

Anointing of the Sick - for healing and recovery, in all cases of surgery and grave illness (spiritual or physical), please call the Parish Office at 204.582.6695. **For emergencies** outside of Parish Office Hours, please press 3 when prompted by the phone.