

The Bethlehem Peace Light Arrives Again in Winnipeg

For those of you who may not know or remember, the Bethlehem Peace Light, symbolizing peace, love and goodness, is lit before Christmas every year from the everlasting flame at the site of Christ's birth in Bethlehem at the Grotto of Nativity. It is then transported to Vienna, from where it is disseminated through Europe by Scouts. Plast (Ukrainian Scouts) have taken part in this Christmas tradition for over 10 years, by transporting his Light from town to town, by cars, railways ,bicycles, hand to hand in every province of Ukraine.

Bringing it to Winnipeg is no small feat. On November 29, 2011 the Peace Light will be brought to the United States by Austrian Airlines. It will be transported in a British blast proof miner's lamp. It will travel first class in a jumbo jet accompanied by the Head of Security and Safety training. In a moving ceremony at JFK International Airport in NYC, scouts from various nationalities will be given the Light to share with their communities.

Due to the efforts of the Plast sorority "Ti ,scho Hrebli Rvut" the Flame will make it as far west as Winnipeg for the third year in a row. Joe Reding from Boy Scouts of America will bring the Light from New York to Fargo, North Dakota , where on December 5, 2011 it will be shared at the Northern Lights Council of Boy Scouts of America with Oksana Shulakewych who will bring it to Winnipeg.

Rt. Rev. Msg. Mitrat Michael Buyachok , pastor, and Plast president Marta Hnativ invite you to

Share the Flame

at the

Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral of

Sts.Vladimir and Olga

111 McGregor St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

on

Sunday, December 18, 2011

9am

Come out-bring a lantern or a candle, and take part in this ceremony. May the Bethlehem Peace Light light up your hearts and your homes during this Christmas season with its message of tranquility and love.

Oksana Shulakewych

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