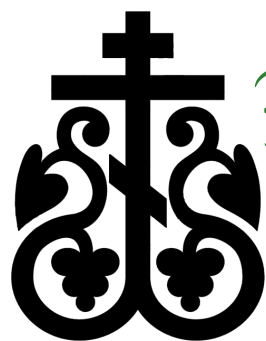


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## Bonnyville & District Parish News

### HISTORY OF THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL HALL IN GLENDON

Submitted by Sandra Yuschyshyn

In the early nineteen hundreds before the first world war many people settled in the district known as Nowa Bukowina (Gifford), Beacon, Glendon and Therein. The majority were of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox faith.

They bought a parcel of land for a grave site and a future church building.

The church was registered as Orthodox Greek Oriental Church of Saints Peter and Paul at Nowa Bukowina in the Province of Alberta's, Dominion of Canada.

The Church building was built and the first Divine Liturgy was held on 1920, Green Holidays (Zelanie Sviata).

As more Ukrainians moved into the Glendon area the people realized they needed a larger building for worship and gatherings.

In 1936 the Ukrainian National Hall (Marodni Dhim) was built in Glendon to serve as a church and hall.

The building burned down in October 1936 the night before the first church service and blessing was to be celebrated, arson was suspected but never proven.

In 1937 a new hall was built on the same lot. Later land was purchased for a church building where Glendon Holy Trinity Church is at today.

In March of 1945 the first priest Reverend Bill Seneshen, his wife and a son and daughter arrived in Glendon. With Fr Bill's guidance and organizing skills and the church members enthusiasm and the need, *the*



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[www.ancientfaith.com](http://www.ancientfaith.com)

## History continued:

Glendon Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek Orthodox church construction started in the summer of 1945.

In November 1945, before the church construction was completed the second Ukrainian National Hall burned down. Again arson was suspected but never proven.

In 1947 the third new Ukrainian National Hall building, 40ft X 60ft with a full basement was constructed using bricks.

The Ukrainian National Hall being the largest building in town was used for many years, for weddings, bingo's, banquets, meetings etc.

When the Glendon School acquired a gymnasium, in 1967-68, and the RCMP HALL was built in 1973, the Ukrainian National Hall was no longer needed.

For a few years the Ukrainian Nation Hall was an appliance sales and repair shop, and even a pool hall.

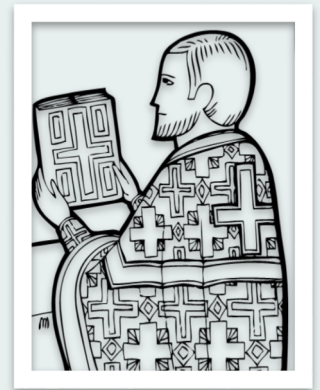
After the sale of the Hall the proceeds were invested.

Throughout the history of the Ukrainian National Hall, Nowa Bukowina Church members were always a very large part of the construction and maintenance of the hall. As a result of this involvement, the Holy Trinity Church members have decided to give Nowa Bukowina Church, a gift of \$25,000.00.

We the members of Nowa Bukowina Church are truly grateful for this generous gift and greatly appreciate the donation and continue to work together with Glendon and look forward for the years to come.

*A very big Thank you,*

*Nowa Bukowina members*



## Liturgical Scripture Readings

*February 2015*

Sunday, February 1st  
34th Sunday after  
Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Tim. 3:10-15;  
Gospel: Luke 18:10-14.

Sunday, February 8th  
35th Sunday after  
Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 6:12-20;  
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32.

Sunday, February 15th  
36th Sunday after  
Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2;  
Gospel: Matt. 25:31-46.

Sunday, February 22nd  
37th Sunday after  
Pentecost

Epistle: Rom. 13:11-14:4;  
Gospel: Matt. 6:14-21.

**Newsletter  
Submissions  
Needed!**

Please keep the submissions for the newsletter coming! Announcements, reports, stories, photos... If you want to share it, we want to see it! Please feel free to submit to me anytime.

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*If anyone you know is in the Hospital, or are at home ill and would like a visitation from me, please contact me and I will make immediate arrangements to meet with them.*

**BOUNTIFUL COMMUNITY SUPPER**

Submitted by Marlaine Pidluzny

Stry Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Stry 75th Anniversary Hall are having a Bountiful Community Supper featuring homemade potato pancakes.

Also, there will be a 50/50 draw, silent auction, raffle for Oiler Hockey tickets and door prizes.

**Saturday, February 21st, 2015**

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**

at

**Stry 75th Anniversary Hall, Stry**

*To raise funds for maintaining  
the Church and Hall*

**Adults       \$15.00**

**6 - 12 yrs.    10.00**

**5 & under    free**

**Our Church District has a new  
President and executive!**

**As of our AGM on  
Sunday January 25, 2015  
we welcome:**

**Ron Rusnak - President  
Jillian Rusnak - Vice President  
Sandra Yuschyshyn - Treasurer  
Elaine Rusnak - Secretary  
Past President - Andrew Misiak**

# The “Reach” Project



Our Bonnyville and District Ukrainian Orthodox Parishes have embraced a theme for 2015 is to help focus our churches' vision, plans, and activities for the coming year.

The theme is “**Reach**” and involves three important elements of our Orthodox faith. These three work best, when they are all working together.

## 1. Reach Up

Reach up refers to our own spiritual development and relationship with God ... what we can do to continue to grow as a Christians. Reach up also involves how we worship - how we grow through participation in the fullness of different church services.

## 2. Reach In

The second important part of our church life is how we support and nurture each other. All churches have faithful: young, old, women, men, single, married. How do we reach in to each other's lives to help each other? To visit those who are sick or shut in? To provide support to families after death or loss? To welcome a new family? To encourage, teach, and include children? To socialize with each other?

## 3. Reach Out

Reaching out has several meanings:

- Doing “good works” in the community - food bank drive or other charity projects.
- Evangelizing - bringing people to our faith. Being welcoming and inclusive.
- Insuring that we are known in the larger community, and that we participate, as a church, in events.

***Look for more ideas on **The Reach Project** to come!***



# THE REACH PROJECT:

Submitted by Caroline Yewchin



The first part of The Reach Project is, **“Reach Up”**. What exactly does this mean? Reach Up refers to our own spiritual development and relationship with God. We can reach up to the Lord by inviting Him into our hearts, taking time to get to know and love Him, and trying to follow his path.

As Romans 8:28 states,

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”*

Things that we can do *individually* to **Reach Up** include:

- Read the Bible - His good news. The more we know and understand the scriptures, the better we can apply it to our daily lives. The Bible teaches us powerful life lessons about love, kindness, humility, and our path to salvation.
- Attend Bible Study; try a self-directed study; or start an Orthodox book club.
- Perhaps go to a retreat, such as the Orthodox Men’s and Women’s retreats that are held annually in Caroline, Alberta.
- Attend and participate in the fullness of Church Services and partake in the eucharist.
- Have a Prayer Corner in our homes and pray as a family.
- Make the sign of the cross and say short, daily prayers... of thanks, before starting a task, before leaving on a trip, for a sick friend, for guidance, for forgiveness...  
God is waiting to have a conversation with you!
- Volunteer for a task that needs to be done **in** the church: from being a Sunday School teacher, cleaning candle stands, taking care of linens, bringing gifts of food, to reading the Epistle, and serving on Church Executives and Committees. We grow, not by being by-standers, but by being involved in our Churches. What gifts/talents can you bring to your Church/the District?

## THE REACH PROJECT CONTINUED:

As a District and Church family, we can also **Reach Up** by:

1. Hosting Spiritual Workshops. Perhaps holding a family a spiritual retreat at Kiev's-K-Hi Camp. Inviting the women of the District to come together once or twice a year for an event.
2. Travelling to all 6 Churches in our District to attend services regularly, so that we can pray, sing, worship, and learn about our faith together.
3. Talking to Fr. Peter and asking questions - perhaps we could have a 5 minute question/answer session after each Liturgy. Inquiring minds!

Reaching Up is something that we all **can** do. The Lord is always close by:

*"They should seek the Lord in the hope that they might grope (reach) for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us."*  
Acts 17:27

**"LOVE** powerfully, **GIVE** prayerfully, **LIVE** purposefully, and leave the rest to **GOD.**"

Look for the Second article, **"Reach In"** in the March Newsletter.



All Saints Ukrainain Orthodox  
Parish will be holding their  
**AGM (Annual General Meeting)**  
on  
**Monday February 9, 2015**  
**at 7:00 pm**  
(meeting will be held at All Saints)



## HOUSE BLESSINGS

Please make a note on your calendars that **following January 18th** Fr. Peter will be doing house blessings during regular office hours and into the evenings. Fr. Peter will be contacting all the people on our contact lists after the Nativity feast to arrange times, however if you have a preferred time that you would like him to visit and bless your home, please feel free to call anytime. **Due to illness, you may have not yet heard from Father Peter. He is doing his best to catch up and you should be hearing from him—if you haven't already—in the near future.** More information on preparing for house blessings can be found on in last month's newsletter or on the website.



*“O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God. Have mercy on me, a sinner .”  
-Jesus Prayer*

***Bonnyville  
Cookbooks are  
'still' here!***

**St. Elias Parish in  
Bonnyville has  
produced a cookbook!**

Books can be purchased  
upstairs at **Brosseau's  
Department Store** in  
Bonnyville or **contact Janet  
Hutskal at  
780-826-4547 or  
780-826-3973.** The cost  
is **\$10.00.** A great addition  
to your kitchen or gift for  
your neighbour.

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**Don't forget we have a  
website!** It is under a bit of  
construction, but you can find  
updates, locations, and a long  
term schedule there. Photos  
will be coming soon as well.  
Check it out!

[www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/](http://www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/)

**We're also on Facebook!**  
Look up:

Bonnyville District of the  
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of  
Canada

# February 2015

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| 1<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 AM<br><b>St. Paul</b>           | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 AM<br><b>Glendon</b>            | 9<br><b>All Saints<br/>AGM<br/>7 pm.</b> | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 AM<br><b>Nowa<br/>Bukowina</b> | 16                                       | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22<br>Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 AM<br><b>Bonnyville</b>        | 23                                       | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

A more detailed and long-term schedule is available on the website and of course from Fr. Peter and your District Executive members. The schedule above and those in future newsletters are meant to serve as a visual reminder of services for the month. Please be sure to take note of the time and location of each service (again, due to space I could not include full names of parishes, locations, etc. ). Fr. Peter will continue to announce upcoming services and events at church as he has been doing. Think of this as 'the month at a glance'!