



# 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 3, 2023

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2; The Holy Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) (7th century BC). Nativity Fast.



### John's Ordination to the Sub-Diaconate will take place this Wednesday at 9 am

As we announced last week, Bishop David has chosen to ordain John Lukey to the Diaconate on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

One of the steps that take place before this ordination is the elevation to the minor orders. Since John has already received 3 of the 4 when he became a Eucharistic Minister under (then) Bishop Lawrence, he only needs the

rank of Sub-Deacon now. This last of the minor orders will be bestowed THIS WEDNESDAY immediately before our 9 am Divine Liturgy by Bishop David.

So... as of 9 am this Wednesday if you wish to call John by his proper title, you can call him "Sub-Deacon John". This will change to simply "Deacon John" in January.

Congratulations again to Deacon-To-Be John, Debbie and family too. Axios.

**What are the Minor Orders? find out on page 4.**



## Saint Nicholas is here today after Liturgy!

Hopefully you have a ticket for the dinner, if not you can come at about 12:30-ish to see the saint... but sadly you won't get a plate.

## Our First Solemn Communion Orientation is Today

Please say a prayer for us as we begin this awesome journey.

If you have, or know of, a child who should be part of the program let Mariyka Bodnar, Danielle Guydash or Fr. Bo know as soon as possible!



## A new bishop is appointed for the Eparchy of Saskatoon.

Mnohaya Lita Bishop-Elect Michael Smolinski, and all the faithful of Saskatchewan.



**Hall Rentals:**

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

**Perochy 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 Borosuik & 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.

## Bishop Appointed for Saskatoon Eparchy in Canada



On November 30, 2023, the Vatican announced that His Holiness Pope Francis, having blessed the decision of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, appointed the Most Reverend Father Michael Smolinski, formerly the Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer in Canada, as the ruling bishop of the Saskatoon Eparchy of the UGCC in Canada, as it was reported by the press service of the Holy See.

Since April 28, 2022, the Apostolic Administrator of the vacant seat of the Saskatoon Eparchy has been Bishop Lawrence Huculiak, Archbishop and Metropolitan of Winnipeg. The nominee, Bishop Michael Smolinski, will become the sixth ruling bishop of the Saskatoon Eparchy since its foundation in 1956. The first bishop was Bishop Andriy Roboretsky, and Bishops Vasyl Filevych, Cornelius Pasichny, Michael Vivchar, and Brian Baida led the diocese.

**Biographical note**

The Nominee Bishop Michael Smolinski was born on September 10, 1972 in Saskatoon, Canada.

He entered the novitiate of the Redemptorists on September 1, 1997, and professed his Perpetual Vows on August 15, 2002. He studied at the University of Saskatchewan, obtaining a Licentiate in Education and a Master of Divinity degree from St. Michael's University in Toronto. He also completed a course in Christian Oriental Studies at the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute at St. Paul's University in Ottawa.

He was ordained a priest on July 5, 2003, at the Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul in Saskatoon by the then Bishop of the Saskatoon Eparchy, Michael Vivchar. He performed the following church ministries: rector of the house of reception (2005–2015); extraordinary member of the Provincial Council of Redemptorists (since 2008); rector of the parish of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul in Saskatoon (2015–2019). Since August 1, 2019, he has served as Canada's Provincial Superior of the Redemptorists.

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## The Saint of the day: Prophet Zephaniah

Commemorated on December 3 - from OCA.org

The Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) was a contemporary of the Prophet Jeremiah and the Prophetess Oldama. He was from the tribe of Simeon, and was the ninth of the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. The prophet lived at the royal court, where he preached repentance and helped King Josiah eliminate idol-worship.

He prophesied about the calamities that were to come for the people of Judea and the surrounding regions: Gaza, Ascalon, Crete, and against the Moabites, the Ammonites and the Ninevites.

# We Are People of the Eucharist Towards a renewed love for Holy Communion

Reflections on the Eucharist  
by Bishop David Motiuk, Eparchy of Edmonton



December 2023

The Eucharist and The Family

“O Christ, What Shall We Offer You?”

As our monthly reflections on the Eucharist come to a close, let us explore one final theme: The Eucharist and the Family.

As we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, permit me to share with you an early childhood memory of Christmas.

As the youngest in my family, my sole task on Christmas Eve was to keep watch for the first star in the night sky and to announce “God’s star shines!” With this my family would gather around the table and sing the ancient carol “Boh predvichnyj” (God Eternal is born to us) and then begin the Sviat Vechir, that is, the traditional Christmas Eve Supper with its twelve lenten dishes specially prepared for the occasion.

At first I suspected that the task assigned to me was a sneaky way of keeping me occupied and out of trouble as a young boy; however, having checked it out with friends my age, I quickly learned that it indeed was a valid Christmas tradition practiced for generations!

A star. The Star. The Star of David. The Star of Bethlehem.

*“In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage’.... And there ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.*



*“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Mt 2: 1-11).*

The Wise Men from Persia clearly recognized the heavenly King born on earth. Led by a star, they arrived in Bethlehem bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And when they found the Christ-child lying in a manger, they adored him, the Eternal God.

The gifts of the Magi are of particular significance.

The gift of gold is a recognition that Jesus is the king of Israel, of the entire universe, and of the Kingdom of God to come.

The gift of frankincense signifies that Jesus is indeed God, since incense is used for worship, and we worship the One True God.

And the gift of myrrh, which was used to anoint bodies for burial purposes, reminds us that Jesus, already at his birth, is the one who has come to die as a perfect sacrifice for the people.

In these gifts, therefore, are contained all the mysteries of Christ. They point to the purpose of his coming to earth: royal king, divine God, and perfect sacrifice.

What about us? What gifts might we offer our King and our God?

Well, the verses taken from the vespers (evening prayer) for the Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord offer us some insights:

*“O Christ, what shall we offer you for your coming on earth in our humanity for our sake? Every creature that has its being from you gives thanks to you: the angels offer hymns of praise, the heavens give a star; the magi present their gifts, and the shepherds their wonder; the earth provides...*



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... a cave and the desert a manger. As for us, we offer a Virgin Mother!"

Gold. Frankincense. Myrrh. A virgin mother. Indeed, gifts fit for a King.

And what shall we offer Christ today?

For his part, Christ offers us each and every day his most precious gift, his body and his blood in the Divine Eucharist. For our part, let us draw near to Holy Communion regularly, each and every Sunday. But let us do more.

The greatest gift we can offer our each other this Christmas is an invitation to participate regularly in the Divine Liturgy (Mass) where we are nourished by the Word of God and by Jesus' body and blood.

Let us start by inviting our family members and friends, especially those who have been away from Church for one reason or another, to come back home. God awaits them with open arms, with love, and wants to give them God's most precious gift, the Eucharist.

When you find the greatest gift, do you not want to share it with others? Are not your children and grandchildren and friends, who are most precious in your eyes and heart, not worth your efforts in blessing them by bringing them to Christ who offers them eternal life?

We are people of the Eucharist.

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## What are the Minor Orders?

The Church has at least 7 Holy Mysteries (aka Sacraments), two of which are about vocations: Marriage and Holy Orders. Holy Orders are received when a bishop ordains you to the rank of a Deacon, a Priest and a Bishop. However before one receives one of these three Major Holy Orders, one normally takes on the smaller roles within the church: Candle Bearer, Lector, Cantor and Sub Deacon. Although you don't actually need to receive a special blessing from the bishop to do any of the work that is normally associated with each of these ranks, there is an official service to officially make you an official doer of these jobs.

They are a little like stepping stones that one must take before leaping into the Major Orders.

A **Candle Bearer** is pretty much like an Altar Server or a Sacristan. Their job is to assist in the Divine Liturgy by carrying candles, preparing the incense, and joining in the processions.

A **Lector** is the person who sings the Epistle during a Divine Liturgy, and sometimes chants the changeable parts of various services.

A **Cantor** is the person with a special blessing to lead the singing in the Church. They need to know the various sets of 8 tones and confidently respond to the services.

A **Sub-Deacon** is in charge of the Church Building and setting everything up for the clergy so that the services may go smoothly.

There are also many other jobs that normally get a blessing so that people can do them, that are not considered as Minor Orders: These include: Altar Serving, becoming a member of Parish Pastoral Council, Prosthora Baking, Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Minister; Pastoral Minister, Member of the Altar Guild, the person who holds the Gospel Book when it's read, the Cross Bearer, and many more.

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**Last Sunday's Collection was \$** *Sorry, I forgot to check! I'll put it in next week's Bulletin.* **(Nov 26)**

**The previous Sunday's collection was \$2133. (Nov 19)**

Thank you to all who contribute generously and regularly.



## Tickets for our Malanka are on Sale Now!

See Rose Marie at the table in the entrance of the Hall after Liturgy, or give her a call at 780-217-8217.

**Saturday, January 13th**

Adults \$75, Youth 16 and under are \$35.

Music by the "Sparkling Tones"



## Interested in really making a difference in the world?



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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](mailto: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!

**Attention Men of Holy Cross**

**Did Someone say "Christmas Party!"**



**DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**Brought to you by the K.C.'s & the Holy Cross Men's Club**

The Bishop Neil Savaryn Knights of Columbus Council and the Holy Cross Men's Club invite all men of Holy Cross Parish and friends of the Parish to join us in "Fun, Fellowship and Celebration" at our KC/HC Christmas Celebration.

**For tickets Contact:**

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Phone: 780-456-2828

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# 14th Annual Bishop's Gala



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*Honourary Chair*  
Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Chateau Louis Conference Centre | Edmonton

Cocktails 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

**TICKETS \$200.00**

Available at the Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral Centre  
780 424 5496 or [chancery@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:chancery@edmontoneparchy.com)  
[www.eeparchy.com/gala/](http://www.eeparchy.com/gala/)





## Upcoming (Not Regular) Events

- **Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** - St. Nicholas Event after Liturgy.
- **Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** - First Solemn Communion Orientation, Sunday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> after the St. Nicholas Event.
- **Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** - International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **Wednesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** - Actual St. Nicholas Day Regular Wednesday Liturgy at 9 am.
- **Wednesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** - John Lukey is to be ordained to the Sub-Diaconate at the regular Wednesday Liturgy at 9 am.
- **Wednesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** - Knights of Columbus and Men's Club Christmas Event.
- **Thursday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** - Bishop's Gala: Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Funeral
- **Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Medium sized Feast: Conception by Anne of the Theotokos. NO Liturgy this day.
- **Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** - The First First Solemn Communion Class
- **Week of Dec. 11-15<sup>th</sup>** - Fr. Bo leads the annual Icon Workshop for St. Joseph's Seminary's Propaedeutic Students.
- **Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Bingo
- **Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** -
  - **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 25<sup>th</sup>** -
  - **10 am** Christmas Day Liturgy English
- **Tuesday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>** - Synaxis of the Mother of God - No service at Holy Cross
- **Wednesday, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>** - Medium sized Feast: St. Stephen the Protomartyr, Liturgy at 9 am
- **Wednesday, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>** - Clergy Christmas Liturgy and Lunch with Bishop & St. Nicholas at Cathedral, starts at 10:30 am.
- **Wednesday & Thursday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>:** Funeral
- **Friday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Bingo
- **Monday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** - Medium sized Feast: St. Basil's & Circumcision of our Lord, Liturgy at 10 am
- **Friday, Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** - Major Feast: Theophany Eve, Complines, Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Water at 7 pm
- **Saturday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** - Major Feast: Theophany, Liturgy at 10 am.
- **Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Bingo
- **Saturday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Malanka
- **Sunday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>** - Ukrainian Carol Concert at St. Josaphat Cathedral, 2:00 pm. Donations to Bridge of Hope orphanages in Ukraine.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Bingo
- **Saturday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>** - Ordination of John Lukey to the Diaconate, followed by a lunch.
- **Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Bingo
- **Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** - Bingo



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 send it to me again.

## Our Parish News:

- This Friday at 2 pm at Evergreen Memorial we will be laying to rest the Servant of God + **Marlene Pankiw**. May God grant her eternal rest. Vichnaya Pamyat. and our condolences to the family.
- **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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 entrance of the church for more details.
- **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.
- Our **Ladies' Club** is looking for new executive members and seriously need volunteers to step up. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact Heather Gauthier. If we do not get anyone to step up for our executive positions our Ladies' Club's existence will be in jeopardy. That means we might no longer have a Ladies' Club.

- Want some **Perogy Dough**??? Talk to Lasha. We have some for sale.1.
- **Thank you to the Men's Club** for buying the Christmas tree.
- **Thank you to the guys** that set up the Christmas Manger and Christmas tree.
- **Thank you to Liz & Paul Syvenky** for donating the hay for the Christmas Manger. It made the sheep, cow and donkey feel right 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)



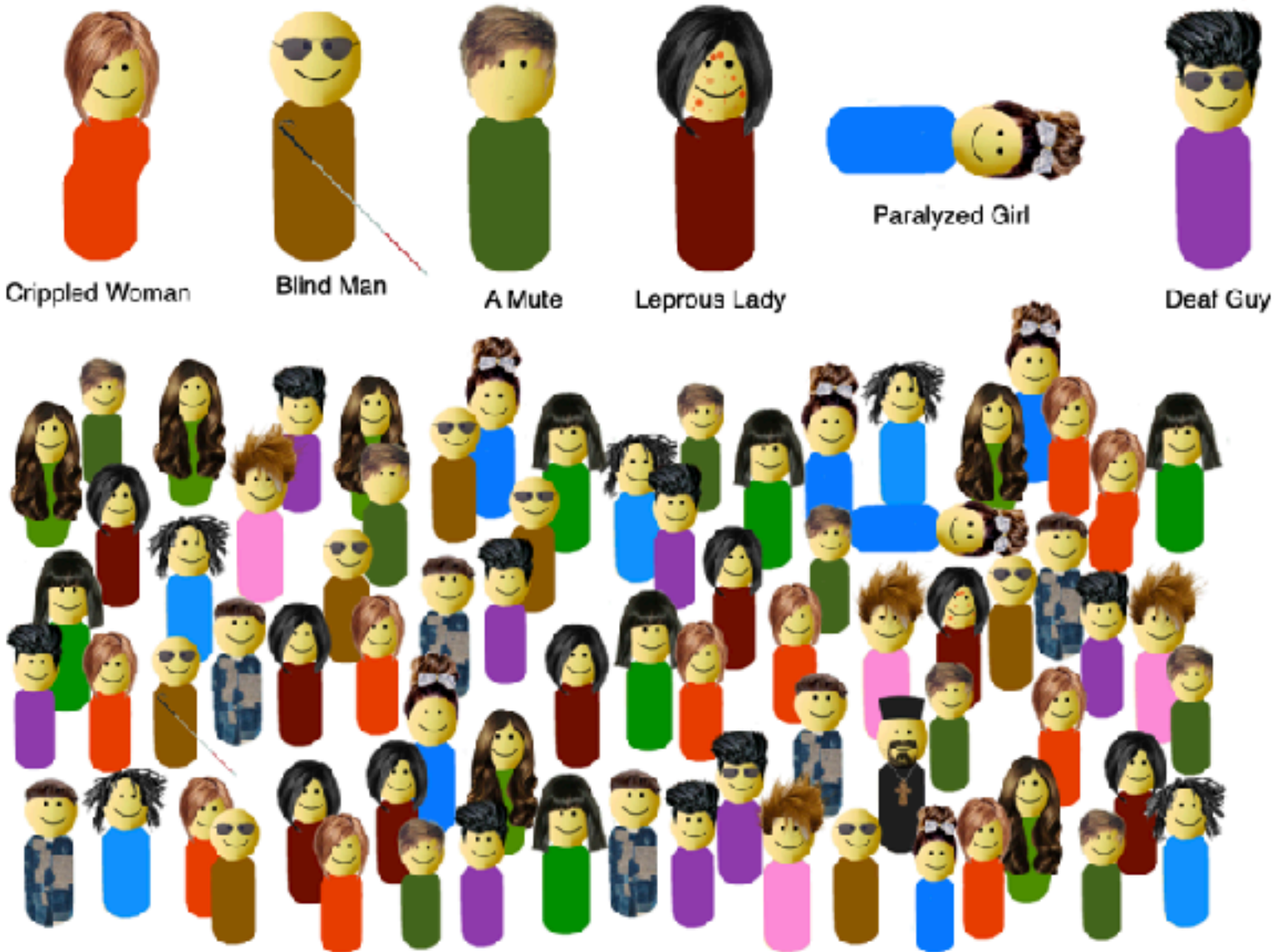


# Kid's Bulletin Page

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus helps a woman who was crippled on a special day for God. The teacher and preacher told Jesus and the people not to heal on God's special day. Jesus said "Hey, this is not right to scold us. Everyone should be doing good for others on God's special day. Even you, Mr. Preacher, help your animals on God's day. Isn't this woman more important than your animals?" The other people around agreed that Jesus was right, and they were happy that the crippled woman was healthy again.

## Can you find these 6 people whom Jesus helped in the picture below?



## Next Couple of Weeks at Holy Cross Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2; The Holy Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) (7th century BC) Nativity Fast. Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 13:10-17.</p> <p><b>9:30 am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</b></p> <p><b>Fr. Myron is available for Confessions</b></p> <p><b>Sunday School</b></p> <p><b>St. Nicholas Dinner</b></p> <p><b>First Solemn Communion Orientation after St Nicholas Event</b></p> <p><b>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> </p> <p>The Great-Martyr Barbara (286-305); Our Venerable Father John of Damascus (749) Nativity Fast. 2 Timothy 2:20-26; Luke 19:37-44.</p> <p><b>10 am Bible Study</b></p> <p><b>7 pm Ladies' Club Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> </p> <p>Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified (532) Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. Galatians 5:22-6:2; Matthew 11:27-30.</p> <p><b>10:30 am Venta Care Centre Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>12:30 pm Ann F. School Visitation</b></p> <p><b>7 pm Youth Commission Meeting at Eparchy Office</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> </p> <p><b>Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia</b> All-Night Vigil Feast. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23.</p> <p><b>9 am Divine Liturgy with the Ordination of John Lukey to the Sub-Diaconate</b></p> <p><b>6 pm Parish Men's Christmas Party</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> </p> <p>Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397) Nativity Fast. Titus 1:5-2:1; Luke 20:9-18.</p> <p><b>8:30 am St. Matt's School Visitation</b></p> <p>10 am Pipe Ceremony at BCR if I can make it on time</p> <p>Thursday afternoon till Friday morning is typically Fr. Bo's day off</p> <p><b>6 pm Bishop's Gala</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Patapius Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Titus 1:15-2:10; Luke 20:19-26.</p> <p>10:15 Appointment</p> <p><b>2 pm Funeral of + Marlene Pankiw at Evergreen Memorial</b></p> <p>4 pm Iconography Consultation Bulletin Writing</p> <p>6 pm Appointment</p>	<p><b>9</b> </p> <p><b>The Conception of Saint Anna when she conceived the Most Holy Mother of God</b> All-Night Vigil Feast. Nativity Fast. Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21.</p> <p>No 10 am Festal Liturgy</p> <p><b>10:30 Vetran's Perogy Dinner by the Men's Club</b></p> <p><b>2 pm First Solemn Communion Class #1</b></p> <p>Bulletin Writing</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 3; The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eurgraphus 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><b>9:30 am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)</b></p> <p><b>Sunday School &amp; Coffee Hour</b></p> <p><b>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite (493) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19; Luke 20:27-44.</p> <p><b>7 am - 4 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Bible Study</b></p> <p><b>6 pm PPC Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> </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><b>7 am - 8 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</b></p> <p>No visit with Ann F. School</p>	<p><b>13</b> </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><b>7 am - 8 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</b></p> <p>No 9 am Liturgy</p> <p>No Clergy Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b> </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><b>7 am - 4 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</b></p> <p><b>10:30 am Parish Bingo</b></p> <p>No visit with St. Matthew's School</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p><b>15</b> </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><b>7 am - 2 pm Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary</b></p> <p>Bulletin Writing</p> <p>6 pm Appointment</p>	<p><b>16</b> </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><b>2 pm First Solemn Communion Class #2</b></p> <p>Bulletin Writing</p>
<p><b>17</b></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><b>9:30 am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</b></p> <p>(Deacon François preaches)</p> <p><b>Sunday School &amp; Coffee Hour</b></p> <p><b>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions Nativity Fast. Hebrews 8:7-13; Mark 8:11-21.</p> <p><b>10 am Bible Study</b></p> <p>Iconography Tutoring</p>	<p><b>19</b> </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Boniface (230) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23; Mark 8:22-26.</p> <p><b>12:30 pm Ann F. School Visitation</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> </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><b>9 am Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p>10:30 am Regular Clergy Meeting</p> <p><b>1 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Matthew's School</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> </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><b>8:30 -3:30 St. Matt's School Confessions</b></p> <p>Thursday afternoon till Friday morning is typically Fr. Bo's day off</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p><b>22</b> </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><b>Early Dismissal for ECSD</b></p> <p>Bulletin Writing</p>	<p><b>23</b> </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>

# Changeable Parts for December 3

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2;  
The Holy Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) (7th century BC). Nativity Fast.

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

**Troparion, Tone 2:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,\* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.\* When You raised the dead from the nether world,\* all the powers of heaven cried out:\* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

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

**Kontakion, Tone 2:** You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour;\* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.\* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.\* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Theotokion, Tone 2:** The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,\* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,\* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life\* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

## Prokeimenon, Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

**verse:** The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

## Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 (NRSV)

*Brothers and Sisters*, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

## Alleluia verses, Tone 2

The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

## Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (NRSV)

*At that time*, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## Communion Hymn

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



Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 13:16) 12-23-2006  
AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT UP IN A STABLE HOME