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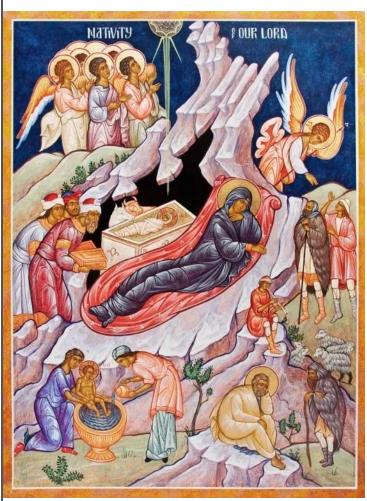






### **December 2024 Parish Bulletin**

### **God Eternal!**



God Eternal or Бог предвічний has become an anthem of our Church at this time of year. In fact the Ukrainian poet, Ivano Franko, considers it to be the best of all liturgical songs, calling it the "pearl among carols!" Now although for most of December we are still preparing for the feast of the Nativity by our fasting, praying and almsgiving, we may already have the tune of this song in our heads as we get closer to Christmas. But what does it all mean? Why do we sing that God is eternal at this time of year?

The opening line of this carol starts with the words, God eternal, but then goes onto say that He is born today. The rest of the short verse express how God came down to save us with His love. This is the whole focal point of this carol. The redemption of the world by an eternal God, THE eternal God.

When we sing this carol, we express that the one being born on this day is the eternal One, or even the pre-eternal One. That means that God doesn't just go on forever, but He has existed forever already, and that He exists outside of time. This God is the creator of the universe, and today (Feast of Nativity) this God, humbles Himself and comes down to us as a little child. He enters into this world just as everyone

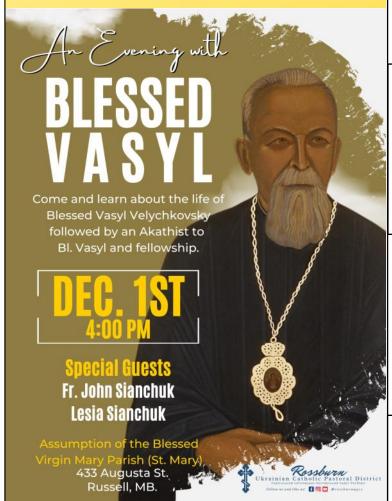
else does in this world, by birth of a woman. And His coming into this world had only one purpose, which was to die for us, for our sins. So as we sing this carol, we are proclaiming to all the world, to all who will hear us, that this mighty God, Who is eternal, is being born before us today.

On behalf of Sophia, Benjamin, Gabriella and Kassia and myself, I want to wish all of you a most blessed feast of the Nativity. We hope that the joy of this season be brought to all of your homes and that you all may go and proclaim to the world that God eternal is born today!

# Unpack the Christian faith together.



January 2025 Rossburn



**Reminder** that during Pylypivka or St. Philip's Fast (Advent) we are encouraged to fast during this time on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please do your best to follow this as we prepare our hearts and hunger for the coming of Our Lord in the flesh!



### **Exploring Our Faith**

Introducing a new adult catechesis group!

Sacred Studies is a meeting that is meant to explore the many and unlimited aspects of our faith in a casual and relaxed setting.

We meet every second Wednesday of the month.

If you are interested in joining online via Zoom, please contact Fr. Jay to obtain the meeting link.

### Next Meeting:

When: Wednesday, December 11 Time: 6:30pm Place: Sacred Heart Parish, Rossburn

On Sunday, December 8th, Nash & Corbyn Laycock will be receiving his First Solemn Communion at the 11:30am Divine Liturgy in Russell. Everyone is invited to attend and support these two young gentlemen as they receive Christ for the first time on their own will with a reconciled heart.



# The CHOSEN Season 2

Thursday Nights (Nov/Dec) at 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Parish Rossburn Can't be there in person?

Join on Zoom!

Meeting ID: 829 7716 0565

Passcode: URchosen

### SIGN UP TODAY:

Text: ICXC to 514-900-0130 or visit:

https://RossburnUGCC.flocknote.com



### Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of December

### December 2 - 6

Icon of Our Lord +Leona Yanyk by David Sytnyk

Icon of the Theotokos +Leona Yanyk by David Sytnyk

### December 9 - 13

Icon of Our Lord For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos For all parishioners

### December 16 - 20

Icon of Our Lord +Leona Yanyk by David Sytnyk

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### **December 23 - 27**

Icon of Our Lord For all deceased parishioners of our district in 2024

Icon of the Theotokos For all families in our district who lost loved ones in 2024



On behalf of the entire Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our districts over the last months.

Rose-Marie Novalkowski (Horod) - October 29 Sonia Borowski (Rossburn) - November 10 Lawrence Stebeleski (Oakburn) - November 21 We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

Eternal Memory - Вічная Пам'ять!

Please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in our local care homes and feel free to visit them whenever!

### Rossburn PCH:

Kay Luba Helen Sidoryk Pauline Sidoryk

### Russell PCH:

Anne Snytynski Sofia Jawa Bill Kalyniak Jean Stanchuk Ed Twardowski

### Shoal Lake PCH:

Frances Susinski Donnie Drozda Olga Bomak Tony Woychyshyn Anne Kowal Gladys Bonchuk Eileen Ewachewski Olga Melnyk

### Sandy Lake PCH:

Anne Macksymchuk Sophie Raginski Eugene Yanick Zenon Gerelus Matt Kowalchuk

### **Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments**

Ist Sunday: Shoal Lake at 9am & Rossburn at 11:30am; 2nd Sunday: Oakburn at 9am & Russell at 11:30am. 3rd Sunday: Rossburn at 9am & Shoal Lake at 11:30am; 4th Sunday: Russell at 9am & Oakburn at 11:30am.

2nd Saturday: Mountain Road @ 10:30am; 4th Saturday: Sandy Lake @ 10:30am

Tuesday - Fridays: 10am - Rossburn

**Confessions:** By appointment (always available!)

**Baptisms & Funerals:** By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

**Weddings:** By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

**Anointing of the Sick:** By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay for emergencies.

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30	23 Russell PCH I 0:00am	16 Confessions - TBA	9 Conception of Anne Divine Liturgy 10:00am	2	MONDAY
31	24 Eve of Nativity  Mtn. Rd 10:00am  Russell - 4:00pm  Rossburn - 8:00pm	17 Divine Liturgy 10:00am	10	3 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Leona Yanyk by Syzon Sytnyk	TUESDAY
	25 Nativity of our Lord Oakburn - 10:00am	Rossburn PCH 10:00am Confessions - TBA	Divine Liturgy 10:00am  Sacred Studies - 6pm	4 A Divine Liturgy 10:00am	WEDNESDAY
	26 Synaxis of Theotokos	Shoal Lake PCH 10:00am Bible Study - 6:30pm	Divine Liturgy 10:00am Bible Study - 6:30pm	5 St. Sabbas Divine Liturgy 10:00am Bible Study - 6:30pm	THURSDAY
	27 St. Stephen	Divine Liturgy 10:00am 40 Days for +Sonia Borowski	Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Leona Yanyk by Syzon Sytnyk	6 St. Nicholas Sandy Lake PCH 10:00pm	FRIDAY
	28	21 Sandy Lake - 10:30am	14 Mtn. Rd 10:30am	7 Ordination of Protodeacon Stefan Winnipeg - 12pm	SATURDAY