

## PARISH NEWS

*We extend a warm welcome to all our Parishioners and visitors and invite you for a time of fellowship in the church hall following the Liturgy.*

### *Presentation (Stritennia) of Our Lord.*



The Presentation is a feast commemorating the offering and dedication of the Infant Jesus by His Mother Mary and St. Joseph to God's service in accordance with the law that all first-born males of the Jewish people were to be dedicated to God's service. Since God had chosen the tribe of Aaron to serve the Temple, all the first-born males of other tribes had to be redeemed by a ransom. Rich people paid with a lamb, the poor ones had to offer two doves or two quails as a ransom. Joseph and Mary were poor, therefore they offered two doves. Saint Simeon a holy man lived in the temple of Jerusalem waiting for the Messiah. God promised that he would not die without seeing the newly-born Messiah. He received Jesus into his arms, and he is called, therefore, "Boho-priemets." There was also a pious widow Anna. She saw the Messiah and announced His coming in Jerusalem. She is, therefore, called prophetess. On this candles are blessed and distributed to the people. Liturgists assert that that the Church took this custom from the pagans who used to carry lighted torches through the streets of the city. The Church presented her faithful with blessed candles to replace the pagan torches and to keep people away from pagan festivities. Parishioners use the blessed candles in their homes as a sacramental. The feast of the Presentation was introduced in the third century. In the sixth century it spread throughout the whole Church. During the reign of Emperor Justinian I (483-565) a terrible earthquake harassed the Byzantine Empire. The sea also flooded the continent. Special devotions in

honor of the Mother of God were instituted. The prayer was answered, and the feast of the Presentation was ratified as a reminder of Mary's protection over the Church and its faithful.

We urge all our parishioners to take a blessed candle home and light it on special occasions, such as anniversaries, birthday or offering prayers for special intentions. There is no charge for the candles but you may make a donation if you wish.

**Legal but Wrong.** Just because something is made legal doesn't mean that it isn't a sin. Recently the government has moved to make assisted suicide much easier. We know that there are not enough hospitals and nursing homes, and that we have not even half of the palliative care beds we need, but is that an excuse for promoting assisted suicide? Just an extra tax on our billionaire would easily cover the cost. Get in touch with your federal member of parliament and urge them to vote against any expansion of assisted suicide and expand care for the sick. Also, health care professionals should not be forced to participate in assisted suicide. "Thou shall not kill" applies to all of us.

*Save These*  
**DATES**

### **March 27-28, 2020 Flea Market**

*Our St. Demetrius Donation Envelopes and Calendars for 2020* are available for pick up in the church office from Monday to Friday *and 2019 Income Tax Receipts* can be pick up in the Church hall. ***Please inform the church office if you have changed your address or your telephone number or email address. If you would like your income tax receipt emailed. Please let us know. Thank you!***

**Jordan House Blessings:** If you wish for a priest to come to your home to bless it with Holy Water, please call church at 416-244-5333.

**DONATIONS:** The following parishioners made donations to support the projects below:

#### **Needs of the Church:**

Alex and Toula Gontar in memory of Sophia Shudrak-Gontar \$500.00; Bohdan and Luba Sklierenko \$100.00; Larysa Hwozdulych in memory of her Mother Lesia \$100.00; May Our Lord shower all donors with His blessings!

**Kitchen News.** We need help in the kitchen this coming Monday and Tuesday and we will be selling pyrohy on Tuesday.



**Please pray for the repose of Fr. Myron Chimy, OSBM** who was Superior of the Basilian Monastery here in Toronto for several years. Born in Alberta, he served as pastor for several parishes, Master of Novices and Superior in Mundare, Alberta. Funeral Service and internment will take place in Mundare on February 1, 2020. May his remembrance be Eternal. ***Our Deepest Sympathies and Prayers also*** to Family and Friends of Lydia Lelyk. May God grant her Eternal Memory.

**Mental Health & the Church - Pathways Forward: Finding Our Way after Sudden Loss** - a talk with Alex Shendelman of the Distress Centre, Tues. Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Topic include: Introducing trauma of grief, Impact of trauma and grief, Complications of, what helps when grieving, how we can help others. Alex will be available after the talk for those needing some immediate support. **Peer Support Group for Men** - Fr. Bohdan and Subdeacon Shawn Goldman will be leading this group starting Tuesday Feb 11 at 7 p.m. anyone interested is asked to contact Fr. Bohdan or Subdeacon Shawn through the church office. This will be a closed group and participants must register in advance.

**We would like to thank** to Robert Kowal for his donation of potatoes and condiments which will be used for making "pyrohy", and to Nadia Petrivska for

donated beautiful flowers to the Church. God Bless you!

**St. DCCG Faith Break Youth Retreat** February 21-23 is open for registration. Forms are available online or by emailing [st.dccg@outlook.com](mailto:st.dccg@outlook.com) Youth born 2006-2010 \$100.00/pilgrim Mount Mary Retreat Centre, Ancaster. Visit SaintDsCCG on Facebook for more information.

**Saint Demetrius Church Community Group** is looking for donation of tents. Good to Excellent condition. Please contact Amanda via text 416-826-3021 re: pick-up/drop off. Hoping to receive 5 tents by February 20, 2020 Thank you for your generosity.

**Applications for the Father John Tataryn Legacy Scholarship** are now being accepted. The scholarship is for **\$5,000**. Please visit our parish website at [www.Stdemetriuschurch.ca](http://www.Stdemetriuschurch.ca) for further information. **The application deadline is April 5, 2020.** Detailed instructions for applying are found in the application form.

**Attention all engaged couples!** St. Demetrius Marriage Preparation classes will be taking place in the church hall February 28 to March 1, 2020. To register and for more information please email [saintdmarriageprep@gmail.com](mailto:saintdmarriageprep@gmail.com) or text 416-826-3021. We welcome all couples being married in April 2020-February 2021.



**Concert of Artem Vedel's "All-Night Vigil"** Saturday, Feb 29, 2020, 7:30 p.m. Presented by St. Demetrius Church Choir and Musicus Bortnianskii, Myron Maksymiw, conductor Admission by donation. St. Demetrius Church, 135 La Rose Ave., Weston. Special thanks to UCU for support.

**The Ukrainian community** is invited to attend a **JUBILEE CONCERT** on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00 pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Holy Protection, 33 Leeds St., Toronto. The program will feature soloists of

the famous group **SOKOLY, MARIA SHALAYKEYVYCH** and **MYCHAYLO MACIALKO**, Merited Artists of Ukraine, composer and singer **Volodymyr Verminsky** and the **Levada and Orion Choirs (YMA) Toronto** under the Art. Director of Ihor Maheha. Tickets: \$20.00 at the door. Please come and support our fellow countrymen from Ukraine and local arts groups.



*With the Blessing of the Apostolic Administrator* for The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada, Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, a Moleben and celebration banquet for Most Rev. Stephen Chmilar D.D. - Emeritus will be held at the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God, Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mississauga on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Following the prayer service, all are invited to the parish hall for a dinner of celebration and appreciation for Bishop Stephen. For tickets (100.00 per person) please call: 905-279-9387.

*Open Your Heart* to a compassionate assistance program supporting children of Ukrainian Fallen Soldiers. The project provides a stipend of \$200.00 to each child who lost a parent in the turmoil. The funds are delivered personally to each child through the services of MEEST Corp. For information call: Oksana Iwanusiw 416-708-2028 or Danusia Witiuk 416-556-4645. Donors will receive receipts for taxable purposes.

**February 2- 9, 2020**  
**Sunday – Presentation of Our Lord and Blessing of Candles after each Divine Liturgy**

8:30am (h) Steve Onyskiw *Pyrohy Group*  
 10:00 am (h) Lou Papayanis *Pyrohy Group*  
 (h) Rozalia Wasylanko (Birthday)  
*Parents*

11:00 am UCCC Divine Liturgy  
 11:30 am (h) Andryj Herert *Friends*  
 For the healing of soul body, gift of the Holy Spirit, God's blessings, love, care and graces for good and reverend life for Julia and Dave, Christina and Steve, Nick, Daniel, Olia, and for us all. *Kravchenko Family*  
 (+) Vira Shchudlo (9 Days) *M.Chomyn*  
 (+) Demetrio *Family*

**Monday**

8:30 am (+p) Vasyl and all deceased in Dvouliat Family *Jaroslava Dvouliat*  
 5:30 pm Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday**

8:30 am (+) Zenon and Lidia Bobownyk *Family*  
 (+p) Volodymyr, Maria, Zenon, Jaroslav and all deceased in Nakonechnyj Family *Irena Derewecka*  
 5:30 pm Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday**

8:30 am (h) Andryj Lohaza  
 5:30 pm (+p) Maria (40 Days)

**Thursday**

8:30 am (+p) Lesia *Dovhanyk Family*  
 5:30 pm (+p) Lev Joseph Perfecky *Maria Perfecky*

**Friday**

8:30 am Divine Liturgy  
 5:30 pm No Divine Liturgy  
**6:30 Family in Prayer**

**Saturday**

8:30 am Divine Liturgy  
 5:00 pm (+) Yuri Kulchytsky *Krywonis Family*  
 (+p) Anthony Semanyshyn *Family*

**Sunday**

8:30 am (+p) Clarence and Alice Derow *Fedorowich Family*  
 10:00 am (+p) Jaroslav Welykopolsky *Luba Zisser*  
 11:00 am UCCC Divine Liturgy  
 11:30 am (h) John Bodnar (Birthday) *Family*  
 (+p) Teodor and Kataryna Kochmar *Subdeacon Greg, Kochmar Family*