



*St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral*

**1924 – 2021**

***Happy 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!***



July 19, 2021

Beloved Parishioners of St. Vladimir's Parish Family,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!

The most important event in the life of a Ukrainian Orthodox parish – after Pascha/Easter and Christmas – is the celebration of a parish's Name's Day. A few parishes in the Cleveland area celebrate their Feast Day on the exact date, even if it falls on a weekday. Those parishes will also have a parish dinner following the Liturgy. I have attended their celebrations.

At our parish, we celebrate St. Vladimir Feast Day on the closest Sunday to the actual Holy Day, which is on July 28<sup>th</sup>. So, this year, we will celebrate our Patron Saint's Day on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

This year's Feast Day will be even more special due to a visit by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel. It will be his first visit here since of 2019.

The schedule is as follows:

*Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m., Vespers with Archbishop Daniel.*

*Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 a.m., Greeting of Archbishop Daniel and Hierarchal Divine Liturgy. Responses will be sung by both the English and Ukrainian choirs. All altar boys are requested to serve. We also need volunteers to carry our Church banners and flags to the school building for the procession.*

A delicious luncheon, prepared by our catering staff, will follow in the parish center. It will be the first parish dinner since the Thanksgiving Dinner in November of 2019.

Please note the following:

\*\* Arrive early so that we are present to welcome and greet our Honored Guest. At times it is sad to see a picture of an empty church welcoming the Hierarch. *Be early! – 8:45 a.m.!!*

Please sit up front in the pews. There is nothing to fear sitting in the front pews. Archbishop Daniel usually walks up the aisle during his sermon.

\*\* At the banquet there will be special tables where you can make your donations to the parish. Keep in mind that we have huge monthly expenses and we will not have a fund-raising festival as we had in the past, which raised thousands of dollars. Please be generous in your offering on this special occasion.

In 3 short years ~ 2024 ~ we will celebrate our parish's centennial year. Let's prepare ourselves by supporting the parish's Feast Day on Sunday. Participate with your entire family.

Also remember to greet all our visitors. Make them feel welcome and comfortable at St. Vladimir's. Let everyone who worships with us see that we are a Christ-centered parish and that we display it by our love for one another.

A few months ago, 2 beautiful Eastern Rites churches in Parma closed their doors to parishioners. I pray that it will never happen at St. Vladimir. It won't if we truly love our parish, take parish obligations seriously and make Christ and His Holy Church a priority in your and your family's lives.

Thank you for your attention given to this letter, as well the love and support you have shown to our parish throughout the Covid pandemic. As always, please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you and your family.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. John*