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Ukrainian Parish-Community News

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From the life and activities associated with the Parish and the community

WELCOME

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БИТАЄМО

A very BIG DAY on Sunday 18TH August 2013

... for all families – parishoners, friends and members of the community in general ... celebrations for one and all!

Why? Because it is a long standing popular Ukrainian tradition of blessing the fruit – nature's variety of life-supporting and tasty food. In Australia we are fortunate to have a great range of great tasting fruit and food in general. So, on the important festive day of the Church's calendar, *The Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ*, the harvest of fruits are traditionally blessed.

Everyone is encouraged to bring to the Sunday Service on August 18, 2013, a basket filled with fruit ... the fruit that you like the most ... decorated colourfully, perhaps with a flower or two, and some embroidery. The basket can be small or large ... the size does not matter. Bring the fruit you like. The Liturgical Service starts at 9:30am.



After the fruit is blessed in the Church near the end of the Liturgical Service everyone will process to the Hall, and enter through its front entrance - through the large doors (a rare event in itself). The prepared foods in the Hall will be blessed – everything from a variety of fruits to appetising fruit-based foods and drinks.

The foods will have a fruit theme: a colourful variety as they are in nature and in various prepared forms (and healthy too!)

Everyone is welcome to share the food, meet with friends and enjoy themselves ... and for children in particular some tasty treats to choose from ...

And there's more ... ! Apart from enjoying the food there will be several other remarkable milestones to be celebrated ... each making the 18th August an even bigger celebration day for the Parish and community.

We will be marking two notable local events in the life of the community and the Parish:

- ❖ **the 64th Anniversary** of the arrival of the first large group of Ukrainians who were brought directly to Newcastle from Europe to settle and make a life for themselves in Australia.

They arrived on the ship *Fairsea* on 19th August 1949 and were transferred to the Greta Migrant camp in the Hunter Valley.



- ❖ Also it is **the 44th Anniversary** of the completion and Blessing of this parish Church in honour of the *Pokrova*, as many people would remember, on the 3rd August of 1969.

And there is more ... On this day, the Parish, as a part of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, as well as the community in general will be joining in spirit in the blessing of the *new Cathedral (Sobor) of the Resurrection of Christ* on the foreshore of the Dnipro River in Kyiv, Ukraine.



Kyiv is now the new world-wide centre of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – in the same place where 1025 years ago in 988AD the ruler of Kyivan Rus', Volodymyr the Great, formally introduced Christianity as the religion for his kingdom. Ukrainian parishes and communities from around the world will be in some way joining in the celebrations of this significant event.



And there is even more ...! It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to mark the 22nd anniversary of Ukraine gaining its independence on 24th August 1991. We will be marking this historic date just a little ahead of the date, but with no less interest.

As you can see IT IS A BIG DAY with many very good reasons to come, to join in the festivities ...! So, come along with your families: children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and their friends and mates – all are welcome.

Don't forget – there is much to see, taste and enjoy.
The Service starts at 9:30am.

After the Service there will be **Special Refreshments** –
with much tasty fruits and the like ... and healthy too!
FUN DAY Everyone is welcome.

