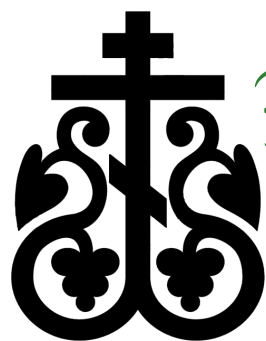


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Bonnyville & District Parish News

Christ is Born!
Let us Glorify Him!"

Ukrainian Orthodox
Christmas Eve
Service
Tuesday, January 6
10:00 p.m.

All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox
Church, St. Paul
Looking forward to seeing you there!

PATRIARCHAL PROCLAMATION OF CHRISTMAS 2014

† BARTHOLOMEW
By God's Mercy
Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome
and Ecumenical Patriarch
To the Plenitude of the Church:

Grace, mercy, and peace from the Saviour Christ, born in Bethlehem

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord,

*"Christ is descending from the heavens;
let us meet Him!"*

God has appeared on earth and, at the same time, we have seen the



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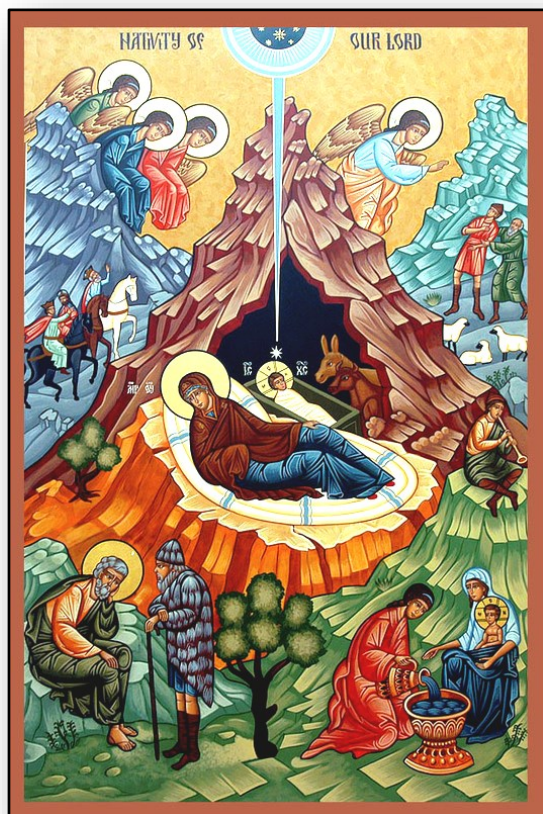
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perfect man together with the inconceivable value of the human person. Today especially, we experience the condition of humanity after the fall, as we daily affirm with the Psalmist that “all have gone astray, they are all alike corrupt; there is none that does good – no, not one!” (Psalm 13.3; Rm 3.12-13)

Before the incarnation of Christ, humanity could never imagine the in-



The Nativity of Our Lord — January 7th

since that time, we each year have heard repeated declarations on the same subject by states, governments and social groups as well international treaties about respecting the human person and human rights.

We witness with great surprise the constantly repeated “drama of Bethlehem.” It is a drama because it is no longer a joyous event when we ignore the Son and Word of God born in a manger, when humanity as His creation is not respected as a “divine image.”

Our Holy Orthodox Church and its theology teach us that humanity and the human body deserve the utmost respect because they were united to God in the incarnate Lord. Therefore, all of us are obliged to intensify our efforts for the supreme value of the human person to be respected by everyone.

It is with great sorrow and deep regret that the Ecumenical Patriarchate follows the ongoing and increasing waves of violence and brutality, which continue to plague various regions of our planet and espe-

conceivable value of the human person, which was weakened and distorted after the fall. Only the most illumined people could perceive, even before the time of Christ, the value of the human person and the response to the Psalmist’s question: “What is man that God would remember him?” (Psalm 8.5), which they proclaimed in the Psalmist’s words: “You have made man a little lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honour.” (Psalm 8.6)

It is this supreme value of the human person that the divine-human Lord revealed. And



Liturgical Scripture Readings

January 2015

Sunday, January 4th
30th Sunday after
Pentecost
Epistle: Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40;
Gospel: Matt. 1:1-25.

Sunday, January 11th
31st Sunday after
Pentecost
Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19;
Gospel: Matt. 2:13-23.

Sunday, January 18th
32nd Sunday after
Pentecost
Epistle: 2 Tim 4:5-8 &
1 Cor. 10:1-4;
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 &
Luke 3:1-18.

Sunday, January 25th
33rd Sunday after
Pentecost
Epistle: 1 Tim 4:9-15 &
Eph. 4:7-13;
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 &
Matt. 4:1-17.

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.

Christmas message continued:

cially the entire Middle East, and in particular the native Christians there, often in the name of religion. We will never cease to declare to all from this Sacred Centre of Orthodoxy – to our brother Primates of the Orthodox and other Christian Churches, the leaders and representatives of other religions, the heads of state and every person of good will everywhere, but above all to our fellow human beings that, whether motivated or not by others, they place their own lives at risk in order to deprive others of their lives; for they, too, are created by God – that there can be no form of true and genuine religiosity or spirituality without love toward the human person. Any ideological, social or religious expression that either despises humanity created in the image of God or else teaches and permits the death of our fellow human beings, especially in the savage and primitive ways that we see, surely has nothing to do with the God of love.

Dear brothers and sisters, as we turn our attention to the situation prevailing in our world today, we condemn the tragic events stemming from hatred of other religions and enmity toward people, which we witness so frighteningly close to us as we hear and see the terror so readily through social media. In response, we offer

as the only powerful antidote to contemporary violence the “ultimate poverty” of God, which always acts as love and which surprised the wise men and the entire world. This is the mystical power of God, the mystical power of the Orthodox Church, and the mystical power of the Christian faith. This is the power that conquers and overcomes every form of violence and evil through love.

This is our humble assessment of world affairs this Christmas. We pray that everyone may experience the joy of utmost respect for the human person, of our fellow human being. We also pray for the cessation of every form of violence, which can only be overcome through the love promoted and provided by the “angel of great counsel,” the “prince of peace,” our Savior Christ.

May the grace, boundless mercy and goodwill of the newly-born and incarnate Lord of glory, peace and love be with you all.

Christmas 2014

Your fervent supplicant to God,

† **BARTHOLOMEW**

Archbishop of
Constantinople-New Rome,
and Ecumenical Patriarch

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 - 25, 2015



*Theme: Jesus said to her: "Give me to drink."
(John 4:7)*

Join our communities in celebrating our Christian faith, as we worship, sing, and pray together in unity. We invite you to gather along with millions of Christians around the world, as we renew and build our relationship In Christ.

Please join in the following services:

- † Sunday, January 18 Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Paul
(This will be the main ecumenical service to start the Week of Prayer)
- † Tuesday, January 20 St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul
- † Wed., January 21 Goodfish Lake United Church, Goodfish Lake
- † Thursday, January 22 All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church,
 St. Paul
- † Friday, January 23 Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Saddle Lake
- † Saturday, January 24 St. Paul United Church, St. Paul

~ All Services start at 7:00 p.m. ~

A collection will be taken for the "Gaining Momentum Society"
to support
Second Harvest Cooperative Kitchens

Sponsored by St. Paul Interchurch Fellowship

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***Looking forward to seeing
you there!***



PREPARING FOR HOUSE BLESSINGS:

It is important that our homes receive the blessing of Holy Water. You can contact Father by telephone, e-mail or in person to arrange a date and time that are best for you and your family. You can expect Father to contact you if he hasn't seen you at Liturgy during the Nativity fast and Holy Days.

Getting Ready:

Christ, by entering the Jordan, sanctified it, and with it all creation. Material creation once again became "very good" as it was in the beginning. The central sign of God's sanctification of all things through the feast of Theophany is the act of blessing the homes of faithful Christians. The priest visits all members of the Church to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with Holy Water. He asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil, and to fill it with every blessing. Thus the house itself, together with the living persons of the family, is "filled with all the fullness of God".

To prepare for Father's visit to bless your home:

- Make a list of the first names of those family members you wish to pray for when the priest arrives, with the living and the deceased in separate lists.
- On your dining room table or family altar, place a lighted candle, a Theophany icon or icon of Christ, and a wide bowl (to hold the holy water the priest will bring). Be sure your prayer list is there, too!
- Turn on a light in each room (in

the evening), so the priest can see where he is going.

- Turn off all televisions, radios, cell phones, stereos, and computers.
- Secure any pets that might jump up on the priest or family, or "get underfoot" as you move from room to room. (Pets may be blessed, too!)
- Everyone in the house when the priest arrives should gather around the table/family altar and join in the singing of the litany responses and troparion.
- The children may lead the priest around the house with a lit candle, if he permits.

Frequently asked Questions (and Answers!)

- How long does it take for Father to bless my home? I have a busy schedule!

Father can bless your home quickly if you have a busy schedule. It is important for him to be able to visit and share with all the family members. A home blessing visit is one of the most valuable and important opportunities we receive during the year to have "one on one" time to discuss matters privately and in confidence with your pastor.

- Do I have to prepare a meal?

Welcoming your pastor to your home, praying and visiting with him is the most important thing! You are under no obligation to prepare or serve any elaborate meal for the priest. A warm cup of coffee on a cold January day,



however, would be helpful!

- What if I can't have Father visit my home at this time? Can he come at another time?

The "stuff of life" can make a pastor's visit difficult at times. Your home may be under renovation. There may be an illness, travel, or other matter that complicates the daily flow of life. The most important thing to remember here is to COMMUNICATE with your Pastor! Your spiritual care and well-being are his most important concern. If the Epiphany season, at the end of January, is not a good time for you and your family for whatever reason, simply let Father know. He can keep in contact with you to determine when a good time is for everyone at a later date in the year.

- How much should I pay the priest for this service?

While it is customary to offer a small gift, on such occasions, there is absolutely NO OBLIGATION to pay for this service. (refer to Acts 8:18). The gift of your time, presence and prayer are more than sufficient!



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. As well, **if you have not heard from Fr. Peter by the 20th of January** and would like your house blessed, **please call him on his cell (587) 252-2715 to ensure a visit.** More information on preparing for house blessings can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.



*“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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*Descent of the
Holy Spirit*
Stry, AB
Contact info TBA.

**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/

We're also on Facebook!
Look up:

Bonnyville District of the
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of
Canada

January 2015

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4 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM St. Paul	5	6 ★ Eve of the Nativity 10:00 PM St. Paul	7 ★ Nativity of Our Lord 10:00 AM Bonnyville	8	9	10
11 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Nowa Bukowina	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 ★ Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Kiev's - K - Hi Eve of Theophany— Water Blessing 5:00 PM Bonnyville	19 ★ Theophany House Blessings Begin	20	21	22 ★ Christian Unity Service 7:00 PM St. Paul	23	24
25 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Bonnyville	26 ← Annual General Meeting (AGM)	27	28	29	30	31

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'!