



**ST. ANDREW'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX SOBOR PARIS**  
**9831-75 STREET, EDMONTON, AB T6A 2Y8**

**MARCH 2020**

**OUTREACH NEWSLETTER**

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...**

Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава Навіки! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Dear Parish Members and Friends of the Parish:

This report deals with several items from the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, February 23 and several items dealing with communication.

**From the Annual General Meeting**

*Initial Donation for Membership Privileges:* The initial donation remains at \$175.00 per person; the deadline for making that donation is May 31, 2020. Parishioners over 90 years of age and who have 10 years continuous membership prior to their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday will be "honorary members" exempt from a minimum donation. Parishioners who have their primary membership with another Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, may request to be an associate member of St. Andrew's Parish. The initial donation is \$60.00 per person. Honorary members are accorded the same membership privileges as regular members.

*Finances:* The Parish's expenses for 2019 were about \$7,500.00 less than revenues. Some of the excess is due to capital projects not being done in 2019. The repair of the front steps (about \$9,000.00) and update to the security system (about \$8,000.00), were not completed. Both will be done in 2020. If non-designated donations from the Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Club were reduced, the Parish, easily, would be in a deficit. We are decreasing in number, leaving fewer and fewer of us to support the operations and maintenance of the Parish, financially. I know that many of us are on fixed incomes and that there are limits on disposable income. However, I plead with all members to, first, make every attempt to submit the initial donation for membership privileges of \$175.00 per member by the deadline date of May 31, 2020. Second, I urge that all members make a sincere effort to increase their donations in 2020.

*Parish Renewal:* It is customary for persons, professions, organizations, Churches, and Parishes to engage in periodic and regular introspection – a look at how things are going. As a Parish, we are not exempt from such an exercise. What I am suggesting is that a series of informal coffee sessions be scheduled (varying days and times) for the purposes of starting discussions on whom we were, whom we are, and whom we can be. To provide a bit of structure to these discussions, I would suggest reading some of the information on the following websites from the Orthodox Church of America Western Pennsylvania Archdiocese:

<https://www.ocadwpa.org/renewal/>; <https://www.ocadwpa.org/files/Parish%20Development/Parish-Revitalization-Thumbnail.pdf>; and <https://www.ocadwpa.org/smallparishforum>.

I would also suggest that we read the findings in the Ratsoy and Nichiporik Report *Time for Change* and review which recommendations/suggestions have been acted on, which are easily implemented but have not been acted on, and which although necessary and relevant have not been implemented.

*Parish Board of Management:* at the AGM, the following slate of Officers were elected to the Board of Management:

President – Ernest Skakun

Vice-President – Michael Zukiwsky

Secretary – Kathy Buchanan

Treasurer – Eugene Luchka

Assistant Treasurer - Marshall Boratynec

Membership – Michael Gilyshyn

The Board also includes Presidents or designates of the Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Club who are elected or designated by the respective organizations and serve as voting members. The Parish Priest serves in an *ex officio* capacity. The past president of the Parish and an Archives representative (still to be appointed) are also Board members.

### **Communication**

*Emails:* On March 3, we will be switching to a new set of emails. Emails sent to the old Telus addresses will be automatically redirected to the new accounts, so emails sent to the old system will not be lost. However, after March 3, please use the emails listed below.

**General Office Email - [info@uocc-standrew.ca](mailto:info@uocc-standrew.ca)**

**Treasurer Email - [treasurer@uocc-standrew.ca](mailto:treasurer@uocc-standrew.ca)**

**President Email - [president@uocc-standrew.ca](mailto:president@uocc-standrew.ca)**

**Ladies Auxiliary Email – [ladiesauxiliary@uocc-standrew.ca](mailto:ladiesauxiliary@uocc-standrew.ca)**

**Men's Club Email - [mensclub@uocc-standrew.ca](mailto:mensclub@uocc-standrew.ca)**

**Golden Age Club Email - [goldenageclub@uocc-standrew.ca](mailto:goldenageclub@uocc-standrew.ca)**

**Fr. Yuriy Email - [parishpriest@uocc-standrew.ca](mailto:parishpriest@uocc-standrew.ca)**

*Parish Website:* Our Parish Website has been restored after being out of commission for two months or so. Updates to the contents of the website will be on-going. I ask that you access the website and if you have suggestions for improving any aspect, please forward the suggestions to me.

*Other Avenues of Communication:* We will continue with monthly issues of the OUTREACH Newsletter and the practice of holding monthly Board of Management Meetings and several Special General Meetings. Members are welcomed to attend Board Meetings and to provide agenda items for Special General Meetings. Lastly, copies of agendas and minutes of Board, Special General and Annual General Meetings are available in the Parish Office, for reading and reviewing. The Board welcomes your ideas and suggestions regarding the management of the Parish. The Board is responsible to the members.

In closing and on behalf of the Board of Management, I extend a thank you to all of you and prayers for your well being and health.

On a personal note and given that the Great Lent is upon us; that Sunday, March 1 is The Sunday of Forgiveness, I ask for your forgiveness – “Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Forgive me”.

In Christ,

Ernest Skakun, President



## St. Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary

Vivian Skakun and I agreed to co-chair the Ladies Auxiliary for the 2019 -2020 year. As of the month March, I am no longer co-chair, as it is now Vivian's turn. Thank you for allowing me to act as co-chair. I know that you will all help support Vivian as you have supported me. I will still be around helping as much as I can. Thank you to the executive and all the ladies and men that have helped with the making of cabbage rolls, pyrohy, paska and with the caterings that we have had. Your support and volunteerism is greatly appreciated. God Bless you all.

Kathy Buchanan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Program Convener

### **Easter Tea and Bake Sale:**

St. Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary is preparing for our **Easter Tea and Bake Sale** to be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** from **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** Please invite your friends and family and purchase your paska, babka, pyrohy, cabbage rolls, pysanky and other items and enjoy a cup of tea with dessert.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with all the preparation prior to the event. You are invited to come and help with making pasky, pyrohy & babky.

If you are bringing baking or other items for the bake sale, please bring these to the St. Andrew's Cultural Center on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> when Joan is in the office between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or on Friday evening 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Mark the following dates on your calendar and join us and enjoy fellowship as we work. Our work bees are as follows:

**Paska Work Bee Monday, March 2, 8:30 a.m.**

**Paska Work Bee Friday, March 6, 8:30 a.m.**

**Babka Work Bee Thursday March 26, 8:30 am**

**Angel Food Cakes Friday, March 27 8:30 am**

### **St. Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary Program:**

**Easter Egg and Paska Making with youth** will be held **Saturday, April 4, 2020** beginning at **1:00 p.m. sharp** and ending at 4:00 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register please call **Vivian Skakun** at 780-434-0543 or send an email to: [BLUEMALVA@shaw.ca](mailto:BLUEMALVA@shaw.ca) or, please contact **Joan at the Parish Office** at **780-469-1463, before March 29, 2020.** We look forward to seeing you.

**Romanian, Greek and Ukrainian Easter breads and Cheese Pasky** Workshop was held on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Thank you to Kathy Buchanan and Jim Kniazky for preparing the dough for this workshop and to all the participants that came and shared their braiding skills.

We made Boian pascia and Bukovynian paska with cottage cheese added to the quadrants, Greek three strand braided tsourekli flavoured with cardamom, orange juice, orange zest and lemon zest, a second Greek Easter bread flavoured with toasted, ground anise seed, and brandy as well as the traditional Ukrainian Pasky. Participants also sampled Greek tsourekli flavoured with Mahlepi. Mahlepi is the kernel from small wild cherry pits called St. Lucy cherry. On Sunday, February 9, 2020 Kathy Buchanan and I set up a display featuring all the breads as well as the cottage cheese pasky. Thank you to all the attended and assisted.

Vivian Skakun, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Program Convener

## FELLOWSHIP ROSTER for the Month of **MARCH 2020**

March 1st, 2020	...	Georgina Orleski and Team
March 8th, 2020	...	Margaret Wozimirsky and Team
March 15th, 2020	...	Phyllis Kozak and Team
March 22nd, 2020	...	NO Fellowship; <b>PASSIA at 6:00 p.m.</b>
March 29th, 2020	...	Marion Ostapchuk and Team

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

## GREETERS for the Month of **MARCH 2020**

March 1st, 2020	...	Johanna Dzenick and Lessia Slipchuk
March 8th, 2020	...	Lesia and Sergiy Yakovenko
March 15th, 2020	...	Marion Ostapchuk and Joan Fedorow
March 22nd, 2020	...	Phyllis Skaken and Sandra Hohol
March 29th, 2020	...	Vivian and Ernest Skakun

**‘Thank you’, to all Volunteers who so faithfully agree to attend when called upon**



*Our St. Andrew’s Sobor Family extend our heartfelt condolences to the following people:*

- . Joan Fedorow, on the passing of her 1st Cousin, Bill Yalowicia of Ranfurly, AB*
- . Marion & Gord Ostapchuk, on the passing 1st Cousin, Bill Yalowica of Ranfurly, AB*

***Вічна пам'ять! Memory Eternal!***

*We apologize in advance, if any family members were missed in our ‘expressions of condolence’ of the reposed, noted above. We encourage you to contact the Parish Office if you or other family members have been missed and we will be sure to include your name in our next issue of the Outreach Newsletter.*

## **GOLDEN AGE CLUB**

Golden Age Club will continue to meet every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., for fellowship and games for the foreseeable future. We welcome new members (over the age 55) to join us in our activities, or teach us new games.

The first Tuesday is usually 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 in the month, the fourth Tuesday we visit the tenants at St. Andrew’s SELO (8025-101 Avenue). When there is a fifth Tuesday we are back at the Cultural Centre.

The Annual General Meeting of our Club will be on **Tuesday March 10th at 11:00 a.m.** All members are invited to attend for this short meeting.

Golden Age Club members have arranged to go to the **Mayfield Dinner Theatre** on **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** for the performance “**Rock of Ages**”. More details of the event are available at our get together on Tuesday and you may register your intent.

Gene Luchka, President

## **LADIES AUXILIARY WORK BEES & CHURCH CLEANING**

- Church Cleaning, **Saturday, February 29th at 12:00 Noon**
- Paska Work Bees, **Monday, March 2nd & Friday, March 6th at 8:30 a.m.**
- Babka Work Bee, **Thursday, March 26th at 8:30 a.m.**
- Making **Angel Food Cakes**, **Friday March 27th at 9:00 a.m.**
- Coming up **April 4th, Youth Easter Egg and Paska Making**, **Saturday, April 4th, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. To be confirmed!**

*If you are able to come out to 'lend a helping hand', please do.*

*'Working together to create Masterpieces and, to make/continue Friendships'*

### *A Message from Rev. Fr. Yuriy Sucheuan*

*Many thanks to all those who had their 'Homes Blessed' and, for your kind donations.*

*I wish you all Great Blessings for our upcoming Lent.*

## **Men's Retreat**

### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Orthodox Men's Retreat of St. John the Baptist**

**Becoming Human: Meditations on Christian Anthropology in Word and Image**

**Facilitated by: Very Reverend Father Dr. John Behr  
April 3-5, 2020**

***Sanctum Retreat Centre - Caroline, Alberta***

For more information, contact one of the following members of the Retreat Team.

Daniel Cojocariu – St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Parish – dcojocariu@telus.net – 403-265-3493  
Dennis Lipon – St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Parish – acreview@platinum.ca – 403-933-4962  
Glen Tacey – St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation – getacey@telus.net – 403-934-4688  
Dan Zukiwsky – St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation – dan\_zukiwsky@shaw.ca – 403-247-7041  
Ihor Triska - St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation – itriska@platinum.ca – 587-223-0021  
Allan Lyons - St. Peter the Aleut OCA Congregation - allan@lyons.ca  
Philip Schuman - St. Anthony's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, Edmonton, AB – schumanphilip@gmail.com

# ***ANNUAL 'FATHER'S DAY PICNIC'***

***Sunday, June 21, 2020***

The **St. Andrew's Men's Club** has elected to celebrate the **Annual Father's Day Family Picnic** at a **City of Edmonton Park** for this year, on **Sunday, June 21, 2020**. The Park location will **not be known** until **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, as **reservations for the City Parks will not be available until April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

The **Men's Club** is asking for **Volunteers** to help with the organization of activities and to assist with the general flow for the day. **The Picnic Meal will be Pot Luck**.

The **Father's Day Picnic in the Park in 2016** was a **huge success** and, we hope to get the same level of involvement and participation again this year. With many **'helping hands'**, we will make this another **fun and successful event!**

Please **contact the Parish Office at 780-469-1463**, to offer your assistance and involvement.

The Men's Club thanks you in advance, for your dedication and continued support. Thank you!

***PLEASE ... SAVE THE DATE!!!***

## **CALENDAR EVENTS FOR MARCH 2020**

- **Friday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m.** ... Re-Catechism Session, **Potluck Supper** at **St. Anthony's Parish**
- **Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m.** ... **Board of Management Meeting**
- **March 16th at 7:00 p.m.** ... **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**
- **March 16th at 7:00 p.m.** ... **Men's Club Meeting**

## **UPCOMING SERVICES FOR MARCH 2020**

- **Monday, March 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** ... **Canon of St. Andrew's Crete** at **St. Andrew's Parish**
- **Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** ... **Canon of St. Andrew's Crete** at **St. Elias Parish**
- **Wednesday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m.** ... **Canon of St. Andrew's Crete** at **St. Michael's Parish**
- **Friday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m.** ... **Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts** at **St. John's Cathedral**
- **Sunday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m.** ... **Sunday of Orthodoxy, Pan-Orthodox Vespers** at **St. John's Cathedral**
- **Sunday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m.** ... **Passia Service** at **St. Elias Parish**
- **Sunday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** ... **Passia Service** at **St. Andrew's Parish**
- **Sunday, March 29th at 6:00 p.m.** ... **Passia Service** at **St. Anthony's Parish**

## **UKRAINIAN MUSEUM OF CANADA; ALBERTA BRANCH**

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY ... RECEPTIONIST/TOUR GUIDE/ADMINISTRATOR**

**MAY THROUGH TO AUGUST 2020**

For further information regarding this position, you may call **Elaine at 780-437-6629** or **e-mail at ElaineIvh@shaw.ca**

Please **contact Elaine Harasymiw, President, UMC, AB Branch** with your **Resume and References**

## **St. Andrews Schedule of the Services in March 2020**

1. Divine Liturgy Cheesfare Sunday @ 10am
2. Forgiveness Vespers Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> Cathedral of St. John @ 6pm
3. Service @ Hardisty, Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am
4. Reading of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Andrews Sobor @6pm
5. -//-Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Elias @ 6pm
6. -//- Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> St. Michaels @ 6pm
7. -//- Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony's @ 6pm
8. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> St. John Cathedral @ 10am
9. Sunday, March 8th Divine Liturgy 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Lent @ 10am
10. Procession with icons ( Church School Children) @ 11:30am
11. Triumph of Othodoxy PanOrthodox Vespers St. John Cathedral @ 6pm
12. Service @ Selo Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts @ 10am Wed. March 11<sup>th</sup>
13. Divine Liturgy Memorial Soul Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am
14. Divine Liturgy 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday St. Gregory Palamas @10am
15. Passia Service Sunday March 15th at St. Elias
16. Presanctified Liturgy Wednesday March 17 @ 5pm
17. Service @ Devonshire Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10am
18. Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Adoration of the Holy Cross Sunday of G.L. March 22<sup>nd</sup> @10am
19. Passia service March 22 St. Andrews Sobor @ 6pm
20. Service @ Lifestyle option Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> @9:30 am
21. Divine Liturgy March 29<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of G.L. St. John Climacus@10am
22. Passia Service Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony's @ 6pm
23. Priest Retreat March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>

# MARCH 2020

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	
1 Cheefare Sunday D.L. 10:00 a.m. Forgiveness Fellowship	2 Service @ Hardisty 10am <b>PASKA WORK BEE 8:30 A.M.</b> Gr. Canon of St. An- drew of Crete 6pm	3 Gr. Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at St. Elias 6:00 p.m.	4 Gr. Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at St. Michael's 6:00 p.m.	5 Gr. Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at St. Anthony's 6:00 p.m.	6 <b>PASKA WORK BEE @ 8:30 a.m.</b> Liturgy of Presancti- fied Gifts at St. John's 6pm	7 Memorial Soul Saturday D.L. 9:30 a.m.	
8 1st Sunday of Great Lent D.L. 10:00 a.m. Procession with ICONS @ 11:30am (Church School Children) Fellowship	9	10 Board of Management Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.	11 Service at <b>SELO</b> 10:00 A.M.	12	13	14	
15 2nd Sunday St. Gregory Palamas D.L. 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Passia Service at St. Elias 6pm	16	17	18 Presanctified Liturgy at 5:00 p.m.	19 Service at Devon- shire @ 10:00 a.m.	20	21	
22 3rd Adoration of the Holy Cross D.L. 10:00 a.m. NO Fellowship PASSIA Service 6pm	23	24	25	26 <b>BABKA WORK BEE @ 8:30 a.m.</b> Service @ Lifestyle 9:30 a.m.	27 ANGEL FOOD CAKES @ 9am	28 <b>EASTER BAKE SALE</b> 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	
29 4th Sunday of Great Lent D.L. 10:00 a.m. Fellowship PASSIA Service at St. Anthony's 6 pm	30 <b>PRIEST</b>	31 <b>RETREAT</b>	MARCH 30TH TO APRIL 1ST			29 <b>REMEMBER TO REGISTER, PLEASE</b>	30 <b>APRIL 4TH YOUTH EASTER EGG &amp; PASKA</b> 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.





**St. Andrew's  
Ukrainian Orthodox  
Ladies Auxiliary**

**Easter Tea  
&  
Bake Sale**

**9831 – 75<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Pasky, Babky & Chiffon Cakes,  
Pyrohy, Cabbage Rolls,  
Nalysnyky, Pysanky,**

