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NATIVITY GREETINGS FROM HIS GRACE BISHOP ILARION

ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ!

З нами Бог!

Вітаю вас з Різдвам
Христовим!

Нехай Новий 2014-ий Рік
принесе нам

усім добре здоров'я,
добробут,

душевний спокій, та радість
у Христі Ісусі.



CHRIST IS BORN!

God is with us!

I greet you on this occasion
of the Great Nativity Feast.

May the New Year, 2014,
bring us all good health,
prosperity,

inner peace, and joy
in Jesus Christ.

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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLODOMOR IN UKRAINE



His Grace Bishop Ilarion and clergy commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the Holodomor in Ukraine at the City Hall, Edmonton, AB. November 23.

Excerpt from: **PERMANENT CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX BISHOPS BEYOND THE BORDERS OF UKRAINE**

Once again we have come to the annual commemoration of the victims of one of, if not the worst, acts of genocide ever committed against mankind – the purposefully created and perpetrated 1932-33 artificial and genocidal famine in Ukraine, masterminded by Josef Stalin himself and managed by those who devoted their lives to him and carried out every command – regardless of what the consequences were for not only the seven to ten million Ukrainian men, women and children who succumbed to the famine, but also for the countless thousands or even more millions of Ukrainians and others who dared to challenge the “plan” of the day – all throughout the Stalin era. The famine was a part of the master plan to destroy the mind (intelligentsia), the soul (the church and her clergy) and the spirit (farmers and villagers, who embodied the national culture and ancient traditions) of the Ukrainian nation. ... (continued on page 2)



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Original hand made cross dated May 28, 1933. Located by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of All Saints, BELLIS, ALBERTA

We call to mind those who were too long forgotten – many of them relatives, neighbors, co-workers and friends of a significant number of people still alive today. In spite of the fact that the government of the former Soviet Union and those of other nations in the world deliberately attempted – and in some cases still do today – to eradicate the memory of this horrific disaster from historical annals – we again make the promise that we will NEVER forget. We will NOT allow their martyrdom to go without meaning. We WILL remind the world's political leaders that they no longer have unlimited and unquestioned power to destroy life. We WILL remind mankind of the sanctity of life and the God-given rights of every individual human being. We call to mind the words of Edmund Burke: "Those who don't know (or ignore – George Santayana) history are destined (condemned) to repeat it."

We pray to God this day – to the Helper of the helpless, the Hope of the hopeless, the Savior of the storm-tossed, the Haven of the voyager, the Healer of the sick. We stand before Him in humility and beseech His eternal blessings upon us and that He will grant eternal rest where the Light of His Countenance shines upon those we remember. May their souls rest in eternal happiness and their memory be eternal in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

Procedure: How to Preserve a Church in Your Community

(There are many examples of procedures taken at various churches. Although each situation is unique, there are some similarities that can be drawn on by others who undertake the process of preserving their church.)

1. Interested and committed group of people
 - a. Create a list of people, contact information, list of volunteers and what skills they have.
2. Organize a meeting to establish the needs of the church/cemetery.
 - a. Someone has to take the leadership role and get the process started.
 - b. Contact people and invite them to a meeting (time and place to be determined for this situation) at which time a plan for the church/cemetery can be created.
 - c. Collect as much data and history of the church as you can. This will be useful in determining if your church is able to be designated as a local, regional, or perhaps, provincial historic site. This might be a committee or an individual.
3. Inventory of resources- funds, equipment, volunteers
 - a. Determine if there are any people who will donate some initial funds to start the process.
 - b. Create a fund-raising committee to research any/all available funds, whether provincial or local. Every situation is slightly different depending on the details of your church.
4. If there is immediate need for repairs or other work, organize a work bee and a method for paying for repairs. The initial cost might be absorbed by the people or what they feel works best for their situation. Each committee is unique and what works for one might be different for another.
5. If you have a standing committee that meets regularly (this might be once a year) then you can advance and keep in touch with others who share the same interest in this church. Once the initial repairs and maintenance are complete, only periodic upkeep might be needed. Perhaps a fund can be set up for future needs.
6. Contact a church that has gone through the process for advice and suggestions.
7. Keep in regular contact with the Western Eparchy office of your progress or your challenges. We will try and offer assistance based on our resources.



HIS GRACE BISHOP ILARION VISITS BRITISH COLUMBIA LOWER MANLAND
November 7—10, 2013

MISSION —The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Mary

His Grace Bishop Ilarion and clergy celebrated a Moleben' on November 7.



SURREY—The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Mary

His Grace Bishop Ilarion and clergy celebrated the Divine Liturgy on November 8.



VANCOUVER—The Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of The Holy Trinity.

His Grace Bishop Ilarion and clergy celebrated Vespers on November 9.



CHILLIWACK—The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Demetrius

His Grace Bishop Ilarion and clergy celebrated The Divine Liturgy on November 10.

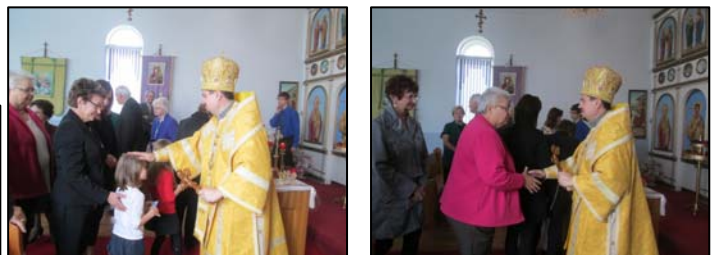


HIS GRACE BISHOP ILARION VISITS PARISHES IN ALBERTA - BELLIS AND KALELAND

At the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of All Saints, Bellis, AB.



At the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Kaleland, AB.





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SECOND PLATE COLLECTION

All parishes are reminded to hold a second plate collection during the Nativity Season for funds for the Western Eparchy.

WESTERN EPARCHY LEVIES 2014

**Levies for 2014 will remain at \$15.00 per member (based on membership as of December 31, 2013.)
Levies are payable now.**

WESTERN EPARCHY YOUTH SUMMIT, October, 2013

A successful Youth Summit was held in conjunction with the Fall Assembly. Youth received spiritual sessions as well as enjoyed fun times.



WESTERN EPARCHY YOUTH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 2013

The Western Eparchy acknowledged all youth who are involved in their parishes, whether as acolytes, altar servers, myrrh bearers, or assistants in other ways, by honouring them at a banquet during the Fall Assembly.



SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2014

His Grace Bishop Ilarion will lead a Mission Trip to orphanages in Ukraine in summer.

Dates: August 1—10 (approximate)

Youth participants must be 18 years of age or older.

All parishes are invited to sponsor and send young adult participants. If you are interested, please contact your parish priest to inform him of your willingness to be considered and selected to represent your parish.

Please submit names of interested participants to the Western Eparchy Office **by January 31, 2014.**

ORPHANAGE PROJECT IN UKRAINE

Many needed items were purchased in 2013.

More assistance will be provided in 2014.

Tax Receipts for Revenue Canada will be issued.

THANK YOU FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT RECEIVED THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS.