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Bethlehem Peace Flame Arrives in Edmonton

A flickering flame, secured every year by a child from the grotto where Our Lord Jesus Christ was born, has traveled through 23 European countries, including Ukraine, and the United States before entering Canada.

Today it arrives in Edmonton at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John having come directly from Winnipeg this afternoon.

It reminds us of the announcement of peace to the shepherds on the fields more than 2000 years ago, and helps to spread the light of peace across all of Canada and the World.

"The light has been burning since November. It is very inspiring to think that the light from which Ukrainians will light their candles on the traditional Ukrainian Christmas, celebrated according to the Julian calendar on January 6, was first lit at the place of Jesus' birth," says Daria Luciw, UCC-APC President.

The light was originally part of a charitable relief mission for children in need in Austria and abroad. It came to Edmonton with help from Plast – the Edmonton chapter of the Ukrainian Scouting organization. Members of Plast in Edmonton will then take the light on to members of the Ukrainian community, churches, hospitals, seniors homes, places of public importance - to anybody that appreciates the significance of the "gift".

Khrystos Rodyvsia! (Christ is born!) "Slavite Yoho!" (Let Us Glorify Him!).

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The media and broad public from any church or denomination is invited to attend the service, which will be at 5:00 PM on January 5, 2010, St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 10951 - 107 Street, Edmonton, AB. Candles will be provided for people wishing to take the flame home, share it with others and keep it during Ukrainian Christmas.

The Flame will be also available for those attending the service at 11:00 PM at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral at 10:30 PM at the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of St. George, 11301-96 Street, Edmonton, AB.

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