

*Twenty Seventh
Sunday after
Pentecost*

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CHURCH SERVICES

SATURDAY: Div. Liturgies: 7am & 7pm

SATURDAY: Vespers at 6 pm

SUNDAY: Matins at 8 am

Divine Liturgy: 9 am (Ukr.)

Community Rosary: 10:25 am

Divine Liturgy: 11 am (Eng.)

Divine Liturgy: 7 pm (Eng./Ukr.)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Divine Liturgies: 7 & 10 am & 7 pm

Matins – 7:45 am

MINOR FEAST DAY:

Divine Liturgies: 7 am & 7 pm;

Matins – 7:45 am, * If this is on a Friday,
the 9 am Div. Lit. is omitted in the chapel

FRIDAY:

Divine Liturgy: 7 am;

Matins – 7:45 am,

Divine Liturgy:

9 am Eng. in Monastery Chapel

CONFESSIONS: 10 minutes before Divine
Liturgies on Saturdays and Sundays; or by
appointment at other times.

MARRIAGES: By appointment at least 8
months in advance. Also Membership in
the Parish is mandatory

BAPTISMS & FUNERALS: By arrangement

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to

Friday: 9 am to Noon & 1 to 5 pm

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish:

Fr. Josaphat (Jo) Tyrkalo, OSBM,
Superior & Pastor

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Vicar & Assistant

Fr. Thomas Kobak, OSBM,
2nd Assistant

Bro. Dmytro Borovets, OSBM

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Fr. Iryney Valyavka, OSBM;
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Deacon Agapey Lutsyk, OSBM – Student

Bro. Peter Pitchko, OSBM – Student

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Church Services and Meetings this week

Sunday, December 10: 27 Sunday after Pentecost

8 am – Matins
9 am – **Divine Liturgy** (sung Ukrainian)
10:25 am – Communal Rosary
11 am – **Divine Liturgy** (sung English)
11 am – Bozhi Dity
7 pm – **Divine Liturgy** (English)

Monday, December 11:

7 am – **Divine Liturgy** 7:45 am – Matins
10:30 am – **St. Joseph Auxiliary Hospital** 10707 – 29 Ave.

Tuesday, December 12:

7 am – **Divine Liturgy** 7:45 am – Matins
6:20 pm – **Rosary, Divine Liturgy then :**
7:30 pm – **UCWLC monthly mting and K of C Exec. mting**

Wednesday, December 13:

7 am – **Divine Liturgy** 7:45 am – Matins

Thursday, December 14:

7 am – **Divine Liturgy** 7:45 am – Matins
2 pm – **Divine Liturgy at Dr. Zetter Centre** 9649 – 71 Ave.
7:30 pm – **Choir Practice**

Friday, December 15:

7 am – **Divine Liturgy** 7:45 am – Matins
9 am – **Divine Liturgy & Adoration in Chapel** 10am – 4pm

Saturday, December 16:

7 am – **Divine Liturgy**
6:00 pm – **Vespers**
7 pm – **Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, December 17: 27 Sunday of the Holy Forefathers
FOOD BANK COLLECTION**

8 am – Matins
9 am – **Divine Liturgy** (sung Ukrainian)
10:25 am – Communal Rosary
11 am – **Divine Liturgy** (sung English)
11 am – Bozhi Dity
7 pm – **Divine Liturgy** (English)

Basilian Fathers Mundare Museum Gift Shop – we have

Advent themed puzzles, calendars, crosses, ornaments. We are open from Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm; 780-764-3887.

Prayer intention for December: “We pray for the Elderly, that they be sustained by families and Christian communities, that they may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.”

Ushers for December, 2017

9 am Divine Liturgy

Dennis Leonard
Al Koper
Marshall Maik
Ray Prysko
Walter Yakimets

11 am Divine Liturgy

Mike Sheptak
Wayne MacKenzie
Harold Brigidear
Dennis Pawlowski
Jimmie Yeremiy

Consider being an Usher: both you and your spouse? or, you and family members? Experience this rewarding parish activity by calling Murray Pitchko at 780-460-2084.

Please remember the sick, the lonely and the elderly in your prayers, and try to visit them: Tillie; John & Lennie Chichak; Fr. Myron Chimy, OSBM; Evelyn Davidson; Fr. Justin Ewaschyshyn, OSBM (Mundare); Fr. Edward Evanko (Winnipeg); Ed Ewaskiw; Alexandra LaFleche; Dora Faryna, Bill Lapchuk; Darryl Metz; Fr. Boniface Malowany, OSBM; John Motiuk; Alex and Lucy Nay; Joyce Palamar; Zena Pshyk; Liam and Nathaniel Shewchuk (Liam donated an organ to his Brother Nathaniel); Ann Wayland; Mabel Wynnyk, Nettelie Yuskiw. Parishioners confined to their hospital beds or their homes; and our Canadian peacekeepers.

Please phone or email to resubmit a name for the next month.

All names not confirmed will be removed from the list.

We will be starting a new list for January.

Ronald McDonald House is in need of NEW Toys, Books, Games & Puzzles for children from newborn to 18 years of age.

There is a **donation box in the vestibule that will be there until Dec 17.** Please help the Knights give these children a ray of sunshine in their difficult time

Religious Radio Program “VECHIRNYA HODYNA” on World

FM 101.7: Every Sunday evening at 6:30 PM. We invite organizations or individuals to sponsor a program. When sponsoring a program, it may be for birthdays, anniversaries, in memory of a loved one, etc. Cost/program is \$176.00. Please make cheque payable to: *Basilian Fathers Radio Account* – income tax receipts will be issued.

VOLUNTEER NEWS:

Our Parish Needs Volunteers, they are the life-blood of our Church community. We want you on our parish team!

In Church we need: Lectors, Acolytes (Altar Boys), Children of Mary, Sodality, Ushers (men & women). We also need Money Counters, Marriage & Pre-Baptism Instructors, Marriage Rehearsal Guides, those who clean and straighten up in the pews, and others.

In the Cultural Centre we need: volunteers to set up prior to an event, catering help and in the kitchen on the day of an event, and help with clean-up afterwards. Also general casual help in the kitchen during the week.

For all helpers and workshops- Whatever your skill level or time constraint you are invited, and encouraged, to volunteer. Our workshops start after the 7am Divine Liturgy. You will be offered a light breakfast, and coffee,

For all helpers and workshops the Cultural Centre provides: a light breakfast, coffee, refreshments, light lunch or meal will be served at noon for all volunteers.

Workshops: the next ones will be in January.

For information, or to let us know that you will be assisting, please contact: **Nettie Kowal** at (780) 466-7213.

NOTICE: Remember to purchase your Pyrohy and Cabbage Rolls for Christmas early! Call Chef Joe at 780-434-4288. Make sure stock is available! Do not be disappointed! Pick up your order well before Christmas is best!

CULTURAL CENTRE Events for DECEMBER:

- **Dec. 16** Darrel Barr Christmas Party
- **Dec. 23** - Centre CLOSED
- **Dec. 25, 26, 27** - Christmas - Centre CLOSED
- **Dec. 31** - New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance

“Advent with Axios,” Dec. 17 at 7 pm at St. Josaphat's Cathedral. **Axios Men's Ensemble** offer an evening of Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Sacred Choral Christmas music. Directed by guest conductor, Maestro [Michael Zaugg](#), the ensemble will be enhanced by choristers from the **Boyan Ensemble of Kyiv** and the **Armed Forces of Ukraine Chorus**. To purchase tickets visit www.axioschoir.com or call Damein at 780-906-1549.



New Year's Eve Gala

St. Basil's Cultural Centre

Sunday, December 31, 2017

**Cocktails at 6:00 pm followed by
Salad Bar and Dinner at 7:00 pm**

Music by the Emeralds

**Tickets are \$85.00 per person,
Available at the
Cultural Centre 780-434-4288**

*Highlight your Christmas Season
with a New Year's Eve celebration.*

For more information call:
Jerry Dubyk at 780-922-2943 or
Orest Eveneshen at 780-438-2728.



Sponsors:
K of C, Father Hannas Council,
And St. Basil's Men's Club



Marriage Preparation Course at St. Josaphat Cathedral will take place over two weekends: **Part 1:** Jan. 26–27, 2018; **Part 2:** Feb. 2–3, 2018.
The **cost is \$195 per couple**, which covers all materials, presenters and food.

Solemn Communion Classes after the 11 am Divine Liturgy:
In 2017: Dec. 10 and 17. **In 2018:** Jan. 7, 14, 21, Feb. 4, 11, 25, Mar. 11, **Solemn Confession, Mar. 17** and **Solemn Communion, Mar. 18.**

Why Jesus is Better than Santa Clause?

Santa lives at the North Pole, – **Jesus** is everywhere.

Santa rides a sleigh – **Jesus** rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year – **Jesus** is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stocking with goodies – **Jesus** supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited – **Jesus** stands at the door and knocks, and then enters your heart when you invite Him in.

You have to wait in line to see **Santa** – **Jesus** is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap – **Jesus** lets you rest in His arms.

Santa does not know your name but all he can say is, “Hi little boy or little girl. What is your name?” – **Jesus** knew your name before you were born. He knows your address too. He knows your history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on your head.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly – **Jesus** has a heart full of love.

All **Santa** can offer is HO, HO, HO, – **Jesus** offers health, help and hope.

Santa says, “You better not cry”, – **Jesus** says, “Cast all your cares on me for I care for you”.

Santa’s little helpers make toys – **Jesus** makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle – but **Jesus** gives you joy that is your strength.

While **Santa** puts gifts under your tree – **Jesus** became our gift and died on a tree – THE CROSS.

We need to put Christ back into Christmas – **Jesus** is still the Reason for the Season! “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

Lesson of life

A group of frogs were travelling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the unfortunate frogs they would never get out. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit. The other frogs kept telling them to stop because they were as good as dead.

Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and simply gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could.

Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and suffering and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs asked him, "Why did you continue jumping? Did you not hear us?"

The frog explained to them that he was almost deaf – he thought they were encouraging him the entire time!

This story teaches two lessons:

1. There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day.
2. A destructive word to someone who is down can be just what it takes to kill them. Be careful of what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path.

The power of words! It is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue in difficult times. Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another.

A careless word may kindle strife;
A cruel word may wreck a life;
A timely word may level stress;
A loving word may heal and bless.

A Christmas Story

For almost three decades Calvin College professor Pete Tigchelaar has had a three-month-old fetus, encased in plastic, that he uses in his human biology classes.

He has always thought of the tiny fetus as a good educational tool. But he has not thought of it as a lifesaver.

Last year, however, that changed when a student in one of his biology classes privately inquired if he still had it.

Intrigued, professor Pete Tigchelaar said that he did and invited the young woman to his office for further conversation. There he asked why she was interested. She proceeded to tell him an amazing story, one that he now is sharing more widely as Christmas draws closer.

The young woman told the professor that a generation earlier her mother had been a student in one of Tigchelaar's biology classes. Unknown to Tigchelaar this student was three months pregnant on a day he had shown the class the fetus with its tiny fingers, facial features, eyes, outline of a liver and other human features.

"She had already visited a pregnancy center," Tigchelaar recalls the young woman telling him, "and was told about the 'product of conception' and 'contents of the uterus' that she had within her. She was advised to have an abortion and had one scheduled for the following morning."

But after Tigchelaar's class she realized she had more within her than a "product of conception." And she cancelled her scheduled abortion, continued with her pregnancy and eventually delivered a healthy baby girl.

"I am that girl," the student then informed a stunned professor. "Thanks for my life."

Professor Pete Tigchelaar, at the time, was amazed, speechless. He remembers in a halting voice telling the girl simply that she was beautiful.

"Even now," he says, "I can barely tell the story without breaking up."

Yet telling it he is. And for an important reason.

"In this season when we celebrate the birth of someone who came to give each of us eternal life," Professor Tigchelaar says, "I am reminded that the unwed Mary would have been the perfect candidate for a similar procedure. I am thankful that her response was, 'I am the Lord's handmaid. Be it done to me as you say.'"

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