

earth after His Resurrection, we have a “40-day” commemoration of the deceased. This traditionally would mean a Divine Liturgy followed by a Panakhyda and a fellowship reception/meal for those who have gathered with the family. This is a tradition not only with spiritual and religious significance, but social as well. This is a wonderful opportunity for the family to bring family and friends together for a chance to once again share stories and memories, but also express support and plans as to how we will move forward in the love of the Lord and love for each other.



**NADIYA SAVCHENKO** (Надія Савченко), born 11 May 1981, is a pilot of the Ukrainian Airforce and Member of Ukraine’s Parliament (Supreme Council, Верховна Рада). However, in 2014, while serving in the conflict in Eastern Ukraine, in the so-called “War in the Donbass region” of Ukraine, she was captured and abducted by pro-Russia terrorists and taken across the border into Russia. There she was accused and charged with killing two Russian journalists. It was while in Russian imprisonment that she was elected to Ukrainian Parliament and subsequently resigned from her military career. Her Russian lawyer defends her, saying that she is a prisoner of war being held in violation of the Geneva Conventions and should be released immediately. After many, many months the Russian can not put together a case against her and

keep adapting the charges and the conditions of her arrest and imprisonment. After a few transfers to different prisons, Nadiya has been transferred to Donetsk, Russia (not Donetsk, Ukraine – some say this may have been done to confuse ignorant Western media that she may actually be on trial within Ukraine).

A number of false witnesses were brought forward, but their testimony was exposed as ridiculous. Her family has now been stopped from having contact with her. Her sister Vera used to go to Russia and fight that her sister would be given basic humane treatment and encourage her. She has been blocked from entering Russia. Nadiya has written her last will and testament. She has said that she will go on another hunger strike to protest the sham of a trial and the inhuman treatment that she is receiving. She may not survive, she would not survive the ungrounded prison sentence that she is likely to get. Except for a few words of protest or “concern”, the West is incapable or unwilling to help. **PRAY FOR NADIYA! PRAY FOR HER CAPTORS.**

*[\*Savchenko was one of Ukraine's first women to train as an air-force pilot, and is the only female aviator to pilot the Su-24 bomber and the Mi-24 helicopter. Today she is also a member of Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe]*



## 20 YEARS OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY!

Father **EDWARD Kwiatkowski** would like to express his gratitude to our loving Lord Who called him many years ago even as a later vocation to realize a long time dream of serving the Lord and His Church as a Priest.

It was a long journey that took him to Rome for studies in Theology and to Ukraine for a couple of years of pastoral apprenticeship in parishes and a year as a deacon in the pro-Cathedral in the city of Brody. However, on cold Sunday, in the middle of a snow storm on **November 12, 1995**, his (then) **Bishop Michael Koltun** ordained him to the priesthood in the Cathedral in the city of Zboriv. The rest is history.... Years of ministry in parishes in Ukraine, Manitoba and British

Columbia and finally here in East Kildonan.

Our Archbishop, **Metropolitan LAWRENCE Huculak**, will be here in our church on **Sunday, November 15** at the **10:00 AM Divine Liturgy** to celebrate the Liturgy of thanksgiving with Fr. Ed. You are invited to attend. This will be followed by a luncheon to which you are also invited to attend, but it is asked that you let office know so that appropriate preparations may be made. RSVP (*leave a message is need be*) t. 204-667-8866.

### HOLY EUCHARIST UCBC **GREY CUP SOCIAL**

Saturday, **November 28, 2015**

Holy Eucharist Parish Centre - 460 Munroe Ave.

Live Band - Female Beat

Dancing - 8:00pm to 12:30am

Cash Bar - Late Lunch Served

Tickets \$15.00 Each

For **Tickets** Call: Tony - 204-667-0711 or Morris - 204-661-1891

# ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ! ETERNAL MEMORY!

## Some considerations regarding funerals...

**1. Why do people wait?** When someone becomes ill – especially when it will involve a hospital stay - let your parish priest know. He will be very happy to come and bless the individual and offer the awesome Sacraments of the Church for the spiritual and physical healing and strengthening of the one who is infirm. The Sacrament of Anointing, together with the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist are a great source of peace and consolation to anyone who faces the uncertainty of illness. It is the Lord's gift to us. Why not use it? And as often as we like.

Also, please inform your parish priest as soon as someone is admitted to hospital. How often does it happen? Even if someone is dealing with an illness by which they require more frequent hospital visits, the priest will be happy to come. If we wait, for example, until our loved one is already unresponsive or unable to receive Holy Communion.... then we compromise the full benefit of the Sacraments and the pastoral visit. Don't hesitate to call the priest! It is not a time to think about possible discomfort in "calling the priest" because of your relationship with the Church or because the illness "might not be that serious". The Sacraments are for us to heal us, to bring us through illness. And if it is the Will of the Lord, that the journey of our earthly life is coming to its close, the Sacraments will give peaceful courage to the individual who may be passing from this life as well as to the family and friends gathered around. Really... don't wait.

**2. The Importance of a Christian funeral.** Death is something that we don't always feel comfortable talking about. However, we would do ourselves a big favour if we at least shared our funeral wishes with loved ones or the one(s) that will be responsible for making our funeral arrangements. Sometimes family (even our own children) may not fully understand the importance to us of a Christian Burial. We sometimes see a person who loved his/her Church and attended regularly - denied a proper funeral by individuals who do not share the same faith or perhaps follow a different agenda (concern about cost? personal issues with the faith or the church? ignorance or indifference to what the deceased wanted?).

Making your preferences clear and detailed in a 'will' would be a wise move.

The simple and traditional basics of a funeral in the Ukrainian Catholic Church – and Holy Eucharist Parish in particular – are given below. However, it may be noted that a number of options and variations are possible. For this it is important to speak with the parish priest....

The schedule normally includes:

- The "**Prayers**" (a parastas or panakhyda) on the eve of the funeral. This traditionally took place at the home of the deceased, but more often takes places at the funeral home or in the parish church. This was traditionally followed by an all-night wake during which the cantors or volunteers from among those gathered would take turns chanting the Psalms and other songs.  
- The "**Funeral**". On the day of the funeral, we usually offer a Divine Liturgy for the deceased, followed by a Panakhyda and the "bidding farewell" (final viewing). Cremation is not the norm,

but it may be permitted for a number of reasons. It is requested, however, if the family chooses cremation that it take place after the funeral services and that when the burial of the ashes does take place that it happens with a priest present to bless and "seal" the grave. Sometimes, the funeral service may consist of a simple Parastas (requiem) service at the church or the funeral home.

- **Eulogies.** This is a wonderful opportunity for family members and/or friends who have had the blessing of getting to know the deceased very well over the years to share memories, personal insights and tributes about the deceased. Although it is now a decision in the Archeparchy of Winnipeg that eulogies may not be delivered in the church, there are a number of excellent and more appropriate opportunities to do so at the post-funeral reception or at the funeral home or graveside ceremony.

- The **Burial.** Following the funeral services the family may choose to go directly to the cemetery for the interment (burial) or wait until after the customary lunch. The reason for the latter choice is that sometimes those attending the funeral service are regrettably compelled on that day to get to other duties, work, etc. They would not be able to wait until the burial first takes place. At the burial, the priest conducts a ceremony that blesses the location, commends the body to the earth/tomb and "seals" the grave "until the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

- The **reception "Tryzna"**. Usually some lunch is offered to those who attended the funeral services. This is not only gesture of hospitality for the convenience of the family and friends who will have travelled to attend. It is an opportunity for family and friends to show support, offer condolences and share fond memories about the deceased individual. The reception lunch is a time for people to gather and stay and chat and share. This can range from anything from cake and coffee to a full hot sit-down meal. This depends on intent – is that people have a bit of refreshment before they go on their way, or that they stay for a meal and perhaps a bit of a memorial program (eulogies, slides, testimonials, etc.).

- The **Fees and Costs.** One consideration that arises at the time of a funeral is the costs involved. As with many other events in the course of our lives – weddings, baptisms and birthdays, etc. – funerals offer the possibility of many options. We certainly want to have for ourselves or offer our loved ones a "respectable" funeral. We should keep in mind, however, what is essential and we should weigh our motivations. Some costs that are incurred are truly unnecessary and, occasionally, even wasteful. When purchasing a coffin, vault, service options, etc. we should really ask ourselves what is appropriate and sufficient (some of the most impressive coffins ever seen are the plain pine or oak boxes in which popes are buried). The lunch depends on the intention of the family. For the use of the parish facilities, a donation may be made to the parish at the discretion of the family. The clergy fee is presently \$350. If additional clergy are invited by the family, they would decide what the honorarium might be. It should be noted, however, that if the family is not in a position to cover fee(s), then they may be waived partially or completely. The cantor's fee is usually \$80. The family may choose to invite additional cantors or choirs. Liturgy requests for the deceased are presently \$20.

- The **Forty Days.** After all the post funeral affairs are put in order and the family has had some time to grieve and adjust and in memory of the 40-days that our Lord was upon the →