



JANUARY, 2019						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 Brandon: 10 am Carol-Fest to Follow Portage: 1 pm Sunday After Theophany	14	15	16 Brandon: 9 am + Donna Leechman Offering: Bill Salyn & Family	17 Brandon: 9 am + Bill Kristalovich 50-Year Anniversary Offering: Lawrence & Marianne Kristalovich Brandon: 7 pm Parish Council Meeting Venerable Anthony the Great	18  Brandon: 9 am	19 Brandon: 5 pm Health of John Nazar Offering: Nazar Family
20 Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm 30 th Sunday After Pentecost	21	22 Portage: 10 am + Strelac Family Offering: Helen Strelac	23 Portage: 10 am + Kuzyk + Bereza Family Offering: Helen Strelac	24 Portage: 10 am Health of Tim & Jean Slukinsky Offering: Fred & Charlene Slukinsky	25  Portage: 10 am Health of Anna Pollock Offering: Walter & Jean Strilec St. Gregory the Theologian	26 Brandon: 5 pm Health of Nikolas & Victoria Hoydalo Offering: Andriy & Mariya Hoydalo

Make Another Shot

So how many New Year's resolutions have you broken already? If you are like me, though you might be a little scared about even making a resolution. The experience of making resolutions, and failing to keep them again and again and again, can be somewhat off-putting: we have failed so much in the past that the prospect of another failure is more daunting than what we want to resolve to do or change in our lives. I ran into an expression from basketball the other day. It read, "You are 100% certain not to make the shots you don't attempt." How true that is! If you don't make the shot, you can't hit the basket! Similarly, if you don't make the effort, you never realize the success. This is such an ingrained part of human experience that it is no wonder that one of the central mysteries of our faith is repentance.

The New Testament word for "repentance" is, in Greek, metanoia, which literally means "change of mind" or "change of heart." St. John the Baptist's great message was "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" - a cry that was taken up by Our

Lord Himself as the first words of His public ministry.

The sacramental mystery of Holy Baptism means, first of all, the forgiveness of sins, becoming a new person, being born again. Likewise, the mystery of Confession recognizes that, even as committed, born-again, believing Christians, we continue to experience failure in our lives as we try to live out our baptismal commitments. Repentance, meaning that we recognize our failure and make a resolution to do better next time, is not something that happens once and for all, but something that becomes as natural and repetitive in our daily lives as breathing.

If you have not broken any of your New Year's resolutions, good for you! Give thanks to Almighty God for having preserved your good intention by His grace. If you have broken some, however, give thanks to Almighty God for giving you another chance, and make your shot one more time.

Bishop John Michael Botean

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



Icon of Saints Hermylaus, Maximus and Stratonicus -- January 13th

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ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

EMERGENCY

Phone Fr. Michael at: Res: (204) 729-8056
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DIVINE LITURGIES

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM
Sunday (Bilingual) - 10:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Jan 13	O. Stevenson	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	L. Makwaychuk	J. Solomon
Sun Jan 20	P. Todoruk	R. Kuszak / B. McKay	N. Zemliak	B. Kachur
Sun Jan 27	T. Yuriy	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	I. Dyakiv	F. Yuriy
Sun Feb 03	S. Sheeshka	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	L. Makwaychuk	B. Kuszak

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Jan 05	\$ 170.00
Sunday, Jan 06	\$ 806.00
Total	\$ 976.00
Candles	\$ 55.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - NOVEMBER, 2018

Total Credits:	\$ 5,124.10
Total Debits:	\$ 5,384.44

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Men best show their character in trifles, where they are not on their guard. It is in the simplest habits that we often see the boundless egotism which pays no regard to the feelings of others and denies nothing to itself.

- Arthur Schopenhauer

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION (JANUARY 2019)

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

CAROL-FEST

Just a reminder that our annual Carol-Fest will be held this Sunday, January 13th at 11:00 AM in the Ukrainian Reading Hall. Please join us for this annual tradition.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS AND ENVELOPES

Membership envelopes and income tax receipts are available for pickup in the church vestibule.

DROP-IN CENTRE

The drop-in centre is open every Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Everybody welcome. See you all there.

2019 METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP LAWRENCE HUCULAK OSBM NEW YEAR LEEVE GALA

The levee will be held on Sunday, January 27th, 2019 at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church. With the support of His Grace, a change in the format of the annual Levee is being undertaken to become a fundraiser to support the operation and programming for the mission of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manitoba through the Archeparchy of Winnipeg. If anyone wishes to make a generous donation of cash or auction items, it would be appreciated. Further information is available on the bulletin board.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to Lawrence and Elsie Makwaychuk on the recent passing of Elsie's brother, Nick Kostenchuk, who entered into the presence of the Lord on January 6th, 2019 in Neepawa. Our prayers are extended to his family and friends at this time of sorrow. Vichnaya Pam'yat - Eternal Memory.

LADIES AUXILIARY FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Holy Family Home Ladies' Auxiliary annual fundraising dinner for ladies only will be held on Friday, February 1st, 2019 at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre. Tickets: \$75.00. Please contact Diane Snidal at Holy Family Home for info or tickets: (204)589-7381 ext 230, email: DSnidal@holyfamilyhome.mb.ca

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A CHANGED DIRECTION

An important factor involved in true repentance is a changed direction. This change of mind and heart in repentance is so thorough that it leads to a changed direction of life. The Jewish word for repentance means "to turn." The Greek word for repentance means literally "a change of mind." This is exactly what true repentance is: a turning away from evil and a turning towards God. One day a man who was lost asked someone how far it was to the city he sought. The man replied, "If you keep going the way you are going it is about 25,000 miles. But, if you turn back and go this way, it is only about three miles." A u-turn may not be allowed on our streets because it can tie up traffic and cause accidents, but it is often the best thing we can do in life especially when we are headed in the wrong direction. St. Paul made a "u-turn" on the Damascus Road. If repentance is anything, it is a u-turn, a reversing of the direction of life so that we face God. Because we have taken one step down a wrong road is no reason we should take two.

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HUMOR

I recently called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

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On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?" asked the police officer. "I'm on my way to a lecture," replied Daniel. "And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?" enquired the constable sarcastically. "My wife," slurred Daniel grimly. ☺