



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Українська Католицька Парафія Воздвиження Чесного Хреста



Sundays, November 10, 17 & 24 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 8. The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympus, Rodion, and those with them.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone I. Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea (270-75). Passing into Eternal Life (1947) of Blessed Josaphat Kotsylovsky, Bishop of Peremyshl and Martyr.

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2. Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Holy Great-Martyr Catherine (310-13). Holy Great-Martyr Mercurius (249-51).

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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More info on the next page.



Tickets are now available for our annual St. Nicholas Dinner from members of the Ladies' Club after Liturgy. Grab enough for your whole family, especially the kids!

Our St. Nicholas celebration will take place on Sunday December the 1st after the service.

Please be aware of SCAMS!

Bad people will always try to take advantage of others, and once again they are trying to steal from people in our parish. In the beginning of November someone has sent out texts pretending to be him. This was not Fr. Bo. (You can tell by the phone number they used.) Please be extra weary of all correspondence, by email, text, or any other form. Never give out untraceable gift cards, or money to anyone without investigating it thoroughly: not even those who identify themselves as people you know including family. Fr. Bo will never seek out any assistance directly from you, and certainly not by correspondence. All donations and such that our community collects should be given through the church where everything is well documented and tracked. I pray nobody was fooled.

KofC Pancake Breakfast Today!



Come after Liturgy: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Hash Browns, Fruit, Tea/Coffee & Juice

Family (3 or more)	\$20.00
Adults (13 years & up)	\$10.00 each
Children (6 - 12 years)	\$6.00 each



On Sunday the 10th we Remember!



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

There will be a placing of a wreath and a Panachyda (prayers for the departed) at the end of the Divine Liturgy



Presentation of the Mother of God: Nov 21

This is a Major Feast!

See page 4 for details

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.

Membership 2025 Renewal is here!

Be sure to renew your membership and pick up your envelopes THIS SUNDAY! Membership will be available to renew every Sunday in November and December. As per our last AGM - 2025 membership has been raised to \$40 for the year if you renew before March 2025. Members renewing after March 1st will be charged \$45. Membership can be paid via cash or cheque (Cheque can be made out to Holy Cross Parish). This year we are going to do something new...it is also picture day! As Father Bo has mentioned in the past, we are going to create a parish directory "book" with all our member's pictures. Bring your family, friends and best smiles! New members are always welcome! Let's continue to grow our parish community! If you have any questions contact our membership chair J'lyn Ramsankar for more details.

Why only 1 bulletin for 3 weeks of Nov?

Just like in the summer, Fr. Bo is going to another icon painting residency as part of the "Writing the Light" Iconography Course. This time Fr. Bo is going to New Hampshire where he and others will be learning from Master Iconographer George Kordis how to write (paint) icons on the walls of churches.

This means that Fr. Bo will be away from the parish for just over a week. On November 17th Fr. Greg Faryna will substitute for us. Although Fr. Bo will be back by November 24th, he will barely be back. In fact he will arrive in the wee hours of Sunday morning. Therefore, this is the only bulletin you will receive for the next few weeks.

While I'm away, if there are any pastoral emergencies I encourage you to speak with Deacon John. If you are in need of a priest for Anointing of the Sick, Confessions, or another urgent pastoral need you can call the bishop's offices (Eparchial Pastoral Centre) during the day at 780-424-5496

The next bulletin you will get will be on December 1st, the day where we will be visited by St. Nicholas!

The Nativity Fast (often called Advent or St. Philip's Fast) will begin on November 15

See page 5 & 6 for details, and to find out what our Sunday morning Pre-Liturgy Reflections will be about.

MALANKA Saturday, January 11th

See Posters all over the parish for details.

Tickets \$80 Adults, \$45 Youth 13 and under.

Call Rose Marie at 780-217-8217 or get your tickets after a Liturgy.

Donations received at Holy Cross Parish

For the week ending with Sunday, November 3

Sunday Donation:	\$2485.00
Candles:	\$49.55
Building Fund for November	\$25.00



On Sunday November the 3rd in the afternoon here at Holy Cross we had a successful

Comedy Talent Show

Here are some pictures from the event.

Thank you Kozaks who took the lead, and all who came and played with us.

HOLY CROSS' COMEDY
TALENT SHOW
 ENTRY BY DONATION
 PRIZE FOR SILLIEST HAT
 EVERYONE WELCOME
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Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple

By Fr. Thomas Hopko

November 21st. Please note: As Fr. Bo will be away all parishioners are asked to attend a Divine Liturgy at one of our neighbouring Ukrainian Catholic Parish.

The second great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple which is commemorated on the twenty-first of November. Like the feast of her nativity, this feast of Mary is without direct biblical and historical reference. But like the nativity, it is a feast filled with important spiritual significance for the Christian believer.

The texts of the service tells how Mary was brought as a small child to the temple by her parents in order to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the Lord until the time of their betrothal in marriage. According to Church tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be “nourished” there by the angels in order to become herself the “holy of holies” of God, the living sanctuary and temple of the Divine child who was to be born in her.

There is no doubt that the verses of the Old Testament Psalm 45, used extensively in the services of the feast, provided a great inspiration for the celebration of Mary’s consecration to the service of God in the Jerusalem Temple.

Hear, O Daughter, and consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father’s house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your Lord, bow to him ...

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes, in many-colored robes she is led to her king, with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train.

With joy and gladness they are led along, as they enter the palace of the king.

Instead of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations, therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever (Ps 45.10–17).

The Orthodox Church understands these words of the psalm to be a prophecy directly related to Mary the Theotokos. According to the Gospel of Saint Luke which is read at the Vigil of each of her feasts, Mary herself speaks the following words:

My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has regarded the low estate of

His handmaiden. For behold, hence-forth all generations shall call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation (Lk 1.47–50).

The main theme of the feast of Mary’s entrance to the Temple, repeated many times in the liturgical services, is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that “the dwelling of God is with man” and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence (Ezek 37.27; Jn 14.15–23; Acts 7.47; 2 Cor 6.11; Eph 2.18–22; 1 Pet 2.4; Rev 22.1–4).

Today is the preview of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation (Troparion).

The most pure Temple of the Saviour, the precious Chamber and Virgin, the Sacred Treasure of the Glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the Abode of Heaven! (Kontakion).

The fortieth chapter of Exodus about the building of the tabernacle is read at Vespers, together with passages from the First Book of Kings and the Prophecy of Ezekiel. Each one of these readings all end with exactly the same line, “for the glory of the Lord filled the house [tabernacle] of the Lord God Almighty” (Ex 40.35; 1 Kg 8.11; Ezek 44.4).

Once again on this feast, the Old Testament readings are interpreted as symbols of the Mother of God. This “glory of the Lord” is referred to the Mother of Christ and it “fills” her and all people after her who “hear the word of God and keep it” as the Gospel of the festal liturgy proclaims (Lk 11.37–28). The epistle reading at the Divine Liturgy also proclaims this very same theme (Heb 9.1–7).

Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is the feast which celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. When the child Mary enters the temple, the time of the temple comes to an end and the “preview of the good will of God” is shown forth. On this feast we celebrate—in the person of Christ’s mother—that we too are the house and tabernacle of the Lord.

... We are the temple of the living God, as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Cor 6.16; Is 52.11).



Preparing for Christ's Nativity: The Virgin Mary in Prophecy and Christian Tradition

by Archbishop Dmitri of Dallas and the South (of the
Orthodox Church of America)

On November 15, the Church entered the period of the Christian year known as the Nativity Fast (Advent). For forty days our attention will be directed toward the Nativity of Christ, both in the proper parts of the services and in the scriptural readings.

As part of the lenten effort several days in December are dedicated to the memory of Old Testament prophets, persons with an extraordinary call to proclaim God's will and announce beforehand the Savior's coming into the world. On December 1 we commemorate the prophet Nahum; December 2, Habakkuk; December 3, Zephaniah; December 16, Haggai; and on December 17, Daniel and the Three Youths. In addition, on the two Sundays preceding Christmas the entire assembly of Old Covenant prophets are among those many people commemorated who prepared the way for Christ's advent.

Of particular significance is the feast day which occurs in the midst of the Fast, on November 21: The Presentation (or Entrance) of the Theotokos into the Temple. According to Tradition as old as the Church itself, the parents of the Theotokos were Joachim and Anna. Being elderly and having no children, they prayed that God would grant them a child, even in their old age. God answered their prayer by giving to them a daughter. Everything surrounding her birth and infancy was extraordinary. First, her birth was announced by an angel. Second, she was born of a very old and barren mother. Third, when according to custom she was presented in the temple forty days after her birth, the priest Zacharias, father of the Forerunner John the Baptist, received her with unusual joy, taking her into the Holy of Holies, a place reserved only for the priest to enter once a year. Finally, from an early age until her betrothal, the blessed handmaiden was raised in the temple. Her being brought to the temple at the age of three, escorted by young girls carrying candles or lamps in their hands, constitutes the fundamental event commemorated on November 21.

Many Old Testament prophecies which pointed to God's New Covenant with man, had to do with the instrument that He would use to accomplish His purpose. We will recall that the first prophecy about Mary occurred at the very moment of man's fall. God said unto the serpent which had beguiled both Adam and Eve: "Because thou hast done this... I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" [Genesis 3: 14-15].



Mary is the new Eve, the one who crushes with her perfection and sinlessness the head of evil. In addition, the burning bush which "was not consumed" by fire [Exodus 3:1-6], the uncrossed gate of the temple [Ezekiel 44:1-3], and a host of other Old Testament types or images, tell of this extraordinary creature that was to be the earthly instrument by which God would enter into His own material creation. Psalm 45, recited in part at the Proskomedia prior to the Divine Liturgy, is a prophecy directly related to the feast in question: "The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: the virgins, her companions that follow her, shall be brought unto thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace" [Psalm 45: 13-15].

Only from such a person as Mary could God take flesh—the perfect human nature of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We call her sinless, even immaculate. By these words we mean that she committed no personal sin. We reject, however, the idea of an immaculate conception, or any approach to the Theotokos which would distinguish her radically from the entire race of mortals, making her something other than human. We also call her ever-virgin, because in spite of attempts to prove otherwise, it has never been demonstrated that she had children other than Jesus, nor had she sexual relations with any man.

Preparing for Christ's Nativity: The Virgin Mary in Prophecy and Christian Tradition... Continued

Mary has a place of high honor in Christian Tradition. She is referred to as being "more honorable than the cherubim and more glorious without compare than the seraphim." She is called Theotokos, or God-bearer. She is even known as the Mother of God, for the One to Whom she gave birth is God, but unites perfectly within Himself His own divine nature and our human nature as well, identifying Himself completely with the whole race of mortals. During the feast of the Presentation much is made of the Virgin as the abode of God, the one who enters the Holy of Holies to become herself the Tabernacle of the Righteous One.

The veneration of the Theotokos, the high honor given her in the Church, is a fulfillment of the prophetic words that she herself spoke: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior; for He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed" [Luke 1: 46-48].

The angel Gabriel had addressed her in these words: "Hail, thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women" [Luke 1:28]. The woman who called out from the crowd in the Gospel lesson read at all major feasts of the Theotokos, "Blessed is the womb that bare thee," was answered by our Lord, "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it" [Luke 11: 27-28]. Mary is considered to be the person, par excellence, who heard the word of God and kept it.

The consequences of denying the Theotokos her rightful place in the life of Christians are more serious than one may think, unless he considers all its implications. The Church's theology insists upon the two perfect natures of Christ; He is both fully God and fully Man. The Virgin Mary was the perfect human being from whom Christ's human nature was taken. Man's redemption was made possible through the union of God and man in Christ, and it is over the very fundamental question of the personality of Christ that the Church throughout its history has had to wage its bitterest battles. In fact, the main work of the Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus 431 AD) was to combat Nestorianism, a heresy which denied Mary the title, Theotokos. At least partially, as a result of this fifth century controversy, the very specific Greek term for Christ's mother is used untranslated in Orthodox Church services to this day. To this one title is ascribed great importance, because in a very specific way it bears witness to the salvation given to us in Christ.

De-emphasis of the sinlessness of Christ's mother, insistence upon her having other children by Joseph, and failure to remember her part in the history of the salvation of mankind, have contributed to a general misunderstanding of the Incarnation in all its fullness and power. These are but preliminary steps towards a denial of the virgin birth, and with it the divinity of Christ, the Holy Trinity, and so on.

Thus, this feast of the Presentation (Entrance) of the Theotokos stands at the beginning of the season in which we commemorate the Incarnation, the intervention of God in time and history. We rightly bestow honor, homage and veneration to the one that gave birth to God the Word, for the salvation of the world.

Archbishop Dmitri [Royster] served as ruling bishop of the Orthodox Church in America's Diocese of the South from 1978 until his retirement in 2009. He fell asleep in the Lord on August 28, 2011.



What will we be doing to mark this season of the Nativity Fast?

At our parish we will be weekly commemorating several Old Testament Prophets who have foretold us of the Theotokos.

About 5 minutes before each Liturgy, including Sunday and Wednesday services we will add icons to our parish's "Tetrapod Jesse Tree" and read about the Prophets and their prophecies.

If you would like to volunteer to read the reflection and place upon the tree the icon(s) of the day's prophets, please speak to Diane Kluk or Fr. Bo.



The Blue Bombers will beat your Roughriders Father.... I know.



Our awesome Men's Club

with their Barbecuing Prognosticator (lucky guess?... maybe.) have provided a lovely **lunch to the veterans** in the neighbouring Veteran's Village. They do this lovely meal twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring to show their appreciation to our men and women who have served our country. Thank you to the whole men's club, especially those who helped physically with this project for taking care of those who take care of us.

A few of you have been inquiring...

"Fr. Bo: When is your next icon workshop?"

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

Please give me your input. Which would you prefer?

Currently I am thinking about putting on the **Long Weekend of February 14-17** (Family Day Weekend), or the week of **March 2 - 8** or both.

If neither of these works for you but you wish to participate, let me know when could it work for you.



HOLY CROSS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARISH'S

FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION 2025

First Solemn Communion Classes are nearly upon us!

At this point we have 4 families who have expressed interest. Since each of these families have gone through the program before (or have a significant understanding of the faith) this year we will relax the usual requirement of having a parent or guardian attend each class with their child.

If you are still hoping to have your child participate, and you did not yet register, please go to our parish website and hit the First Solemn Communion button... as soon as possible. EHCUCP.ca



There is a desire to start a “Mothers in Prayer” chapter in our parish.

We will have our first “Mothers in Prayer” session after the Liturgy and Panachyda on November 24th. All mothers are welcome to come and join in this prayer.

The regularity and frequency of this group’s sessions will depend on the response of those mothers in our parish.

What is “Mothers in Prayer”?

“Mothers in Prayer” was launched in England in 1995. At that time, two grandmothers, Veronica, and her sister-in-law Sandra, both from England, felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. Through prayer, they learned that Jesus wishes all mothers to surrender their children into His care, to take away pain and to pour blessings on their children. “Mothers in Prayer” has now spread throughout the world and is in over 80 countries. There have been many miraculous answers to prayers.

In the year 2000 at Saint George’s Cathedral in Lviv, with the blessing of his beatitude, Lubomyr, the first such community was started in Ukraine. Now such communities exist all over the Eparchy’s and Exarchates of the UGCC.

A prayer group maybe started with only two mothers with a maximum of eight. Usually members meet every week. They obey the strict rule of confidentiality and anything that is said at the meeting must never be repeated. As mothers learn to trust each other, through their prayers, and sharing together, their burdens become lighter.

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In today’s fast-paced and often challenging world, the power of prayer can provide a sanctuary of hope and strength. We invite you to join our “Mothers in Prayer” gathering, a special event designed to bring women together in faith, support, and spiritual growth.

A Welcoming Community

“Mothers in Prayer” is more than just a gathering; it is a welcoming community where women from all walks of life can come together to uplift one another through the power of prayer. In this sacred space, we encourage open hearts and minds, fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. Here, mothers unite with a shared purpose: to pray for our families, our parish communities, and children across the globe.

Strengthening Our Spiritual Connections

Through collective prayer, we strengthen our spiritual connections, not only with God but also with one another. The act of praying together creates bonds of

sisterhood that transcend our individual lives. As we share our intentions, joys, and struggles, we find comfort and encouragement in the supportive embrace of our community. Each prayer offered during our gatherings serves to uplift our spirits and deepen our faith, reminding us that we are not alone in our journey.

Praying for Peace in Ukraine

In these times of uncertainty and conflict, our hearts go out to those suffering around the world. At our “Mothers in Prayer” gathering, we will particularly focus our prayers on peace in Ukraine. As we pray the rosary for peace, we remember the countless families affected by the war and place our trust in God’s grace. Together, we ask for divine intervention, seeking an end to violence and a restoration of harmony.

The Power of Prayer

The power of prayer cannot be underestimated. It is a source of hope that brings comfort during difficult times and a means of expressing our deepest desires and concerns. By coming together to pray, we not only strengthen our connection with God but also create a ripple effect of positive energy that extends far beyond our gathering. Each prayer lifted can help bring peace, healing, and blessings to our loved ones and the wider community.

Join Us in This Sacred Mission

We warmly invite all mothers and women of faith to join us in this sacred mission. Whether you are praying for your own family, and friends, or the well-being of our global community, your participation matters. Together, we will lift our hearts and voices in prayer, asking for God’s blessings, peace, and strength.

Creating a Lasting Impact

As we come together in faith, we hope to create a lasting impact not only within our parish but also in the world around us. Each prayer session serves as a reminder of the importance of community support and the strength that comes from united intentions. In this shared space, we empower one another to take our faith beyond our gatherings and into our daily lives.

Let Us Bring Peace and Grace to All

Let the prayers of mothers bring peace and grace to all. In this gathering, we seek to embody love and compassion, extending our prayers beyond our immediate circles. As we unite in our intentions, we invite you to bring your unique prayers and hopes, enriching our collective experience.

Join us as we gather for “Come Together in Faith: Mothers in Prayer,” where we pray for our families, our communities, and peace in Ukraine. Together, let us weave a tapestry of hope and grace through our prayers, creating a brighter future for all.

November is Holodomor Remembrance Month

The 4th Saturday of November designated by the Canadian Government as Holodomor Memorial Day. Please be informed that:

- **On Saturday, November 23**, at City Hall at 12:30 PM there will be a panachyda and commemoration with many clergy and government officials. Please be advised that there is security upon entrance to City Hall and no parking will be allowed below. Try Library, Citadel or Canada Place for parking, and give yourself a few extra minutes to get through security.
- **On Sunday, November 24**, our Parish will have a Panachyda, for the 7 million who were deliberately starved in 1932-33 by the Russian Communist

government. In addition to this intention, we will also pray for those victims of this current war and attempted genocide in Ukraine on the occasion of the 1000 + 7 days since the invasion (see below)

- **Also on Sunday, November 24**, His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav invites parishes throughout the world to take up an extra collection towards the building of a National Holodomor Museum in Kyiv, Ukraine. The 1932-1933 Holodomor Genocide claimed the lives of millions of children, women, and men in a human-made artificial famine at the hands of the Soviet Union. The National Holodomor Museum will be a lasting testimony to their sacrifice and a witness to freedom from tyranny. May God grant the victims of the Holodomor a blessed repose. This voluntary collection can be made in a different envelope that you clearly mark as “for the Holodomor Museum in Ukraine”

Panachydas after Liturgies

It has come to my attention that some people are confused about memorial services (Panachydas) which occur frequently after our Sunday services. Sometimes these services are intended to be for the whole congregation, such as on Sunday the 10th where we together will remember all those who have died in the service of their country, and on Sunday the 24th when we commemorate all the victims of Holodomor (and also the current Genocide/War: see below). And on other times a family would like to quietly remember a family member.

Here is what we are planning to do to let you know which ones you are supposed to stay for, and which

ones you can opt to leave before they happen if you wish.

If a Panachyda is attached to the Liturgy, in other words there is no dismissal for the Liturgy but instead we go directly into the tropars of the Panachyda (pg 155), then you should stay and pray with us. It only takes a few minutes.

On the other hand, if we have the final blessing and dismissal for the liturgy, and the final song is sung, the priest goes and consumes the Sacred Gifts, then he returns after a few minutes to the tetrapod (small table in the front) to begin the service from the beginning (page 133), then you have time to quietly depart before the prayers for the deceased begin.



A message from Bishop Andriy Rabyi to the Clergy of Canada

On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, we will mark 1,000 days since Russia launched a full-scale war against Ukraine. This horrific war has brought destruction to many cities, towns, and villages. Thousands of civilians have died in daily bombardments, and thousands of soldiers have sacrificed their lives bravely defending Ukraine, the homeland of our ancestors and some of us who were born there. Despite the difficult situation, our Ukrainian

people have shown tremendous resilience and have been able to fend off the enemy thanks to assistance from Canada and other allied countries.

Please kindly consider having a Panachyda following Divine Liturgies on Sunday, November 17. As an alternative or in addition, please include a special petition in the Liturgy or recite a prayer to honor and commemorate all who died in the war—soldiers, civilians, and children. Let us ask the good Lord to receive them in His Kingdom and hear our prayers for victory and the end of the war in Ukraine.

Thank you! - Most Rev. Andriy Rabyi Auxiliary Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg

Will we have a Panachyda on November the 17th?

Fr. Bo, upon returning, will include in the Panachyda after the Liturgy on the 24th of November, prayers for the victims of the 1007 days of the current war in Ukraine, as well as the original intention of all the Victims of Holodomor.

As there are already two important Panachydas during the month of November people will not be made to have a third one. However, praying another panachyda on the 17th is not a bad idea. If Fr. Greg is willing to lead such prayers, he may, and those who would like to may stay for this extra prayer.



Winter 2025 | 3 Credits
Thurs. 6:30-9:20pm
In-person & Online

Academic Course Offering:
Theology and Spirituality of Icons



Professor: Deacon Cyril Kennedy
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton
Sessional Lecturer, Newman Theological College

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Winter 2025 | 3 Credits
4 Fridays + 4 Saturdays
In-person & Online

Academic Course Offering:
Marriage in the Eastern Catholic Churches: Canonical Issues



Professor: Bishop David Motiuk
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton

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Bishop's

15th Annual

Gala

Celebrating the Jubilee Year 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE
"Hope does not disappoint."
Romans 5:5

If you can, consider coming to Bishop's 15th Annual Gala.

It is a fundraiser with a very fancy meal, a silent auction, a live auction, and guest speakers who help us know what is going on in our Church.

It's not cheap, but it is worth it. Each ticket is \$225. This will also get you a \$100 charitable tax receipt. Tickets are available at the Eparchial Pastoral Centre or online at www.eeparchy.com/gala/

**Thursday,
December 6**

If you can't go, consider donating to the eparchy. The money raised all goes to support of the ministries of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton.



Regular Meetings and Events:

- **Every Sunday at 9:30 am:** the Rosary
- **Every Sunday at 10 am:** Divine Liturgy, alternating English one week, and Bilingual English and Ukrainian the next week.
- **Every Sunday at 10 am:** Sunday School, for children up to grades 2. They begin and end their sessions during the Liturgy.
- **Last Sunday of each month at 10 am:** Children's Liturgy, on this last Sunday of the month we try to make the Divine Liturgy more welcoming for our children and youth. They get a special homily with Marilyn the Catechetical Puppet and children also are encouraged to participate in the service by singing, serving at the altar, reading the epistle, helping with the collection and/or other ways.
- **Every Sunday* at 11:15 (+/-) am:** Coffee Hour (* unless otherwise stated in this bulletin, and during the summer months)
- **Every Monday at 10 am:** Monday Morning's Bible Study Group in the Board Room.
- **Almost Every Monday Evening:** Some sort of Parish Meeting, including but not limited to: Ladies' Club (typically the 1st Monday at 7), Knights of Columbus (typically the 2nd Monday at 7:30), Men's Club (typically the 3rd Monday at 7), and Parish Pastoral Council (typically the last Monday at 7). Check this Bulletin below to confirm the date of the next meeting for your group(s)
- **Most Tuesdays:** Fr. Bo comes to the Church and tries to paint icons in the afternoon. Always phone or text if you would like to come and see me, incase I have other appointments to go to.
- **Every Wednesday* at 9 am:** Divine Liturgy, (* unless otherwise stated in this bulletin)
- **Most Wednesdays:** Fr. Bo stays at the Church and tries to do office work including the bulletin and various meetings with individuals. Always phone or text if you would like to come and see me, incase I have other appointments to go to.
- **Every Second Wednesday* at 6 pm:** Bible Study, Everyone Welcome (* unless otherwise stated in this bulletin, and September through June)
- **Every Second Wednesday* at 6 pm:** Youth Ministry, 2 groups grades 3-6, and grades 7-12 (* unless otherwise stated in this bulletin, and during the summer months)
- **Every Second Wednesday* at 7:30 pm:** Young Adult Ministry (YAM), Those who are 18 to 49-ish are welcome to join us (* unless otherwise stated in this bulletin, and during the summer months)

- **Every Saturday at 2 pm:** We anticipate having **First Solemn Communion Classes** in the Boardroom. To register go to the parish website: EHCUCP.ca

Upcoming Not As Regular Meetings & Events:

- **Today - Sunday, November 3 at 3 pm:** Our Comedy Talent Show.
- **Monday, November 4 at 6 pm:** Choir Meeting
- **Tuesday, November 5 at 9 am:** Cabbage Roll Bee
- **Tuesday, November 5 at 7 pm:** The former Bylaw Committee now called... something else meeting
- **Wednesday, November 6:** Grief at Christmas.
- **November 8-12:** No School: Fall Break for ECSD
- **Monday November 11 at 7:30:** Knights of Columbus meeting.
- **Monday & Tuesday, November 11 & 12, 9 am - 3 pm:** CHILDREN'S DAY-CAMP We will pray, sing, make crafts, make new friends and spend time with old friends. The theme for the week will focus on the Saints, our "Super Heroes of Holiness". Children are asked to bring a lunch each day. Youth in grades 7 - 12 are welcome to volunteer as counsellors. Watch your bulletins for more information. AGE: Children, Grades 1 - 6 **LOCATION: Holy Eucharist parish, 6425-120 Ave, Edmonton** COST: \$35 per child. Cost covers snacks and all other materials. Registration deadline: November 6. CONTACT: youth@eeparchy.com
- **Tuesday, November 12 at 9 am:** Cabbage Roll Bee
- **Friday Nov 15 - Saturday Nov 23:** Fr. Bo will be away.
- **Saturday, November 16 at 10 am:** Priestly Ordination of Deacon John Vizza at the Cathedral. This is the last week to get a ticket for the lunch to follow. If interested contact: deacon.vizza@eeparchy.com
- **Sunday, November 17 at 10 am:** Fr. Greg Faryna will be substituting for Fr. Bo at the Liturgy.
- **Monday, November 18 at 7 pm:** Men's Club Meeting: Current members please attend, New members always welcome, just come and join us for the meeting.
- **Tuesday, November 19 at 9 am:** Nalysnyky and Perishky Bee
- **Wednesday, November 20:** Red Wednesday: this is a day that the Catholic Church raises awareness and prayers for those who are persecuted and discriminated for being Catholic. There are over 505 million Christians who live in countries where the Church is persecuted.

- **Wednesday, November 20, at 7:30 pm:** Bylaw Committee Meeting
- **Thursday, November 21 at 6:** KofC Advent Liturgy and Dinner
- **Saturday, November 23 at 12:30:** The City of Edmonton will have the **Holodomor Commemoration at City Hall.**
- **Monday, November 25 at 7 am:** Potatoes and Dough Bee
- **Monday, November 25 at 6 pm:** Parish Planning Meeting along with a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. This will include budget making. All parish groups are asked to come with a plan of all their annual events in hand.
- **Tuesday, November 26 at 9 am:** Perogy Bee
- **Sunday, December 1 after Liturgy:** St. Nicholas Comes!!! Yahoo
- **Monday, December 2:** Calling all Holy Cross Ladies! The Ladies' Club will be having a **Pre-Christmas Celebration for all Ladies** whether they are members or not. The cost is \$5 to hold your spot, and this money will be donated to a charity. Go to the Annex after Liturgy to get your ticket. The last day to get a ticket is November 24. Come!
- **Thursday, December 5, 2024:** Fifteenth Annual **Bishop's Gala** highlighting the Holy Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Chateau Louis Conference Centre, cocktail reception and silent auction at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, followed by an exciting live auction. Tickets \$225 each (\$1800 per table of eight) with tax receipt for \$100 per ticket. Contact the Pastoral Centre for tickets or to make a monetary or auction donation: 780 424 5496 or chancery@edmontoneparchy.com. Go to www.eeparchy.com/gala for more information. All proceeds of the Gala will support the ministries of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton.
- **Saturday, December 7 at 11 am:** Priestly Ordination of Deacon Orion Wiebe at Assumption Parish in Calgary.
- **Saturday, January 11:** On this day we will have our annual parish "**Malanka**". Music will be provided by the "Sparkling Tones". If you would like to be involved with this festive project please speak to Ed Horyn, our parish's Social Director. Tickets are available from Rose Marie at 780-217-8217, or after Sunday Divine Liturgies. Tickets are \$80 per adult and Youth 13 and under are only \$45 each. There will be Door prizes and other Entertainment.
- **March 1:** Anticipated date for next possible **Perogy Supper?** perhaps? Still in planing stages.

Parish, Eparchial & Community News / Announcements:

- 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 a **Altar Servers!** Just say hi to Fr. Bo or Deacon John before Liturgy and we will train you on the job.
- **Thank you** to all those who have been helping with food prep and funerals and Christmas light putting up and cleaning and singing and everything! You volunteers are VERY appreciated.
- **Coffee Hour Volunteers** are awesome and loved. If you would like to help with this important ministry please see Diana Horyn. (If you don't know who this is ask Fr. Bo or anyone... most of us can point her out to you.)
Also, for existing **Coffee Hour Volunteers**, we want to bring to your attention the new schedule which is posted on the bulletin board near the office.
- Do you have an upcoming **50, 60, 70 or even 75 year wedding anniversary** coming up? If so, wow congratulations! Let us know so that we can celebrate this big event with you by singing "Mnohaya Lita" and by presenting you with a commemorative plaque. There is a sheet near the office door where you can let us know about it.
- **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.

Do you have another announcement for our bulletin? If so give Fr. Bo an email. Then you may wish to follow it up with a few texts, just so he does not forget to put it in the next bulletin.

Announcements about our parish and faith are most welcome. Other announcements may be considered if they are positive and appropriate for our community.

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>10</p> <p>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 8. Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympus, Rodion and those with them. Ephesians 4:1-6. Luke 10:25-37.</p> <p>9:30 am. Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Eng)</p> <p>immediately followed by laying of a wreath and Panachyda for Remembrance Day</p> <p>And a PANCAKE BREAKFAST by the Knights of Columbus</p> <p>YES Sunday School, No Coffee but Breakfast instead</p> <p>12-ish am (after the Pancakes) Eucharistic Minister Training</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent (138-61). Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite (826). 1 Timothy 1:1-7. Luke 14:12-15.</p> <p>Remembrance Day</p> <p>No School for ECSD (Fall Break)</p> <p>9 am Eparchial Day Camp</p> <p>10 am Monday Bible Study Group</p> <p>7 pm Panachyda with Knights</p> <p>7:30 Knights of Columbus Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Holy Priest-Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk (1623). John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (619). Nil the Faster (430). Passing into Eternal Life (1950) of Blessed Hryhorii (Gregory) Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl and Confessor. Hebrews 4:14-5:10. John 10:9-16.</p> <p>No School for ECSD (Fall Break)</p> <p>9 am Eparchial Day Camp</p> <p>9 am Cabbage Roll Bee</p> <p><i>11 am Writing the Light (Byz. History)</i></p> <p>4- 7 pm Open Icon Studio</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Our Holy Father John Chrysostom (the Golden-Mouthed), Archbishop of Constantinople (407). Polyelos Feast. Hebrews 7:26-8:2. John 10:9-16.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Fr. Bo Office Day</p> <p>6 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Philip. Polyelos Feast. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. John 1:43-51.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p> <p>Theoretically Fr. Bo's day off</p>	<p>15 </p> <p>Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas (284-305) and Abibus (313-24). Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Timothy 4:4-8,16. Luke 16:15-18. 17:1-4.</p> <p>Nativity Fast Begins</p> <p>Fr. Bo goes to "Icon School"</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. Polyelos Feast. Nativity Fast. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Matthew 9:9-13.</p> <p>Fr. Bo away</p> <p>Priestly Ordination of Deacon John Vizza at the Cathedral</p> <p>First Solemn Communion Orientation at 2 pm.</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone I. Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea (270-75). Passing into Eternal Life (1947) of Blessed Josaphat Kotsylovsky, Bishop of Peremyshl and Martyr. Nativity Fast. Ephesians 5:9-19. Luke 12:16-21.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>9:55 am Nativity Fast "Jesse Tree" reflection</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Ukr & Eng) with Fr. Greg</p> <p>5 minutes after the Divine Liturgy, if Fr. Greg can do it: A panachyda for all those who have died during the 1000 days since Russia has launched it's full scale war.</p> <p>YES Sunday School, YES Coffee</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>Holy Martyrs Plato (286-305) and Roman (305). Nativity Fast. 1 Timothy 5:1-10. Luke 17:20-25.</p> <p>7 am Potatoe & Dough Bee</p> <p>10 am Monday Bible Study Group</p> <p>7 pm Men's Club Meeting</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>Holy Prophet Obadiah (Abdias), the Holy Martyr Barlaam. Nativity Fast. 1 Timothy 5:11-21. Luke 17:26-37.</p> <p>9 am Perogy Bee</p>	<p>20 </p> <p>Forefeast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple.</p> <p>Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (+1919). Our Venerable Father Gregory of Decapolis (842). Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446). Nativity Fast. Galatians 2:16-20. Matthew 26:6-13.</p> <p>Red Wednesday</p> <p>NO LITURGY AT 9 as Fr. Bo is away</p> <p>NO YOUTH nor YAM nor BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>7:30 pm Bylaw Committee Meeting</p>	<p>21 </p> <p>Entrance into the Temple of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary. Feast of the Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation. Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28.</p> <p>Major Feast: Please go to one of our many Ukrainian Catholic Churches for Liturgy.</p> <p>K of C Advent Dinner</p>	<p>22 </p> <p>Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Holy Apostle Philemon and those with him. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18. Luke 19:12-28.</p>	<p>23 </p> <p>Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Our Holy Fathers Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium (4th c.) and Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum (7th c.). Nativity Fast. Galatians 5:22-6:2. Luke 10:19-21.</p> <p>12:30 pm Holodomor Commemoration at City Hall</p> <p>First Solemn Communion at 2 pm.</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2. Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Holy Great-Martyr Catherine (310-13). Holy Great-Martyr Mercurius (249-51). Ephesians 6:10-17. Luke 13:10-17.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>9:55 am Nativity Fast “Jesse Tree” reflection</p> <p>10 am “Children’s” Divine Liturgy (Eng) followed by a Panachyda for Holodomor & the 1000 day since the start of the war in Ukraine.</p> <p>YES Sunday School, YES Coffee</p> <p>After Liturgy we will have our first Mothers in Prayer session.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Leave-taking of the Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple. Our Holy Father and Priest-Martyr Clement, Pope of Rome (101). Peter, Bishop of Alexandria (312). Nativity Fast. 2 Timothy 2:20-26. Luke 19:37-44.</p> <p>10 am Monday Bible Study Group</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>6 pm Parish Planning Meeting for Directors and Organizations</p> <p>7 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite (610-41). James the Hermit (457). Blessing of the Church of the Holy Great-Martyr George which is in Kiev, before the Gates of Holy Wisdom Cathedral (1019-54.) Nativity Fast. 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4. Luke 19:45-48.</p> <p>4- 7 pm Open Icon Studio</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Holy Martyr James of Persia (422). Our Venerable Father Palladius. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Timothy 4:9-22. Luke 20:1-8.</p> <p>8:55 am Nativity Fast “Jesse Tree” reflection</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Fr. Bo Office Day</p> <p>6 pm Youth Ministry</p> <p>7:30 Young Adults Ministry</p> <p>Please have bulletin announcements in</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Venerable-Martyr Stephen the New (c. 764). Holy Martyr Irenarchus (284-305). Nativity Fast. Titus 1:5-2:1. Luke 20:9-18.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Holy Martyr Paramon (249-51), the Holy Martyr Philomenus (270-75). Our Father Acacius, of Whom Testimony is Found in the Ladder of Divine Ascent. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Titus 1:15-2:10. Luke 20:19-26.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Andrew the First-Called. Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. John 1:35-51.</p>
<p>1</p> <p>Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 3. Holy Prophet Nahum (7th century BC). The Epistle and Gospel are taken from the 30th Sunday after Pentecost. Colossians 3:12-16. Luke 18:18-27.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>9:55 am Nativity Fast “Jesse Tree” reflection</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Ukr & Eng) with Fr. Greg</p> <p>YES Sunday School, No Coffee because St. Nicholas is coming!</p> <p>Our St. Nicholas Dinner. St. Nicholas is Coming!</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Holy Prophet Habakkuk (Avvakum). Athanasius the Recluse (1176). Passing into Eternal Life (1973) of Blessed Ivan Sleziuk, Catacomb Bishop of Ivano-Frankivsk and Confessor. 29 week AP Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19. Luke 20:27-44.</p> <p>10 am Monday Bible Study Group</p> <p>7 pm Ladies’ Nativity Celebration</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Holy Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) (7th century BC). Nativity Fast. Hebrews 4:1-13. Luke 21:12-19.</p> <p>10:30 am Divine Liturgy at Venta Care Centre</p> <p>4- 7 pm Open Icon Studio</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Great-Martyr Barbara (286-305). Our Venerable Father John of Damascus (749). Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 5:11-6:8. Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24.</p> <p>8:55 am Nativity Fast “Jesse Tree” reflection</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Fr. Bo Office Day</p> <p>6 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5</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>11 am Writing the Light (drawing)</p> <p>6 pm Bishop’s Gala</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 13:17-21. Luke 6:17-23.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397). Nativity Fast. Ephesians 2:11-13. Luke 13:18-29.</p> <p>Ordination of Deacon Orion Weibe to the priesthood in Calgary</p>

2024-2025 Keys Dates for Family and Life National and International Initiatives

24 November 2024: Local Celebrations of World Youth Day

3 December 2024: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

24 December 2024: Jubilee 2025 - Opening of the Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica

29 December 2024: Feast of the Holy Family

2-8 February 2025: National Catholic Health Care Week

11 February 2025: World Day of the Sick

5 - 6 April 2025: Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers

25 - 27 April 2025: Jubilee of Teenagers

28-30 April 2025: Jubilee of People with Disabilities

11-18 May 2025: CCCB National Family & Life Week 2025

30 May-1 June 2025: Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly

7-8 June 2025: Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities