



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 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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September 15, 2024

**The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross.*
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross. Octoechos Tone 8.**

*As it is our parish's feast day we are moving the feast which is actually on the 14th to the Sunday.



Elevation of the Cross

by Fr. Thomas Hopko

The Elevation of the Cross, celebrated on the fourteenth of September, commemorates the finding of Christ's Cross by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century; and, after it was taken by the Persians, of its recovery by the Emperor Heraclius in the seventh century at which time it was "elevated" in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. From this latter event the "universal elevation" of the Cross was celebrated...

**Welcome Bishop David, Fr. Myron, Fr. Mark, Seminarians, Regulars, Irregulars, Family, Friends and all of our guests today.
We are glad you are all with us today.**

Its a big busy week here this week:

- Today:** Our Parish's Feast Day & Praznyk Lunch
- Monday the 16:** Monday Morning Bible Study Group
Lecture at Newman Theological College
- Tuesday the 17:** Iconography being setup and worked on
- Wednesday the 18:** Our First Wednesday Evening Bible Study Session
- Thursday the 19:** Funeral of + Eugene Letwin
- Friday the 20:** "Singcon" starts
- Saturday the 21:** Petrykivka Workshop (Traditional Ukrainian Painting)

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
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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.

Elevation of the Cross

by Fr. Thomas Hopko Continued

...annually in all of the churches of the Christian Empire.

The day of the Elevation of the Cross became, as it were, the national holiday of the Eastern Christian Empire similar to the Fourth of July in the United States. The Cross, the official emblem of the Empire which was placed on all public buildings and uniforms, was officially elevated on this day by the bishops and priests. They blessed the four directions of the universe with the Cross, while the faithful repeated the chanting of "Lord have mercy." This ritual is still done in the churches today after the solemn presentation and elevation of the Cross at the end of the Vigil service of the holy day following the Great Doxology of Matins.

The troparion of the feast which was, one might say, the "national anthem" sung on all public occasions, originally petitioned God to save the people, to grant victory in war and to preserve the empire "by the virtue of the Cross." Today the troparion, and all the hymns of the day, are "spiritualized" as the "adversaries" become the spiritually wicked and sinful including the devil and his armies, and "Orthodox Christians" replace the names of ruling officials of the Empire.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by the virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation (Troparion).

As Thou was mercifully crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; make all orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace (Kontakion).

The holy day of the Elevation of the Cross, although it has an obviously "political" origin, has a place of great significance in the Church today. It remains with us as a day of fasting and prayer, a day when we recall that the Cross is the only sign worthy of our total allegiance, and that our salvation comes not by "victories" of any earthly sort but by the only true and lasting victory of the crucifixion of Christ and our co-crucifixion with him.

When we elevate the Cross and bow down before it in veneration and worship to God, we proclaim that we belong to the Kingdom "not of this world," and that our only true and enduring citizenship is with the saints in the "city of God" (Eph 2.19; Heb 11.10; Rev 21-22).

The first Old Testamental reading of the Vespers of the day tells of the "tree" which changes the bitter waters into sweetness—the symbol of the Tree of the Cross (Ex 15.22-16.1). The second reading reminds us that the Lord chastens and corrects those whom He loves and that Divine Wisdom is "a Tree of life to those who lay hold upon her and trust in her, as in the Lord" (Prov 3.11-18). Again the reference is to the Cross which is, as the epistle reading of the day proclaims, "to those who are called ... the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1.24).



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Elevation of the Cross

by Fr. Thomas Hopko Continued

The third Old Testament reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah which tells of the “city of the Lord” where both Jews and Gentiles will live together and “shall bow themselves down” at the place of God’s feet and “shall know that I the Lord am Thy Saviour and Thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Israel” (Is 60.11–16). Here we have the direct reference to God’s city where men shall worship at His feet; and together with the psalm line repeated constantly during the services which calls us to “bow before His footstool,” we have once again the reference to the Holy Cross (Ps 99.5, 110.1, et al.).

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy resurrection, we glorify (Hymn of Veneration before the Cross).

This central hymn of the Elevation of the Cross which lasts for eight days in the Church is sung many times. It replaces the Thrice-Holy of the Divine Liturgy. The normal antiphons are also replaced by special verses from the psalms which have direct reference to Christ’s crucifixion on the Cross (Ps 22, 74, 99). At the Matins, in the gospel reading from Saint John, Christ says that when He is elevated on the Cross He will draw all men to Himself (Jn 12.28–36). The long gospel reading at the Divine Liturgy is the passion account from this same gospel.

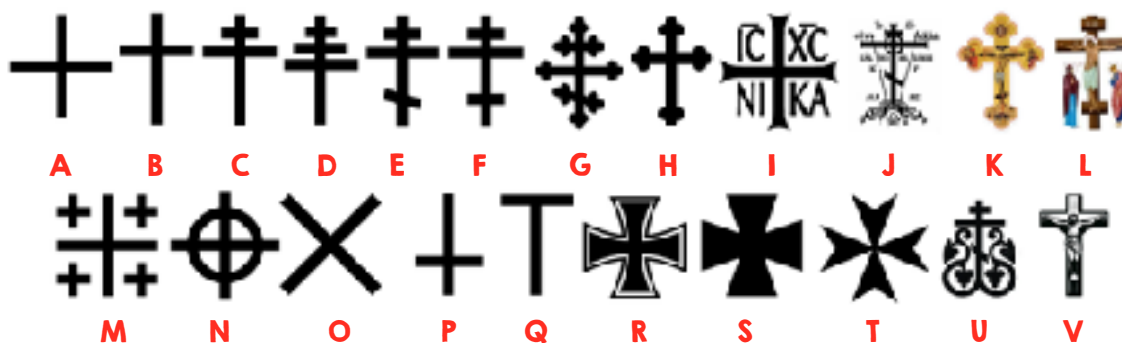
Thus, at the Elevation of the Cross the Christians make their official rededication to the crucified Lord and pledge their undivided allegiance to Him by the adoration of His holy feet nailed to the life-creating Cross. This is the meaning of this holy day of fasting and repentance in the Church today.



People often ask me:

“If you are a ‘Catholic’ priest why do you wear an ‘Orthodox’ Cross?”

What is the difference between one type of Cross and another?



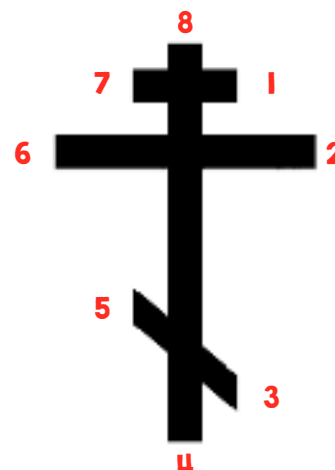
Ultimately there is only one truly Holy Cross: the Cross of Christ. Each of these crosses above, and the plethora of other crosses not depicted, all belong to our Lord Jesus, and not to any other person or group of persons.

Alas, people often do associate some kinds of Crosses to various groups. A common one that we see in our Slavic Churches is the “Three Bar Cross” (See above E, F & G). These crosses are popular among Slavic people including Ukrainians. The 3 bars on these crosses represent the name plate, where Pilot had the words “King of the Jews” inscribed (top), the arm bar, where Jesus’ hands would have been nailed (middle), and the foot board where Christ’s feet would be

nailed, called a *suppedaneum* in Latin (bottom).

This cross also is noted for it’s 8 points. These points represent the 8 days of creation: the first 6 in which God created the world, the 7th day when God rested (the Sabbath day), and the 8th day of the Resurrection (see the 8 points in the image to the right).

The bottom bar of these crosses is often slanted, showing three things: 1> that the thieves crucified with Jesus were judged one going up to paradise and the other the other way. 2> That St. Andrew who was crucified on an “X” shaped cross was the Apostle who went to the lands of the Slavic people. And 3> That Jesus suffered extreme pain...



Different Crosses by Fr. Bo continued

... upon the cross for our sake, and that in this pain his body twisted causing the footboard to tilt. This was important for people to know so that they did not believe in the false teaching that Jesus did not suffer because He was not really a human, but only pretended to die on the cross (the heresy of Docetism).

These 3 bar crosses often are used by Orthodox Christians, but are also used by others including most notably Eastern "Slavic" Catholics, like us. True there was a period in history where especially here in North America Byzantine Catholics and Byzantine Orthodox faithful fought like cats and dogs, and because of this many Byzantine Catholics started to use "Latin" Crosses more, so as to differentiate themselves from their Orthodox brothers and sisters. This Cross however predates any of the many fights between the Churches, and therefore belongs to everyone equally (as it is Jesus' Cross ultimately).

Byzantine Catholics such as us Ukrainian Catholics have been strongly encouraged to "go back to our roots" and to remove any latinizations that have crept into our Churches. (See the Saint Pope John Paul II's document which he wrote for the whole Catholic Church called: "Ut Unum Sint #54") Because of this many of us Ukrainian Catholics proudly wear Three Bar Crosses, decorate our Churches with them, and use them as our own; because they are our own.

So... I don't wear an "Orthodox" Pectoral Cross. I wear a Pectoral Cross that is Jesus'. In fact most of our Ukrainian Catholic clergy do too.

So what are the other crosses on page 3? Well here is a listing of the common name often given to these crosses. But please know that they are all symbols of Christ's True and Holy Cross.

A: a Greek Cross (equal length on each side)

B: a Latin (or Roman) Cross (bottom side is longer)

C: a Patriarchal Cross, aka 2 bar cross (both horizontal bars near the top)

D: a Papal Cross (three unequal bars each longer than the one above it)

E: a 3 bar cross (with a slanted bottom bar) popular with Slavic Christians such as Ukrainians and Russians.

F: a 3 bar cross with a straight bottom bar. Sometimes more commonly used by Eastern Catholics to be "not too Orthodox"

G: a 3 bar cross with rounded protrusions in each of the 3 outward directions. (Common among Greek Churches (including us Ukrainian Greek Catholics) these protrusions often associated with the projection of God's grace.

H: a one bar (aka Latin) cross with the protrusions explained in "G"

I: a cross with "IC XC NI KA" in it (note I cant type a proper tittle (the line over both letters). This is an abbreviation for Jesus Christ and the word NIKA which means "Conquers". It is seen on things like the bread stamp that is used for liturgical bread (prosphora).

J: a Schema Monk's Angelic Habit. In the Slavic monastic tradition, both monks and nuns when they reach a certain high level of... "monk-ness" (seniority/holiness) they receive an Angelic Habit, that shows that they spiritually take the place formerly vacated by those angels who later chose the "dark side".

K: an icon on a Processional Cross.

L: an icon of the Crucifixion

M: Crusader Cross (used by the medieval Knights Templar)

N: a Celtic Cross

O: St. Andrew's Cross (St. Andrew was crucified on an "X")

P: St. Peter's Cross (Not thinking himself worthy of dying like his Lord, St. Peter asked his killers to crucify him upside down.)

Q: a "Tau" Cross (shaped like the capital letter "T"; this Cross is sometimes called St. Anthony's Cross, St. Francis' Cross or Crux Commissa.)

R: an "Iron" Cross, a military award originating in Prussia and used a lot by Germany too.

S: a "Cossack" Cross (often used by the Zaporozhian Cossacks and the armed forces of Ukraine.)

T: a "Maltese" Cross, (used by some Crusaders, and the island of Malta.)

U: a 3 bar cross with vegetation (often to connect the symbol of the cross to the Eucharist (grapes) or to the Tree of Life in the garden of Eden)

V: a Crucifix (a cross with a 3 dimensional depiction of Jesus upon it. This is a Western Christian Cross, as 3 dimensional art was prohibited by the Eastern Churches (with the exception of "relief" carving).)

These are just a few of the many, many, many types of crosses. You can learn about more of them by "googling" something like "different variations of crosses".

I proudly wear my 3 bar Pectoral Cross because I want to be authentic to our spiritual tradition, I want to emphasize the Resurrection, and I also want to end all the division between the Churches, especially the Catholic and Orthodox. We have the same faith and we need to start uniting and not dividing Christ's Church.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

1977 - 2024

- In April of 1977, Bishop Neil Savaryn approved the newly formed parish of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church. Father John Kratko was appointed parish pastor.
- On April 17th, 1977 our first Divine Liturgy was held at St. Joseph's Seminary, near St. Albert. This first service was attended by 127 faithful parishioners. WOW...
- In September of 1977, the parishioners acquired their first church building at 12520 - 135 Ave in Edmonton. The purchase of this property came at a cost of \$187,000.
- Our 1st Praznyk was held in September with Bishop Savaryn, who celebrated a Pontifical Liturgy. This was indeed a special day for this new parish.
- Holy Cross Ladies' Club sponsored 3 young men towards the ordination of priesthood. In the 1980's, Rev. Joseph Royer, Rev. Rendy Yackimec and Rev. Don Bodnar were ordained.
- New land was purchased in 1984 at 9003 - 153 Ave. with the goal of establishing a new permanent facility to accommodate the needs of a growing membership.
- In 1985 Father Phil Shinduke was appointed parish pastor.
- After the sale of our first church in the fall of 1986, Divine Liturgies were temporarily held in the gymnasium of Dickensfield Junior High School for approximately 16 months.
- In September, of 1987, a sod-turning ceremony took place at our current site (here) with Bishop Greschuk officiating along with Father Phil Shinduke, Deacon Don Bodnar and many excited parishioners.
- The first Divine Liturgy was celebrated at our present location on March 6th, 1988. This new structure was a multi-faceted building that would accommodate most parish needs. In October, Bishop Greschuk officiated at the consecration of our new church hall.
- Father Joseph Royer became the 3rd appointed pastor in 1992.
- Father Bill Hupalo served as administrator from 1996 to 1997.
- Father Don Bodnar was appointed as the parish's 4th pastor in 1997 .
- In 2002, a proud parish celebrated it's 25th Anniversary.
- In June of 2005, the parishioners approved the proposal to construct a new church building facility



for the cost of 2.5 million dollars. A Building Project Committee was formed.

- Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak officiated at the sod turning ceremony on May 27th, 2006. Construction began in the same month.
- Bishop David Motiuk appointed Father Greg Faryna to serve as parish pastor in April of 2007.
- On September 15 th & 16 th, 2007, His Excellency, Bishop David Motiuk officiated at the blessing & consecration of our new church along with celebrating the Grand Opening.
- Father Janko Herbut became our parish pastor from 2008 till 2023.
- On August 27th, 2017, we celebrated 10 years of our new church. In addition, we were blessed to celebrate the 40th Anniversary as a parish in the Edmonton Eparchy. These 2 special events were very, very special for our faithful parishioners. We were truly blessed to have a small group of devoted, energetic & determined Christians (the fore-founders) to pursue this important endeavour with God's blessings.
- François Proviñçal was ordained to the diaconate in September of 2022.
- Father Bo (Bohdan) Nahachewsky became our parish pastor in August of 2023.
- John Lukey was ordained to the diaconate in January of 2024.
- We are now celebrating on September 15th our 17th Anniversary of our church building and our 47th Praznyk.

Glory Be To God In All Things!

Our Petrykivka Workshop

For only \$5 a person you can learn this beautiful Ukrainian traditional painting style.



This Saturday at 1:30

Here in our Holy Cross Parish Hall.
RSVP if you can on the sheet in the Anex, or call Marijka Bodnar.

It's Traditional. It's easy. It's fun.
Come join us.



We need your help to keep students in Edmonton warm this winter.

Unfortunately not everyone can just buy their own winter clothes.

We are looking for donations of NEW winter hats, mitts, gloves, jackets, parkas, socks, sweaters and boots.

We will gladly take gently used boots and coats, but please provide us with new mittens, hats and other such to give away..

All sizes are welcome, but we particularly need warm clothes for kids and youth.

These will be distributed via our Schools to the most needy of families.

Bring these donations here to our parish and drop them into one of our bins by Early October.

Thank you for keeping our city's students safe and toasty.

During the month of September, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its

Annual Vocations and Seminary Collection.

"It takes a whole village to raise a child." It likewise takes the support of the whole Church to form a deacon, priest, religious, monastic and lay member for ministry in the Church. It also takes our support to offer on-going education and formation for those already in sacred orders or involved in lay ministry.

The faithful can acknowledge the role they play in nurturing vocations by offering their financial support to help defray such expenses as formation programs, retreats, conferences, seminars, tuition, books, and room and board.

Studying for the diaconate and the priesthood this year, on behalf of the Eparchy Edmonton are:

- **Volodymyr Babiak** (Bachelor of Theology, Neman Theological College, Edmonton);
- **Michael Chichak** (Master of Divinity, Newman Theological College, Edmonton);
- **Jacob Kociuba** (Bachelor of Arts in Catholic Studies, Newman Theological College, Edmonton);
- **Brian O'Neill** (Diaconate Formation, Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary);
- **Peter Pitchko** (Pastoral Internship, Saint Josaphat Cathedral/Pastoral Centre, Edmonton);
- **Julian Savaryn** (Pastoral Internship, Saint George Parish, Edmonton);
- **Ryan Tarnava** (Diaconate Formation, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Lethbridge);
- **Deacon Orion Wiebe** (Diaconate, Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary);
- **Deacon John Vizza** (Diaconate, Saint Sophia Parish, Sherwood Park); and
- **Adam Yurkow** (Bachelor of Theology, Newman Theological College, Edmonton).


The suggested donation amount is \$30.00 per family.

Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!

PUBLIC LECTURE

Ecclesiology, Liturgy, and Identity in the Life of the Eastern Catholic Churches

16 September, 2024



SCHEDULE

8:45PM – Byzantine Vespers in the NTC Chapel
 7:30PM – Public Lecture by Deacon Daniel followed by Q&A
 8:30PM – Following & light refreshments

SPEAKER

Deacon Daniel Duludez is Professor of Byzantine and Eastern Christian Liturgy at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome

SUMMARY

This talk will explore the particular identity of Eastern Catholic Churches in light of Christian unity and division. For example, the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, which wrestles with its vision of ecclesiological identity in light of divisions among Ukrainian Christians.

Location: Newman Theological College, 10012 84 Street NW, Edmonton, AB

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+) \$25.00

Youth (7-12 yrs) \$15.00

Children (6 & under) - Free

- Tickets required for admission
- No Refunds

2 SITTINGS

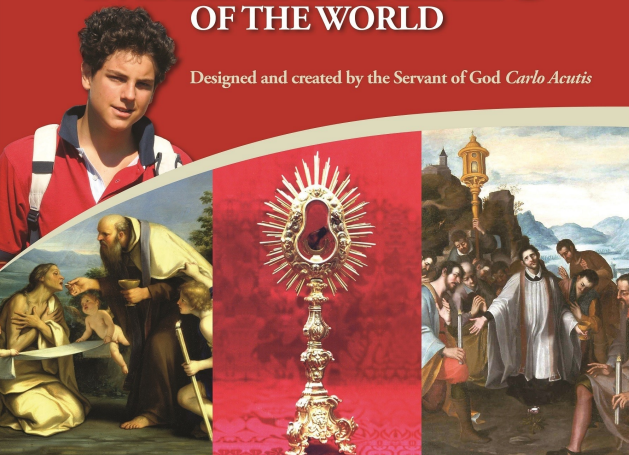
FIRST
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Doors Open @ 3:30 pm

SECOND
8:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Doors open @ 6:45 pm

International Exhibition

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

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Exhibition Location:
St. Joseph's Cathedral-Basilica - O'Leary Hall
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Basilica.info@caedm.ca

Exhibition Times:
October 12, 13 & 15-20
11:00 am - 6:00 pm




**Attention Council Members of the EECCK & Bishop
Greschuk Assembly**



Thursday
December 21st

@
St. Basil's Cultural Centre
10819 - 71 Avenue
Edmonton

Liturgy - 8:00 pm
Dinner - 7:15 pm
Social to Follow
Turkey Dinner Tickets
\$15.00

Open to all EECCK & BGA Knights, Spouses, Widows

Dress: Sir Knights Tuxedo or Black Suit

NOVEMBER 21ST
Knights of Columbus
Advent Fast Social & Dinner

Sponsored by:

- Diocese of Edmonton Chapter Knights of Columbus (EECKC)
- Bishop Demetrius M. Greschuk Assembly
- Ukraine Millennium Society

Grand Knight's for tickets. Please Contact:

Darrell Uchadi: Email: darrell@uchadecorelli.com
Phone: 780-488-7410 by November 15th.

(EACH COUNCIL PAYS TICKETS FOR ATTENDEES)

You are Invited to the Holy Cross Parish

Harvest Dance

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

Appetizers at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Music by The Cimarrons



Tickets available from Rose Marie

Call 780-217-8217

Adults \$50.00

Youth \$25.00 (12 and under)

DOOR PRIZES!

*** Casual Wear ***



How well do you know our story?

Can you put these 19 Bible stories in chronological order?



A: MOSES, PHARAOH AND THE 10 PLAGUES



B: KING HEZEKIAH



C: THE BRONZE SERPENT



D: THE PROPHET JONAH



E: ELISHA



F: JOSEPH SOLD INTO SLAVERY



G: WISE KING SOLOMON



H: JOB



I: THE 12 SPIES



J: ESTHER



K: JACOB'S LADDER



L: HAGAR & ISHMAEL



M: DANIEL



N: CAIN & ABLE



O: ISRAEL EXILED



P: ZECHARIAH



Q: RUTH



R: NOAH'S ARK



S: THE 10 COMMANDMENTS & THE GOLDEN CALF

Our every 2nd Wednesday **Bible Study** will take place at 6 pm starting this week. We will seek to understand the **BIG PICTURE** of the **STORY** of Scripture, and what these stories mean for us. Join us in this great, yet simple, look through the whole Bible from the Creation to the Second Coming.

The order of these stories and more will be given at our first session. I hope to see you there. And... Free Popcorn!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Today, Sunday, September 15, after our Liturgy:**
We are celebrating our parish's feast day. (even though technically it was yesterday). I hope you have gotten your tickets in advance for the lunch.
- **Monday, September 16 at 6:45 pm:** You are invited to a **Public Lecture** entitled: Ecclesiology, Liturgy, and Identity in the Life of the Eastern Catholic Churches at Newman Theological College in collaboration with the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. Since this is the first public event associated with the College's Eastern Christian Theology program, your presence (and your help in spreading the word) would be most appreciated. Speaker: Deacon Daniel Galadza Professor of Byzantine and Eastern Christian Liturgy at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. See poster for more details.
- **Tuesdays, starting September 17 from 1 - 7 pm:** Fr. Bo plans to have **iconography painting studio time** for people interested in painting icons in our parish's boardroom & games room. If you are interested give him a call at 780-340-3726.
- **Wednesday, September 18 at 6 pm:** Our first of many "every other" **Wednesday Night Bible Study** sessions for everyone. Come grab some of our "gourmet" popcorn and let's learn about the ENTIRE BIBLE. Both Old and New Testament. Everyone Encouraged to participate, from our parish and beyond. This will take place every other Wednesday... unless something bumps us a week later. Second session will take place on October 2.
- **Thursday, September 19 at 10 am:** We will have the **Funeral Liturgy** for the Servant of God + Eugene Letwin. May God grant him eternal rest among the saints. Vichnaya Pamyat.
- **Saturday, September 21 at 1:30 pm:** We are hosting a **Petrykivka Workshop** in our parish. Sign up if you are interested in this traditional art. Also you can see a video about this on our parish website: EHCUCP.CA
- **Sunday, September 22: Training of new Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers** will begin the Sunday after Praznyk on September 22 shortly after Liturgy. And will continue on Sundays after Liturgies for several weeks (probably till November). We will try to make classes fun, informative, short and practical. If you are one of the people Fr. Bo has asked to help, please confirm that this time slot will work for you.
- **Wednesday, September 25 at 1:30 pm:** Edmonton Clergy's **Deanery Meeting** at St. Nicholas Parish to discuss the document "Seminary to Sanctuary".
- **Wednesday, September 25 at 6 pm:** Our first **YETI Program**. Children in grades 3 through 6 are meeting in one room. Youth in grades 7 through 12 are meeting in another room. See the details below.
- **Wednesday, September 25 at 7:36-ish pm: YAM** (Young Adult Ministry) This is for Adults aged 18 to.... those middle aged folk (30's - 40's). For Details contact Fr. Bo.
- **Thursday & Friday, September 26 & 27: Presumed Perogy Supper Prep Days.** Stay tuned for details.
- **Saturday, September 28 at 4 pm and again at 6 pm: THE PEROGY SUPPER.** Note: this is soooo big that it gets a "The" before the "Perogy Supper" in the title. Tickets for the Perogy Supper are now on sale. Tickets will be sold after the Divine Liturgy. Get tickets for all your families and friends. 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.
- **Sunday, September 29 at 10 am:** Beware of our infamous "**Children's Liturgy**". Marilyn the Catechetical Puppet would like to speak to all kids during the homily. Invite your families children to come to church with you this day.
- **Monday, September 30 at 7 pm:** Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting.
- **Tuesday, October 1 at 10:30 am: Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at Venta Care Centre, and everyone is welcome to join us. Talk to Fr. Bo for more details.
- **Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm:** Men's Club will have their meeting here at the Church. All members and all men in and around the parish, even if you are not (yet) a member are invited.
- **Friday & Saturday, October 18-19:** The 41st Biannual Convention of the Ukrainian Catholic Council (Centralia) – Eparchy of Edmonton will take place at Saint Josaphat Cathedral/Chateau Louis Conference Centre, Edmonton. Our convention theme is "Walking Together. How to be a Synodal Church on Mission," the theme of the October 2024 Papal Synod chosen by Pope Francis.
- **Saturday, October 19: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner & Dance.** What an opportunity to enjoy the evening with good food and music and support our parish. You may get your tickets from Rose Marie at 780-217-8217 or see her after church service in the hall foyer. More info can be found on the poster.

Parish & Eparchial and some other News:

- Fr. Bo is going to try to have **regular office hours** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He will also try his hardest to finish the weekly **Bulletins** and the **Weekly Parish Email** and send them out by Friday (which he has not successfully done yet). In order to accommodate this I am requesting that any submissions to the bulletin be made by Wednesday (instead of Thursday) so that they can be included in the bulletin. If you send them in on Thursday or Friday, they may or may not get into the bulletin for the following Sunday.
- Holy Cross recently said goodbye to our **Office Administrator** Natasha on August 7th. Natasha left as she found full time work at EPSB. We are in need of someone to take on this role. The estimated hours per week are 3 - 4 hours and would fit someone who is a stay at home mom. This is a paid position and we tend to do the work on Wednesday. If you are interested or know of someone, please contact Dale Kluk (780 984 7068) or Mark Helmak (780 473 2972). During the interim period, Dianne Kluk has graciously volunteered to help out.
- 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.



Youth Programming Starts Sept. 25

YETI Elementary

AGE: For youth in grade 3 to grade 6 and their friends. (those who have finished their First Solemn Communion)

DESCRIPTION: This active and exciting youth program is for kids to have fun, faith, friends and fantastic liturgical participation. Basically we will gather every other Wednesday evening at 6pm and do fun stuff like earning badges, singing, sports and liturgizing, that will bond us together and help us learn about and celebrate our faith. For those curious, YETI stands for Youth Evangelization Team Initiative.



YETI Jr & Sr High

AGE: For youth in grade 7 to grade 12 and their friends.

DESCRIPTION: Teens will have fun growing in their faith in their own way. This program will be assisted by some cool young adults, but the idea is for teens to work out and plan things together for their own community building, faith formation and such. Projects will likely include putting together a charitable event or two, serving the needs of the poor, and sumo wrestling. For those curious, YETI stands for Youth Evangelization Team Initiative.

YAM (Young Adult Ministry)

AGE: 18+... all the way up to Middle Aged people.

DESCRIPTION: Young Adult Ministry is for young adults to bond and grow together in their faith. Our goal is to meet every other week and to plan our own activities which will help us become a more active, charitable and faithful community. I foresee some funny improv sessions, profound conversations, amazing charitable projects, and more.



**Every 2nd
Wednesday.
Opposite our Bible Study.
6 pm YETI, 7:30 pm YAM**

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross. Octoechos Tone 8. Holy Great-Martyr Nicetas (374). Galatians 2:16-20. Mark 8:34-9:1.</p> <p>9:30 am. Rosary</p> <p>10 am Festal Divine Liturgy with Bishop David</p> <p>YES Sunday School, But instead of Coffee Hour we have our annual parish</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">Praznyk</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Holy Great-Martyr Euphemia, the All-Famed (303). Ephesians 4:25-32. Luke 3:19-22.</p> <p>10 am Monday Bible Study Group</p> <p>6:45 pm Public Lecture at NTC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Holy Martyr Sophia, and Her Three Daughters Faith, Hope and Love. Ephesians 5:20-26. Luke 3:23-4:1.</p> <p>Fr. Bo Office Day</p> <p><i>11 am Writing the Light (Byz Art & Arch) & Assignment due</i></p> <p>1 pm till 7 pm Open Icon Studio</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Our Venerable Father Eumenes, Bishop of Gortyna. Ephesians 5:25-33. Luke 4:1-15.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Fr. Bo Office Day</p> <p>10:30 am meeting</p> <p>6 pm Our First "every other" Wednesday Night</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">Bible Study</p> <p>Please have bulletin announcements in.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedontus (276-82). Ephesians 5:33-6:9. Luke 4:16-22.</p> <p>10 am Funeral of + Eugene Letwin</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off...</p> <p><i>11 am Writing the Light (Drawing)</i></p> <p>Singcon in Calgary</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p> <p>7 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Installation at St. Nicholas Parish.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Holy Great-Martyr Eustathius and those with him (276-82). Holy Martyrs and Confessors for the Faith, the Grand Prince Michael, and His Nobleman Theodore, Wonderworkers of Chernihiv (1245). Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Ephesians 6:18-24. Luke 4:22-30.</p> <p>Singcon in Calgary</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p> <p>Bulletin Completion Day. <u>Hopefully</u> bulletins and the weekly emails will be sent out on Fridays from now on.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross. Holy Apostle Codratus of Magnesia (249-52). 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. John 8:21-30.</p> <p>Singcon in Calgary</p> <p>1:30 pm Petrykivka Workshop</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone I. Holy Priest-Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope (98-117). Holy Prophet Jonah (786-46 BC). Venerable Jonah the Presbyter, Father of Theophanes, Composer of Canons, and Theodore the Branded 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Luke 5:1-11.</p> <p>Singcon in Calgary</p> <p>9:30 am. Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>YES Sunday School, YES Coffee</p> <p>11:30-ish am Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister Meeting / Training</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Conception of the Honourable and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 1:5-25.</p> <p>10 am Monday Bible Study Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Holy Martyr Sophia, and Her Three Daughters Faith, Hope and Love. Ephesians 5:20-26. Luke 3:23-4:1.</p> <p>Fr. Bo Office Day</p> <p><i>11 am Writing the Light</i></p> <p>5-7 pm Open Icon Studio? (time TBD)</p> <p>7:30 pm Bylaw Committee Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyne. Philippians 1:12-20. Luke 5:33-39.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Fr. Bo Office Day</p> <p>6 pm YETI Youth Ministry</p> <p>7:30 pm YAM Young Adult Ministry</p> <p>Please have bulletin announcements in.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Passing of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. All-Night Vigil Feast. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. 1 John 4:12-19. John 19:25-27. 21:24-25.</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off...</p> <p><i>11 am Writing the Light (Seminar)</i></p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Companions. Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Philippians 1:27-2:4. Luke 6:17-23.</p> <p>Perogy Supper Prep</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton (350). Holy Viacheslav, Czech Prince. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Monastery of the Caves in Kiev Who Repose in the Nearer Caves of the Venerable Anthony. Passing into eternal life of Blessed Nykyta Budka (1949), First Bishop of Canada and Confessor of Karaganda. Polyeleos Feast. 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Luke 6:17-23.</p> <p>4 pm & 6 pm Perogy Supper</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 2. Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite (c. 448-556). 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. Luke 6:31-36.</p> <p>9:30 am. Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>YES Sunday School, YES Coffee</p> <p>11:30-ish am Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister Meeting / Training</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Priest-Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Great Armenia (284-305). Philippians 2:12-16. Luke 6:24-30.</p> <p>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</p> <p>10 am Monday Bible Study Group</p> <p>7 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>October 1</p> <p>Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God. Holy Apostle Ananias, One of the Seventy Disciples. Our Venerable Father Roman Who Sang Sweetly (560). Feast of the Mother of God. Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42. 11:27-28.</p> <p>10:30 Venta Care Centre</p> <p>5-7 pm Open Icon Studio? (time TBD)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Holy Priest-Martyr Cyprian. Holy Martyr Justina. Holy Andrew, Fool for the Sake of Christ. Philippians 2:24-30. Luke 6:46-7:1.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Fr. Bo Office Day</p> <p>6 pm Bible Study</p> <p>Please have bulletin announcements in.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Holy Priest-Martyr Dionysius the Areopagite. Philippians 3:1-8. Luke 7:17-30.</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off...</p> <p><i>11 am Writing the Light (Drawing)</i></p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Holy Priest-Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Ammon the Anchorite (350). Vladimir, Prince of Novgorod and his mother, Anne (1051). Venerable Father Francis of Assisi (1181-1226). Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Philippians 3:8-19. Luke 7:31-35.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Holy Martyr Charitina. 2 Corinthians 1:8-11. Luke 5:27-32.</p>