

Miss Odesa 2020

All young women of the parish aged 16 - 21 who might be interested in serving as "Miss Odesa 2020" for our Fiesta Pavilion are invited to submit their applications to the Church office no later than March 31st 2019. The criteria and process for selection are as follows:

1. The individual themselves, their parents and/or grandparents must be active in the parish. Preference will be given to those who are officially registered ("dues-paying") members of the parish. Specifically, this means that they do not just participate in the Odessa Dance Ensemble, but actively participate in our parish life i.e. attend worship services and participate in the Holy Mysteries, attend and help out at various parish social and cultural events, serve on council, participate in the development and execution of Fiesta, etc.

A formal application must be submitted to the parish council by March 31st, - including 2 current references regarding the family's active membership (dancing, church, Sunday school etc.). This allows for the broader community to support the individual's recommendation and 'speak' on the family's behalf regarding their involvement.

2. The individual must demonstrate respect and support for the Ukrainian culture, heritage and language, and be committed to representing the pavilion, the parish, and the Ukrainian community to the best of her abilities.

3. The individual must agree to participate in all related Fiesta requirements prior to and through out the year i.e. filling out required forms, attending Fiesta evaluation events, attending Queen's ball, Fiesta parade, parish hall crowning etc.

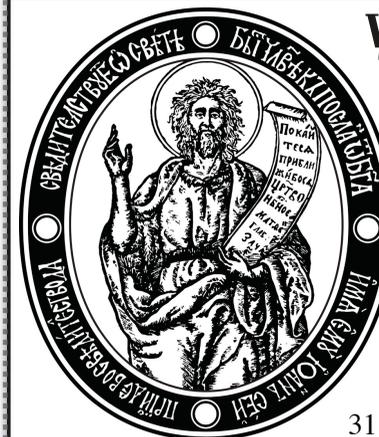
4. Parents of the Queen must actively participate in supporting the individual, by arranging for a photo taken of their daughter and providing this framed portrait for the hall foyer, attending crowning ceremonies, arranging for a vehicle for participation in the Fiesta parade etc.

5. Parents of the Queen must actively participate in Fiesta that year i.e. set-up, volunteer for various activities, help with the dancing requirements in the lower hall etc.

Process:

1. Individuals meeting the above criteria are invited to identify themselves as interested in becoming our pavilion queen. This should be done in writing to the parish council, including the two reference letters.

2. If more than one individual is interested, all those meeting the above criteria have an equal opportunity to be chosen for that year. First preference will be given to those who best fulfill the above-listed criteria (parish membership, active support of parish activities, etc.). If there are two or more candidates who are equal in regards to the objective criteria, the *older candidate will be given preference*, and if they are equal in age the choice will be made based on a draw.



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Homily - On Concern for the Salvation of our Neighbours

"Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth" (1 Corinthians 10:24).

This is the principle of the saints of God, both now and in the past, always and forever. This is the principle on which society is built. Upon this principle can be established the most perfect, most God-pleasing and most prosperous human society. This is the saving principle for every type of difficulty, against which contemporary men struggle without victory and without hope. The holy soul is concerned with where the homeless will spend the night, how the hungry will be fed, how the naked will be clothed. The holy soul is concerned, and prays to God that his neighbors be saved; that their hearts be filled with love toward God; that their minds be directed toward God; that the wicked turn from the path of wickedness; that those wavering in the Faith be strengthened; that those who are strengthened be sustained; that those who have died see the face of God; that the living be written in the Book of Life in the Kingdom of Light.

But beware, brethren, and see how the destructive and antisocial principle of the devil can be phrased in like manner, word for word. This principle of the devil says: No one should look to his own body to preserve it in purity from sin, but rather everyone should look to the bodies of others in order to ruin and to destroy them. No one should look to his own soul to see how to save it; rather everyone should look to the soul of someone else in order to blacken it, to curse it, to impoverish it and to destroy it. Let no one look at his house in order to build it and renew it; rather, let everyone look at the home of another in order to burn it and demolish it. No one should look at his granaries in order to fill them; rather, one should look at the granaries of others in order to steal from them and empty them.

Behold, brethren, how this principle can be a principle either of good or of evil; it is a sharp two-edged sword, an angel or Satan. See how this principle in the satanic spirit and form has gained momentum on all sides today!

O Lord, Holy Spirit, Who, through the tongue of the apostle of God, has released these holy words in the world, as bright rays of the sun to illuminate and not to burn us, help us now to fulfill them in the proper heavenly sense--to the glory of the Triune God and for the salvation of our souls.

St. Nikolai (Velmirovic), The Prologue from Ochrid, 9 January

26-го січня і 2-го лютого 2020 р.Б.

Христос Хрещасться! Во Йордані!

Неділя, 26-го - Неділя після Богоявлення. Голос 7. *Єф. 4: 7-12, Мт. 4: 12-17.* Прп. Іларіона Понтієрського. Відслужимо Св. Літургію о год. 10 рано.

Від понеділка, 27-го по п'ятницю, 31-го, о. Богдан буде в США. Якщо у цей час потребуєте наглу пасторальну обслугу дзвоніть, будь-ласка, до о. Петра Ангела на число телефон 1.905.715.0105.

Субота, 1-го лютого— Наше Православне Сімейне Товариство матиме чергову зустріч о год; 3-ій по обіді. Заохочуємо всіх парафіян з малими дітьми до участі.

Відслужимо Велику Вечірню о год. 5:00 по-обіді.

Неділя, 2-го – Неділя про Закхея. Голос 8. *I Тим. 4: 9-15; Ок. 19: 1-10.* Прп. Євфимія Великого. Відслужимо Св. Літургію о год. 10 рано. Після відпусту Св. Літургії відслужимо панахиду за спокій душі бл. п. Юрія Гараха з нагоди 1-ої річниці його упокоєння.

Понеділок 3-го – Місячні збори нашого парафіяльного заряду відбудуться о год. 7-ій вечером під церквою. Запрошуємо всіх парафіян до участі.

Субота, 8-го - Відслужимо Велику Вечірню о год. 5-ій по обіді сьогодні.

Неділя, 9-го – Неділя про Митаря й Фарисея. Голос 1. *II Тим. 3: 10-15; Лк. 18: 10-14.* Перенесення Мощей Св. Івана Золотоустого. Відслужимо Св. Літургію о год. 10 рано.

Наша парафіяльна молодь знова братиме участь у ходатон “Coldest Night” у суботу, 22-го лютого. Якщо би хотіли ходити або спонсорувати хтось із нашої молоді ви можете йти на веб-сайт www.cnoy.org, притиснути на Oshawa, і подати ім'я нашої команди, "St. John the Baptist Orthodox Youth Group".

Наші Парафіяльні Річні Загальні Збори відбудуться в неділю, 23-го лютого, зразу після Св. Літургії. Заохочуємо всіх парафіян до участі, бо цього року маємо дві надзвичайні справи на денному порядку: 1) Через те, що скоро новий зал буде готовий, мусимо обрати управителя залу до заряду, і 2) з огляду на те, що УПЦК матиме Собор в 2020 р., мусимо обрати делегатів. Просимо всіх парафіян, які би хотіли служити парафії чи на зарядові, чи як делегати до Собору, зголоситися або до др. Славченка або до о. Богдана. Дякуємо!

January 26th & February 2nd 2020 A.D.

Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!

Sunday, the 26th - Sunday after the Theophany. Tone 7. *Eph. 4: 7-12, Mt. 4: 12-17.* St. Hilary of Poitiers. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 AM.

From Monday the 27th through Friday, the 31st Fr. Bohdan will be in the USA. If you require immediate pastoral care during this time please contact Fr. Petro Anhel at 1.905.715.0105.

Saturday, February 1st—Our Orthodox Christian Family Fellowship group will meet from 3 till 5 PM in the Fellowship Room. All families with young children are welcome!

Great Vespers will be served at 5 PM this evening.

Sunday, the 2nd—Sunday of Zacchaeus. Tone 8. *I Tim. 4: 9-15; Lk. 19: 1-10.* Ven. Euthymius the Great. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 AM. Immediately after the Liturgy we will serve the Panakhyda for the repose of the soul of +George Harach on the occasion of the 1st anniversary of his repose.

Monday, the 3rd - Our regular monthly parish council meeting will be held at 7 PM in the Fellowship Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Saturday, the 8th - Great Vespers will be served at 5 PM this evening.

Sunday, the 9th - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. Tone 1. *II Tim. 3: 10-15, Lk. 18: 10-14.* Translation of the relics of St. John Chrysostom. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 AM.

Our Youth Group will again be participating in the “Coldest Night” walkathon on Saturday, February 22nd. If you would like to either walk with or sponsor one of our youth you may do so by visiting the web-site, www.cnoy.org, go to the Oshawa location, and enter our team name, "St. John the Baptist Orthodox Youth Group". Pledge sheets are also available in our parish office.

Our Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23rd, after Liturgy. All parishioners are encouraged to attend, as this year we have two extraordinary items for resolution: a) since our new hall will be completed soon, we must fill the hall manager position on our parish executive, and b) since there will be a Church Sobor (General Council) in July, the parish members must elect delegates to the Sobor. Parishioners wishing to serve on the parish council or as delegates to the Sobor are asked to contact Dr. Slavchenko or Fr. Bohdan.