



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Українська Католицька Парафія Воздвиження Чесного Хреста

Sundays:

- 9:30 am Rosary
- 10 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesdays:

- 9 am Divine Liturgy

Most Major Feasts*:

- 10 am Divine Liturgy

(* It's always best to check the calendar in this bulletin for upcoming special events & feasts.)

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More info on the next page.

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 3;
The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eusebius

A Beautiful and Busy Week in Pictures

If a picture says a thousand words then this is the longest bulletin that I've made in a long time. Many great events have occurred this week and you can get a look at all of them in the following pages.

A **HUGE** thank you to all who helped in any and/or all of these events.

The picture to the right is St. Nicholas addressing the crowd at our very well attended St. Nicholas Dinner. Thank you Saint Nicholas. You are the best!



We're Seeking Courageous Positive Women Leaders

Do you want to help shape our parish community in a meaningful way? Our Ladies' Club is seeking some new fresh go-getters to join in the leadership team of this awesome group.

The Ladies' Club is a very active group of hardworking people who have been taking care of the parish in many ways (and they still do). They support and make a huge impact on various church initiatives including our youth, faith development, liturgy, finances and well... everywhere!

So consider grabbing a few of your friends and make an impact in this awesome parish, so it can be even more awesome. Your energy is needed.

Call the parish office (780-478-5260) or Fr. Bo (780-340-3726) who can get you in touch with some of the current team.



Hey Men, you are also wanted in our Men's Club and Knights of Columbus. Give us a call (same numbers as above). We would love to work with you.

Tickets for our parish's Malanka are going fast! Over 150 tickets have been sold already.

Malanka is a New Year's celebration, with great food, great music and great people. It takes place this year on Saturday, January the 13th. Get tickets for yourself and your friends and family before they are gone!

Hall Rentals:

call Lisa at: 780-222-9155
or email: hallrental@ehcucp

Perohy Off Sales: 780-478-4275

Membership:

email: membership@ehcucp

Reminder: To receive member rates for funerals/memorials the deceased person must have been a fully paid up member of Holy Cross Parish for the past 22 consecutive months. Deceased children of fully paid up members are also entitled to member rates however child must be under the age of 18.

Funeral Dinners:

Call Cheryl: 780-456-2828

Parish Pastoral Council:

- Parish Priest – Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
- Deacon - Dcn. François Provençal
- President – Mark Helmak
- Past President – Peter Fedorak
- 1st Vice-President – Mark Ramsankar
- 2nd Vice-President – John Lukey
- Secretary – Gwen Uchach
- Treasurer – Peter Fedorak
- Archivist – Diana Horyn
- Cultural – Maryka Bodnar
- Fundraising – Edd Horyn
- Hall Rental – Lisa Borosuk & Gladys Woitas
- Ladies’ Club – Heather Gauthier
- Knights of Columbus – Darrell Uchach
- Men’s Club President – Marc Chiasson
- Youth Coordinator – Emmette Lysak
- Maintenance – Larry Waye
- Membership – J’lyn Ramsankar
- Social – Vacant
- Spiritual – Elizabeth Podloski

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist:

- Contact Fr. Bo, at least a month in advance if possible

Weddings:

- Contact Fr. Bo, at least a year in advance if possible

Funerals:

- Contact Fr. Bo, as soon as you are able.

Confessions:

- Sundays from 9 till 9:30 with Fr. Bo
- Sundays with Fr. Myron: See Calendar
- or anytime, just call Fr. Bo to arrange it.



Our First Solemn Communion Program has Begun with 3 Awesome Kids.

Keep us in your prayers.

Is it too late to join us? Well... yes, but no. We will consider allowing other kids to join us, but they will need to make up class(es) to catch up. Please don't wait.



Subdeacon John Lukey, his sister Bernadette & his wife Debbie

This past Wednesday John Lukey received the minor order of Subdiaconate. The minor orders are the stepping stones towards the Major Holy Orders which include the diaconate, priesthood and even episcopate.

Subdeacon John will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, January 27th.



Mnohaya Lita Subdeacon John! (and Debbie too)

“On behalf of my wife Debbie, myself and our family we wish to thank Paul & Liz Syvenky & family, Peter & Dianne Fedorak & family and Olga Kordyban & family for their generous donations to purchase three complete sets of Diaconal Vestments. These vestments were blessed by Bishop David this past Wednesday after Divine Liturgy.”

-Subdeacon John



St Nicholas Rocks!

And so do our fabulous kids!

And so do our Sunday School Staff!

Last Sunday we had a lovely crowd (maybe 220+ for the meal and another 30+ to see St. Nick). Thank you to all who participated. The Holy One blessed us, encouraged us, taught us, and even gave us some gifts.



A huge thank you to the **Men's Club** who provided all the children's gifts for St. Nicholas to give out. You also rock.

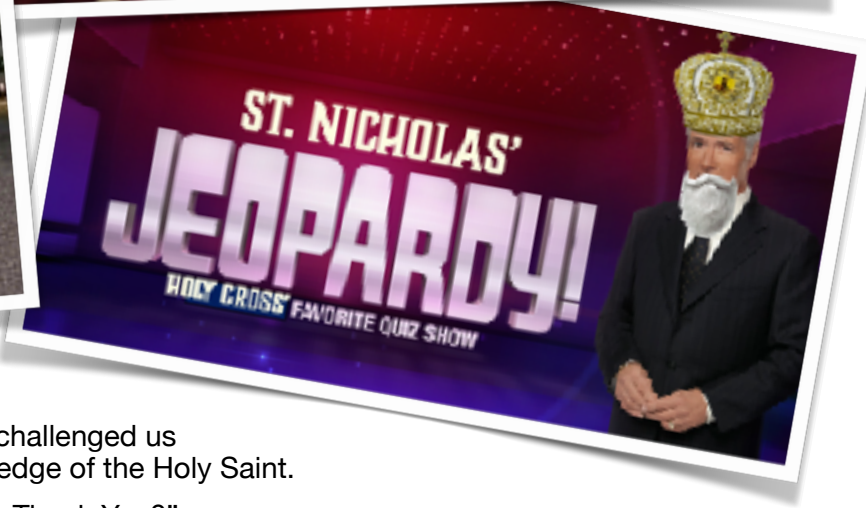


Our **Sunday School** has been practicing for weeks to put on a great play to explain to everyone how Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Great job to all the kids including our Narrators, Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds, the Angels, the Star, the Set Sign Colourers, the Wise Men, the Animals including donkeys, sheep and tigers, and everyone. It went perfectly! We should consider going to Broadway!

Also a **humungous** thank you to our **Sunday School Teachers and Helpers**, who were costuming, and singing, and pointing, and directing, and probably negotiating, organizing and teaching, and caring for our most precious children. Wow. Thank you.

And our **Cooks!** The kitchen helpers, ticket sellers, master boilers, potato smashers, vegetable cutter-up-ers, the serving scoopers, gift haulers, the dishwashers, the plate collectors, the juice pourers, the table set up folk, the... everyone!

I could not possibly thank you all enough. The meal was incredible (as always). I am very impressed (as were our guests) how well this parish does things. Kudos.



And our very own version of **Alex Trebek**, who challenged us all to recall our knowledge of the Holy Saint.

As they say: "What is Thank You?"

14th Annual Bishop's Gala



IMAGE TO LIKENESS
"Our Life in Christ"

Supporting the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Curriculum K-12

Honourary Chair
 Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky

Thursday, December 7, 2023
 Chateau Louis Conference Centre | Edmonton
 Cocktails 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm



This Thursday a table of us represented our parish at the Annual Bishop's Gala. Thank you to the Parish Council and the Ladies' Club for the tickets and auction items.

(and apparently Fr. Bo has not grown up yet. He's still doing his usual spoon on nose trick at banquets.)



"The Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus along with a few male members of our Parish held their annual **Christmas Celebration** on December 6th. Thirty people attended the evening of fun, good food and fellowship. Fun was had by all.

The KC's & Men's Club would like to thank Judy Mydan and her crew for preparing a fantastic meal.

The *stoowdahnets* (head cheese) was a big hit. (at least for those who eat that stuff)



Yesterday (Saturday the 9th) the Men's Club held one of their two annual **"Veteran's Lunches"** for the veterans that live just down the block from our church.

The perogies were delectable, the sausage was delightful, the beans were inspired and the vegetables were minimal. It was great!

This is a lovely way of saying thank you to those who have served in the military to keep us all safe and enjoying the freedoms that we have. Great job gents!



See how expertly the sausage was placed next to the butter and onions.





Saints of the day:

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugegraphus, of Alexandria

Commemorated on December 10

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugegraphus suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313).

Martyrs Menas

Saint Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians.

Martyr Hermogenes

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint Eugegraphus, the secretary of Saint Menas, who had declared himself a Christian upon witnessing the endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes; and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.

Martyr Eugegraphus

The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria.

Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.

This week Fr. Bo will be teaching an Iconography workshop for the 12 Propaedeutic Seminarians of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Seminary. Because of this there will be no Wednesday morning Liturgy. Please keep us in mind in your prayers. Thank you.

A few of you have been inquiring... and I still don't know what would be best for everyone. But I do need to decide soon

When is my next public icon workshop?

Normally I put one on just before or at the beginning of Lent. A typical icon workshop is about 30 hours of instruction, prayer, and painting. This can be done over a week during the days, or over a long weekend. This is a fairly intense process, but anyone who wants to can do it.

Please give me your input. Which days would you prefer?



I'm excited. Bishop David has given me his blessing to study under one of the world's best known iconographers, and I have been accepted by this iconographer for a 2 year program beginning in the Fall of 2024. This will take place primarily online with a few (4) week to ten day long residencies over the 2 years.



Peter our Parish Treasurer says: “Many of our parishioners like to contribute additional funds before year end for tax purposes.” To ensure that **your donation is counted in the 2023 Tax Year**, please make sure the donation is given **on or before DECEMBER 24, 2023**, Any donations after the 24th, no guarantee that it will make the 2023 tax year.



Last Sunday’s Collection was \$ 2850 (Dec 3). The previous Sunday’s collection was \$2318.25 (Nov 26). Thank you to all who contribute generously and regularly.

Holy Cross Ladies’ Club is looking to hire a paid casual cook for our parish.

The position requires flexibility as functions/events occur on an as needed ongoing basis. People who are qualified in catering and food handling and safety will be considered. If you love working in a fast paced environment and working with dynamic team members, please get in touch with either Heather Gauthier at (780) 982-4189 or Dianne Kluk at (780) 242-1534 for further information.



Interested in really making a difference in the world?



Photo by Nina Strehl on Unsplash

If you have a passion for protecting human rights, especially for the poor and marginalized, ethical consumption, taking care of our environment, reconciliation between all people, and promoting the sanctity of human life - **then we are excited to meet YOU!**

The Eparchial Social Mission Commission is searching for two new members to join our team of passionate parishioners hoping to make a difference.

Please contact socialjustice@eeparchy.com

**RENEWAL
REMINDER**

It’s time to renew your parish membership!

J’lyn our parish’s Membership Director is back.

Register with her today!

I used to run a dating service for chickens, but I was struggling to make hens meet.

Upcoming (Not Regular) Events

- **Week of Dec. 11-15th** - Fr. Bo leads the annual **Icon Workshop for St. Joseph's Seminary's** Propaedeutic Students.
- **Thursday, Dec. 14th** - Bingo
- **Sunday, Dec 24th** -
 - **10 am** Sunday Liturgy
 - **2 pm** St. Michael's Extended Care Liturgy
 - **8 pm** Christmas Eve Complines & Liturgy English
 - **10 pm** Christmas Eve Liturgy Bilingual
- **Monday, Dec 25th** -
 - **10 am** Christmas Day Liturgy English
- **Tuesday, Dec 26th** - **Synaxis of the Mother of God** - No service at Holy Cross
- **Wednesday, Dec 27th** - **Medium sized Feast: St. Stephen the Protomartyr**, Liturgy at 9 am
- **Wednesday, Dec 27th** - **Clergy Christmas Liturgy** and Lunch with Bishop & St. Nicholas at Cathedral, starts at 10:30 am.
- **Wednesday & Thursday Dec. 27th & 28th: Funeral**
- **Friday, Dec. 29th** - Bingo
- **Monday, Jan 1st** - **Medium sized Feast: St. Basil's & Circumcision of our Lord**, Liturgy at 10 am
- **Friday, Jan 5th** - **Major Feast: Theophany Eve**, Complines, Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Water at 7 pm
- **Saturday, Jan 6th** - **Major Feast: Theophany**, Liturgy at 10 am.
- **Thursday, Jan. 11th** - Bingo
- **Saturday, Jan 13th** - **Parish Malanka**
- **Sunday, Jan 21st** - **Ukrainian Carol Concert** at St. Josaphat Cathedral, 2:00 pm. Donations to Bridge of Hope orphanages in Ukraine.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 23rd** - Bingo
- **Saturday, Jan 27th** - **Ordination of John Lukey to the Diaconate**, followed by a lunch.
- **Monday, Feb. 12th** - Bingo

Ukrainian Catholic School Division and Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society
UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PROGRAM
 Invites Alumni and Supporters (of both Catholic and public school divisions) to the

50th Anniversary REUNION ZABAVA
ЗНОВУ БУДЬМО РАЗОМ COMING TOGETHER AGAIN
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

MERIDIAN BANQUETS CENTRE • 4820 78 AVENUE NW
 COCKTAILS: 5:00-6:00 hr | DINNER: 6:00-8:00 hr | DANCE: Music by Europhoria to follow

*** FEATURING ***
 Patronage: Ukraine (Daria Kuchynska, Yurii Kuchynski) | Special appearance by Alex & Alina (Waltz Bar)

*** TICKETS AND PRICING ***
 Adults/Youth \$80
 TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH EVENTBRITE
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ukrainian-bilingual-program-2024-tickets-744444444444>

To gather information contact: zabaava@reunion.org | Email: zabaava@reunion.org

Deadline to purchase tickets: Friday, January 26, 2024
TICKETS CANNOT BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR!
 Sponsored by: Ukrainian Catholic Schools Council, Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society and Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Resource Centre



Fr. Bo is **not** the most organized person. If I am missing or have something wrong in this list of events... or the calendar... or anywhere in this bulletin... please do drop me a line. And if you did send something and I didn't get it in, please don't be mad, just send it to me again.

Our Parish News:

- We remember the servant of God + Mary Hrycyk who passed away a year ago on December 11. Vichnaya Pamyat.
- **Coffee Hour** after Sunday Liturgy every Sunday... unless we are having a special meal. Come join us. The Schedule is on the Bulletin Board as before.
- Join us as we pray the **Rosary** before Divine Liturgy on Sundays. The Schedule is on the Bulletin Board as before.
- **Any 50th Anniversaries?** Let us know so that we can congratulate you and give you a plaque. (and put you in the bulletin). Call Diana Horyn at 780-455-9926 if it's your anniversary or if you know if a parishioner here is having one.
- Our **Sunday School** is awesome! All kids up to First Solemn Communion are welcome. You will get the blessing to go from Fr. Bo at the start of the Liturgy. Don't be shy, join us!
- Boys and Girls who have already done their First Solemn Communion are invited to become an **Altar Server!** Just say hi to Fr. Bo before Liturgy and we will train you on the job.
- Please give generously to our "**Kid's Cottage Toy Drive**". Kid's Cottage is Edmonton's only crisis prevention and intervention shelter for infants and children. See the display in the hall for more details. Let's fill another table!
- **Food Bank Collection:** Let us not forget those who are hungry! We are always called to think about those who are less fortunate. A box for nonperishable food donations is always in the entrance of the Church.
- Our Eparchy is continuing to raise **funds for people in Ukraine** through CNEWA. If you wish to help you can donate through our parish, which will pass the donation to the Eparchy.
- We are **recording our Liturgies** for those who are not able to come in person to church. Please note that the **recorded Liturgies** are not intended to be an option for those who simply want to stay at home.
- **BINGO !! BINGO !!** Here is some important information that should be of interest to ALL parishioners. Through the funds generated by our monthly bingos, our parish was able to pay our church insurance for the current year. That insurance bill was approximately \$29,000 dollars!! No, this not a misprint. How fortunate we were that the funds needed for this expenditure came from the bingo account. Now, that was the good news.

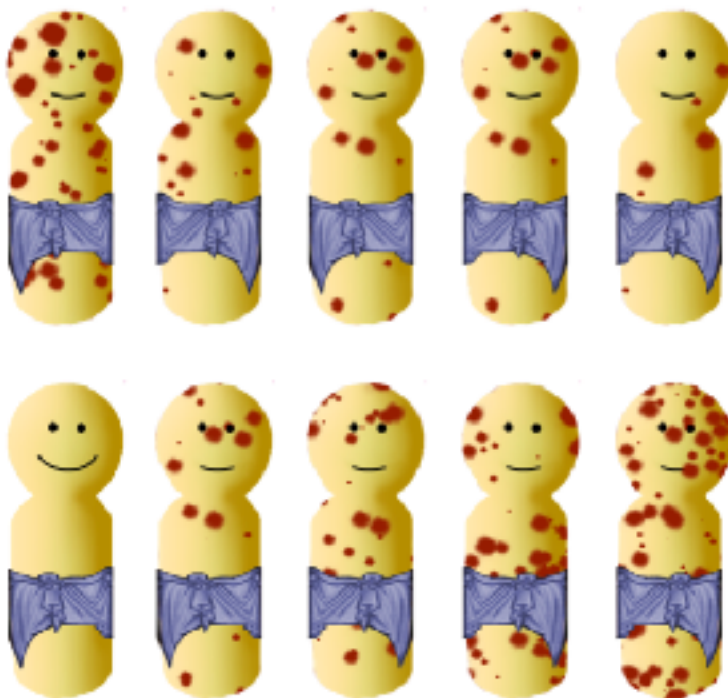
The team of volunteers needed to host our monthly bingos is in dire need of new volunteers willing to step up and support this reliable fundraiser. We need a team of at least fifteen reliable volunteers to meet our twice-a-month schedule. Currently, we have eleven committed volunteers on a steady basis. For the past several months, we have had to bring in non-members of the parish to fulfill our positions. These positions have to be filled in order avoid a bingo club penalty. This requires our volunteer chairperson to make extra phone calls to meet the required number of workers needed. One is never sure of the results and this can become very stressful.

So, what is required? The bingo shift is only about five hours long and the bonus is a free lunch and you can win a door prize !! We are encouraging parishioners who can join the bingo team to please call our volunteer chairperson, Darlene @ 780-478-8797.

The purpose of this bulletin article is to make all parishioners aware of how important it is to support a successful fundraiser that contributes to the overall financial health of our parish. God Bless our volunteers.

Edd (Fundraising Chair)

Can you spot which two leprous people are exactly the same?



Theosis Studios 2018

Make sure you always thank God for all the good things he does for you.

Kid's Bulletin Page

Kids: you are important and we love you. This page is for you.

Leprosy was a horrible disease (and still is). In today's gospel Jesus helps 10 people who suffered from Leprosy. Only one of the 10 people came back to Jesus to say thanks. Jesus was not impressed by the other 9 people's ingratitude.

Today's Colouring Page

(Remember, if you wish, you can hang your picture for all to see on our parish's bulletin board.)

Jesus heals the 10 Lepers.



Next Couple of Weeks at Holy Cross Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>10</p> <p>Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 3; The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Euphrasius Nativity Fast. The Gospel of the 29th Sunday after Pentecost is prescribed for today this year. Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 17:12-19.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)</p> <p>Sunday School & Coffee Hour</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite (493) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19; Luke 20:27-44.</p> <p>7 am - 4 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm PPC Meeting</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (337-61) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 4:1-13; Luke 21:12-19.</p> <p>7 am - 8 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</p> <p>No visit with Ann F. School</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius and Orestes (284-305); the Holy Martyr Lucia, the Virgin (284-305) Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 21:12-19.</p> <p>7 am - 8 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</p> <p>No 9 am Liturgy</p> <p>No Clergy Meeting</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius (249-51), Philemon, Apollonius and Callinicus (284-305) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 7:1-6; Luke 21:28-33.</p> <p>7 am - 4 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</p> <p>10:30 am Parish Bingo</p> <p>No visit with St. Matthew's School</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>15 </p> <p>The Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius; Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra (956); Our Holy Father Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh (8th century) Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 7:18-25; Luke 21:37-22:8.</p> <p>7 am - 2 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</p> <p>Bulletin Writing</p> <p>6 pm Appointment</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>The Holy Prophet Haggai (6th c. BC) Nativity Fast. Ephesians 2:11-13; Luke 13:18-29.</p> <p>10:30 Appointment</p> <p>2 pm First Solemn Communion Class #2</p> <p>Bulletin Writing</p> <p>5 pm Appointment</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Sunday of the Holy Ancestors. Octoechos Tone 4; The Holy Prophet Daniel, the Three Holy Youths Ananiah (Ananias), Azariah (Azarias) and Mishael (Misael) (6th century BC) Nativity Fast. Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>(Deacon François preaches)</p> <p>Sunday School & Coffee Hour</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions Nativity Fast. Hebrews 8:7-13; Mark 8:11-21.</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>Iconography Tutoring</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Boniface (230) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23; Mark 8:22-26.</p> <p>12:30 pm Ann F. School Visitation</p>	<p>20 </p> <p>Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer (110) Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 10:1-18; Mark 8:30-34.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>10:30 am Regular Clergy Meeting</p> <p>1 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Matthew's School</p>	<p>21 </p> <p>Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (284-305) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 10:35-11:7; Mark 9:10-16.</p> <p>8:30 -3:30 St. Matt's School Confessions</p> <p>Thursday afternoon till Friday morning is typically Fr. Bo's day off</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>22 </p> <p>Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia (305) Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 11:8,11-16; Mark 9:33-41.</p> <p>Early Dismissal for ECSD</p> <p>Bulletin Writing</p>	<p>23 </p> <p>Saturday before the Nativity of Christ; The Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete (249-51) Nativity Fast. Galatians 3:8-12; Luke 13:18-29.</p> <p>10:30 Appointment</p> <p>Bulletin Writing</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers, Octoechos Tone 5; Eve of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Venerable-Martyr Eugenia Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Matthew 1:1-25.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy for the Sunday (Bilingual)</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care</p> <p>8 pm Complines and Divine Liturgy for Christmas Eve (English)</p> <p>10 pm Divine Liturgy for Christmas Eve</p>	<p>25</p> <p>The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ - Christmas Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of obligation. Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12.</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy for the Nativity (Bilingual)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God; The Holy Priest-Martyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis (824) Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the ? Branded One? (844) A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60; Matthew 21:33-42.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>10:30 am Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral followed by the Clergy St. Nicholas Gathering</p> <p>6 pm Funeral Prayers</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Two Thousand Martyrs Who Were Burned in Nicomedia (303); Passing into eternal life (1945) of Blessed Hryhorii (Gregory) Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanyslaviv (Ivano-Frankivsk) and martyr James 1:19-27; Mark 10:17-27.</p> <p>10 am Funeral Prayers</p>	<p>29</p> <p>The Holy Children who were murdered by Herod in Bethlehem; Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones (c. 470) James 2:1-13; Mark 10:23-32.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Saturday after the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Anysia (286-305); Holy Martyr and Presbyter, Zoticus, Protector of Orphans (4th c.) 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Matthew 12:15-21.</p>

Changeable Parts for December 10

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 3;
The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eucraphus

After “Blessed is the Kingdom” Sunday
School children are blessed to go to the Sunday
School room with their teachers.

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let
the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty
deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death.
He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved
us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great
mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 3: You rose from the tomb, O
compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the
gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve
rejoices,* and the prophets together with the
patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might
of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 3: Today the Virgin stands
before us in the church* and together with the
choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.*
Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,* Apostles
exult with prophets,* for the Mother of God prays
in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout
unto God with the voice of joy. (Psalm 46:7,2)

Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, giving thanks to the Father,
who has enabled you to share in the inheritance
of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from
the power of darkness and transferred us into the
kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the
image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation; for in him all things in heaven and on
earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers
— all things have been created through him and

for him. He himself is before all things, and in him
all things hold together. He is the head of the
body, the church; he is the beginning, the
firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to
have first place in everything.

Alleluia Verses, Tone 3:

In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be
put to shame for ever.
Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of
refuge to save me. (Psalm 30:2,3)

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19 (NRSV)

As Jesus entered a village, ten lepers approached
him. Keeping their distance, they called out,
saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When
he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show
yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they
were made clean. Then one of them, when he
saw that he was healed, turned back, praising
God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at
Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a
Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten
made clean? But the other nine, where are they?
Was none of them found to return and give praise
to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to
him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has
made you well.”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in
the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.