

## Ushers for December 2011

### 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Walter Yakimets, Allan Koshka  
Dennis Leonard, Ray Pryska  
Don Sendziak

### 11:00 am Divine Liturgy

Mike Sheptak, Ken Zittlau,  
Sherwin Cholak, Russell Faryna  
Peter Pitchko

### 2012 Sunday Offering Envelopes

The 2012 Sunday Offering envelopes are at the back of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office if your contact information has changed or your box of envelopes is not at the back of the church.

Thank you for your generous support.

### Christmas Special Programming

Listen to two special Christmas programs on WorldFM 101.7 CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY.

At 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve, instead of the usual daily Ukrainian program, the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Catholics of the Edmonton Eparchy (of which St Basil's Men's Club is a part) will host a half hour of Ukrainian carols, as well as our Bishop's Christmas greeting IN ENGLISH. At 6:30 pm, Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM, will host the Basilian Fathers Christmas Eve program.

The next day, the Christmas theme will continue, again at 6 p.m., with our Bishop's Christmas greeting in Ukrainian, followed by the Basilian radio program on FM 101.7 WorldFM (which used to be known as CKER). You may listen to these programs on your computer by going to the website WWW.WORLDFM.CA and clicking on LIVE.

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC**

**St. Basil's Cultural Centre**

**10819 – 71 Avenue**

**Saturday, December 31, 2011**

6:00 pm: Cocktails  
7:00 pm: Dinner  
9:00 pm: Dance to the "Cimarrons"  
12:10 am: Lunch

Admission - \$65/person

For tickets call: 780.434.4288

Tue to Fri: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Hosted by St. Basil's Men's Club



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*Tone 2*

*Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32 - 12:2*

*Gospel: Matthew 1:1; 17-25*

**December 18, 2011**

**Sunday before  
Christmas**

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**Sunday of the  
Holy Fathers**



### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday to Friday**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

### **BASILIAN FATHERS IN THE PARISH**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - *Superior & Pastor*  
Fr. Mark Zazula, OSBM - *Assistant*  
Fr. Ireneus Prystajewy, OSBM - *Assistant*

### **BASILIAN FATHERS HOUSE OF STUDIES**

12909 – 113 Avenue, Phone: 780.451.5879  
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM - *Rector*  
Fr. John Sembrat, OSBM - *Pastor, Calmar District*

### **S.S.M.I. SOUTH SIDE - Phone: 780.435.4441**

Sr. Esther Kurylo & Sr. Petronella Dybka

### **CULTURAL CENTRE - Phone: 780.434.4288**

Judy Appleby, *Manager*

### **SENIORS CITIZENS RESIDENCE**

Phone: 780.436.2745

### **CATECHISM PROGRAM**

Abram & Melissa Hartrick,  
st\_basils\_catechism@hotmail.com

### **HOURS OF CHURCH SERVICES**

#### **SATURDAY:**

Divine Liturgy 7:00 am & 7:00 pm

#### **SUNDAY:**

Matins 7:45 am

Divine Liturgies: 9:00 am (Ukr), 11:00 am (Eng.)  
7:00 pm (Eng./Ukr.)

#### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**

Divine Liturgy: 7:00 am, 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

#### **MINOR FEAST DAYS:**

Divine Liturgy: 7:00 am & 7:00 pm

\* If this is a Friday, the 9:00 am Liturgy is omitted

#### **WEEKDAYS: Mon – Thurs; Saturday**

Divine Liturgy: 7:00 am (Ukr.)

#### **FRIDAY:**

Divine Liturgy: 7:00 am (Ukr.) & 9:00 am (Eng.)

#### **CONFESSIONS: During Sunday Divine Liturgies.**

Saturdays during 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy.

#### **MARRIAGES:**

By appointment at least 8 months in advance  
Membership in the Parish is mandatory

#### **BAPTISMS & FUNERALS: By arrangement**

## Upcoming

<b>Sunday, December 18</b> <i>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</i>	11:00 am: Bozhi Dity Thank you to all who donated towards the Edmonton Food Bank
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b>	7:30 pm: Board of Management Meeting
<b>Thursday, December 22</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Friday, December 23</b>	<b>Office Closed – No Adoration in chapel</b> Divine Liturgies: 7:00 am & 9:00 am
<b>Saturday, December 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Day of Abstinence</i>	7:00 am: Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) 8:00 pm: Divine Liturgy (Eng.), Confessions and Myrovannia 10:15 pm: Solemn Complines and Lytia 11:00 pm: Solemn Divine Liturgy (Ukr.), and Myrovannia
<b>Sunday, December 25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	10:00 am: Divine Liturgy (bilingual) and Myrovannia

**The Parish Bulletin and Christmas Schedule can also be found by visiting the link on our website: [www.stbasilchurch.com](http://www.stbasilchurch.com).**

**Next Parish Bulletin: Sunday, January 8, 2012**

### Eucharistic Adoration

Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Adoration in chapel on Friday, December 23 & 30, 2011 and Friday, January 6, 2012. Adoration will resume on Friday, January 13, 2012.

**Congratulations and God's Blessings** are extended to *Michael Travis Rogal-Groenewold*, son of Stephen Groenewold and Valerie Rogal who was baptized at St. Basil's Parish on December 11, 2011.

### Our Sick List

Feel free to submit to the Parish the name of anyone who is ill and in need of our prayers. Their names will be included in the list below. These names will remain on the Sick List only until the end of the month, at which time they must be resubmitted to be included in the next month's list.

*Maria Bilynska, Peter Cook, Allen Hayduk, Stella Mechor,  
Michael Pawlessa, Wally Serediak*

*All our shut-ins, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes.*

## House Blessings

Home blessing forms (for the Feast of Theophany) are found at each entrance to the church. If you would like one of the Fathers to bless you home this year please fill one out and return it to the Parish Office by January 7, 2012.

### Re: Parking

Whereas the management of the strip mall to the north of the church does not want parishioners using their parking lot during Divine Liturgies, Dr. Michael Taciuk *welcomes* our parishioners to use his facilities (south of the church) *on the week-ends* (room for 12 cars).

### Parish Catechism Program

The Parish Catechism Program will run from January 8 to April 28, 2012. It will take place three times a month on Sunday afternoons in the Cultural Centre from 12:30 – 2:00 pm.

A class will be offered for First Communion preparation, as well as a class for adults.

The adult class will be based on a new catechetical video series entitled "Catholicism" by Rev. Robert Barron of Mundelein Seminary in the USA. There will be a video presentation followed by discussion and practical applications for daily living. The moderator is Fr. Ireneus, assisted by several lay teachers.

Registration forms will soon be available in church, as well as on the parish website ([www.stbasilchurch.com](http://www.stbasilchurch.com)) under the link "Sacramental Prep".

For more information please contact Fr. Ireneus at 780.434.8010.

### Would You Like Carollers?

If you would like the Brothers from the *Basilian House of Studies* to visit your home during the Christmas season, please see one of the Brothers after today's morning Divine Liturgy or contact the House of Studies @ 780.451.5879.

The *Eparchial Ukrainian Catholic Youth & Young Adults* (ages 13-35) will be caroling December 27 & 28, 2011. If you are a young adult and wish to join them, or you would like the youth to visit your home contact Emily Storie by email: [storie.emily@yahoo.ca](mailto:storie.emily@yahoo.ca) or by phone at 780.288.3275.

**"O COME, LET US ADORE HIM... CHRIST THE LORD!"**

### Volunteer Appreciation Night

All parishioners who volunteer in any way in our parish of St. Basil the Great are invited to attend the Annual Appreciation Night that will be on January 21, 2012. The evening will begin with Divine Liturgy at 5:00 pm and continue with dinner, door prizes and entertainment in the Cultural Centre.

### Knights of Columbus News

- The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Hannas Council, has made arrangements for the icon of “*Our Lady of Guadalupe*” to be available in our parish the weekend of January 15, 2012. If any other parish group would wish to plan a celebration around this icon, please contact Peter Yacyshyn at 780.922.2352.
- Fr. Hannas Council is also making plans to host the Parish Pushchenia Celebration on February 11, 2012. More information to follow.

### Opportunity to Win

WORLD FM 101.7 is running a draw in which your odds of winning will be very high. You can win a trip to the Jasper Park Lodge for Ukrainian Malanka (January 13-15, 2012) for four people, and the station will give you a \$100 voucher for gas.

Go to [www.worldfm.ca](http://www.worldfm.ca) and click on “CONTEST”, then click on “MORE” to see the form you must fill out. When filling out your phone number, omit anything that isn't a number - no spaces, hyphens, or dots. The deadline for entering is December 20, 2011 at midnight. Good luck!

### Opportunity to Volunteer

Want to get to know new people and make new friends? Would you like to do so while working for a worthy cause? If so, then our Parish cordially invites you to come and help at the workshops that are held periodically in the Cultural Centre. We spend quality time making pyrohy and cabbage rolls for use during our catered functions as well as for direct food sales to the public. Yes, gentlemen, that means you too!

The next workshop will take place on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 from 7:30 am – 11:00 am (more or less).

If you feel you would like to give us a hand in the food preparation or the clean-up that is also involved, please phone Helen at 780.434.7859.

### **The Advent Virus**

**Be on the alert for symptoms of inner HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.**

**Some signs and symptoms of the Advent Virus:**

- \* **A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.**
- \* **An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.**
- \* **A loss of interest in judging other people.**
- \* **A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.**
- \* **A loss of interest in conflict.**
- \* **A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)**
- \* **Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.**
- \* **Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.**
- \* **Frequent attacks of smiling.**
- \* **An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.**
- \* **An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.**

**Please warn all of your family members and friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.**