

St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Dear Parents,

I am happy to welcome your child to St. Basil's First Holy Communion classes this year. I am looking forward to an exciting few months as your child prepares to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion.

I have the privilege of being your child's teacher; however, my role in passing on the faith is second to yours. St. John Chrysostom calls the home "the domestic church". Your home and everything you say and do is a lesson for your child. Please try and make these classes and the sacraments your child will be receiving a priority in your family's life. This event will only happen once in your child's life.

In class, we will have an icon space as a special place for prayer. We ask that you set up an icon space in your child's room or elsewhere in your home. This space may include a tablecloth, a candle and the icon of "Christ the Teacher", that the children will receive. You may add any other items special to your child from his/her baptism or other religious occasions.

Before your child celebrates the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion, they will need to memorize the following three prayers: *The Lord's Prayer*, *Hail Mary*, and *the Act of Contrition*. Please practice these prayers each day at home with your child (a copy of the prayers will be provided).

Weekly classes are scheduled for **Sunday afternoons from 12:30-2:30pm**. Please try to have your child at class on time, as there is a significant amount of material to be covered each class. To ensure each child is safely picked up by a parent or guardian, I ask that you please come into the Cultural Centre (Sadochok Room) to pick up your child.

In addition to your child's classes, there is one mandatory parent meeting to be held with Father Joseph Pidskalny. It is scheduled for Sunday, February 7 from 12:45-1:45p.m. We ask that at least one parent from each first communicant attend the parent meeting.

Students will be making their First Holy Confession on Saturday morning, March 12, 2016 and their First Solemn Holy Communion on Sunday, March 13, 2016. There will be one Divine Liturgy celebrated at 10:00am. First Solemn Holy Communicants must present or include a copy of their Baptismal certificate with their

registration. Please submit all registrations to the parish office or e-mail me directly. As well, please download a copy of the scheduled First Holy Communion classes found on the website.

There is no cost to registered parishioners. We want your children to learn more about their Catholic faith, sacred scripture, feast days, and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic church.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to this Sacramental journey with your child.

Yours in Christ,

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For further information please visit the Sacramental Prep page on the church web site at www.stbasilchurch.com

**First Holy Communion
2016 Registration Information**

Name of Student: _____
(Print all given names for certificate)

Birthdate: (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

School Grade: _____ Name of School: _____

Parish: _____

Parish of Baptism: (Name of Church) _____

Parents' / Guardians' Names: _____

Home Address: (Note: A DVD will be sent to you with all of the photos)

Postal Code: _____

Contact Numbers: (Home/Cell) _____

E-mail address: (Note: This is important because all correspondence will be e-mailed)

Emergency Contact and Phone Number: _____

Personal Health Care Number: _____

Family Doctor and Phone Number:

Any medical conditions or allergies we should be aware of: _____
