



Rossburn
Ukrainian Catholic
Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

*Serving the communities of
Rossburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Olha, Birtle, Lakedale,
Angusville, Ruthenia, Rossburn Farms, Dolyny and Seech
Also serving Sandy Lake & Mountain Road*

November 2022 Parish Bulletin

Ready our Hearts

Ready my heart for the birth of Emmanuel, ready my soul for the Prince of Peace!

Another fasting period is among us and are we ready for it? St. Philip's Fast or *Pilipivka* starts on November 15th each year and each time, I would say it comes pretty fast and out of nowhere, at least in my perspective. Whether I am ready for it or not, it comes. But the joy of a fasting period in our Church, is that is not necessarily something we need to be ready for as these times are meant to prepare us for something far greater. This particular one prepares us for the coming of our Lord; the Incarnation; the Nativity of Jesus Christ.

Of course during these times, we do not simply fast or increase our fasting practices, but we increase everything. We should increase our time of prayer both individual prayer and communal prayer. We should also increase our almsgiving. This year in our pastoral district, we will be taking collections of food for our local food banks. All of these things combined help us to truly prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord.

While we may not be ready just yet, give it time. The Winter Fast will help us to prepare so that the celebration of our Lord's Nativity does not catch us by surprise!



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Catechesis Corner

Our next series in Catechesis Corner will be focusing on the Divine Liturgy and what it all means through the various elements of the service. These reflections are taken from the book titled, "Serve the Lord with Gladness" by a Monk of the Eastern Church. Our hope is that we grow in our understanding and appreciation of the Divine Liturgy and that these reflections will help us to pray better.

GREAT ENTRANCE & COMMUNITY OF LOVE

At this moment the priest will bear to the holy table the bread and wine that were prepared on another table, the "prothesis" or "proskomedija," located at one side of the sanctuary. The solemn procession by which this transfer is completed is called the "Great Entrance." Thus it complements the Lesser Entrance, which we have already described and during which the Book of the Gospels enters the altar in procession.



During the Great Entrance the choir sings: "Let us, who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, now lay aside all earthly cares." The words of the Lesser Entrance proclaimed that our entrance was united with that of Angels. At the Great Entrance we accomplish still more. We proclaim that in a mysterious way, through divine grace, we ourselves have become the images or representatives of the Angels. In a certain sense, we identify with them. This is why, during this transforming moment, we should put aside every worldly care, freeing ourselves from everything that does not have God as its unique focus.

At the same time, however, we should not, and indeed we cannot forget or neglect the needs of our brothers and sisters. Therefore, before they cross the threshold of the iconostasis in a movement that culminates at the holy altar, the clergy commemorate the bishops of the Church, the leaders of the nation and city in which we live, and any other particular intention which is appropriate (the sick, the suffering, those persecuted for their faith, newly departed members of the community, etc.). Only then are the bread and wine placed on the holy table and censed, while the choir sings: "That we may receive the King of all, who comes invisibly upborne by the angelic host. Alleluia!" is what He has just spoken to me. I shall guard this word with care in the depths of my heart."

The Great Entrance is followed by a rather long list of petitions. Then the liturgy moves on to the solemn confession of our faith. As a prelude to this confession, the priest or deacon addresses to the faithful a supreme exhortation to love: "Let us love one another, that with one mind and one heart we may confess..." And the choir continues: "The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: one in essence and undivided." This moment is of the greatest importance, since these words that have just been spoken express the very nature of the Church. In a common love and by a common love the Church proclaims its faith in the ultimate community of love which is formed by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

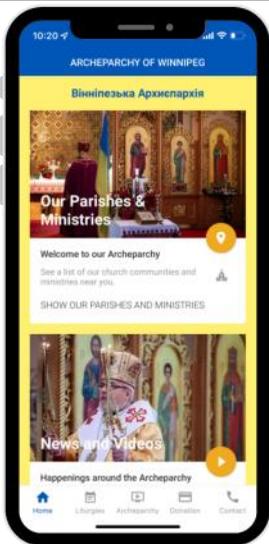
The Church itself is a community of love. As such, it declares itself to be as well a community of faith. Those who refuse to love others cannot worthily confess the love of the three divine Persons. I cannot say, believe in Love," if at the same moment I do not include in that divine love every man and every woman created in the image of God.

Vibrant Parish

As we work towards creating truly vibrant parishes throughout the entire District, check here each month for new ways to do so!

This month, as St. Philip's Fast begins, we look at creating a more outward vibrant parish district. We will be doing a collection for food hampers for all the local food banks within our communities. More information will be coming forth in the following weeks leading up to the start of the fast (Nov. 15). In the meantime, let's look back on some of the liturgical practices that we are trying to re-establish or establish for the first time!

- 1) **Veneration of Gospel** - all children and adults are reminded to come and venerate the Gospel during the Little Entrance near the beginning of the Divine Liturgy. Please line up and wait as Fr. Jay processes around the altar.
- 2) **Candle holding**: All kids are encouraged to come up (adults too if the kids need help!) and hold candles during the reading of the Gospel during the liturgy.
- 3) **Singing**: Please join our cantors in singing all the responses throughout the Divine Liturgy. Our liturgy calls all to active participation.
- 4) **Antidiron**: Reminder that at the end of the Divine Liturgy you can come forward and receive a blessing from Fr. Jay as well as part of the bread used for Holy Communion.
- 5) **Epistle Reading**: anyone is welcome to read the epistle during the Liturgy. All the readings are provided at the entrance of the churches. Just let the cantor know you want to read before the Divine Liturgy begins.



The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Russell (St. Mary) has been selected as one of the parishes to be part of this mobile app pilot. We invite all parishioners in the Rossburn Pastoral District to visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and download the app, especially the parishioners in Russell. Check it out and see what it's all about. Parishioners in Russell are invited to set up electronic donations through the app. Search Archeparchy of Winnipeg in each app store.

Join the 5 for 5 challenge! If you download and donate \$5 to our parish in Russell, the Archeparchy will match each \$5 donation! Deadline to do so is November 6th. Download the app today and try your first donation!

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06 9:00AM - Rossburn 11:30AM - Oakburn First Holy Communion	07	08 7PM All-Parish Meeting in Rossburn	09 10AM - Div All decease of Magnov by Minnie M The Chos
13 9:00AM - Shoal Lake 11:30AM - Russell First Holy Communion	14	15 First Day of St. Philip's Fast	16 10AM - Div 40 Days f Hrub The Chos
20 9:00AM - Oakburn 11:30AM - Rossburn 2:00 PM - Angusville & AGM	21 Feast of the Entrance of the Holy Theotokos 10AM - Divine Liturgy	22	23 10AM - Div The Chos
27 9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Rossburn 2:00 PM - Olha with AGM to follow	28	29	30 10AM - Div Russe The Chos

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<p>Divine Liturgy Burn PCH</p> <p>7pm - 7pm</p> 	<p>03</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy For the Pastoral District</p>	<p>04</p>	<p>05</p> <p>4PM - Great Vespers 6:30 - 1st Communion Rehearsal (Oakburn)</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy and members Wyski family Magnowski</p> <p>7pm - 7pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy +Melvin Woychyshyn & God's blessings on Olga by Helen & Leonard Hullick</p>	<p>11</p> <p>REMEMBRANCE DAY Divine Liturgy with Panakhyda 9AM - Rossburn</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Feast of St. Josaphat Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Mountain Road 6:30 - 1st Communion Rehearsal (Russell)</p>
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<p>Divine Liturgy</p> <p>7pm - 7pm</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy +Melvin Woychyshyn by Kaskiw, Parr & Sabourin families</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Confessions 4-7pm Sandy Lake</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Holodomor Remembrance Day Divine Liturgy with Panakhyda 10:30AM - Sandy Lake</p> 
<p>Divine Liturgy II PCH</p> <p>7pm - 7pm</p> 			

Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of November

November 1 - 4

Icon of Our Lord

For the All-Parish District Committee

Icon of the Theotokos

For the All-Parish meeting

November 7 - 11

Icon of Our Lord

For those who died in the Great Wars

Icon of the Theotokos

For those who died in the service of Canada

November 14 - 18

Icon of Our Lord

Birthday blessings on Benjamin

Icon of the Theotokos

Birthday blessings on Kassia

November 21 - 25

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

CONFESSIONS will be held in **Shoal Lake on Friday, November 25**. Fr. Jay is also always available for confession and is just a phone call away. Regular confession is a good practice for all Catholics. Take advantage of the opportunity when you can. Fr. Jay will be rotating through different areas of the district each month.

To book with Fr. Jay all you need to do is to give him a call, send him a text or an email and book a time. Fr. Jay will meet you at any parish for confession.



On behalf of the entire Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District and neighbouring Neepawa District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our districts over the last month.

Donna Alexander (Olha/Winnipeg) - October 1

Alice Hrubeniuk (Rossburn) - October 6

Lil Sichewski (Sandy Lake) - October 16

We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

Eternal Memory - Вічна Пам'ять!

Upcoming Events

Please take note of the following events happening throughout the District and be sure to attend if possible!

November 2: *The Chosen* Bible Study - Join Fr. Jay as we watch Season 1 of *The Chosen* with a guided bible study. This will run weekly on Wednesday evenings beginning Nov. 2 and ending Dec. 21.

November 3: All-Parish Meeting - Join the entire Parish District as we work together to achieve new heights, and set goals for the district in a day-long event of brainstorming and growth! ***ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED - COFFEE AND TREATS WILL BE AVAILABLE!***

November 6 & 13: First Communion - Join our communities in Oakburn (Nov. 6) and Russell (Nov. 13) as we celebrate our First Holy Communicants. More details to follow.

November 2022: Fr. Jay will be walking 60km throughout the month. This year, he will be doing so to help in his fundraising efforts for World Youth Day 2023. To help support Fr. Jay financially, please give either pass onto him directly or pass to Sacred Heart with the memo: World Youth Day.

Pilipivka & Christmas 2022: The Nativity Fast is right around the corner...it starts on Nov. 15!



The Chosen Bible Study - Starting next month on Nov. 2nd, join Fr. Jay in a bible study like no other! We will watch all of season 1 of *The Chosen* with a guided study following each episode. No sign-up is required unless you wish to participate online. Otherwise, just show up on Nov. 2nd! Get used to different!

Please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in our local personal care homes:

Rosburn PCH: Bill Kalyniak, Anne Shust

Russell PCH: Anne Snytynski, Shirley Burtnyk, Sofia Jawa, Bill Kalyniak

Shoal Lake PCH: Rose Gerelus, Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak, Tony Woychyshyn



Please, continue to donate toward aid to refugees via the charities that we have promoted since the beginning of the war. Please also take note of the various appeals for volunteers, housing and other ways of assistance, and respond as generously as possible. **MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED AT THIS TIME!**

In our own Pastoral District, the community of Russell has been organizing a lot of help for newcomers spanning north to Roblin and as far east as Shoal Lake. If you would like to help out, donate or offer your services, please contact either Leanne Bily (Chair) at 204-773-0847 or Judy Snitynsky (General Coordinator) at snityns1@mymts.net.

In July/August of 2023, Fr. Jay will be going on a pilgrimage to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. These pilgrimage trips are not free and require a lot of fundraising. A pilgrimage requires a lot of walking and physical endurance, so in order to start getting into a better physical condition to do so, Fr. Jay will start this November by walking or biking 60km! During the month of November you welcome to support Fr. Jay on this journey financially either directly to him or through Sacred Heart Parish in Rosburn.



Moneys raised will help to cover the cost of the trip which include flights to and from, accommodations, meals and registration fees for the event itself. For more information, feel free to talk with Fr. Jay!

Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

Sundays: 9am, 11:30am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations)

Weekdays: 10am - Rosburn

Confessions: Prior to Divine Liturgies or by appointment (always available!)

Baptisms & Funerals: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

Weddings: By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay on the parish cell phone for emergencies at 204.859.3025.