

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Үкраїнська Католицъка Парафія Воздвиження Чесного Хреста



Sundays:

• 9:30 am Rosary

• 10 am **Divine Liturgy**

Wednesdays:

• 9 am Divine Liturgy

Most Major Feasts*:

• 10 am or 7 pm Divine Liturgy

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

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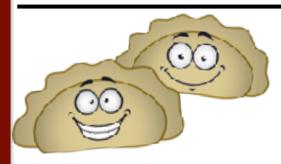
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Sunday, July 21, 2024
Commemoration of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. Octoechos Tone 8. Our Venerable Father Simeon, the Fool for Christ (c. 580), and His Ascetical Companion John (527-65). Prophet Ezekiel.



Last week we had another very successful perogy. We made 692 dozen

in total. Many thanks to

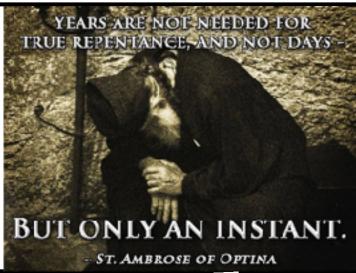
everyone who helped in any

WQY to this great success! Our next perogy bee and potato prep will be on August 12 & 13.

Speaking of Perogies: Did you hear about our big

PEROGY SUPPER that we are planning for the fall? For all the delicious info see page 3 of this bulletin.







Last weekend we celebrated Len and Marusia Kachuk's

50th Wedding Anniversary.

Once again we say Mnohaya Lita.

Hall Rentals:

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

Perohy Off Sales: 780-478-4275

Membership:

email: membership@ehcucp

Funeral Dinners:

Call Cheryl: 780-456-2828

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 a dependant or under the age of 18.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Parish Priest – Fr. Bo Nahachewsky Deacon - Dcn. John Lukey President - Mark Helmak Past President - Peter Fedorak 1st Vice-President - Mark Ramsankar 2nd Vice-President –Deacon John Lukey Secretary – Gwen Uchach Treasurer – Dale Kluk Archivist – Diana Horyn Cultural – Mariyka Bodnar Fundraising – Terry Yackimec Hall Rental – Lisa Borosuik & Gladys Woitas Ladies' Club - Diane Kluk Knights of Columbus - Darrell Uchach Men's Club President – Marc Chiasson Youth Coordinator – Emmette Lysak Maintenance – Larry Waye Membership – J'lyn Ramsankar Social – Edd Horyn 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
- First Sundays of the month with Fr.
 Myron before and during the Liturgy
- or anytime, just call Fr. Bo to arrange it.

Saint of the Day: The Prophet Ezekiel

Commemorated on July 21 (oca.org)

The Holy Prophet Ezekiel lived in the sixth century before the birth of Christ. He was born in the city of Sarir, and descended from the tribe of Levi; he was a priest and the son of the priest Buzi. Ezekiel was led off to Babylon when he was twenty-five years old together with King Jechoniah II and many other Jews during the second invasion of Jerusalem by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar.



The Prophet Ezekiel lived in captivity

by the River Chebar. When he was thirty years old, he had a vision of the future of the Hebrew nation and of all mankind. The prophet beheld a shining cloud, with fire flashing continually, and in the midst of the fire, gleaming bronze. He also saw four living creatures in the shape of men, but with four faces (Ez. 1:6). Each had the face of a man in front, the face of a lion on the right, the face of an ox on the left, and the face of an eagle at the back (Ez. 1:10). There was a wheel on the earth beside each creature, and the rim of each wheel was full of eyes.

Over the heads of the creatures there seemed to be a firmament, shining like crystal. Above the firmament was the likeness of a throne, like glittering sapphire in appearance. Above this throne was the likeness of a human form, and around Him was a rainbow (Ez. 1:4-28).

According to the explanation of the Fathers of the Church, the human likeness upon the sapphire throne prefigures the Incarnation of the Son of God from the Most Holy Virgin Mary, who is the living Throne of God. The four creatures are symbols of the four Evangelists: a man (Saint Matthew), a lion (Saint Mark), an ox (Saint Luke), and an eagle (Saint John); the wheel with the many eyes is meant to suggest the sharing of light with all the nations of the earth. During this vision the holy prophet fell down upon the ground out of fear, but the voice of God commanded him to get up. He was told that the Lord was sending him to preach to the nation of Israel. This was the beginning of Ezekiel's prophetic service.

The Prophet Ezekiel announces to the people of Israel, held captive in Babylon, the tribulations it would face for not remaining faithful to God. The prophet also proclaimed a better time for his fellow-countrymen, and he predicted their return from Babylon, and the restoration of the Jerusalem Temple.

There are two significant elements in the vision of the prophet: the vision of the temple of the Lord, full of glory (Ez. 44:1-10); and the bones in the valley, to which the Spirit of God gave new life (Ez. 37:1-14). The vision of the temple was a mysterious prefiguring of the race of man freed from the working of the Enemy and the building up of the Church of Christ through the redemptive act of the Son of God, incarnate of the Most Holy Theotokos. Ezekiel's description of the shut gate of the sanctuary, through which the Lord God would enter (Ez. 44: 2), is a prophecy of the Virgin giving birth to Christ, yet remaining a virgin. The vision of the dry bones prefigured the universal resurrection of the dead, and the new eternal life bestowed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The holy Prophet Ezekiel received from the Lord the gift of wonderworking. He, like the Prophet Moses, divided the...

Ezekiel Continued

... waters of the river Chebar, and the Hebrews crossed to the opposite shore, escaping the pursuing Chaldeans. During a time of famine the prophet asked God for an increase of food for the hungry.

Ezekiel was condemned to execution because he denounced a certain Hebrew prince for idolatry.

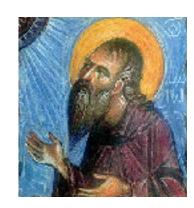
Bound to wild horses, he was torn to pieces. Pious Hebrews gathered up the torn body of the prophet and buried it upon Maur Field, in the tomb of Sim and Arthaxad, forefathers of Abraham, not far from Baghdad. The prophecy of Ezekiel is found in the book named for him, and is included in the Old Testament.



The other Saints of the Day:

Venerable Simeon of Emessa the Fool-For-Christ, and his fellow ascetic Venerable John

Commemorated on July 21 (oca.org)



The Monks Simeon, Fool-for-Christ, and his Fellow-Ascetic John were Syrians, and they lived in the sixth century at the city of Edessa. From childhood they were bound by close ties of friendship. The older of them, Simeon, was unmarried and lived with his aged mother. John, however, although he was married, lived with his father (his mother was dead) and with his young wife. Both friends belonged to wealthy families. When Simeon was thirty years old, and John twenty-four, they made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross of the Lord. On the journey home the friends spoke of the soul's path to salvation. Dismounting their horses, they sent the servants on ahead with the horses, while they continued on foot.

Passing through Jordan, they saw monasteries on the edge of the desert. Both of them were filled with an irrepressible desire to leave the world and spend their remaining life in monastic struggles. They turned off from the road, which their servants followed to Syria, and they prayed zealously that God would guide them to the monasteries on the opposite side. They besought the Lord to indicate which monastery they should choose, and they decided to enter whichever monastery had its gates open. At this time the Lord informed Igumen Nikon in a dream to open the monastery gates, so that the sheep of Christ could enter in.

In great joy the comrades came through the open gates of the monastery, where they were warmly welcomed by the igumen, and they remained at the monastery. In a short while they received the monastic tonsure.

After remaining at the monastery for a certain time, Simeon desired to intensify his efforts, and to go into the desert to pursue asceticism in complete solitude. John did not wish to be left behind by his companion, and he decided to share with him the work of a desert-dweller. The Lord revealed the intentions of the companions to Igumen Nikon, and on that night when Saints Simeon and John intended to depart the monastery, he himself opened the gates for them. He prayed with them, gave them his blessing and sent them into the wilderness.

When they began their life in the desert, the spiritual brothers at first experienced the strong assaults of the devil. They were tempted by grief over abandoning their families, and the demons tried to discourage the ascetics, subjecting them to weakness, despondency and idleness. The brothers Simeon and John remembered their monastic calling, and trusting in the prayers of their Elder Nikon, they continued upon their chosen path. They spent their time in unceasing prayer and strict fasting, encouraging one another in their struggle against temptation.

After a while, with God's help, the temptations stopped. The monks were told by God that Simeon's mother and John's wife had died, and that the Lord had vouchsafed them the blessings of Paradise. After this Simeon and John lived in the desert for twentynine years, and they attained complete dispassion (apathia) and a high degree of spirituality. Saint Simeon, through the inspiration of God, considered that now it was proper for him to serve people. To do this, he must leave the desert solitude and go into the world. Saint John, however, believing that he had not attained such a degree of dispassion as his companion, decided not to leave the wilderness.

The brethren parted with tears. Simeon journeyed to Jerusalem, and there he venerated the Tomb of the Lord and all the holy places. By his great humility the holy ascetic entreated the Lord to permit him to serve his neighbor in such a way that...

Venerables Simeon and John Continued

... they should not acknowledge him. Saint Simeon chose for himself the difficult task of foolishness for Christ. Having come to the city of Emesa, he stayed there and passed himself off as a simpleton, behaving strangely, for which he was subjected to insults, abuse and beatings. In spite of this, he accomplished many good deeds. He cast out demons, healed the sick, delivered people from immanent death, brought the unbelieving to faith, and sinners to repentance.

All these things he did under the guise of foolishness, and he never received praise or thanks from people. Saint John highly esteemed his spiritual brother, however. When one of the inhabitants of the city of Emesa visited him in the wilderness, asking for his advice and prayers, he would invariably direct them to "the fool Simeon", who was better able to offer them spiritual counsel. For three days before his death Saint

Simeon ceased to appear on the streets, and he enclosed himself in his hut, where there was nothing except for bundles of firewood. Having remained in unceasing prayer for three days, Saint Simeon fell asleep in the Lord. Some of the city poor, his companions, had not seen the fool for some time. They went to his hut and found him dead.

Taking up the dead body, they carried him without church singing to a place where the homeless and strangers were buried. While they carried the body of Saint Simeon, several of the inhabitants heard a wondrous church singing, but could not understand from whence it came.

After Saint Simeon died, Saint John also fell asleep in the Lord. Shortly before his death, Saint Simeon saw a vision of his spiritual brother wearing a crown upon his head with the inscription: "For endurance in the desert."

What will August in our parish look like?

Honestly much like the other weeks of Summer.

Fr. Greg Faryna will be covering for me, Fr. Bo, for 3 Sundays as I will be away. So Sundays should be a treat as you will actually have good homilies!

Wednesday Liturgies will not take place till the end of August.

The two Major Feasts of Transfiguration (Aug 6) and Dormition (Aug 15) are the only thing that is not yet settled. I am hoping that the Eparchy will provide our parish a priest on those two days to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, but I am still waiting on their reply. Either way I will let everyone know what is going on for these feasts in next week's bulletin. If there will not be a service on those two feasts within our parish, then I will encourage you all to go to one of our neighbouring Ukrainian Catholic parishes and pray with them.

I will make next week's bulletin for the 28th of July, as well as August 4, 11, 18 and maybe even the 25th even though I will be back (depends how hard "Jet lag" hits me). You will simply need to re-read the same one. (Just kidding, you only need to read it once.... unless you want to do it repeatedly.) The Kid's bulletin will also be put on hold.

I will however provide the changeable parts for each Sunday and Feast so that singing can continue as usual.

If there is a pastoral need such as a sick call or a funeral you will have a number in next week's bulletin to call, and another priest will assist. **HOWEVER, I'd** prefer all of you to stay healthy and alive.

Since I will be out of the country my cell phone number will be turned off... or rather I will need to replace the "SIM" Card. I will leave a message at my number (if I can figure out how) that will direct you to the covering priest. And I will put an automatic reply on my email with the same information.

What is Fr. Bo doing when he will be away this August?

In addition to a family reunion in Saskatoon I, Fr. Bo, will be travelling to Greece to further study iconography. I have been painting Icons for nearly 30 years, and have been given the opportunity to study with one of the world's more well known Master Iconographers for the next two years. To begin this period of studies, I will be going to Crete to do a workshop with Dr. George Kordis, so that he can evaluate me and know what areas of study should be emphasized.



PEROGY SUPPER

WHEN:

Saturday, September 28, 2024

WHERE:

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish 9003-153 AVE





FOR TICKETS CONTACT

DIANNE @ 780-242-1534

ALL AGES EVENT

ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY

Adults (13 yrs+) \$25.**0**0

Youth (7-12 yrs) \$15.00

Children (6 & under) - Free

- Tickets required for admission
- No Refunds

2 SITTINGS

FIRST 4:00 PM — 5:30 PM Doors Open @ 3:30 pm

SECOND 6:00 PM — 7:30 PM Doors open @ 5:45 pm

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- July & August: Rosary Leaders are not scheduled.
 Please volunteer if you are willing to lead the 9:30 Rosary.
- July & August: Coffee Hour is cancelled, but the Coffee
 Hour Groups are reminded that they should still greet
 people at the door before Liturgy and do the Sunday
 collection.
- · Saturday, August 10: Hall rental.
- Monday & Tuesday, August I2 & I3: Perogy Prep & Perogy Bee. Please come and help if you can.
- Most of August: Fr. Bo will be away for a Family
 Reunion and an Iconography Workshop (this time he is
 taking it, not giving it).
- Sunday, September 15th: Bishop David has put this date on his calendar to visit our parish for our PRAZNYK (the feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross is on the 14th).
- September 28: The Perogy Supper. Tickets for the Perogy Supper are now on sale. Tickets will be sold after the Divine Liturgy. Price of tickets are \$25.00 per Adult, \$15.00 per Youth, Children under 6 are free. You need a ticket for Admission. There will be two servings: the first one at 4:00pm, and the second at 6:00pm. For more information on ticket sales, call Dianne

- 780-242-1534, or Dale 780-984-7068. If you are interested in helping with the event, please see or call Lasha 780-288-4880 or Terry 780-456-2828.
- This Fall: We are hoping to do a Petrykivka Workshop in our parish. Sign up if you are interested in this traditional art.
- **2025:** Pope Francis declared **2025** as a **Jubilee Year** designating its theme as "Pilgrims of Hope."

Parish News:

- Our Office Administrator for the Parish Natasha has found full time employment and will be leaving in August. We are currently looking to fill her position by someone that would be interested in working approximately 3 hours a week to perform a list of duties. If you are interested, Please contact Dale Kluk (780 984 7068) or Mark Helmak (780 473 2972) to learn more about the position.
- Are you interested in joining our parish officially? Speak to J'lynn. If you don't know who she is, talk to Fr. Bo and he'll introduce you to her, or get you in contact with her.
- 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.



The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Please let Fr. Bo know of any mistakes or if he is missing something.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Commemoration of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. Octoechos Tone 8. Our Venerable Father Simeon, the Fool for Christ (c. 580), and His Ascetical Companion John (527-65). Prophet Ezekiel. Hebrews 13:7-16. John 17:1-13. 9:30 am. Rosary if anyone wishes to lead it. (Nobody will be scheduled for July & August) IO am Divine Liturgy No Sunday School, No Coffee Hour till fall.	Holy Myrrh-bearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene. Return of the Relics of the Priest-Martyr Phocas. 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Matthew 21:18-22. No Bible Study till September	Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus and those with them (284-305). Blessed Priest-Martyr Vasyl Hopko. Miracle of the Pochaiv Icon of the Mother of God against the Invaders (1675). 1 Corinthians 15:29-38. Matthew 21:23-27.	24 Holy Martyrs Borys and Hlib, Named Roman and David at Holy Baptism (1015). Holy Great-Martyr Christine. Venerable Charbel. Polyeleos Feast. Romans 8:28-39. John 15:17-16:2. 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Baptismal Prep	Dormition of Saint Anna, Mother of the Most Holy God-bearer (Theotokos). Holy Women Olympiada and Eupraxia (5th c.). Polyeleos Feast. Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 8:16-21. Please have all bulletin items submitted by the end of Thursday if possible. This bulletin will be for the whole month of August.	Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and those with him (286-305). Holy Venerable-Martyr Parasceve. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Corinthians 1:12-20. Matthew 22:23-33.	Holy Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon (286-305). Our Holy Father Clement the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Okhrid (910). Polyeleos Feast. 2 Timothy 2:1-10. John 15:17-16:2.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 1. Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochor, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas (1st-2nd c.). 10 SAP 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Matthew 17:14-23. 9:30 am. Rosary if anyone wishes to lead it. (Nobody will be scheduled for July & August) 10 am Divine Liturgy (Deacon John Preaches) No Sunday School, No Coffee Hour till fall.	29 Holy Martyr Callinicus. 2 Corinthians 2:4-15. Matthew 23:13-22. No Bible Study till September	30 Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and those with them. 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3. Matthew 23:23-28.	Fore-feast of the Procession of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord. Holy and Just Eudocimus (840). 2 Corinthians 3:4-11. Matthew 23:29-39. 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Baptismal Prep	August I Procession with the Holy Relics of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord. Seven Holy Martyred Maccabees, Their Mother Solome and Their Teacher Eleazar. Venerable Father Alphonsus Liguori. Beginning of the Dormition Fast (Spasivka). Dormition Fast. 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. John 19:6-11,13-20,25-28,30-35.	Transfer of the Holy Relics of the First-martyr and Archdeacon Stephen (5th c.). Dormition Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Corinthians 4:13-18. Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51. Fr. Bo away	3 Our Venerable Fathers Isaac (406-25), Dalmatus and Faustus. Dormition Fast. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Matthew 19:3-12. Fr. Bo away
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 2. Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus. Holy Venerable-Martyr Eudocia (98-117). Dormition Fast. 1 Corinthians 9:2-12. Matthew 18:23-35. 9:30 am. Rosary if anyone wishes to lead it. (Nobody will be scheduled for July & August) IO am Divine Liturgy with Fr. Greg Fr. Bo away No Sunday School, No Coffee Hour till fall.	Fore-feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Commemoration of the Holy Resurrection Patriarchal Sobor. Holy Martyr Eusignius (360-63). Dormition Fast. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. 2 Corinthians 5:10-15. Mark 1:9-15. Fr. Bo away	6 Holy Transfigurati on of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of Obligation. 2 Peter 1:10-19. Matthew 17:1-9. No Venta Care Centre Liturgy Fr. Bo away Festal Liturgy at our parish? TBD	Post-feast of the Transfiguration. Holy Venerable-Martyr Dometius (360- 63). Dormition Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Corinthians 6:11-16. Mark 1:23-28. Fr. Bo away No 9 am Divine Liturgy	Rost-feast of the Transfiguration. Holy Confessor Emilian, Bishop of Cyzicus (815). Dormition Fast. 2 Corinthians 7:1-10. Mark 1:29-35. Fr. Bo away	Post-feast of the Transfiguration. Holy Apostle Matthias. Polyeleos Feast. Dormition Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 1:12-17, 21-26. Luke 9:1-6. Fr. Bo away	Post-feast of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence (249-51). Dormition Fast. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. Matthew 20:29-34. Fr. Bo away Hall Rental
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 3. Post-feast of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr Euplus (304). Dormition Fast. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Matthew 19:16-26.	Post-feast of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetas (284-305). Dormition Fast. 2 Corinthians 8:7-15. Mark 3:6-12.	Leave-taking of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration. Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662). Dormition Fast. 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5. Mark 3:13-19.	Transfer of the Precious Relics of Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves at Kiev (1091). Fore-feast of the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God. Holy Prophet Micah	Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and	Post-feast of the Dormition. Transfer from Edessa to Constantinople of the Holy Icon Not Made with Hands of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, also Called the Holy Veil, and the Holy Martyr Diomedes (284-305).	Post-feast of the Dormition. Holy Martyr Myron (249-51). 1 Corinthians 2:6-9. Matthew 22:15-22. Fr. Bo away

9:30 am. Rosary if anyone

wishes to lead it. (Nobody will

be scheduled for July & August)

9 am Perogy

Potatoes are

Dough and

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Martyr Diomedes (284-305).

Abstention from meat and

foods that contain meat. 2

Corinthians 11:5-21. Mark

4:1-9.

Ever-Virgin

Mary. Kievan-Caves

Icon of the Mother of God

God. Holy Prophet Micah

(8th c. BC). Polyeleos Feast.

Dormition Fast. Abstention

from meat and foods that

contain meat. Hebrews

9 am Perogy

please come

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