

# **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Ukrainian Catholic Parish** 

Үкраїнська Католицъка Парафія Воздвиження Чесного Хреста



#### **Sundays:**

• 9:30 am Rosary

• 10 am Divine Liturgy

#### Wednesdays:

• 9 am Divine Liturgy

#### **Most Major Feasts\*:**

• 10 am or 7 pm Divine Liturgy

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

#### Pastor: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

780-340-3726 (call or text) fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com

#### **Deacon John Lukey**

johndebbielukey@yahoo.ca

#### **Church Website:**

#### **EHCUCP.CA**

Facebook: facebook.com/ehcucp

Church Email: office@ehcucp.ca

**Pastoral** 

Emergencies: 780-340-3726 Church: 780-478-5260 Hall: 780-478-4275 Our New Toll Free Number:

1-866-886-3946

We no longer have a fax number. Eparchy: 780-424-5496

#### **Church Address:**

9003 - 153 Avenue NW Edmonton, AB

#### **Church Mailing Address:**

Londonderry P.O. Box 70029 Edmonton, AB T5C 3R6

More info on the next page.

# Sundays, December 8, 2024

Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 4. Our Venerable Father Patapius. Nativity Fast.





Here at Holy Cross,

Cocktails at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm

# MALANKA Saturday, January IIth

Door Prizes and Entertainment Tickets \$80 for Adults, and \$45 for Youth 13 and under.

Music by the Sparkling Tones and \$45 for Youth

Call Rose Marie at 780-217-8217

### What is "Malanka"?

or get your tickets after a Liturgy in the Church Anex or Hall Entrance.

"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.

### Christmas Season Schedule 2024

Sunday, December 22

(Sunday before Nativity) 10 am Divine Liturgy in English

Confessions available with Fr. Myron

**Christmas Eve** 

Tuesday, December 24 8 pm Complines and Divine Liturgy in English

10 pm Complines and Divine Liturgy Bilingual

**Christmas Day** 

Wednesday, December 25 10 am Divine Liturgy mostly in English

Sunday, December 29

(Sunday after Nativity) 10 am Divine Liturgy Bilingual

Wednesday, January 1

(St. Basil & Circumcision) 9 am Divine Liturgy Bilingual

**Theophany Eve** 

Sunday, January 5 10 am Divine Liturgy in English

**7 pm** Divine Liturgy with the

Great Blessing of Water in English

Theophany Day Monday, January 6

**10 am** Divine Liturgy Bilingual

1

**Hall Rentals:** 

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

**Perohy Off Sales:** 780-478-4275

Membership:

email: membership@ehcucp

**Funeral Dinners:** 

Call Cheryl: 780-456-2828

Reminder: To receive member rates for funerals/memorials the deceased person must have been a fully paid up member of Holy Cross Parish for the past 22 consecutive months. Deceased children of fully paid up members are also entitled to member rates however child must be a dependant or under the age of 18.

#### **Parish Pastoral Council:**

Parish Priest – Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

Deacon - Dcn. John Lukey

President - Mark Helmak

Past President - Peter Fedorak

1st Vice-President – Mark Ramsankar

2nd Vice-President –Deacon John Lukey

Secretary – Gwen Uchach

Treasurer - Dale Kluk

Archivist - Diana Horyn

Cultural – Mariyka Bodnar

Fundraising – Terry Yackimec

Hall Rental – Lisa Borosuik & Gladys Woitas

Ladies' Club - Dianne Kluk

Knights of Columbus – Darrell Uchach

Men's Club President – Marc Chiasson

Youth Coordinator - Emmette Lysak

Maintenance – Larry Waye

Membership – J'lyn Ramsankar

Social - Edd Horyn

Spiritual – Elizabeth Podloski

#### **Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist:**

 Contact Fr. Bo, at least a month in advance if possible

#### Weddings:

• Contact Fr. Bo, at least a year in advance if possible

#### **Funerals:**

• Contact Fr. Bo, as soon as you are able.

#### Confessions:

- Sundays from 9 till 9:30 with Fr. Bo
- First Sundays of the month with Fr.
   Myron before and during the Liturgy
- or anytime, just call Fr. Bo to arrange it.

## 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.

# We are collecting Toys for Kids Cottage... but only for one more week.

If you have any new, unwrapped toys that you would like to pass on to this lovely charity we are collecting them and will deliver them after next Sunday's Liturgy. So please bring them no later than Next Sunday morning.

At Holy Cross we W Ukrainian Foods!

# And we our Ukrainian Frozen Food Coordinator: Lasha! And we are in need of YOUR help!

Frozen foods is an important fundraiser that provides our parish with almost 25% of it's fundraising revenue. For the past long time Lasha M has been doing a great job, and she continues to do so. However due to the health of her husband, she is in need of some co-ordinating leaders.

We are thinking that we could use at least three such "understudy leaders", each to take on one type of Ukrainian Food that we regularly make. The three are 1> Perogies, 2> Cabbage Rolls, and 3> Perishke, Nalysnyke and other such. While Lasha can she will show you the ropes and help do everything, but she could use some support.

Please talk to Dianne Kluk, Fr. Bo or Lasha if you would like to help.

# Donations received at Holy Cross Parish

For Sunday Dec. 1

Sunday Donation: \$3485.00

**Candles:** \$36.65

Building Fund for December \$ 0.00

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

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

### 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 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 (<u>iubilaeum2025.va</u>) 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: <u>Jubilee of Teenagers</u>

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: <u>Jubilee of</u> Youth

### **Regular Meetings and Events:**

- Every Sunday at 9:30 am: the Rosary
- Every Sunday at IO 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 I0 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 II:15 (+/-) am: Coffee Hour
   (\* unless otherwise stated in this bulletin, and during
   the summer months)
- Every Monday at I0 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:

- December 9 I3: 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 I 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 II: 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 II at IO am: Clergy Conference at St. Josaphat's.
- **February I4 I7: Probable Icon Workshop** in the Games Room. Talk to Fr. Bo for more details.
- Saturday, March I: 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.

# Parish, Eparchial & Community News / Announcements:

 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. • 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.
  - 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.
     <u>Donate.</u>
- 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."

- 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!
- 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.



LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	<b>9</b> 🐟	10 🕸	II 🐟	I2 🕸	13 🐟	14 🐠
Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 4. our Venerable Father Patapius. Colossians 1:12-18. Luke 17:12-19.  9:30 am Rosary 9:55 am Nativity Fast "Jesse Tree" reflection 10 am Divine Liturgy (Eng) YES Sunday School, Yes Coffee	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.  Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary.  IO am Monday Bible Study Group  6 pm Knights of Columbus and Men's Club Nativity Celebration  6 pm Choir Practice & Meeting	Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus. Nativity Fast. Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23. Mark 8:22-26. Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary.	Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite (493). Nativity Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 10:1-18. Mark 8:30-34.  No Divine Liturgy due to Icon Workshop Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary.  6 pm Youth Tobogganing and Hot Chocolate 7:30 Young Adults Hot Chocolate & Conversation Please have bulletin announcements in	Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (337-61). Nativity Fast. Hebrews 10:35-11:7. Mark 9:10-16. Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary.  Parish Kitchen Rented 5:30 Appointment	Holy Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius and Orestes (284-305). Holy Martyr Lucia, the Virgin (284-305). Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Ephesians 6:10-17. Luke 21:12-19. Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary. 5:30 Appointment	Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius (249-51), Philemor Apollonius and Callinicus (284-305). Nativity Fast. Ephesians 5:1-8. Luke 14:1-11.  IO am Baptism 2 pm FSC
Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. Octoechos Tone 5. Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius. Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra (956). Our Holy Father Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh (8th century). 30 SAP Sun Ancestors Colossians 3:4-11. Luke 14:16-24.  9:30 am Rosary 9:55 am Nativity Fast "Jesse Tree" reflection Io am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) YES Sunday School, Yes Coffee	Holy Prophet Haggai (6th c. BC). Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31. Mark 9:42-10:1.  IO am Monday Bible Study Group  1 pm Lunch Meeting  7 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Holy Prophet Daniel, the Three Holy Youths Ananiah (Ananias), Azariah (Azarias) and Mishael (Misael) (6th century BC). Nativity Fast. Hebrews 12:25-26. 13:22-25. Mark 10:2-12. 8:30 am - 12 pm Retreat for Archdiocese Cemetary Staff	Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions. Nativity Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. James 1:1-18. Mark 10:11-16.  9 am Divine Liturgy Fr. Bo office day (always call or text to see if he is in the Church before going to see him)  6 pm Bible Study Please have bulletin announcements in	Holy Martyr Boniface (230). Nativity Fast. James 1:19-27. Mark 10:17-27. 5:30 Appointment	Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer (110). Nativity Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. James 2:1-13. Mark 10:23-32. 5:30 Appointment	Saturday before the Nativit of Christ. Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (284-305). Nativity Fast. Galatians 3:8-12. Luke 13:18-29. 6 pm Knights of Columbus Event
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sunday before the Nativity of Christ. Sunday of the Holy Fathers. Octoechos Tone 6. Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia (305). 31 SAP Sun < Xpmas Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40. Matthew 1:1-25.  9:30 am Rosary Fr. Myron will be in to hear Confessions 9:55 am Final	Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete (249-51). James 2:14-26. Mark 10:46-52.  IO am Monday Bible Study Group?	Eve of the Nativity of Christ. Holy Venerable-Martyr Eugenia. Nativity Fast. Strict Fast. Abstention from meat and dairy and foods that contain these ingredients. Hebrews 1:1-12. Luke 2:1-20.  8 pm Christmas Service in English	Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Christmas. Galatians 4:4-7. Matthew 2:1-12. IO am Christmas Liturgy	Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ. <b>Synaxis of</b> <b>the Most Holy</b> <b>Mother of God.</b> Holy Priest-Martyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis (824). Hebrews 2:11-18. Matthew 2:13-23.	Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ. Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Branded One (844). Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60. Matthew 21:33-42. Eparchial Clergy "St. Nicholas" Event	Saturday after the Nativity of Christ. Two Thousand Martyrs Who Were Burned in Nicomedia (303). Passing into eternal life (1945) of Blessed Hryhoriy (Gregory) Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanyslaviv (Ivano-Frankivs) and martyr. 1 Timothy 6:11-16. Matthew 12:15-21
Nativity Fast "Jesse Tree" reflection 10 am Divine		10 pm Christmas Service Bilingual	Please have bulletin announcements in			6

10 am Divine Liturgy (Eng)