



# FULLY ALIVE

*A Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine Publication*

## HEROES FOR OUR DAY

### NEW SAINTS

On April 27, 2014, two great Popes were canonized by Pope Francis, Saint John XXIII, Pope of Rome, and Saint John Paul II the Great, Pope of Rome. Both of these saints lived heroic lives and the Church now pronounces to the world that they are worthy of immolation and can be invoked in prayer for their intercession for our needs. Much could be said about their holy lives, but I would simply wish to point out their connection with Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky.

Neither of these saintly Popes knew about our Blessed Martyr personally, however, both of them through their decisions have made a great difference as to how we know Blessed Vasyl. St. John XXIII was responsible in procuring the release of Metropolitan Josyf Slipyj from eighteen years of imprisonment in Soviet laager camps so that he could attend the Second Vatican Council. While in transit through Moscow, Metropolitan Josyf called Blessed Vasyl to Moscow. Here in a hotel room in "Hotel Moskva", he ordained Blessed Vasyl to the episcopacy, placing him in charge of the catacomb Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine. The Church has come to understand how important this event was. It was this act that enabled the catacomb church, not only to survive, but also to grow during that time of persecution. St. John XXIII's persistent efforts at having President Khrushchev free Metropolitan



St. John Paul II and St. John XXIII

Josyf had unknown consequences for the Ukrainian Catholic Church, especially for its catacomb existence.

St. John Paul the Great was responsible for having Blessed Vasyl beatified. Because Blessed Vasyl did not die in Ukraine, but only after a year of being in North America, there were questions whether or not he should be considered a martyr. When St. John Paul the Great heard from witnesses about the deadly tortures that Blessed Vasyl received in his last imprisonment in Komunarsk and that these tortures, in particular, the poisonous chemicals that were injected into him, caused his death, he readily accepted him to the list of martyrs beatified in Lviv on June 27, 2001. Through this decision and act, we now know Bishop Vasyl Velychkovsky as a Blessed Martyr. His life too, like St. John XXIII and St. John Paul the Great, is worthy of imitation, inspiration and a font for prayers of intercession.

We are most grateful to God's providence that these two saints are essentially connected to the life of Blessed Vasyl. Great are the ways of the Lord!

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### NEW SUMMER STUDENT



The Shrine welcomes **Alexandra Shkandrij**, pursuing her Masters in Political Studies at the University of Manitoba. She brings with herself strong language skills and will continue our work with archival documents as well as conducting Museum and

Shrine tours. Welcome Alexandra!

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## PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Ukraine continues to struggle for truth and justice. When a society is based on decades of corruption, bribery, personal gain and little or no social responsibility, it is difficult to root out these vices overnight. Ukraine has been plagued with these vices for the past seventy and more years. This corruption was especially evident in those who had some authority. Since Euromaidan, the country is trying to begin a new way of government based on the principles of dignity for each human being, on the principles of justice and freedom of expression, and on the principles of respect and equality of all human beings. It is difficult to move forward because the corruption runs so deep. This new direction requires nothing less than a deep conversion of heart. It will mean for those who have authority to act in a totally new way, being accountable to society for their actions or inactions. Many are poised to lose their comfortable lifestyles, because these were obtained through the pillaging of public funds. This has caused resistance on the part of some to embrace the values being instilled by the new government.

We continue to pray for the complete conversion of the Ukrainian people. We pray that the deep human values, given to us by Jesus himself, which make each human being precious in our eyes and in the eyes of God, become the fabric of Ukrainian society. We pray for peace and a coming to mutual understanding and respect among all its citizens. We ask Blessed Vasyl, who understood well what it was to live in a society which did not respect human freedom, to intercede with Almighty God for a true rebirth of Ukraine and for protection from all enemies, both external and internal.

Because of the instability in present day Ukraine, we had to cancel this summer's pilgrimage to Ukraine. We hope to be able to organize a pilgrimage for the summer of 2015. Hopefully by the next newsletter we will have more concrete information.

## PILGRIMS VISIT THE SHRINE



**St. Joseph's Altar Servers, Winnipeg**



**Mother General Sr. Theresa SSMI (Rome), Sr. Boniface SSMI -Provincial (Lviv, Ukraine) with Shrine Staff**



**Novices from the North American Redemptorist Novitiate from Toronto**



**SERVE 2014—Redemptorist Summer Program in Winnipeg**



**Wednesday evening Devotions - Anointing in the Shrine**



**Holy Eucharist Parish makes their annual pilgrimage, Winnipeg**



**St. Charles School Catechism, Winnipeg**



# THANK YOU!!!

*Your generous donations make it possible for us to conduct our ministry at the Shrine and to promote the knowledge of Blessed Vasyl throughout the world. Thank you to all the contributors to the Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine. May Blessed Vasyl bless each one of you.*

*Contributions listed below are from March 1st 2014 until May 15th 2014.*

<p><b>5000+</b>  <b>In memory of Helen Ewanchyna</b>          Joseph E. Ewanchyna</p> <p><b>100+</b>  <b>Canon Luhovy Assembly #374</b>  <b>Ann Colgan</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist U.C.W.L.C., Wpg</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist Ukr. Catholic Parish, Wpg</b>  <b>Sofia Hull</b>  <b>Dan &amp; Bella Kalenchuk</b>  <b>Knights of Columbus - Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Council #11330, Wpg</b>  <b>Regina Muench</b>  <b>Anne Obuck</b>  <b>Anne Pawelek</b>  <b>Joseph &amp; Liz Senderewich</b>  <b>John &amp; Yvonne Sirdar</b>  <b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul Senior Org., Saskatoon</b>  <b>U.C.B.C. Holy Eucharist Branch, Wpg</b></p> <p><b>&lt;100</b>  <b>Maria Asis</b>  <b>Flora Beaulieu</b>  <b>Dr. Kenneth &amp; Josie Bessant</b>  <b>Kateryna K. Bodnarchuk</b>  <b>Nicholas &amp; Hazel Borodey</b>  <b>Roman &amp; Stepaniya Bouina</b>  <b>Ron &amp; Evelyn Cinch</b>  <b>Marianne Derkach</b>  <b>Veronica Domingo</b>  <b>James Dozorec</b>  <b>Andrew &amp; Adeline Dziadyk</b>  <b>Robert Gondring</b>  <b>Wirlana Holowka</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist Seniors, Wpg</b>  <b>Semeon &amp; Marge Hrushovetz</b>  <b>Joseph &amp; Rosalia Kitz</b>  <b>Mary Kokolski</b>  <b>Edith Kotyk</b>  <b>Jean Kowbel</b>  <b>Mary Kuzminski</b>  <b>Dr. Joseph Lozinsky</b>  <b>Glenn Marr</b>  <b>Fr. James Miara</b>  <b>Richard &amp; Marietta Persian</b>  <b>Walter Petryshyn</b>  <b>Jared Sarbit</b>  <b>Dirk Schmid</b>  <b>Frank &amp; Anne Shymko</b>  <b>Dmytro Sikora</b>  <b>Iris Smellie</b>  <b>Henry &amp; Iris Spilchuk</b>  <b>Fred Stoyka</b>  <b>Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood</b>  <b>of St. Michaels's, Wpg</b>  <b>Syl Yurchak</b></p> <p><b>In Memory Of...</b>  <b>James Brechka</b>          Marjorie Romanik</p>	<p><b>Chemerika and Nestor Family</b>          Margaret Chemerika  <b>Wolodymyr Cybusznyk</b>          Leo and Oksana Baluta  <b>Florence Drewniak</b>          Walter Drewniak  <b>Helen Ewanchyna</b>          Marian Moshansky  <b>Fr. John Syrota &amp; Fr. Simeon Evanochko</b>          Casper &amp; Violet Stoski  <b>Yvonne Frank</b>          Joseph &amp; Susan Zeleny  <b>Stephen Gregory</b>          Steven &amp; Mary Gregorish  <b>Walter Gwozd</b>          Nellie Bereza          Carol Bereza-Asham          Rick and Cynthia Bryant          Andrew Chuchman          Dolores Daniels          Edward &amp; Anne Faseruk          Basil &amp; Judy Galarnyk          Mark &amp; Sonya Galarnyk          John &amp; Mary Hykawy          Peter &amp; Glikeria Iwanuck          Garr &amp; Helene Kukura          Mary Louise Lazarenko          Walter &amp; Isabel Lukie          Allan &amp; Joanne Malenko          Dr. Joe S. &amp; Janice Mezibroski          Robert &amp; Marjorie Moroz          Norris &amp; Jenny Pawlychka          Bernice Peterniak          Walter &amp; Anna Pollock          Peter &amp; Mary Samorodny          Lillian Skazyk          Vladimir &amp; Marlene Solman          Elfia Strilec          Walter &amp; Jean Strilec          Harry &amp; Marika Szkwarek          Olga Szutiak          Peter &amp; Joan Washchyshyn          Dennis &amp; Steffie Wawrykow          Irene Zapisocki          Kay Zawortny  <b>Catherine and Joseph Higgins</b>          Frank &amp; Agnes Feeney  <b>Anna Hnatiuk</b>          Director George Hnatiuk  <b>Bishop Michael Hrynchyshyn, C.Ss.R.</b>          A &amp; P. Dziaduck  <b>Martin Korban</b>          Korban Funeral Chapel  <b>Stanley Kostiuk</b>          Leslie and Caroline Dubowits  <b>Paul Kowal</b>          Helen S. Korban  <b>Kushko, Zubyk, Skakun families</b>          Fr. Methodius Kushko</p>	<p><b>Sam &amp; Matilda Kyba</b>          Matt Holowatuk          Sr. Nestor Kyba  <b>Anne &amp; Joseph Leniuk</b>          Allan &amp; Joanne Malenko  <b>Fr. Paul Maluga, C.Ss.R.</b>          Jean Rubel  <b>Martin, Annie, &amp; Millie</b>          Nick &amp; Mary Winchar  <b>Nebesna Sotnya</b>          Fr. Bohdan Borowec  <b>Tom Obedniak &amp; Evelyn</b>          Sylvia Obedniak  <b>Judy Odger, Josie Warga &amp; Roy Odger</b>          Fred Odger  <b>Pisiak &amp; Zawada Families</b>          Sophia Pisiak  <b>Grace Prokop</b>          Steve Prokop  <b>Peter &amp; Emily Sembalerus</b>          Joanne Regnier  <b>Michael &amp; Mary Seniuk</b>          Brian &amp; Victoria Adams  <b>Michael Robert Sidak</b>          Darlene Sidak  <b>Manolo &amp; Elisea Tagarda</b>          Marfe Prado  <b>Zabinsky/Sass families</b>          Orest &amp; Vi Zabinsky</p> <p><b>In Honor Of...</b>  <b>Anastasia Tymchuk</b>          Oxana Tymchuk  <b>Peace in Ukraine</b>          Mary Kindred  <b>Bishop Michael Wiwchar, C.Ss.R.</b>          Dennis W. and Edna Kyrzyk</p> <p><b>For Health Of...</b>  <b>Fr. Martin, Lyndon, Richard, Dan, Ray, Meagan</b>          Paul &amp; Adeline Carbotte  <b>Irena Bilynsky</b>          Natalia Bilynsky  <b>Michael Borowec</b>          Fr. Bohdan Borowec  <b>Braid Family</b>          Robert and Debbie Braid  <b>Ben &amp; Violet Kluk</b>          Ben V. &amp; Violet Kluk  <b>Oksana Kunderevych</b>          Ewhen &amp; Stephanie Brenycz  <b>Metro Lukie &amp; family</b>          Metro Lukie  <b>Mykytyshyn Family</b>          Nestor Mykytyshyn  <b>Wendy &amp; Brian</b>          Terry &amp; Gladys Sloboda  <b>Family member</b>          Helda Swanson</p>
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## COME & CELEBRATE

the Feast Day of the Ukrainian Catholic Martyrs at  
Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 27, 2014**



Guest Homilist:  
Bro. Dan Korn, C.Ss.R.

### DAY PROGRAM

9:00 Divine Liturgy  
10:00 Rosary  
10:30 Moleben to  
Blessed Vasyl  
with anointing

Lunch available

1:15 Presentation  
2:00 Acafist Hymn  
in honor of Blessed  
Bishop and Martyr  
Vasyl Velychkovsky,  
C.Ss.R.

### 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



## SHRINE'S NEW WEBSITE

Check out our new website at  
[www.bvmartyrshrine.com](http://www.bvmartyrshrine.com).

We now have a new look, although not yet complete. There are new features that we hope you will take advantage of. Our **gift shop is now online**. You may now purchase items from our gift shop online through Visa or MasterCard. These items will be shipped to you within 7 to 10 days. You will also be able to make **online donations** to the Shrine with your credit card.

To help with the ministry of the Shrine, we have introduced a page for **Prayer Requests**. You can submit your prayer request to us through the site and we will enter your request into our prayer box. Your request will be prayed daily before the holy relics in the Shrine Chapel and weekly at our devotional services. Also, **a candle in the Shrine** can be lit on your behalf. Together with your donation for the candle, you can submit an intention for which we can pray.

Our website will keep you updated with the **latest events**, visitors, and newsletters.

## EWTN

Watch for the airing of "Steadfast and Faithful: a Martyr's Journey" on the life of Blessed Vasyl which is usually aired on June 30.

### SHRINE SCHEDULE

<b>Monday:</b>	Shrine is closed
<b>Tuesday to Friday:</b>	10 am to 5 pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 am to 1:00 pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	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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