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з нагоди Дня Подяки – on Thanksgiving Day 2020
(from the Office of the Consistory)

«Прийнявши незаслужено Твої дари, ми стаємо перед Тобою, Господи, і подяку по силі нашій Тобі приносимо ...» (з Кондака на Молебні Подяки)

“O Master, Who has freely vouchsafed us Your benefits, we stand before You and we offer unto You thanksgiving according to our strength ...” (from the Kontakion at the Thanksgiving Molebin’)

To the hierarchy, clergy and families, parish council leaders, and brothers and sisters, members, supporters and friends of our beloved Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada:

Слава Богу за все! Glory be to God for all!

Our God who is always gracious, loving and merciful, and is always with us – з нами Бог God (is) with us as we proclaim at the Complines service, has called us to live, to love, and to serve, to the best of our abilities, by and through His Grace!

I give thanks for this opportunity to report to our church that your Consistory Board, led by our Primate, His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy, and in turn, your Presidium continues to serve our Holy Church to the very best of our abilities in these on-going and challenging times, and especially in and through the Coronavirus pandemic.

I express my gratitude to our Metropolitan Yuriy, to Bishops Ilarion and Andriy, and to all my “sobrattya,” and brothers and sisters on our Consistory Board for your service.

This past week – some members have attended up to four meetings in seeking to serve. We are doing so in the limited environment (fiscally,) and socially (public health,) in which we all find ourselves.

Nonetheless – we are called to be grateful to God who provides and sustains. The Consistory Board confirmed that the 24th Sobor of our Church will be held in the days of July 14 – 18, 2021. The mode of having this Sobor (live, and in person, all virtual, or some combination thereof,) remains to be determined and confirmed. We entrust this decision to the Will and Grace of God.

Your Consistory Board confirmed that there will be a 2021 Wall Calendar as an official publication of the UOCC, blessed by our primate, Metropolitan Yuriy. The theme will be our church's response to the Coronavirus pandemic – with an emphasis on Our Lord's Healing ministry in light thereof. (Watch for an appeal for orders, as well as submissions for materials [photos] for this wall calendar – project, soon.)

Your Consistory Board affirmed the on-going need to communicate with the Church, while acknowledging once again, the limitations in which we find ourselves – both as a result of the extremely limited staff of the office of the consistory, and the fiscal limitations as a result of approximately \$450,000 in currently outstanding parish and clergy levies, as yet un-paid (for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020 *and for previous years.*) I express my most sincere appreciation to those parish councils and my brother clergy who have paid their levies up to date. To those of you who have not – please do so as soon as you are able to, for which your office of the consistory will be most grateful!

There are numerous other on-going administrative matters, including parish closures (which are never a pleasant task,) as well as the on-going care, maintenance, and this year in particular, the insurance requirements of and for the land, buildings, contents as well as “Directors and Officers Liability” of the Consistory Board, our UOCC (as a corporate entity.)

Let us never despair in light of any and all of these challenges or difficulties. Previous generations established and served our beloved UOCC – and lived through difficult times. Vladyka Mytropolit Yuriy stated this several times, and in various ways over the course of this past week once again. Particularly helpful, I believe for all of us to “hear” and to take to heart – (and *dyakoyu*, Vladyko!) – is Vladyka's call for all of us to be strong, to be faithful, to take our faith seriously, and ourselves less so. Vladyka further assures us that, despite the recent surge in Coronavirus cases across Canada, he is mindful of the need to restore sacramental activity in our churches soon.

Let us be patient, trusting in God's Providence – and this weekend, especially ... to give thanks to God for all His many blessings, and for sustaining us, enabling us to

read these words (or have them read to us,) and for the life that each of us has been called to live, and for those we are given to love and to serve.

A very **Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving** to everyone!

З нами Бог! God (is) with us!

For the Presidium of the Consistory Board,



(Fr.) Taras Udod,
Chair / Chancellor

*Office of the Consistory,
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