

**UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA**  
**OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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**The Very Rev. Archpriest Michael SOKYRKA of Blessed Memory!**

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**Winnipeg, MB.** It is with a profound depth of sadness and prayer that the Office of Communications of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada prayerfully announces that the servant of God **Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Sokyrka** fell asleep in the Lord on Jan. 31, 2013 at the age of 89.

The Funeral Rite will begin on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox church, 594 Karls Way, Parksville, B.C. A Divine Liturgy and the completion of the Funeral Rite will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary the Protectress church in Parksville. Interment will follow at the Yates Cemetery, 1000 Allsbrook Road, Parksville, B.C.

Fr. Michael was born in Stuartburn, Manitoba in 1924. He took his studies at St. Andrew's College and the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Fr. Michael served the Lord in the vineyard of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church for 43 years. He was ordained into the diaconate in 1970 and the same year into the priesthood. His pastoral work took him to parochial districts across Western Canada. He received numerous clergy awards for his long-time, dedicated service, including a Metropolitan's Hramota from Metropolitan Wasyly. He retired from active pastoral work in 2002. Most recently, he has been attached to the St. Mary the Protectress parish on Vancouver Island in B.C.

The Office of the Consistory and the faithful of the entire Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada express their deepest sympathies to Dobrodiyka Katheryna, their children and all of their family. We pray that the Lord will bring them comfort in this time of sadness.

With the Blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Yuriy, our clergy and faithful are asked to remember the newly-reposed servant in Christ, † **Fr. Michael** in your prayers and liturgical commemorations, and to pray for the well-being of his beloved family.

O Lord, give rest to the soul of your departed servant, Fr. Michael, in a place of light, a place of refreshment and a place of repose, where there is no sickness, sighing nor sorrow. May our merciful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, grant eternal rest to his soul.

**Вічна пам'ять! Memory Eternal!**

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*With prayers,*

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