

Parish Activities and Celebrations:

- Bible Studies
- Fellowship Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy
- Parish Holiday Dinners and Special Receptions
- Feast Day of St. Sophie, Patron Saint
- St. Nicholas Day and Mother's Day Concerts
- Christmas Carolling
- Baptism of Ukraine and Camp Closing in July
- Fund-raising events, e.g. bingo, garage sales, Easter bazaar/craft sales, sale of varenyky
- St. Valentine's Day Dance

Publications:

- Sunday Bulletin
- Seasonal mailings
- UOCC newspaper - "The Herald"

Parish Organizations:

- Parish Council
- St. Sophie Cathedral Choir
- "Daughters of Ukraine", Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada
- Children's Sunday School for Christian Education at 10.15 a.m. on Sundays
- Altar boys
- Brotherhood Christiana Misericordia (BXM) to comfort the ill and bereaved
- Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC)
- Youth Association (CYMK)
- Parents' Committee
- Mission Committee
- St. Sophie Summer Camp, in the Laurentians



The church has always been a haven of peace and goodwill. St. Sophie is a caring and active community, offering members a chance to help maintain the Ukrainian language and culture. The parishioners are proud of their Cathedral and follow the Orthodox religion whose traditions have remained intact for more than 1000 years. They also enjoy the beautiful singing of the choir. There is no finer place than St. Sophie for meditation, prayer, and giving thanks to God.

We invite you to join our parish and make St. Sophie your spiritual home. We encourage you to bring your children and grandchildren, so that they can enjoy the Christian heritage and education available to them. Members can participate in various activities and take advantage of opportunities to practice their leadership skills. The church community and the teachings of Jesus will help them form personal values, give them a feeling of belonging, and a sense of responsibility to society.

***Please join us.
We welcome you with
open arms and hearts.***



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Liturgical Services:

Sunday Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Weekday Services 9:00 am

Saturday Vespers 5:00 pm

Summer hours may vary

St. Sophie Cathedral is a member of the Eastern Eparchy (division) of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, which has its headquarters in Winnipeg. Its newspaper, "The Herald", is sent to all members each month. We gather to worship during the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, certain weekdays, and holidays. Our faith in God's goodness and the desire to gain His Grace unites us in prayer. Friendship, peace and the opportunity to grow spiritually in Christian love and to unite with Him in the holy mystery of communion – these are the aims of our parish. Come to God's house and find strength in His blessing, which is given to all.



History of the Parish

St. Sophie parish ("Sophie" means "wisdom of God") was formed in 1925 when 15 people joined to form a Ukrainian Orthodox brotherhood. They worshipped in the Syrian Orthodox Church at 54 Notre Dame St. East. Fr. Semen Sawchuk, Head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada (UOCC) performed the first Liturgy in the Ukrainian language at this church in June 1925. The parish bought a building on de Lorimier St. near Ontario St. in order to have a Church of its own. It was consecrated in 1929. Fr. Volodymyr Sluzar, celebrated the first Divine Liturgy of the newly-formed parish. In 1931, the Quebec government granted a charter to St. Sophie parish. Fr. Sluzar directed the parish for 48 years.

As the membership increased, it became evident that a larger building was needed. In 1954 a large lot on the corner of Bellechasse and Blvd. St. Michel was bought, as many Ukrainians had settled in the Rosemount area. On this corner, overlooking farmlands and fields, an imposing church was built in the traditional Byzantine style, designed by architect V. Sichinsky. He used the Cathedral of St. Volodymyr in Kyiv as his model. Later a residence for the parish priest and one for the caretaker were also built on the property. The buildings were completed in 1962 and the church was consecrated by Metropolitan Ilarion and Archbishop Michael and was designated a "sobor". In 1988, St. Sophie was elevated to the status of "cathedral."

In 1988 the Makarenko Studio of New York decorated the sanctuary with icons. The nave area of the church was repainted in 2007. Necessary renovations are continuing.

We cherish our ancestral heritage and the Ukrainian language and culture which we strive to preserve in our parish life.

Religious Services:

- Divine Liturgy (in Ukrainian) every Sunday and weekdays as prescribed by the UOCC.
- Bilingual (Ukrainian & English) service on special holidays
- Prayers for the ill and/or for the reposed during Divine Liturgy
- Holy Confession and Communion
- Holy Baptism
- Holy Matrimony
- Sacrament of Anointing the Sick
- Funeral Services and Memorial Services
- Annual blessing of homes
- Pentecost Service at grave sites
- Pastoral Care – counselling, hospital and home visits as well as other services

