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NATIVITY GREETINGS FROM HIS GRACE BISHOP ILARION

З нами Бог!

Вітаю вас з Різдвом Христовим!

Нехай
Новонароджений
Христос принесе Вам
добре здоров'я,
доброту, душевний
спокій та радість у
Новому Році.



God is with us!

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

May the newborn
Lord bring good
health, prosperity,
inner peace, and joy
to all of you in the
New Year!



The ordination of Patriarchal Deacon Iakovos (Andriy Krochak) by His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Constantinople, December 1, 2018. AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!



Monastic tonsure of Andriy Krochak by His Eminence Archbishop Job of Telmissos

AKATHIST TO ST. ANDREW, THE FIRST CALLED APOSTLE



THE WESTERN EPARCHY
CELEBRATES
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE UKRAINIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH IN
CANADA –
October 26, 2018



ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY CAKE



His Eminence
Metropolitan Yuriy,
Hon. Gene
Zwozdesky
(National Jubilee
Committee
Chairman)
Councillor Tim
Cartmell,
representing the
City Of Edmonton



FROM THE WRITINGS OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

ON BEING USEFUL:

You can continue fasting, sleep on the ground, eat cinders, weep without ceasing, but if you are not useful to others, you are doing nothing worthwhile.

SCRIPTURE: A SPRING OF GUSHING WITH EVERFLOWING WATERS:

Reading the Holy Scriptures is like a treasure, you see, anyone able to find a tiny nugget gains for himself great wealth, likewise, in the case of Sacred Scripture, you can get from a small phrase a great wealth of thought and immense riches.

THE PLAGUE OF VAINGLORY:

If you love the crowd, attract to yourself the throng of the angels and become hostile to demons and you will give no weight to human opinions. Nothing defiles the soul as love of glory.

(From: DAILY READINGS FROM THE WRITINGS OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Edited by Anthony M. Coniaris, Light and Life Publishing Co, Minneapolis, MN, 1988.)

FACING A NEW YEAR

By Fr. Anthony Coniaris

Happy New Year! We say. But will it be happy? How will it be? What will it bring? The answers to these questions depend on the answer we give to another question: shall we find time for God in this new year? shall we find time for Christ, for the Church? Shall we find time for the things that abide forever, for the soul, for prayer, for faith and love? Or shall we waste another year with the excuse that we have no time for such things? Why is it that some people find time for God and others do not? Is it that some people have more time than others? Is there anyone you know who has more than 60 seconds to his minutes, or more than 60 minutes to each hour? The difference is not in the amount of time, but in how we use it.

Each new year we make resolutions or decisions to begin again, to live differently. The weakness of new year's resolutions is that we reach too far. They violate the principle that life, for the most part, has to be *lived a day at a time*. *It is better to make these resolutions every morning. It is easier to keep them for a day. If we really mean business, every morning is a new beginning, not merely every New Year's Day.* Every morning we should seek God's forgiveness. Every morning we should resolve to live in Christ. "Every morning is a fresh beginning" someone has written, "every morning the world is made new. You who are weary of sorrow and sinning, here is a beautiful hope for you." How can the new year be anything but blessed for one who believes in the gospel of beginning again?

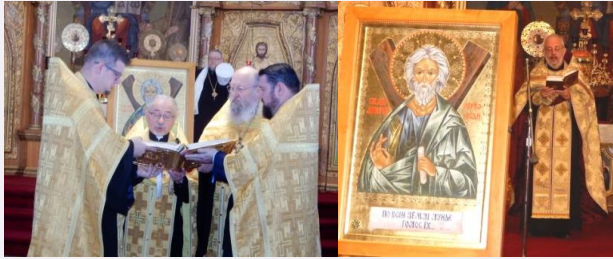
In Greek are two words for time. One is "*chronos*" the other is "*kairos*." *Chronos* is time measured by the clock or the calendar, whereas *kairos* is time measured as opportunity. The Bible places the accent on time as *kairos*, that is, as a God-given opportunity. We stand on the threshold of a new year. For us Christians, there is no such thing as "marking time" or "killing time". Every second, every minute, every God-given *kairos* – is opportunity for us to know God, to love Him and serve Him. Every new year is another opportunity for us to gain eternity. So let us make every minute of it count for God, for others, for eternity.

From: PERSPECTIVES ON LIVING THE ORTHODOX FAITH, Anthony M. Coniaris, Light and Life Publishing, Minneapolis, MN. 1984



WESTERN EPARCHY ASSEMBLY 2018

MOLEBEN' and VESPERS



**Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at The Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
October 28, 2018**



YOUTH APPRECIATION 2018 – Children and youth who participate in the Church were honored at the Western Eparchy Assembly on October 27.



GENERAL MEETING

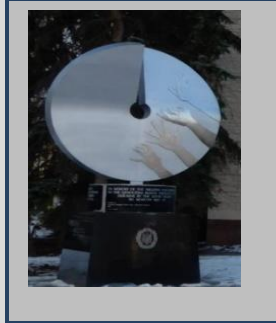


YOUTH SUMMIT





HOLODOMOR COMMEMORATION 2018



Clergy of the Western Eparchy participated in a Panahyda to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor at Edmonton City Hall on November 24, 2018

ORPHANAGE PROJECT IN UKRAINE

Many needed items were purchased in 2018. More assistance will be provided in 2019. **Tax Receipts for Revenue Canada will be issued.**

Please make donations to: Western Eparchy UOCC and put "orphans in Ukraine" in the Memo line.

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

WESTERN EPARCHY FULL COUNCIL
2018-19

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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. **We thank the parishes and districts that made donations in 2018.**

WESTERN EPARCHY LEVIES 2019

Levies for 2019 will remain at \$15.00 per member (based on membership as of December 31, 2018.) However, please note the Resolution from WE Assembly 2018:

2.1 WHEREAS expenses continue to increase and programs are costly to initiate, and WHEREAS small congregations have difficulty supporting an increase in levies, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that a voluntary \$5.00 per member levy be implemented for those congregations who have the means to support this levy. These funds can be used to offset increased expenditures or new programs as decided by the Western Eparchy Council.

ANTICIPATED COSTS: To the parishes who choose to volunteer the funds.

MOTION: (Fr. Cornell Zubritsky, Caroline Yewchin) : "that the resolution be accepted as presented."

Carried. 1 Opposed.

Parishes may choose to add \$ 5.00 per member and submit \$ 20.00 per member.

LEVIES ARE PAYABLE NOW