

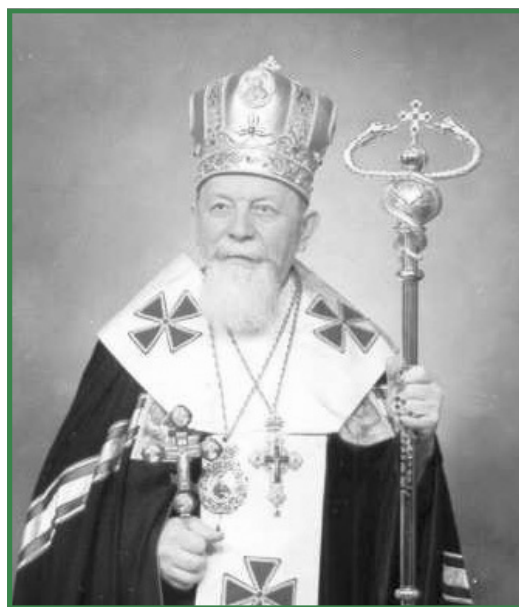
# FULLY ALIVE

*A Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine Publication*

## SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

Unbelievable! It happened again! It seems to happen every time. Recently, our parish (Holy Eucharist) made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Blessed Bishop Martyr Vasyl at St. Joseph Parish. After the Moleben service in the church, everyone went into the shrine to be anointed with oil that has been touched to the holy relics of the saint. I was almost the last to be anointed of the close to 75 people who had come that night. Afterwards, I stood before his holy relics and prayed. And again, I had the sense that I was standing before a fire. There was no heat. It was a sense of being present before a strong light, unlike any other light. I have had that sense every time I have come to pray before Blessed Vasyl's relics over the last five years.



Holiness. And then I ask – whose holiness? Mine? Yours? Ours? The answer is – yes. All of the above.

“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy,” says the Lord through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah. Blessed Vasyl was given to us – to be in our midst, in the midst of the Communion of Saints – as an example of how to be holy in the modern world.

I think I know what you are thinking. How can I be holy? It must be for other people. Yes, I think the same way at times, too. But the fact is that the Lord wants us to be like Him so that we can live in Him. What now arises is the question – how do I do it? The answer is that “I” don’t do it – it is the Lord who makes me/us holy. It is His work in us. We only have to give way to Him.

I truly believe that this is the way that Blessed Vasyl followed on his way to martyrdom. It wasn’t the martyrdom that made him holy. Rather, it was his availability to being used by the Lord; it was his surrender to the Lord; it was his imitation of the most pure Mother of God – “Let it be done unto me according to your word.” I am sure that is why he had such a deep and profound devotion to the Mother of

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I have asked the question many times – why? The only answer worth listening is the one that Fr. John Sianchuk, CSsR gives so often – Blessed Vasyl is here in Winnipeg for the sake of holiness.

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God. He found in her the perfect example of surrender to the Lord, of being used by the Lord, of being holy.

This recognition of God's presence in our daily lives, not just once through the day but at each moment in the day, is an important step to being made holy. St. Paul puts it well when he writes, "It is no longer I that live but Christ who lives in me." Allowing this to happen, giving way the Lord, and recognizing His presence and activity in our lives is key to being holy.

Blessed Vasyl's presence in our midst is the call of our Lord to holiness. It is our Lord's voice calling us to be like Him, to dwell in Him, to find all our being in Him.

What's your answer to this call?

Let's pray for one another, indeed, for every member of the parish, that we may enter deeply into the holiness of the Lord. And if you need some help, go, sit before the holy relics of Blessed Vasyl – sit before the fire of God's presence – and ask him for help. He is an elder brother in Christ. Still following the example of the most pure Mother of God, he will ask the Lord on our behalf. And the Lord will answer.

Fr. Michael Winn

Pastor of Holy Eucharist Parish in Winnipeg

## PILGRIMS AT THE SHRINE



**Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish spend their Saturday morning catechism class at the Martyr's Shrine**



**The CWLC of St. James-Assiniboia attend an Acatist Service and visitation of the Shrine**



**St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Parish UCY visit the Shrine as part of their Lenten retreat.**



**Sliva family from Yorkton make a pilgrimage to the Shrine.**



**Christ the King School make their annual pilgrimage to the Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine.**

# THANK YOU!!!

*Your generous donations make it possible for us to conduct our ministry at the Shrine and to promote the knowledge of Blessed Vasyi throughout the world. Thank you to all the contributors to the Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine. We are grateful to those who have named the Shrine as a beneficiary in memory of their loved ones. May Blessed Vasyi bless each one of you.*

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the Feast Day of the Ukrainian Catholic Martyrs  
**Nicholas Charnetsky & Companions**  
at the  
**Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine**

**Wednesday**  
**JUNE 27, 2007**

### DAY PROGRAM

9:00 Divine Liturgy  
10:00 Rosary  
10:30 Moleben to the Martyrs  
with anointing

Lunch available

1:15 "Fully Alive"  
DVD Presentation

2:30 Acafist Hymn in honor of  
Blessed Bishop and Martyr  
Vasyl Velychkovsky, C.Ss.R.  
with anointing

### EVENING PROGRAM

7:00 Divine Liturgy  
Pilgrimage Procession  
Veneration of Relics  
Anointing for Healing



### LOCATION:

**St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
**Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine**  
250 Jefferson Avenue, Winnipeg, MB  
for more information call: 338-7321

## ANNIVERSARIES

The Redemptorist of the Yorkton Province are concluding their year of **centenary celebrations** on **September 23, 2007** with a Pontifical Divine Liturgy in St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba followed by a banquet.

Saturday September 22 marks the **5th anniversary** of the transfer and **enshrinement** of the holy relics of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky. A Celebration is planned for that evening, including a play on his life.

This weekend will be prepared by a **mission** given at St. Joseph's by a dynamic Afro-American Redemptorist **Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R.** from September 17th to the 20th.

Come and join us in these celebrations.  
For more information call 204-339-5737

### Prayer Requests

For a special intention and prayer request you may call or e-mail us. Your prayer request will be placed in the Shrine and remembered in prayer every Wednesday evening after the Service in honour of Blessed Vasyl.

### SHRINE SCHEDULE

**Monday:** Shrine is closed  
**Tuesday to Friday:** 10 am to 5 pm  
**Saturday:** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**Sunday:** Open until 1:00 pm

Shrine is open to the faithful during the times of Liturgical Services. The Museum is open on weekends after each Divine Liturgy.

Group tours are available.  
For pilgrimage group tours call for reservations  
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**EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING - 7:00 pm**  
**Liturgical Service to Blessed Vasyl**  
**(Acafist or Moleben) followed by an anointing with Holy Oil blessed by his relics.**

### Prayer to Blessed Martyr Bishop Vasyl

*O Lord God, You are praised by the whole world for the marvelous works in your saints. I thank you for the grace you gave to **Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky** to be a faithful witness to You unto the point of death. Through his intercession I ask for the following favour \_\_\_\_\_ for your Name is glorified forever. Amen.*

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