PALM SUNDAY

#### LITURGY INTENTIONS

Phil. 4:4-9 ~ John 12:1-18 Sun. Apr. 10 **PALM SUNDAY** 

5:00 P.M. (Sat.) Health & God's Blessings for All UCWLC Members

(this Divine Liturgy will be recorded and posted on YouTube)

9:00 A.M. For Our Parishioners

11:00 A.M. God's Blessings Lisa.....Grace

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022

Mon. Apr. 11 Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday

& Tues. Apr. 12 7:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by confessions

Wed. April 13 Holy Wednesday

> 7:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Thurs. April 14 **Holy Thursday** 

> 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers

> > (at St. George's Cathedral)

Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels 7:00 p.m.

Fri. April 15 **Good Friday** 

> 3:00 p.m. Exposition of the Holy Shroud - Plashchanytsia

Jerusalem Matins 8:00 p.m.

Sat. April 16 Holy Saturday

> Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. Blessing of Baskets (in church hall)

Sat. April 16 8:30 p.m. **Resurrection Matins & Easter Divine Liturgy** 

& Blessing of Baskets (English)

This service will be posted on YouTube.

**Easter Sunday** Sun. April 17

> 7:30 a.m. **Resurrection Matins & Easter Divine Liturgy**

> > & Blessing of Baskets (Ukrainian & English)

11:00 a.m. **Easter Divine Liturgy (English)** 

Fr. Vladimir Kolpakov, C.Ss.R. Zenon Derkach Wendy Friedrich

> Martha Greschuk Mary Huchkowski Dennis Kyrzyk **Deb Larmour**

Patricia Trischuk Sofia Werezak Pat Lendzyk Iris Pidperyhora













### **DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Sympathy and prayers to Edna Kyrzyk and family on the death of her husband, †Dennis Kyrzyk.

Вічная Пам'ять!

**GOD GRANT HIM ETERNAL MEMORY!** 

Вічная Пам'ять!

## **Covid Precautions for Saints Peter & Paul**

As of March 1, 2022, wearing masks in church is encouraged.

For those coming to the office, wearing a mask is encouraged and appreciated.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST:**

Holy Communion is now being distributed under both species (consecrated bread and wine) on individual spoons.

#### **OTHER NOTES:**

The contribution baskets remain at the front of the church on the small tables. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance of the church.

Anyone with COVID symptoms should remain at home and schedule a test. Isolate from others until test results are back.



# Attention Singers

We are looking for volunteers to join the lead singers in responding at our Divine Liturgies. If you enjoy singing and are willing to sing with them when you can, please contact me by email – <a href="mailto:nadya.berezowski@yahoo.ca">nadya.berezowski@yahoo.ca</a> or contact the office at 306-343-6516 to be added to our Volunteer Singers' Contact List.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated!



# Caster & Christmas Music CP!

Looking for that special Caster gift?

How about a 2-disc CD of Ukrainian Choral Music - one CD for Easter and one for Christmas, initially recorded by Saints Peter & Paul Choir in 1981!

Cost is \$20.00. CD's are available at the Parish Rectory Office.

Total Proceeds (\$20.00 per CP) will be used by the UCWLC for a special cause.

## PLENTIFUL REDEMPTION IN ACTION IN UKRAINE

The **Redemptorists** of the Lviv Province in Ukraine are working on the ground with both locals and refugees fleeing the war. They are supporting people with counselling, the sacraments, and prayer. Redemptorist churches and monasteries are open to provide support, temporary shelter, and food for refugees on their way to Poland or Romania.

Please consider making a donation to these efforts.

- NEW! E-Transfers: Send them to <a href="mailto:ucmwpg@gmail.com">ucmwpg@gmail.com</a> In the message box, please put "War Relief Ukraine" and include your name and address so that you can receive a tax receipt.
- Cheques are payable to "UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC MISSION OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER."
   Please put "War Relief Ukraine" in the memo line. Send donations to: REGIONAL FINANCE OFFICE. 250 JEFFERSON AVE., WINNIPEG MB R2V 0M6
- These donations are tax deductible and receipts will be issued. Donations will be sent to the Redemptorists in Ukraine via secure channels as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generosity. Please pray for the citizens of Ukraine. Our Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

Fr. Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R. Regional Coordinator – Redemptorists of the Yorkton Region (Province of Canada)



## Just a friendly reminder:

**SCENT FREE -** Out of concern for those with allergies or asthma, we ask that you refrain from using products with perfume or scent when coming to church. Thank you.



# THANK YOU

Once again, our UCWLC members, in the spirit of Easter Lenten Spiritual preparation and prayer, are grateful to have provided our parish families and our community friends by faithfully and unselfishly making and preparing beautiful Paskas, Babkas cabbage rolls, perogies and beets for sale. We also most gratefully appreciate all those who so kindly donated prizes for our draw.

We want to extend a heartfelt "**THANK YOU**" to all those who were involved with the fundraiser: the organizing group; the loving hands who prepared all the breads, cabbage rolls, perogies and beets; those whose took the sales orders and helped with the distribution; those who purchased our traditional Easter foods; and those who made donations to our fundraiser. THANK YOU for making this an extremely successful event.

May your generosity be given back to you ten-fold and may God's Grace and Blessings always be upon you.

Rita Smysnuik

## PLEASE NOTE

We have large Babka's at \$8.00 each and Beets at \$5.00 each left over from the sale. If anyone is interested please call or email Theresa at the office during office hours.



Sincere thank you and appreciation is extended to Dwayne Sabulsky and the 11. Knights Council #11175 for not only organizing the gathering of pussy willows YOUR HELP on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Palm Sunday Services, but also teaching our Altar Servers,

Children of Mary and their families how to pick them as well. Your time and assistance is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the following people for teaching our Altar Servers, Children of Mary and their families how to clean the pussy willows on April 4<sup>th</sup>: Rosaline Winnichyn, Paul Shumay, Kasie & Leonard Leschyshyn.

~ Nicole Leland & Theresa Laroque, Co-Chairs Liturgical Committee

## Vigil at the Lord's Tomb

The Vigil at the Lord's Tomb will not be happening this year. We appreciate all our parishioners that have volunteered to sit at the tomb over the years. You are welcome to come early to our Easter services to sit before the tomb and pray.



## **Ushers For Holy Week Services**

An invitation is extended to all our parishioners to help welcome guests, distribute books and usher during our services for Holy Week. We need two ushers for each of the following services:

Holy Monday & Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Holy Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Holy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels (only two parishioner candle bearers will be needed, and on a volunteer basis – no need to ask people to go up).

Good Friday – 3:00 p.m. Exposition of the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday – 2:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy with Vespers

<u>Holy Saturday</u> – 8:30 p.m. Resurrection Matins & Easter Liturgy

Easter Sunday – 7:30 a.m. Resurrection Matins & Easter Liturgy (Ukrainian & English)

If you or someone from your family are able to usher at one or more than one service, please contact Theresa Laroque (306-260-4875, theresalaroque@gmail.com)

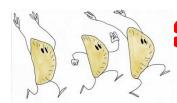
~ Liturgical Committee



## **ATTENTION UCWLC MEMBERS**

A General Meeting and Moleben will be held on **Thursday**, **April 21**, **2022**. Beginning with Moleben at 6:30 p.m. and General Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. Please attend as there are budget items to discuss.

Sharon Tkachuk, President



## SAVE THE DATE!

## It's back!



Sunday, May 15, 2022 More details to follow!



## Mark Your Calendars



Vacation Bible School date has been set for July 5 – 8, 2022 (Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon)

"Knights of North Castle"

## Junior Ukrainian Catholic Youth (Grades 6, 7, 8 & 9)

### Come to Junior UCY!

Bring your creativity, curiosity, friends, mask and non-marking indoor shoes (for gym time!)

Next session: Saturday, April 30, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 28, 7-9 p.m.

Location: Bishop Pocock Catholic Elementary School on Avondale Road - rear entrance

For more information, please contact Anna Maria Simko: email, ans745@usask.ca or Petro Seman: email, petroseman@outlook.com

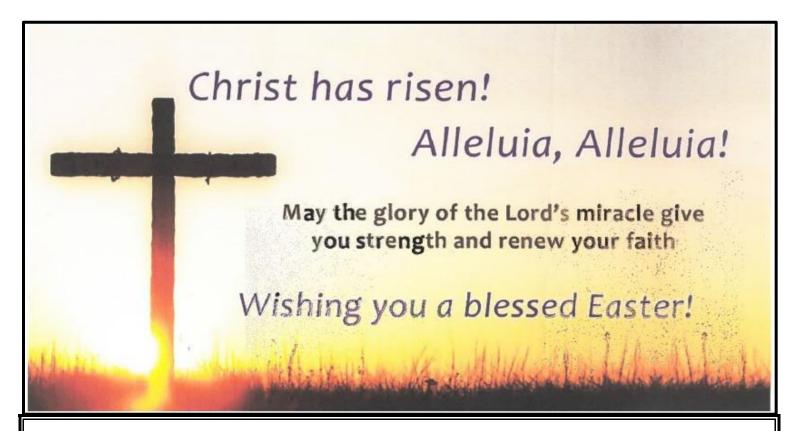
\*\* PLEASE NOTE: Day and time change from previous years \*\*

## Pro-life Personal Prayer Intentions for the weeks of the Great Fast



#### **April 10 - Palm Sunday**

Lord, we pray that the poor, those at war, the homeless, the elderly and disabled, the preborn child, and pregnant mothers may experience the protection of God through our own works of mercy. Help us find it within ourselves to fast and pray, and give generously to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick and elderly.





To the parishioners and families of Saints Peter & Paul.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus we extend a Blessed Easter.

Grand Knight Dwayne Sabulsky

## Good Friday Pontifical Collection on April 15, 2022 for the benefit of the Holy Land



The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday April 15**, **2022.** Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population. Please use the yellow envelope in your box marked "Holy Land-Eastern Congregation" dated April 15, 2022.



The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon **Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol** is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinators of Care (PCC) Theresa Gogol or Andrea Swann, at 306-343-6516 or Deb Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care, at 306-653-0138 (Ext. 228) or email: <a href="mailto:covenantofcare@skeparchy.org">covenantofcare@skeparchy.org</a> More information is available on the Eparchial Website.



#### **OF INTEREST**

- \* <u>DEVOTIONS TO BLESSED VASYL VELYCHKOVSKY, C.Ss.R.</u> live-streamed from the Shrine in Winnipeg, MB. <u>Every Tuesday during Lent</u> at 6:00 p.m. (SK time) the Redemptorists and Partners in Mission of the Yorkton Region will be live streaming the Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky Devotional Services from the Shrine Chapel. This will continue during the pandemic. Please join us in prayer. Here is the broadcast link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFDrZoGsYeJG1lgqdZyfYMA/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFDrZoGsYeJG1lgqdZyfYMA/featured</a>
- \* QUEEN'S HOUSE RETREAT AND RENEWAL CENTRE For and update on programs and spiritual direction opportunities, please visit queenshouse.org
- \* <u>UKRAINIAN EMBROIDERY CLASS</u> Starting May 1, 2022 to June 12, 2022. Sundays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (No classes on May 23, 2022 Victoria Day) *Cost:* \$40 includes all supplies needed. *Instructor:* Debbie Nahachewsky. *Location:* Musee Ukraina Museum (222 Avenue M South, Saskatoon) *Hosted by:* St. George's Cathedral UCWLC. *To register:* contact Marlene Bodnar at 306-262-1647.



**Easter Offering** - My gift to Bishop and Clergy (Not tax deductible) –

Please make cheques payable to "Ukrainian Catholic Mission" or submit an e-transfer to ucmsaskatoon@gmail.com



## Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Українська Католицька Єпархія Саскатуну

## Employment Opportunity Eparchy of Saskatoon Archivist, Office Assistant Part-time scheduled (14 hours per week)

The Eparchy of Saskatoon is accepting applications for a Part-time scheduled position of Archivist, Office Assistant (14 hours per week) on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with some flexibility. Safeguarding Protocols will be required, including Criminal Record Check, (prior to interview), and Covenant of Care Training for the successful applicant. Duties will commence on May 3, 2022. Please submit any inquiries and application with a cover letter and resume to <a href="mailto:admin.skeparchy@sasktel.net">admin.skeparchy@sasktel.net</a> by 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2022. Interviews will be arranged for April 25-27.

#### **Summary and Accountability:**

Under the direction of the Bishop and/or Chancellor or his designate, the Archivist, Office Assistant works to create, organize, and maintain the Eparchial archives. The Archivist will be responsible for the conservation of historical (or inactive) records as well as the management and systematic maintenance of current (or active) records in both paper and electronic form including the Data Management System. The successful candidate will assist with answering phone calls and door inquiries. This position has potential for increases in both hours worked and responsibilities agreed upon.



#### Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon

## **Catholic Youth Leadership Academy**



## Facilitator Position Description 2022-2023

#### What is CYLA?

CYLA is a leadership training program (14+) based on the Salesian program of St. John Bosco. This program has been adapted for our Canadian youth and our Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic faith.

#### CYLA Goals

- to form young leaders who will serve our parishes, camps, and places of need.
- · to evangelize and form missionary disciples who will inspire and courageously profess their faith.
- to equip young leaders with the knowledge of our Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic tradition (based on the UGCC Catechism "Christ Our Pascha").
- to build a unique inspiring community of young people who love Christ and want to follow the footsteps of the missionary spirit of Holy Mary.

Position	Program Facilitator (Age 20-37)
Employer	Eparchial Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office
Facilitator Benefits	<ul> <li>CYLA Leadership Training Certificate granted by the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon on behalf of the Eparch of Saskatoon.</li> <li>Volunteer hours (if needed).</li> <li>Honorarium of \$600.00.</li> </ul>
# of Positions	5
To apply	Apply online CYLA Online Application <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUjYLyd7U7Sf3GNFn2EC-ctLyLLrduj5BJiajG7lAsehVquw/viewform?vc=0&amp;c=0&amp;w=1&amp;flr=0">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUjYLyd7U7Sf3GNFn2EC-ctLyLLrduj5BJiajG7lAsehVquw/viewform?vc=0&amp;c=0&amp;w=1&amp;flr=0</a>
Application Deadline	April 29, 2022
Personal requirements	<ul> <li>A faith-filled young adult or an adult actively living the faith and possessing a commitment to and understanding of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.</li> <li>A genuine affection for young people and children.</li> <li>Enthusiastic, and with the fire to serve and to spread love.</li> </ul>
Program requirements	<ul> <li>Must attend training sessions which consists of:         <ul> <li>two-hour introductory meeting in the beginning of May.</li> <li>two-hour zoom meeting with a Salesian trainer and facilitators in June 2022.</li> <li>one full weekend with two overnight stays (Friday evening – Sunday evening) in August 26-28, 2022. Transportation will be provided.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Under the supervision of Eparchial Youth Minister and together with other facilitators, to be responsible for organizing and leading CYLA 2022-2023. This includes:         <ul> <li>assist and participate in promoting CYLA (May – September 2022) – to be a part of promoting team.</li> <li>attend organizational meetings and contribute to organizing CYLA program.</li> <li>be present and facilitate at least three weekends out of four that are required by the program for the participants (September 23-25, November 18-20, March 10-12, May 26-28) with two overnight stays. Transportation to and from sites will be provided.</li> <li>throughout the year, in community with other facilitators, be accompanied by Salesian trainer via zoom in order to share experiences, to grow, to improve the program, to strengthen community and support each other.</li> </ul> </li> <li>After completion of the 2022-2023 CYLA Program         <ul> <li>attend the final feedback session with a Salesian trainer and facilitators in June 2023</li> <li>provide evaluation of the program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Document Requirements	Criminal Record Check & Vulnerable Sector Search (Annual Affirmation of Status) Safeguarding training Modules, I, II Sign Covenant of Care Commitment form and Confidentiality Agreement Current First Aid & CPR BLS(C) Certification is an asset
I	Program mission: <b>Be a light for all to see (Matthew 5:16)</b>
Fo	r More information please contact: Viktoriia Marko, 306-914-0355,
	uwitness2youth@skeparchy.org

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION

When: MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

(NOTE: This will be a virtual meeting via the Zoom meeting facility)

**Time:** Registration (Sign into Zoom) – 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Where: This will be a virtual meeting via the ZOOM Meeting facility.

MEMBERS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MUST REGISTER WITH THE UCFSASK OFFICE VIA EMAIL (<u>ADMIN@UCFSASK.ORG</u>) OR TELEPHONE (306-653-0138, EXT. 223) BY NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. A ZOOM MEETING INVITE WILL BE SENT TO ALL WHO HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**Who:** All members of a Ukrainian Catholic parish or mission within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon who are 18 years of age or older are entitled to participate and vote at the meeting.

**Purpose:** This meeting is being called for the purposes of:

- Approving the Financial Statement Reviewer's Report and the Annual Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.
- Appointing a Reviewer/Auditor of our financial records for the 2022 fiscal period
- Approving Bylaws or Amendment to the Bylaws see below.
- Reporting of activities and motions of the Directors to the membership
- Electing Directors
- For transacting such other business as may properly come before an Annual General Meeting.

**Access to Documents**: Annual Meeting Documents and the Financial Statements are posted on the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan website – <a href="www.ucfsask.org">www.ucfsask.org</a>. You may also pick- up copies at the Foundation Office at 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon Sask.

**Bylaw Changes:** Bylaw 6.6 & Bylaw 6.9 – Change to allow Eparch to appoint a proxy for meeting of Members. **Bylaw 7.6** - ineligible for election after eleven months to "after  $5^{th}$  term ended" from after eleven months "after  $3^{rd}$  term ended".

# UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors of Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan

The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan is searching for people who are interested in serving on our Board of Directors. To qualify, a person must be 18 years of age or older, a resident of Canada and a member in good standing with a Ukrainian Catholic Parish or Mission within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon.

The Board has two vacancies from the **Saskatoon Deanery**. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors as a Deanery Representative from the Saskatoon Deanery, please contact **the Office Administrator**, **Iris Owchar at 306-653-0138**, **ext. 223**, or email your intention to **admin@ucfsask.org**. Each nomination will require a letter of support from your Pastor. **Nominations will close on Thursday**, **April 21**, **2022**, **at 4:00 p.m.** Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022.

## OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



50/50 FUNDRAISER

Total prize value of \$10,000

Guaranteed prize of \$2,000

## **TICKET PRICES**

1 FOR \$10.00 4 FOR \$20.00 20 FOR \$50.00 100 FOR \$100.00 20,000 tickets available

ALL TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT <a href="https://www.rafflebox.ca">www.rafflebox.ca</a>
This link can be found on the church website:
<a href="mailto:saintmarysyorkton.com">saintmarysyorkton.com</a> and our Facebook page.

Fundraiser commences March 1, 2022 and will end April 25, 2022

Draw will be made May 1, 2022 at 12:00 noon

At St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED AND RESIDENTS SASKATCHEWAN MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

Contacts: Rose Maleschuk 306-621-4987 or <u>rcmaleschuk@sasktel.net</u> Sharla Schrader 306-621-7605 or sharus 75@yahoo.ca

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the renovations and upgrades of our church.

Your Support will be greatly appreciated!

Lottery Licence # RR21-0544

## **Ukrainian Bracelets**

Young people of our Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in cooperation with their friends from the U of S have launched the project *Ukrainian Bracelets* in support of Ukraine. We are making blue and yellow ribbon bracelets. The money raised will go towards the support of Ukraine through CNEWA and other sources, directly to support refugees and volunteers. The students from our Bishop Filevich school and some other Catholic schools are contributing to this by creating bracelets.

This is an example of what our Ukrainian bracelets look like:





Join us in making them, distributing or purchasing (min \$5/bracelet).

Bracelets are being sold at Universal Church Supplies and Prairie Unique Gifts.

We have gatherings twice per week,

Mondays and Saturdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

St. George's Cathedral in the church auditorium

There you can learn how to make the bracelets, get some for yourself, give a donation or receive more information. You can also make the bracelets at home. The ribbons can be provided. The bracelet is very easy to make (takes about 5 minutes/bracelet). To learn how to make them follow this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZM1L0fYECUQ

Contact us at <a href="mailto:uwitness2youth@skeparchy.org">uwitness2youth@skeparchy.org</a>
(Viktoriia Marko) if you have any questions.

#### SUPPORT UKRAINE DURING THESE TURBULENT TIMES

The threat of complete invasion of Ukraine dominates the news headlines. CNEWA has developed a twofold response that you can support by donation:

- 1. You can support Caritas Ukraine in preparation for possible escalation of Russian aggression in Ukraine. Your donation to CNEWA will be used to equip local Caritas centres to welcome the displaced purchase food, medicine, blankets, clothing etc.
- 2. You can support the Ukrainian Catholic Church in helping those directly affected by the conflict since 2014. Your donation will be used to assist families struggling to get the basics like food, health care and psychological support.

Below is a sample of CNEWA's 2022 projects in the country *Medical equipment loan centre in Caritas Kharkiy* →







Soup kitchen in Mariupol

"Safe space" in Caritas Zaporizhzhia

Thoios. Caritas Okraine

Ukraine has been in a state of war since 2014, when Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula and then occupied territories of eastern Ukraine, forcing the displacement of tens of thousands of people from their homes. An estimated 2.9 million people need immediate help, with more than half of them in serious need of medical attention. We are reaching out to you for help, if you are able.

#### **Donate to Ukraine:**

- Visit cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/Ukraine
- Call 1-866-322-4441
- Send a cheque to: CNEWA Canada, 223 Main Street, Box 80, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 1C

Also, will you join us in praying for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world? Recently, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, led an international day of prayer for peace in Ukraine.

#### **About CNEWA**

Catholic Near East Welfare Association was founded in 1926 by the pope. It's a Papal Agency with the mission to support the Eastern Catholic churches in their many pastoral and humanitarian works.

Specifically in Ukraine, CNEWA has been helping the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to re-establish itself since Ukraine achieved its independence in 1991. Supported by the eparchies of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada, CNEWA has developed a solid program in Ukraine over the years. Its main partners on the ground are Ukrainian Catholic University, Caritas Ukraine and the Patriarchal Curia of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

# 2022 PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters and Brothers, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid" (Matthew 28:8)

#### Easter and the Resurrection: A Journey from Fear to Joy and Hope

Today, we celebrate the glorious Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Today, we rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Today, all things are filled with joy.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, and as we try to make sense of what it means for us today, let us reflect on the myrrh-bearing women – the first to encounter the news of the Risen Lord, and their incredible journey from fear to joy and hope.

The myrrh-bearing women are the eyewitnesses of Jesus' death and the place of his burial. They are also the witnesses of his resurrection. They are the ones who receive the glorious news from the angel, who tells them, "Do not be afraid; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you" (Mark 16:6-7).

Yet, in the Gospel of Mark's telling of the Resurrection account, we read: "So the myrrh-bearing women went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid" (Mark 16:8).

"Terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

Fear had the potential to prevent the myrrh-bearing women from fulfilling the task given them by the angel. Fear had the potential to paralyze them, to bind them. Fear brought about in the myrrh-bearing women worry, terror, panic, anxiety, an inability to act. Fear could have prevented us from ever learning about the Resurrection of Our Lord, instead leaving Jesus buried in the tomb forever.

Yet, somehow the myrrh-bearing women were able to overcome their fear. Matthew's Gospel tells us: "So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me'" (Matthew 28:8-10).

The fear of the myrrh-bearing women had turned to joy and hope. Their newfound courage and strength transformed them into witnesses and messengers of the Resurrection. Their testimony allowed the Good News of the Word of God to spread and the number of faithful to increase greatly, so much so that today some 2.38 billion people around the world are followers of Christ, that is, one-third of the world's population.

In the context of this year's celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, the whole world watches in disbelief and dismay that Ukraine has been invaded by Russia, causing massive destruction and the loss of thousands of innocent lives, many of whom are women and children. The fear of war once again, like that of the myrrh-bearing women, has the potential not only to paralyze the people of Ukraine but the entire world.

Yet, this is clearly not the case. The people of Ukraine have found courage to fight and to defend their families and neighbours in the midst of the chaos that war brings. Furthermore, the people of Ukraine fight bravely not only to defend their nation but the very fabric of freedom and democracy, upholding the fundamental ideals and principles of justice and human dignity that the world values and promotes.

We might ask ourselves just where does the courage of the people of Ukraine come from? The short answer is faith in God and in the Risen Lord. Already in the first century, Saint Andrew the Apostle, according to the chronicle *The Tale of Bygone Years*, erected a cross on the banks of the Dnipro River, prophesying that a great city would be built on its shores – today's city of Kyiv, which has stood through the centuries as a centre of faith and witness to God's love for God's people. For centuries others have coveted these lands, yet each time the people of Ukraine, led by the Church, have emerged victoriously from the catacombs, experiencing in their own right Christ's passion and crucifixion, journeying to the Resurrection and the newness of life. In this the people of Ukraine find strength.

Today, fear has the potential to silence the voice of the people of the world. Like the myrrh-bearing women, let us find courage to overcome our fear. Let us continue to speak with one voice and one heart, speaking on behalf of the people of Ukraine whose voice is being attempted to be silenced by foreign aggressors. Let us speak truth about what is happening in Ukraine, in solidarity and with conviction that war is wrong, and that peace is the only path forward.

Our voice is being heard. The world has responded in an outpouring of prayer for peace in Ukraine and love for its people by providing unprecedented humanitarian aid in response to the world's worst humanitarian crisis since the Second World War.

We pray for peace in Ukraine, and throughout the world. We pray in particular for the people of Ukraine as they endure the war. We pray for their safety and for their families. We pray for those who have left Ukraine and those who remain. We pray for those who have died. May God bless you and may the Mother of God spread her omophorion of protection upon you.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection, let us be the myrrh-bearing women of today. Like them, let us break free from any fear that holds us back. Let us go tell others, boldly and with courage, of the joy of the Gospel message, of God's love and mercy in the world, so that they too may experience joy and hope in their lives.

As the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in Canada, we pray that God's grace and love fills your heart, and that of your family and friends, and brings happiness and peace to all people.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

#### Sincerely Yours in Christ,

- + Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
- + David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton; Apostolic Administrator of New Westminster
- + Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R., Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon; Apostolic Administrator of Toronto
- + Michael Wiwchar, C.Ss.R., Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon
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**Sacraments of Baptism/Chrismation** 

Contact the parish office

**Sacrament of Marriage** 

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months in advance

Sacrament of Anointing-Visitation of the Sick Contact the parish office – Emergency please call anytime

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

During Divine Liturgy/By appointment