

**СВЯТО-МИКОЛАЇВСЬКА УКРАЇНСЬКА
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ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Нині відпускаєш раба Твого, Владико
за словом Твоїм, з миром,
бо бачили очі мої спасіння Твоє,
яке приготував Ти
перед лицем усіх людей,
світло на просвіту поганам і славу
людю Твого, Ізраїля

Лк.2 :29-32



Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word; for my eyes have seen your
salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to
your people Israel. Lk 2, 29-32

2019

February - 3 - Лютий

Encounter of the Lord. Стрітення Господне

Epistle: Hebrews 10, 19-25 Gospel: Mark 4, 21-25

The oldest written account of the solemn celebration of **the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord** dates back to the **fourth century** and is the work of a Spanish Nun, Egeria, who kept a diary of her pilgrimage to the Holy Land toward the end of that century. In it she writes: "The fortieth day after Epiphany (read : Christmas) is indeed celebrated here (in Jerusalem) with the greatest solemnity. On that day there is a procession into the Anastasis (Basilica of the Resurrection), and all assemble there for the liturgy, and everything is performed in the prescribed manner with great solemnity." (Egeria, Diary of a Pilgrimage, ch. 26).

У церквах цього дня святять свічки. Такі свічки називають «громичними», бо їх ставили перед образами під час грози, щоби захистити людей і худобу від блискавки.



The blessing of candles on the Feast of the Presentation is closely related to the Gospel narrative, introducing Jesus as the "Light of the people" (Lk. 2, 32) The burning candle symbolizes the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the midst of the Christian community as He, Himself, had promised

Today we pray especially for:

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Last week Fr. Andrii visited Maria Harkaj and Petro Lytwyn.

Parish Council News.

I have just been notified by MP Robert Bratina and the New Horizons for Seniors Grant Program that we have been successful in our grant application for years of 2019-2020, The amount we will receive is \$25,000.00 from the federal government. This money will go to replacing the carpet in the church which has become a serious hazard for our seniors. The total cost of the carpet replacement will be approximately \$32,000.00.

This is our 4th successful application for grant monies from the New Horizons for Seniors Program. Our total grant money is now \$100,000.

Our seniors club is growing and I applaud all the hard work that Sylvia and Oscar Horback put into making the club the success it is. The existence of the club lets us make these applications for grant money.

The seniors for a number of years have complained about the state of our chairs, namely the seat padding has deteriorated to the point of non existence. Unfortunately the church had other needs that needed our attention along with the money that went with it. I want to let them know that, this week we have put in our deposit to reupholster all the chairs in the hall and have upgraded the firm foam seat from 2" to 3". The project will start in a few weeks. The cost for the upgrade \$2 per chair. No expense is too great for seniors.

Also If anyone in the parish has an issue with the church property and its maintenance, **please have them contact me.**

The issues that are not of an emergent nature but fall under general maintenance should come to me so that I can address it with Jose and Zak. I maintain a file with these issues and can only do so if these issues go through me first. Often times, I have already discussed the issue with Zak and Jose or we have a plan that will deal with that issue along with others in financially prudent way.

If it's an emergency such as a broken water pipe, furnace not working or some other major catastrophe by all means please contact any one of us on church council, which include Zak and Jose.

Steven Hrab

Property sale meeting

I met with the purchasing group on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. The buyer is meeting with the City of Hamilton on February 7, 2019 to obtain approval for an easement through their property behind the Church for access to sewer and drainage on Britannia Avenue. The buyer anticipates that this easement will be granted. The cost to join the sewer and drainage system to Melvin Avenue would be prohibitive and would make the severance and development of the property too expensive for the buyer to proceed. The buyer has purchased a property behind the Church in order to provide the easement to Britannia Avenue. In order to complete the severance and to proceed to closing an agreement needs to be in place between the seller and buyer for an easement through the back portion of the Church property where the new parking lot will need to be built. The drainage and sewer for the property being sold and for the remaining Church lands will need to go through the rear parking

lot area to attach to the easement being applied for on February 7. Costs for the drainage and sewer line will be borne by the buyer, but we will need to build the parking lot at the stage when the buyer starts his development. Estimates are now being determined for the cost of the parking lot. Father, Steve Hrab and myself will need to meet with the Eparchy for their approval of the agreement for the easement through the Church parking lot. With the agreed upon easements in place, severance should be granted, the buyer would wave their conditions before the end of February and closing should occur before the end of March, 2019. Jerry Pekaruk.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday Collections: Dec 16- ; Dec 23- 0; Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)- Dec 30- Jan 6- Jan 13- Jan 27- J. Koliada: '

Donations:

Ukrainian Credit Union- , Mrs. O. Prytula in memory of Michael Prytula and Dmytro and Maria Rohowski- Knights of Columbus Council 7464- Peter Lytwyn- '

Thanks to all our parishioners and donors for their generous support for the needs of our Church.

Hall Rentals: Our hall rentals continue to be very successful with 27 bookings for 2019 thus far and 2 bookings already for 2020. These rentals provide an additional stream of revenue for the Parish. Thanks to Zack and Jose for their efforts in this regard.

Major Expenditures: Union Gas- (Dec) and ' (Jan); Revenue Canada (payroll withholdings)- Alectra (water and electricity)- Ann Pekaruk, Parish Treasurer

Pope Francis will visit the United Arab Emirates on February 3-5 on Thursday. It is estimated there are about one million Christians in the UAE or roughly 10 per cent of the country's population. Many are Catholics from the Philippines, India and African nations though there are many Christian churches and religious denominations in the emirates. Pope Francis has made **boosting ties between Christianity and Islam** a cornerstone of his papacy. The 81-year old has already visited several Muslim countries, including Turkey in 2014, Azerbaijan in 2016 and Egypt in 2017.