MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Many of you may believe that God is calling you to His service. In this pandemic we see that people are in need of God’s comfort – don’t delay, come now to St. Andrew’s College to prepare for the Holy Priesthood of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

We have seen many different Christian interpretations of this COVID-19 pandemic – some believe that our Lord Jesus Christ will save us if we have faith and some even go so far as to speak against the vaccines and the public health advice. Orthodox Christians should not be confused by this. We are told by God through the Book of Sirach to see our healing by God as coming through the doctors and medical science. Medicine and science is one way God helps and heals us.

Honour the physician with the honour due him, according to your need of him, for the Lord created him; for healing comes from the Most High [God]… The Lord created medicine from the earth, and a sensible man will not despise them.” (Sirach 38:1-4).

MONTH OF VOCATIONS
БЕРЕЗЕНЬ – МІСЯЦЬ ПОКЛИКАНЬ

Прот. д-р Роман Божик
Декан Богословського Факультету
Pt. Rev. Fr. Dr. Roman Bozyk
Dean of Theology
Another way that Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ helps and heals us is through the pious people of the Church and first of all through the dedicated and well-prepared clergy.

“...He who devotes himself to study the Law of the Most High [God] will seek out wisdom... He will set his heart to rise early to seek the Lord who made him, and he will make supplication..., he will open his mouth in prayer” (Sirach 39:1,5,6).

We are blessed by seeing God's will done now by medical staff and doctors and we see and will see more clearly how God comforts His suffering people through clergy of the Holy Church.

If you feel called to be a nurse or a doctor, “rise early” and study and with God's help you will be ready.

And, if you are called to provide comfort, guidance and spiritual healing through the Orthodox Church, please apply to St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg. Begin the journey — come to St. Andrew's College and our Lord will lead you to where he wants you to be.

In September 2021, St. Andrew's College will begin the new Academic year with in-person classes if circumstances allow or if necessary will continue with online courses. This is not the time to hesitate or delay, please come and join us now and prepare to work in God’s Holy Vineyard.

DONATIONS NOTICE — MSBI MATCHING GRANT

The Manitoba Government is continuing the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative MSBI.

The Scholarship and Bursary Initiative was set up to promote donations for academic awards at Manitoba's post-secondary institutions. The provincial government will now match gifts-donations for annual awards or spending allocations of existing trust and endowment funds in a 1 to 1 ratio (100% match) up to a maximum of the total allocated for St. Andrew’s College.

If you would like to make a bursary or scholarship award donation at St. Andrew's College, your gift will be matched 100% by the Manitoba government.

If you wish to do so, please contact the St. Andrew's College Office by telephone at (204) 474-8895 or email st_andrews@umanitoba.ca for further information.
Господь і Спаситель наш Ісус Христос кличе кожного із нас християн бути вісниками справедливості і носителями радости Христа. Господь Бог кличе нас служити йому тут на землі в різних ділянках, кожен по своїх Богом даних талантах і здібностях. Господь також кличе нас служити йому в Церкві, для чого Він заснував сан священства. Без духовенства Церква не могла б виконувати Божу Заповідь. Згідно з Його волею, Господь подарував українському народові в Канаді свою Українську Православну Церкву в Канаді, і допоміг їй розвиватися і рости протягом майже 100 років. Сьогодні наше церковне життя у величній потребі духовенства, яке б сприяло її зросту і на прославлення Бога, бо, "жнива багато, а женців замало. Тож благайте Господаря жнива, щоб вислав женців на жниво Своє'' (Мт 9:37-38).

Ось стою при дверях стукаю; якщо хто почує голос Мого, дчинить двері, увійду до нього, буду вечеряти з ним, в ньому живу." (Откр 3:20).

Дорогі Брати і Сестри у Христі!

Відомо, що покликання до священства є найважливішим з покликань та професій. Спаситель також кличе тих, хто вже завершив свою багаторічну кар’єру в іншій сфері, і чує поклик служити у Христовому Винограднику.

Ми молимося, і наголошуємо "хто має вуха, щоб слухати, нехай слухає!" (Мт 11:15), і щоб усі достойні кандидати змогли відкрити свої серця Богові, коли Він стукає. "Ось стою при дверях і стукаю: якщо хто почує голос Мій і відчинить двері, увійду до нього, і буду вечеряти з ним, і він з Мною" (Откр 3:20).

Понад 100 років нашого перебування на цій благословеній канадській землі, Господь Бог і Спаситель наш покликав багато добрих і побожних священнослужителів до служіння в Його Церкві. Ми широко молимося за гідних кандидатів нового покоління, які почують і відгукується на це священне покликання, і відхилиється від спокус і вимог цього тимчасового світу.

Наша богословська школа, Колегія Св. Андрея, у Вінніпезі, Манітобі може допомогти кандидатам підготуватися до священничого служіння на славу Богові і спасіння його пастви.

З архієрейським благословенням.

† ЮРІЙ, Митрополит
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Th 1:11)

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ calls each of us as Christians to be modern-day Apostles. This means we are messengers of righteousness and the bearers of the joy of Christ. The Lord God calls us to serve Him here in this temporal world in various spheres of activity, each according to his own God-given talents and abilities. The Lord also calls us to serve Him in the Church for which He established the holy priesthood. Without clergy, the Church would not be able to carry out God’s Commandments. According to His Will, the Lord granted to the Ukrainian people in Canada our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, helping it to flourish and grow for almost 100 years. Today, our Church life has a great need for clergy who would work for its growth and God’s glory because “the harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.” (Mt 9:37-38)

Although we live in a modern age, our contemporary world has much in common with the world of the early Christians when the Lord's first-chosen apostles faced great trials in spreading the Good News. God's call to pastoral ministry is just as great a challenge for the modern-day Christian. Today, we witness an increase in the overt persecution and subliminal discrimination of Christians worldwide. The strong influence of secular lifestyles turns our attention away from the Lord’s teachings and love for others. A global culture of individualism diverts us from serving others to concentrating on ourselves.

The vocation of pastoral ministry makes clergy front-line workers for Christ. They are the face of the Church to “reap what Christ has sown by the prophets” (Jn 4: 36-38), gathering up those who have fallen away from His Holy Church to reveal to them Christ’s True Path. The priesthood is a call to obedience and servitude to God, the Holy Orthodox Church and our fellow human beings around us.

As He did during the early Church in the times of the Disciples, the Lord calls all of us to active participation in the Holy Orthodox Church through His pastoral shepherds. He calls all Orthodox Ukrainians to dedicated service of God and His people. This call to the holy priesthood is especially directed to the youth. As youth in our Church grow, they face myriad choices in professions and lifestyles. They should understand that the call to priesthood is the most important of vocations and professions. At the same time, the Lord also extends His call to those who are completing long experience in other occupations and desire to serve the Church. We pray that “he that hath ears to hear, let him hear” (Mt 11:15) so that all worthy candidates may open the door of their hearts to the Lord. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him, and dine with him, and he with Me.” (Rev 3:20)

For a century in this land, the Saviour has called many good and pious clergy to serve in our Church. We pray for a new generation of worthy candidates who hear and respond to God’s call to service despite the temptations and demands of the temporal world.

Our theological institution, St. Andrew’s College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, is able to assist qualified candidates to fulfill the calling to priestly service to work for the glory of God and the salvation of His flock.

With hierarchical blessings.

—† YURIJ, Metropolitan