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The Office of the Consistory of the UOCC prayerfully and in the hope of the resurrection announces that the Very Rev Fr. +Isadore Woronchak, of Kelowna peacefully fell asleep in the Lord in his 92nd year, on January 25, 2022, during the continuing Feast of Our Lord's Baptism – the Theophany («Йордан» - the "Jordan" Feast.)

Isadore was born on March 21, 1930 to Mykola and Warwara Woronchak in Garland, Manitoba, north of Dauphin. Isadore was raised in a God-fearing home during the harsh economic realities of the Great Depression of the 1930s. A student from an early age, he also assisted on the farm in any way that he could. When he was 23 years old, he took his teaching training at the Manitoba Teacher's College and in 1953 embarked on a 35-year teaching career at schools in Manitoba, Alberta and then in British Columbia, at the Central Okanagan School District. Isadore continued to work on himself, furthering his education, earning a B.A. at the University of Manitoba and later an M.A. at the University of Spokane. Isadore was always dedicated to teaching and the over-all growth and development of his students, teaching a variety of subjects. Isadore went on eventually to serve as a principal in the Central Okanagan School district.

Isadore was always involved in many Church, Ukrainian and wider community activities, including organizational and leadership roles in the Sts. Peter and Paul Church at Kelowna, as well as educational and lay organizations. He served as president of UOCC congregations, was active in the Order of St. Andrew, in the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Businessmen's Association, in Kelowna's multicultural community and in the Teacher's Association. He further served as a choir director and cantor (dyak) in various parishes for many years, CYMK director for 12 years, Ukrainian language teacher for 18 years and director of cultural activities such as Ukrainian drama, dancing and concerts in various parishes.

Throughout his many years of church and community service, Isadore kept "hearing Our Lord's call" to follow Him still more and further... In 1982 while serving full-time

as a teacher, Isadore began taking correspondence courses in the Faculty of Theology at St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg. He was ordained into the Holy Diaconate by His Grace Bishop John of Edmonton (as he was at the time,) on Jan. 26, 1986 in New Westminster, B.C. He continued teaching while also serving as deacon in Kelowna, Kamloops, Vernon and other parishes in B.C., while training under the mentorship of Fr. +Peter Blazuk, of blessed memory. He was ordained into the Holy Priesthood on May 15, 1988 at St. George parish in Victoria once again, by His Grace Bishop John. It was a memorable year, being ordained during the important commemorative year of the 1000th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine.

Fr. Isadore was assigned as the parish priest of the Dormition of St. Mary Church in Surrey where he along with Dobrodiyka Dianne, faithfully served over the course of twenty years. From 2008 to 2014, Fr. Isadore served the Kelowna parish, until retiring in 2014.

Throughout his years of teaching and then pastoral work, Fr. Isadore was dedicated to his family and to serving the people entrusted to his care. Together with Dobro Diane, they were blessed with 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. For his dedicated pastoral service, Fr. Isadore was awarded several Metropolitan Hramotas (Certificates,) and was been conferred the priestly rank of (протоіерей) Very Reverend Archpriest, and the "palitsya, later as well.

At the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Ilarion, Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Office of the Consistory expresses the condolences of our UOCC to Dobrodiyka Dianne, and to all the family of Fr. +Isadore, of blessed memory, and to all the spiritual family and flocks that he so faithfully served over many years!

The funeral rite of a priest will be held Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 6:30 pm. On Monday, January 31, 2022, at 9:00 am The Divine Liturgy with the conclusion of the funeral rite of a priest will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1935 Barlee Rd, Kelowna, BC.

The links for the services are Sunday evening: <https://youtu.be/hpQ5EcOs8ds> and on Monday morning: https://youtu.be/tcu_bhg7jo

"Give rest, O Lord, to the servant of God, the archpriest Isidore."

Вічна йому Пам'ять! May his Memory be Eternal!

(Fr.) Taras (M/Prot.) Taras

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