

years with between 15 to 25 families as members.

### Historical Site—Legacy

In 2009, our Church was designated Municipal Heritage Site #341 by the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn. This designation cemented our commitment to restore the Church in a historically accurate way to ensure it would be preserved for future generations. A new roof with cedar shingles was added. The Church domes were repaired and repainted. Historically accurate windows and doors replaced the deteriorating windows and doors. Today, our refurbished Church is well preserved to hopefully last to 100 years.

And the building is just one of the legacies handed down to us. In addition, our ancestors left us a parish, a community of people with common values and interests, who share a desire to preserve the culture, heritage, and traditions that are so important to us.

Thank you for coming and sharing this historical day with us!

*"Never forget your past; it's the foundation that built your existence, and is the secret to your future."*

***The Congregation of St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Sundown***



### Parish Cemetery in Sundown

Please take time to visit the parish cemetery. It is located just ½ km west of the church on Highway 201. The cemetery was established in 1946 on land donated by the Olynyk family.

The earliest interments date back to 1946. A directory is available on site.



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## ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH SUNDOWN



**75 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY  
JULY 17, 2016**





## Welcome!

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Sundown, Manitoba. On this occasion we pay tribute to our forefathers - immigrants who came to Canada from Ukraine in the first wave of immigration starting in 1896. They came with little but hope and determination to build a better future for their families. Most of the members of the congregation came from the Bukovyna and Haluchyna regions of Ukraine. Initially, they focused on the bare essentials: building shelters, breaking the land, and making a living. As their lives became more secure they built churches, schools, and community halls to provide for education, expression of faith, and cultural and social gatherings.

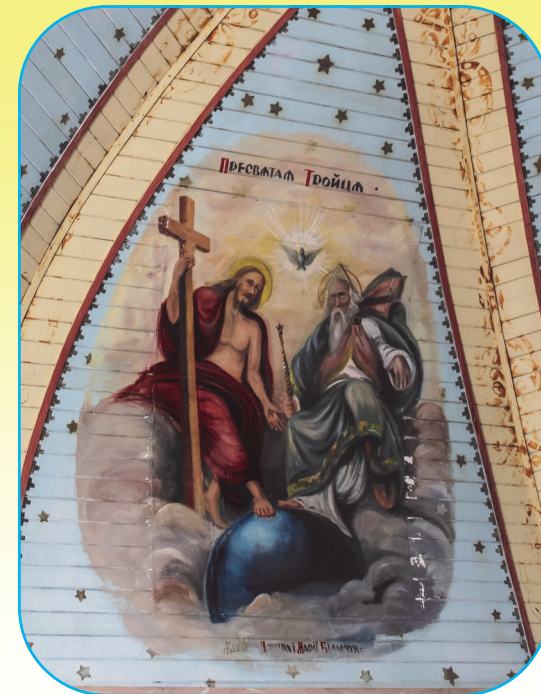
## Church History & Forefathers

The congregation of St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church was founded in 1939. The first church service was conducted in the Ukrainian National Home by Rev. Ivan Dmytriw. The following year, through a combination of donated building materials, donated labour, and money they pooled to get started,



construction of the current church began on its present site. The names listed on the title as trustees of the Church were Adolph Anton Bordun, Nykola Eliuk, and Fedor Olynyk. The land for the Church was donated by John Eliuk.

The first service held in the Church was in 1941. The Church was blessed in 1944 by Archbishop Ivan Teodorovich. It was at least a completed



wooden structure with a wood stove and basic essentials. As additional funds were raised, embellishments were added. In 1954 and 1955 iconographer John Pushka was hired to paint the interior of the Church. Records show two payments for this work – \$300 and \$500.

The richly decorated interior has an ornate iconostasis, iconography, and wall surfaces with folk motifs. Beautiful cross-stitched tablecloths and runners embroidered by Anastasia Eliuk adorned the surfaces. Later the chandeliers, gold-plated candleholders, crowns, and other items were added to the original wooden candleholders and crosses.

Records show Church participation remained quite stable through the

