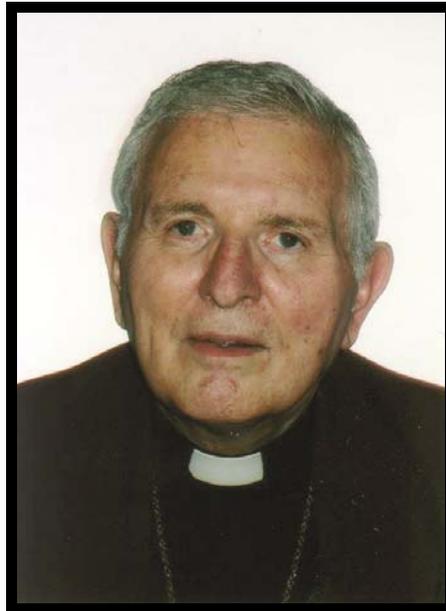


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On the Falling Asleep in the Lord

Very Reverend Archpriest Myroslaw Parfeniuk of Blessed Memory
1936-2014

WINNIPEG, MB – It is with a profound depth of sadness that the Office of Communications of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada prayerfully announces that the servant of God, Very Reverend Archpriest Myroslaw Parfeniuk of Blessed Memory fell asleep in the Lord on October 27, 2014 at the age of 78 years in Hamilton, Ontario.

The Funeral Office for a Priest will commence on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Vladimir Cathedral, 855 Barton Street East, Hamilton, ON. The Divine Liturgy and the conclusion of the Funeral Rite will be concelebrated on Friday, October 31, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Vladimir Cathedral. Interment will follow at the St. Volodymyr Cemetery in Oakville, ON.

Fr. Myroslaw was born on September 8, 1936 in Goodeve, Saskatchewan to Vasyl and Mykhaylyna Parfeniuk. He and his three brothers and sister grew up on the family farm where he successfully completed his high school education. Fr. Myroslaw's parents were very active members of the Holy Spirit UOC parish in Sheho, Saskatchewan as well as the Descent of the Holy Spirit UOC parish in Regina, SK. Growing up, Fr. Myroslaw attended worship services together with his family, taking an active part as an Altar server and in various parish events such as Mother's Day and Taras Shevchenko concerts as well as in the parish *Khram* feast day events. He also resided at St. Petro Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon, Sask. After graduating from school,

Fr. Myroslaw joined the Canadian Air Force serving four years and working his way up to officer's rank. He then went on to study at Queens University and embarked on a 26 year career as a tax inspector.

Fr. Myroslaw completed his theological studies with a Diploma of Theology at St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg, MB in 1984. He was ordained into the diaconate on Oct. 28, 1984 at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox church in Winnipeg, MB, and into the priesthood on Nov. 16, 1984 at St. Andrew's UOC in Toronto, ON. Fr. Myroslaw joined the clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada in 1984 and served at parishes in the UOCC for the next eleven years. His pastoral work took him across Canada. He served at St. Andrew's College Chapel in Winnipeg, and parishes in the Sheho parochial district in Saskatchewan, the Waterloo-Waterford district in Ontario and St. Michael's parish in Edmonton, AB. Most recently, he was attached to the St. Vladimir Cathedral in Hamilton, ON. Fr. Myroslaw was the recipient of six priestly awards in the UOCC, including his first, the Nabedrenyk in 1988, to the latest, Jeweled Cross (2007) as well as elevation to Archpriest in 2001.

Fr. Myroslaw married Marion Sparrow in 1957. Together, they raised their five children in the Church, sending them to Sunday School, Ukrainian School, CYMK and to participate in various community events. Following the example of his parents, Fr. Myroslaw was an active member of the UOCC in the many parishes where he resided, teaching Sunday school, serving on the parish executive, participating in parish committees and serving as a cantor.

Fr. Myroslaw was predeceased by his parents Vasyl and Mykhaylyna. Left to pray for Fr. Myroslaw's eternal memory are: Dobrodiyka Marion, children Lauretta, David, Steven, Susan, Sonia and their families. The Office of the Consistory and the faithful of the entire Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada express their deepest sympathies to the family of Fr. Myroslaw. 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, †**Very Reverend Archpriest Myroslaw** in their 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 † Very Reverend Archpriest Myroslaw, in a place of light, a place of refreshment and a place of repose, where there is no sickness, sighing nor sorrow.

Memory Eternal! Вічна Пам'ять!