

CHURCH BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, November 21, we celebrate the Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple on the Gregorian calendar. Pay close attention to the propers (tropars, kontakia, etc) to absorb the point of this celebration.

A Panakhyda to honour and remember the victims of the Holodomor will be celebrated after both divine liturgies on, Sunday November 28, 2021.

The children's homily has been re-instituted at the 11:30am Sunday divine liturgy. If you have young children, you may take them downstairs at the Gospel reading so that they can hear it read and explained at their age level.

We are hoping to resume English language in-person catechism classes on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. If you have children between Junior Kindergarten and Grade 6 and would be interested in registering, please email Rebecca Visser (rebeccaevisser@gmail.com). Please indicate the grades of your children. Children and teachers will be required to wear masks for these classes.

We commend Bishop-emeritus Stephen Chmilar's health and well being to your fervent prayers. Bishop Stephen has been hospitalized due to injuries following a fall outside his place of residence, Monday, Nov.16th. He

underwent surgery in the middle of the night and remains in serious condition.

Knights of Columbus 50/50 Draw: The Knights hold 4 draws a year. You can support the Knights' good work by clicking on the following link <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=9557> and buying 40 tickets for \$20. This helps our neighbors by supporting disaster relief, coats for kids programs, culture of life, food drives, local soup kitchens, food banks, Special Olympics and the Arthritis Society. The next Early Bird Deadline is December 1 and provides several small prizes. The big prize is typically around \$40,000.00 so the tickets can make great gifts. You can help others and have fun at the same time.

Coats for Kids: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this annual collection again this year. You can make a donation to the parish, **being careful to note that it is intended for Coats for Kids**, and the donation will be forwarded to the Knights, who will use it to purchase warm winter clothing for children.

The Annual Holodomor Commemoration on Parliament Hill will take place on the front lawn at 12:30pm, Wednesday, November 24.

The Ukrainian Hour radio program airs every Sunday on 97.9 FM from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Podcasts can be heard at <https://www.chinradio.com/ukrainian>

* **St. Philip's Fast** * On the Gregorian calendar, we are now in the traditional pre-Christmas preparation period of

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St. Philip's Fast, or Pilipiwka, in Ukrainian. This fast begins forty days before the Nativity of our Lord on November 15, the day after the feast of St. Philip. This is a time to prepare us to receive Christ into the world and into our hearts.

On each Sunday of the fast in our church we can celebrate a different figure who has helped to show us the way.

1. The first holy person we encounter is the Evangelist St. Matthew whose feast is celebrated on November 16. St. Matthew is the first Evangelist to give us the infancy narratives in the Gospels, the first to announce the “Good News” of salvation. He begins us on our journey.

2. Next we celebrate the entrance of the Theotokos (The God bearer - Mary) into the temple. (Nov. 21) Mary goes into the Temple to prepare her heart for God. She is the Temple where the Son of God will make His home until His birth. She shows us how to be a true servant of the Lord who may give our entire life, so that we may also become worthy dwelling places for our Saviour.

3. St. Andrew who is celebrated on Nov. 30, was the first apostle called by Jesus. Tradition tells that he travelled to Slavic territories to bring the light of Christ's message to the Slavic people. He encourages us to be the bearers of the light of Jesus to others.

4. The Feast of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker, is on December 6. The story of this Saint is well known. St. Nicholas' life is an example to us all of preparing our hearts by loving acts for one another.

5. The second Sunday before Christmas we commemorate the ancestors of our faith; the Holy Forefathers, the great men and women of the Bible who kept the promise of the Messiah alive through the ages; the prophets, and we especially admire the Prophet Daniel and the faith and courage of the three children who went into the fiery furnace. They teach us to be courageous in our faith.

6. The Sunday before Christmas, we remember the ancestors of Jesus, the Holy Fathers. These holy people waited and prayed with hope in their hearts that God would send the promised Saviour to the world. They remind us to wait for the saviour with hope in our hearts.