



FULLY ALIVE

Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine

VELYCHKOVSKY PILGRIMAGE TO UKRAINE

This past summer, we held our 5th pilgrimage to Ukraine. With an enthusiastic group of pilgrims, we visited and prayed in the places where Blessed Vasyl lived, ministered and suffered. In Lviv, we celebrated the Divine Liturgy in Blessed Vasyl's apartment, his underground church and cathedral. We spoke with some Basilian Sisters who worked with him in the underground church. The pilgrims heard stories of the life of Blessed Vasyl and experienced some of the important places from his life, such as: Ivano-Frankivsk; Kamianetz Podilskyj; Holosko; Zboisk; Lviv and the various places of his imprisonment. The Pilgrims also had the opportunity to visit other martyr shrines: the Basilian martyrs in Drohobych; Bl. Preyma & Kondrat in Strach; and the Bl. Olympia & Laurentia of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Lviv. We also experienced the Marian Shrines in Zarvanytsia (participating in the All-Ukraine Pilgrimage with some 150,000 people), in Hoshiv (where we joined a local pilgrimage group), and in Hrushiv (where the Blessed Mother appeared many times in 1988). This truly was a spiritual journey from which we all benefited in our own way.



Arrival in Lviv, Ukraine



Divine Liturgy in Bl. Vasyl's apartment



Divine Liturgy with Patriarch Sviatoslav
in Zarvanytsia



A pilgrimage walk through ice cold
holy water at a Marian Shrine
in Radkovetz



Attending the consecration of a new
Redemptorist Bishop, Petro Loza, C.Ss.R.
in Sokal



Panahyda service at Bl. Vasyl's mother's
grave in Ternopil

Visit our website photo gallery for more pictures of the pilgrimage

Blessing of a New Home for Girls at Risk

During our pilgrimage, we had an opportunity to meet with Sister Julia and the girls under her care. She had been living in an inadequate apartment with the girls. Through the generosity of an entrepreneur, she has now moved into new and larger living quarters where she will be able to provide care for more girls. Sr. Julia is “mother” to these girls who were taken off the streets. She is offering them a new life away from abuse and trafficking. This fall, two of the girls have entered university for further studies – a long way from living in poverty, drug/alcohol abuse and abusive relationships. While in Lviv, we had the opportunity of blessing this new home which is dedicated in the name of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky. After this blessing service, we were hosted by the girls to a perogy supper. It is through your generosity that she is able to continue this noble and necessary work.



BRUTALITY UNCOVERED

While in Kamianetz Podilskyj, we came upon a gruesome discovery. We were staying in a hotel across from an old abandoned church. We noticed men doing construction work around the church. Upon closer examination, we found out that it was an old Dominican monastery and church that was confiscated in the 1920's by the Soviets. The church and monastery grounds were converted into a prison for Christians and other political prisoners and later under the Nazi for the Jewish people. We were told that approximately 20,000 men and women were killed in this place. Of these, 5,000 were children. All buried in the basement of the church. What the workers were doing was digging up the basement and sifting through the earth for human remains. From a small portion of the basement, they had already uncovered and filled over 12 gunnysacks of human bones. Having heard about this horrible and brutal atrocity, we gathered together to pray a panahyda service for all those who were murdered in this former monastery.

On September 26, 1941, Blessed Vasyl entered the city of Kamianetz Podilskyj. He wrote in his autobiography that the day before he entered the city, the final destruction of all the Jews had taken place. In all likelihood they were murdered in this prison/monastery. Their story needs to be told and remembered. Вічна Пам'ять! Eternal Memory!



VISITORS TO THE SHRINE



Visitors from Kerela India



Catholic Home School Families from Killarney & St. Malo. MB



Archbishop Ramon Arguelles from Lifa, Philippines and friends



St. Patrick's Parish Home School Program, Dickenson, ND



Visitors from Regina, SK



Fr. Grayson, Hamilton, ON, Fr. Paul, London, ON with friend



Fr. Thomas Matthew, Agra Archdiocese, India and friends



Visitors from Calgary, AB and Seoul, Korea



Chris Kyrzyk from Edmonton, AB



Pilgrims from St. Theresa Pt. MB



Visitors from Toronto, ON



Visitors from New York City, NY & Winnipeg

THANK YOU!!!

Your generous donations make it possible to conduct the ministry of the Shrine and promote the knowledge of Blessed Vasyl throughout the world. Thank you. We are grateful to those who have named the Shrine as a beneficiary in memory of their loved ones. May Blessed Vasyl bless each one of you. Contributions listed below are from May 16th until August 31st, 2018

+1000

In memory of Ann Colgan
Mary Hamm
In memory of Richard Korban
Donna Korban and family
In memory of Fr. Josaphat Korchinski
Joan Korchinski and family

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In memory of Fr. Boris Kyba
Paul and Lynne Kyba
In memory of Nadia Melnyk
Melyk, Kramarczuk, Stefaniuk,
Wasiunec & Ramos families
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In Memory Of...

Sarah Catherine Adams
Peter Adams
Zenon Bryniawsky
Leo and Oksana Baluta
Jayne Bury
Donna Krawchuk
Marilyn Krawchuk
Julia Dmyterko
Jaroslaw & Julia Dmyterko
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Sonia Domitruk
Liz Drost
Steve Prokop
Darlene Sidak
Helen Stockburn
Kay Zawortny
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Helen Jakimeczko
Mary Jane Kalenchuk
Stan & Luba Sirdar
Vladimir & Marlene Solman
Helen Stockburn

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Francis Winkler
Duane & Darlene Dahl

In Honor Of...

Glicaria Bilinsky - birthday
Peter & Glikeria Iwanuck

Hazel Borodey - birthday
Nicholas & Hazel Borodey

Corpus Family - thanksgiving
Christopher Corpus

Haley Norman - birthday
Helen Stockburn

Obirek Family - blessing
Robert & Leanna Obirek

Redemptorist Fathers
Stan & Luba Sirdar

Sidak children & grandchildren - blessing
Darlene Sidak

Vladimir and Marlene Solman - anniversary
Donna Babick

Dr. Dr. Andrea Babick
Dr. Taras & Patrusia Babick
Ollie Babick
Florence Blanchard
Yvonne Mudlo
daughter Janice - safe trip
Nicholas & Hazel Borodey
In thanksgiving for a friend's healing
Lise Anglin

For the Health Of...

Happychuk Family
Gene & Elizabeth Happychuk

Andriyeshyn family
Galyna Andriyeshyn

Brother Knights - K of C Fr. Hannas
Council #10519, Edmonton, AB
Ken & Irene Bosiak

Mary Capri
Claudia Jaresh

Steve Cherewyk
Daria Kyba

Peter Chubaty
Florence Blanchard

Joanne Dmytriw
Anton & Florence Kuchinski

Haughton Family
Tom Haughton

Cheryl Haughton
Elizabeth Haughton

Elizabeth Haunsperger
Elizabeth Paziuk

Theresa Herrick
Paul Shumay

Humbolt Broncos Survivors
Daria Kyba

Helen Jakimeczko
Helen Stockburn

Vitaley, Vita, Svitlana, Nastya, Bohdan
Kitasz

Yaroslava Kitasz

Kokolski family
Mary Kokolski

Kozun family
Olga Kozun

Anton Kuchinski
Anton & Florence Kuchinski

Fr. Bohdan Lukie
Leo & Oksana Baluta
Florence Blanchard
Olga Boychuk
Edward & Anne Faseruk
Orest & Margaret Fedorchuk
Irvin & Marge Ortynski
Mary Stasiuk
Evelyn Zaboroski

Ron & Marlene Lukie
Florence Blanchard

Pat Lycett
Peter & Glikeria Iwanuck

Don Melnyk
Iris Smellie

Mykytyshyn family
Nestor Mykytyshyn

Norris & Jennie Pawlychka
Olga Boychuk
Evelyn Zaboroski

Orest Pidwerbeski
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Steve Prokop
Helen Stockburn

Veronica Rawlyk
Michael & Verna Rawlyk

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Gary Senkowski
Sophie Senkowski

Dr. J. Shewchuk
Sophie Senkowski

Stacey Stasiewicz
Ken & Hedy Pawluk

Irene Zapisocki
Olga Boychuk

John Zatwarnitski Jr.
Adela Zatwarnitski

Correction from June newsletter:
In memory of Jacob & Nellie
Lysyshyn
Joseph & Rose Zegalski

WITH SYMPATHY

We express our deepest condolences to the family of Peter Chubaty who passed away on September 8th, 2018 (on the feast day of the Nativity of the Mother of God). Peter was a long-time volunteer at the Shrine. He first volunteered when the Shrine opened and continued until his health began to fail. He was also our sacristan for our Wednesday evening Blessed Vasyl devotional services. His generosity of time and his joyful spirit was always welcomed by the pilgrims who came to the shrine. May God grant him eternal rest.
ВІСНА ЙОМУ ПАМ'ЯТЬ!



Donations to the Shrine can be made ONLINE
visit
www.bvmartyrshrine.com

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.*



Summer Student

This past summer, we were pleased to have a student, **Eric Kolsun**, working for the Shrine. Eric has been a long-time volunteer with the Shrine, especially on weekends. He brought his expertise in computer skills and with that helped to organize shrine files and update the website. His extensive volunteer experience enabled him to conduct pilgrimage tours for the pilgrims who came to visit the shrine May God bless Eric as he continues his university studies.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We warmly greet **Lesia Uhryn** from Drohobych, Ukraine, who joined our shrine staff. Lesia received her Bachelor Degree in theology from the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and her Masters in Theology from the International Theological Institute on Marriage and Family in Garming, Austria. She recently immigrated with her husband Fr. Ihor Sved and their four children. Welcome to Canada and to the Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine.



SAYING GOOD-BYE

For the past several years, **Anastasia Delikatna** has been a part-time worker at the Shrine. Anastasia is from Kaniv, Ukraine and came to Canada to complete her university studies. While studying at the University of Manitoba, she worked at the Shrine translating and organizing archival documents. She was also responsible for creating a new look to our webpage. Now that she has graduated, she has moved on to work in her field of studies.



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SHRINE SCHEDULE

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

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

Group tours are available.
For pilgrimage group tours call for reservations
204-338-7321 or e-mail: bvshrine@mymts.net

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.

"What an incredible honor is to have a relationship and to talk with not simply a great person, but with the Greatest Being, the Creator, the infinite Existence, to participate in His life and greatness, to live in intimate unity with Jesus, Mary and God Himself. The inner life offers no earthly glory, which disappears as smoke, but offers an eternal constant glory, which lifts a person to the greatest happiness. There is nothing better and more important in life than our relationship with God. The inner life is the greatest treasure. We need to take care of it."

Words of Blessed Vasyl during a priest's retreat in Lviv, Ukraine

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