

Red Deer

Red Deer Parish was established in 1999 and has been under the leadership of five priests during its existence: Rev. Father Michael Sawchenko, Rev. Father Patrick Powalinsky, Rev. Father Mykhaylo Poxdyk, Rev. Father Volodymyr Bilous, and Rev. Father Timothy Chrapko. It is a small parish that currently operates out of Parkland Funeral Home. Over the last year, membership has grown to twenty-six paying members and an average attendance of thirty parishioners every Sunday. It currently holds two Divine Liturgies a month, and gathers for "Vespers and Education Night" once a month. The largest challenge facing the Red Deer Parish is the lack of a building to call its own. The need to rent space to gather limits its ability to meet as a parish community. The parish recently has been donated a building by the New Battleford Parish District in Saskatchewan. This project is a key step towards allowing Red Deer to become a self-sufficient parish in the future. The continued support of the Southern Alberta Mission Project is vital to Red Deer's continued success.

What Can You Do To Help?

The Southern Alberta Mission Project needs funds to continue its work encouraging growth in the southern part of the province. By promoting parish development in Lethbridge and Red Deer, we show our understanding that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada is a community of believers that is willing to help its own, and which continues to be an important part of Canadian culture. Once Lethbridge and Red Deer become self sufficient, the project will continue to aid those parishes that need a helping hand, to help grow our parish communities and ensure that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church is looking to the future. Please help us continue to support these worthy causes. To make a donation to the Southern Alberta Mission Project, please mail your donation to:

The Southern Alberta Mission Project,
St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church,
404 Meredith Road NE,
Calgary AB, T2E 5A6.

Thank you and God Bless.

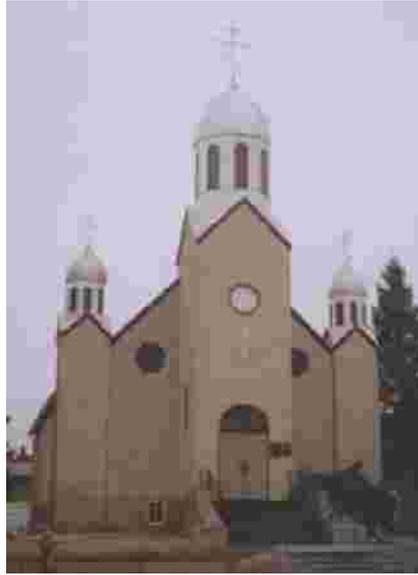


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The Project

The Southern Alberta Mission Project was initially established in 2001 with the ordination of Rev. Father Patrick Powalinsky, under the supervision of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Calgary, Alberta. It mainly serves three parishes, Lethbridge, Red Deer and Oyen, who are at this time unable to support a priest of their own. The communities of Lethbridge and Red Deer; however, have growing parishes that need to be nurtured and supported by the UOCC. Over the last year, parish growth in the two churches has been remarkable, with membership more than doubling in Red Deer, and attendance increasing dramatically in Lethbridge. These two parishes continue to face many challenges. However, under the leadership of Father Taras Krochak and Father Timothy Chrapko, they continue to work towards establishing themselves as thriving parishes.

Lethbridge



Lethbridge Parish was initially established in 1949, but has struggled to survive over the last twenty years. Under the current leadership of Father Taras Krochak and Reader Kyle Lickiss, the parish is experiencing a renewal that is truly a blessing from the Lord. With thirty members and a regular attendance of over seventy people, Lethbridge is well positioned to become a permanent source of spiritual leadership in its community.

Lethbridge currently holds two Divine Liturgies every month, and on the other two Sundays holds Reader Services, led by Reader Kyle Lickiss. Recently they have also begun holding Vespers services on Saturdays twice a month. They also sent a representative to the Western Eparchy Conference in 2008. The increase in services over the last year demonstrates how Lethbridge is eager to participate in an active spiritual life, and is building towards the future. Without the help of the Southern Alberta Mission Project, this progress would not be possible.

