

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Үкраїнська Католицъка Парафія Воздвиження Чесного Хреста



Sundays:

- 9:30 am Rosary
- 10 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesdays:

• 9 am Divine Liturgy

Most Major Feasts*:

• 10 am or 7 pm Divine Liturgy

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

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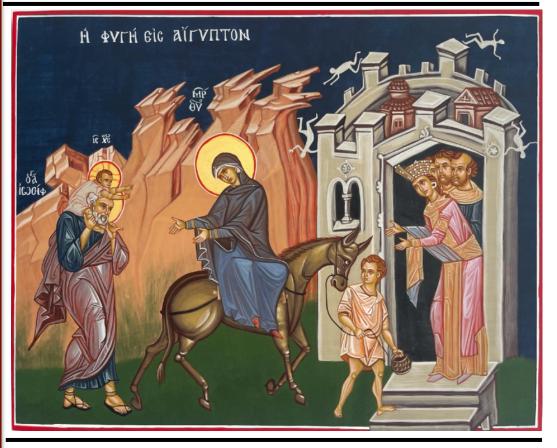
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Sundays, December 29, 2024

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ. Octoechos Tone 7.

Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Lord. The Holy Children who killed for Christ in Bethlehem; Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Христос Раждається! Славіте Його!



2 messages from our Treasurer:

• Donations for the 2024 Year must be in by December 29th to be

included in the 2024 Tax Year. So today is the LAST DAY.

• We now can take donations via E-Transfer! You can set this up on your online banking using our parish email which is **office@ehcucp.ca**. A detailed example can be picked up at the parish office if you would like.

Hall Rentals:

call Lisa at: or email:

Perohy Off Sales: 780-478-4275

780-222-9155

hallrental@ehcucp

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.

Remainder of the Holiday Schedule 2024-25

Wednesday, January 1 (St. Basil & Circumcision) 9 am Divine Liturgy Bilingual Theophany Eve

10 am Divine Liturgy in English

7 pm Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water in English

Theophany Day Monday, January 6

Sunday, January 5

10 am Divine Liturgy Bilingual

Next Youth & Young Adult Wednesday is on January 8.

Next Wednesday Bible Study is on January 15.

OUR MALANKA Saturday, January IIth



Here at Holy Cross, 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.

TICKETS GOING FAST! SELLOUT EXPECTED! GET YOURS TODAY!

Call Rose Marie at 780-217-8217, or get your tickets after Liturgy in the Hall's Entrance.

It's Membership Renewal Time!



After Liturgy come to the Anex (space between the Church and the Hall) and renew your parish membership! Or get a new one!

Why?



Not only will you be supporting the parish, but you will also be getting discounts on things such as hall rentals, funerals, weddings and such.

Donations received at Holy Cross Parish

For Sunday Dec. 22

will be updated for the next bulletin. Stay tuned.

Bishop Stephen Victor Chmilar, the 3rd Bishop Eparch of Toronto and Eastern Canada, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2024

Bishop Stephen Victor Chmilar, the 3rd Bishop Eparch of Toronto and Eastern Canada, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2024, in Stoney Creek, Ontario, following a lengthy illness. He was 79 years old. At the time of his passing, he was Bishop Emeritus, a role he held with grace and devotion until his final days.

Most Reverend Chmilar was born May 24, 1945, in Lamont, Alberta, Canada. He is the son of Steven Chmilar and Alexandra Osinchuk. As the fourth child of a sibling of six, young Victor grew up in the Ukrainian community of Mundare, Alberta where he entered the Basilian Order. During his novitiate, he chose the name Stephen.

His journey into the priesthood was marked by years of dedicated study first at the University of Ottawa (1966 – 1968), where he obtained his Baccalaureate in Philosophy. This was followed by a Baccalaureate in Theology at St. Paul University in Ottawa (1968-1972). As a member of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, he was ordained a priest by Most Rev. Neil Savaryn O.S.B.M. on June 11, 1972.

Three decades of pastoral work

included: Pastor of Ukrainian Catholic parishes in Chipman and Borschiw of the Mundare Pastoral District (1972-73); Associate Pastor of St. Basil the Great, Edmonton, AB (1973-75); Pastor of St. John the Baptist, Ottawa, ON (1975-78); Associate Pastor of St. Basil the Great, Edmonton, AB (1978-82); Pastor of St. Mary's, Vancouver, B.C.(1982-84); Pastor of Transfiguration of our Lord, Denver, CO (USA) (1984-88); Associate Pastor of St. Nicholas, Buffalo, N.Y. (USA) (1988-90); Pastor of St. Nicholas, Hamilton, ON (1990-2000); and Pastor of Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mississauga, ON (2000-2003).

In 1991, Fr. Stephen was incardinated in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada. He assisted in the Marriage Tribunal in both Ottawa and Edmonton. He served for five years as the Spiritual Director at the Novitiate of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Mundare, and also worked as a missionary/ retreat master across Canada. He directed summer camps in Ottawa, Edmonton and British Columbia.

At the time of his nomination Bishop-elect, Stephen was Chancellor, member of the Presbyteral Council and the College of Consultors of the Eparchy of Toronto. On May 3, 2003, His Holiness Pope John Paul II named Reverend Stephen as the new Bishop for the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada. He was ordained a bishop by His Beatitude Lubomyr Cardinal Husar in Mississauga on July 23, 2003.

With an unwavering Motto: "Feed my sheep," Bishop Chmilar tirelessly focused on ensuring his flock had

> the needed support to do their pastoral work. His dedication of faith, leadership and tireless service to the Ukrainian Catholic community also contributed to the ordination of eleven priests and fifteen deacons. Even while attending to his own complex medical and rehabilitative needs, he carried his Ministerial work into various hospital settings as a patient.

Bishop Stephen is survived by his sisters, Luba Romach and Stephanie Courchesne, along with his nieces and nephew Edwardine, Steven and Tammy. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings: Adeline and Dmytro.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Veteran Soldiers (which was Bishop's plan during retirement) and the canonization fund of The Blessed Sr. Josaphata Hordashevska (Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate).

Visitation at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 3625 Cawthra Road, Mississauga, Ontario, on Friday, December 27, 2024, throughout the day from 12 p.m., with Prayers ongoing from 8 p.m.-8 a.m. Parastas from 12-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Panakhyda at St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 7007 109 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 7 p.m. Divine Liturgy at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 5417 Sawchuk Street, Mundare, Alberta on Friday, January 3, 2025, at 10 a.m. Interment Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Township Road 532, Mundare, Alberta. Online condolences at newediukfuneralhome.com



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 I0 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 II: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:

- Monday, December 30 at 10:30 am: Funeral of Les Sumka
- Tuesday, December 3I at 2 pm: Panachyda for immediate family of + Natalie Saganiuk at Park Memorial.
- 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.
- Sunday, January I9, at 7 pm: Join Bishop David and others in an Ecumenical Prayer Service, in the Sisters' Chapel at the Providence Centre. This annual event, sponsored by the Edmonton and District Council of Churches, is a highlight of the Worldwide Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's ecumenical prayer service marks the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.
- Monday, January 20: Our next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.
- Thursday, January 23 at 7 pm: Men's Club Meeting
- Monday, February 3 at 7 pm: Ladies' Club meeting.
- 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, February 22: Eparchial Marriage Prep Course Part 1
- Saturday, March I: Date for our next Perogy Supper.
- March 2 8: Probable Icon Workshop in the Games Room. Talk to Fr. Bo for more details.
- Saturday, February 22: Eparchial Marriage Prep Course Part 2
- December 4, 2025: 16th Annual Bishop's Gala

Parish, Eparchial & Community News / Announcements:

- The Servant of God + Les Sumka has fallen asleep in the Lord. The funeral will take place on Monday December 30th at 10:30 am. May he be granted rest among the saints. Eternal Memory -Vichnaya Pamyat.
- Kid's Cottage is always in need of diapers of all sizes. If you can consider picking up a pack (or a few) and then you can bring them to the church. We will collect them here and periodically deliver the diapers for them to use. Thank you.
- We are looking for parishioners who would like to see **more social events in our parish**. If you have ideas that you would like to share with a group of other interested people, we would appreciate your input. It is well known that a healthy community needs to get folks involved in social activities. Do you have suggestions? Please see Edd or contact him (780-908-2410).
- 2025 Eparchial Marriage Preparation Course Eparchial Marriage Preparation Course is being hosted at St. Josaphat Cathedral in Edmonton, Saturday, February 22 & Saturday, March 8, 2025. Couples planning to marry within the Ukrainian Catholic Church in 2025 are encouraged to register for the course by contacting the Cathedral Office at (780) 422-3181 or by emailing Fr. Jim Nakonechny at fr.nakonechny@eeparchy.com for more details.
- 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.
- 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>
- 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.
- Ongoing 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.

Commemoration of the Holy Righteous David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord

Commemorated on December 29

The Holy Prophet-King David, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, and Saint James the Brother of the Lord are commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, their commemoration is moved to December 26.

At an early date, some churches in the East began to commemorate certain important figures of the New Testament at the time of Theophany, and later during the Nativity season. In Syria, for example, Saint Stephen (December 27), Saints James (April 30) and John (September 26), and Saints Peter and Paul (June 29) were commemorated near the end of December.

In Jerusalem, the saints mentioned above were combined with a feast that the Jews of Hebron celebrated on December 25 or 26 in honour of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob. Later on, the Christians substituted Saint James (October 23) for Jacob, and then the commemoration of the Brother of the Lord became associated with his ancestor King David. In time, Saint Joseph was linked with Saints David and James.

Saint Joseph had four sons from his previous marriage: James, Judah, Joses, and Simon (or Symeon), and three daughters: Esther, Martha, and Salome, who was the mother of Saint John the Theologian.

- -	The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29 Sunday after the Nativity of Christ. Octoechos Tone 7. Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Jord. Holy Children who were nurdered by Herod in Bethlehem. Our tenerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of he Monastery of the Sleepless Ones (c. 70). Galatians 1:11-19. Matthew 2:13-23. I:30 am Rosary O am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) After the Divine Liturgy a Panachyda will be celebrated for + Les Sumka tes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee	30 Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ. Holy Martyr Anysia (286-305). Holy Martyr and Presbyter, Zoticus, Protector of Orphans (4th c.). 33 WAP 1 Peter 2:21-3:9. Mark 12:13-17. IO:30 am Funeral Parastas for + Les Sumka	3] Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, Christmas. Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman (439). 1 Peter 3:10-22. Mark 12:18-27. 11 am Writing the Light Class 2 pm Panachyda at Park Memorial for + Natalie Saganiuk	January I, 2025 Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia. Colossians 2:8-12; Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52; Luke 6:17-23. Happy New Year! IO am Divine Liturgy No Youth nor Bible Study during the Christmas Break	2 Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome. Pre-feast of Theophany. Titus 1:5-2:1; Luke 20:9-18. 7 pm Funeral of • Bishop Stephan Chmilar at St. Basil's UGCC	3	4 Saturday before Theophany Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles; Our Venerable Father Theoctistus, Hegumen of the Cucomo Monastery in Sicily. 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Matthew 3:1-11.	
5 Sunday before and Eve of Theophany; Octoechos Tone 8; The Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas; The Venerable Syncletica. Resurrectional Gospel 11. Strict Fast. Abstention from meat and eggs (and, traditionally, dairy) and foods that contain these ingredients. 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Sunday's Divine Liturgy (English) Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee After Liturgy: Frozen Foods Committee Meeting 7 pm Complines, Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Waters on Theophany Eve!	6 Theophany of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of obligation. Titus 2:11-15; 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17. IO am Divine Liturgy for Theophany!	7 Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John. Post-feast of Theophany. Great Doxology. Acts 19:1-8; John 1:29-34. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy at Venta Care Centre 11 am Writing the Light Class 7 pm Bylaw Committee Meeting	8 Our Venerable Father George the Chosebite; Holy Emilian the Confessor. Our Venerable Mother Dominica. Post-feast of Theophany. Hebrews 5:11-6:8; Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24. 9 am Divine Liturgy 6 pm Youth 7:30 pm Young Adults	q The Holy Martyr Polyeuctus. Post-feast of Theophany. Hebrews 7:1-6; Luke 21:28-33.	IO Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; The Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Miletene; The Venerable Marcian, Presbyter and Econome of the Great Church. Post-feast of Theophany. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 7:18-25; Luke 21:37-22:8.	II Saturday after Theophany; Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the Cenoebitic Monastic Life;. Polyeleos Feast. Post-feast of Theophany. Ephesians 6:10-17; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 4:1-11; Matthew 11:27-30. 2 pm FSC 5 pm Malanka	
I2 Sunday after Theophany; Octoechos Tone I; The Holy Martyr Tatiana. Resurrectional Gospel 1. Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17. 9:30 am Rosary IO am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee	I3 The Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus. Post-feast of Theophany. Hebrews 8:7-13; Mark 8:11-21. 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	I4 Our Venerable Fathers Massacred in Sinai and Rhaithu; Repose of the Holy Equal-to-the Apostles Nina, Enlightener of Georgia. Leave-taking of Theophany. Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23; Mark 8:22-26. 6 pm Fr. Bo teaches Icon Course at Newman Theological College	I5 Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes and John the Hut- Dweller. Saint with Six Stichera. Hebrews 10:1-18; Mark 8:30-34. 9 am Divine Liturgy 6 pm Bible Study	IG The Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-praiseworthy Apostle Peter. Saint with Six Stichera. Hebrews 10:35-11:7; Mark 9:10-16. 5:30 pm Appointment	17 Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great. Polyeleos Feast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 13: 17-21; Luke 6: 17-23. 5:30 pm Appointment	I8 Our Holy Fathers and Archbishops of Alexandria Athanasius and Cyril. Saint with Six Stichera. Ephesians 5:1-8; Luke 14:1-11. 2 pm FSC	