FROM TIME TO TIME Eastern Christians are reproached for venerating icons because “icons are not in the Bible.” St John of Damascus, whose treatises on icons were instrumental in defeating iconoclasm, taught that the Church’s icons are “in the Bible” because they stand in the context of God’s own self-revelation to us through images. We make icons because God has made icons.

The Perfect Icon of the Father

God the Father Himself is unknowable, beyond our understanding, according to the Torah. To represent Him in physical form would be idolatry. For the Jews even to speak His name would be unseemly. There is, however, an icon of the Father. As St John of Damascus wrote in his Third Treatise on the Holy Icons, “The first natural and undeviating icon of the invisible God is the Son of the Father, showing the Father in Himself” (Treatise III, 18).

It is the Lord Jesus Himself who indicates this relationship to God in the following discussion with His disciples. Jesus said to Thomas, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

A confused Philip interjected, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?’” (John 14:6-10).

The Son is the perfect icon of God because the Father is fully present in Him. Jesus would repeat this teaching as His passion drew nearer, knowing that His death and resurrection would validate His claim: “He who sees Me sees Him who sent Me” (John 12:45). This conviction would become central to the Church’s belief, expressed so strongly in the prologue to St John’s Gospel, “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, the One who is in the bosom of the Father, He has made Him known” (John 1:18).

We find the same teaching in St Paul’s writings, expressed specifically in iconographic terms. Thus the Epistle to the Hebrews proclaims Christ to be “the brightness of His glory and the express image
[eikon] of His person, upholding all things by the word of His power” (Hebrews 1:3). Here and in the Epistle to the Colossians Christ is described as Revealer of the Father, as His icon to the world. “He is the image [eikon] of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things exist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:15-18).

As icon of the Father, Christ touches all things with His dynamic presence, creating and maintaining all things by His life.

**Man the Divine Icon**

According to the Book of Genesis, mankind itself is an icon of God, who is Himself the “iconographer.” “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:26-27). In his ability to order creation (and in so many other ways as well) man images the Creator, who is Himself the image of the Father.

You can read more on: [http://www.royaldoors.net/2017/10/icons-in-the-bible/](http://www.royaldoors.net/2017/10/icons-in-the-bible/)

Sunday February 25th we will have a presentation about Blessed Bishop and Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky presented by Kseniya Kavats. She wrote her Masters thesis about him and she works in the museum of Blessed Velychkovsky here in Winnipeg.

**DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS**

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NOTE: All the 10:00 am Divine Liturgies scheduled on the calendar are all open for your intention requests. If you would like to request please contact the office and book your preferred date. These names will be published in the bulletin the following week.

EPISTLE READERS :-

Feb. 18th  Sonia Wawryk  Feb. 25th - Andy Labay

USHERS & GREETERS  Feb. 18 – 25 - Nick Labay & Raymond Yakimik
Mar. 4-11th  - Iris Sawchuk & Al Kowal
Mar 18  - Harry & Nellie Fediuk

Tatsa counters:
Parishioners willing to help count/process the Sunday envelopes, please contact Linda Labay 204-832-6905.

Church Cleaning
Please feel free to volunteer a few hours a week for one month of this 2018 year to enhance our church interior. Choose the month which will be convenient for you and your family. Book early to avoid disappointment. I hope I don’t have to wait too long for your call.
Sonia Wawryk  204-831-0904
Church Cleaning Chair

DONATIONS – God bless you for supporting your parish Sunday collection.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – CALL AND VISIT - our many parishioners that are ill or experiencing various challenges in life. Remember: If anyone wishes to receive the Sacraments at home or in the hospital or nursing home please contact the parish office or Fr. Ihor directly, at the numbers given above, and we will be happy to visit.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS
This month we have several functions. We have coffee house on February 25. We have our monthly Perogy Supper on Friday February 23, 2018 starting @ 4:00 pm. We are looking for assistance to get everything ready for Friday with peeling of potatoes on Monday February 19, 2018 starting @ 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come down and enjoy our pancake breakfast, coffee houses, and perogy supper and visit with fellow parishioners and friends.

Submitted by Andrew Labay Grand Knight

UCWLC News
The UCWLC Executive for 2018 is as follows:
Past President  Rose Olynyk  President -  Gwen Dankewich
Vice President  Linda Gardner  Recording Secretary -  Ariel Kulchyski
Financial Secretary - Olga Twerdun  Treasurer  -  Phyllis Fedorchuk
Auditors - Doreen Musick, Linda Gardner, Edna Bazarkewich

Pastoral Letter Of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada
Announcing
THE RELOCATION OF HOLY SPIRIT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC SEMINARY
To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:

(The Lord said to Joshua) I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go! [Book of Joshua 1:1,9]

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

With the above words of Sacred Scripture in our minds we address you concerning a change in location of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, which, since its creation in 1980, has been located in Ottawa ON.

When the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies announced several years ago its plan to relocate to the University of Saint Michael College in the University of Toronto, the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada, who constitute the Seminary Board of Directors, began a process of discernment, together with the Seminary Rector, regarding the implications for the Seminary.

The first question centered on the academic formation of our seminarians which until recently had been ensured through the theology programs at Ottawa's Saint Paul University and the Eastern theological programs provided by the Sheptytsky Institute affiliated with St. Paul University. Enquiries were made regarding the Sheptytsky Institute's new academic arrangements with St. Michael's College in Toronto. Information was also received regarding programs offered at Ottawa's St. Paul University, now without the participation of the Sheptytsky Institute. Discussions were also held with other academic centers, including those available at several institutions in Edmonton AB.

The second question centered on a physical home for the Seminary. The present building in Ottawa could still be used if the Seminary remained in Ottawa, but as an older building it has been subject to ever increasing repairs over the years. Much time was spent visiting possible locations in the Toronto area. There the difficulty was finding a building suitable for the Seminary needs, within a reasonable travel distance to St. Michael's College and at a feasible price. The cost was clearly of concern even when considering the sale of the Ottawa location.

A third option arose when the Basilian Fathers vacated their House of Studies in Edmonton, with the possibility of a lease or purchase agreement with the Seminary.

Invoking the divine help of the Holy Spirit, the patron of the Seminary, the bishops conducted much prayer and reflection in order to come to a decision, fully aware of the stages of formation of the present seminarians and the good will of many organizations and individuals desirous for the best outcome for the Seminary. The bishops have also been sensitive to the concerns of the faithful of each eparchy who provide the funding essential to the running and maintenance of the Seminary, notwithstanding the decline in parish memberships and slow depletion of available finances.

With all this in mind, the bishops, as the Seminary Board of Directors, have decided to enter into a lease agreement with the Basilian Fathers (Order of St. Basil the Great) for their House of Studies in Edmonton AB, which will provide space suitable for the Seminary, including chapel, kitchen and dining room, library and study rooms, and rooms for the seminarians and staff. Seminarians will pursue a Master of Divinity program at Newman Theological College.
In addition, internet and online educational opportunities are also available to our seminarians, in particular with the Sheptytsky Institute, providing ever increasing dimensions to seminary formation.

In Sacred Scripture, we find various examples of journeys undertaken by the people of God in response to the call of the Lord, be it Abraham and Moses in the Old Testament, or the Holy Family in the New Testament. So too, Holy Spirit Seminary will now undertake a new direction in its pilgrim journey as a sacred institution, which we discern to be the call of the Lord not only to the staff and seminarians, but also to the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada. And so, with the prayer from the Divine Liturgy we pray: "Let us go forth in peace. In the name of the Lord!"

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
+ David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton
+ Stephen Chmilar, Eparchial Bishop of Toronto
+ Ken Nowakowski, Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster
+ Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R., Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon

2/14 February, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

St. Basil’s continues to collect warm winter wear for Winnipeggers in need. Our current challenge is to provide socks for everyone at the Lighthouse Mission downtown. Give with your heart, and let’s fill the donation box at the back of the church. God Bless you.

Saint Basil’s Travelling Icon of the Blessed Mother of Pochaiv
She will reside in the home of the following Parishioners
Al & Wanda Prychitko  February 18th- 24th

MNOHAYA LITA - GOD’S BLESSINGS FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF LOVE & HAPPINESS
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – To anyone that is not registered with the Parish

God’s Blessings for your Happiest Birthday Mnohaya Lita
HAPPY BIRTHDAY:-  Fran Chobotar -  Feb.21st  Rose Olynky -  Feb.23rd

SANCTUARY LIGHT
Sanctuary Light burns eternally to indicate the presence of the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle.
This WEEK  INTENTION  OFFERED
Feb. 18 – 23  +Soul of Anne Soltys  Sophie Andriniuk
Renewal/Pastoral Committee
Please NOTE: NO CLASSES FEB.20TH – DUE TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. Keep in mind Feb.27th 11:00 am to 5:00 p.m. we will hold a day of prayer VIGIL. God wants us to Love him and to know him. Spend an hour of ½ hr. in the presence of the Holy Eucharist.
Yours in Christ Dorothy Labay.
Parish Council
We will return to having the regular monthly meetings every third Monday of the month beginning on February 20. March 4/18 is our annual meeting and all reports should be submitted to the Parish office by the 15 of February.
To help the nominating committee, a sheet will be distributed for your assistance in submitting your name or someone you know that would be willing to take on an executive position on the parish council. Place your suggestion in the box at the entrance to the church.
Rose President, Parish Council

SPRING TEA NOTICE
Our annual Spring Tea will be held SUNDAY MARCH 25TH 1:00PM TO 3:00PM
If you are able, please bring 3 bakings to the hall on Saturday March 24th between 10:00am and 3:00pm.
- 2 bakings for the bake sale
- 1 baking for the tea tables
We will be needing extra help at the following dates and time:-
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 7 – 10:00am - Making & Baking Paskas (Dorothy Labay)
MONDAY MARCH 12th - 10:00am - Cooking Rice (Jean Derhak)
TUESDAY MARCH 13th - 10:00am - Making holopchi – bake & pack (Jean Baydock)
FRIDAY & SATURDAY MARCH 23 & 24Th
SETTING TABLES, PRICING BAKE SALE BAKINGS, PREPARING FILLINGS FOR SANDWICHES, MAKING SANDWICHES, CUTTING UP BAKINGS FOR TABLES. ETC. DECORATING.
Any help by everyone will be greatly appreciated by the ladies.
THANK YOU & GOD BLESS ALL U.C.W.L.C.

REMINDER – Our perogy bee is Wed.Feb. 21st. A lot of people are away on vacation so we need a lot of help. If you are able, please come and help.
Thank you to everyone who came out to make 543 dozen perogies on Wed.Jan.24th. Your help is much appreciated. Also thank you to the people who came out to help that are not parishioners of our church.

THE PEROGY CREW