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Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці

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Служби Божі / Divine Liturgies

В Неділю / Sunday
8:30 am recited - Bilingual
10:30 am sung - Ukrainian

У Свята / Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Щодня / Daily Scheduled

7:30 am Matins/Утреня in chapel
8:25 am in church

First Friday - 8:25 am Divine Liturgy
followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus or Mother of God

Сповіді починаючи десять хвилин перед
Службою Божою

Confessions begin ten minutes before the
Divine Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism by appointment - membership in
Parish is required

Marriages by appointment made at least six
months in advance. Membership in Parish
is required

Funerals by arrangement in the Parish Office

**оо. Василяни / Basilian Fathers serving in
this Parish**

Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor
Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM
Bishop Emeritus

*31-а Неділя Після Зіслання Святого
Духа*

ЛУКИ 18:35-43



Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 18:35-43

**SPECIAL NOTICE - Do not park in the
RESERVED stalls in front of St. Mary's
Gardens when you come for the
Sunday Divine Liturgy. Your car will
be towed.**

Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Січень

Загальний намір: Щоб жертви природних катастроф могли отримати духовну і матеріальну підтримку, потрібну до відбудови їхнього життя.

Місійний намір: Посвята християн до миру, повинна зроджувати свідоцтво до імені Христа перед всіма чоловіками і жінками доброї волі.

- Тропарі і читання в жовтій книжці на стор. 3 і 4.
- Кава і солодке **Сьогодні** після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано, у вітальні під церквою.

Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (non-perishable) в першу і третю неділю кожного місяця. Просимо допомагати!

Сьомогодні 15 Січень:

- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Середа, 18 Січень:

- 7:00 вечора Сходини Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

Четвер, 19 Січень: БІБЛІЙНІ СТУДІЇ о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Велика Подія" на тему «Історія Спасіння». Владика Северіян Якимшин, є модератор. Про інформації просіть Сузану Лазарук 604-733-3756 або E-Mail: sylazaruk@gmail.com.

Субота, 21 Січень:

- 8:30 ранку – Служба Божа
- 9:30 ранку Сходини Л.У.К.Ж.К. піchnуться молебнем до Пречистої Діви Марії а відтак засідання у вітальні під церквою.

Неділя, 22 Січень:

- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Четвер, 26 Січень: БІБЛІЙНІ СТУДІЇ о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Велика Подія" на тему «Історія Спасіння».

Неділя, 29 Січень:

- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Неділя, 5 Лютий:

- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Bulletin Announcements must be in the office by Wednesday noon. It is your responsibility to notify the office, do not think that 'well they know', Father or the Secretary may know but do not always remember to put it in the bulletin!

Monthly Calendar Announcements for the next two months must be in the office by the 20th day of this month.

ПРОСИМО щоб оголошення до наступного дво-місячного календаря треба подати до канцелярії не дальше як 20-го дня цього місяця.

Sunday, January 15, 2012

Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Papal General Prayer Intention for January: Pray for the victims of natural disasters that they may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Mission Intention: Pray that the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

- **Tropar, Kondak & readings** for today in the **Yellow booklet** pages: 3 & 4.
- **Coffee and sweets are available today** following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Room. All guests and parishioners are invited.

Food Bank Donations: We encourage all parishioners to contribute to the Food Bank on the **first and third Sundays** of every month. **PLEASE ADD YOUR SUPPORT.**

Sunday, January 15:

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.

Monday, January 16: Pastoral visits and Home Blessing will be done by Father Damien Dutka, OSBM. If you have a message for Father Josaphat or Bishop Severian you may convey it to Fr. Damien and he will pass on the message (good or bad). If you would like father to visit, please fill out the request form.

Wednesday, January 18:

- **7 pm Parish Council Meeting** in the Board Room. Both the old and newly elected members should attend.

Thursday, January 19: BIBLE STUDIES begin at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room - This year's **Bible Timeline: "The Story of Salvation."** For more information contact Susan Lazaruk: 604-733-3756 or e-mail: sylazaruk@gmail.com.

Saturday, January 21:

- 8:30 am Divine Liturgy
- **UCWLC Meeting begins with Moleben at 9:30 am in Church.** Meeting to follow in the Fellowship Room.

Sunday, January 22: Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.

Wednesday, January 25: St. Mary's Garden's Director's Meeting.

Thursday, January 26: BIBLE STUDIES begin at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room.

Sunday, January 29:

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.

Sunday, February 5:

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.

Iconography classes: conducted by Iconographer Steve Knight, continue **twice a month for 10 months following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Room.** All supplies are provided. No art or drawing experience necessary. **Fee To Be Announced.** All ages are welcome. For information contact Susan Lazaruk: 604-733-3756 or e-mail: sylazaruk@gmail.com.

Прохання молитов: за Вас або за членів Вашої родини, просимо подати ім'я до Парафіяльної канцелярії на телефон 604-879-5830 або кинути записку на тацу.

Request for Prayers: to pray for you, your family member, or friend – please submit the name to the Parish Office by phone 604-879-5830 or by written note on the collection plate.

Пам'ятайте помолитися: за Вашу родину, за членів Парафії, а особливо за тих які знаходяться в лікарнях, або тих що очікують Божої відповіді на їхні молитви, або радіють Божою відповіддю, або за тих які відзначають уродини, або роковини, або за тих що покликані до їхньої вічної винагороди, або за родину яку вони залишили.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: your family, your fellow parishioners, especially the shut-in or in the hospital, those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating a birthday or anniversary, those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind.

Please remember in your prayers especially: Fr. Vincent Prychidko, OSBM; Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab; Joseph Bayduza; Catherine Hladij, Martha Huzyk, Victoria Kuzik, Bodzie Lawryshyn; Ben Marchinkow; Jason Obuck; William Orysik, Nick Pasowesty; Mary Scott, Leon & Polly Woznow, and all the Canadian Armed Forces on peacekeeping missions.

PLEASE VISIT our Parishioners who are confined to their hospital beds or their homes. They need our visits as well as our prayers.

If there are Parishioners that you visit and we are not listing them for you to pray for them, please call the Parish office with that information, or for the fathers to visit them.

Please remember to pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Церковна Звукова Система: Повний кошт нової системи виносить \$18,132.00. Просимо Вас допомогти покрити кошта. Просимо зложити Ваші пожертви. Нехай Наша Пресвята Богородиця і Покровителька Благословить Вас усіх за Вашу щедрість!

До цього часу ми одержали \$9,497.70. Нехай Найсвятійша Родина – Ісус, Марія і Йосиф благословить за Вашу щедрість! Корейська Місія Св. Павла Чонг пожертвувала \$9,065.70. Нехай наша Свята Покровителька Мати Божа благословить за їхню щедрість.

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM: The total cost of the new system is \$18,132.00. You are asked to help with the cost. Please make your donation by marking your envelope or cheque with the words: "Church Sound System".

To date we have received \$9497.70. May the Holiest of Families – Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless your generosity! The Korean Mission of St. Paul Chong donated \$9,065.70. May our Blessed Protectress, the Mother of God, bless their generosity.

A SPECIAL Request: At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy, please close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church pews clean and neat. Thank you.

Спеціальне прохання: після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і допоможемо, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

This note to ALL PARISHIONERS Please be on time for the Divine Liturgy. Realize that if you come into the Church proper after the Great Entrance you have missed most of the Divine Liturgy and have not really attended the prescribed service for a Sunday.

Church Etiquette: Be aware that to have attended the entire Divine Liturgy one must receive the Final Blessing before leaving the Church Service. We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church before, during or after the service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations – leave the Church proper (the Nave) for those that want to pray.

Це пригадка для всіх вірних. Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдете до Церкви після Великого Входу, Ви пропустили більшу частину Служби Божої, і дійсно не вислухали приписаної Служби Божої на неділю.

Церковна Етика: Будьмо свідомі, що беручи участь у Св. Літургії ми мусимо одержати кінцеве Благословення перед тим як ми залишимо Службу Божу. Ми рівнож просимо не виходити з Церкви перед закінченням Служби Божої. Ми просимо Вас не спілкуватися в Церкві перед, під час і після Служби Божої. Прошу це робити в притворі Церкви або у Вітальні під цеквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

BC is going to Unity – August 16–19, 2012

At Pinawa, MB, – Wilderness Edge Retreat Center, – just north of Winnipeg.

Unity is a gathering of Ukrainian Catholics from across Canada to further understand, embrace and celebrate our faith through prayer, education and fellowship. Unity is open to young adults 18 (1994) to 35 years of age.

Come and pre-register today! Cost: \$225 before May 31 includes all meals, accommodation, sessions and social event for the program. Transportation extra.

Some of the program highlights include BBQ, Bonfire, Liturgy, Keynote Speakers, Breakout Sessions, and Zabava,

Fundraising will begin in the coming months to help with transportation costs.

Interested? Let us know by January 30, so we can send you more information.

– Jennifer Sawka: jennsawka@hotmail.com, Ph: 604.876.5691

– Fr.Theo theomac@lycos.com Ph: 1-250.384.2292

– www.ucyc.ca/unity2012/

Please see the Bulletin Board at the front entrance for Poster and Registration forms.

MAKE IT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – SIGN UP TODAY!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Thank you for your prayers. I was sent home from the hospital on Wednesday evening, January 11, 2012. Your prayers did help; great or small as you may think they are, before God each prayer is important. I still do need your prayers so that I may return to fullness of health. Know that all prayers are answered: As a young child I remember a Sister telling us to pray three Hail Mary's each day and that in your time of need, God will provide you with peace and a priest. This happened to me while I was in the Emergency Room; a Roman Catholic Priest showed up and said that he knew that I was a priest. He prayed with me, anointed me and provided me with the peace I needed to respond to the healing hands of the doctors. If I find the story, which I had read concerning the lost soul and the Hail Mary, I promise I will print it for you.

The Doctor has strongly recommended that I stay away from most responsibilities for the next two weeks. During my recuperation, Father Damien Dutka, OSBM will be here to assist you with all your spiritual needs. Father Damien will likewise be visiting the parishioners that requested a blessing of their home. Please welcome Father Damien warmly and convey to him any message you may want to say to either myself or Bishop Severian.

Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2012 graduating students enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, or who are a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2012. For further details, please refer to the poster in the vestibule of the church, or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under upcoming events.

1 Corinthians – a modern "Easter" adaptation

If I decorate my house perfectly with Easter eggs, pussy willows, even an icon or two, but do not show love to my family, I am just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking many paskas & babkas, making butter lambs, even shop for meats & cheese and arrange a beautifully adorned Easter basket, but do not show love to my family, I am just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, sing hymns galore in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I attend a myriad of Easter gatherings and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love does not envy another's home that has coordinated china and table linens. Love does not yell at the kids to get out of the way.

Love does not give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can not give.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails. Rather, giving the gift of LOVE will be forever!



Icon of Christ and Zaccheus

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS: written by Father Joseph Kapusnak

As salvation came to the house of Zaccheus by Your entrance, O Christ; likewise now by the entrance of your sacred ministers, and Your holy angels with them, grant peace to this house and mercifully bless it, saving and enlightening all who live within.

Troparion

Readings: 1 Timothy 4:9–15 Luke 19:1–10

Meditation:

Lord, your mercy is great indeed for all who receive it with sincerity of heart. And, we rejoice today with Zaccheus, the poor little rich man whose house was blessed and sanctified by your entrance and Presence.

Listening to this holy gospel, we understand that even though he had a certain amount of material wealth and earthly riches, he himself realized that there was something missing and that indeed he was poor.

But, he could only have known this because he responded to your invitation, gently but insistently, calling to his heart. His heart must have been a heart of flesh, warm and giving (and also unusual for a tax collector – a chief tax collector, at that!), for he says that he gives "one half of his possessions to the poor" and will "restore fourfold if he has defrauded anyone."

No, this Zaccheus is not a cold and calculating man, but a man in search of that "something missing" in his life. Even though he did not know what it was, he did know in his heart that somehow this Jesus might have the answer for him.

Jesus, your answer came, in a manner that by far exceeded his expectations and imaginings. For he came to realize in the instant that You said, "Zaccheus, come down

immediately ..." that You, O Lord, were the only "true riches". And how he rejoiced when You invited him, to invite You to his house.

O noble Zaccheus, your immediate response shows us your heart: a heart now fully enlightened by the "Enlightener of Hearts". Your heart is ready to know and do the will of He who came, not only to stay in your home, but to make his home in your heart and your life. And so we too, rejoice with you today.

Lord, as the time of the Great Fast so swiftly approaches, give to me the desire of Zaccheus to see You: the desire that will go any lengths and do anything to get just a glimpse of You. For I know, O Lord, that it is far more than just a "glimpse" that You give to those who "seek You with all their heart."

It is You, One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that You desire to give to us ... to me. "Create a pure heart in me, O Lord."

Patristic Reading:

"Salvation comes to the house" of Zaccheus even. For what reason? Was it because he also believed that Christ came by Marcion? But the blind man's cry was still sounding in the ears of all: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." And "all the people gave praise unto God"—not Marcion's, but David's.

Now, although Zaccheus was probably a Gentile, he yet from his intercourse with Jews had obtained a smattering of their Scriptures, and, more than this, had, without knowing it, fulfilled the precepts of Isaiah: "Give your bread," said the prophet, "to the hungry, and bring the poor that are cast out into your house." This he did in the best possible way, by receiving the Lord, and entertaining Him in his house.

"When you see the naked, cover him." This he promised to do, in an equally satisfactory way, when he offered the half of his goods for all works of mercy. So also "he loosened the bands of wickedness, undid the heavy burdens, let the oppressed go free, and broke every yoke," when he said, "If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore it to him fourfold." Therefore, the Lord said, "This day has salvation come to this house."

Thus did He give his testimony, that the precepts of the Creator spoken by the prophet tended to salvation. But when He adds, "or the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost," my present contention is not whether He has come to save what was lost, to whom it had once belonged, and from whom what He came to save had fallen away; but I approach a different question. Man, there can be no doubt of it, is here the subject of consideration.

Now, since he consists of two parts, body and soul, the point to be inquired into is, in which of these two, man would seem to have been lost? If in his body, then it is his body, not his soul, which is lost. Whoever is lost, the Son of man saves. The body, therefore, has the salvation. If, on the other hand, it is in his soul that man is lost, salvation is designed for the lost soul; and the body, which is not lost is safe.

If, to take the only other supposition, man is wholly lost, in both his natures, then it necessarily follows that salvation is appointed for the entire man; and then the opinion of the heretics is shivered to pieces, who say that there is no salvation of the flesh. And this affords a confirmation that Christ belongs to the Creator, who followed the Creator in promising the salvation of the whole man. (Tertullian, Against Marcion)

Reflection Questions:

Put yourself in the Gospel scene. Who am I? Zaccheus? One of the people who want to see Jesus? Who murmured against Jesus? Who wants to harm Jesus? Why?



GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2011/2012

Early Bird Registration Deadline – Sunday January 15!

Come and join us for lunch, education, conversation and prayer

**Register now for the second Generations of Faith session
“An examination of the Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation”**

January 29, 2012 – 12:15 pm – 3:30 pm

AT OUR ST. MARY’S UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

We begin with lunch and then the family household will move through four different stations. Each Station will have as the main presenter one of our lower mainland priests and a catechist.

Registration forms can be submitted to your parish office or contact person and the **early bird deadline is TODAY**. Regular registration rates apply January 16 to 24. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church or on the Eparchial website at: www.nweparchy.ca

For more information, speak with your local contact person:
Carol Achtemichuk at Tel. No. 604-980-4680

ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS
A pre-Lenten **CARNIVAL** DINNER & DANCE

Mardi Gras Ukrainian Style **ПУЩЕННЯ**

FEBRUARY 18, 2012

Doors open at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm

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\$40.00 per person
Youth 20 and under **\$20.00**
Tables of 12



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CENTRE
3150 ASH STREET, VANCOUVER
(16th Avenue & Ash St.)



PASTORAL LETTER

OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA

Announcing

The Year 2012 – A YEAR ACCEPTABLE TO THE LORD!

To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

Following his baptism in the River Jordan and his subsequent time of prayer and fasting in the desert, Jesus began his 3 years of public ministry. He entered the synagogue in Nazareth and read the following words from the Prophet Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” [Lk 4:18–19]

As we, the members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada, begin the New Year 2012 with the commemoration of Christ’s baptism in the Jordan River and the start of his public ministry, we too are called upon to begin a year acceptable to the Lord. This year will mark several important events in the life of our Church, which we wish to officially announce with this letter.

The Centenary of Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka

In 1912 the first bishop appointed to lead the Ukrainian Catholic faithful in Canada arrived in Winnipeg to begin his public ministry. The newly ordained Bishop Nykyta Budka began the pastoral work of coordinating the clergy, religious sisters and brothers, together with the laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church scattered across the vast country of Canada into a united Church, initially as a single Canada-wide Exarchate. This later grew into a Metropolitan Province with an Archeparchy and four Eparchies.

The task awaiting young 35 year–old Bishop Budka was immense. Not only did he strive to unify Ukrainian Catholics into an organized Church, but he needed to obtain civil recognition of our Church by the government of Canada, to establish and develop good relations with the dominant Roman Catholic Church and other denominations, and help the Ukrainian immigrants who had been settling here since 1891 to face the challenges of a new culture and a new way of life. Indeed, Bishop Budka had to carry out his ministry according to the scripture text mentioned above: bringing joy to the poor, visiting the imprisoned, helping the sick, and assisting all those oppressed with the difficult conditions of pioneer life. Bishop Budka carried out his mission in Canada from 1912 until his final return to Europe in 1928. He suffered much during this period and his health deteriorated. In Ukraine he returned to pastoral ministry. With the rise of communism, Bishop Budka, although still a Canadian citizen was arrested together with the other bishops in Ukraine and sentenced to a concentration camp in Kazakstan, where he died in 1949. In 2001, during the historic pastoral visit of Pope John Paul II to Ukraine, Bishop Budka was beatified, together with other martyrs of the faith and now holds the title of BLESSED Bishop Nykyta Budka.

Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops scheduled for Winnipeg 2012

To mark this important centenary of Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka for our Church the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada invited the Ukrainian Catholic Synod of

Bishops to hold its annual meeting in Canada in 2012. This invitation has been accepted and we are happy to announce that this gathering of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops from around the world will be held in Winnipeg from 9–16 September 2012. Of the current 51 bishops (including those in retirement) it is expected that around 35–40 bishops will take part. Although the Synod itself, according to canon law, is open only to bishops, various public functions are being planned, including the opening Divine Liturgy in Winnipeg's Sts. Vladimir & Olga Cathedral on September 9th. Also planned are a public banquet on September 16th, and visits by bishops to various churches in Manitoba on Sunday, September 16th.

A committee has been organized to make logistical plans for this Synod and its activities in Manitoba. All plans are ultimately subject to approval by the Secretariat of the UGCC Synod of Bishops from Ukraine.

Visit of newly elected Patriarch Sviatoslav

In March of 2011, following the resignation of His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the UGCC Synod of Bishops elected Bishop Sviatoslav Shewchuk, 40 years of age, as the new Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Following the confirmation of his election by Pope Benedict XVI, His Beatitude Sviatoslav was installed in Kyiv on 27 March 2011. His Beatitude will be in Canada not only to take part in the Winnipeg UGCC Synod, but will also make pastoral visitations to the other eparchies in Canada during September 2012. Each Eparchy is responsible for planning the details of the Patriarch's visit in its particular area. With the pastoral visit of Patriarch Sviatoslav, the ties of our Church in Canada with the Church in Ukraine will be strengthened, and the memory of Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka will be honoured.

Dear Beloved in Christ!

Indeed the year 2012 will be for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada "a year acceptable to the Lord!" It will be a time not only to remember the past, but to celebrate it as well. It will be a time to receive guests and offer hospitality in the name of the Lord. And it will be a time to review and renew our pastoral mission in the world we live. Let us continue our pilgrim journey with Christ our Saviour, into this special year, through the prayers of Blessed Nykyta Budka, our first bishop and martyr.

6/19 January 2012, Feast of the Theophany of our Lord

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- + Stephen Chmilar, Eparchial Bishop of Toronto
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