

# St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Church

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## OPERATION ST NICHOLAS 2020



The month of December was a flurry of activity both in Canada and in Ukraine. Operation St Nicholas 2020 came to a successful close with St Stephen purchasing gifts for 59 children from Berezhany, Zalischyky, Stryy, Perehinske and Chernivtsi. Gifts were received in time for St Nicholas distribution and we received numerous emails from Sr. E. Prots containing pictures and expressions of gratitude. The children were excited about their gifts and the Sister Servants were pleasantly surprised that St Nicholas remembered them. - Charity Director Mary Chudyk

## Translated letters and pictures:

We received from you very beautiful gifts for the feast of St. Nicholas. These gifts were given to children from the **(Berezhany)** boarding school and other needy children who are orphans, semi-orphans. For those children, these gifts brought great joy, they were able to feel the true love and care that you gave them. Many of them have wondered why someone is helping them, and thus can learn to also be able to help others who need their help. For when we do good, it multiplies and does not pass without a trace. When you take, you fill your hand, when you give, you fill your heart... it inspires faith in a better future, in the fact that there is mercy, beauty, goodness and love in the world...

### *Berezhany Orphanage:*





*In Berezhany village:*



We received from you wonderful gifts for St. Nicholas for poor children in Stryi. These unexpected, beautiful gifts from you brought children great joy, sweet pleasure! The children were very enthusiastic, surprised by the things they received. Thank you for your sensitivity, love and understanding for us and children in need!

The situation with the coronavirus that prevails in the world is not simple, especially in Ukraine. Low-income families and large families do suffer financially. So, sincerely THANK YOU for your kind HEART!



The sisters in Perehinsk have already given the children very beautiful backpacks. The children were very happy and thanked sincerely. This can be seen in the photos. Also the Sisters thanked St. Nicholas, who did not forget about them and generously gifted.



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*Нехай Господь обдарує вас усіма необхідними ласками та дарами, щоб ви могли довго служити тим, хто потребує хороших знарядь у Божих руках.*

*May the Lord endow you with all the necessary graces and gifts, so that you may serve for a long time those who are in need and be good instruments in God's hands.*

Note: We received news that one of our parcels that was destined for Zalischyky was not delivered. We launched an investigation through MEEST and at this time we are waiting to hear.