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MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

It is always a great privilege and pleasure to reach out to you, the supporters of St. Andrew’s College, and to greet each of you with the new academic year. This year, as we all know, is quite different from all the rest. COVID-19 has greatly impacted St. Andrew’s College as it has the entire world. We have placed the College in lockdown and, thank God, not one of the students or staff has become ill. We continue with our mission but this year is like no other.

First of all, we have only a small group of students. Canadian students are studying on-line from home this year and we were unable to visit Ukraine to recruit a new cohort of students for the Faculty of Theology.

There are 3 students now studying in the Faculty of Theology, and the College is also blessed with 4 graduates who are working and participating in the Chapel life of the College. Of these 4 graduates, 3 have been approved for ordination and are waiting and preparing for their ordination dates to be announced.

COVID-19 HAS HAD A NUMBER OF EFFECTS ON THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND ON THE FINANCES OF THE COLLEGE

1. There are no new students this year in Theology. We truly miss the potential students that were not recruited in Ukraine as we were not able to travel to Ukraine in the spring of 2020. There are some who want to come from Ukraine, but the situation makes it very difficult to apply and fulfill the student requirements and travel. We hope that the situation will improve in the near future.
2. Financially, St. Andrew’s College had only a partial income from summer residence fees as University summer classes were cancelled and most students stayed home. Likewise, our residence is only at 25% capacity for the Fall Semester as most University of Manitoba programs are taught online. Normally the residence income is instrumental in having a balanced budget at the College. Last financial year which ended June 30, 2020 was a struggle, but this financial year will be very difficult.

3. Since the end of March 2020, for the health and safety of everyone, absolutely everything had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Thus, there is very little income from tuition, residence, sale of parking passes, and food service and no income from Children’s Programs (Mini College, Grade 6 Ukrainian Language Camp), workshops, lecture series, banquets, social, educational, and community events.

WHAT HAS THE COLLEGE DONE NOW TO ADAPT TO THE COVID-19 CONDITIONS

1. The College building, like most of the University of Manitoba has been and is in lockdown since March 2020. The external doors are locked day and night and visits to the college are limited. This has helped keep the students and staff safe. Those who want to visit must telephone in advance and someone will meet them at the door.

2. The reduced Theology Program continues on-line for those at home and in person with the students who live in residence and those who are given keys to attend classes.

3. All meetings of the Board of Directors, Faculty of Theology, and Senate are held by teleconference.

4. No summer staff was hired and the College has carried on with the main staff who are working very diligently.

5. The Faculty of Theology Program has been reduced, but is covering the essential courses for the students enrolled.

6. The College was able to benefit from the federal government wage subsidy and by doing so we have been able to limit financial losses while ensuring the continuance of essential services and programs.

We all hope that the pandemic conditions end soon and we hope that more students, both in Theology and in residence will come to St. Andrew’s College in the Second Semester in January 2021 and in September 2021. Again as each year, but now even more fervently, I appeal to you to be financially generous to the College to help in this time of financial stress and to find and encourage new candidates for theological studies at St. Andrew’s College and eventually to be ordained in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

Thank you for your support in the past years and with your help and prayers St. Andrew’s College will prepare for the better days that are coming.

Ми всі сподіваємося, що пандемія коронавірусу триватиме недовго, і що Колегія Святого Андрія вже в найближчому майбутньому зможе відчинити свої двері для нових резидентів та студентів богослів’я.

В цей нелегкий для всіх час, Колегії, як ніколи, потрібна ваша духовна та матеріальна підтримка. Закликаю вас допомогти до пошуку потенційних студентів, які, успішно провчившись, зможуть служити Українській Православній Церкві в Канаді.

Дякую кожному з вас за все, що ви робили і продовжуєте робити для Колегії. Ваші молитви та фінансова підтримка дають основу для впевненого руху у краще майбутнє.
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA FOUNDATION GRANT

We express our sincere gratitude to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada Foundation for their second generous grant for our Religious Education Worker Project.

Thank you for recognizing the potential benefits of this Project and for providing the financial grant which helps to make it viable.

MESSAGE FROM VASYL KOBRII, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WORKER

We live in a fast-moving world, where technological advancements quickly change and thus so do the ways we learn, research, and interact. Not that long ago the best way to learn about something was to look it up in a book or ask someone. Now we google it or find it on social media. I do not want to say that these have become the only ways, but these means of research became so popular, they are not to be ignored.

When I started working for St. Andrew’s College as a Religious Education Worker, I decided that as one of my projects, I would try to address a problem that I myself and many others, faced many times and that is finding information about the parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

The most successful outcome of my effort was the website of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada All Saints Parish in Winnipeg. The board of directors and other parishioners were eager to contribute to the creation of a new website and also pages on Facebook and Instagram. Our cooperation resulted in a useful resource for all who want to get to know the UOCC parish of All Saints better.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of the donors of St. Andrew’s College and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canadian Foundation who made this project possible. God bless you.
MESSAGE FROM IVAN ZHOVNYCH, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WORKER

First of all, I want to express my sincere gratitude to St. Andrew’s College and the UOCC Foundation for the opportunity to work as a religious education worker (REW). For me this has been a time of serving the community, learning, and receiving valuable experience in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

With great pleasure, I would like to share with you what I have been working on.

St. Andrew’s College provides the students with religious Orthodox guidance, and the opportunity on a daily base to be immersed in an Orthodox prayer life, experiencing all of the various Liturgical services held at St. Andrew’s chapel. The students need the assistance of experienced clergy to learn the Orthodox Typica. The duties of REW are to provide such opportunity for students and to assist the clergy. In order to serve bilingually, service books have been prepared by REW which helped St. Andrew’s College to be “up-to-date” with the usage of both languages in the deliverance of the Services in contemporary Ukrainian and English languages. REWs have also been assisting the teachers with the online-courses.

I assisted our clergy at Holy Family Nursing home where every first Thursday of the month the Obidnyeja was served. I also participated in outreach, with the clergy, to the parishioners, volunteers, and workers of the Spiritual Care Department of the Nursing Home.

Every Sunday I help the clergy at St. Mary the Protectress Orthodox Cathedral in Winnipeg. Sometimes I help the Sunday School teachers to prepare lectures, and sometimes deliver lectures myself, and help the choir. I help to put together music sheets for different Services, teach the Orthodox Typica, and fill other necessary positions. Thanks to the work of everyone in the choir, particularly the energetic leaders - Olena and Sergiy Kharchenko, who are newcomers from Ukraine, the rapid development and growth are the visible results of this hard work. Fr. Oleksandr Harkavyj, the parish priest, the church executive board, and parishioners are greatly supportive of the choir. Recently, with the help and support of the choir members I built a website for the choir (www.churchchoiratsobor.com) and social media pages on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram. We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you on our social-media resources, concerts, or at St. Mary the Protectress Cathedral on Burrows.

As the REW, I see that in the UOCC there are plenty of different opportunities for everyone to be involved in the life of the Orthodox Church by serving its parishioners as well as the whole community. Before the pandemic, we had a variety of different events, meetings, projects that have united the church and secular parts of our lives. To be an Orthodox Christian means that we live and bring our Christian values to those around us and set our priorities in life to follow our faith in God, our neighbours and ourselves. The Church is a living institution, which means that it requires people to grow spiritually, learn and teach Christian values to the world around us and most of all to meet God while being yet on the Earth. I am blessed to be a part of the UOCC, and a member of the community where the best human values could be found, learned and preserved. May God help us and keep us united, supportive and always be there for each other, particularly in this difficult time of the pandemic. I believe that we can become stronger and wiser in overcoming this challenge with faith and obedience to God’s will and the authority of our Church and our country. May God help us! Glory be to Jesus Christ!