



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 8, 2025

Descent of the Holy Spirit. Holy and Glorious Pentecost



Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant of the Messiah, the passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the...

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Some Big Anniversaries are being celebrated

Mnohaya Lita!

Bigger Photos and more details are on page 4



60th Anniversary

75th Anniversary



Holy Cross Outreach Team's

Pink Flamingo Fundraiser

Scan for more info and/or to participate



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 Wayer
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.

Today: Fr. Bo will hopefully beat Michael and others at the....

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**



**It looks like everyone
had a blast at our Rib
Fest and Accordion
Concert.**

**A very special thank
you to all those who
volunteered to make
these events so
awesome.**

May God bless you all.

Want some ribs?

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Donations Collected at Holy Cross

Sunday, June 1 Collection: \$2665.00

Sunday, June 1 Candles: \$41.50

Sunday, June 1 E-Transfers: \$385.00

Sunday, June 1 Building Fund: \$50.00

Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit continued

... pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the “new law,” the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ.

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit ... (Acts 2.1–4).

The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost (Jn 14.26, 15.26; Lk 24.49; Acts 1.5). The apostles received “the power from on high,” and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

In the liturgical services of the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated together with the full revelation of the divine Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fullness of the Godhead is manifested with the Spirit’s coming to man, and the Church hymns celebrate this manifestation as the final act of God’s self-disclosure and self-donation to the world of His creation. For this reason Pentecost Sunday is also called Trinity Day in the Orthodox tradition. Often on this day the icon of the Holy Trinity—particularly that of the three angelic figures who appeared to Abraham, the forefather of the Christian faith—is placed in the center of the church. This icon is used with the traditional pentecostal icon which shows the tongues of fire hovering over Mary and the Twelve Apostles, the original prototype of the Church, who are themselves sitting in unity surrounding a symbolic image of “cosmos,” the world.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

Thus, Pentecost is called an apocalyptic day, which means the day of final revelation. It is also called an eschatological day, which means the day of the final and perfect end (in Greek eschaton means the end). For when the Messiah comes and the Lord’s Day is at hand, the “last days” are inaugurated in which “God declares: ... I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.”; This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle

Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church which was preached on the first Sunday of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1–7; Joel 2: 28–32).

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the “temples of the Holy Spirit.” God’s Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2–3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2–3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received “the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit” in the sacrament of chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.

The Divine Liturgy of Pentecost recalls our baptism into Christ with the verse from Galatians again replacing the Thrice-Holy Hymn. Special verses from the psalms also replace the usual antiphonal psalms of the liturgy. The epistle and gospel readings tell of the Spirit’s coming to men. The kontakion sings of the reversal of Babel as God unites the nations into the unity of his Spirit. The troparion proclaims the gathering of the whole universe into God’s net through the work of the inspired apostles. The hymns “O Heavenly King” and “We have seen the True Light” are sung for the first time since Easter, calling the Holy Spirit to “come and abide in us,” and proclaiming that “we have received the heavenly Spirit.” The church building is decorated with flowers and the green leaves of the summer to show that God’s divine Breath comes to renew all creation as the “life-creating Spirit.” In Hebrew the word for Spirit, breath and wind is the same word, ruah.

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit: through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee (Troparion).

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, he divided the nations. But when he distributed the tongues of fire, he called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit! (Kontakion).

The Great Vespers of Pentecost evening features three long prayers at which the faithful kneel for the first time since Easter. The Monday after Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit in the Orthodox Church, and the Sunday after Pentecost is the feast of All Saints. This is the logical liturgical sequence since the coming of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled in men by their becoming saints, and this is the very purpose of the creation and salvation of the world. “Thus says the Lord: Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I your God am holy” (Lev 11.44–45, 1 Pet 1.15–16).



60th Anniversary

**for Ed & Dianna
Horyn on June 12th.
Mnohaya Lita.**

Ed & Dianna are very
active parishioners here
at Holy Cross

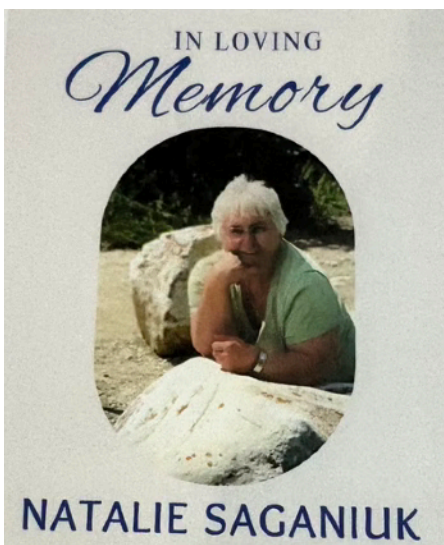
75th Anniversary

**for Stanley and Pauline
Skubleny, celebrated
yesterday, but the
anniversary was May 27th.
Manohaya Lita.**

Stanley and Pauline are the
grandparents of Jess Lastiwka & Fr. Bo,
and they occasionally come here to Holy
Cross when the family take a turn
taking them to church.



In the picture above: Bishop Paul Chomnycky from Stamford
Connecticut blessing their anniversary.



If you, or a close family member known to the parish, are celebrating
your 50th, 60th, 70th Anniversary... or another big round number, let
us know! There is a sheet of paper near the main parish office.

Yesterday, Saturday the 7th, our parish celebrated the
funeral for + Natalie Saganiuk who passed away at
the end of December. The funeral was postponed due to
the large number of family members who live far away and
could more easily travel in good weather. Our prayers are
with + Natalie and her entire family. **Vichnaya Pamyat.**



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



The Holy Cross Outreach Team's Glorious **PIE & CHILLI CONTEST** will take place on either **Sunday, June 27th** or **Sunday, July 6th**.

Get your pie pans greased and your crock pot all shined up because your entries will be judged to see who in the parish has the bragging rights of best of pie and/or chilli of 2025.

All parishioners and guests will be invited then to eat these wonderful entries for a small fee or donation.

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

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/>



Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **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
- **Monday, June 23 at 9 am:** Perogy Dough and Potato Prep. Contact Lisa for more information.
- **Tuesday, June 24 at 9 am:** Perogy Making Bee. Everyone Welcome, even if you have never done it before. Contact Lisa for more information.
- **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."

- **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.



RIBS!

There are frozen uncooked baby back ribs available for purchase today at coffee hour. There are two racks per package, and they are on sale for \$25.00/pkg. Mmmmmmmmmmm.... yummy.

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.

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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. Polyeleos 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 10 am Funeral of + Rose Chichak at Evergreen Funeral Home 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 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. If Game 6 is needed 6 pm Everyone will be glued to their TVs for the Oilers	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 Polyeleos 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
22 Second Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine; Octoechos Tone 1; The Holy Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata. Resurrection Gospel 2. Romans 2:10-16; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 4:18-23; Matthew 5:1-16. Mundare Vidpust all day 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (English) Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee	23 The Holy Martyr Agrippina. Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 9:36-10:8. 9 am Perogy Prep	24  The Nativity of the Honourable and Glorious Prophet John, Forerunner and Baptist of Christ All-Night Vigil Feast. Romans 13:11b-14:4; Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80. 9 am Perogy Bee	25 The Holy Venerable-Martyr Febronia. Romans 8:2-13; Matthew 10:16-22. 9 am Divine Liturgy Last Day of Classes in the Edmonton Catholic School District.	26 Our Venerable Father David of Thessalonica; Blessed Hieromartyr Andrii Ishchak, Priest; Blessed Hieromartyr Mykola Konrad, Priest, and the Blessed Martyr Volodymyr Pryjma, Cantor. Romans 8:22-27; Matthew 10:23-31. 5:30 pm Appointment	27   Blessed Hieromartyr Mykola Charnetsky and the Twenty-Four Martyrs with him; Blessed Hieromartyr Omelian Kovch; Our Venerable Father Samson, friend of travellers and the poor. All-Night Vigil Feast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 21:12-19. 11 am Men's Club Veteran Lunch 5:30 pm Appointment	28  The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John. Saint with Six Stichera. Romans 3:28-4:3; Matthew 7:24-8:4.
29 Third Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 2;  The Holy, Glorious, All-Praiseworthy and Chief	30  The Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-Praiseworthy Twelve Apostles; Blessed Hieromartyr Vasyl Velvchkovskiy. Polyeleos	July 1  The Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian. Saint with Six Stichera. Romans 10:11-11:2; Matthew	2  The Placing of the Precious Robe of Our Most Holy Lady and the Mother of God in Blachernae. Polyeleos Feast. Hebrew	3 The Holy Martyr Hyacinth. Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 11:27-30. 3 pm Confessions at	4  Our Holy Father Andrew the Jerusalemite, Archbishop of Crete; Venerable Martha, Mother of the Holy Simeon of the	5  Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Athos. Polyeleos Feast. Galatians 5:22-6:2; Luke 6:17-23.