



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.

Christmas and the whole week of Sundays, December 22, 2024

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ. Sunday of the Holy Fathers.
Octoechos Tone 6. Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia (305). 3I SAP

& The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

Welcome to Holy Cross Parish

We are very happy you have come to join us in glorifying our Lord this Christmas. Please know you are always welcome here.

May the profound truths of our God's Incarnation move your hearts and minds this festive season. And may His peace and good health descend upon you and your families.

And blessings to you all on the New Year.

Sincerely: Fr. Bo & family
& all of us at Holy Cross



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

**Our Full Christmas Schedule is on
the following page.**

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.

2 messages from our Treasurer:

- **Donations for the 2024 Year must be in by December 29th** to be included in the 2024 Tax Year.
- **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.

Christmas Season Schedule 2024

Sunday, December 22 (Sunday before Nativity)

10 am Divine Liturgy in English
Confessions available

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

Next Youth & Young Adult Wednesday is on January 8.

Next Wednesday Bible Study is on January 15.

Donations received at Holy Cross Parish

For Sunday Dec. 15

Sunday Donation: \$4315.00

Candles: \$35.00

Building Fund for December \$100.00

**Total Utilities (Year to October) \$41,538.28 plus November \$3,933.05
= \$45,471.33**

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

That's just utilities and insurance. If you consider we need to pay wages, supplies, programs and upkeep the building, you will realize that we are financially short every month, even with fundraising.

And we ❤️ our Ukrainian Frozen Food Coordinator: Lasha!

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 help.

We are seeking three such to each 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. Lasha 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.



On Wednesday Dec.18 we processed 400 lbs of Cabbage!

Thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers!



A SUPER EXTRA SPECIAL KID'S BULLETIN WITH AN AWESOME CRAFT PROJECT

will be available this Christmas Eve for all kids.

If your kids or grand-kids won't be in church to get one themselves, consider taking one home for them.

Quantities are limited.

Membership 2025 Renewal is on!

Be sure to renew your membership and pick up your envelopes on one of these Sundays! 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.

OUR MALANKA Saturday, January 11th

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.

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



Message From Bishop David before Christmas

Reverend Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, and Friends,

CIX! / Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Mary and Joseph are on the way to Bethlehem, where she will give birth to Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour.

The kontak for the prefeast captures the wonder and beauty of the Incarnation of Our Lord in these words:

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word who is in all eternity.

Rejoice, therefore universe, when you hear it heralded.

With the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him who chose to be seen as a newborn babe while remaining God in all eternity.

As you prepare for Christmas, or rather are being prepared for Christmas by the Holy Spirit, my prayer for you and your family is that you may hear anew the great news that Jesus Christ not only comes to restore in Creation and in the world around us the Likeness that had been lost in the beginning, but, first

and foremost, He comes to you personally to renew his special love for you and his plan of salvation for you personally.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks and gratitude to you for prayers and support for me throughout the year.

In return, I ask that with the birth of Christ, God may bless you abundantly now and in the New Year!

God bless + Bishop David



2024 PASTORAL GREETINGS OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters and Brothers, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

“The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin.” (Matins of Christmas)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our celebration of the birth of Christ proclaims joy especially amid difficult times in our world at this present moment: The Christmas carols we sing in Ukrainian and English speak of joy that results from the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, - “Nova Radist’ Stala” and “Joy to the World.” Joy transforms our experiences and joy gives us life. Our Christmas Gospel reading tells us that the astrologers were overjoyed at seeing the star over Bethlehem; let us open our eyes so that God can lead us on the right path. In our Christmas Matins and then during the Divine Liturgy, we announce after receiving the Holy Eucharist, “The whole universe is today filled with joy,

for Christ is born of a Virgin.” The joy brought about by Christ’s birth changes everything, because God is with us.

This repeated singing and hearing of joy because of Christ’s Birth nurtures our hearts and minds to believe and understand that God is in control of all things and that our fears and our worries will not change anything. In the face of war, crises, and instability, the joy we experience at Christmas is an antidote to fear and a reminder that God will provide, that God transforms death into life, that God is the source of all hope.

Joy and hope are intimately connected. Joy means having renewed hope. We need joy and hope in our lives and in our world. Joy is not an exuberant happiness that fades quickly and leaves us feeling empty. Joy is a lasting conviction that God is our Lord and that God has compassion on all people. Joy is the belief that God is our hope.

The Jubilee Year is a time of joy and hope that begins during this Christmas Season of 2024 and lasts until December 28, 2025 in Eparchies and on January 6, 2026 at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Pope Francis has given the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope” to the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025. Let us take the joy of Christmas throughout the entire Jubilee year as we mark and celebrate the jubilee as individuals, families, parishes, and the entire people of God.

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Greetings from Bishops of Canada continued...

Being a pilgrim means packing light for the journey. We must remember to pack joy as pilgrims of hope this year. It does not weigh much, but it is necessary. Whether we are making a pilgrimage to Rome to walk through one of the four holy doors or whether we participate in a local pilgrimage in our Eparchy during the Jubilee, we take joy and hope with us. When we experience God's great forgiveness during the Sacrament of Penance during this Jubilee and always, we receive joy and hope. When we give hope to others through our works of kindness and mercy this year, we share joy with the world.

We, the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada, pray for each one of you and your family throughout our country. We hold our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine in prayer knowing that the celebration of Christ's Birth will bring great joy and hope in the midst of great darkness of war. May our Holy Mother protect and guide all of you.

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

Yours in Christ, source of joy and hope born in Bethlehem,

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM
Metropolitan Archbishop
of Winnipeg

+ David Motiuk
Eparchial Bishop of
Edmonton

+ Bryan Bayda, C.S.s.R.
Eparchial Bishop of
Toronto

+ Michael Kwiatkowski
Eparchial Bishop of New
Westminster

+ Michael Smolinski,
C.S.s.R.
Bishop of Saskatoon

+ Andriy Rabiw
Auxiliary Bishop of
Winnipeg

+ Michael Wiwchar, C.S.s.R.
Bishop Emeritus of
Saskatoon

+ Stephen Chmilar
Bishop Emeritus of
Toronto

Given on December 6, 2024 On the Feast of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Christmas Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav

Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans, God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics, Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters, in Ukraine and throughout the world

...And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn (Lk 2:7).

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Beloved in Christ!

The Nativity of Christ envelops us with the invincible power of light and the warmth of God's love! Today, the Son of God is born in a human body, taking on all the experiences of human life: facing poverty, rejection and enmity, the coldness of broken human relationships, and the darkness of human hatred and persecution. God comes exactly where "there is no place for Him," where man has thrown Him out of his life space and the horizon of his own dreams.

On Christmas night, the spiritual darkness created by man through the coldness of his own indifference and sin dissipates before God's light from heaven in the Child Jesus, resting in a manger on hay. Under the angelic chant, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace..." the coldness of man's alienation from God and his neighbour transforms into warmth by God's drawing close to man. This is prophesied by

the Old Testament prophet Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined" (9:1).

At the same time, God drawing close to man in the Nativity of the Son of God gives rise to an authentic rapprochement of man with man, to authentic reconciliation and peace that comes to us from heaven. In response to God's closeness, which warms and saves life, the shepherds say to each other: "Let us go to Bethlehem!" (cf. Lk. 2:15). They go together, seek out and find Joseph and Mary with the Child lying in the manger. Having seen the Child in the stable cave, as they were foretold, they go out and joyfully tell about the wonder they experienced.

The description of this meeting breathes warmth on us. The Divine Child is for us, Ukrainians, the light of God amidst the darkness of war, the warmth of God's closeness amidst the inhuman alienations of today.

This winter, in Ukraine the enemy wants to turn darkness and cold into weapons of mass destruction, the cheapest in the world! Every night, air attacks of the aggressor methodically destroy our cities and villages, homes and their vital infrastructure, kill civilians. The enemy seeks to turn a flourishing country into an icy desert, exporting to Ukraine the wasteland of its own Siberia. What he cannot steal, he recklessly destroys; those he is unable to enslave, he kills. Wherever he goes, there is no room for anyone—neither God nor man. How much effort he puts into sowing cold, hunger, darkness, and his own spiritual emptiness! One can boldly say this about...

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Patriarch's Christmas Greeting Continued

... him with the words of the prophet David: "Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge" (Ps. 14:4-6).

But despite the uncertainty, anxiety, mourning, and grief, we Ukrainians celebrate Christmas, as our ancestors did from generation to generation, even when we were under the rule of the godless communist regime of the last century. In the hiding places of the Carpathian forests, in exile or secretly in their homes, they lit a Christmas candle as a sign of living faith, as a sign of the presence of Christ the Saviour among us. When darkness surrounds us, the light, which is the newborn Lord, shines even brighter! He himself assures us of this: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (Jn. 8, 12). And then he makes each of us bearers of God's light: "You are the light of the world... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Mt. 5:14.16).

The light of the Newborn in the soul and body of our people illuminates a place of hope and invincibility. As darkness surrounds us, may the light of Christmas that is within us become even brighter! Instead of worrying about the darkness, let us light at least one Christmas candle! When we feel cold, let us warm at least one person with the kindness of our own heart, and together we will experience the warmth of God's love! Let us spread this Christmas light and warmth around us today.

In the middle of the night of prolonged Russian aggression, we, Ukrainians, light up the invincible light of God's truth and love with our witness. Examples of this light are the self-sacrificing service of our defenders, the self-sacrificing work of volunteers, doctors and chaplains, the numerous expressions of solidarity that we show to our neighbours in need in the daily circumstances of this calamity of war. And a particular sign of the presence of God's light in our midst are the Centres for resilience and the treatment of the wounds of war, which were built by the efforts of our faithful and in which the most vulnerable social groups of our society find spiritual and humanitarian support. These centres, which are usually located near our communities, resemble the quiet place near Bethlehem, which St. Joseph found for Mary and in which she gave birth and swaddled the Child Jesus.

In these contemporary Christmas mangers, where thanks to the glow of human solidarity during the blackouts there is electricity and you can warm up, today carols resound! There a place is provided for

God, there a place is provided for every person who can not only satisfy his temporary needs but can also renew the lamp of his own heart, in order to shine unto others "with the hope to which the Lord calls us" (cf. Eph. 1:18), to be a bearer of resilience for the tired.

Today the heart of every believing Ukrainian becomes a hospitable Bethlehem, where Jesus finds refuge, who comes to us in the form of our neighbour in need. It is in the hearts of the sons and daughters of our people who in their native lands or in the settlements, raise their hands in prayer to the sky and extend a helping hand to their neighbour. It is here that the common victory of Ukraine over a modern Herod, who set out to destroy our people, is forged. And so, with faith in our hearts, we can sing a song of victory over the Herods of all times:

Bless us, Divine Child,
Give us today your gift of love
May not the power of hell ever be able
To separate us from You.
Bless us, for we are Your children,
Christ is born, give praise!
(“Na nebi zirka - In the sky a star”).

On this joyful and bright day of Christmas, I greet each of you with the warmth of God's unceasing presence. With deep gratitude in my heart, I greet our military, volunteers, doctors, energy workers, and rescuers. For several years now, you have been the bearers of hope, tirelessly protecting, supporting, and preserving the lives of our long-suffering people.

I also greet our teachers and educators, who with great dedication in conditions of war not only impart knowledge to children, but also nurture in them a sense of resilience, teach them to be human, even in inhumane circumstances. To everyone who shines with a bright heart in the midst of darkness and projects the warmth of kindness in the cold of war and devastation, I express my deep gratitude.

I greet those who are currently on the front line, in the occupied territories, in hospitals. I especially greet those who lost their homes, and those who provided shelter to those in need, whether in Ukraine or abroad, so that they might experience some home comfort and Christmas joy.

With Christ's Nativity I wish to hasten to those who mourn the loss of the dead and the missing in action, who watch over the wounded in hospitals.

I embrace those who are far from their homeland, parents who miss their children, wives who are waiting for their husbands to return from the front, and children who are praying that daddy will come home as soon as possible.

From the bottom of my heart, I impart on you all my fatherly blessing, and wish each of you, from the...

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Patriarch's Christmas Greeting Conclusion

... youngest to the oldest, the true joy of God's children, a tasty kutia, a merry celebration of Christ's Nativity, and a happy, peaceful, victorious and blessed New Year. As long as we are able to shine and warm one another with the light of Christmas, carols and prayer, no darkness or cold will ever overcome us!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

† SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, on the day of our father, St. Nicholas of Myra in Lycia, the Wonderworker, the 6th of December in the 2024th Year of our Lord.

After 2 months in Hospital with Covid Metropolitan Lawrence sends a message to us all.

December 18, 2024

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FROM METROPOLITAN LAWRENCE

I am deeply grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Mother of God for guiding me through this period of ill health. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the parish communities, church organizations, bishops, clergy, and the faithful for the Divine Liturgies and multitude of prayers offered for my good health.

Having completed my time of hospitalization, I am now embarking on a period of recuperation to regain my strength. I also wish to express my profound gratitude to all the hospital staff, particularly Dr. Terry

and Dr. Andrea Babick, for their exceptional medical care.

At this time, I am still unable to conduct liturgical services or receive well-wishers. I am very appreciative of Bishop Andriy and the chancery staff for managing the affairs of the Archeparchy, and I trust they will continue to do so.

I also extend my thanks to the clergy, church leaders, and faithful of other Churches and denominations who have reached out with their prayers and support.

In closing, I pray that you all experience and enjoy the peace of the Christ Child, born in Bethlehem for our salvation.

+ Metropolitan Lawrence



We want to know who you are!

As we are receiving membership renewals after Liturgies, we are also taking photos of everyone. The original plan was to have these photos used by our Parish Pastoral Council so that we know who is who. However many people have been hoping that this might become some sort of informal Photo Directory.

And now we are considering it. In two years, on our parish's 50th Anniversary we likely will make a FORMAL directory, but in the meantime we are considering making the informal one happen. IF we do you will have an option to NOT be in the informal directory. So, if you don't wish to be in it, but already gave us a photo for our PPC list not expecting it to be made public, you can tell us to not include you. Also everyone will have an option to retake their photo if they would like, which means that everyone will also have the ability to see their old photo if they took one.

More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins.



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.

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

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:

- **Today:** Fr. Myron is here to hear confessions before Christmas. Take advantage of this profound opportunity.
- **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.
- **Monday, January 20:** Our next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.
- **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, February 22:** Eparchial Marriage Prep Course Part 1
- **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.
- **Saturday, February 22:** Eparchial Marriage Prep Course Part 2
- **December 4, 2025:** 16th Annual Bishop's Gala

Parish, Eparchial & Community News / Announcements:

- **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. [Donate.](#)
- 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.
- The Ukrainian Catholic **Eparchy of Edmonton has created a comprehensive guide** to help you and your family celebrate the Christmas season with faith, tradition, and community. This guide highlights the joy of Saint Nicholas Day celebrations, special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the festive cheer of Kolyadky (Christmas carols), and the heartwarming Vertep performances that beautifully re-enact the Nativity. It also includes lively Malanka celebrations to ring in the New Year and offers events for both adults and children to strengthen faith and bring everyone closer together. Everything you need to know about celebrating Christmas in the Ukrainian Catholic parishes across Alberta is included, making it easier for you to participate in these special events and traditions. Scan the QR code to access the guide, or visit the homepage of the Eparchial website in the News section!



Additionally:

Links that can be posted by parishes on their social media.

It can be sent in email as additional information for them:

<https://eeparchy.com/2024/12/02/christmas-joy-in-our-eparchy-find-services-and-celebrations-near-you/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18H9i55Tus/>

What's the best Christmas present to receive?

A broken drum, you just can't beat it.

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>22</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>Fr. Myron will be in to hear Confessions</p> <p>9:55 am Final Nativity Fast “Jesse Tree” reflection</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Eng)</p> <p>YES Sunday School, Yes Coffee</p>	<p>23 🐟</p> <p>Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete (249-51). James 2:14-26. Mark 10:46-52.</p> <p>No School for ECSD - Christmas Break - till January 3</p>	<p>24 🐟</p> <p>Eve of the Nativity of Christ. Holy Venerable-Martyr Eugenia. Nativity Fast. Strict Fast. Abstinence from meat and dairy and foods that contain these ingredients. Hebrews 1:1-12. Luke 2:1-20.</p> <p>8 pm Christmas Service in English</p> <p>10 pm Christmas Service Bilingual</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Christmas. Galatians 4:4-7. Matthew 2:1-12.</p> <p>10 am Christmas Liturgy</p> <p>All day Hall Rental</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ. Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God. Holy Priest-Martyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis (824). Hebrews 2:11-18. Matthew 2:13-23.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Eparchial Clergy “St. Nicholas” Event</p>	<p>28</p> <p>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-Frankivsk) and martyr. 1 Timothy 6:11-16. Matthew 12:15-21.</p> <p>4 pm Appointment</p>
<p>29</p> <p>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. Holy Children who were murdered by Herod in Bethlehem. Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones (c. 470). Galatians 1:11-19. Matthew 2:13-23.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)</p> <p>After the Divine Liturgy a Panachyda will be celebrated for + Les Sumka</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee</p>	<p>30</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10:30 am Funeral Parastas for + Les Sumka</p>	<p>31</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>January 1, 2025</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>No Youth nor Bible Study during the Christmas Break</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome. Pre-feast of Theophany. Titus 1:5-2:1; Luke 20:9-18.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The Holy Prophet Malachi; The Holy Martyr Gordius. Pre-feast of Theophany. The Royal Hours for Theophany are sung in the morning.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Sunday before and Eve of Theophany; Octoechos Tone 8; The Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas; The Venerable Syncletica. Resurrectional Gospel 11. Strict Fast. Abstinence from meat and eggs (and, traditionally, dairy) and foods that contain these ingredients. 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Sunday’s Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and ? Coffee</p> <p>7 pm Complines, Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Waters on Theophany Eve!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy for Theophany!</p> <p>7 pm Ladies’ Club Meeting?</p>	<p>7</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10:30 am Divine Liturgy at Venta Care Centre</p> <p>7 pm Bylaw Committee Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6 pm Youth</p> <p>7:30 pm Young Adults</p>	<p>9</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Polyeuctus. Post-feast of Theophany. Hebrews 7:1-6; Luke 21:28-33.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; The Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Miletena; The Venerable Marcian, Presbyter and Econome of the Great Church. Post-feast of Theophany. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 7:18-25; Luke 21:37-22:8.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2 pm FSC</p> <p>5 pm Malanka</p>