



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, June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. Our Holy Father Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403). Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople

Today please welcome Fr. Mark Bayrock

who will be serving at our Divine Liturgy with Deacon John. Fr. Bo is away.

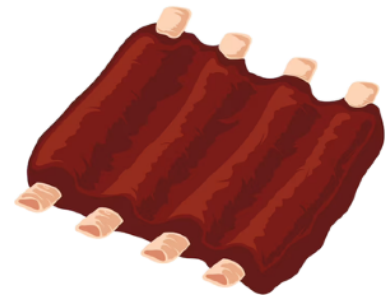
also please welcome Fr. Myron Pyszcz

who will be hearing confessions in the cry room as he normally does on the first Sunday of the Month.

Today we are having our

RIBFEST

followed by the 1 pm



Accordion Concert

to support the Ukrainian Village

Please come and join us.



The Flamingo Fundraiser is ALIVE!

Get your friends before they get you! All the details of this fundraiser can be found on the parish website, and so can the form you would need to fill in to participate.

Can you imagine a flock of funky flamingoes landing on your kid's yard?

Can you imagine kids who often come to school hungry actually coming fully fed and ready to learn?

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.

For reasons of food safety and liability our policy regarding food in the hall is A> No outside food is permitted, B> All food is to be consumed in the hall, C> No leftovers are given out, D> No take-out food.

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 – _____
Treasurer – Dale Kluk
Archivist – Diana Horyn
Cultural – Ken Kozak
Fundraising – Terry Yackimec
Hall Rental – Lisa Borosuk & 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 – Lorna Chiasson
Social – Edd Horyn
Spiritual – Debbie Lukey

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist:

- Contact Fr. Bo a month in advance

Weddings:

- Contact Fr. Bo a year in advance

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.

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Commemorated on the Sunday after Transfiguration and Pentecost Sunday

On the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the holy God-bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.

The Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council has been celebrated by the Church of Christ from ancient times. The Lord Jesus Christ left the Church a great promise, "I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18). Although the Church of Christ on earth will pass through difficult struggles with the Enemy of salvation, it will emerge victorious. The holy martyrs bore witness to the truth of the Savior's words, enduring suffering and death for confessing Christ, but the persecutor's sword is shattered by the Cross of Christ.

Persecution of Christians ceased during the fourth century, but heresies arose within the Church itself. One of the most pernicious of these heresies was Arianism. Arius, a priest of Alexandria, was a man of immense pride and ambition. In denying the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His equality with God the Father, Arius falsely taught that the Savior is not consubstantial with the Father, but is only a created being.

A local Council, convened with Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria presiding, condemned the false teachings of Arius. However, Arius would not submit to the authority of the Church. He wrote to many bishops, denouncing the decrees of the local Council. He spread his false teaching throughout the East, receiving support from certain Eastern bishops.

Investigating these dissensions, the holy emperor Constantine (May 21) consulted Bishop Hosius of Cordova (Aug. 27), who assured him that the heresy of Arius was directed against the most fundamental dogma of Christ's Church, and so he decided to convene an Ecumenical Council. In the year 325, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicea.

Among the assembled bishops were many confessors who had suffered during the persecutions, and who bore the marks of torture upon their bodies. Also participating in the Council were several great luminaries of the Church: Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (December 6 and May 9), Saint Spyridon, Bishop of Tremithos (December 12), and others venerated by the Church as holy Fathers.

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Donations Collected at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 25 Collection: \$4,575.00

Sunday, May 25 Candles: \$34.00

Sunday, May 25 E-Transfers: \$295.00

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

With Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria came his deacon, Athanasius [who later became Patriarch of Alexandria (May 2 and January 18)]. He is called “the Great,” for he was a zealous champion for the purity of Orthodoxy. In the Sixth Ode of the Canon for today’s Feast, he is referred to as “the thirteenth Apostle.”

The emperor Constantine presided over the sessions of the Council. In his speech, responding to the welcome by Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea, he said, “God has helped me cast down the impious might of the persecutors, but more distressful for me than any blood spilled in battle is for a soldier, is the internal strife in the Church of God, for it is more ruinous.”

Arius, with seventeen bishops among his supporters, remained arrogant, but his teaching was repudiated and he was excommunicated from the Church. In his speech, the holy deacon Athanasius conclusively refuted the blasphemous opinions of Arius. The heresiarch Arius

is depicted in iconography sitting on Satan’s knees, or in the mouth of the Beast of the Deep (Rev. 13).

The Fathers of the Council declined to accept a Symbol of Faith (Creed) proposed by the Arians. Instead, they affirmed the Orthodox Symbol of Faith. Saint Constantine asked the Council to insert into the text of the Symbol of Faith the word

“consubstantial,” which he had heard in the speeches of the bishops. The Fathers of the Council unanimously accepted this suggestion.



In the Nicene Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ’s divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated as an error of haughty reason. After resolving this chief dogmatic question, the Council also issued Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline. Also decided was the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha. By decision of the Council, Holy Pascha should not be celebrated by Christians on the same day with the Jewish Passover, but on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox (which occurred on March 22 in 325).

The First Ecumenical Council is also commemorated on May 29.

This past Thursday Bishop David, Fr. Julian and I celebrated a **Molebny for the graduating class of Grade 6’s of St. Matthew’s** Ukrainian Bilingual School Program, here in our parish. The service was followed by a banquet at the Youth Unity Centre.

There are 33 grade 6’s who are moving into Junior High. Let’s say a prayer for all of them as they move forward in their school years.

Mnohaya Lita to all the families!



I got rid of my vacuum.
All it was doing was collecting dust.
(yeah, I know... this joke is kinda sucky.)



YEAR END CELEBRATION

JUNE 18TH

K.C. & Holy Cross Men's Club

As we approach the "Dog Days of Summer", it is time to reflect on all the good works that the Bishop Neil Savaryn Council & Holy Cross Men's Club have done this year. What better way to do that than with a celebration of fun & fellowship. The event is open to members of the Knights of Columbus, Holy Cross Men's Club and the men of our Parish. *As they say, "Behind every good man there is an even better woman" and in recognition of that, we ask that the Men bring their spouses.*

Sign Up Sheet in Foyer

**June 18th @ Holy
Cross Parish**

**Cocktails – 6:00 pm
Dinner – 6:30 pm
Tickets –
\$20.00/each
(\$40.00/Couple)**

**Menu:
Deep Fried Turkey
Bun, Fries, Corn,
Salad & Pie for
Dessert**

**Championship
Tournaments for
Pool, Shuffle Board
& Cards**

**Cash Bar
50:50 Draw**

BEST PIE & BEST CHILLI Contest



Last week in the bulletin the Holy Cross Outreach Team informed the parish about an upcoming fundraiser... and it will be glorious.

This week the Team will decide on the date and begin soliciting the parish for entries. These entries will be judged, awarded and then served to the rest of the congregation for a simple fee.

All the funds raised will go to feeding kids in our Catholic Schools.

So...Brush up your recipes, get the flavours just right and see if you can win the blue ribbon.

Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

Our Parish along with the Eparchy of Edmonton are trying to support people in Ukraine with Humanitarian Aid. We are doing so through CNEWA, which is a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support.

If you wish to donate, you can do so by dropping an envelope marked "for Ukrainian Humanitarian Aid" in the Sunday Collection.

One of the major projects that we are working on is rebuilding part of a Children's Hospital that was destroyed by a Russian subsonic cruise missile. The two story toxicology department building which helps children undergoing dialysis was destroyed (see photo). You can learn much more about this and other projects of CNEWA in Ukraine by going to: <https://cnewa.org/ca/where-we-work/eastern-europe/ukraine/>



Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish's
Year End

Youth & Young Adult Great Bowling Challenge:

"Youth vs Fr. Bo"

"This time I'm gonna Be Serious! You Won't Beat me!
No more Bowling Backwards With a Blindfold.
You were just lucky last time!" – Fr. Bo

on Sunday, June 8 at 12:30 PM

At Bronx Bowling 12940 – 127 Street, Edmonton

Free for Youth: includes Pizza & Pop.

Sign UP on the sign UP sheet is in the Church Entrance

For more information, or to sign UP remotely, Please contact:

Fr. Bo – 780-340-3726,
Joyce Kozak – 780-803-8340, or
Sherry Harris – 780-270-8633

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Sunday, June 1: "Rib Fest"** after Liturgy
- **Sunday, June 1, at 1 pm: Accordion Concert** after Rib Fest
- **Tuesday, June 3, at 10:30 am: Divine Liturgy** at Venta Care Centre.
- **POSTPONED:** No longer on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 am: **Bishop's Prayer Breakfast**, postponed due to flooding.
- **Saturday, June 7 at 7 pm:** You are invited to join St. Nicholas Parishioners for Another **Sing-a-long of Ukrainian Folk Songs** at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish Hall (9507 Austin O'Brien Rd NW) If you play an instrument, bring it to accompany the singing. Singing from 7:00-8:30 p.m.; fellowship to follow. VERY IMPORTANT: If planning to attend, please phone Alice Mucha at 780-466-6179 or email Joyce Chrunik-Rudiak at joyciedon@telus.net by Wednesday, June 4.
- **Saturday, June 7 at 10 am: Funeral** for + Natalie Saganiuk
- **Sunday, June 8 at 12:30 pm: Year End Youth & Young Adult Bowling at Bronx Bowling.** See poster for details.
- **Tuesday, June 10 at 7 pm: The Knights of Columbus** will have a Divine Liturgy followed by the Exemplification of new members and Installation of Officers
- **Tuesday, June 18 at 6 pm: The Knights of Columbus** and Men's Club Year End Celebration. See posters.
- **Friday, June 20:** Men's Club doing a **Vetran's Lunch**.
- **Sunday, June 22 at 10 am: Sts. Peter and Paul - Mundare Vidpust.** The parish of Sts P&P invite you to join them at their annual Praznyyk Vidpust on June 22, 2025. Divine Liturgy, with Bishop David Motiuk will start 10:00 a.m. Blessing of water will be at 9:45 and confession will be available throughout the Divine Liturgy with varying priests. All of this will be held at the outdoor Grotto in Mundare, weather permitting. Dinner to follow at Mundare Recreation Centre. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. For dinner tickets contact John Mayko at 780-632-8838 or by email, jjmayko@yahoo.ca
- **Sunday, June 29 - Friday, July 4: Week 1 & Sunday, July 6 - Friday, July 11: Week 2 of Camp Oselia & Camp St. Basil: Summer 2025.** Currently the camp is full, but contact the Eparchial Office if you have questions, or if you wish to be put on a waiting list.
- **August 4 to 9: The Eparchial Altar Boy Camp** at Camp St. Basils for boys ages 7 years and older. The camp provides an opportunity for the boys to further develop their knowledge of serving and their Ukrainian Catholic Faith while interacting with others from the Eparchy. For further information contact Ken Stelmach at kenstelmach@hotmail.com.

- **Saturday, September 27:** Our next Perogy Supper! Same format as last time. More information will be provided as we approach the date for ticket sales."

Other Announcements:

- Would you like to join our Holy Cross Outreach Team? if so scan this QR code to join our What'sApp group where we plan all of our events and ministries.



- **Kitchen clean up** will be underway very shortly. Please sign up for a task. Task lists are on desk by the office. Many hands make light work. A detailed job description will be in the kitchen. Thank you.
- **Calling all GOLFERS!** We are excited to announce Edmonton Holy Eucharist's parish 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on August 9th, 2025. Please contact Darrell Holowaychuk at (780) 819-6947 to show your interest. Open to all friends, family, and non members included. \$100 per golfer. Let's start dreaming of the golf greens!
- **Calling All Young Adults!** This summer marks an exciting new chapter, as **Camp Oselia and Camp St. Basil's have merged** into one incredible experience: Camp St. Basil-Oselia! While the name and location may be new for some, the heart of camp remains the same—**faith-filled fun and unforgettable memories. We need counselors!** Camp is not possible without volunteers like you. Please consider giving some of your time to support our campers. Volunteers aged **18+** are eligible to receive a **\$250/week honorarium**. Interested or want to learn more? Contact **Izzy or Jacob** at: oselia.stbasil@eeparchy.com
- Holy Cross needs you! Please volunteer for:
 - Our **PPC Secretary Position**.
 - Our **Camp Oselia Society Board Member**
 - Our **2026 Photo Directory Director** (for our 50th Anniversary)

If you can help in any of these positions, please contact Mark Helmak, Dianne Kluk or Fr. Bo.

- **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.

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Seventh Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea; The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him. Acts 20:16-18, 28-36; John 17:1-13. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) Deacon John Preaches A substitute priest will serve as Fr. Bo will be at another parish. Yes Sunday School, No Coffee because of our... Rib Fest after Liturgy, followed by the 1 pm Accordion Concert | 2 Our Holy Father Nicephorus the Confessor. Post-feast of the Ascension. Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27-15:7. 10 am - 3 pm Appointment 5 pm Icon Photography at Pastoral Centre | 3 The Holy Martyr Lucilianus and those with him. Post-feast of the Ascension. Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2-13. 10:30 am Venta Care Centre Divine Liturgy 2 pm Appointment 6 pm Meeting at Fr. Bo's Office | 4  Our Holy Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople. Post-feast of the Ascension. Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23. 9 am Divine Liturgy 6 pm Everyone will be glued to their TVs for the Oilers | 5 The Holy Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre; The Holy Hieromartyr Cosmas, Presbyter of Armenia. Post-feast of the Ascension. Acts 25:13-19; John 16:23-33. Fr. Bo's day off 12 Noon Fr. Bo needs to pick up Bishop Paul, entertain him and deliver him to his destination. 5:30 pm Appointment | 6  Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonderworker; Venerable Hilarion the New, Confessor. Post-feast of the Ascension. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 27:1-44; John 17:18-26. 5:30 pm Appointment 6 pm Everyone will be glued to their TVs for the Oilers | 7 Saturday Before Pentecost: All Souls Saturday; The Holy Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra. Acts 28:1-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 21:15-25; John 5:24-30. 10 am Funeral for Natalie Saganiuk Afternoon Blessing of a Wedding Anniversary |
| 8  Holy and Glorious Pentecost Feast of our Lord. Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52; 8:12. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (English) Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee 12:30 pm Youth vs Fr. Bo Bowling Challenge | 9 Monday of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:9-19; Matthew 18:10-20. 6 pm Everyone will be glued to their TVs for the Oilers | 10 The Holy Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa. Post-feast of Pentecost. Romans 1:1-7, 13-17; Matthew 4:25-5:13. 7 pm Liturgy followed by Knights of Columbus Exemplification of new members and Installation of Officers | 11  The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas. Polyelos Feast. Post-feast of Pentecost. Romans 1:18-27; Acts 11:19-30; Matthew 5:20-26; Luke 10:16-21. 9 am Divine Liturgy | 12  Our Venerable Father Onuphrius the Great; Our Venerable Father Peter of Athos. Post-feast of Pentecost. Saint with Six Stichera. Romans 1:28-2:9; Matthew 5:27-32. 10 am Appointment 5:30 pm Appointment 6 pm Everyone will be glued to their TVs for the Oilers | 13 The Holy Martyr Aquilina; The Holy Triphillius, Bishop of Leucosia on Cyprus; Our Venerable Father Anthony of Padua. Post-feast of Pentecost. Romans 2:14-29; Matthew 5:33-41. GCC Appointment 5:30 pm Appointment | 14 The Holy Prophet Elisha; Our . Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople Post-feast of Pentecost. Romans 1:7-12; Matthew 5:42-48. GCC Appointment If game 5 is needed... 6 pm Everyone will be glued to their TVs for the Oilers |
| 15 First Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints Sunday; The Holy Prophet Amos; Venerable Jerome, Presbyter of Stridonium. Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee GCC Appointment | 16 Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon of Amathus. Romans 2:28-3:18; Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11. | 17 The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael; Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of Ruphenia. Romans 4:4-12; Matthew 7:15-21. If Game 6 is needed 6 pm Everyone will be glued to their TVs for the Oilers | 18 The Holy Martyr Leontius. Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 7:21-23. 9 am Divine Liturgy 6 pm Knights of Columbus Turkey Fry | 19 Most Holy Eucharist;  The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord. Feast of our Lord and Polyelos Feast. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Jude 1:1-10; John 6:48-54; John 14:21-24. 10 am Appointment 5:30 pm Appointment | 20 The Holy Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Romans 5:17-6:2; Matthew 9:14-17. 11 am Men's Club Veteran Lunch 5:30 pm Appointment If game 7 is needed 6 pm Everyone will be glued to their TVs for the Oilers | 21 The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus. Romans 3:19-26; Matthew 7:1-8. National Indigenous People's Day |