

*Sunday of the Holy
Forefathers*

Luke 14:16 - 24

Tone 3



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

Fr. Mark Zazula, OSBM,
Vicar & Assistant

Fr. Thomas Kobak, OSBM,
2nd Assistant

Bro. Dmytro Borovets, OSBM

O.S.B.M. Studies & Students:

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

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Church Services and Meetings this week

Sunday, December 17: Sunday of the Holy Forefathers 8 am – Matins FOOD BANK COLLECTION 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 18: 7 am – Divine Liturgy 7:45 am – Matins
Tuesday, December 19: 7 am – Divine Liturgy 7:45 am – Matins 7 pm – Board of Management Meeting
Wednesday, December 20: 7 am – Divine Liturgy 7:45 am – Matins 7:30 pm – Choir Practice
Thursday, December 21: 7 am – Divine Liturgy 7:45 am – Matins
Friday, December 22: 7 am – Divine Liturgy 7:45 am – Matins 9 am – Divine Liturgy & Adoration in Chapel 10am – 4pm
Saturday, December 23: 7 am – Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm – Vespers 7 pm – Divine Liturgy
Sunday, December 24: Sunday of the Holy Fathers 8 am – Matins 9 am – Divine Liturgy (sung Ukrainian) 10:25 am – Communal Rosary 11 am – Divine Liturgy (sung English) 11 am – Bozhi Dity CHRISTMAS EVE 8 pm – NATIVITY Divine Liturgy (English) and myrovania 10:15 pm – NATIVITY Great Compline followed by NATIVITY Divine Liturgy (bilingual) and myrovania

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 Pryske
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; Jann Grant; Alexandra LaFleche; Dora Faryna; Bill Lapchuk; Darryl Metz; Fr. Boniface Malowany, OSBM; John Motiuk (Bishop's father); 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. Also 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 TODAY. 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 to ensure stock is available. To avoid disappointment, place your order and pick up your purchase well before Christmas.

CULTURAL CENTRE Events for DECEMBER:

- Dec. 23-27 - Centre CLOSED
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance

“Advent with Axios,” TODAY at 7 pm at St. Josaphat’s Cathedral. Axios Men’s Ensemble offers 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 Damien at 780-906-1549.**

Our condolences to the families of + Jessie Sikora, + Olga Koshk and + Mary Samoil whose funerals we assisted with this past week.



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



Christmas at the Lake at Camp St. Basil, on Saturday, December 30. The Friends of Camp St. Basil invite everyone to attend this event. Divine Liturgy will be held at 11:00 am, and dinner will follow immediately after. Outdoor & indoor activities will take place all afternoon. Free-will donations will be accepted to cover costs. Phone 780-446-8372 or RSVP to kareena@shaw.ca. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship at beautiful Camp St. Basil!

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.**

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the Monastery Renovations. Donations received to date:

From parishioners	\$ 12,415.00
From organizations	\$ 16,500.00
Total Donations:	<u>\$28,915.00</u>

Light Up for Christ was a success! The “Light Up for Christ” service and blessing of the crèche began at 7 pm in church. The Knights of Columbus Colour Guard added to the grandeur. A special treat was Bro. Knight, Kris Kyrzyk, playing a selection of Christmas carols on the bandura. Also, many thanks to the Bro. Knights and the parishioners who attended. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

Fr. Hannas Council Grey Cup Ticket winners:

Orange Series:

First Quarter – Jon Setterland
Half Time – Eugene Kozel
Third Quarter – Kendall Zacharko
Final Score – Kristy Elkow

Blue Series:

First Quarter – Quentin Warawa
Half Time – Shawna Wolbeck
Third Quarter – Kevin Sharkey
Final Score – Alva Pukalo

CONGRATULATIONS to April Elizabeth Fortna on the occasion of her Baptism & Chrismation, daughter of Jeffrey Douglas & Wendy Melissa (Pitchko) Kortna. May God Bless her and her Family.

A Good Reminder

On the last day before Christmas, I hurried to go to the supermarket to buy the gifts I did not manage to buy earlier. When I saw all the people there, I started to complain to myself: 'It is going to take forever here and I still have so many other places to go...'

Christmas really is getting more and more annoying every year. How I wish I could just lie down, go to sleep and only wake up after it was over.

I started to curse the prices, wondering if kids really play with such expensive toys. While looking in the toy section, I noticed a small boy of about five years old pressing a doll against his chest. He kept on touching the hair of the doll and looked so sad. I wondered who this doll was for.

Then the little boy turned to the old woman next to him: 'Granny, are you sure I do not have enough money?' The old lady replied: 'You know that you do not have enough money to buy this doll, my dear. Then she asked him to stay here for 5 minutes while she went to look around. She left quickly.

The little boy was still holding the doll in his hand. Finally, I started to walk towards him and asked who he wanted to give this doll to. 'It is the doll that my sister loved most and wanted so much for this Christmas. She was so sure that Santa Claus would bring it to her.' I replied to him that maybe Santa Claus will bring it to her, after all, and not to worry. But he replied to me sadly. 'No, Santa Claus cannot bring it to her where she is now. I have to give the doll to my mother so that she can give it to her when she goes there.' His eyes were so sad while saying this. 'My sister has gone to be with God. Daddy says that Mummy will also go to see God very soon, so I thought that she could bring the doll with her to give it to my sister'. My heart nearly stopped.

The little boy looked up at me and said: 'I told daddy to tell mummy not to go yet. I asked him to wait until I come back from the supermarket.' Then he showed me a very nice photo of him where he was laughing. He then told me: 'I also want mummy to take this photo with her so that she will not forget me.' 'I love my mummy and I wish she does not have to leave me, but Daddy says that she has to go to be with my little sister.'

I quickly reached for my wallet and took a few bills and said to the boy. 'What if we check your wallet again?'

'Ok' he said. 'I hope that I have enough.' I added some of my money to his without him seeing and we started to count it. There was enough for the doll, and even some money to spare.

The little boy said: 'Thank you God for giving me enough money' then he looked at me and added: 'I asked yesterday before I slept for God to make sure I have enough money to buy this doll so that mummy can give it to my sister. He heard me! I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my mummy, but I did not dare to ask God too much. But He gave me enough to buy the doll and the white rose. You know, my mummy loves white roses.

A few minutes later, the old lady came again and I left with my trolley. I finished my shopping in a totally different state of mind from when I started. I could not get the little boy off of my mind. When I remembered I found the local newspaper article from two days before, where it mentioned a drunk man in a truck had hit a car where there was one young lady and a little girl. The little girl died right away, and the mother was left in a critical state. The family had to decide whether to pull the plug on the life-assisting machine, because the young lady would not be able to emerge from the coma. Was this the little boy's family?

Two days after this encounter with the little boy, I read in the newspaper that the young lady had passed away. Compelled, I bought a bunch of white roses and went to the funeral home to pay my respects.

There, in her coffin, laid the young mother, holding a beautiful white rose in her hand with the photo of the little boy and the doll placed over her chest. Crying, I left the room feeling that my life had been changed forever. The love this little boy had for his mother and his sister is still, to this day, difficult for me to recall. And in a fraction of a second, a drunk man had taken all this away from him.

As we prepare to celebrate during this Christmas season, let us bring joy and peace with a visit or call to those confined to their hospital beds or their homes. Let us also be mindful, when we get behind the wheel, that we are using a vehicle that can destroy someone's hopes and dreams.