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# NEWSLETTER

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA



**FOR THE LOVE OF GOD FOOD DRIVE**



**Western Eparchy**



**Central Eparchy**



**Eastern Eparchy**

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:31



**For the Love of God**

# **ANNUAL LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have concluded the **3rd Annual Lenten Food Drive: For the Love of God**, and we are very grateful for the donations and sacrifices you made to support the vulnerable in our communities. Our food and monetary donations have lessened the burden of those needing it the most and hopefully improved their lives.

Thank you especially to those that encouraged others and dropped off food at your churches, food banks or other locations during the pandemic and under COVID-19 restrictions. As a result of people's generosity to this initiative, it has taken us more time than anticipated to collect donations from across the country. Despite these circumstances, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada collectively donated **\$6587 and 1268 lbs of food!** Over the past 3 years we have collected a total of **\$11,623 and 4032 lbs** for our communities! This is a conservative estimate of what has been donated.

We have also included acts of charity and service work being done in our churches that go beyond the Food Drive, and that do not include a monetary amount. We were impressed by many acts of charity and generosity that have gone unnoticed. These actions demonstrate our commitment, dedication, and love of our fellow man. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..." (Matthew 25:35). You are making a difference in your communities as expressed through our Church-thank you!

We are grateful to His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy for his unwavering support, and his ongoing love and support of our collective efforts and wish him God's blessings in his retirement.

Be safe and be blessed!

In Christ,

Dobr. Dr. Sonia Udod, Donna Reed, Jennifer Osachuk, and Eroslava Evanetz



# WESTERN EPARCHY



## DONATIONS OF OUR EPARCHY TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS

St Anthony's UOC, Edmonton

Edmonton Food Bank

St Johns UO Cathedral, Edmonton

Edmonton Food Bank

St Vladimir's UO Sobor, Calgary

Calgary Food Bank

Sts Peter and Paul UOC, Kelowna

Central Okanagan Food Bank





# WESTERN EPARCHY

Private Donation

Edmonton Food Bank

St Mary The Protectress, Parksville, BC



We established a relationship with outreach staff at Forward House in Parksville. They accept our donations of hygiene products, clothing, bedding, footwear, and food.

Our Helping Hands Program offers bag lunches to the homeless and marginalized people in our city. On the second and fourth Saturday each month, donations are picked up from our local bakery and grocers. Our parishioners make 30 sandwiches and add them to a lunch bag with a juice box and fruit cup. We deliver the lunch bags to Forward House outreach Workers, who distribute the lunches to some of the most vulnerable in our community. Our congregation is committed to the success of this essential Helping Hand Program to continue supporting individuals in need.

Throughout the year, we also collect food for the Salvation Army food bank.



The 100th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada



# CENTRAL EPARCHY



## DONATIONS OF OUR EPARCHY TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS

His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy

Holy Trinity UOC Metropolitan  
Cathedral, Winnipeg

Winnipeg Harvest

Winnipeg Harvest



St Mary The Protectress, Winnipeg

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada -  
Canora, Swan River, Kamsack District

Winnipeg Harvest

Local Food Bank



# CENTRAL EPARCHY

## Holy Trinity UOC Prince Albert, SK

Our parish has always held our food drive during our St. Nicholas Christmas Concert, but this past year we placed boxes in the lobby of our Church and picked up donations from members. Prior to the pandemic, our parishioners enjoy the concert and bring around 80 to 100 pounds of canned foods, pastas, and baking mixes. We have donated to new Canadian families, the local Women's shelter, YWCA, and Men's shelter. The last 3 years we have donated this food to our Eritrean church families.



Fr Taras and Dobr. Sonia Udod

Monetary donation to Winnipeg Harvest

Donna Krochak

Monetary donation to local Food Bank

St. Michaels UOC, Winnipeg

Winnipeg Harvest

All Saints, Winnipeg

Transcona Food Bank

St Ivan Suchavsky Sobor,  
Winnipeg

Our Parish is participating in our 3rd annual water bottle drive that supports the Union Gospel Mission and other outreach centres.

All Saints, Saskatoon



We donated money to the Saskatoon Food Bank where there was a call for groceries as more people were in need. Salvation Army receives a donation from our branch once or twice a year as they look after the vulnerable in our city. We donate in kind to Friendship Inn where they serve three meals a day.



# EASTERN EPARCHY



## DONATIONS OF OUR EPARCHY TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS

### St Sophia, Montreal

Food donated and delivered to l'Oeuvre des Samaritains.



### St Anne's UOC Scarborough, ON

We chose to make a financial donation to the Scarborough Center for Healthy Communities. Making a financial donation would allow the organization to purchase foods most needed during this time.

### St George's UOC, St Catherines, ON



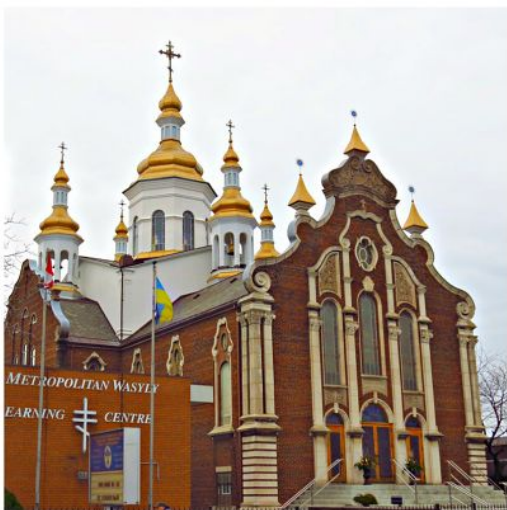
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## Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Vladimir, Hamilton



Assistance provided to the Good Shepherd Agency was initiated more than 15 years ago and continues to this day.

Includes food and clothing donations, supportive programs, financial support, and other resources. Prior to the pandemic, a team of volunteers assisted in preparing meals and serving individuals.

Presently our volunteers assist in sorting and categorizing donations received at the Shelter. Our volunteers have consisted and continue to include a cross section of our members, i.e. our youth as well as both women and men who recognize the importance of supporting the needy of our community.

This assistance program is fully supported by our parishioners and recognized in the community.