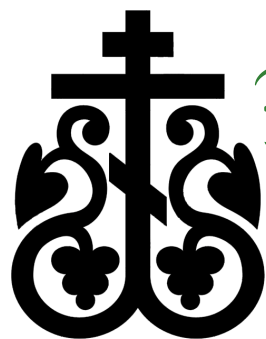


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Many thanks to the  
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for sponsoring the October Newsletter.

*A special poem provided by Nettie can be found on page 6.*

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## PASTORAL MESSAGE

Submitted by Fr. Peter Haugen

**Христос посеред нас! Christ is amongst us!**

Fr. Lawrence Farley /November 25, 2013

## All About Thanksgiving

The Christian Faith is all about thanksgiving. Our secular North American society thinks that thanksgiving is moderately important, and so it has a wonderful Thanksgiving Day feast once a year. I love this feast. Every October in Canada—my calendar tells me it is held in



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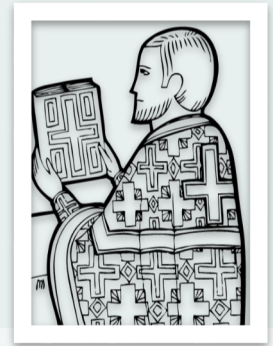
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November in the US—when the leaves start to turn colour and the days become a little cooler, we gather if possible with our extended families and sit down to a turkey dinner. There are no pilgrims and no Plymouth Rock in sight up north, but the rejoicing in family warmth and domestic coziness is the same, I suspect, both north and south of the border. I do love Thanksgiving Day, even if in many secular households not everyone gives thanks to God for the day's bounty. At least once a year our all-too-often self-entitled culture tells us that it is good to give thanks and to be grateful.

It is otherwise in the Church. In the Church, we are to give thanks not just once a year, but always, so that every day is a thanksgiving day. We are taught this at Vespers: "I will sing praises to my God while I have my being!" (from Psalm 104). We are taught this at Matins: "Let every breath praise the Lord!" (from the Praises). We are taught this at Divine Liturgy: "It is meet and right to hymn You, to bless You, to praise You, to give thanks to You, and to worship You in every place of Your dominion" (from the Anaphora). Praise and thanksgiving is what we do as Christians, not just once a year, but all day, every day. Obviously we don't do this as successfully as we should. That is why we need the constant liturgical reminders. But it defines our Christian Faith nonetheless. That is why the main liturgical service, the one that reconstitutes us each week as the Body of Christ and forms the liturgical context for everything else, is called "the Eucharist"—from the Greek *eucharistia*, thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving not only defines us as Christians, but also as human beings—not surprisingly, if the soul (as the second century Christian apologist Tertullian noted) is "naturally Christian." That is, what separates us from the animals is the ability to transcend ourselves and the realm of the senses and appetites through thanksgiving. My cat, lovely thing that she is, was not made in the image of God, and so cannot transcend the realm of the appetites and the senses in which she lives. She might love me (or might not; with cats it's sometimes hard to tell), but even if she does love me, she never expresses it in thanksgiving. When I fill her food dish, she never stops, looks up at me and meows a word of doxology or gratitude. She simply chows down as if I do not exist. That's okay. She's just an animal. But we are not just animals, but strange and glorious amalgams of the animal and the spiritual, a kind of amphibian, living in both of the physical world and the angelic realm. As such we can transcend the merely physical in which we



## Liturgical Scripture Readings

*October 2018*

Sunday, October 7th

*19th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31–12:9 ;

Gospel: Lk. 5:1-11 .

Sunday, October 14th

*20th Sunday after Pentecost*

*The Protection of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos*

Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19;

Gospel: Lk. 6:31-36.

Sunday, October 21st

*21th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: Gal. 2:16-20;

Gospel: Lk. 7:11-16.

Sunday, October 28th

*22th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: Gal. 6:11-18;

Gospel: Lk. 8:5-15.

## Newsletter Submissions Needed!

Please keep the submissions for the newsletter coming! Announcements, reports, stories, photos... If you want to share it, we want to see it! Please feel free to submit to me anytime.

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*If anyone you know is in the Hospital, or are at home ill and would like a visitation from me, please contact me and I will make immediate arrangements to meet with them.*

*Sponsor continued from page 1.*

usually live, and rise up to God. Man is, as Father Alexander Schmemmann once reminded us, homo adorans—"worshiping man"—and this capacity to worship is what constitutes the divine image in us.

Our annual secular reminder of this in the autumn is wonderful. Yet even more wonderful is our weekly reminder every Sunday. For there we are not simply reminded to give thanks, but through our weekly liturgical eucharistia are able to rise above the world, and commune with God, and find healing for our broken and ailing hearts. Family and turkey are great. The Kingdom of God is even better.

### **Great Vespers**

We will be holding Great Vespers on the Saturdays preceding the Divine Liturgies in St. Paul and Bonnyville. It is my hope that in time, as our parishioners become more comfortable with this service, that individuals will volunteer to assist in the readings when they arrive at the Church. No one will be forced to read, so please don't avoid these services in fear of being asked, but it really is a wonderful way of becoming more involved in our worship services.

### **Schedule of Great Vespers:**

Saturday - October 24th - St. Elias, Bonnyville - 5 pm

Saturday - November 17th - All Saints, St. Paul - 5 pm

Saturday - November 24th - St. Elias, Bonnyville - 5 pm

Saturday - December 1st - All Saints, St. Paul - 5 pm

Saturday - December 16th - St. Elias, Bonnyville - 5 pm



## Warm Hearts.... “Winter Wear Give Away”



### Collection:

All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church in St. Paul is collecting **CLEAN**, gently used winter wear to give to families in need.

Items will be accepted at All Saints, 5601 - 51 st.

On Monday, Oct. 15 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and 6:30 - 8:00 pm

#### **Most needed items for women, men & children:**

- \* Winter coats
- \* Winter Boots
- \* Toques & hats
- \* Snow pants
- \* Mittens, gloves & scarves

Help warm hearts by giving generously.



### Give Away:

Gently used **Winter Wear Give Away** will take place on

Friday, October 19, 2018 from

11:00am - 2:00pm AND 5:00pm - 8:00pm

All Saints Ukrainian Cultural Centre

5601 - 51 st., St. Paul



For more information contact:

Caroline (780) 645-3975 or Joanne (780) 614-0441



This is a “Reach Out” Project of Bonnyville & District  
Ukrainian Orthodox Churches





# The Prayer Corner

Welcome to *The Prayer Corner* - a place where, over the next few months, we will explore prayer in our Orthodox Faith. Our goal is to learn and grow together as we delve more deeply into the many facets of prayer. In the September Newsletter, we discussed “The Rule of Prayer.” This month, we will look at the relationship between prayer and gratitude.

## *Prayer and Thanksgiving*

Every year in October as the leaves turn colour and the weather colder, we gather with family to celebrate our national holiday of “Thanksgiving”. There is usually turkey and pumpkin pie in the picture and a feeling of warmth and gratitude for all of God’s bounty. Thanksgiving Day is wonderful....but it only happens once a year.

The Orthodox Christian faith is **all** about thanksgiving....**every** day! Looking back in time, we see:

- In the Old Testament, instructions for how to worship God were given to Moses. In this Law, worship was done through offerings of thanksgiving to God.
- The Psalms, many authored by King David, start with expressions of thanksgiving. Psalm 9 for example writes: “I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your wondrous things; I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.”
- Jesus Himself teaches us to be thankful when he feeds over 4,000 people in the wilderness. “And He took the seven loaves and the fish and **gave thanks**, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude. So they all ate and were filled.” (Matthew 15:36-37)
- In our Sunday Divine Liturgy, we have an opportunity to partake in the body and blood of Christ through the Eucharist. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word, “eucharistia” which means “thanksgiving”. We give thanks to God by preparing for and receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Being thankful is one of the enduring foundations of our faith. We can nurture an attitude of gratitude by starting each of our daily prayers with thanks to God....before we ask anything of God, it is right to thank and praise Him.

The Apostle Paul calls us to give thanks to God the Father at **all times and for all things**. (Ephesians 5:20) This means continuing to be thankful, even when challenges come our way.

## *Prayer Team*

We invite you to become a member of the Prayer Team, praying for others who are in need. This month, please keep in your prayers:

Gloria & family

Morris & Elsie

If you have names to submit for the Prayer Team, please email Caroline at: [cjuchin@telusplanet.net](mailto:cjuchin@telusplanet.net)

# CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations  
to our very own  
**Nick and Nancy Ozero,**  
winners of the  
2018 M.D. of Bonnyville  
Rural Beautification  
Farmstead Award  
presented by  
Councillor Mike  
Krywiak.

*May God grant you both  
many years!*



*I live alone dear Lord, stand by my side,  
In all my daily needs be Thou my guide.  
Grant me good health—for that indeed I pray  
To carry on my work from day to day.*

*Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbors' need  
Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed.  
Spare me from fire, and flood, malicious tongues,  
From thieves, from fear, and from evil ones.*

*If sickness or an accident befall, then humbly Lord,  
I pray, hear Thou my call.  
And when I'm feeling low or in despair,  
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.*

*I live alone dear Lord, yet have no fear  
Because I feel Your presence ever near. AMEN.*

*Submitted by Nettie Ostapiw*







## FOOD BANK:

*Submitted by Caroline Yewchin*



### Food Bank Sunday

## All Saints ~ Oct. 7, 2018

Non-perishable items needed:

- \* Canned fish or meat
- \* Peanut butter & jam
- \* Rice & macaroni
- Canned vegetables & soups
- \* Baby foods

Giving Thanks



*“O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God. Have mercy on me, a sinner .”  
-Jesus Prayer*

## WEBSITE

**Don't forget we have a website!**

It is under a bit of construction, but you can find updates, locations, and a long term schedule there. Photos will be coming soon as well. Check it out!

[www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/](http://www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/)

**We're also on Facebook!**  
Look up:

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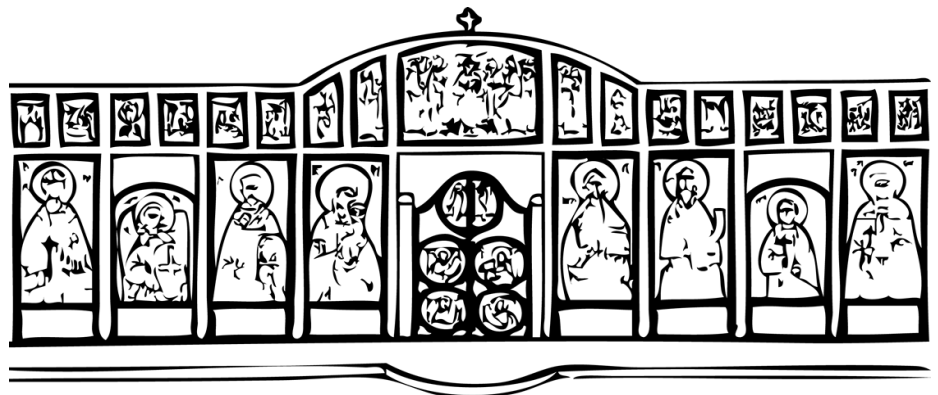
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## Bonnyville & District Ukrainian Orthodox Parish Council Society - Schedule of Services - 2018

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

SEPTEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
Aug. 29 - Sept. 5		FR. PETER ON HOLIDAYS		
9	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
16	Sunday	10:00 AM	Glendon	District General meeting
21	Friday	*NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS*		
23	Sunday	10:00 AM	Sandy Rapids	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
27	Thursday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	*Exaltation of Cross* - STRICT FAST
30	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OCTOBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
7	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Thanksgiving
		3:00 PM	Stry	Obitnitsia/Thanksgiving
14	Sunday	10:00 AM	Glendon	*Protection of the Theotokos* /Thanksgiving
21	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Thanksgiving
26-28	Sunday	10:00 AM	WESTERN EPARCHY ASSEMBLY	

NOVEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
3-17		FR. PETER ON HOLIDAYS		
18	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
25	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
28	Wednesday	NATIVITY FAST BEGINS		

DECEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
2	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
4	Tuesday	*ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE*		
9	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Twenty Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
16	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Twenty Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
23	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost
30	Sunday	NO SERVICE WITHIN DISTRICT		

\*Note: Services for Elk Point and Hamlin may be scheduled at a future date.