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Sunday Divine Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 P.M. (ENG) | Sunday 9:00 A.M. (UKR) & 11:00 A.M. (ENG)

Live Streaming 9:00 am

Vespers Saturday 3:45 P.M. **Live Streaming**

YouTube—St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg

Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky CSsR Devotions Wednesdays 7:00 pm

YouTube—Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine

Ukrainian archbishop: 'If the pope comes to Ukraine, the war would end'

By Elise Ann Allen Feb 9, 2022, Crux

ROME – As tensions between Russia and Ukraine continue to foment, one of the country's top Catholic prelates has reiterated his desire for a papal visit, which he believes will help calm escalations and put an end to a nearly 8-year conflict. Speaking during a Feb. 8 online media roundtable, Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Sviatoslav Shevchuk said that whether it happens now or once a solution is reached doesn't matter, but what Ukrainians want is that "the pope goes to Ukraine." "We can't wait 10 years until all the conditions are there, all the pre-conditions," he said, insisting that Pope Francis "is the greatest moral authority in the world." "Of all religious leaders," including Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill and other Orthodox patriarchs, "in a majority Orthodox country the greatest moral authority is Pope Francis. They all say it: If the pope comes to Ukraine, the war would end," Shevchuk said, adding, "The pope is truly a messenger of peace."

He praised recent initiatives of the pope regarding Ukraine, including prayers during the traditional papal Christmas *Urbi et Orbi* address and the pope's decision to designate Jan. 26 as a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine. These gestures, Shevchuk said, were "strongly felt throughout the world." Shevchuk said he reiterated his invitation for Pope Francis to visit during a meeting he had with the pope at the Vatican while he was visiting Rome in November. "Gestures are very eloquent in themselves and visiting Ukraine would be very beautiful for all of humanity," he said. While no one is expecting "miracles," a papal visit, he said, is a strong spiritual event that would "conserve us all in the faith. We need tangible gestures."

The Eastern Rite Catholic bishops of Ukraine have been pushing for a papal visit for years, and Shevchuk has made recent statements indicating that a papal visit could happen as early as this year, with some speculating that it could happen over the summer. Pope Francis, who has been vocal in his advocacy for peace in Ukraine, has also been invited to visit by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who first extended the invite during a visit to the Vatican in February 2020 and who reiterated the invite during a private phone call with the pontiff in June 2021.

Shevchuk's latest plea for a visit comes as tensions with Russia could be reaching a boiling point. In recent weeks, Russia has amassed thousands of troops at its border with Ukraine, with the number of Russian soldiers surrounding the territory numbering close to 150,000, Shevchuk said. Russia has denied that it is preparing for an invasion, but said it is ready to take unspecified "military-technical measures" if its demands, that NATO promise never to admit Ukraine and that it withdraws a portion of its troops from Eastern Europe, are not met.

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Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Redemptorists and parishioners of St. Joseph's extend a warm welcome to all. Thank you for worshipping with us.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Condolences are extended to

Virginia & Frank & Kowalski on the passing of her father +Marvin

Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, to the soul of your servant.

Вічна Пам'ять God Grant Him Eternal Memory Вічна Пам'ять

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 P.M. (ENG)

Sunday 9:00 A.M. (UKR/ENG)

11:00 A.M. (ENG)

Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty

Sat. Feb 19 8:30 am

Registration is required to attend.

Please contact Natalia at (204)-339-4512
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Live Streaming Schedule

YouTube - St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg

1st All Soul's Saturday. Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty Sat. Feb 19, 8:30 am

Saturday Great Vespers 3:45pm

Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

YouTube - Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine

Wednesday Blessed Vasyl Devotions 7:00 pm

Sunday Collection

February 6, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$885
Open Collection	\$40
Miscellaneous Donation	\$1390
Initial Offering	\$100
Capital Building Fund	\$50

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34th Sunday after Pentecost– February 13, 2022

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Sunday Tropar, tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh,* to suffer death and to raise the dead* by His glorious resurrection.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen!

Kondak of the Prodigal Son, tone 3: Foolishly I left the splendor of Your Fatherly home* and with wicked men wasted the wealth You gave me.* I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal:* “I have sinned before You, merciful Father.* Accept my repentance and make me as one of Your servants.”

Prokimen, tone 5: You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and for ever.

Verse: *Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.*

Epistle: A reading from the first Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1Cor. 6:12-20)

Brothers and Sisters! “Everything is lawful for me” — but that does not mean that everything is good for me. “Everything is lawful for me” — but I will not let myself be enslaved by anything. “Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will do away with them both in the end-” but the body is not for immorality; it is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God, who raised up the Lord, will raise us also by his power. Do you not see that your bodies are members of Christ? Would you have me take Christ’s members and make them the members of a prostitute? God forbid! Can you not see that the man who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? Scripture says, “The two shall become one flesh.” But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun lewd conduct. Every other sin a man commits is outside his body, but the fornicator sins against his own body. You must know that your body is temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within — the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price. So glorify God in your body.

Alleluia Verses: *Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.*

For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

At that time the Lord told this parable: "A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' So the father divided up the property. Some day later this younger son collected all his belongings and went off to a distant land, where he squandered his money on dissolute living. After he had spent everything, a great famine broke out in that country and he was in dire need. So he attached himself to one of the propertied class of the place, who sent him to his farm to take care of the pigs. He longed to fill his belly with the husks that were fodder for the pigs, but no one made a move to give him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he said: 'How many hired hands at my father's place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands.' With that he set off for his father's house. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' The father said to his servants; 'Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the fatted calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.' Then the celebration began. Meanwhile the elder son was out on the land. As he neared the house on his way home, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked him the reason for the dancing and the music. The servant answered, 'Your brother is home, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back in good health.' The son grew angry at this and would not go in; but his father came out and began to plead with him. He said to his father in reply: 'For years not I have slaved for you. I never disobeyed one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. Then, when this son of yours returns after having gone through your property with loose women, you kill the fatted calf for him.' 'My Son,' replied the father, 'you are with me always, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead, and has come back to life. He was lost, and is found.'"

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dates To Mark On The Calendar

Easter April 17, 2022 Holy Week starts April 9. Great Lent starts on Monday Feb. 28

Sorokousty Special remembrance services for our dearly departed will be held on the following "All Souls Saturdays" at 9:00 am: [February 19](#), [March 12](#), [March 19](#), [March 26](#) and [May 4](#). Please note that Sorokousty must be renewed annually. A special envelope for Sorokousty can be found in your box of offering envelopes. Please ensure cheques are made payable to St. Joseph's Monastery.

Divine Liturgy Intentions & Scripture Readings February 13-20

Sunday of the Prodigal Son				1 Cor. 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32
Saturday	5:00 pm	February 12	+Yaroslav Kostur	Elaine Kisiow
Sunday	9:00 am	February 13	For Our Parishioners	
	11:00 am		+Vera Matwichyna	Kyiv Pavilion
Venerable Cyril				Heb. 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16
Monday		February 14	+Vincent Szadiak	Mary Hamm
Apostle Onesimus				1 John 3:11-20 Mark 14:10-42
Tuesday		February 15	Health Donna Sumka	Mom Kowpak
Apostle Pamphilus				1 John 3:21-4:6 Mark 14:43-15:1
Wednesday		February 16	+Wincenty Kloskowski	Tara Antoniszyn
Great Martyr Theodore Tyre				1 John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1-15
Thursday		February 17	+Vala Shelemy	Knights of Columbus
Pope Leo				2 John 1:1-13 Mark 15:22-25; 33-41
Friday		February 18	+Bohdan Krywonizka	Bernardin Family
All Souls Saturday				1 Cor. 10:23-28 Luke 21:8-9; 25-27; 33-36
Saturday	8:30 am	February 19	Divine Liturgy for the Deceased & Sorokousty	
Sunday of Meat-fare				1 Cor. 8:8-9:2 Matt. 25:31-46
Saturday	5:00 pm	February 19	+Florence Blanchard	St. Joseph's UCWLC
Sunday	9:00 am	February 20	For Our Parishioners	
	11:00 am		Birthday Blessings Catherine Ryczak	Family

Prayer to Saint Joseph



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine

**Blessed Vasyl Devotions Wednesdays 7:00 pm
In person and live streaming**

Shrine Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,
Saturday 10 am -1:00 pm

The Shrine will be open for prayers following the
Saturday 5:00 pm and
9:00 am & 11:00 am Sunday Liturgies

Those wishing to visit the Shrine must be in good health, only individuals, no groups and please note all COVID-19 guidelines/directives will be followed. All visitors are asked to wear masks when entering the Shrine.

In 2014 Ukrainian citizens ousted pro-Russian President Viktor Fedorovych Yanukovych, and shortly after, Russia annexed Ukraine's southern Crimean Peninsula and backed separatists who overtook large swaths of the country's eastern regions of Donetsk and Luhansk. Since then, shelling and sniper attacks have become a daily occurrence in eastern Ukraine, with the United Nations estimating that so far around 1.5 million people have been displaced and an estimated 14,000 have died, many of whom were civilians. Russia has long resisted Ukraine's advances toward European institutions and its efforts to join the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). With Russia continuing to send troops to its borders with Ukraine, the United States and other European countries such as Germany and France have stepped in to negotiate, as observers increasingly warn that a Russian military offensive in Ukraine would put the security of the whole of Europe at risk.

French President Emmanuel Macron is currently visiting Moscow in an attempt to mediate the situation. Last week U.S. President Joe Biden ordered that nearly 3,000 troops be deployed to Poland and Romania in order to better protect NATO's eastern flank. Germany Monday announced that it would deploy 350 troops to Lithuania to reinforce NATO's presence there. In his remarks Tuesday, Shevchuk said the current escalation with Russia is different than the beginning of the conflict in 2014 in that now "It's no longer bilateral, between Ukraine and Russia."

Ukraine "cannot solve this conflict through bilateral dialogue," he said, noting that the conflict has become "an escalation between Russia and the western community, countries grouped in this defensive military bloc, and Ukraine is in the middle; two blocs facing off, and we don't know what will happen tomorrow." Shevchuk said the current, in his view, is a war happening at four levels, the first of which is the "increasingly worrying" threat of military escalation, and the second is the use of "misinformation" and "propaganda" to stoke fear.

"Every day you read what the Americans, Germans, Russians say," and the presence of misinformation in international reports "is often tied to certain scope of stoking fear in reader. The people are scared, they don't know what to do," he said. Shevchuk also insisted that the conflict is part of a political and economic war in which Russia is attempting to secure its regional influence "If we have military advance from Russia," the goal, he said, is "to change government, for a regime loyal to Russia." If this happens, "For the churches, this means returning to the catacombs, retreating from religious freedom. We remember well the time of the Soviet Union," he said. In terms of the economic impact of the conflict, Shevchuck said the years of violence are taking their toll, with increased prices on gas and other necessary resources "causing the impoverishment of the people." "In Ukraine, the people are increasingly poor," he said, and referred to a recent survey in Ukraine which found that the number of citizens unable to pay property taxes has tripled. There has also been an increase in welfare programs, and psychological services for people struggling with fear and uncertainty, he said. Everything must be done "to prevent further aggravations, a military escalation," Shevchuk said, yet as citizens, "we must prepare so we aren't taken unprepared if the situation worsens."

In terms of the Church's own role in the conflict, Shevchuk said the first and most important step is prayer. "It is what we must do, be together and pray for peace," he said, saying the pope's declaration of the Jan. 26 day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine "a very strong spiritual moment for us, also on universal level." It was comforting to know that Catholics in Russia were also praying for peace in Ukraine, he said, adding, "This unity in prayer is a great strength."

The Church, he said, must also focusing on caring for those who are suffering most, whether it be materially due to economic fallout from the conflict, or psychologically from the constant pressure and uncertainty. He also stressed the need for Church leaders "to be preachers of hope," because when all incoming news and information causes fear, "the church is praying for hope, the Lord is with us, he will give us the strength. He will save us."

A "consolidation of society" in which different actors come together to promote peace and unity is also needed, Shevchuk said, noting that according to a recent survey, the most trusted social structures in Ukraine are the national arm, volunteer organizations, and the country's various Catholic and Orthodox Churches. "These churches are important for building trust. It's a big responsibility for the Church," he said, because "our voice is heard, our example is followed."

He called for greater cooperation among Church leaders, including Church leaders in Russia, in opposing further military escalation. "Right now, it is important to say with all of your voice no to war. War is not an instrument to resolve problems, geopolitical problems between states. The only way to avoid military action is international law and diplomacy," he said.

As the situation continues to unfold and NATO allies continue attempts to negotiate a solution to escalating tensions, Christians, Shevchuk said, "must say no" to war, because "The only way to overcome difficulties is respect, love, toward our neighbor, solidarity. It will give us the strength to go forward."

Asked about accusations that Pope Francis is hesitating to visit Ukraine or to speak out more forcefully to avoid putting his courtship of Russia and his budding connection with Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill at risk, Shevchuk said the Vatican's style is not to be forceful, but to be a mediator. Vatican diplomacy tries "to be above the conflict so as to have the freedom to mediate, to reconcile the opposed parties," he said. "It doesn't make great condemnations." Shevchuk voiced confidence in the effectiveness of the Vatican's strategy with regard to the Ukraine-Russia conflict, saying, "for what I understand, I see that the strength of Vatican diplomacy is very strong." "This work that Vatican diplomats are doing is very important. Their style is different than secular diplomacy. There is no specific condemnation and pointing of fingers to who is responsible, but we have assisted in recent years in mediating, to be a mediator of peace," he said. "The Holy See, in a discreet way, is trying to save the situation, to promote communication," he said, adding, "I think this situation will evolve and for me, the Holy See is prepared to respond in an adequate way."