

***Sunday, October 3, 2021***

**ST. ATHANASIOS UKRAINIAN  
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**ROSARY: Sunday – 9:15 a.m. *(livestreaming)***

**DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. for the faithful. *(livestreaming)***

**Weekday Liturgies – as scheduled**

**MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIOS PARISH** is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

**Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.**

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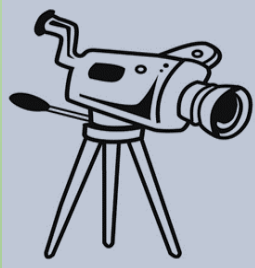
Effective Friday, September 17, The Government of Saskatchewan announced Mandatory Masking for all indoor Public Spaces.

- ❖ Mask is mandatory in church
- ❖ Self-Screen using the COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire prior to entering facilities.
- ❖ Practice good hand hygiene.
- ❖ Stay home when sick and return once symptom free.

Bishop Bryan announced the Church will not ask for proof of vaccination, as some facilities and events will be required as of October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! СЛАВА НАВІКИ!**  
**GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY BE FOREVER**

*Welcome to all visitors and parishioners who are celebrating the Liturgy with us today. All are invited to the auditorium for coffee, juice, cookies and socializing.*



**TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** During our Livestream and Videotaping, the video may capture the likeness of those parishioners sitting in the pews during our services. This video will be kept for a maximum of 45 days. Other than those who choose to view the livestream as it happens, the video will not be released to third parties. As our video will stream on Facebook, we will comply with that website's regulations. If you are uncomfortable being on video, please advise the Greeters when you enter the church and they will place you in a pew where you will not be captured.

Please join our services by visiting our website and clicking on the Livestream icon: <https://st-athanasius.ca/> or on Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/live>

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**TROPAR (Tone 2):** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.  
Amen!

**KONDAK (Tone 2):** You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises for ever.

**PROKIMEN (Tone 2):** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

*VERSE: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.*

**EPISTLE:** A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (11:31-12:9)  
Brothers and Sisters! The God and Father of the Lord Jesus knows --- blessed be he forever --- that I do not lie. In Damascus the ethnarch of King Aretas was keeping a close watch on the city in order to arrest me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. I must go on boasting, however useless it may be, and speak of visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who, fourteen years ago, whether he was in or outside his body I cannot say, only God can say --- a man who was snatched up to the third heaven. I know that this man --- whether in or outside his body I do not know, God knows --- was snatched up to Paradise to hear words which cannot be uttered, words which no man may speak. About this man I will boast; but I will do no boasting about myself unless it be about my weaknesses. And even if I were to boast it would not be folly in me because I would only be telling the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone think more of me than what he sees in me or hears from my lips. As to the extraordinary revelations, in order that I might not become conceited I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and keep me from getting proud. Three times I begged the Lord that this might leave me. He said to me, “My grace is enough for you, for in weakness power reaches perfection.” And so I willingly boast of my weaknesses instead, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

*ALLELUIA VERSE: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.*

*Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.*

**GOSPEL:** (Luke 6:31-36)

The Lord said: “Do to others what you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, how can you claim any credit? Sinners do as much. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what merit is there in it for you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. Love your enemy and do good; lend without expecting repayment.

Then will your recompense be great. You will rightly be called sons of the Most High, since he himself is good to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate.”

**COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE October 4 – October 10, 2021**

**Monday, October 4** - The Holy Priest-Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens; Ammon the Anchorite (350); Vladimir, Prince of Novgorod and his mother, Anne (1051); our Venerable Father Francis of Assisi (1181-1226); [Philippians 2:12-16](#); [Luke 6:24-30](#)  
**6:30 p.m. Children's Liturgical Service followed by Catechism**

**Tuesday, October 5** - The Holy Martyr Charitina; [Philippians 2:16-23](#); [Luke 6:37-45](#)  
**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy** for health and God's blessing upon Shelby Johnston, requested by Karen Johnston - *livestreaming*

**Wednesday, October 6** - The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas; [1 Corinthians 4:9-16](#); [John 20:19-31](#)  
**10:00a.m. Divine Liturgy** for God's blessing and health upon Bonny Mackow, requested by Harry Mackow

**Thursday, October 7** - The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus (293-305); [Philippians 3:1-8](#); [Luke 7:17-30](#)  
**10:00a.m. Divine Liturgy** for health of Nola, requested by John and Louise Makuch - *livestreaming*

**Friday, October 8** - Our Venerable Mother Pelagia; [Philippians 3:8-19](#); [Luke 7:31-35](#)  
**No service scheduled**

**Saturday, October 9** - The Holy Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus; [1 Corinthians 4:9-16](#); [Luke 10:16-21](#)  
**No service scheduled**

**Sunday, October 10 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**, Tone 3; The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia (305-13); [Galatians 1:11-19](#); [Luke 7:11-16](#)  
**9:15 a.m. Rosary** *livestreaming*  
**9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy** for faithful *livestreaming*

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: Intention for Evangelization – *Missionary disciples*.** We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**OCTOBER FOOD BANK ITEM – Cereal**

### **GREETERS OCTOBER 2021**

October 3	Mark & Karen Woitas
October 10	Carl & Linda Korchynski
October 17	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell
October 24	Terry & Rosanne Miller
October 31	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich

### **COATS FOR KIDS**



Help keep kids warm this winter by donating gently used winter items or contact a K of C Brother to give a monetary donation for new coats.



### **ATTENTIONS SENIORS (55 YEARS OLD AND OVER)**

Our St. Athanasius Seniors Club is looking for a President and a Secretary. Positions are available as soon as possible. The positions may hold meetings at own discretion.

Please contact Fr. Vasyl @306-519-9030 or Angie Lawryk @ 306-591-3702



Catholic men are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, with a free 12-month membership available for those who join online at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> Service and charity are at the heart of the Knights of Columbus. Founded to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees and families suffering from the death of a breadwinner, the Knights began as a small service organization and has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization. The Knights of Columbus is a "Catholic, Family, Fraternal Service Organization" that includes charitable service and financial aid to communities, parishes, families and members. Contact the Knights of Columbus council in your local parish for more information or see: <https://kofcsask.com>



**PUBLIC ROSARY:** Sunday, Oct 10, at 3:00pm, outside on the grounds of Holy Rosary Cathedral. We will unite our prayers with all other Rosary groups, including Rosary Coast to Coast. Thursday, October 7 is the feast of our Lady of the Rosary and Wednesday, October 13 is the anniversary of Our Lady's last visit in Fatima to the 3 children. Let us offer up this Rosary for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for HIS will to be done, as well as for peace and protection. Mary Conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee. "To Jesus through Mary."

## FUNERALS AT OUR PARISH

When a parishioner dies, it is important that we honour the deceased with a Christian Funeral. It is essential that you contact the Parish Priest to let him know that the person has died and then contact a local funeral home for the funeral arrangements.



### The Funeral Service

Usually, a *Parastas* and/or *Panakhida* (memorial service also called Prayers) is served the evening before the funeral. On the day of the funeral, while at Roman Catholic Church a Mass for the Deceased is celebrated, in Ukrainian Catholic Tradition the Funeral Service is celebrated, therefore, a Divine Liturgy or Eucharist is not attached to it.

Divine Liturgy for the Deceased are celebrated after the burial in the Ukrainian church and may be served 3, 9, 40 days and 1 year service etc.

The Funeral Service of Our Church is deeply impressive, as well as truly meaningful and uplifting. It is profoundly moving, based in the Psalms, various hymns and a blessing of the body. The celebration is a truthful meditation on life and death, reminding us how precious and short life is and how it should be spent in union with God.

### Cremation

The Church sincerely recommends that the pious custom of burial be retained; but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching (*Canon 876, §3*).

If the cremation is preferred because of certain circumstances, please make sure you are familiar with the current teaching of the Church and the Eparchial policy regarding it. The Eparchial Funeral directives about cremation are more or less the same as those of Roman Catholics. In any case, the decision to cremate should never be taken hurriedly and always in consultation with your parish priest.

The Catholic Church strongly recommends that the funeral service should be performed in the presence of the body of the deceased before it is cremated. The presence of the body over which the church community is praying is an essential and deeply meaningful feature of the Church's funeral rites.

Most parishioners are familiar with our funeral customs but if you are unsure, you can always contact the Parish Priest who will answer any questions you may have.

**TRINITY MANOR AT WESTERRA IS SENDING AN INVITATION TO ST. ATHANASIUS PARISHIONERS TO TOUR THEIR MANOR. A bus to St. Athanasius will pick up for mass in the Trinity Manor chapel at 11:00 a.m., Father Vasyl will be the guest as the residence love when the priest comes for a visit. Lunch prepared by a red seal chef will be provided, followed by the tour.**

**Trinity Manor At Westerra Amenities: meals 3/7/365 ( prepared by our red seal chef) plus snacks 24/7, housekeeping, towels and linens (sheets & Pillowcases supplied and laundered) , WIFI, Cable, Utilities ( except phone), transportation to doctors appointments, Laundry facilities are complimentary or a Laundry service is available, Meal delivery available if needed, Life enhancement and activities, fitness centre, salt water pool, craft area, games areas such as billiards or shuffleboard, theatre area, library, Chapel and spiritual care, Pets are welcome, 24 hour staff on site.**

**Convenient on-site services: Spa manicures and Pedicures etc, Hair salon, podiatrist (specialized foot care) , Physiotherapist, Physical Therapist, Massage Therapist, Wound Care.**

**All denominations are welcome at Trinity Manor - as we look at a holistic approach -providing an environment of health, emotional, social well being and spiritual support. We currently have a Baptist Minster, a Anglican Minster plus our Catholic Fathers and each one said they chose Trinity Manor because of the spiritual aspect of this place.**

**If you would be interested in taking in the tour, please contact St. Athanasius parish office 306-543-8008, Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Deadline is October 7<sup>th</sup>. Currently the dates that are open for tours are October 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28., pending on the interest shown by our parishioners.**

**NOTICE: Although though there are no restrictions on numbers who can attend church services, some people are not comfortable in group settings, therefore we continue our livestreaming of services. Our parish expenses continue and it would be very much appreciated if you could continue to support the parish. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or you can also do an e-transfer to [stathandeposit@sasktel.net](mailto:stathandeposit@sasktel.net). PLEASE COMPLETE THE MESSAGE FIELD and DO NOT USE ALIAS NAMES WHEN SENDING AN E-TRANSFER DONATION.**

**September 26: 29 Sunday donation envelopes - \$1555; 2 Building Fund envelopes- \$50; 1 Visitor envelope - \$5; Loose change - \$20.**

**E-Transfers: 4 Sunday donations - \$655.**





**Online Bible Study Sessions  
with Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw, ASTH  
On the Acts of the Apostles  
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:15 pm  
October 5, 2021 to May 31, 2022**

**Bible Study** – Weekly sessions with Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw, ASTH will begin **Tuesday, October 5, 2021 and run through to May 31, 2022 [No sessions Dec-28; Jan-04, Feb-15, Apr-19 and May-03]**, meeting on-line via **WebEx with Login from 6:15 pm and the sessions will run from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**. Fr. Gregory will lead the scripture study on the **Acts of the Apostles**.

To register, please contact the **Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI)** at the **Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC)**, by emailing them at [rel.ed@sasktel.net](mailto:rel.ed@sasktel.net) or calling them at **306-652-1718, 306-653-1897 or 306-380-8509**. Once you have received the link and downloaded the WebEx App, you will get weekly invitation notices from the Sisters to join in the sessions.

A “goodwill offering” towards the sessions can be made by: (1). Cheque made out to Father Gregory Hrynkiw, mailed to the **Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC)** 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon, SK S7M 2K4; (2). Via eTransfer from your bank mobile app or website to [asketerion@gmail.com](mailto:asketerion@gmail.com) [We are Auto Deposit registered, so no need for a security question or password. In the Message, simply type in your name], or (3). PayPal: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=SRTQSADRCRWCL&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=SRTQSADRCRWCL&source=url)



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE & TOUR to Mexico City  
"Enculturated 2022"– February 10 – 19, 2022 with Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR.**

Journey with San Juan Diego to meet Our Lady on the Hill of Tepeyac! Meditate on the mystery of the miraculous tilma in the Basilica! Be uplifted by thousands of people on a Sunday morning! Experience enculturated evangelization! Come home understanding how powerful Our Lady's appearance truly was and is today! **Land Package & Registration: \*\*Double/triple occupancy \$2100/person; \*Single occupancy \$2400. Land package includes** hotel accommodation, breakfasts & dinners at the Hotel Villa Quijotes near the Shrine. Also includes English speaking tour guide with group van transportation (includes group to/from airport). **Pilgrim's expenses include** travel/health insurance, lunches, tips for maids & waiters, mass offerings & donations, shopping, personal needs, personal requests to tour guide, free time expenses, museum & pyramid admission (\$10 approx.). **Group Airfare & Insurance:** Michael Bayda, Lobstick Travel 1-800-665-0171; [mike@lobsticktravel.com](mailto:mike@lobsticktravel.com)

**Registration: \$100.00** (nonrefundable deposit) to hold your spot; **\$1,000.00 (\$1150 single)** required by **October 31, 2021**. Balance of **\$1,000.00 (\$1150 single)** required by **November 30, 2021**. **Contact:** Teresa Bodnar-Hiebert [all5hieberts@gmail.com](mailto:all5hieberts@gmail.com)





# Have you heard the Good News?



UCREC invites all the Alumni to the Alumni On-going Formation given by Fr. Gregory from October, 2021 to June, 2022. The first Topic is Sacred Tradition and the second Topic is Children of Light: Theological Anthropology.

You may attend virtually via WebEx or in person if the session show it is in your City!

First event is in Saskatoon at Musee Ukraina Museum on **October 16, 2021. Due to Covid restrictions this may all be virtual.**

Dates and Places are as follows:

**All sessions are from 9 am to 1pm.**

November 13, Yorkton

December 11, Regina

January 8, Regina

February 5, Yorkton

March 5, Regina

April 2, Yorkton

May 14, Regina

June 11, Yorkton

June 18, Saskatoon (Retreat)



Please let us know if you want to attend by October 13 (the Wednesday before the session). . .

- Are you coming to the Museum/or Hall?
- Are you joining via WebEx/Phone?
- Which email address?
- Our email address is: [rel.ed@sasktel.net](mailto:rel.ed@sasktel.net)

You will receive a WebEx invitation from our Office on Friday afternoon before the session. You must download WebEx onto your computer or iPad. You may also use a phone connection. If you choose to use a phone connection, we can walk you through this option.

**COST:** For all nine sessions (not including Retreat): \$75.00 per person. Can't make that commitment? Each session (not including Retreat): \$10.00 per person.

On another note: Fr. Gregory is continuing with **Bible Study** on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:15 pm on WebEx. Starting on October 5, he will begin the study of the Acts of the Apostles. If you are interested in that study, please email our office: [rel.ed@sasktel.net](mailto:rel.ed@sasktel.net)

Blessings, from the Sisters/UCREC



CANADIAN CONFERENCE  
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

## ***ANNOUNCEMENT: Sept. 24, 2021:***

# **Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of this Land**

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools.

Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. The Catholic Bishops of Canada acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally.

Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. They invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with them into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. The bishops further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

**For more information, please visit [www.cccb.ca/](http://www.cccb.ca/).**

**[Indian Residential Schools and TRC – Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cccb.ca\)](http://www.cccb.ca/)**

**[The CCCB website has a link to several apologies previously offered by Catholic bishops, including those offered by bishops at national TRC events](#)**

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## 2021 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL REPORT

The 2021 Annual Eparchial Appeal initiative is now complete. The UCFSask Foundation would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the effort of the many, many people involved in making the Annual Eparchial Appeal a success and say a very huge **THANK YOU**. We also want to extend a huge **THANK YOU** the Parish Priests and Volunteers at your Parish, and most importantly, to all the Parishioners who so generously contributed to the Annual Eparchial Appeal in 2021. Certainly, our success would not have been possible if it were not for the hard work, effort, commitment, and generous support to the Annual Eparchial Appeal by many people.

The total funds raised in the 2021 Annual Eparchial Appeal was \$149,170. The amount rebated to Parishes that exceeded their goal totaled \$1,297.50. As noted in the information provided below, the Eparchy will receive \$129,170 that will be allocated towards the following Eparchial Ministries that were identified as recipients of this support. In addition, the Foundation will be allocated \$20,000 as part of the financial goals identified at the onset of the 2020 Annual Eparchial Appeal to offset the expenses incurred in conducting the 2021 Annual Eparchial Appeal.

INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE APPEAL	ALLOCATION
Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre	\$56,161
Family and Life Office Ministry	\$22,464
Youth and Young Adult Ministry	\$ 8,424
St. Matthew Clergy Society	\$19,656
Bishop Roborecki Foundation	\$11,232
Eparchial Communications Office	\$11,232
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO THE EPARCHY OF SAKATOON</b>	<b>\$129,170</b>

In 2021, the participation rate of the family units in the Eparchy who contributed to the Annual Eparchial Appeal was 25%, as compared to 22% in 2019, 22% in 2018, 22% in 2017, 30% in 2016 and 33% in 2015. The Annual Eparchial Appeal was not conducted in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is our hope that the participation numbers of the number of Parish Families contributing to the Annual Eparchial Appeal continues to grow in the 2022 Annual Eparchial Appeal. We are hopeful that more Parishioners will see the important significance that their donation will make in the growth and continuance of our Ukrainian Catholic Church and Faith in Saskatchewan.

Thank you, again, for your generous support, and we hope that we can call on you again to be just as abundant, both in time and talent, during the 2022 Annual Eparchial Appeal. We will continue to stand together in faith and hope for our Church.

**Blessings to All Our Faithful!**  
**Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan**

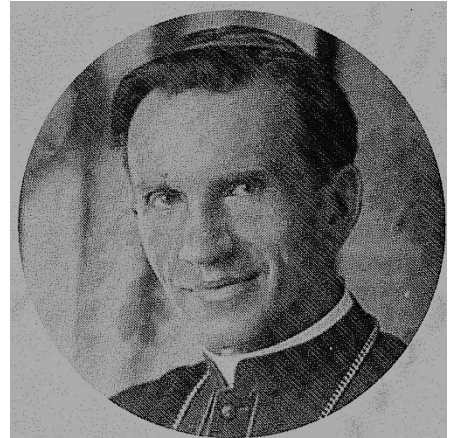


## **Blessed Martyr Nykyta Budka 1877-1949**

*A Life of Obedience, Work, and love of the Lord Jesus Christ and God's Pilgrim People...*

**September 28 – Passing into eternal life of Blessed Nykyta Budka (1949), First Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Canada.**

**Nykyta Budka is an important figure in Ukrainian, Canadian, and Catholic history. His appointment, on 15 July 1912, was the first time the Apostolic See of Rome named an Eastern Catholic bishop with full jurisdiction outside of the old continents of Europe and Asia.**



**At an early age he became an educator of the Ukrainian people and supported their political and cultural freedom. He was one among hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian immigrants and he encouraged immigration to Canada throughout his life. His mission was to sustain Canadian Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in their faith. Budka achieved government recognition of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada as a legal entity. Facing the reality of assimilation, he encouraged his flock to become good Canadians. He also dedicated himself to preserving Ukrainian religious and cultural identity.**

**Bishop Budka's story is one of endurance. For 15 years he traveled unceasingly, visiting the Ukrainian settlements scattered across Canada, celebrating the Sacraments, teaching, preaching and comforting the faithful. He invited many Ukrainian priests from Europe and ordained local recruits to serve as missionaries in Canada.**

**He relied upon religious sisters, brothers, and priests to promote Catholic and bilingual education. He sponsored lay people in higher education so that they would become conscientious and self-sacrificing community leaders.**

**He was a poor administrator but a fantastic missionary. He did not receive sufficient financial support from his flock and was forced to rely on grants from Roman Catholic organizations. He faced bankruptcy on several occasions.**



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