

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Pastoral Message

Христос посеред нас!

Christ is amongst us!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава На Віки!
Glory to Jesus Christ! His Glory be forever!

This September marked the beginning of my Ninth year serving the Bonnyville and District parishes. As we embark into October and contemplate the Giving of Thanks, I continue to feel blessed to be a part of incredibly generous and compassionate communities that God and the Church has called us to serve. I cannot possibly look after and care for everything that takes place within our parishes, there is so much work that gets done and I would be nowhere near as effective as a parish priest without these people:

- Our Presidents!
- Our District and Parish Executive members!
- The Cantors, Readers, and Choir singers!
- The Palamars, Elders, and Altar Boys who help in and around the Altar!
- Those who help prepare and clean up fellowship!
- Those taking on the task of Sunday School!
- Those who keep me informed of needed visits or check-ins.
- And of course, all of the volunteers who have assisted in the many aspects of parish life!

I am looking forward to the year ahead and the return of many of our activities that bring life to our parishes. All of these activities would not be as successful without the help and support of all those listed above and all of you! Sincerely, thank you!

May the blessings of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you all!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Peter Haugen



The adorned Cross from the celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross served in All Saints, St. Paul on September 27th.



Remembering His Eminence Metropolitan Emeritus John Stinka

FUNERAL SERMON FOR HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOHN OF BLESSED MEMORY DELIVERED BY HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ILARION

Today, September 23, 2022, we are gathered here in the Holy Trinity Cathedral of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada in Saskatoon to pay our last respects and bid farewell to the newly reposed Servant of God, His Eminence Metropolitan Ivan. By the grace of God, our dear Metropolitan Ivan began to serve God as a clergy in 1973, almost half a century ago, and in 1983 he was

ordained as the bishop of Saskatoon. From 1985 to 2005, he was the bishop of Edmonton and the Western Eparchy, and from 2005 to 2010, he was the Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Many are called, but few are chosen by the Lord. The Lord chose our dear Metropolitan Ivan and laid a heavy cross on him, to be the successor of the apostles, the bishop of the Holy Orthodox Church. The holy apostles suffered a lot during their lives. Being a bishop who is a successor of the apostles and the Lord Himself, is a very heavy cross to bear and few are chosen by the Lord to fulfill this service. The miter worn by the bishop symbolizes the Lord's crown of thorns. A bishop often is in a position where very few people support and are with him. The majority are against him. Today he may hear the word "Hosanna", and tomorrow he may hear the words "Crucify and crucify him." During his life as a bishop, our dear Metropolitan Ivan heard the words "Hosanna", but many times, he also heard the words "Crucify him, crucify him". But the Lord is a just Judge and He will reward each one according to his deeds. May the Lord forgive those who did evil to him, because they did not know what they were doing. The Lord never leaves those who believe in Him, and especially those who faithfully serve Him. After affliction and suffering, the Lord will reward them to see the light of His Holy Resurrection. Metropolitan Ivan was a faithful servant of the Lord, and where the Lord is, there will be His servant. Metropolitan Ivan was kind and merciful and did no harm to anyone. He had a big heart filled with love and forgiveness. He was a faithful servant of God and was an example for all of us: in word, in deed, in love, in spirit, in faith. He bore many abundant fruits in the Vineyard of Christ. Dear Metropolitan Ivan, you "let the light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify our Father who is in Heaven." He was born on Saskatchewan soil; he became the bishop of Saskatoon, and today the soil of Saskatchewan receives him and embraces their bishop. It is a great blessing from God to be a bishop and in many Orthodox

nations there is a pious tradition to visit the grave of your bishop in times of trouble and misfortune and ask him to pray for help before God. He has great favor before God to intercede for the flock entrusted to him, even after death. Quiet and humble, with a pleasant smile, Metropolitan Ivan won love and respect in Edmonton and the Western Eparchy, where he faithfully served God and His people for 20 years. With gratitude and love, I remember Metropolitan Ivan, especially how he treated me and Bishop Andriy, young bishops back then in 2008. I ask him for forgiveness for not helping him enough as he fulfilled his service as the metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada.



His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople – New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, sends his condolences to the plenitude of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, and to the family of newly reposed Metropolitan Ivan.

His Eminence Archbishop Sortirios of Canada also sends condolences to the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, and to the family of the newly departed Metropolitan Ivan.

Dear family, please accept our deep condolences from me personally and from the whole of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, on the passing of a prominent member of your family – His Eminence Metropolitan Ivan. Dear fathers who were ordained by Metropolitan Ivan, commemorate him in prayers and in Holy Liturgies all your life, your cherished spiritual father. Thank you to all the fathers who honored our Metropolitan Ivan today with their prayerful presence. I sincerely thank Cathedral Dean, Mitred Archpriest Taras Makowsky and the parish council, Choir Director Larry Klopoushak and the choir, for organizing the funeral services. I especially thank our dear faithful who came today and yesterday to pray for the repose of the soul of the newly departed servant of God, Metropolitan Ivan.

May the blessing of the newly reposed servant of God, Metropolitan Ivan, be with all of you. May his memory be eternal!

Obituary for His Eminence Metropolitan John - written by the Family

STINKA, Archbishop John
Metropolitan Emeritus
January 14, 1935 September 19, 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce that our dearest uncle and friend Archbishop John Stinka, passed away on September 19, 2022 at Hospice at Glengarda in Saskatoon at the age of 87 years. John was born on January 14, 1935. He was the youngest of 12 children of Nick and Annie (Spezowka) Stinka from the Drobot District south of Buchanan. His early education was obtained at Dobronowitz School and secondary education at Yorkton Collegiate High School. John's initial career interests were varied. After receiving his teaching certificate, he taught at Hryhoriw Elementary School, a country school near Preeceville. As well, he spent 10 years as a grocery butcher in Saskatoon. He was pleased to have been trusted to serve the Jewish clientele with kosher quality meats.



These experiences would provide a great foundation for future interactions with people young and old and from all walks of life. Wherever he resided, he was always an active member of the Ukrainian Orthodox community involved with church, choir, and church organizations. John was proud of his Ukrainian heritage and was knowledgeable in its history. Being raised on a farm on the prairies was another aspect of his life that he shared with great pride. These qualities highlighted the man, the priest, and the individual that he was. A special interest kept resurfacing and in 1969, John enrolled in theological studies at Saint Andrews College in Winnipeg. He successfully completed his studies in 1972 receiving a Licentiate in Theology. In 1974 he was ordained and assigned to duties in Moose Jaw and then Kamsack. He was elected to become a bishop in 1983 and in 1985 was transferred to Edmonton where he was assigned as Bishop of Edmonton and the Western Diocese of Alberta and British Columbia. In 1990, John was elevated to archbishop. He regarded his time in Edmonton as his most enjoyable and rewarding assignment and one that he fondly remembered and always cherished. In 2005, John was elected to be the Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and moved to Winnipeg. He had the opportunity to serve pastorally throughout the whole country. He held this position until poor health caused him to retire in 2010. He then moved to Saskatoon to be closer to family and friends, but continued to serve liturgically whenever requested to do so.

Throughout his time of service and continuing in retirement, John was considered an honest, kind and approachable servant of the Lord. Retirement allowed him to reconnect with family and friends. It was also an opportunity for him to rest and relax and to deal with some health issues. As well, John continued to be responsible for maintaining the care of his sister, Katie. But there was always time for travel and fun. He



enjoyed socializing and taking part in the activities at Ilarion Residence. He was always up for a game of pool or bingo and enjoyed listening to musical entertainment. John was happiest when he was with others even though a hearing and a voice impairment made communicating a challenge. His sense of humour never left him despite the fact that aspects of his personality did change with his diagnosis of dementia. When John's health began to deteriorate, it was necessary for him to move to Greenfield Care Homes in 2021 where more support could be provided. Here he was fortunate again to be with compassionate people who took great care of

him.

The family's heartfelt gratitude is extended to the administration and staff at Ilarion Residence and Greenfield Care Homes who were devoted to caring for Uncle John. His final days were spent at Hospice at Glengarda where he received excellent care from a dedicated staff. The family is appreciative of their spiritual care. John was predeceased by his parents, Nick and Annie Stinka, his brothers and sisters, George (Doris) Stinka, Arseny (Victoria) Stinka, Mary (Peter) Senkiw, Lillian (Harry) Skwarchuk, Sophie (Harry) Chobotar, Wasyl (Anne) Stinka, Vicky (Matt) Pidhorney, Katie Stinka and by numerous nieces and nephews. Prayer Services will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m, with Funeral Service on Friday, September 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Both services will be held at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of Holy Trinity, 919 20th St. West, officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion, His Grace Bishop Andriy, Rt. Rev Mitred Taras Makowsky and assisted by local clergy. To view the livestream of the funeral service, visit Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral at Facebook. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Orthodox Cemetery May he rest in the Lord, whom he loved and served.

Vichnaya Pamiat! Memory Eternal!

Districts of Bonnyville and Two Hills Honour His Eminence
Metropolitan John

On the evening of Thursday September 22nd, the faithful of the Districts of Bonnyville and Two Hills gathers together at All Saints UOC to serve the Great Parastas for His Eminence Metropolitan John, led by Fr. Peter Haugen. Thank you to those that attended, sang, and prepared the memorial offering of Kolachi and Fruit.



Back to School Blessing and Picnic

Thank you to All Saints Church for the Back to School Picnic on September 4th. As well, a sincere note of thanks to Elizabeth Pundick and Caroline Yewchin for organizing the activities for our Sunday School Students!



Updates from St. Elias

The parishioners of St. Elias in Bonnyville have been working hard to fill Pyrohy orders from the local community. When they meet, what they prepare on that day is often already sold out.

Thank you to all those that are giving their time to assist our Church in this wonderful way!





Bonnyville & District Ukrainian Orthodox Parish

Council Society/Two Hills Parish District

Schedule of Services - 2022

Note: Services may be cancelled due to inclement weather. If weather is a concern, please contact the President listed to learn service status.

Note: This is an accurate schedule as of September 2022, but please consider this a living document and subject to change. Any questions or concerns should be raised with your Parish President or Fr. Peter.

OCTOBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
1	Saturday	5:00 PM	St. Paul	Great Vespers
2	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Thanksgiving
		2:30 PM	Stry	Obitnitsia/Thanksgiving
9	Sunday	10:00 AM	Glendon	Thanksgiving W/ Nowa Bukowina
16	Sunday	10:00 AM	Two Hills	Thanksgiving
22-23	Sunday	10:00 AM	WESTERN EPARCHY ASSEMBLY	
29	Saturday	5:00 PM	Bonnyville	Great Vespers
30	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
5	Saturday	5:00 PM	St. Paul	Great Vespers
6	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	21st Sunday after Pentecost
13	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	22nd Sunday after Pentecost
20	Sunday	10:00 AM	Two Hills	23rd Sunday after Pentecost
26	Saturday	5:00 PM	Bonnyville	Great Vespers
27	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	24th Sunday after Pentecost
28	Wednesday	NATIVITY FAST BEGINS		

DECEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
3	Saturday	5:00 PM	St. Paul	Great Vespers w/Litia
4	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	*ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE*
11	Sunday	10:00 AM	Two Hills	26th Sunday after Pentecost
17	Saturday	5:00 PM	Bonnyville	Great Vespers
18	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	27th Sunday after Pentecost
25	Sunday	NO SERVICE WITHIN DISTRICT		

- Information and Month.
- Major Feasts, Fasts, and Xram celebrations.
- Great Lenten Services and events outside of District.
- Great Vespers

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Szypenitz, Nativity of the Virgin Mary	- Don Lutzak -	(780) 435-0738
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