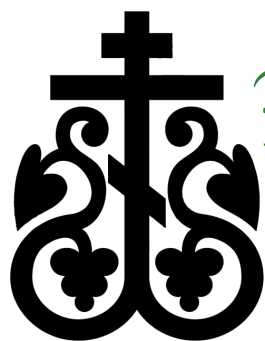


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Bonnyville & District Parish News

From the Editor

By Dobr. Erin Haugen

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Following an unplanned hiatus over the summer months, the district newsletter is back! While I originally intended to keep the newsletter going over the summer, it was soon obvious that my two main contributors (our district Priest and President) were going to have their hands full with other important goings on, and not wanting to add more to their plate (or mine!), we mutually agreed to hold off.

I am happy to get things rolling once again and get 'back into the swing'. We will pick up where we left off and I once again remind you that anyone is welcome to submit at anytime. I will also be more actively appealing to the Presidents of our individual parishes for submissions on a rotating basis... Presidents: You've been warned! This month Krista Ketsa, President of Kiev's K Hi has graciously accepted the challenge.

Once again—Here we go!

Yours in Christ,

Dobr. Erin Haugen

Notes from the President

By Andrew Misiak

The dignity of belonging to a church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Have you ever wondered what your lives would be like if you did not belong to a church? It feels different than belonging to a weekly bowling league, Community center or amateur sports club. Sure everybody is happy when you show up, and everybody is happy that you could participate. And yes you are sadly missed when absent.

Throughout our lives our interests change as we grow older in our years, but if you are a member of a church, THAT is the one constant that remains on a whole different plateau. I guess I am fortunate to be a cradle Orthodox, where my faith and practice have been nurtured in me all my life right from my birth and baptism as an infant. Truly I can say that I would have it no other way.



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My Journey to the doors of God's house was short, if I must compare myself to those that are adherents to the Orthodox tradition, or those that have converted to the Orthodox tradition. We ALL show up to God's house to worship, pray and celebrate together as one very large family unified in the teachings of Christ. I'm always glad and humbled to see everybody, both young and old, arrive in church for the scheduled services. I see the love and joy in everybody's faces as we fill our Sunday with prayer, fellowship and simply enjoying each others company.

Faith and practice within a congregation is a very unifying and loving force that can be embedded in all of our lives, if we so choose. And what are my obligations as an Orthodox

A recent sermon of our assigned parish priest, Fr. Peter, had told us that the simplest thing that we can do for ourselves is to study the creed and all that is within the creed to remind ourselves of our faith. Having an answer to those people who genuinely are interested in knowing more about us is such a satisfying feeling.

As the new school year begins, let us all pledge to ourselves that we will take that opportunity to learn more about the Orthodox faith that we hold so dear to our hearts. To welcome those that have for themselves found the courage to step forward and grow within the Orthodox faith. Let us all support those, who on their own guided path, choose to learn more about their faith and themselves within the church community and our

*"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 Hutska** 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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Christian? As a child of Christ my obligations grow with interest as does the desire to learn as I grow up and even now as I'm getting older. Often, I still discover something new about Orthodoxy and how I live my religious tradition. It is so true that a person never stops learning new things. My list of growth and obligations may be different than others, but it would include the following: prayer; participation in The Divine Liturgy; partaking in the Holy Sacraments; tithing or voluntary work; learn more about the teachings of our church fathers; read publications about Orthodoxy on many subjects or issues that may interest me; not being afraid or embarrassed to answer someone's query about what do I believe in.

congregations.

I have thought about this monthly newsletter message for a while, but with great humility and gratitude I must say welcome home again dear members of Stry congregation. You were in my thoughts and prayers for quite a while now. But now we as a community will be so glad to come and visit the members at Stry congregation once again! We should also be glad and happy to welcome them to our congregations on Sunday also. Thank you to each and everyone of you. May God bless us on our new journey in the new church beginning this September.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Misiak

Pastoral Message

By Fr. Peter Haugen

Христос посеред нас!

Christ is amongst us!

As September is now upon us, it means we have made it through our first year together! This last year has been such a tremendous journey for all of us. There have been hills to climb, but I truly believe that the support our parishes have shown each other has shown that there is no hill too great for us to surpass! Although our work as a district never

ends, I believe that this past year has given me the opportunity to get to know the spirit of our parishes, where our strengths lie, and where we need to grow.



Exaltation of the Cross—September 27th

To this end, in our yearly schedule we have begun to include Great Vesper services mainly on the first and last Saturday's of the month. Great Vespers is a beautiful evening service that assists us in our preparation for the Divine Liturgy. I encourage all who are able to attend.

It is my intention to continue the Orthodox lecture series that began last Great Lent. This will take place in two parts. Part one will be from November to December and will be a true Bible Study and then another that will occur throughout Great Lent which will focus more on the Orthodox Faith. Although we will entitle these a "Bible Study" the purpose of the sessions will be to educate our parishioners in the beliefs, practices, liturgics, canons, saints, church calendar, and the faith of our Orthodox church. In November we will begin the study with a review of the Gospels of Christ.



Liturgical Scripture Readings

September 2014

Sunday, September 7th
*13th Sunday after
Pentecost*

Epistle: 1 Cor. 16:13-24,
Titus 1:1-4, 2:15-3:3,
12-13,15;
Gospel: Matt. 21:33-42,
Matt. 5:14-19

Sunday, September 14th
*14th Sunday after
Pentecost*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4,
1 Tim. 2:1-7;
Gospel: Matt. 22:1-14,
Luke 4:16-22.

Sunday, September 21st
*Nativity of the
Theotokos*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 4:6-15,
Php. 2:5-11;
Gospel: Matt. 22:35-46,
Luke 10:38-42.

Sunday, September 28th
*16th Sunday after
Pentecost*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:1-10,
Gal. 2:16-20.
Gospel: Matt. 25:14-30,
Mark 8:34-9:1.

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.

Pastoral message continued:

I would like to end this message simply with thank you! Everyone has been extremely kind, loving, and open hearted to Dobr. Erin and I, and most especially, an abundant amount of love has been shown towards our son's Noah and Finn. A parish priest relies on various people doing various jobs so that he can arrive at church and focus on the prayers of the service. I would like to thank the gentlemen and altar boys who assist me in the altar,

our singers and those who have taken up the responsibility to lead them, and to the parish executives and presidents. These people are the reason our church services function as well as they do, and although I may not say it often enough, thank you for your dedication and assistance this past year!

Yours In Christ,
Fr. Peter Haugen



On Wednesday September 20th All Saints Parish in St. Paul along with the other St. Paul parishes of the St. Paul Ministerial Group joined together to perform random acts of kindness for member of the community under the banner event referred to as 'Love St. Paul Community' - An idea that Father Peter participated in twice back on Vancouver Island and spear headed here, with great success. Each church was responsible for planning and preparing an event which would all take place on the same day at the same time. All Saints prepared a wonderful assortment of home baked goodies which were given out for free along with coffee , water and iced tea in front of the St. Paul Coop. Warm fuzzies all around!

CAMP KIEV'S K HI:

Submitted by Krista Ketsa



We made it through another wonderful camp season at Kiev's K Hi. We had six wonderful weeks this year with 375 children participating in camp sessions. Youth camp director Linda Boser has again created the environment of faith, family and fun for all that attended whether as campers, staff or volunteers. Each week campers had religious instruction on the topic "Christian Virtues and Acts of Mercy". Father Peter, as well as Father Michael Maranchuk from Vegreville and Father Timothy Chrapko from Calgary were our spiritual leaders throughout the six weeks this year. Each brought their different talents and ways of teaching the campers about our Orthodox Faith. Camp thanks them all for their commitment and time. Each day was filled with the adventure of new activities, arts and crafts, sports, swimming, dance, singing and so many other activities. The daily visits to Baba's Hatena where campers experienced a visit to the past and learned how things were done when our ancestors came to Canada. They also learned some Ukrainian. Every camp session made kolach and this was baked in the peech. Week 5, or teen week again participated in the week long Ukie Olympics where all campers are divided into groups that complete against each other in challenges created by our instructors and staff. It is a fantastic week of comradery and competition. I myself truly love watching the groups this week work together. Week 6 blessed us with 18 campers ages 15 – 17. Dobr. Erin shared her talents this week by leading campers through a painting project. The final canvases were stunning

Many friendships were made and rekindled. Kiev's K Hi truly is a place to call home in the summer. I would like to thank everyone involved for helping to make Kiev's K Hi one of the greatest camps around. Thanks to the district members who came out to support us this summer by getting involved. Your gift of time and the sharing of your talents were greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful place.

Krista Ketsa

Kiev's K Hi President



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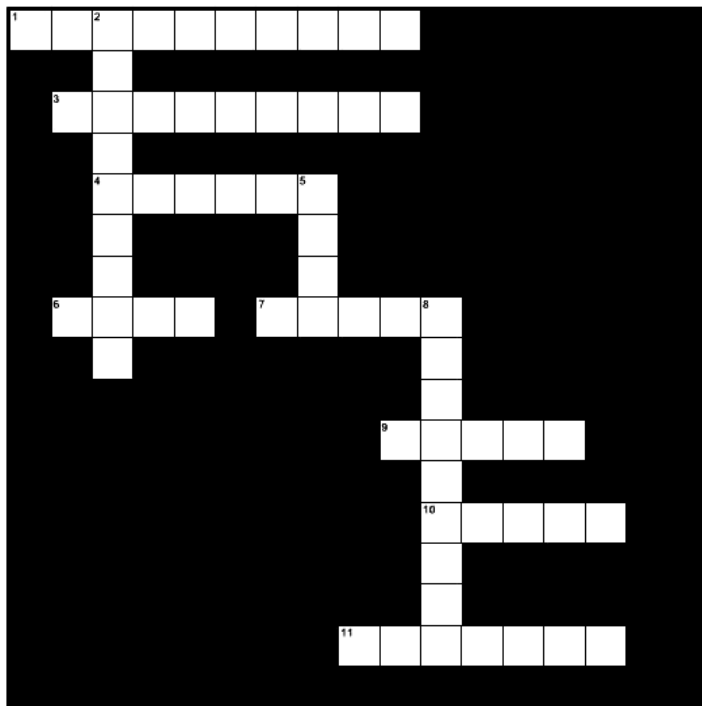
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Just for Fun

Answers on next page...



The Mother of God Crossword

ACROSS

1. Burial place of Theotokos
3. Home of the Theotokos
4. Late Apostle at burial
6. Chosen to care for Mary
7. Transported Apostles
9. How her cave was found
10. Number of days buried
11. Means All Holy

DOWN

2. Means Mother of God
5. Christ is holding this
8. Name of Feast

“СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! СЛАВА НА ВІКИ!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!”

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/

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Look up:

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Above: Handing out goodies!

Right: Noah Haugen on sign duty!



Below: Caroline Yewchin, Joanne Ternovoy and Trent modelling our stylish shirts and ready for action!



Below: Free car wash and hot dogs at another station!



Nativity of the Theotokos—September 21st

- 8. DORMITION .
- 5. SOUL
- 2. THEOTOKOS
- DOWN
- 11. PANAGIA
- 10. THREE
- 9. EMPTY
- 7. CLOUD
- 6. JOHN
- 4. THOMAS
- 3. JERUSALEM
- 1. GETSEMANE

ACROSS

WORD ANSWERS
MOTHER OF GOD CROSS-

September 2014

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Mon



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31 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Sandy Rapids	1	2	3	4	5	6 Great Vespers 4:00 PM St. Paul
7 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM St. Paul	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM STRY	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Nowa Bukowina	22	23	24	25	26	27  Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM St. Paul
28 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Bonnyville	29	30				 Great Vespers 4:00 PM Bonnyville

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'!