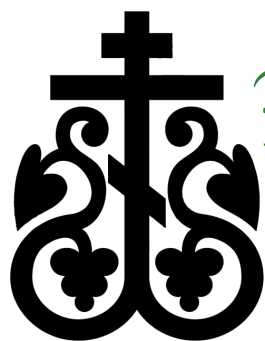


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Bonnyville & District Parish News

From the Editor

By Dobr. Erin Haugen

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. Kiev's K Hi finished another successful run which included 6 weeks of sessions for youth aged 5-18. Stay tuned as we hope to include a report detailing some highlights in next month's newsletter.

As we enter the fall season, for many of us life becomes busier with children in school and extra curricular activities starting up. Many people view September as the beginning of the church year as well as the school year and as such we can expect to see an increase in church services, activities, meetings and the like. The newsletter will be back to being issued monthly and I encourage you to take the time to read through and mark your calendars.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Submitted by Fr. Peter Haugen

Христос посеред нас! Christ is amongst us!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Intercessory Prayer: Who needs 'em?

Prayer is one of the most common attributes within an Orthodox Christian's everyday life. Even the most simplest of actions, crossing oneself in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, is in itself a prayer. Now whether not we have a strict daily prayer schedule the one thing that Christians should do on a daily basis is pray for someone. This is what is called "Intercessory Prayer" and is truly important within the prayer life of an individual.

In regard to how one should pray at home, Father Thomas Hopko states that "Praying is not merely repeating the words of prayer. Saying prayers is not the same as praying. Prayer should be done secretly, briefly, regularly, without many words, with trust in God that He hears, and with the willingness to do what God shows us to do." When we come together for communal prayer within the church the type of prayer and mentality of the prayer changes all together. We should not be coming to church in hopes of finding a quiet corner so that we may say our personal prayers while the rest of the parish is celebrating Great Vespers, Matins, Divine Liturgy, etc. Private silent prayers are be-



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tween you and God and therefore are not conducive to the atmosphere of communal prayer which is the church. This does not mean however that when we pray as a community we do not bring in our personal concerns, cares or troubles, but we do so in such a way that we unite ourselves and our concerns into the prayer of the community. Fr. Thomas continues “We unite (ourselves and concerns) to the prayer of the church, to the eternal prayer of Christ, the Mother of



Nativity of the Theotokos — September 18th

God, the saints and the brothers and sisters of our own particular church community.” This is why it is important not just to come to church to pray for our own salvation, but also to prayer for our loved ones and those in need.

The question is then raised: How is this done? How do we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ when we go to church? Lighting candles is a symbolic way that we pray for our loved ones. The light symbolises the Light of Christ who shows the way in the darkness. When lighting candles, whether they are candles to be put into sand or if they are votive candles, we say the person's name and ask God to remember them. I am often asked which side to place the candles for the living and which side for the dead. In truth, it really comes down to how you were raised and what was taught to you in your community. I was always taught that the living go before the icon of the Theotokos because She is our Intercessor and we also ask her to continually pray for all of us. The candles remembering those who have reposed in the Lord go before Christ because they await their judgement before our Saviour.

The other common way in which we remember our loved ones is by submitting their names to the priest prior to the Divine Liturgy so that he may include them in the Proskimidia prayers and the prayers within the Litany of Fervent Supplication. Submitting the name of a loved one can be done for many reasons outside of them being sick. In fact, I strongly recommend submitting names much more frequently as one does not need to be seriously ill to be mentioned in the Liturgy. You can submit names for those who are celebrating Birthdays, Saints Days, and Anniversaries. If you know of someone who is expecting a child, who has had a new born child, or even for a couple who are trying to conceive. Names of those who are celebrating life accomplishments like a Graduation, Retirement, or even first day of school or University can be submitted. Intercessory prayers can be made for every “good gift” from God for the sake of the salvation of others and as you can see the “good gift” extends too many different circumstances. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact me to find out if you can include someone in prayer, but please continue to make use of the “Prayer list” cards of the back of the church.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Peter Haugen



Liturgical Scripture Readings

September 2015

Sunday, September 6th
*14th Sunday after
Pentecost*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4;
Gospel: Matt. 22:1-14.

Sunday, September 13th
*15th Sunday after
Pentecost*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 4:6-15;
Gospel: Matt. 22:35-46.

Sunday, September 20th
*16th Sunday after
Pentecost*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:1-10;
Gospel: Matt. 25:14-30.

Sunday, September 27th
*17th Sunday after
Pentecost*

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:18-24;
Gospel: John 19:6-11,
13-20, 25-28, 30-35.

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.

GOOD FOR A LAUGH!

Two Trouble Makers

A couple had two little mischievous boys, ages 8 and 10. They were always getting into trouble, and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons would get the blame.

The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed and asked to see them individually.

So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

They boy's mouth dropped open, but

he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open.

The clergyman repeated the question. "Where is God?"

Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

So, the clergyman raised his voice some more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied: "We are in real BIG trouble this time! God is missing, and they think we did it!"

District Fundraising



Plans are underway for two exciting District Fundraising Projects for 2015:

\$ Wine Gift Baskets

We will be asking businesses to donate a bottle of wine (minimum of \$20) with a label stating who has donated the wine. Wines will be combined into gift baskets, with 12 bottles in each one.

Our District members will sell tickets for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. We hope to have the tickets printed and distributed very soon, so that the draw may be done in early December, just in time for Christmas.

\$\$ Pyrohy Supper

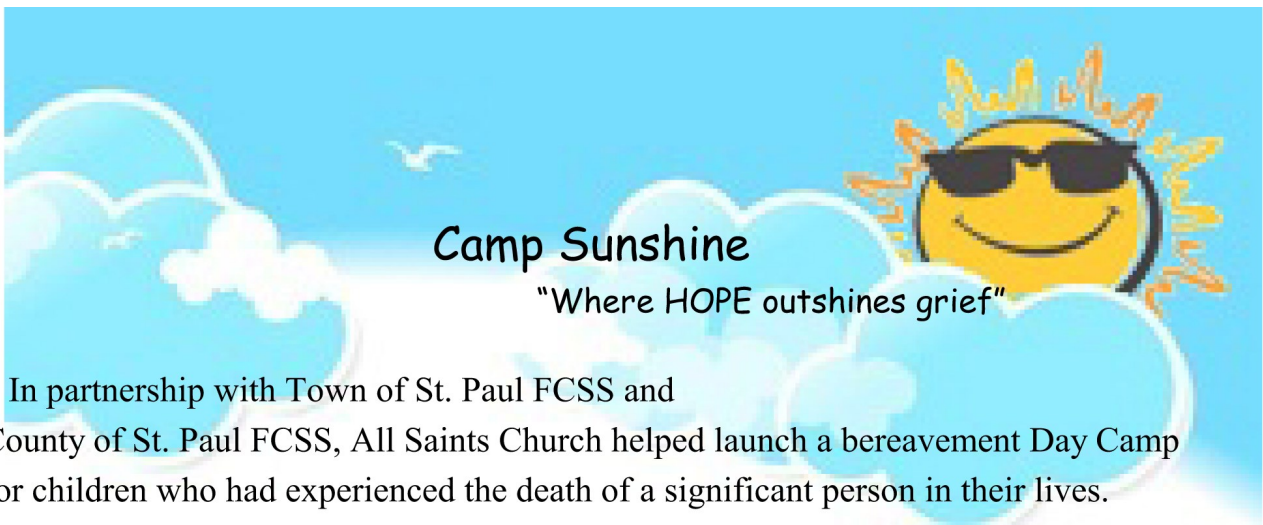
The District will work together to hold a **Pyrohy Supper** on **Friday, November 6, 2015** at the All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre in St. Paul. Work bees will be held to make the pyrogies and then to prepare and serve the meal. Mark this date on your calendar and bring your friends and family out for fresh pyrogies!

More details to come on these projects and plans for 2016 fundraising projects as well, so keep watching the District Newsletter, our website, or talk to your church's fundraising committee members.

Submitted by Caroline Yewchin
Fundraising Committee Chairperson



Working Together, We CAN Do It!



In partnership with Town of St. Paul FCSS and County of St. Paul FCSS, All Saints Church helped launch a bereavement Day Camp for children who had experienced the death of a significant person in their lives.

Camp Sunshine was held on July 7, 8, & 9, 2015 and was a fun and safe place for children to explore their grief and get tools to help them cope in their daily lives.

Millennium Ladies, Joanne, Margie, Josie & Irene, participated in the "Guest Chef" Program. ➡ ➡

Dob. Erin helped the children to design and paint flower pots in memory of their loved ones. ➡ ➡

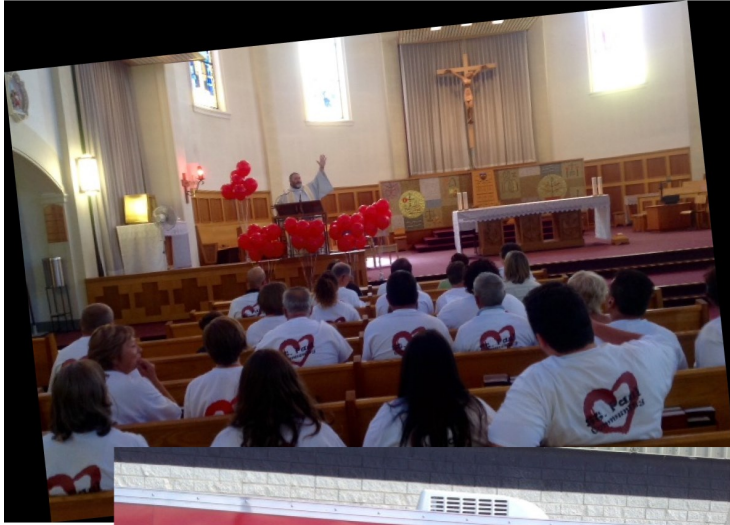


Caroline & her trusty partner, Fred, facilitated the grief activities. ➡ ➡



◀◀ Flower pots and candles ready for the Service of Remembrance.

Love St. Paul Community on August 18, 2015 was a huge success! Over 60 volunteers from five Christian Churches "blanketed" the community spreading God's love through random acts of kindness.



The day started with:

- ♥ An Ecumenical Church Service at the R.C. Cathedral
- ♥ Volunteers then dispersed to kindness projects. Our All Saints Church gave away ice cream cones and ice cream floats at the Co-op Mall.



Over 200 ice cream cones given away in just 2 hours.



The floats are ready!

- ♥ The day ended with pizza & sharing of stories at the All Saints Cultural Centre. What a truly awesome day!!



WOMEN'S MEETING 2015

Submitted by Caroline Yewchin

Women's Meeting September 6, 2015

Calling all ladies of our Bonnyville & District
Church Family to a meeting on
Sunday, September 6, 2015
(after the Church Service in St. Paul)

We will discuss ideas and plans for getting
our ladies together 2 or 3 times per year for
a time of fellowship, spiritual growth, and fun.
Bring your ideas! Come to be part of this new
and exciting "In Reach" Project.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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

WEBSITE

**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:

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September 2015

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Mon



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 6 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM St. Paul <i>Women's Meeting</i> (Info pg. 6)	 7	8	9	10	11 <i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>	12
 13 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Sandy Rapids	14	15	16	17	18	19
 20 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Nowa Bukowina	21 <i>Nativity of the Theotokos</i>	22	23	24	25	26
 27 <i>Exaltation of the Cross</i> Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Bonnyville	28	29	30			

Back to school blessing!
Bring your kids, grandkids, families!

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'!