

#### • UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS •

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# 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

Sunday, 8 September 2024

Epistle Reading: Phil. 2:5-11 • Gospel: Lk. 10:38-42, 11:27,28

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Sunday September 8, 2024 ENGLISH

Sunday September 15, 2024 BILINGUAL

Sunday September 22, 2024 ENGLISH

Sunday September 29, 2024 BILINGUAL

Confession will be available on Sunday morning starting at 9:15 AM. It is recommended that members of All Saints attend confession at least once every four (4) months.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dobrodyika Maria, Helen,

Rev. Frs. Olexander, Eugene, Olga, Chelsey, Olga S., Roy, Anna, Linda, Marilyn, Jason, Gavin, Leona, Bob

**PRAYER OFFERINGS:** If you would like someone to be mentioned in prayer, submit their names by email, directly to **Fr. Charles chancellorbaxter@uocc.ca**, <u>allsaintsuoc@mymts.net</u>, or inform one of the church elders.

The care and maintenance of our property remains a priority. If you are unable to attend church, please continue to support us with your offerings. All Saints accepts Interac E-transfers for donations in addition to cheques or cash. Please submit e-transfers to allsaintsuoc@mymts.net.

#### **CHOIR NEWS**

There are now newly updated bilingual Liturgy Books, in Ukrainian and English, in the pews for everyone to follow during the service. They include before and after prayers for communion and the prayer to Ukraine, "боже Великий," along with interesting information on Orthodoxy. Please join us in singing the Liturgy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school classes will begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see poster at end of bulletin. To register your children or learn more about this year's program, please contact Khyrystyna Los at tsoma.khrystyna@yahoo.com . Khyrystyna Los along with her assistant Demi Kuzyk-Bernier are looking after the Sunday School program. You can contact Khyrystyna Los at tsoma.khrystyna@yahoo.com or Demi Kuzyk at demikb@shaw.ca .

#### LET'S CELEBRATE!

If you or your family are celebrating a major life event such as a birth, birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc., please notify <a href="mailto:allsaintsuoc@mymts.net">allsaintsuoc@mymts.net</a> so a note of congratulations can be included in our bulletin. We look forward to sharing in your joy.

#### SUBMISSION TO THE MEDIA MANAGER

If you need anything posted online or have information or images to share, contact

Brenda at (431) 334-7762

Do You Have an Item for Our Bulletin? Please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:allsaintsuoc@mymts.net">allsaintsuoc@mymts.net</a>
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#### **COMING EVENTS:**

All Saints will host a formal celebration of its 70th anniversary on Sunday, 22 September. The celebrations will include several programming notes to commemorate this auspicious occasion. All parishioners should have received a formal invitation to confirm attendance and to confirm the number in their party. The clergy of Winnipeg will also be invited including all who had served at our church previously.

If you **have not** received an invitation but would like to attend this event, please contact Emil Kowal at 204-488-2200 or email at ekowal3@shaw.ca

Our annual Fall Supper and Dance will take place on Saturday November 2, 2024. This is one of our major fundraising events and we will need your help in food preparation, soliciting prize donations for silent auction and selling tickets. **Donation request letters** are now available. Please contact Emil for a letter to take to your workplace or place of business. Please circle November 2<sup>nd</sup> on your calendar and watch the bulletin for further updates and announcements.

Please note Change to production dates. We will have pyrogy production in October but it will be a short run and it will be on Tuesday October 15 and on Wednesday October 16. This will be a short production run for the Fall supper and dance. We will have another production run in November for sale to our parishioners and public.

The reason for the change was that the hall was rented out for October 19.

Due to prior commitments the kitchen crew will not be available for this Sunday's fellowship lunch. However fellowship lunch will still take place with a makeup crew. You can help them out by bringing a potluck dish.

## **Father Charles Baxter Bio**

Fr. Charles Baxter Bio Father Charles Baxter, a devoted and accomplished leader in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, was born and raised in Vestal, New York. He is the youngest of four children born to George and Rose Baxter. Growing up in a closeknit neighborhood, Father Charles shared a special bond with his cousins, becoming a "big brother" to the children of his aunt and uncle, Shirley and John Buchma. His journey with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church began early, as he attended pysanky classes and dance rehearsals at St. John Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City, where he was baptized. After graduating from Vestal Senior High School, Father Charles enrolled at the State University of New York College at Oswego in the fall of 1979. He graduated in the spring of 1984 with a focus on writing, journalism, and publishing. His career started at a community newspaper in Fulton, NY, and later at Publishing Services at Syracuse University. It was during this period that the Pastor at St. John's parish encouraged him to consider a vocation in ministry. In response to this calling, Father Charles enrolled at St. Sophia Seminary, located at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA's headquarters in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. He graduated in 1994 with a Master of Divinity Degree and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 26, 1994, by Archbishop Antony. Father Baxter's first pastoral assignment was at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Youngstown, Ohio, where he served from October 1994 until February 2007. During his tenure, he led a large and vibrant parish community, overseeing numerous developments including the construction of a rectory, a choir director's residence, a pavilion, an Orthodox Center, and the consecration of an Orthodox Cemetery and Chapel. The parish continues to thrive with various active groups such as the sisterhood, altar servers, youth group, Ukrainian Orthodox League chapter, choir, and church school. In February 2007, Father Baxter transitioned to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, receiving a Canonical Release from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. He was assigned to the Vancouver Island District, serving Saint George in Victoria, BC, and leading the reformation of St. Mary Protectress from Port Alberni to a new mission in Parksville, BC. Under his guidance, the parish successfully acquired a new church building in Parksville. Father Baxter joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a Chaplain, with the rank of Captain, in the summer of 2009. After completing Basic Officer Training in December 2009, he served at the Canadian Forces Training Base in Wainwright and became the first Orthodox Priest to serve as a Chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces since World War II. His military service included postings in Edmonton, Alberta, 17 Wing Detachment in Dundurn, SK, and his final posting in Kingston, Ontario as the Chaplain to the Canadian Forces Joint Signal Regiment (CFJSR). He retired from the forces in August 2021 and

resumed his pastoral ministry at Saint Anne Parish in Scarborough, Ontario. In January 2023, following his election as Chancellor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada at the 24th Sobor, Father Baxter moved to Winnipeg to fulfill his new responsibilities, continuing his lifelong dedication to his faith and community. Father Baxter is thrilled to join All Saints Parish and looks forward to bringing his extensive experience and deep commitment to serving the parish community. He is eager to work with the parish family to foster spiritual growth, strengthen community bonds, and continue the rich traditions of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

### CHECK US OUT!

All Saints website, Facebook page, and Instagram has a great deal of information waiting for you at your fingertips! All Saints news and information can be accessed at:

Church Website: <a href="https://www.allsaintsuoc.ca/">https://www.allsaintsuoc.ca/</a>

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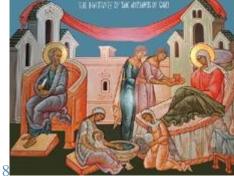
### DIVINE LITURGY LIVE STREAMS CAN BE FOUND AT THESE WEBSITES:

• Live stream from Ukrainian Orthodox Church of All Saints, Winnipeg, MB @ 10:00 https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsuoc/live

# Today's commemorated feasts and saints

**11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** — **Tone 2. The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary** . **Sunday before Elevation.** Icons of the Mother of God: "KURSK-ROOT" Icon of the Sign (1259), "POCHAEV" (1559), "KHOLMSK", and others.

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary



Commemorated on September 8

### **Troparion & Kontakion**

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary: The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcame the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feastdays at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his

sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls" (2nd Stikhera on "Lord, I Have Cried", Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

Слава Icycy Христу! Slava Isousou Christou! Glory to Jesus Christ!

Слава Навіки! Slava Na Veeky! Glory Forever!

# Sunday School/ Недільна Школа



Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th.</sup>To register your children or to learn more about this year's program, please contact Khrystyna Los at <a href="mailto:tsoma.khrystyna@yahoo.com">tsoma.khrystyna@yahoo.com</a> or at 204-291-9794. Children ages 3-12 are welcome. Classes are held in our Parish Hall during regular Sunday church services.

#### All Children Are Welcome!



Заняття у недільній школі розпочнуться у неділю, 15-го вересня, 2024. Для реєстрації або детальною інформацією, прошу сконтактуватись з Христиною Лось по електроній пошті <a href="mailto:tsoma.khrystyna@yahoo.com">tsoma.khrystyna@yahoo.com</a> або за телефоном 204-291-9794. Запрошуються діти віком від 3-12 років. Заняття проходитимуть у нашому парафіяльному залі під час недільних богослужінь.

Ласкаво Запрошуємо Всіх Дітей!