



Catechist Connection

Glory to Jesus Christ!



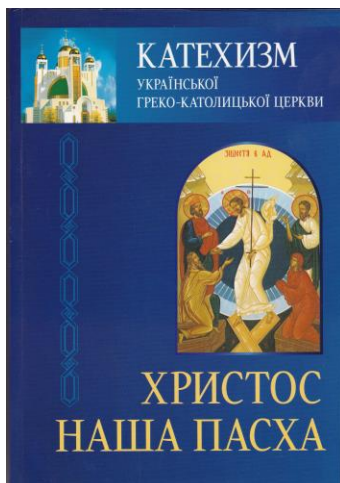
Dear Catechists:

One of the most beloved and uniquely Ukrainian feast days is the Feast day of the Protection of the Mother of God. In this Feast Day we pray for Mary to place her mantle of protection over us to pray for us when we are in trial or in need.

In the Icon we see Mary as the central figure with her arms outstretched and her veil of protection spread out over the world. She is surrounded by Angels. Directly below her is St. Romanus the Melodist who is the famous hymnologist who composed many of the hymns to the Mother of God. Directly above her is Christ who is the source of all Protection to whom, Mary intercedes on our behalf. Surrounding her are people depicted from the Old and New Testament who are praying for her intercession of Protection.

How can you celebrate this feast day in your classroom or at home?

- ❖ Display the icon in you icon corner
- ❖ Learn the Tropar or Kondak
- ❖ Learn a simple Hymn to the Mother of God
- ❖ Pray for the Protection of the Mother of God when you travel
- ❖ Look up the life of St. Romanus the Melodist online (Wikipedia)



As we begin the new Catechism year we have good news. The Catechism for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in English is going to print. Some of you have attended our sessions on the Catechism in Regina, Saskatoon and Yorkton. We still hope to make it to Prince Albert for a session. Once the English translation is out our sessions will be easier and more in depth. Pray that the Catechism is printed soon.

There is a great Website that is available for information and learning that you might find interesting. It is: www.royaldoors.net It is a great resource for all things Ukrainian Catholic. Check it out and bookmark it for future reference. It keeps up to date with all kinds of news and liturgical information.

Don't forget to check out our website: www.ucrec.ca It is being updated weekly and we have new resources up that you may be interested in for yourself or your Catechism classes. Also, we have the Nativity Icon puzzles available again this year, so if you didn't get yours last year you can order them from us! If you need any resources in your classroom, please do not hesitate to call, we can ship resources to you or to the church.

Happy Feast Day!

Blessings, Sr. Bonnie

Prayer is by nature a dialogue and a union with God. Its effect is to hold the world together. It achieves a reconciliation with God. (St. John Climacus,

(#799 Catechism of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church)