

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS for the month of December: that every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

BISHOP BRYAN has been appointed as administrator of the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada while at the same time remaining as the Bishop of Saskatoon. May the Lord bless him as he continues to serve the people of God in the Vineyard of the Lord!

THANK YOU to all those who volunteered for Montmartre's KFC supper and for all of those who supported us! See you at the next fundraiser!

WINTER CAMP at St. Michaels' Camp, Madge Lake will be held from February 17-22, 2020 for ages 9-15. Cost \$250.00. For registration forms please go to www.stmichaelscamp.com

SHARE THE SPIRIT 50/50 LOTTERY if anyone has received the tickets in the mail, please return them ASAP as the draw will be held on December 6 at 2:00 p.m. The winner's portion is already at over \$22,000.00!

SINCE YOU ASKED: Why do we bless water in January?

The Ancient Romans ruled most of the known world for a very long time, so it is not a surprise that they had some degree of influence on the present world. For the Romans, the New Year was celebrated on September 1 – the birthday of Caesar. However, the Egyptians were a far older civilization and they celebrated the New Year on January 1. After the Romans had conquered the Egyptians, they still retained January 1 as their New Year.

After the death and resurrection of Christ, the Apostles went to various parts of the world to spread the Good News. Mark travelled to Egypt and later became the Patron Saint of Egypt. The Gospel of Mark begins with the mission of St. John the Baptist and the Baptism of Christ; St. Mark has no Christmas story. January 6 on the Egyptian calendar was the feast of the god Horus, the god of Light. This was a very popular feast where the people would go down to the river and throw an idol into the river as a sacrifice – an Egyptian New Year custom.

The early Church shied away from banning the pagan feast in order to avoid an uprising, so they Christianized the feast by making it the Theophany on January 6, where the people would still go down to the river, bless the water and instead of throwing in an idol, the cross was placed into the water. In northern climates like Canada, we generally bless water inside the Church and take some home to bless our houses or to sprinkle around outside before a storm. Now you know why....

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PASTORAL DISTRICT

Of Southeast Saskatchewan

A warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors!


Thank you for praying with us.

Вітаємо Всіх Вас до нашої парафії!

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ХРИСТОС НАРОДИВСЯ! СЛАВИМ ЙОГО!

DECEMBER/ГРУДЕНЬ 2019



Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Saturday, November 30 – 5:00 p.m.: Weyburn – Sunday Vigil
-for +John Lesiuk, requested by Bob Lukey
St. Andrew the first-called Apostle
Give Praise pg. 90; epistle: 1Cor. 9:4-16 pg. 90; gospel: Lk: 10:25-37

Sunday, December 1 – 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The gospel of the parable of the Good Samaritan
St. Nahum the prophet of the Old Testament

Tone 8, pg. 105; epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6, pg. 42; Luke 10:25-37

9:00 a.m.: Montmartre

10:30 a.m.: Candiac – for health & blessings for Donny Kotylak
& Family – requested by Pat Romanow & Family
-followed by Parish Christmas social, please bring appetizers

Tuesday, December 3 – 9:00 a.m.: Montmartre
-for +John Lesiuk -requested by Cecilia Kotylak
St. Sophonius the Prophet

Tropars pg. 127; epistle: 1Timothy 1:1-7; gospel: Lk. 14:12-15

Saturday, December 7 – 7:00 p.m.: Montmartre, Sunday Vigil
-for +Bill, +Irene and +Heather Katchuk
– requested by Sophie Catchuk

Sunday, December 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (St. Anne)

The gospel of the parable of the lamp
Immaculate conception of St. Anne

Tropars GP pg. 92; epistle: Hebrews 9:1-17, pg. 91; Luke 8:16-21

10:00 a.m.: Weyburn

Tuesday, December 10 – No Liturgy

Saturday, December 14 – 7:00 p.m.: Candiac – Sunday Vigil
-for +Joe and +Katie Romanow
-requested by Barb Romanow

Sunday, December 15 – SUNDAY OF THE FORE-FATHERS

The gospel of the parable of the Great Feast
St. Elutherius the priest martyr

Tropars GP, pg. 93; epistle: Colossians 3:4-11, pg. 92; gospel: Luke 14:16

9:00 a.m.: Montmartre – for +Brad Sydorko, from Family

11:00 a.m.: Grenfell - followed by potluck lunch

Tuesday, December 17 – 9:00 a.m.: Montmartre: for +Chris Kachur
-requested by Adelard & Doreen Perras
St. Daniel the Prophet and the 3 Holy Youths
Tropars pg. 127; epistle: 2Tim. 3:16-4:4; gospel: Lk. 19: 45-48

Saturday, December 21 – 7:00 p.m.: Montmartre
-for health & blessings for Dolores Klapak
-requested by Eileen Klapak

Sunday, December 22 – SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The gospel of the genealogy of Jesus Christ
St. Anastasia the great martyr of Rome

Tropars GP pg. 94; epistle: Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, pg.93; gospel: Mt. 1:1

10:00 a.m.: Weyburn – 40 Day Memorial for +Anne Sobchuk
-requested by Family

Tuesday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 p.m.: Candiac

5:00 p.m.: Montmartre

Wednesday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

The Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Vespers GP, pg. 95; epistle: Galatians 4:4-7, pg. 94; Mt. 2:1-12

10:00 a.m.: Weyburn

Saturday, December 28 – No Liturgy

Sunday, December 29 – SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Commemoration of the massacre of infants by order of King Herod

Readings: epistle: Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23

NO SERVICES

Please attend a church near you

Saturday, January 4 – 5:00 p.m.: Weyburn, Sunday Vigil

Sunday, January 5 – SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

GP pg. 45 and Tone 5, pg. 97; epistle: 2Timothy 4:5-8 pg. 57

9:00 a.m.: Montmartre – followed by blessing of water

10:30 a.m.: Candiac – followed by blessing of water

4:00 p.m.: Grenfell – Ukr. Christmas Service and supper