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# Parish Bulletin

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***St. Michael's Parish***
***Extends a warm welcome to new clergy.***

**Father Sviatoslav Malychkovych**
and
**Dobrodyka Oksana Malychkovych**
have been assigned to our parish.
Father Sviatoslav held his first service at
St. Michael's on July 12, 2026.

I, Fr. Sviatoslav Stepanovych Malychkovych, was born on November 15, 1976, in the city of Boryslav, Lviv region, Ukraine.

* From 1983 to 1991, I studied at Secondary School No. 8 in Boryslav.
* From 1991 to 1994, I attended Boryslav Technical College.
* In 1994, I entered the Volyn Theological Seminary, which I graduated from in 1998.
* On August 30, 1997, I married Oksana Myroslavivna Kinash, born in 1980.
* On October 5, 1997, I was ordained a deacon by Archbishop Feodosii of Drohobych and Sambir at the Church of the Holy Martyr Paraskeva in Drohobych.
* On January 18, 1998, I was ordained a priest by Archbishop Feodosii in the village of Krynytsia, Mykolaiv Deanery.
* From October 24, 1998, to September 3, 2024, I served as the priest of the Church of the Holy Archangel Michael in the village of Voloshcha, Drohobych Deanery, of the Drohobych-Sambir Eparchy.
* From October 4, 2014, to September 3, 2024, I also served as the priest of the Church of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos in the village of Mainych, Sambir Deanery, of the Drohobych-Sambir Eparchy.
* On September 3, 2024, I received a letter of release from Archbishop Yakiv of Drohobych and Sambir.
* I have two children: Anhelina Nechypir, born in 1998, and Andrii Malychkovych, born in 2000.
* Since July 27, 2023, I have been residing in Calgary, Canada.

*Submitted by*
*Father Sviatoslav Malychkovych*

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**
**July to December 2026**

**July 12th,** Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. -- ..... the 6th Sunday after Pentecost

**July 26th,** Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 1st to 15th -- Dormition Fast

**August 9th,** Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 10th Sunday after Pentecost

**August 23rd,** Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 12th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1st – Ecclesiastical New Year

**September 6th**, Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14th – "Exaltation of the Holy Cross"

**September 20th**, Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 16th Sunday after Pentecost

**October 4th**, Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Celebration

**October 18th**, Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

**November 1st**, Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
PARISH PATRON FEAST DAY – XHRAM
"Synaxis of Archangel Michael", November 8th

**November 15th**, Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning of the Nativity Fast from November 15th to December 24th

**November 29th**, Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 26th Sunday after Pentecost

**December 6th,** Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. ..... the 27th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating "St. Nicholas the Wonderworker" (Feast Day December 6th)

**December 20th** Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. – ..... the 29th Sunday after Pentecost

**December 25th**, Friday, Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
The "Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ"

## President's Message

Joe Bodnar

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Let me start my report by saying I hope everyone has been able to stay dry during the summer monsoon season.

I can't believe how much rain has fallen during the last month and a half. My wife has been emptying flower pots of drowned out/ruined flowers. Our fruit trees may not yield as much this year because of all the rain. Let's hope July, August and September will bring warm and sunny days.

At St. Michael's, we will be welcoming a new priest. Father Sviatoslav Malychkovych will begin services July 12, 2026. I have had a number of conversations with him. He is very much looking forward to serving our parish and becoming a part of St. Michael's Parish. He is very anxious to get to know all of us and learn of our activities. I would encourage you to come to our services and meet him. Let us all work to make him feel welcome and make his time with us pleasant and productive.

Near the end of August, activities will begin that help to keep our church "going". These include pyrohy work bees, bazaars, dances and dinners and all the other things that keep our church viable in the Ukrainian Orthodox Community.

We cannot do this without your help. Therefore, I am asking all of us to volunteer and assist when we can. The more help we have, the less work there is for each individual and the more fun we have doing the tasks.

I wish all of you a happy, healthy and blessed summer. I know the upcoming year will be successful as we all work together to make St. Michael's the best that it can be.

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**Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada**
**Princess Ol'ha Branch**

Our UWAC Branch is alive and well! We now have two co-presidents:
Audrey Kotyk and Koreen Steffen have both agreed to take turns chairing our Branch meetings. Shirley Wozimirsky will continue to be the recording secretary and Dorothy Stachniak will also continue as treasurer.

The UWAC across Canada is celebrating 100 years this year – 2026. This is a major milestone for the Women's Association. Branches are encouraged to do something to celebrate this milestone.

St. John's Cathedral UWAC have written a play depicting women's work in the church over the years. This play will be acted out at a banquet held in St. John's on October 3rd. Tickets will be on sale in September. They have also coordinated a Kalyna Country bus tour retracing roots of the pioneers.

St. Andrew's UWAC women will be holding a tea and fashion show on Sunday, October 4th.

At the current time, our branch has not made any celebration plans. We encourage our women to support the work of other branches and celebrate with them.

*Submitted by: Dorothy Stachniak*

***Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Victor Lakusta's***
***Retirement Divine Liturgy***
***Sunday, June 21, 2026***

***Following the Divine Liturgy and banquet, the program consisted of short speeches by Joe Bodnar, Parish President, a brief summary of Father Victor's liturgical life by Parish Past President, Dorothy Stachniak and a glowing commentary by Protodeacon Anton Lakusta on the commitment that his father had made to the life of a clergy.***

***The following is the speech as presented by Dorothy..***

Father Victor is retiring from a full time/part time clergy position. His title of Reverend Father will always stay with him, but not in an assigned position.

Father Victor was ordained April 16, 1967 at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Winnipeg. He has been a priest for 59 years serving in various parishes across Canada.

During this time, he was assigned to serve parishes in
**Manitoba**:

- Winnipeg Mission District, 1967
- Swan River, MB 1967-1968
- Flin Flon, MB 1968-1970
- Vita, MB, 1970-1974

**Alberta:**

- St. John's Cathedral for 10 years, 1974-1984 during which time he also provided pastoral service for
- St. Anthony's Mission Parish and
- Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in Calmar Alberta.
- He then was posted to St. Anthony's Parish and Calmar Parish for four years, 1984-1988.

**British Columbia:**

- He was posted to Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Vancouver for 7 years 1988-1995.

**Back to Alberta**

- St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor Parish, Edmonton 1995-2009 –14 years
- At the Sobor in 2009, he was elected Chancellor of the UOCC, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, located in Winnipeg 2009 to 2015 – 6 years.
- In 2015 he became a Supply Priest, serving Western Eparchy of the UOCC, Regina Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor Parish
- In December 2018 he was assigned to our St. Michael's Parish and has been here for 7 years.

He has been at St. Michael's Parish for the past 7 years. His time here has certainly been challenging. Because of our lack of funds, he agreed to work part time – mostly two services a month. Parish attendance continues to dwindle down.

And then there was COVID. He used his expertise to research all the protocols and guidelines that Alberta Health had issued. He expertly passed on COVID regulations to the Church Board and helped us to implement the procedures as set out by Alberta Health. Everyone attending Divine Liturgy had to wear a mask and sanitize their hands. Seating in the church was spaced out between individuals. Under his guidance and reassurance that we would get through this epidemic, we made it and survived. Father Victor, you have worked tirelessly to ensure that this parish stays open. You have prayed with us and for us, with one thing in mind, that this parish does not close.

Easter has been a very special time. In this parish, it has been especially rewarding to see the church attendance somewhat better. The blessing of paska, on Saturday and again on Sunday morning has been especially rewarding and enlightening. To see this beautiful hall filled with people who brought their baskets to be blessed is encouraging. These people certainly know where we are! We pray that they continue to come and worship here on a regular basis.

Dobrodiyka Marusia has been a member of UWAC for 57 years. She has often provided food for fellowship coffee, contributed baking to our bazaars and worked our many workshops. She has offered encouragement to many of us to keep going. Dobrodiyka is especially good at being a hostess and also welcoming new people to the church. Her calm, warm words have made many people welcome in this parish and for this we thank you.

Father Victor and Dobrodiyka Marusia have two sons, Andriy and Anton. For the past few months, His Eminence, Bishop Ilarion has given his blessing to Deacon Anton to assist his father with our Divine Liturgy. Deacon Anton and his wife, Andrea, have three sons, Jacob, Nicholas, and John. Retirement now means more time to spend with the family, supporting them with their choices in life and a time to enjoy all the blessings that the good Lord has bestowed upon them.

Father Victor and Dobrodiyka Marusia, on behalf of the parish we wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement. Enjoy your two sons as well as your three grandsons. Our doors will always be open for you and your family. May the Good Lord be with you for many years.

*Fr. Victor then responded with the following:*

Thank you, Dorothy, for your overview of my life.

**"*Priesthood is both the greatest blessing and heaviest cross, sometimes simultaneously the tremendous source of joy. It is being privileged to stand in the presence of the Holy of Holies." "Thus, gratitude is the Heart of Prayer."***

I think of these words as I take leave from St. Michael's after six truly blessed years and enter a new chapter of life. I must say the last few months have been an emotional roller coaster for me, fear, apprehension, excitement, and exhaustion. In the midst of these feelings the one thing that has remained constant is the feeling and awareness of deep gratitude in my prayer.

I am overwhelmed with an experience of gratitude as I recall the 59 years, I have spent in parish ministry in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada – 45 of the years in the Western Eparchy and the joy of the last six years as Pastor of St. Michael's. It has been over a half century of many parishes, moves and many changes. We have met many wonderful people, prayed with them and for them, rejoiced with them and wept with them. Many have become like family and supported us during our times of need.

I am prayerfully thankful to our Lord God and Saviour for the wonderful opportunity to serve Him and our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada for all these years.

My Dear Family of St. Michael! How time flies; 6 years have passed since I began my ministry with you. Since the first moment of encounter, we have been through a lot together and in the end, I believe, we have become a closer family as a result. We have witnessed an increase in our church attendance and liturgical participation and receiving of the Holy Eucharist.

Now it is time to express my appreciation to the membership of your parish. I will be forever grateful for your patience, understanding, faith and above all your loving support; especially during the last months when I began experiencing health challenges.

Gratefulness especially to…

- For the dedication and support of the Parish Executive;
- The Ukrainian Women's Association, UWAC, who worked diligently in fund raising efforts;
- Luba and Joe who have greatly enhanced our liturgical services with their uplifting and prayerful singing;
- My Palamars Ihor and Ivan who were always willing to assist in the Altar; and the Acolytes (altar boys – Riley, Nestor and Yuriy) who faithfully came to serve at almost every Liturgy. "***THANK YOU BOYS!***" And it would not be without thanking my grandsons, Jacob, Nicholas, and John, for assisting at the Altar on numerous occasions.
- The children and youth who have recently joined our parish congregation and have given me great hope and encouragement for the future of your parish.
- To our chef, Jim, and the ladies who prepare the most enjoyable meals for fellowship after our liturgies and parish events.

Finally, I am especially grateful for my supportive family.

- First and foremost, to my wife, Dobrodyka MARUSIA, who has been my mentor, supporter, and assisted me in my ministry throughout the 59 years. My immediate family: our sons Andriy, Deacon Anton and his wife Andrea, our grandsons: Jacob, Nicholas, and John for their prayers, support and assistance.
- To my extended family, clergy, congregational faithful of St. Michael's, and members from our sister parishes that I had the privilege of celebrating services at -- my sincerest thank you for your presence today.

With love, gratitude, and countless cherished memories, I am entering my retirement years.
In closing I would like to share with you one of my favorite scriptures from Philippians 1:3-5; 9-11:

***"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine… and this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment… being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God".*** I conclude with the prayer:

**O Heavenly Father, thank You for guiding me through the years of work and blessing my journey with Your grace. As I step into retirement, my heart overflows with gratitude. Thank You for strength, wisdom, and provision through every season. Help me use this time to rest, reflect, and rejoice in Your faithfulness. May my remaining days be filled with peace, purpose, and Your everlasting love. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Victor Lakusta's last Divine Liturgy at**
**St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish**
**June 21, 2026**

**His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion served the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 14, 2026. He acknowledged Fr. Victor's retirement and wished him well in the future.**

**Memorial and General Donations for Church Operations**
**March, April, May, June, 2026**

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