



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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More info on the next page.

Sundays, December 1, 2024

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 3.
Holy Prophet Nahum (7th century BC).



Saint Nicholas will be here today after Liturgy!

And he has gifts for everyone, even adults!

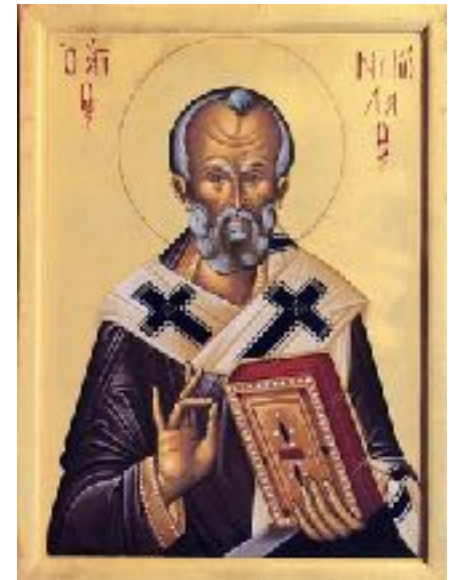
Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Commemorated on December 6

Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia Minor peninsula), and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.

As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the very day of his birth revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. His mother, Nonna, after giving birth was immediately healed from illness. The newborn infant, while still in the baptismal font, stood on his feet three hours, without support from anyone, thereby honouring the...

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Welcome into the Church Andrew!

This past Sunday afternoon Andrew, the child of Amy and John O was Baptized, Chrismated and received Eucharist. Therefore he is the newest member of our Church community.

May God grant you many years! 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
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Fundraising – Terry Yackimec
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Men's Club President – Marc Chiasson
Youth Coordinator – Emmette Lysak
Maintenance – Larry Wayne
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.

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.



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.

True, 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 5

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.

Donations received at Holy Cross Parish

For Sunday Nov. 10

Sunday Donation: \$3955.00
Candles: \$31.90

For Sunday Nov. 17

Sunday Donation: \$1720.00
Candles: \$27.25

For Sunday Nov. 24

Sunday Donation: \$3020.00
Candles: \$24.80
Building Fund for November \$400.00

Total Utilities (Year to Date) includes Epcore, Enmax and Telus - \$40,026.62

Total Church and Hall Insurance for 2024 - \$29,048.83

Saint Nicholas Continued

...Most Holy Trinity. Saint Nicholas from his infancy began a life of fasting, and on Wednesdays and Fridays he would not accept milk from his mother until after his parents had finished their evening prayers.

From his childhood Nicholas thrived on the study of Divine Scripture; by day he would not leave church, and by night he prayed and read books, making himself a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nicholas of Patara rejoiced at the spiritual success and deep piety of his nephew. He ordained him a reader, and then elevated Nicholas to the priesthood, making him his assistant and entrusting him to instruct the flock.

In serving the Lord the youth was fervent of spirit, and in his proficiency with questions of faith he was like an Elder, who aroused the wonder and deep respect of believers. Constantly at work and vivacious, in unceasing prayer, the priest Nicholas displayed great kindness towards the flock, and towards the afflicted who came to him for help, and he distributed all his inheritance to the poor.

There was a certain formerly rich inhabitant of Patara, whom Saint Nicholas saved from great sin. The man had three grown daughters, and in desperation he planned to sell their bodies so they would have money for food. The saint, learning of the man's poverty and of his wicked intention, secretly visited him one night and threw a sack of gold through the window. With the money the man arranged an honorable marriage for his daughter. Saint Nicholas also provided gold for the other daughters, thereby saving the family from falling into spiritual destruction. In bestowing charity, Saint Nicholas always strove to do this secretly and to conceal his good deeds.

The Bishop of Patara decided to go on pilgrimage to the holy places at Jerusalem, and entrusted the guidance of his flock to Saint Nicholas, who fulfilled this obedience carefully and with love. When the bishop returned, Nicholas asked his blessing for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Along the way the saint

predicted a storm would arise and threaten the ship. Saint Nicholas saw the devil get on the ship, intending to sink it and kill all the passengers. At the entreaty of the despairing pilgrims, he calmed the waves of the sea by his prayers. Through his prayer a certain sailor of the ship, who had fallen from the mast and was mortally injured, was also restored to health.

When he reached the ancient city of Jerusalem and came to Golgotha, Saint Nicholas gave thanks to the Savior. He went to all the holy places, worshipping at each one. One night on

Mount Sion, the closed doors of the church opened by themselves for the great pilgrim. Going round the holy places connected with the earthly service of the Son of God, Saint Nicholas decided to withdraw into the desert, but he was stopped by a divine voice urging him to return to his native country. He returned to Lycia, and yearning for a life of quietude, the saint entered into the brotherhood of a monastery named Holy Sion, which had been founded by his uncle. But the Lord again indicated another path for him, "Nicholas, this is not the vineyard where you shall bear fruit for Me. Return to the world, and glorify My

Name there." So he left Patara and went to Myra in Lycia.

Upon the death of Archbishop John, Nicholas was chosen as Bishop of Myra after one of the bishops of the Council said that a new archbishop should be revealed by God, not chosen by men. One of the elder bishops had a vision of a radiant Man, Who told him that the one who came to the church that night and was first to enter should be made archbishop. He would be named Nicholas. The bishop went to the church at night to await Nicholas. The saint, always the first to arrive at church, was stopped by the bishop. "What is your name, child?" he asked. God's chosen one replied, "My name is Nicholas, Master, and I am your servant.

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Saint Nicholas Continued

After his consecration as archbishop, Saint Nicholas remained a great ascetic, appearing to his flock as an image of gentleness, kindness and love for people. This was particularly precious for the Lycian Church during the persecution of Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Bishop Nicholas, locked up in prison together with other Christians for refusing to worship idols, sustained them and exhorted them to endure the fetters, punishment and torture. The Lord preserved him unharmed. Upon the accession of Saint Constantine (May 21) as emperor, Saint Nicholas was restored to his flock, which joyfully received their guide and intercessor.

Despite his great gentleness of spirit and purity of heart, Saint Nicholas was a zealous and ardent warrior of the Church of Christ. Fighting evil spirits, the saint made the rounds of the pagan temples and shrines in the city of Myra and its surroundings, shattering the idols and turning the temples to dust.

In the year 325 Saint Nicholas was a participant in the First Ecumenical Council. This Council proclaimed the Nicene Symbol of Faith, and he stood up against the heretic Arius with the likes of Saints Sylvester the Bishop of Rome (January 2), Alexander of Alexandria (May 29), Spyridon of Trimythontos (December 12) and other Fathers of the Council.

Saint Nicholas, fired with zeal for the Lord, assailed the heretic Arius with his words, and also struck him upon the face. For this reason, he was deprived of the emblems of his episcopal rank and placed under guard. But several of the holy Fathers had the same vision, seeing the Lord Himself and the Mother of God returning to him the Gospel and omophorion. The Fathers of the Council agreed that the audacity of the saint was pleasing to God, and restored the saint to the office of bishop.

Having returned to his own diocese, the saint brought it peace and blessings, sowing the word of Truth, uprooting heresy, nourishing his flock with sound doctrine, and also providing food for their bodies. The face of Saint Nicholas resembled that of an Angel, resplendent with divine grace. A brilliant ray shone from his face, like that which shone from the face of Moses (Exodus 34:29), so that those who

looked at him were astonished. Whoever was oppressed by some affliction or passion of the soul had only to behold the Saint, and his sorrow was eased at once. As for those who conversed with him, they soon found themselves advancing on the path

of virtue. Not only were the faithful moved to compassion, but unbelievers as well, and they directed their steps on the path of salvation when they heard him speak. The evil of unbelief which had been implanted in their hearts since childhood was uprooted, and in its place, the word of truth was sown.

Even during his life the saint worked many miracles. One of the greatest was the deliverance from death of three men unjustly condemned by the Governor, who had been bribed. The saint boldly went up to the executioner and took his sword, already suspended over the heads of the condemned. The Governor, denounced by Saint Nicholas for his wrong doing, repented and begged for forgiveness.

Witnessing this remarkable event were three military officers, who were sent to Phrygia by the emperor Constantine to put down a rebellion. They did not suspect that soon they would also be

compelled to seek the intercession of Saint Nicholas. Evil men slandered them before the emperor, and the officers were sentenced to death. Appearing to Saint Constantine in a dream, Saint Nicholas called on him to overturn the unjust sentence of the military officers.

He worked many other miracles, and struggled many long years at his labor. Through the prayers of the saint, the city of Myra was rescued from a terrible famine. He appeared to a certain Italian merchant and left him three gold pieces as a pledge of payment. He requested him to sail to Myra and deliver grain there. More than once, the saint saved those drowning in the sea, and provided release from captivity and imprisonment.

Having reached old age, Saint Nicholas peacefully fell asleep in the Lord. His venerable relics were preserved incorrupt in the local cathedral church and flowed with curative myrrh, from which many received healing. In the year 1087, his relics were transferred to the Italian city of Bari, where they rest even now (See May 9).



Christmas Season Schedule 2024

Sunday, December 22 nd (Sunday before Nativity)	10 am	Divine Liturgy in English
Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24 th	8 pm 10 pm	Complines and Divine Liturgy in English Complines and Divine Liturgy Bilingual
Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25 th	10 am	Divine Liturgy mostly in English
Sunday, December 29 th (Sunday after Nativity)	10 am	Divine Liturgy Bilingual
Wednesday, January 1 (St. Basil & Circumcision)	9 am	Divine Liturgy Bilingual
Theophany Eve Sunday, January 5 th	10 am 7 pm	Divine Liturgy in English Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water in English
Theophany Day Monday, January 6 th	10 am	Divine Liturgy Bilingual

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? If there is enough interest then I will consider doing both

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.



MALANKA Saturday, January 11th

Here at Holy Cross, 9003 153 Avenue, Edmonton

Cocktails at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm

Music by the Sparkling Tones

Door Prizes and Entertainment



Tickets \$80 for Adults,

and \$45 for Youth 13 and under.

Call Rose Marie at 780-217-8217 or get your tickets after a Liturgy in the Church Annex or Hall Entrance



What is “Malanka”?

“Malanka” is the festival celebrated by many Ukrainians at the Winter Solstice. Often it is held on New Year’s Day. Although most of our parish follows the Gregorian Calendar which celebrates New Years Day on January 1, we often hold this event on the Saturday nearest the Julian Calendar’s New Year’s Day. Why? Because this way we can party twice!

This is a big, well planned Dinner and Dance, which helps raise funds for our parish. We hope you will join us.

Right: Men's Club helping St. Nicholas get packages together for the Children.



Below: Our most recent Perogy Bee.



Please be aware of various 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 Fr. Bo. 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.

Pope Francis declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year designating its theme as “Pilgrims of Hope.”

In the words of the Holy Father, “Pilgrims of Hope” evokes “the movement of a Church that walks in pilgrimage to the light of hope that makes the future possible.... The Jubilee, with its focus on conversion, forgiveness, abundance, walk, and mercy, becomes a possibility for the future itself.

“Hope is the light that brightens the future, but not in a naively optimistic sense. We know it: hope is Jesus Christ dead and risen.... ‘The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on the inhabitants of a country in shadow dark as death light has blazed forth.’ (Isaiah 9:1). The light is that of the Son made Man, Jesus, who with the very Word, gathers every people and every nation.

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth

that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.”

Follow the Vatican’s official Jubilee 2025 website (jubilaeum2025.va) for the latest details on plans, news, initiatives and resources related to the Jubilee.



In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops produced several videos and a reflection guide for the recently concluded webinar series titled [A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life](#) delivered by Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine’s Seminary).

1. “Why did Jesus address God as Father?”

1. “Seeking God’s Kingdom and Knowing God’s Will”
1. “Daily Bread and the Gift of Forgiveness”
1. “Managing Trials and Resisting Evil”

This webinar series for the Year of Prayer 2024, in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025, will be followed by another series in fall 2024.

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

14-15 June 2025: Jubilee of Sport

27 July 2025: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

28 July-3 August 2025: Jubilee of Youth

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:

- **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.
- **December 9 - 13:** Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary.
- **Monday, December 9 at 6 pm:** The Knights of Columbus and Men's Club Nativity Celebration for ALL Men of the Parish.
- **Tuesday, December 24 at 8 pm:** Christmas Eve Complines and Divine Liturgy in English
- **Tuesday, December 24 at 10 pm:** Christmas Eve Complines and Divine Liturgy Bilingual
- **Wednesday, December 25 at 10 am:** Christmas Day - Divine Liturgy mostly in English.
- **Friday, December 27 at 10:30 am:** Clergy gather at St. Basil's Parish with Bishop for Liturgy and Post-Christmas Celebration.
- **Wednesday, January 1 at 9 am:** Feast of St. Basil & the Circumcision of our Lord - Divine Liturgy Bilingual
- **Sunday, January 5 at 10 am:** Theophany Eve & Sunday Divine Liturgy in English
- **Sunday, January 5 at 7 pm:** Theophany Eve Divine Liturgy Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water in English
- **Monday, January 6 at 10 am:** Theophany Day - Divine Liturgy Bilingual

- **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.
- **Tuesday, February 11 at 10 am:** Clergy Conference at St. Josaphat’s.
- **February 14 - 17:** Probable Icon Workshop in the Games Room. Talk to Fr. Bo for more details.
- **Saturday, March 1:** Anticipated date for next possible **Perogy Supper?** perhaps? Still in planing stages.
- **March 2 - 8:** Probable Icon Workshop in the Games Room. Talk to Fr. Bo for more details.
- The Okhmatdyt Children’s Hospital was damaged in July by a Russian missile attack, which caused deaths, injuries and damage on the various regions of the city in Kyiv. Help rebuild the hospital. [Donate](#).
- Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine. [Donate](#).
- The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) each year marks the **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples** on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas (Roman Catholic liturgical calendar).

This following Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is taken from the Holy Father’s Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, in particular, his words of prayer offered at Lac Ste. Anne:

“Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother. Yes, Lord, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of your mother and your grandmother, because mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts.”

Parish, Eparchial & Community News / Announcements:

- **The Annual Bishop’s Appeal Collection “What Gift Have I, Worthy of a King?” takes place on Sunday, December 8.** The Appeal coincides with the Feast of Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra. Saint Nicholas is uniquely tied to Christmas, the celebration of Jesus’ birth. Early stories about Saint Nicholas carry with them the Nativity themes of love and justice. He is characterized as a generous and pious servant of God, caring for children and families, and providing gifts for their spiritual and physical well-being.

And that’s what the Ukrainian Catholic Church is all about: caring and providing for our faithful throughout the Province of Alberta.

Help Bishop David in spreading the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by supporting our Eparchial ministries and offices, including: Youth Ministry, Family and Life Ministries, Religious Education, Vocations, Ecumenism, Social Outreach, and Marriage Tribunal.

With Christmas on our doorstep, one of the holiest times of the year, and in the spirit of Saint Nicholas, what gift do you bring now to the infant Jesus, who lays quietly and peacefully in a manger?

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

- 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.













- 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.
 - **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.

- 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.

I went to a silent auction.
I won a dog whistle and two mimes.
I was going to try an all almond diet,
but that's just nuts.

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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 9:55 am Nativity Fast “Jesse Tree” reflection 10 am Divine Liturgy (Ukr & Eng) YES Sunday School, No Coffee because St. Nicholas is coming! 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 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 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 9 am Divine Liturgy Fr. Bo Office Day 6 pm Bible Study Please have bulletin announcements in</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) 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>8 am Baptism Ordination of Deacon Orion Weibe to the priesthood in Calgary 2 pm FSC</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 4. Our Venerable Father Patapius. Colossians 1:12-18. Luke 17:12-19.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary 9:55 am Nativity Fast “Jesse Tree” reflection 10 am Divine Liturgy (Eng) YES Sunday School, Yes Coffee</p>	<p>9 </p> <p>Conception of Saint Anna when she conceived the Most Holy Mother of God. All-Night Vigil Feast. Nativity Fast. Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 8:16-21.</p> <p>Icon Workshop at St. Joseph’s RC Seminary. 10 am Monday Bible Study Group 6 pm Knights of Columbus and Men’s Club Nativity Celebration</p>	<p>10 </p> <p>Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eugephus. Nativity Fast. Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23. Mark 8:22-26.</p> <p>Icon Workshop at St. Joseph’s RC Seminary.</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite (493). Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 10:1-18. Mark 8:30-34.</p> <p>No Divine Liturgy due to Icon Workshop Icon Workshop at St. Joseph’s RC Seminary. 6 pm Youth? 7:30 Young Adults? Please have bulletin announcements in</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (337-61). Nativity Fast. Hebrews 10:35-11:7. Mark 9:10-16.</p> <p>Icon Workshop at St. Joseph’s RC Seminary. Parish Kitchen Rented 5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>Holy Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius and Orestes (284-305). Holy Martyr Lucia, the Virgin (284-305). Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Ephesians 6:10-17. Luke 21:12-19.</p> <p>Icon Workshop at St. Joseph’s RC Seminary. 5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius (249-51), Philemon, Apollonius and Callinicus (284-305). Nativity Fast. Ephesians 5:1-8. Luke 14:1-11.</p> <p>2 pm FSC</p>