

COME AND JOIN FATHER BORIS KYBA, CSSR
IN CELEBRATION OF HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Sacred Heart Parish, Ituna
Sunday, June 19th

Divine Liturgy at 4:00 pm Supper to follow

Advance Tickets Only ~ Adults \$15.00 Students Free

For tickets contact: Parish Office 306-783-4595 or Joanna Pidperyhora 306-783-8615
Please respond by June 10th.



DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST	GREETERS
SAT MAY 14	5:00 pm English	Sr. Suzanne Kokuruds	Peter Kobylka	Norm Yasinsky Eleanor Yasinsky		
SUN MAY 15 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Bernie Stephaniuk	Ed Pindus	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Susan Willson	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Mike Smud Emil Strutynski	Iris Skehar	Linda McCulough
SAT MAY 21	5:00 pm English	Marge Ortynski	Peter Kobylka	Carl Pacholka Dennis Benko		
SUN MAY 22 <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Mykhaylo Zotov		Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood		
	11:00 am English	Toni Gromnisky	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Gerald Gromnisky Bill Krywulak	Iris Skehar	Toni Gromnisky Gerald Gromnisky

SUNDAY COLLECTION MAY 8 2016	Received in 192 Regular Envelopes	\$ 3,265.00
	Loose Collection	\$ 279.00
	Received in 53 Other Envelopes	\$ 587.00

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ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Церква Матері Божої Неустанної Помочі

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

155 Catherine Street, Yorkton, SK S3N 0B9

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PARISH BULLETIN

MAY 15, 2016

Christ is Among Us !
He is and will be !

Христос Посеред нас !
Є і буде !



The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm

Welcome - Вітаємо

to everyone who is with us today, especially all Visitors.

We are pleased that you have come to pray with us this Sunday. May the Lord bless You.

**Pastoral Care of the
Ukrainian Redemptorists**

Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSSR - Pastor
Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSSR - Assistant Pastor
Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSSR - Assistant Pastor

OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday
9:15 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Office 306-783-4594
Info Line 306-782-0654

SICK CALLS - Anytime

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES* by Appointment

**Please contact the pastor at least six
months before the wedding date.*

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Saturday	5:00 pm	English
Sunday	9:00 am	Ukrainian
	11:00 am	English

HOLY DAYS

9:00 am	Ukrainian	7:00 pm	English
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WEEKDAYS

8:00 am	Monday - Friday
9:00 am	Saturday

Slava Isusu Khrystu! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Beloved of St. Mary's and of course, all visitors,

“Pentecost Sunday” traditionally has been regarded as the *birthday* of Holy Mother Church - for from this day forth, the Apostles, having been filled and *'fired up'* by the Holy Spirit, began to preach the Good News that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has granted us salvation and eternal life.

The Holy Spirit gifted them with much-needed courage, strong faith and intense desire to share this faith with others. They boldly began to preach and to invite everyone to believe, to be baptized and to pass on the Word of God... let us also then live our faith more fully and witness more generously!

Our beautiful prayerful tradition of visiting the cemetery to commemorate our deceased **+loved ones** at Pentecost time has come. This Sunday we will happily gather together for a joint Panakhyda at +Father Delaere's cairn at 1:30 pm to pray for all the deceased Redemptorists and for all the parish +loved ones, called to the Heavenly Kingdom. After this, everyone is encouraged to proceed to their family graveside and we Fathers will gladly come and sing a *Vichnaya Pamiat* and bless the grave. Just please be patient as we make the *'rounds'*. Our grandparents and parents meaningfully kept this Ukrainian tradition and truly we, in turn, should not let this prayerful practice die with us. Next Sunday we will celebrate at Memorial cemetery and gradually at many of the country cemeteries... Do come and pray for your +loved ones - *“Lest we forget”*...

And now to return to the *“living”*... I sincerely and gladly offer my heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to the KALYNA DANCE SCHOOL for a most delightful and professional Festival of Ukrainian Dance... I was most fortunate, between parish commitments, to view numerous dances on all 4 days and my reaction is WOW! There were 31 dance groups from Brandon, Prince Albert, Regina, Swan River, etc.,etc., with 499 children and adults proudly and joyfully sharing their love and enthusiasm for Ukrainian dance. The Kalyna Festival Executive must be congratulations and warmly thanked over and over again! *Diakyyu! Diakyyu!*


And now on a more mundane note – the Eparchial Appeal will be coming to a close on May 22nd and we are far from achieving our goal... Please pray over how much you can generously contribute and please do... also read the article in the Maclean's magazine about the gift of church attendees to Canada and what a generous difference they make...

Praying that God will bless you all this spring and summer!



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

UPCOMING EVENTS		
May 22	Blessing of graves at Memorial Gardens	1:30 pm
May 25	Prayer Service, Unveiling of Commemorative Plaque & Film	6:30 pm
May 26	Golden Agers Birthdays and Anniversaries	1:00 pm
May 29	Living Rosary, Moleben & Strawberry Tea	6:30 pm
June 6	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
June 6	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
June 13	Holy Rosary Hour	12:00 Noon
June 13	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	7:30 pm
June 14	Knights of Columbus Bingo	7:00 pm
June 20	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
June 21	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
June 23-26	St. Mary's Vidpust	
June 24	Feast of Nativity of John the Baptist	
June 29	Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul	




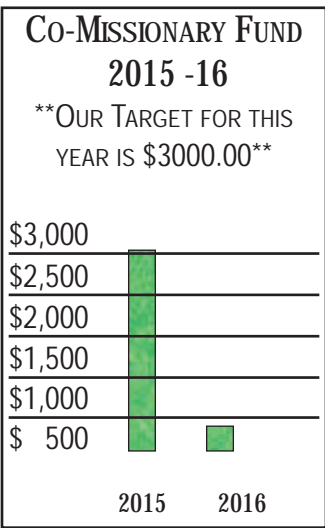
Living Rosary, Moleben & Strawberry Social

Sunday, May 29th

6:30 pm ~ Living Rosary & Moleben (church)
Social to follow (hall) \$3.00 per person

All parishioners of St. Mary's are invited to take part in the Living Rosary.





Co-Missionary Fund Contributions can be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Our goal is to contribute \$250/month or \$3,000/yr. Please make your cheques payable to "St. Mary's" but memo the cheque *Co-Missionary Fund*.

PARKLAND RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING

Wednesday, May 18th
at 7:30 pm St. Gerard's Hall
(CWL Meeting Room)





Listen for the **UKRAINIAN HOUR**
Sundays 3:00 - 4:00 pm Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 pm
on 98.5 the ROCK



ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP ~ MADGE LAKE

"PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD"



Youth Camp: July 3-8 and July 10-16

Teen Camp: July 17-22

Please visit the website at: www.stmichaelscamp.com

Online registration is available.

Brochures and Registration Forms are also available
in the East Entrance and Sacristy of the Church.

ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP AT MADGE LAKE IS LOOKING FOR CAMP COUNSELLORS

If you are 16-18 years old, please apply to be a youth camp counsellor.
Camp runs from July 3rd until July 16th.

Please submit your resume to: stmichaelscamp@sasktel.net or lesannjm44@gmail.com

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

****Please note: this schedule is subject to change, please check regularly****

BEAVERDALE	Sunday, June 5	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, July 17	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, August 14	10:00 am	Praznyk & Blessing of Graves
BIRMINGHAM	Sunday, June 5	(after Melville)	Blessing of Graves
CALDER	Sunday, May 29	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, July 31	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
INSINGER (St. Nicholas)	Sunday, June 19	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
INSINGER (Ss. Peter & Paul)	Sunday, May 29	(after Sheho Town)	Blessing of Graves only
JEDBURGH	Sunday, August 14	(after Beaverdale)	Blessing of Graves
MELVILLE	Sunday, June 5	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
MODEL FARM	Sunday, June 5	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
	Sunday, July 10	5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
PARKERVIEW	Sunday, July 3	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
PLAINVIEW	Sunday, June 5	(after Birmingham)	Blessing of Graves
SHEHO (Town)	Sunday, May 29	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
STORNOWAY	Sunday, August 21	(after Wroxton)	Blessing of Graves
TUFFNELL	Sunday, June 12	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
WHITESAND	Sunday, May 22	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, June 12	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, July 10	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves
WILLOWBROOK	Sunday, July 24	10:00 am	Praznyk
WROXTON	Sunday, August 21	TBA	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Graves

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 15, 2016

*The theme of Sunday is always Resurrection.
We invite you to refrain from kneeling during the Divine Liturgy.*



*Today's special liturgical parts & readings are found on pages 32-35 in the
Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings
booklets that are found at the entrances of the church.*

Next Week's Readings: Epistle - Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Gospel - Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SUN Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy

..... Parish Council Installation

1:30 pm..... Blessing of graves at Yorkton City Cemetery

TUE

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm..... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy

..... Parish Council Meeting (to follow Divine Liturgy)

WED

1:00 pm..... Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Bingo

7:00 pm..... Moleben to the Mother of God

SAT

9:00 am..... Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy

WEDDINGS PLANS ??- If you are planning to be married at St. Mary's or any of the Yorkton District parishes, ***please contact Fr. Bohdan (306-783-4594) at least six months before the wedding date.***

DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin is Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.



EMAIL BULLETIN - If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: cssrmonastery@sasktel.net

UKRAINIAN CHOIR:

☆ Today - Sunday, May 15th 9:00 am Divine Liturgy



Little Angels Classes



have now concluded for the Spring.
Classes will resume in the Fall.

A Very Special Thank you to all of our teachers and helpers!

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 ~ John 7:37-52,8:12

MON May 16 Monday of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:8-19 ~ Matthew 18:10-20

8:00 am  God's Blessings for the Yorkton Redemptorists & Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate....UCWLC

8:00 am  God's Blessings for John & Austin.....Mom

TUE May 17 Apostle Andronicus

Roman 1:1-7, 13-17 ~ Matthew 4:23-5:13

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Gerald Hataley.....Brothers, Sisters, Nieces & Nephews

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Gregory Hataley.....Brothers, Sisters, Nieces & Nephews

WED May 18 Martyr Theodotus

Romans 1:18-27 ~ Matthew 5:20-26

8:00 am Health for John Koban.....Geraldine

8:00 am Health for Albin Zayshley.....Family

THU May 19 Priest Martyr Patritius

Romans 1:28-2:9 ~ Matthew 5:27-32

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Joyce Martynuik.....Golden Agers

8:00 am Spiritual Healing for Annette Maslow.....N.N.

FRI May 20 Martyr Thalaleus

Romans 2:14-29 ~ Matthew 5:33-41

8:00 am  God's Blessings for Sophia Pisiak.....Prayer Partner

8:00 am Recovery for Kurtis.....Dido & Baba Chorney

SAT May 21 Constantine & Helen

Galatians 1:11-19 ~ John 10:9-16

9:00 am  Health & God's Blessings for Ed & Emily Lukie.....Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood

5:00 pm Health & Birthday Blessings for Oristeen Kulyk.....Fran Uhryn

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS - If you are paying for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission

FORT McMURRAY RELIEF

Anyone wishing to make a **charitable donation** to the **Fort McMurray Relief** may do so through the **Fr. Delaere Council of Knights of Columbus**. An income tax receipt will be issued through the K of C Saskatchewan Charitable Foundation. Please contact **Terry Ruf** 306-621-3154 or **Larry German** 306-782-2461 for more information or to contribute.

Memorial Services Blessing of Graves

Today - May 15 - Yorkton City Cemetery 1:30 pm

May 22 - Memorial Gardens 1:30 pm

On the above mentioned dates a *Common Parastas - Спільний Парастас* will be celebrated. At the conclusion of the service those who are in attendance may then stand by the graves of their loved ones and it is at this time when one of the priests will then commemorate the deceased by name and bless the grave.



Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



Balance of the Fund to date: \$312,912.00

Thank you very much

Donations may be given anytime.

All funds collected will be used for the future renovations of our church.

Building Fund Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church

ST. MARY'S CHURCH DONATIONS

In Memory of Minnie Senchuk

Peco & Grace Chorney & Family

Doreen Pohorelic

In Memory of Andy Hnatuk

Violet & Colleen Hnatuk

\$ 300.00

\$ 25.00

\$ 20.00

CHURCH DONATIONS

To ensure that your donation is properly recorded and acknowledged, please mark your envelope and the memo line on your cheque **"In memory of..."** or **"On the occasion of..."**

THE YORKTON FILM FESTIVAL invites you to a screening of
"Holodomor: Voices of Survivors"

Saturday, May 28th 9:20 am

Ravine Room at the Gallagher Centre

Open to the Public - No Charge - Everyone is Welcome



Commemoration of Canadian Internment Camps 1914 - 1920

Wednesday, May 25th

6:30 pm Mercy Prayer Service (St. Mary's Church)

7:15 pm Blessing & Mounting of Memorial Plaque (St. Mary's Cultural Centre)

8:00 pm Screening of film: *Freedom had a Price*

MP Cathay Wagantall, MLA Greg Ottenbriet & Mayor Bob Maloney will be in attendance.

Everyone Welcome!

*Between 1914 and 1920, about **80,000** Ukrainian immigrants were forced to register as enemy aliens, report regularly to the police and carry identity papers at all times. Over **5,000** were imprisoned in **24** camps where the conditions were grim. Some died, many were sick or injured and several were killed by guards while trying to escape.*

This was the **Editorial** in the May 10, 2010 *MacLean's* magazine. And it is wonderful news coming from a secular magazine. Please carefully read it.

"Those who attend religious services are more charitable and more eager to volunteer."

Do atheists care less?

These are not the brightest days for organized religion. Pope Benedict XVI has come under sustained scrutiny for his role in the investigation of sex abuse scandals tarring the Catholic Church. The practices of fundamentalist Muslim women are being attacked by the Quebec government as uncivilized. And, more broadly, many traditional and long-standing congregations across the country must face the reality of their own worldly demise due to substantial declines in Sunday attendance.

Despite all this bad news, however, there remains much to celebrate about religion and its relationship with society at large. Not the least of which is that those who attend religious services are the most charitable in their donations and the most eager to volunteer. Without organized religion, the world would be a much poorer and less comfortable place for those less fortunate.

Last summer, Statistics Canada released a survey on Canadians and their charitable habits. While less than one in five attend church regularly, those who do are far more likely to give to charities, and are substantially more liberal in the size of their gifts to both religious and non-religious organizations. The average annual donation from a churchgoer is \$1,038. For the rest of the population, \$295.

With respect to volunteer effort, two-thirds of churchgoers give their time to non-profit causes while only 43 per cent of non-attendees do likewise. And churchgoers put in twice as many hours volunteering.

All this munificence is in stark contrast to

complaints from anti-religion authors such as Christopher Hitchens, Richard Dawkins and Philip Pullman, all of whom have found themselves getting substantially more ink in the wake of the Catholic Church's sex scandals. "I'm an atheist," Hitchens once said. "I'm not just neutral about religion, I'm hostile to it. I think it is a positively bad idea, not just a false one." Pullman has claimed religion is "the most wonderful excuse for behaving extremely badly." Their argument: the world would be a better place without churches.

But if religion is simply a licence for bad behaviour, how does one explain the mammoth gap between the charitable acts of those who believe and those who do not? Of more practical concern, if organized religion continues to fade from mainstream practice, how will society ever replace the massive contributions of time and money that believers currently provide?

While some famous donors have no religious inclinations—Warren Buffett lists himself as agnostic, as does Bill Gates—the evidence is overwhelming that adherence to a religious belief system contributes to charitable effort. Spirituality and altruism share an obvious and welcome concern for humanity and its future. Do atheists?

Interestingly, this past January saw the launch of a new charity specifically designed to disprove the alleged parsimony of non-believers. The Foundation Beyond Belief aims to "encourage and demonstrate the generosity and compassion of atheists and humanists." So far, its 447 members have raised \$18,760. Or about as much as 18 churchgoers give in one year. **M**

\$28,200

ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL

Once you are ready to make your pledge, You may place your completed, sealed envelope in the collection plate and we will send it unopened to the Appeal.

or you can mail it directly to:

BBESSI
214 Avenue M South
Saskatoon, SK S7M 2K4



\$ 8,305

Thank you to
those who have
already made
their pledges!



ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP MADGE LAKE 1ST ANNUAL FAMILY FEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH

Come and See!



Open House Tours & Season Opening Blessing with Bishop Bryan Bayda 3:00 pm

St. Michael's Youth Program 4:00 pm

*Happy Hour 4:00 pm * Dinner 5:00 pm*

*Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm * Evening Bonfire & Fellowship*

Visit our Sponsorship Table and the Eparchial Family & Life Office Table!

Dinner tickets: \$20/adult, \$10/age 15 & under

Advance tickets available:

Tracie (Regina) 306-533-8229, Myron (Saskatoon) 306-260-8398, Lawrence (Yorkton) 306-782-5112, Terry (Yorkton) 306-621-3154, Ernie/Kathy (Kamsack) 306-542-3132, Orest (Pelly) 306-595-2221, or from any other Board member.

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UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF KYIV-HALYCH

Greeting of His Beatitude Sviatoslav To Canadians of Ukrainian Descent
Marking the 125th Anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada 1891 - 2016



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

On the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada I send prayerful greetings from your ancestral land of Ukraine to the over two million Canadian citizens of Ukrainian descent. This is a time to celebrate God's many blessings given through the vast territory of Canada to our people who have made this new land their home. And we rejoice with you, recalling at the same time the hardships and struggles you have endured over these many years.

During the Vesper service of Great and Holy Saturday, on the eve of the celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord, we sing a hymn taken from the Old Testament Book of Daniel. It is the song of praise of the three Hebrew youths who were thrown into the furnace in the foreign land of Babylon, but whom God saved for their faith and trust.

During this year of jubilee we join our voices with the three youths proclaiming: Sing praise to the Lord and exalt Him above all forever. Over these 125 years our people have found not only a refuge in Canada, but they have prospered and grown, becoming respected citizens of this land. They have established a new life for themselves and their descendants, which now reach to the fifth and sixth generations.

Indeed, all Ukrainian Canadians can sing: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. Bless the Lord, mountains and hills, and everything growing from the earth. Bless the Lord, you springs, and seas and rivers. Bless the Lord, you whales and all water creatures. Truly, our people have been blessed with the fruits of this land.

In giving thanks to the Lord I call upon you at the same time to be faithful sons and daughters of both your ancestral land and of this new land.

As you sing: *Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever* - remember the people and land of Ukraine and pray for their deliverance from all economic hardship and threat of war.

As you sing: *Bless the Lord, servants of the Lord* - remember to participate and serve in the governance and leadership of Canada, enjoying a right of citizenship so often denied in Ukraine's history.

As you sing: *Bless the Lord, O Israel* - remember the elder brothers of this new land, the First Nations, whose territories you share, and who so often struggle with the basic necessities of life.

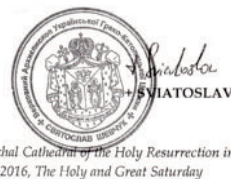
As you sing: *Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the just* - remember the pioneers who have gone before you, acknowledging their sacrifices for the life you enjoy today.

As you sing: *Bless the Lord, you sons of men* - remember to hand down to the younger generations the legacy of faith, language and culture that have been preserved for 125 years.

As you sing: *Bless the Lord, priests of the Lord* - remember the gift of Christian faith passed on for over a thousand years, rooted in the Kjivan spiritual heritage.

As you sing: *Bless the Lord, holy men of humble heart* - remember all your brothers and sisters that share the Canadian land, caring especially for the poor, the forgotten, the sick and the elderly.

With you I join in this prayer of thanksgiving in gratitude for these 125 years, by concluding as did the three youths mentioned above: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his mercy endures forever.



Given at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Holy Resurrection in Kyiv,
30 April 2016, The Holy and Great Saturday

ЗШЕСТЯ СВЯТОГО ДУХА

(І. С.) — Зшестя Св. Духа (Зелені Свята) пригадують нам, що 50-го дня по Воскресенні Святий Дух зійшов на апостолів і перетворив їх на відважних проповідників Євангелії. Вони поширювали по усім тодішнім світі навчання нашого Спасителя Ісуса Христа. Святий Дух завершив духовний вишкіл Христових апостолів. Він зійшов на них у виді вогняних язиків, щоб зазначити, що проповідування Христової Євангелії це головне завдання місіонерів.

Це дуже старинне свято, бо християни святкували його вже від апостольських часів. Воно зветься у нас „Зеленими Святами”, бо є звичай у нашому народі у цей день прикрашувати зеленню доми й церкви.

В дні Зшестя Святого Духа родиться і починає діяти Христова Церква. Св. Дух провадить, просвічує, освячує і зберігає на дорозі правди.

Празник Зшестя св. Духа заслуговує на особливу увагу з огляду на історію богослуження та значення. Головний мотив святкування для новозавітної Церкви — це подія приходу св. Духа на апостолів. Це радісна, урочиста й важлива подія. З богослужби цього Празника прийшла до наших щоденних молитов нам добре znana молитва до св. Духа: „Царю небесний...” Цією молитвою починаємо кожне наше богослуження.

Цвіти й зелень дерев є ознакою життя, тож стали символом життєдайности св. Духа. Як природа на весну оновлюється зеленню і квітами, так і св. Церква і її вірні оновлюються силою св. Духа.

Дари св. Духа великі й щедрі. Св. ап. Павло каже: „Плід Духа: любов, радість, мир, довготерпіння, лагідність, доброта, вірність, тихість і здержливість” (Гал. 5,22-23).

Св. Дух зійшов і на нас у св. Тайні Миропомазання зі своїми дарами й помазав нас на Христових борців, а наше тіло зробив своїм храмом. На що правду звертає нам увагу св. Павло й наминає нас, щоб ми після неї жили: „Хіба ж не знаєте — каже він — що ваше тіло — храм св. Духа, який живе у вас? Його ви маєте від Бога, тож уже не належіть до себе самих” (І Кор. 6,19).