



*ST. ANDREW'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX SOBOR PARIS  
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## **OUTREACH NEWSLETTER**

**DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Слава Ісусу Христу! - Слава на віки! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Dear Parish Members and Friends of the Parish:

This message deals with the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish, Requests/Reminders, Pictorial Directory, and Patron Saint Day.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish:** As written in the November issue of the OUTREACH Newsletter, there remain several outstanding items related to the Anniversary. The first is the publication of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book. Editor George Tkachyk has been meeting regularly with the publisher and it appears that the Book will be available for distribution December 8 at the time of our Parish's Celebration of our Patron Saint, Saint Andrew. The Book is available to those who attended the Celebration on November 3 and to members of our Parish (one Book per family). Additional Books may be purchased at a cost of \$10.00 per book. The second deals with the contents of the time capsule. The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has decided that a copy of the contents will be made and placed on display in the Parish Complex. The original contents, along with other items yet to be determined, will be returned to the capsule. Placing the time capsule and resealing the plaque will occur in spring. The third item is how the Celebration on November 3 is recorded and shared with the members. Since a number of us have taken photos and recordings of the Celebration, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is prepared, for starters, to put together a collection of photos and have them displayed electronically during Fellowship Sunday and other festive occasions. If you have photos that you are willing to share and have them displayed, please forward the photos, preferably electronically / digitally to me. As well, indicate whether you would like to have each of your photos acknowledged (e.g., photo courtesy of ...) or whether a general acknowledgment would suffice (e.g., photos provided by ...).

**Requests/ Reminders:** The Parish is still accepting donations toward the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish. If you are making such a donation, please indicate that it is for the Anniversary. The donation is tax receiptable. A reminder to members who have not paid their membership dues for 2019, do so prior to December 21. By doing so, will enable the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to complete the financial statements for 2019 in a timely manner. If you are unable to pay your membership dues, please contact Michael Gilyshyn, Chair of Membership.

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**Pictorial Directory:** The Directory should be available in the next 7-8 weeks. A big thank you is extended to Gordon Haug, Chair of the Pictorial Directory Committee, and to the Committee Members, Harry and Marie Karasiuk, Liz Haug, Gordon Ostapchuk, Robert Shewchuk, Phyllis Skaken, Lessia Slipchuk, Betty Wolanski, Margaret Wozimirsky, June Gushaty, Olga Pedwerbeski, Gloria Pundick, Mary Boratynec, Mary Dymianiw, Michael Alexandruk, Joan Fedorow, and Eugene Luchka.

**Patron Saint Day:** Celebration of our Patron Saint, Saint Andrew, the First-Called Apostle will be held on Sunday, December 8, beginning at 9:30AM with an Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by Dinner and Program. Members of the Order of St. Andrew, Edmonton Chapter will join us in the Celebration. Just a brief biography of Saint Andrew. Very Reverend Dr. Ivan Stus writes, "Apostle Andrew was a disciple of St. John the Baptist (the Forerunner) and it was from him that Andrew learned that Jesus Christ was the Messiah or Savior of the world. When he saw Christ, Andrew followed Him. When the Son of God saw Andrew, He asked him to become His first disciple, and that is why Andrew is known as the First-Called Apostle." (Stus, Very Reverend Dr, (1983), *FEAST DAYS of the Orthodox Church*, (p. 97), Edmonton, Alberta: Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, Natalia Kobrynska Foundation). Saint Andrew was a True steward and servant, and missionary. Blessed with genuine humility, humbleness, sound common sense, insight, and dedication, Apostle Andrew preached the Gospel in different places in the world including what is now Ukraine and that is why he is known as the founder of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and why we are an Apostolic Church. Please join us in the Celebration of our Patron Saint on December 8.

This issue of the Outreach Newsletter is a combined issue for the months of December and January. During these two months, there are a number of important and significant celebratory events beginning with Patron Saint Day Celebration on December 8; "English Christmas and New Years" on December 25 and January 1, respectively; the festive season of the Nativity of Jesus Christ beginning on January 6 and continuing onto January 7; New Year's Eve on January 13, New Years on January 14; 2020; Eve of Theophany on January 18, and the Holy Theophany of Jesus Christ on January 19. Regardless of which you celebrate, the Board of Management wishes you a Very Merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year, and in our tradition, ХРИСТОС НАРОДИВСЯ! СЛАВИМО ЙОГО! Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

In Christ,

Ernest N. Skakun – President





## St. Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies have been very busy preparing for our **Pre-Christmas Bake Sale** to be held on **Friday, December 6th at 5:30 pm.**

'Thank you' to everyone who came out to help make Cabbage Rolls & Pyrohy and, to those that brought baking for our Bake Sale.

The Ladies next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 16th @7:00 pm.** All Parish ladies are invited to attend. Following the meeting, we will join the Men's Club for a Social gathering for some snacks, beverages and, to have a **Toonie Auction.** All monies raised will go toward the **Edmonton Christmas Bureau.** Be sure to bring some snacks and, a wrapped item to be auctioned/sold.

The ladies will be very busy preparing for St. Andrew's **Xhram (Xpam)** on **Sunday, December 8th** and, **Theophany on January 18th.**

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm.** All ladies of our Parish are encouraged to join us. We will **NOT** be having a **January Meeting.**

Wishing you and your loved ones a very **Joyous Christmas** and a **Happy New Year.** May God bless you and your family with peace and good health.

Your Sister in Christ,

Kathy Buchanan

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### HELPING HANDS

#### CHURCH CLEANING 'THANK YOU'

Many thanks to the following people who came out to 'clean our Church': Kathy Buchanan, Johanna Dzenick, Phyllis Kozak, Gordon Ostapchuk, Marion Ostapchuk, George Shenkariuk, Cathy & Ron Yermiy.

#### PARISH & CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

To all those who came out to help decorate our Parish and our Trees, a big 'thank you', to you. We apologize, we do not have the names in time for the Outreach.

'Thank you', to Iris Blower, who cleaned our front Flower Bed this week...in the cold! And, to **ALL** who 'lend a helping hand,', a big, 'Thank you'!

**“WORKING TOGETHER...to make our Parish a Beautiful Place”**

## The Shoebox Project For Women

Wilma Plishka, a member of St. Andrew's Parish and St. Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary, did a Presentation at St. Andrew's Ladies' meeting on November 18, 2019. She is requesting our assistance with the Shoebox Project.

WHAT is "The Shoebox Project"? This project is in support of women that are homeless, estranged from their families, feeling isolated and alone especially during the holiday season.

WHY give a shoebox gift? For those that receive the gift, it has an impact. The Shoebox Gift given to the women is a powerful act that shows her that she is a person that is valued and, a respected member of the community. It is about dignity.

For those that create and give the Shoebox gift, it also has an impact. It is an act of kindness, and in a very small way allows us to give back to the community. It sharpens our awareness of homelessness and poverty. It also makes us realize our good fortune.

WHEN and WHERE do I bring the shoebox gift? Bring your filled shoe boxes to the Parish and place it in the totebox that is in the front in the Atrium. Wilma will pick them up Monday, December 16, 2019. She will deliver them to the appropriate location to be distributed.

HOW do I make a SHOEBOX?

Decorate a both the box and lid separately or purchase a shoebox ready decorated at the DOLLAR Store.

Fill the Shoebox with appropriate items valued up to \$50.00.

Write a warm message of support on a card.

Drop the box off at the Parish in the totebox provided.

SUGGESTED items to include in the box:

Something warm: socks, mitts, scarf, hat, hand warmers

Something sweet: nut-free chocolate and candy (not alcohol-filled)

Body or hand lotion, soaps, toothbrush, tooth paste, floss

Brush, comb, shampoo, conditioner

Nail polish, mascara, eye shadow, lipstick, lip balm

Purse-sized tissue, small cosmetic bag

Gift cards (for groceries, coffee shop, movies, drug store, fast food)

Shower shoes, soap & toothbrush holder

Journals, colouring books, pens, coloured pencils

WHAT to leave out:

Used goods

Free samples

Sized clothing (i.e. S, M, L, XL)

Feminine hygiene products

Mouthwash containing alcohol

Candles

Foundations, concealers

Hand sanitizers

Razors

Jumbo-sized containers

Anything opened or not packaged

QUESTIONS: Contact Wilma Plishka at 780 478 – 4588 or email: [plishka@telus.net](mailto:plishka@telus.net)

Or check out the website for more information: [www.ShoeboxProject.com](http://www.ShoeboxProject.com)

This project is only until **December 16, 2019**. We look forward to your participation!

Thank you for your Support!

Vivian Skakun, Program Convener



## Fellowship Roster for DECEMBER 2019 and JANUARY 2020

December 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019	Norine Murrell Memorial for Mother Mary Lotoski
December 8 <sup>th</sup> 2019	St. Andrew's Patron Saints Day
December 15 <sup>th</sup> 2019	St. Nicholas Day Fellowship Georgina Orleski & Team
December 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2019	Mary Dymianiw & Team
December 29 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Vivian Skakun & Team
January 5 <sup>th</sup> 2020	No Fellowship
January 12 <sup>th</sup> 2020	Kathy Buchanan & Team
January 19 <sup>th</sup> 2020	Coffee, Tea, Juice, Bread & Jam
January 26 <sup>th</sup> 2020	Phyllis Skaken & Team

**“Many thanks’ to our Fellowship Teams and Donors.**

## St. Andrew's GOLDEN AGE Club

**With the year end and Christmas fast approaching this is what's planned.**

**The Golden Age Club will continue to meet every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. in December and January except December 24<sup>th</sup> (day before Christmas) and January 7<sup>th</sup>, (Ukrainian Christmas).**

**The first Tuesday in December will be Soup and Sandwich (or equivalent). For the second Tuesday we will have our coffee, cookie, and card game or shuffle board. Third Tuesday is Birthday cake to celebrate with those that have Birthdays that month.**

**On December 17<sup>th</sup> bring some of your cookies and cake for us to sample. On the fifth Tuesday (Dec 31st) we will be at St. Andrew's Cultural Center to end the year's activities.**

**In January we celebrate Ukrainian Christmas at home or at church on the first Tuesday. Then will continue our routine to meet Tuesdays for the remainder of January (including meeting at SELO Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>).**

**Gene Luchka, President**

## VEERNEEST DANCE PROGRAM

**St. Andrew's Veerneest Ukrainian Dancers had the wonderful opportunity to perform at the St. Andrew's Puschenia. Dinner and Dance. We performed three (3) dances—a solo, a duet, and a group dance, all from the region of Central Ukraine. We will again be performing these dances during the Parish's St. Nicholas Concert on Sunday, December 15th.**

**We would like to announce that we are accepting Registrations for the 2020-2021 Dance year, starting as early as March 2020 and, to begin in September 2020.**

**Please contact Steven at 780-990-6722 to register or visit our Facebook page @veerneestukrainiandancers or, follow us on Instagram: “standrewsveerneest” for more information and updates. All ages and abilities welcome!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here are several key events that will happen in our Parish over the next month or so. Please see other sections of the Outreach Newsletter for other announcements.

December 8 – Celebration of our Patron Saint, Saint Andrew, the First-Called Apostle. This will begin at 9:30AM with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by Dinner and Program. Members of the Order of Andrew, Edmonton Chapter will join us in the Celebration.

December 15 – St. Nicholas Day. St. Nicholas will visit our young children during Sunday Fellowship.

Other Events:

December 20 – An Evening of Catechetical Discussion and Potluck Fellowship, beginning at 6:00PM at St. Anthony's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, 6102-172 Street, Edmonton. Topic for Discussion – Repentance in the Orthodox Tradition.

### Greeters:

#### **December 2019**

- 1: Vivian and Ernest Skakun
- 8: Mary and William Dymianiw
- 15: Marie and Wallace Mailman
- 22: Michael Alexandruk and Eugene Luchka
- 29: Gloria and Michael Gilyshyn

#### **January 2020**

- 5: Sandra and Boris Luciw
- 12: Astrid and Bruce Prytuluk
- 19: June and George Gushaty
- 26: George Shenkariuk and Robert Shewchuk

### In Memoriam:

Phillip and Natalie Sembaliuk on the passing of Phillip's father, Paul Sembaliuk  
Bruce and Astrid Prytuluk on the passing of their "cbar", Paul Sembaliuk  
Vivian and Ernest Skakun on the passing of Vivian's aunt, Diane Holynski

### **UOCC – St. Andrew, The Apostle, Centennial Awards:**

In 2018, the UOCC in celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary initiated the "Centenary Awards of St. Andrew" as a way to recognize a person (living or deceased), family, group, or organization that has made a significant contribution to the growth and development of the UOCC. Awards were categorized into four levels – National, Eparchial, Parish, and Youth. The awards were administered by the National Jubilee Committee.

Congratulations to the following Parish Members and Organizations on receiving the St. Andrew, The Apostle, Centennial Award. Medallions and Certificates will be presented to the recipients at the Parish's Patron Saint Day Celebration on December 8.

### **Medallion Recipients**

- Suchevan, Fr. Yuriy – Eparchial Level
- Blower, Iris - Parish Level
- Dymianiw, Mary - Eparchial Level
- Dzenick, Johanna Ellen - Parish Level
- Hohol, Alexandra - National Level
- Ostapchuk, Gordon & Marion - Parish Level (Received October 2018)
- Perritt, Lesia - National Level
- Suchevan, Andrew - Youth Award (Received at Sobor, August 2018)
- Suchevan, Anthony - Youth Award (Received at Sobor, August 2018)

## Certificate Recipients

Founding Members of St. Andrew Sobor - Parish Level  
Golden Age Club - St. Andrew Sobor- Parish Level  
Mixed Choir - St. Andrew Sobor - Parish Level  
St. Andrew's Mens Club - Parish Level  
St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Ladies Auxiliary - Parish Level  
UWAC Alberta Provincial Executive - Eparchial Level

### Posthumous Recognition

The following are to be recognized posthumously. The decision of the National Jubilee Committee was to have all the names on a plaque. To date, the plaque has not been completed. However, when the plaque is completed, we will recognize the following.

Dzenick, Judge Russell Lawrence - National Level  
Hohol, Dr. Harry- National Level  
Kryschuk, Dobr. Nadia - National Level  
Kurysh, Teklya - Eparchial Level  
Rokitsky, Stephan and Wasylena - Parish Level  
Tkaczyk, Michael and Tena - Parish Level

May their Memories be Forever Eternal!

### Extraordinary General Meeting of St.John's Institute

At a recent meeting of St. John's Institute (SJI) executive, a motion was passed to sell the Institute's 82 Avenue and 83 Avenue properties, and to hold any proceeds from the sale in the St. John's Institute Foundation.

The SJI Board has served notice to its members that a Resolution to this effect will be presented at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Institute, to be held December 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., to make its membership aware and for ratification of the Board's decision".

Members in good standing of SJI are eligible to vote on this resolution. SJI memberships will be available for purchase between now and the start of the meeting, and at the meeting reception desk.

The meeting agenda, text of the resolution and a proxy form are available by contacting SJI via email ([info@stjohnsinstitute.com](mailto:info@stjohnsinstitute.com)) or Tania Mysak, SJI President ([taniamysak@mac.com](mailto:taniamysak@mac.com)).

Richard Serna, Board Member, SJI Executive

## DIRECTORY 2019 PHOTOS

For those of you who did NOT order additional photos, you are welcome to pick up your 'Complementary 8 X 10 Photo' up at the Parish Office:

Monday, Thursday, Friday

10am to 3pm.

# DECEMBER 2019

<p><b>1</b> 24th Sunday a.P. 9 Confession 9:30 The Hours 10 Divine Liturgy 12 Fellowship</p>	<p><b>2</b> Service @ Hardisty 10 Pro-Liturgy</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple 9 Confession 9:30 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>BAKE SALE</b> <b>5:30- 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  Great Vespers 6:00 pm</p>
<p><b>8</b> XPAM, Our Patron saint Day Celebration 9:30 Greeting of His Grace Bishop Ilarion 10 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Service @ <b>SELO</b> 10 Pro-Liturgy</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>  St. Apostle Andrew's Feast</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 26th Sunday a. P. <b>St. Nicholas Celebration &amp; Concert</b> 10 Divine Liturgy 12 Fellowship</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> St. Barbara Feast Day</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> St. Nicholas Feast Day Service @ Devonshire 10 Pro-Liturgy</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>RE-CATECHISM POTLUCK @ ST. ANTHONY'S</b> <b>6:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> 27th Sunday a. P. 9 Confession 9:30 The Hours 10 Divine Liturgy 12 Fellowship</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b>  Akathistos Service 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	
<p><b>29</b> 28th Sunday a. P. Sunday of the Holy Forefathers 10 Divine Liturgy 12 Fellowship</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>				



# January 2020

Sunday

Monday

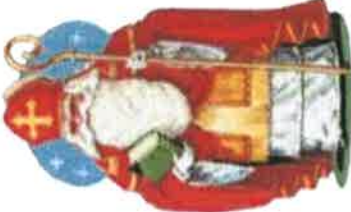
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<p><b>5</b> 29th Sunday a. P. Sunday of the Holy Fathers 9:30 The Hours 10 Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>6</b> Christmas Eve Різдвяний Свят Вечір Fasting Day Service @ Hardisty 10 Pro-Liturgy 7pm Great Compline</p>	<p><b>7</b> Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Різдво Господа Нашого Ісуса Христа 9:30 Festal Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>8</b> Second Day of the Christmas Celebration. Synaxis of the Mother of God 10 Pro- Liturgy</p>	<p><b>9</b> Holy Great-Martyr Archdeacon Stephan Feast Day</p>
<p><b>12</b> Sunday after Nativity 9 Confession 9:30 The Hours 10 Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Basil the Great Feast Day Old Calendar New Year 9:30 Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> SERVICE @ Devonshire 10 Pro-Liturgy</p>
<p><b>19</b> Theophany Богоявлення, Іорданське Водохреще 10 Festal Divine Liturgy 11:30 Great Blessing of the Water 12 Fellowship</p>	<p><b>20</b> Synaxis of St. John the Baptist</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> Sunday after Theophany 9:30 The Hours 10 Divine Liturgy 12 Fellowship</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
	<p><b>18</b> Eve of the Theophany Навечір'я Богоявлення 5pm Great Compline w/ Lilia 6 Great Blessing of the Water 7 Jordan Holy Supper</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
				



# *Good Morning*

*Legend of the Candy Cane*

*Look at the Candy Cane*

*What do you see?*

*Stripes that are red*

*Like the blood shed for me*

*White is for my Savior*

*Who is sinless and pure!*

*Turn it around*

*And a staff you will see*

*Jesus, my Shepherd*

*Was born for me!*

*Have A Blessed Day!*