

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE / JULY, 2017						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Feast of the Holy Eucharist	19 Portage: 10 am Health of Ben Lapchuk Offering: Charles Lapchuk & Family Apostle Jude	20 Portage: 10 am Health of Sonia Bereza Offering: Lasha Thurston Cemetery Service to Follow	21 Portage: 10 am + William + Pearl Cebry Offering: Lasha Thurston Brandon: 7 pm Parish Council Meeting	22 Portage: 10 am + Tony Peech Offering: Margaret Peech	23 Portage: 10 am Health of Lyle & Gayle Offering: Eleanor Kotlarchuk Brandon: 7 pm Molebyn to the Sacred Heart of Jesus	24 Brandon: 5 pm + Anna + Bohdan + Maria Offering: Maria Hoydalo Nativity of John the Baptist / Sorrowful Mother of God
25 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Christ, Lover of Mankind	26	27	28 Brandon: 9 am + Louise Kostenchuk Offering: Lawrence & Elsie Makwaychuk	29 HDO Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Apostle Peter & Paul	30  Brandon: 9 am + Walter MacKalski Offering: Barbara MacKalski Brandon: 7 pm Molebyn to the Sacred Heart of Jesus	01 Brandon: 5 pm + Wasył Zaliskyy Offering: Petro Zaliskyy & Family

Called to be Disciples

Taking Peter with him, Andrew brought his brother to the Lord, thus making him his fellow-disciple. This was Andrew's first achievement: he increased the number of the apostles by bringing Peter to Christ, so that Christ might find in him the disciples' leader. When later on Peter won approval, it was thanks to the seed sown by Andrew. But the commendation given to the one rebounded to the other, for the virtues of each belonged to both, and each was proud of the other's merits. Indeed, when Peter promptly answered the master's question, how much joy he gave to all the disciples by breaking their embarrassed silence! Peter alone acted as the mouthpiece of those to whom the question was addressed. As though all spoke through him, he replied clearly on their behalf: You are the Christ, the Son of the

living God. In one sentence he acknowledged both the Savior and his saving plan.

Notice how these words echo Andrew's. By prompting Peter the Father endorsed from above the words Andrew used when he led Peter to Christ. Andrew had said: We have found the Messiah. The Father said, prompting Peter: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God, almost forcing these words on Peter. "Peter," he said, "when you are questioned, use Andrew's words in reply. Show yourself very prompt in answering your master. Andrew did not lie to you when he said: We have found the Messiah. Turn the Hebrew words into Greek and cry out: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

St. Basil of Seleucia

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Icon of Saints Peter and Andrew, the First Called

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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) - 9:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Jun 18	O. Stevenson	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	N. Zemliak	B. Kachur
Sun Jun 25	P. Todoruk	A. Todosichuk / B. McKay	I. Dyakiv	F. Yuriy
Sun Jul 02	T. Yuriy	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	L. Makwaychuk	P. Shurb
Sun Jul 09	S. Sheeshka	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	N. Baranyk	B. Kuszak

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Jun 10 \$ 295.00
Sunday, Jun 11 \$ 426.00
Total \$ 721.00
Candles \$ 19.65

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Get ready for Sunday school, son." "Daddy, aren't you going with me?" "No, I'm not going with you, but I want you to hurry up and get ready." "Daddy, did you go to Sunday school when you were a little boy like me?" "Certainly I did. I went every Sunday," said the father. Said the little fellow as he walked sadly away, "I bet it won't do me any good either!"

CUSTODIAN REQUIRED

Our previous custodians have retired from their position, therefore we require a replacement custodian for our church. If anyone is interested in securing this position, please call Lawnie Halchyshak for further particulars. Duties to commence as soon as possible.

BRANDON DOORS OPEN HERITAGE TOURS - JULY 15TH AND 16TH, 2017

The Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) is pleased to be hosting the 16th Annual Doors Open Heritage Tours. Our church has been identified as a historically interesting location and believe the community would be excited to get a chance to see and learn more about it. Doors Open will take place July 15th and 16th, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This event is intended to facilitate people's understanding and enjoyment of their local architectural environment while encouraging awareness of heritage and the important role it plays in maintaining the character and quality of life in Brandon.

CHRIST OUR PASCHA

There are still two books available of the adult catechism "Christ our Pascha". The cost is \$20.00 per copy. Please see Fr. Michael if you would like to purchase one.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - INNER-CITY MINISTRY COORDINATOR POSITION

Seeking an individual interested in a leadership position for *The Welcome Home - A Mission of St. Alphonsus* an inner city ministry in Winnipeg. The Welcome Home is a faith based community that responds to the material, emotional and spiritual needs of people on the periphery. This is a full-time position that is responsible for ensuring all aspects of the ministry are in place including building relationships with those in need, volunteer coordination, programming, communications and promotions. Please see poster on bulletin board for further info, or go to www.thewelcomehome.ca or contact Fr. Larry Kondra, C.Ss.R. at whome01@mymts.net or 204-339-5737.

K OF C EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Canon Luhovy Assembly Educational Foundation provides financial assistance to Ukrainian Catholic students, seminarians and religious sisters who attend post-secondary institutions, seminaries and private Catholic secondary schools. If anyone wishes to apply for a bursary, please see Fr. Michael for an application form. The closing date for receipt of applications is September 30th, 2017.

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A FATHER'S GUIDING HAND

A father had a splendid crop of grain. A terrible hail and wind storm destroyed it a few days before it was ready for harvest. The man and his little boy looked over the field of destroyed grain. The lad expected to hear words of despair from his father. Instead he began to sing softly, "Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!" Years later that boy, grown to manhood, said, "That was the greatest sermon I ever heard!" The father lost a fine crop of grain, but that was possibly the turning point in that little boy's life. He saw the faith of a godly father in practice.

- The Sunday School Guide

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HUMOR

After all this time, my children still fail to realize that there is another person living here who can do things for them ... His name is Dad.

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While flying from Calgary to Winnipeg, I once overheard a mother telling her nine year-old son, "Jacob, now remember ... run to Dad first, then the dog."



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Messiah would not only bring the New Covenant, he would also be its personal incarnation.

171 Through the prophet Micah, the Holy Spirit discloses the place where the Saviour is to be born: "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days" (Mi 5:2). Born in Bethlehem as a man, the Messiah is at the same time also eternally begotten of the Father: "You are my son, today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession" (Ps 2:7-8). The anointing of the Messiah will also be from God:

The spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favour" (Is 61:1-2).

172 In addition to the signs of his power, greatness, and glory, the ministry of the Messiah will also include suffering and death, in accordance with the prophecy of Isaiah:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; and the bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he establishes justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. (Is 42:1-4).

On the path of justice, sufferings shall await him:

He had no form or comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows ... Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows ... he was bruised for our iniquities; and upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we have been healed ... and the LORD has laid upon him the iniquity of us all (Is 53:2-6).

The image of a suffering Messiah did not correspond to human expectations: "God forbid it, Lord! this must never happen to you" (Mt 16:22). This is how the apostle Peter reacted to the words of Christ about his coming suffering.

173 Christ applies to himself the messianic title Son of Man from the prophecies of Daniel. The prophet Daniel describes the glory of the Son of Man, to whom "was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed" (Dn 7:14).

174 As the time of its fulfilment approached, the word of God's promise became progressively clearer and more pronounced, in order to finally become the incarnate Word of God:

In these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs (Heb 1:2-4).

4) The Expectation of the Saviour

175 Liturgically the Church re-creates the expectation of the Saviour in the history of salvation by means of the Fast that begins on November 15/28, the day after the feast of the apostle Philip. This Fast last until the Nativity of Christ, and is appropriately called the Nativity Fast, or popularly, Saint Philip's Fast (in Ukrainian, Pilipivka). During the course of this Fast, the Church prepares us for the luminous feast of the Nativity of Christ, reminding us of the consequences of Adam's sinful lack of self-control: "Refusing to fast, the first Adam tastes of the death-bearing tree."¹³⁷

176 The reading of the holy Gospel on the feast of the apostle Philip is full of hope for salvation (see Jn 1:43-51). Philip invites Nathaniel to become better acquainted with Jesus of Nazareth. However, Nathaniel has one reservation: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" To this Philip replies: "Come and see" (Jn 1:45-46, emphasis added). Having met Christ, Nathaniel's reservation dissipates. Herein is the task for every Christian: to "come and see," in other words, to draw near to Christ in order to know him.

177 This expectation of the Messiah and the drawing near to him are fulfilled in the person of the Virgin Mary from Nazareth. Before all ages she was chosen by God. Mary, who in accordance with Tradition was introduced into the temple as a young child, spiritually grew into the

¹³⁷ Octoechos, Tone 2, Sunday Matins: Canon of the Cross-Resurrection, Ode 5.