



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.

Sunday, March 2, 2025

**Sunday of Cheesefare, AKA Forgiveness Sunday; Octoechos Tone 8;
The Holy Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia.**

Perogy Supper Success!



See many more photos on
pages 3 & 4

Lent Begins Tonight at Sundown.



**Welcome Bishop David!
And Welcome all of Our Guests!
And Welcome Regulars too!**

It is always good to have all of you with us.

**Do you have a question about our Faith?
Our Church? Our Liturgy? Our Whatever?**

Drop them in the Question Box in the entrance of the Church.

This Week's Questions:

1> How long do Priests Study the Bible?

2> What is Purgatory?

Answers start on Page 7



**LADIES' CLUB AGM MEETING,
MONDAY, MARCH 3 AT 7:00 PM!
SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED! PLEASE PLAN ON INTENDING!** 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
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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.

HELP!

We are looking for some new Parish Pastoral Council Members.

There will be a few vacancies that we will need to fill for the 2025/2026 Council.

These positions include:

- **Archivist**
- **Parish Council Secretary**
- **Assistant to the Membership Director**
- **Cultural Committee Director**
- **Spiritual Committee Director**

The Annual General Meeting is being planned for **March 23** and we are looking for members like you to come forward and volunteer their time to help shape the future of Holy Cross. Please come and see Dale Kluk or Darrell Uchach for more information.

Not sure who Dale or Darrell are? Ask Fr. Bo and he'll introduce you.



Don't be that awkward guy.
It's time for us all, especially men, to talk about **PROSTATE CANCER.**

Tuesday, March 18 at 7 pm
Free Presentation, Testimonies and Q&A.
For more information contact Peter at 780-991-5569

At Holy Cross Parish
9003 153 Ave, Edmonton.
Coming to this might even save your life!

This free event is put together by Holy Cross' Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Note the Change of Date:

This event has moved from Tuesday the 11th to

Tuesday the 18th



This year during the Great Fast (Lent) we will celebrate **Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm.**

And we will sing an **Akathist to the Mother of God on Fridays at 10 am,** and if the Friday is followed by an "All Souls Saturday" then we will add a "**Soroko-oosteh**" service to Friday's Akathist.

Come, join us.





**Perogy
Supper
Crowd Pics**





**We ❤️ Our
Volunteers
Thank you all
very, very much**



Pysanka Workshop Last Sunday

A very grateful "Dyakuyu" to Len and Marisa Kachuk. And to Mariyka Bodnar for organizing it all.



**Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish invites you
to join us for our**

Lenten Mission

**with Fr. Jim Nakonechny
the assistant Pastor of
St. Josaphat's Ukrainian
Catholic Cathedral**



**Friday & Saturday,
March 14 & 15, at 6 pm**

**This is a free event for everyone. Coffee and snacks will
be shared after each evening's prayer and talk. Priests
will be available for Confessions.**

Holy Cross Parish is located at 9003 153 Avenue, Edmonton

**“Be still and know that I AM God:
Living a Life of Prayer”**

New, Amazing, Superb, and Exciting Questions from our Question Box!

How long do priests study the Bible? And do priests have to memorize the bible?

Hopefully their whole lives, and thankfully there is no requirement.

Most priests do a few years in of University Philosophy classes, then a full degree in Theology. This Theology degree includes many Scripture classes, but unfortunately it does not cover everything. In fact if you were to study the Bible your whole life I'm sure you would still be learning new things each day.

Scripture is an important part of Holy Tradition and does receive a big emphasis, but we also study History, Sacraments, Hagiographies (Lives of the Saints), Spirituality, Pastoral Care, Iconography, Hymnography, Liturgy, Rubrics, Doctrine, Homiletics, Ecumenism, and another dozen or so topics... if we are able.

Some clergy are very academic and study more, perhaps getting several degrees or even doctorates, and others are less academic and do their best. However we are all taught a bunch of stuff.

In my own case I have spent five years of study in the University and another five years living in Monastic communities both contemplative and active (in prayer and in service of others) and also working for Bishop Lawrence (now our Metropolitan) as a Youth Coordinator. We also do a period of "understudy" with an experienced priest before we get ordained.

Also when we are already ordained there are regular (and some irregular) studies for our professional development. And if we are lucky, like I am, then bishop may grant us permission to study. For example at this time I am taking a two and a half year Iconography Course which emphasizes drawing and painting icons.

Scripture itself however is something that we are supposed to read and meditate on daily. Having said this, I wish I could have more knowledge pushed my way through classes.... But perhaps without the essays and exams.

Thanks for asking and being the first official question in the question box. (Last week's was asked at a meeting.)

Can you explain Purgatory?

I'll give it a try.

The Second Coming is at some point in the future. At that time we will be judged and go to heaven or hell.

Where are the souls of people who have died but before the Second Coming? They can't be in heaven or hell yet, because the Last Judgement has not happened yet. (From our linear time perspective.)

We know that the souls of the dead exist. We pray for them. They pray for us. Sometimes we even feel their presence.

So **where** are these souls? - the Church calls wherever that **place** is "Purgatory". (Even if its not physical.)

Note: the Eastern Churches which do not feel the need to define things as much as the Western Church typically does, recognize that our perspective of time may not apply in the same way to those who have died as it does for us. So they may experience it differently than we "see" it.

So what happens "in" Purgatory?

Ultimately we don't know exactly what and how stuff happens in that *place*, because we have not gotten there yet (spoken as a living person). But gleaning from scripture and tradition we understand that this is *where* people who are going to go to heaven become ready for heaven, and likewise where people going to hell begin moving towards hell.

How do they get ready?

Again, as a living person I can't speak perfectly about this, but here I go anyway trying to explain it:

They see their reality and begin to understand and live it. Those who will be in the presence of God in a good way will have their remaining flaws purged during this time, feeling joy in this experience. Those who cling to their sins will be in the presence of God and will feel the ripping away of their sins as a tearing apart of their very self. If they persist, refusing to let go, then they experience Hell.

The Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in paragraph 251 says "*Hell is not so much the punishment of God as it is the condition voluntarily chosen by the person.*"

I hope this made sense. Read paragraphs 249 - 251 from the Catechism on the next page if it doesn't.

What does The Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church “Christ our Pascha” say about heaven, hell, and purgatory:

249 The Judgment of God began with the Incarnation of Christ (see Jn 1:9-13) and shall be fulfilled at his glorious second coming (see Mt 25:31). However, “about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mt 24:36). This Judgment will be fearful to all evildoers (see Mt 7:23); but for the righteous, it shall be a blessing (see Mt 25:34).

250 If a person has fallen asleep in God, having repented of all sins, but has not yet achieved spiritual maturity—the fullness of life in Christ—then that person enters the kingdom of God “as through fire” (1 Cor 3:15). After death, such a person is still in need of spiritual healing and cleansing of all stain, in order to dwell “in a place of light ... where there is no pain, sorrow, or mourning.”²⁰⁴ In the Church, this healing condition of the dead is referred to as “purgatory.”²⁰⁵

Every fair and God-beloved soul, once it has been set free from the bonds of the body, departs hence, and immediately enjoys a sense and perception of the blessings which await it, inasmuch as that which darkened it has been purged away, or laid aside—I know not how else to term it. It then feels a wondrous pleasure and exultation, and goes rejoicing to meet its Lord.²⁰⁶

For this reason the Church prays for the departed:

Let us then give them aid and perform commemorations for them. For if the children of Job were purged by the sacrifice of their father, why do you doubt that when we too offer for the departed, some consolation arises to them? Since God is wont to grant the petitions of those who ask for others.²⁰⁷

251 Being unrepentant until death results in the tragic reality of hell. The fire of hell signifies an unrepentant person’s inability to accept God’s love. “The Word of God is light, which illumines the minds of the faithful; but at the same time, it is also the fire of judgment, which consumes those, who ... abide in the night-darkness of this life.”²⁰⁸ Hell is not so much the punishment of God as it is the condition voluntarily chosen by the person. It is in this state,

the soul shall be found to be outside the order, and connection, and harmony in which it was created by God ... Not harmonizing with itself in the purposefulness of its rational movements, it will experience the chastisement and torture that arises from warring with itself, and feel punished by its own disordered condition.²⁰⁹

²⁰⁴ Trebnyk, Rite of Burial for a Layperson, Prayer of the ekteny for the deceased.

²⁰⁵ Council of Florence, Bull *Laetentur caeli* [Let the Heavens Rejoice] (July 6, 1439); See also Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030.

²⁰⁶ Gregory the Theologian, Oration 7, 21: PG 35, 781.

²⁰⁷ John Chrysostom, Homilies on 1 Corinthians, 41, 8: PG 61, 361.

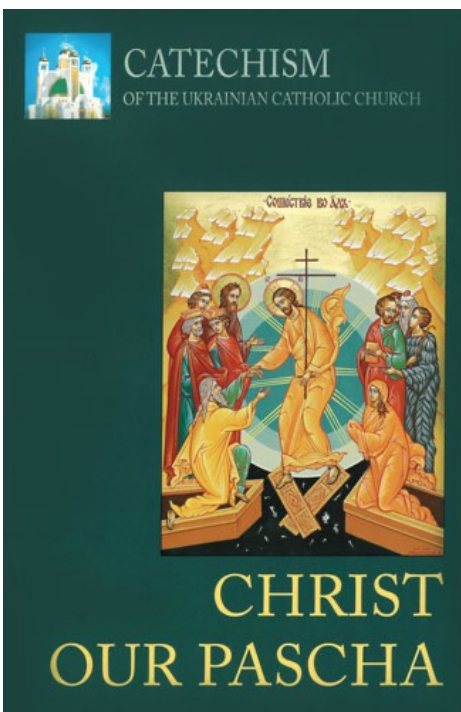
²⁰⁸ Maximus the Confessor, Questions to Thalassium, 39, 3: PG 90, 392.

²⁰⁹ Origen, *On the Principles*, II, 10, 5: PG 11, 257.

CHRIST OUR PASCHA

The Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: **Christ – Our Pascha** is “both a profession and an explanation of our Church’s faith in the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This faith emerged from listening to the Gospel of Christ, which—according to tradition—first resounded in the lands of Rus-Ukraine through the preaching of Saint Andrew the First-Called. This same Good News echoed onwards through the mission of the holy apostles to the Slavs, Cyril and Methodius, and was ultimately ratified in the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine during the reign of Volodymyr the Great, Equal-to-the-Apostles. The Word of the Gospel found its response of faith in the hearts of those who listened. Thus Christ’s Church spread throughout Kyivan Rus. This new Christian tradition—with the appropriate appellation of Kyivan—became a pearl in the Universal Church’s treasury of faith. Countless generations of Christians, of Ukrainian as well as other cultures, were raised in this tradition.” The Catechism is published by the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church and the Commission for the Catechism of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. It first appeared in Ukrainian in 2012, and was published in English in 2016. Every effort has been made in the English edition to retain as nearly as possible the precise phrasing of the original Ukrainian language second edition.

[Download For Free](#) by clicking here. Or see Fr. Bo for a hard copy: \$21.



Do you wish to update your book containing the names of your families departed? (or start a book if you don't have one?)

Deacon John and I (Fr. Bo) would love to help you with that after any of our services. These books are used for the Soroko-oosteh services that are done once before Lent, three times during Lent, and once before Pentecost.

What the heck is a “Soroko-oosteh”?

There are 5 “All Souls” Saturdays in the year. These days all of the deceased in the entire parish, and ultimately in the world sine time immemorial. The priest usually does a Parastas or Panachyda and everyone's lists of deceased are read aloud. Everyone should know that their family is not neglected even if they cannot come, if their lists are accessible to the priest then they will be prayed for.

Ultimately, we say the names of our Loved Ones so that God can hear them, even though he knows all of them and more. And obviously we can't remember everyone, but we can remember as many as

possible. Everyone's loved one's names are just as important as any others whether their families are present or not.

When the names of the deceased are read, they are read aloud. However due to the number of names normally a few people come forward and read the names simultaneously. The service is called Sroko-oosteh which literally means *sorok* = forty and *oosteh* = mouths. It's called this because traditionally up to 40 people read the names at the same time.

I do understand that people like to hear the names given by their families, but when many people are reading at the same time this is nearly impossible. If we would simply have the priest read them all himself then this service would potentially take several hours. I also understand that several hours is not reasonable for most people (including the priests).

What I recommend for those who wish to commemorate their family's loved ones is to do so on the anniversaries of their passing, as is traditional. Normally our deceased are prayed for on the 40th day after their passing then again on each anniversary. People can simply ask the priest to have a special service for their family. Then at this service, often a Panachyda, and sometimes a Divine Liturgy with Panachyda, the names would be heard multiple times throughout the service. Also, after Easter and before the feast of Ascension it is common to go to the cemetery and sing “Christ is Risen!” at each grave.



Join Bishop David on a Pilgrimage of Hope to the Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine in Winnipeg on May 2-4, 2025. Pope Francis has designated 2025 the Jubilee Year of Hope and encourages all faithful to embark on pilgrimages, repent of their sins, forgive the sins of others and renew a focus on the spiritual life. Join Bishop David and make a formal pilgrimage to this designated Jubilee Site and partake of a

special outpouring of grace and mercy. The trip will also include a visit to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cooks Creek and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Information session Wednesday, February 12, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Pastoral Centre, 9645-108 Avenue in Edmonton or QR code for Zoom link.



Why do we start the Great Fast on “Forgiveness Monday” but the Roman Catholics start Lent on “Ash Wednesday”?

“Fasting 101”

Everything you want to know about Lenten Fasting in the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Get these on our ever growing website!

Or get them on the table in the entrance of the Church.

Our Website is:

EHCUCP.ca

Thats: **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish dot ca**

During Great Lent, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its annual collection for “Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada.” The purpose of this collection is to support the needs of the Church in Canada. Three charitable institutions are the recipients of the collection: the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, Catholic Missions in Canada, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta responds to the call of Christ to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28: 19-20). The Eparchy of Edmonton supports local priests in their travel, health care, pension, and clergy substitution, thus ensuring that they can respond to the pastoral needs of the faithful, especially the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and funerals in rural Alberta. Visit www.edmontoneparchy.com to see how the Church is working for you.

Catholic Missions in Canada supports over 600 missionaries – priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and

lay ministers – throughout 27 eparchies and dioceses right here in Canada, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Catholic Missions supports the local churches in our call to proclaim the Gospel among First Nations communities, missionary support, religious education programs, building and repairs, lay pastoral leadership programs, and education of seminarians. To learn more about the work of Catholic Missions in Canada visit (www.cmic.info) and sign up for a free subscription to its quarterly magazine by calling toll free 1-866-937-2642.

Each year the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** is asked to speak out, give leadership, and provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics in our daily lives. For our bishops to do so, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Research and gathering information requires staff, time and money. Through the yearly bishops’ collection, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous towards the work of their bishops. To learn more about the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, visit www.cccb.ca.

Please give generously. Thank you.

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.
- **Wednesdays:** Fr. Bo tries to start the bulletin, so if you wish to put something into that week’s bulletin, please try to have it in by this day. (Yes, most of the time he is still working on it on Saturday... but he wants to get it done mid week.)
- **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 Thursday:** is Fr. Bo’s Day off... at least in theory. Please call him if you really need to, but don’t if you don’t.
- **Every Wednesday of the Great Fast (Lent) at 5:30 pm:** Presanctified Liturgy.

- **Every Friday of the Great Fast (Lent) at 10 am:** Akathist to the Mother of God. This will also include “Soroko-ooste” for the All Souls Saturdays.
- Almost **Every Saturday at 2 pm till FSC day:** We anticipate having **First Solemn Communion Classes** in the Boardroom.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Sunday, February 23 after the Divine Liturgy:** We will have a panachyda for all the victims of the full scale invasion of Ukraine on the occasion of it's third anniversary. May this unnecessary war cease, and may all those who have died be granted eternal memory. Vichnaya Pamyat.
- **Sunday, February 23 at 2 pm:** Our Pysanka Writing Session. Please sign up on the sign up sheet. For questions ask Mariyka Bodnar.
- **Monday, February 24: Day of Prayer and Fasting for the end of the war in Ukraine** as requested by Patriarch Sviatoslav.
- **Monday, February 24 at 9 am:** Cabbage Roll Bee
- **Monday, February 24 at 5:30 pm:** Prayer service for the end of the war in Ukraine.
- **Monday, February 24 at 7 pm:** An important PPC Meeting. Please come if you are a member of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- **Thursday, February 27:** Bingo
- **Saturday, March 1:** the fantastic Holy Cross Parish Perogy Supper!
- **March 4 - 8:** Icon Workshop in the Games Room. Talk to Fr. Bo for more details.
- **Monday, March 3:** Clean Monday - The first day of the Great Fast (Lent)
- **Thursday, March 6 at 9 am:** Pereshke & Nalysnyky for Off Sale Bee
- **Saturday, March 8:** Eparchial Marriage Prep Course Part 2
- **Friday-Saturday, March 7 & 8, at 4pm and also 6 pm:** St. Sophia's Ukrainian Catholic Church is having their Perogy Supper. For tickets call Roger at 587-984-4080.
- **Monday, March 10:** All reports for the AGM are due.
- **Tuesday, March 11:** Bingo
- **Tuesday, March 11 at 7 pm:** Understanding Prostate Cancer Session: Free for all Men... and everyone else too. We all should know about this common cancer, so come for a presentation, Testimonies and Q&A.

- **Friday & Saturday March 14 & 15:** Holy Cross' Parish Lenten Mission with guest preacher Fr. Jim Nakonechny. The theme will be “Be Still and Know That I Am God: Living a Life of Prayer”
- **Saturday March 15:** First Solemn Communion Children receive their **First Confession. 4 fantastic children are preparing to do this in our parish.**
- **Sunday, March 16:** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish BBQ lunch after the liturgy. All are welcome. There will be a special recognition of the First Solemn Communicants at this lunch.
- **Monday, March 17 at 7 pm:** Men's Club Panachyda and Meeting.
- **Tuesday, March 18 at 9 am:** Cabbage Roll Bee
- **Sunday, March 23 after Liturgy:** Our Annual General Meeting for our parish. There is always lots happening in our parish and you won't want to miss this important event.
- **Wednesday, March 26:** Bingo
- **Saturday, March 29 at 9 am:** Baking Paskas with Kids, Youth and Young Adults
- **Thursday, April 10:** Bingo
- **Saturday, April 12:** Our famous Easter Bake Sale!
- **Saturday - Saturday, April 12 - 19:** Holy Week
- **Sunday, April 20:** Pascha - Easter
- **Sunday, April 27:** Blessed Breakfast
- **Monday, April 28:** Bingo
- **May 2-4:** Pilgrimage to Bishop Velechkovsky Shrine in Winnipeg with Bishop David.
- **Tuesday - Friday, May 20-23:** Clergy Retreat
- **Thursday, May 29:** Probable St. Matthew's School Graduation Liturgy and Dinner

Parish, Eparchial & Community News / Announcements:

- **Say a prayer for the Pope's health.** He is in critical condition after suffering a “prolonged asthma-like respiratory crisis”.
- **The iPraises app works again.** Yay! Not sure what it is? It's an app by our eparchy to get the daily liturgical changeable parts.
- **Perogy dough still for sale (I believe)** - only \$4 per bag. See Cheryl Yackimic in the hall after Sunday Liturgy.
- Our Ladies' Club is looking for **volunteers for Paska and Babka making.** 8 volunteers for each day. Paska making March 11th and 13th. Babka making March 20th and 25th.

We are also looking for volunteers **for Pie and Tart making** for April 10.


Sign up sheets will be on desk by the church office.

- One of our sister parishes, **St. Sophia's is having a Perogy Supper** one week after ours. Theirs will be on March 7 and 8 with two sittings at each: 4pm and 6pm. For tickets call Roger at 587-984-4080.
- We are seeking good and passionate people who would like **to help our parish's Children's programs**. Please talk to Dianne Kluk or Fr. Bo if you are one of these people we are looking for.
- If there are **any proposed agenda items for the parish's Annual General Meeting** please submit them to the Parish Council, before February 23 by sending it to: office@ehcucp.ca
- **Are you good with Social Media? Websites? Vlogging? Video editing?** If so, consider helping the parish spread the good news. Please come and talk to Fr. Bo if you can help.
- **Memberships** are still being accepted. Renew or get yours now.
- **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.
- 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 **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.
- **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.
- **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 **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 is seeking a **Family and Life Ministries Administrator** to support the development and implementation of faith-based programs and events for our community. This role is an opportunity to serve, inspire, and foster spiritual growth among families, catechists, and parishioners.

 This is a contract position until December 2026, with the possibility of permanent employment.

About the Role

As the Family and Life Ministries Administrator, you will work closely with the Office of Family and Life Ministries to:

- Train and support parish catechists
- Develop faith formation programs for adults and families
- Collaborate with pastors, parish leaders, and educators
- Manage the Resource Centre & Library
- Assist with the St. Macrina Store and faith-based community initiatives

Your work will directly enrich spiritual life, strengthen family faith formation, and support evangelization efforts across the Eparchy.

Why Join Us?

 Make a Meaningful Impact

Be part of a team dedicated to faith formation and community engagement, working with over 80 parishes and 5,000 parishioners across Alberta.

 Competitive Salary & Benefits

- ✓ Full-time (part-time option may be considered)
- ✓ Health and dental benefits
- ✓ Pension plan

 Convenient Location

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The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>2</p> <p>Sunday of Cheesefare; a.k.a. Forgiveness Sunday, Octoechos Tone 8; The Holy Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia. Resurrectional Gospel 8. Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>9:30 am Fr. Myron is here to hear confessions</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>Forgiveness Vespers Prayer to Start the Lenten Journey</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee</p> <p>After Liturgy there will be a Panachyda for + Nataika Saganski</p> | <p>3  </p> <p>Clean Monday: the First Day of the Great Fast (Lent)</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus, and Basiliscus. Day 1 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat, dairy, and eggs, and foods that contain these ingredients. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 1:1-20; Vespers - Genesis 1:1-13; Proverbs 1:1-20.</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm Ladies' Club Meeting (AGM)</p> | <p>4 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan. Day 2 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 1:19-2:3; Vespers - Genesis 1:14-23; Proverbs 1:20-33.</p> <p>10:30 am Venta Care Centre Liturgy</p> <p>11 am Writing the Light Class</p> <p>1 pm Icon Workshop at Holy Cross</p> <p>6 pm Fr. Bo teaches Icon Course at Newman Theological College</p> | <p>5 </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Conon. Day 3 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 2:3-11; Presanctified - Genesis 1:24-2:3; Proverbs 2:1-22.</p> <p>No 9 am Liturgy</p> <p>10:30 Baptismal Prep</p> <p>1 pm Icon Workshop at Holy Cross</p> <p>5:30 Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study</p> | <p>6 </p> <p>The Holy Forty-Two Martyrs of Ammorium. Day 4 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 2:11-21; Vespers - Genesis 2:4-19; Proverbs 3:1-19.</p> <p>9 am Perishkeh and Nalysnyk Bee</p> <p>11 am Writing the Light Class</p> <p>11 am Icon Workshop at Holy Cross</p> <p>2 pm Appointment</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> | <p>7 </p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyrs and Bishops of Cherson: Basil, Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius and others; Blessed Hieromartyr Leonid Fedorov, Exarch of the Russian Catholic Church. Day 5 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 3:1-14; Presanctified - Genesis 2:20-3:20; Proverbs 3:19-34.</p> <p>10 am Akathist to the Mother of God.</p> <p>11 am Icon Workshop at Holy Cross</p> <p>4 pm & 6 pm Perogy Supper at St. Sophia's</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> | <p>8 </p> <p>First Saturday of the Great Fast: Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophilactus, Bishop of Nicomedia. Day 6 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Hebrews 1:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:1-10; Mark 2:23-3:5; John 15:17-16:2.</p> <p>11 am Icon Workshop at Holy Cross</p> <p>4 pm & 6 pm Perogy Supper at St. Sophia's</p> |
| <p>9 </p> <p>First Sunday of the Great Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy; Octoechos Tone 1;  The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste. Polyeleos Feast. Day 7 of the Great Fast. Resurrectional Gospel 9. Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40; 12:1-2; Hebrews 12:1-10; John 1:43-51; Matthew 20:1-16.</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Starts</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee</p> | <p>10 </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Codratus and those with him: Cyprian, Nika, Halyna, and others. Day 8 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 4:2-5:6; Vespers - Genesis 3:21-4:7; Proverbs 3:34-4:22.</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 Appointment</p> <p>7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting</p> | <p>11 </p> <p>Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem. Day 9 of the Great Fast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 5:7-16; Vespers - Genesis 4:8-15; Proverbs 5:1-15.</p> <p>Bingo</p> <p>9 am Pascha Baking</p> <p>11 am Writing the Light Class</p> <p>6 pm Fr. Bo teaches Icon Course at Newman Theological College</p> | <p>12 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigriana; Our Holy Father Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome. Day 10 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 5:16-26; Presanctified - Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15-6:3.</p> <p>No 9 am Liturgy</p> <p>10:30 Baptismal Prep</p> <p>5:30 Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth & Young Adults</p> | <p>13 </p> <p>The Transfer of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople. Day 11 of the Great Fast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 6:1-12; Vespers - Genesis 5:1-24; Proverbs 6:3-20.</p> <p>9 am Paska Baking Bee</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off</p> <p>11 am Writing the Light Class</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> | <p>14 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia. Day 12 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 7:1-14; Presanctified - Genesis 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1.</p> <p>10 am Akathist to the Mother of God with Soroko-oosteh</p> <p>6 pm Parish Mission with Fr. Jim (includes Presanctified Liturgy)</p> <p>Cancelled 5:30 pm Appointment</p> | <p>15 </p> <p>All Souls Saturday; The Holy Martyr Agapius and the Six Martyrs with him. Day 13 of the Great Fast. Hebrews 3:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Mark 1:35-44; John 5:24-30.</p> <p>3:30 pm FSC Test followed by Confessions and Pizza</p> <p>6 pm Parish Mission with Fr. Jim (includes Akathist)</p> |
| <p>16 </p> <p>Second Sunday of the Great Fast: St. Gregory Palamas; Octoechos Tone 2; The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Pappas. Day 14 of the Great Fast. Resurrectional Gospel 10 Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Mark 2:1-12.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (English) with First Solemn Communion</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee</p> | <p>17 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Alexius, Man of God. Day 15 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 8:13-9:7; Vespers - Genesis 6:9-22; Proverbs 8:1-21.</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm Panachyda & Men's Club Meeting</p> | <p>18 </p> <p>Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem. Day 16 of the Great Fast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 9:9-10:4; Vespers - Genesis 7:1-5; Proverbs 8:32-9:11.</p> <p>9 am Cabbage Roll Bee</p> <p>6 pm Fr. Bo teaches Icon Course at Newman Theological College</p> <p>7 pm Understanding</p> | <p>19 </p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria. Day 17 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 10:12-20; Presanctified - Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18.</p> <p>No 9 am Liturgy</p> <p>10:30 Baptismal Prep</p> <p>5:30 Presanctified Liturgy</p> | <p>20 </p> <p>Our Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Saracens at the Monastery of St. Sabbas. Day 18 of the Great Fast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 11:10-12:2; Vespers - Genesis 7:11-8:3; Proverbs 10:1-22.</p> <p>9 am Babka Baking</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> | <p>21 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania. Day 19 of the Great Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 13:2-13; Presanctified - Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12.</p> <p>10 am Akathist to the Mother of God with Soroko-oosteh</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> | <p>22 </p> <p>All Souls Saturday; The Holy Hieromartyr Basil, Presbyter of Ancyra. Day 20 of the Great Fast. Passing into eternal life (1924) of Fr. Isidore Dolnitsky, hymnographer, professor and spiritual father of Lviv and the Greek College in Rome. Hebrews 10:32-38; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Mark 2:14-17; John 5:24-30.</p> |