



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, August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 2; The Holy Hieromartyr Eutyches.

This Friday we celebrate the last of the bigger feasts of the church year. The new church year begins on September 1.

The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

Commemorated on **August 29**

The Beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord, John the Baptist: The Evangelists Matthew (Mt. 14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyric end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ.

Following the Baptism of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist was locked up in prison by Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch (ruler of one fourth of the Holy Land) and governor of Galilee. (After the death of king Herod the Great, the Romans divided the territory of Palestine into four parts, and put a governor in charge of each part. Herod Antipas received Galilee from the emperor Augustus).

The prophet of God John openly denounced Herod for having left his lawful wife, the daughter of the Arabian king Aretas, and then instead cohabiting with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (Luke 3:19-20). On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens. Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would ask, up to half his kingdom.

The vile girl on the advice of her wicked mother Herodias asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod became apprehensive, for he feared the wrath of God for the murder of a prophet, whom earlier he had heeded. He also feared the people, who loved the holy Forerunner. But because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of Saint John and to give it to Salome.



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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
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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.

The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John, continued...

According to Tradition, the mouth of the dead preacher of repentance once more opened and proclaimed: "Herod, you should not have the wife of your brother Philip." Salome took the platter with the head of Saint John and gave it to her mother. The frenzied Herodias repeatedly stabbed the tongue of the prophet with a needle and buried his holy head in a unclean place. But the pious Joanna, wife of Herod's steward Chuza, buried the head of John the Baptist in an earthen vessel on the Mount of Olives, where Herod had a parcel of land. (The Uncovering of the Venerable Head is celebrated February 24). The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia, there where the wicked deed had been done.

After the murder of Saint John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, later sent Jesus Christ to him, Whom he mocked (Luke 23:7-12).

The judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water. Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck.

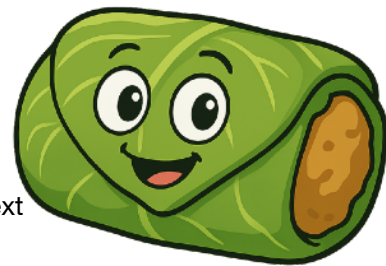
Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of Saint John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligua (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

Cabbage Roll Bee

Come learn how to roll these delicious beauties. Or if you are already a master: Come help out!

We are gathering in the hall on this and next Tuesday Mornings at 9 am.



Donations Collected at Holy Cross this past week:

Last Sunday's Collection: \$1355.00

Last Week's Candles: \$80.00

E-transfers: \$200.00

Building Fund: \$110.00

July's Income: \$14,857.37

July's Expenses: \$17,825.88

That is a monthly loss of: \$2,968.51



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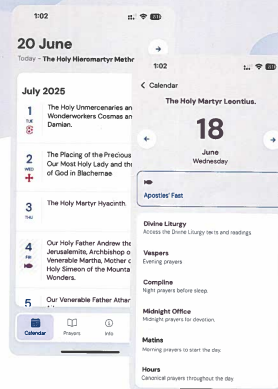
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Saturday, October 25, 2025

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Dinner at 6:00 PM



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SEPT
18
7:00 PM

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Hosted by the Ukrainian Catholic Women's
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**RED
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MICHAEL CHERKAS



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**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 18
7:00 PM**
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Presentation in English

UCWLC Museum
St. Josaphat Cathedral, Lower Level
10825 - 97 Street
Edmonton, Alberta

Books will be available for purchase.

The Ladies' Club, a group of active women in the parish, is Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 2 at 7 pm. All women in the parish are invited to come and join this awesome group.

The Knights of Columbus, a group of men from within and around the parish, are meeting on Monday, September 8th at 7:30 pm. All men are invited to come and talk to any member about joining this fraternal group.

Tickets are available for Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish's Praznyk Lunch
After the 10 am Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 14, 2025

and Ooops!

When we printed the **Praznyk tickets** we accidentally put in the wrong date. Our Praznyk will take place on

Sunday, September 14
after the Divine Liturgy with Bishop David. So... if you already got your ticket and it has the wrong date on it, please take a pen and write the correct date on it.



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Tickets are also available for Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish's

Perogy Supper

With 2 Seatings: 4:30 & 6:30

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Menu:

- Three types of Perogies
- Meatballs & Gravy
- Sweet Cabbage rolls
- Cornmeal
- Mushrooms & Dill Cream Sauce
- Fried Onions
- Marinated Vegetable Salad
- Assorted Preserves
- Desserts

For tickets call 825-967-5997

or get them after any Sunday Divine Liturgy... but don't wait because these go fast.

Advanced tickets only

Adults (13+) \$25

Youth (7-12 years) \$15

Children 6 and under are Free

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Tuesday, August 26 at 9 am:** Cabbage Roll Bee
- **Tuesday, September 2 at 9 am:** Cabbage Roll Bee
- **Tuesday, September 2:** School is Back at Edmonton Catholic School District
- **Saturday, September 6:** Baptism
- **Sunday, September 7:** Baptism & 4 First Solemn Communions
- **Monday, September 8:** The Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Liturgy at 9 am.
- **Sunday, September 14:** The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This is our parish's "Praznyk" (Feast Day). On this day bishop David will join us and we will have a fitting celebration. Get your tickets now. See page 4.
- **Tuesday, September 2 at 7 pm:** Next Ladies' Club Meeting
- **Saturday, September 20:** Baptism
- **Wednesday September 24:** Wedding

- **Saturday September 27:** Perogy Supper - tickets now available. The last time Holy Cross held a Perogy Supper in September both sittings were sold out. To purchase tickets, call 825-967-5997.
- **Monday September 29:** PPC Meeting
- **October 1:** The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.
- **October 25:** Harvest Dance
- **December 7:** St. Nicholas Visits us! Yahoo!

Other Announcements

- **Lay Leadership & Diaconal Formation – A Journey of Faith and Service** The Eparchy of Edmonton invites you to go deeper into your faith and answer God's call to serve. In partnership with Newman Theological College, we offer two formation paths beginning September 2025:
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Today is "officially" the last day that we are officially collecting these school supplies, but honestly... we will be able to drive over extra donations at any time. This includes school supplies, but also money that may help with their lunch programs.



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WORLD @ HOME 3.0 YOUTH DAY

"GIVING GOD PERMISSION"

DIVINE LITURGY & VESPERS **SMALL GROUP REFLECTIONS** **TALKS AND TESTIMONIALS** **ZABAVA: UKRAINIAN DANCE PARTY**

Young adults (18-35) are invited to a full-day faith and fellowship retreat on Saturday, August 23, at St. Sophia Parish. The day includes prayer, Divine Liturgy, inspiring talks and testimonials, small group discussions, meals, and a zabava.

Cost: \$75 (meals, talks, zabava)
 Scan the QR Code for Registration.

Contact: communications@eeparchy.com

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>24</p> <p>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 2; The Holy Hieromartyr Eutyches. Resurrection Gospel 11. 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)</p> <p>NO Sunday School, No Coffee</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ⲅ The Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew; The Holy Apostle Titus. Saint with Six Stichera. 2 Corinthians 5:10-15; Mark 1:9-15.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia. 2 Corinthians 5:15-21; Mark 1:16-22.</p> <p>9 am Cabbage Roll Bee</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Pimen; Blessed Venerable Woman-Martyrs Lavrentia Herasymiv and Olympia Bida. 2 Corinthians 6:11-16; Mark 1:23-28.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>2 pm Eparchial Sacred Orders Commission Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>The Synaxis of Our Venerable Fathers of the Monastery of the Caves at Kyiv who repose in the Further Caves; The Venerable Father Moses the Black; Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo; The Holy Martyr Gebre Michael, Illuminator of Ethiopia. 2 Corinthians 7:1-10; Mark 1:29-35.</p> <p>Fr. Bo’s Day Off</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>29 </p> <p>Ⲅ The Beheading of the Honourable and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. All-Night Vigil Feast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 13:25-32; Mark 6:14-30.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Our Holy Fathers and Patriarchs of Constantinople Alexander, John, and Paul the Younger. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 20:29-34.</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 3; Ⲅ The Placing of the Precious Sash of Our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God. Polyeleos Feast. Resurrection Gospel 1. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Hebrews 9:1-7; Matthew 19:16-26; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>NO Sunday School, No Coffee</p>	<p>Sept. 1</p> <p>Ⲅ Beginning of the Indiction, that is, the New Year; Our Holy Father Symeon the Stylite and his mother Martha; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God of Miasenes. Polyeleos Feast. 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Colossians 3:12-16; Luke 4:16-22; Matthew 11:27-30.</p> <p>Labour Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Mamas; Our Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople. 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5; Mark 3:13-19.</p> <p>First Day of School at ECSD</p> <p>9 am Cabbage Roll Bee</p> <p>10:30 am Venta Care Centre Liturgy</p> <p>7 pm Ladies’ Club Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia; Our Venerable Father Theoctistus, Fellow-Ascetic of the Great Euthymius. 2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7; Mark 3:20-27.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>4</p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia; Our Venerable Father Theoctistus, Fellow-Ascetic of the Great Euthymius. 2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7; Mark 3:20-27.</p> <p>Fr. Bo’s Day Off</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch; The Holy Prophet Moses Who Saw God. 2 Corinthians 10:7-18; Mark 3:28-35.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Ⲅ Commemoration of the Miracle Performed at Colossus in Chone by the Archangel Michael; The Holy Martyr Eudoxius and his companions; Our Venerable Father Archipus. Saint with Six Stichera. 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Matthew 22:15-22.</p> <p>? am Baptism</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Octoechos Tone 4; Ⲅ Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God; The Holy Martyr Sozon the Shepherd. Saint with Six Stichera. Resurrection Gospel 2. 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33-42.</p> <p>9:30 am Pre-Baptismal Rites</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy with a Baptism and 3 First Solemn Communicants (Bilingual)</p> <p>Sunday School is Back!</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Ⲅ The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary. Feast of the Mother of God. Holy Day of obligation. Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.</p> <p>9 am Festal Divine Liturgy</p> <p>7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ⲅ The Holy and Righteous Forebears of God Joachim and Anna; The Holy Martyr Severian. Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora. Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. 2 Corinthians 13:3-13; Mark 4:35-41.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Our Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria. Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Galatians 1:1-10; 1:20-2:5; Mark 5:1-20.</p> <p>Fr. Bo’s Day Off</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyr Autonomus. Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Galatians 2:6-10; Mark 5:22-24; 5:35-6:1.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Saturday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Ⲅ Commemoration of the Dedication of the Holy Church of the Resurrection of Christ our God; The Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross; The Holy Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion. Great Doxology. 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Matthew 10:37-11:1.</p>
<p>14 </p> <p>Ⲅ The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross. Day of strict fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>Yes Sunday School</p> <p>Parish Praznyk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Ⲅ The Holy Great-Martyr Nicetas. Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Saint with Six Stichera. Galatians 2:11-16; Mark 5:24-34.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ⲅ The Holy Great-Martyr Euphemia, the All-Famed. Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Saint with Six Stichera. Galatians 2:21-3:7; Mark 6:1-7.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Holy Martyr Sophia, and Her Three Daughters Faith, Hope, and Love. Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Galatians 3:15-22; Mark 6:7-13.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Eumenes, Bishop of Gortyna, Wonderworker. Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Galatians 3:23-4:5; Mark 6:30-45.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>7 pm “Red Harvest” at Cathedral Basement Museum</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedontus. Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Galatians 4:8-21; Mark 6:45-53.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Ⲅ The Holy Martyrs and Confessors for the Faith, the Grand Prince Michael and His Nobleman Theodore, Wonderworkers of Chernihiv; ?? The Holy Great-Martyr Eustathius and those with him. Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Saint with Six Stichera. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; John 8:21-30.</p> <p>6</p> <p>1 pm Baptism & Hall Rental</p>

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 2; The Holy Hieromartyr Eutyches.

Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour;* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 2: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon, Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle: I Corinthians 9:2-12 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defence to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If

we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Alleluia verses, Tone 2:

The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35 (NRSV)

The Lord spoke this parable, “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.