



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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Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 3; The Placing of the Precious Sash of Our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God.



Welcome to Holy Cross Parish!

We are very glad to have you with us today. It is our hope that everyone who joins us can experience the Living God here through the praying of the Divine Liturgy, the warmth of the community and through the awe inspiring Eucharist of our Lord.

Please introduce yourself and if we can do anything to help you or if you have any questions about our community, please let us know.

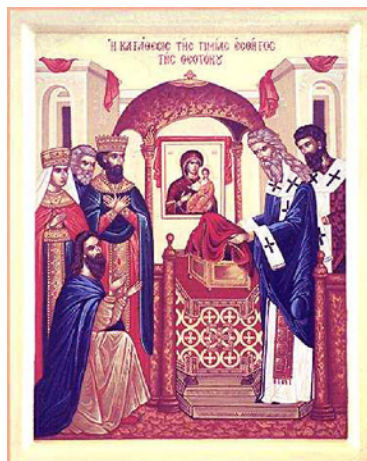
This Wednesday there will be a **funeral for the servant of God + Lawrence Tallas** at 10 am. Grant repose among the Saints O Lord, Eternal Memory.



Due to this funeral, **Tuesday's Cabbage Roll Bee is postponed** for 1 week, till Tuesday the 9th, and **Wednesday morning's usual 9 am Liturgy is being cancelled.** Thank you for your understanding.

The Ladies' Club, a group of active women in our parish, is meeting on **Tuesday, September 2 at 7 pm.** Come. Join us. All women in the parish are invited to come and join this awesome group.

Today's Feast: Commemorated annually on August 31



The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Mother of God

The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos in a church of Constantinople's Chalcoprateia district took place during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger. Before this the holy relic, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by the Mother of God Herself, was kept by pious Christians at Jerusalem after Her Dormition. During the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (886-911), his wife Zoe was afflicted with an unclean spirit, and he prayed that God would heal her.

The empress had a vision that she would be healed of her infirmity if the Belt of the Mother of God were placed upon her. The emperor then asked the Patriarch to open the coffer. The Patriarch removed the seal and opened the coffer in which the relic was kept, and the Belt of the Mother of God appeared completely whole and undamaged by time. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick...

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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:

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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.

Cincture (Sash) of the Mother of God...

... empress, and immediately she was freed from her infirmity. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, then they placed the venerable Belt back into the coffer and resealed it.

In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold Placing of the venerable Belt, the Feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos was established. Parts of the holy Belt are in the Vatopedi monastery on Mt. Athos, in Trier monastery, and in Georgia.

Next week our usual after Liturgy Coffee hour returns!



During the summer and on long weekends it's hard to find volunteers to set up and clean up, but starting next week our coffee groups are fully back in action.

We encourage everyone to come and socialize. Let's get to know each other and share our ideas and thoughts.

If you would like to be part of one of our "Coffee Hour Teams" who also help greet people as they arrive on Sundays, please speak to Diana Horyn. If you don't know who she is, ask Fr. Bo and he will point her out. We are always ready to welcome more volunteers.



The Return of our Sunday School and Youth Programs!

Kids aged 5-8 are welcome to join us during the Divine Liturgy for Sunday School. Here we will learn about the Gospel message of the day, make a craft and even have a snack!

If your child is younger, we have plans for them too. They will be revealed on the last Sunday of September.

If your children are older then they are encouraged to take their First Solemn Communion, and to participate in the Divine Liturgy via our youth programs which will focus on Altar Serving, Singing with the Choir, occasionally going bowling or playing laser tag, going on pilgrimages and many other fun activities with other youth. Also we welcome **the return of "Children's/Youth's/ Family Liturgies"** on the last Sunday of every month during the school year, featuring Marilyn the Catechetical Puppet.

There will be a meeting tomorrow (Monday the 1st) at 1 pm to discuss our various programs. Please RSVP with Fr. Bo or Dianne Kluk if you wish to join us.

Donations Collected at Holy Cross this past week:

Last Sunday's Collection: \$1760.00

Last Week's Candles: \$34.15

E-transfers: \$40.00

Building Fund: \$30.00

July's Income: \$14,857.37 July's Expenses: \$17,825.88

That is a monthly loss of: \$2,968.51. Please be generous so that we can pay all the bills and not worry about fundraising as much.

Happy New Year!...

...almost. Tomorrow is September 1st and we begin a new Liturgical Year!

On September 1 the Church, most schools, and the ancient Romans all start their new calendar year.

In the Church's case, about half of the prayers and feasts are figured out by the date. These are known as the "Fixed Cycle." The first Gospel of the year is where Jesus proclaims His mission to the world:

At that time, Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.

Luke 4:16-22

The "year of the Lord's favour" has come upon us, and so we recount all of salvation history, not just remembering it but entering into, or sacramentally reliving it, in a logical if not quite chronological way.

Each day we remember various saints, events in our history with God, and even sacred actions and objects (sacraments, icons, relics like the Life Giving Cross which our parish is named after.) This is where we get things like the Saint of the Day from.

To keep track of these days and their prayers we use a book called the "Festal Menaion."

The other half of the Church year's feasts and prayers are figured out by the "Movable Cycle". These are all centred around the Feast of Feasts: Pascha!

Pascha is of course the traditional day where we celebrate Christ's Resurrection and the conquering of Death. The date of Easter is always celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox.

Yes, our Liturgical Calendar even considers the phase of the moon in it's calculations. From the date of Easter we go back 40 days plus holy week, plus an extra 4 weeks of Pre-Lent and one Sunday before that. Then in the other direction (going forward) we add to the date of Pascha; 40 days to the feast of the Ascension; another 10 till the feast of Pentecost; and then we calculate all the following weeks of the year from that day till we collide with the following year's movable cycle. So the week after the 50th day after Easter (Pentecost: also known as the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit) would...

The 12 Major Feasts:



September 8
Nativity of the Mother of God



September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



November 21
Presentation of the Mother of God to the Temple



December 25
The Nativity of Christ



January 6
Theophany: The Baptism of Christ



February 2
The Encounter of Our Lord in the Temple



March 25
The Annunciation



Sunday before Pascha
The Entry into Jerusalem
aka Palm / Flowery Sunday
(also technically part of Holy Week)



40 days after Pascha
The Ascension



50 days after Pascha
Pentecost



August 6
Transfiguration



August 15
The Dormition of the Mother of God

Happy New Year!...

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...be known as the “First week after Pentecost.” Each of these weeks starts on a Sunday, and then concludes on the 8th day which is the following Sunday, which simultaneously is the beginning of the next week.

During this cycle we commemorate everything past, present and even future, like the Second Coming of our Lord, which from our perspective has not happened yet.

To keep track of these days, their particular prayers, and which of the 8 tones that we sing in, we use 3 different books called the “Lenten Triodion”, the “Flowery Triodion” and the “Pentecostarion”. (There are many sets of these 8 tones too that are used at different times and places.)

Confused yet? No?!?

In addition to the moon, the date, and the period of time from Easter there is also the days of the week to consider. On Sundays we always celebrate the Resurrection. Mondays we commemorate the Angels. Tuesdays we remember St. John the Forerunner (aka Baptist). Wednesdays and Fridays we honour Christ's passion on the Cross. Thursdays are reserved for the Apostles and also St. Nicholas, and finally Saturdays we pray for all the Saints and the deceased.

Then there are also the fasts. In order to get ready for various important days, we have 4 major fasting periods during the year, and a weekly fast on Fridays (and optionally Wednesdays) with the exceptions of Fridays that follow major feasts of Christ.

Most people are familiar with 2 of these bigger fasts; namely the Great Fast (Lent) together with Holy Week; and also the Pre-Christmas Fast (aka the Nativity Fast or St. Philip's Fast). But please don't confuse this with the Roman Catholic season of Advent.

The 2 lesser known fasts are the Apostle's fast which starts the Monday after All Saints day (which is itself on

the first Sunday after Pentecost) and ends on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. (Since this fast starts on the “Movable Cycle” and ends on the “Fixed Cycle” it can be as short as 8 days or as long as 30.) The other Fast is the Dormition fast which, thankfully, always begins on August 1 and ends after 14 days with the feast of the Dormition.

Then there are the hours of the day, which we do various prayers, some publicly and others privately.

Exhausted yet? I am.

I assume you are too, so I will not get into the difference between the Julian Calendar, the Revised Julian Calendar, and the Gregorian Calendar. Nor will I talk about the Lukian Jump. Unless maybe in a future bulletin.

This is frankly quite overwhelming. Thank God we all do not need to keep track of each detail of each day. There are books that tell us how to combine the “Movable” and “Fixed” feasts, with the day of the week and any other commemorations or fasts that may come up. These are lovingly calculated for us and put on a Church Calendar which we give out every year around Christmas (thanks to Park Memorial who sponsor these for our parish).

You will notice on the calendar little fishies on days when we should fast, and Red numbers and backgrounds on the more significant days of the year on which we should try to attend services.

If you can please be aware that the church has 12 Major Feasts, as well as the Feast of Feasts: Pascha (together with all of Holy & Bright weeks). I have put these very important Feast Days together with their icons and dates below. On every Sunday and all these big Feasts all the faithful people are strongly encouraged (even obliged) to attend Divine Liturgy.

Oh, and the feast of Sts. Peter & Paul too.

Holy Week, Pascha & Bright Week



Saturday before Palm Sunday
Raising of Lazarus
(not Obligatory)



Holy Thursday
The Last Supper
(not Obligatory)



Good Friday
The Crucifixion



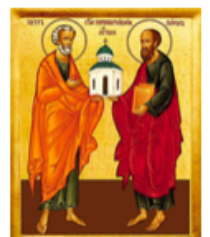
Holy Saturday
Descent into Hades
(not Obligatory)



GLORIOUS PASCHA



Sunday after Pascha
Thomas Sunday



June 29
Sts. Peter & Paul

Also “obligatory”



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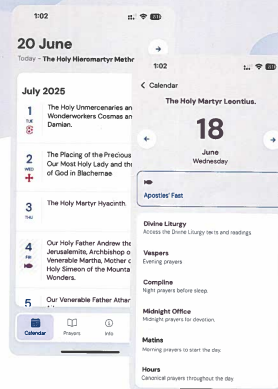
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SEPT
18
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So get your tickets for the Praznyk Lunch which will happen after the 10 am Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 14, 2025.**

They are available in the Anex (Triangular Room between the church and the hall) after each Liturgy or via the office on Wednesday mornings.

Don't delay any more. We need to know how many people to cook for.

The word "Praznyk" is a Ukrainian word that means the celebration of our patron saint or feast. Since we are named after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and since September 14th is the actual day of the feast, this day therefore becomes our day!

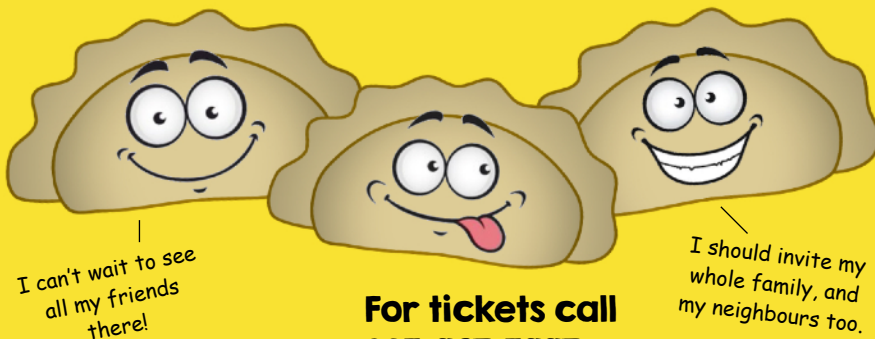
Come and join Bishop David Motiuk, and all of us as we celebrate the power and glory of the Holy Cross, and the many successes that our parish has had over the past 49 years.

and Oops! When we printed the Praznyk tickets we accidentally put in the wrong date. Our Praznyk will take place on Sunday, September 14 (not the 12th) after the Divine Liturgy. 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.

Perogy Supper September 27, 2025 Get your tickets now

Menu:

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



**For tickets call
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Advanced tickets only

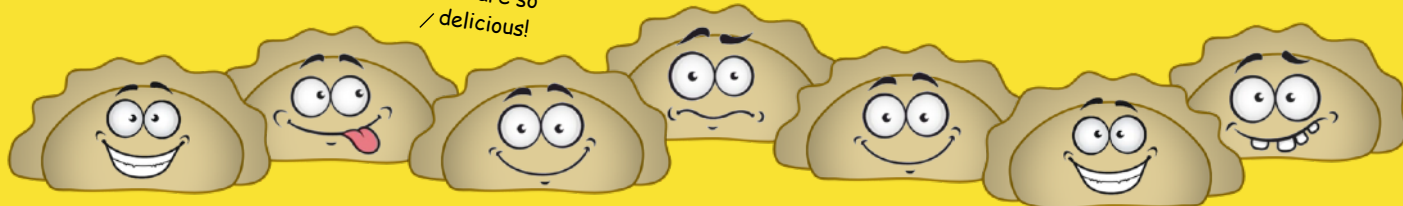
Adults (13+) \$25

Youth (7-12 years) \$15

Children 6 and under are Free

Do I really want to
be boiled and
eaten?

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delicious!

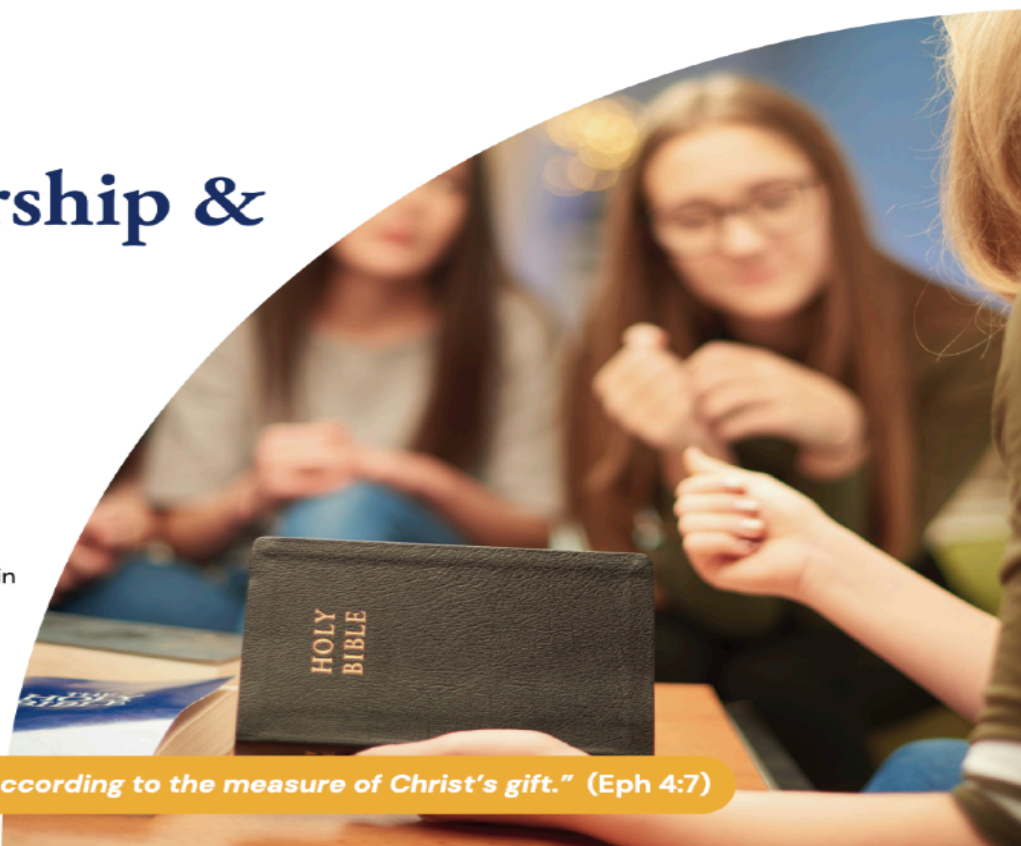




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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 10th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION [1 September 2025]

Seeds of Peace and Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is “Seeds of Peace and Hope”. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as “Pilgrims of Hope.” This year’s theme thus appears most timely.

In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. Jn 12:24). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed up there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and even manage to break through its hard surface.

In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, “seeds of peace and hope.” The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, “a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace, and the work of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” (Is 32:15-18).

These words of the prophet will accompany the “Season of Creation,” an ecumenical initiative to be celebrated from 1 September to 4 October 2025. They remind us that, together with prayer, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this “caress of God” is to become visible to our world (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 84). The prophet contrasts justice and law with the desolation of the desert. His message is extraordinarily timely, given the evidence in various parts of the world that our earth is being ravaged. On all sides, injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution and the loss of biodiversity. Extreme natural phenomena caused by climate changes provoked by human activity are growing in intensity and frequency (cf. *Laudato Deum*, 5), to say nothing of the medium and long-term effects of the human and ecological devastation being wrought by armed conflicts.

As yet, we seem incapable of recognizing that the destruction of nature does not affect everyone in the same way. When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalized and the excluded. The suffering of indigenous communities is emblematic in this regard.

That is not all. Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain. As a result, God’s creation turns into a battleground for the control of vital resources. We see this in agricultural areas and forests peppered with landmines, “scorched earth” policies, [1]

conflicts over water sources, and the unequal distribution of raw materials, which penalizes the poorer nations and undermines social stability itself.

These various wounds are the effect of sin. This is surely not what God had in mind when he entrusted the earth to the men and women whom he created in his image (cf. Gen 1:24-29). The Bible provides no justification for us to exercise “tyranny over creation” (*Laudato Si'*, 200). On the contrary, “the biblical texts are to be read in their context, with an appropriate hermeneutic, recognizing that they tell us to ‘till and keep’ the garden of the world [cf. Gen 2:15]. ‘Tilling’ refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while ‘keeping’ means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature” (ibid., 67).

Environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity.

Now is the time to follow words with deeds. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (*Laudato Si'*, 217). By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord’s own self-sacrificing Love.

Among the Church’s initiatives that are like seeds sown in this field, I would mention the Borgo *Laudato Si'* project that Pope Francis bequeathed to us at Castel Gandolfo. It is a seed that promises to bear fruits of justice and peace, and an educational project in integral ecology that can serve as an example of how people can live, work and build community by applying the principles of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

I pray that Almighty God will send us in abundance his “Spirit from on high” (Is 32:15), so that these seeds, and others like them, may bring forth an abundant harvest of peace and hope.

The Encyclical *Laudato Si'* has now guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow. In this way, seeds of hope will multiply, to be “tilled and kept” by the grace of our great and unfailing Hope, who is the risen Christ. In his name, I offer all of you my blessing.

From the Vatican, 30 June 2025

LEO PP. XIV

[1] Cf. PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE, *Land and Food*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015, 51-53.

During the month of September, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its annual Vocations and Seminary Collection.

“It takes a whole village to raise a child.” It likewise takes the support of the whole Church to form a deacon, priest, religious, monastic and lay member for ministry in the Church. It also takes our support to offer on-going education and formation for those already in sacred orders or involved in lay ministry.

The faithful can acknowledge the role they play in nurturing vocations by offering their financial support to help defray such expenses as formation programs, retreats, conferences, seminars, tuition, books, and room and board.

Studying for the diaconate and the priesthood this year, on behalf of the Eparchy Edmonton are:

- **Volodymyr Babiak** (Bachelor of Theology, Neman Theological College, Edmonton);
- **Michael Chichak** (Master of Divinity, Newman Theological College, Edmonton);
- **Jacob Kociuba** (Master of Divinity, Newman Theological College, Edmonton);
- **Brian O'Neill** (Diaconate Formation, Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary);
- **Peter Pitchko** (Pastoral Internship, Saint Josaphat Cathedral/Pastoral Centre, Edmonton);
- **Julian Savaryn** (Pastoral Internship, Saint George Parish, Edmonton);
- **Patrick Siedlecki** (Diaconate Formation, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Lethbridge);
- **Ryan Tarnava** (Diaconate Formation, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Lethbridge); and
- **Adam Yurkow** (Bachelor of Theology, Newman Theological College, Edmonton).

Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!

The suggested donation amount is \$30.00 per family, and all the parishes are going to send \$30 for each of their families to the Eparchy whether or not the families themselves will donate it. And, as you can see, there are quite a few potential vocations for our Eparchy which means that even the \$30 suggested donation per family is not likely to cover all the expenses. **So, if you are in a position that you can give more than \$30 to this wonderful cause... please do so.**

You can use the special envelopes that are in your box of envelopes and drop it into the Sunday Collection basket.

WHAT?!?! You don't have a box of envelopes from this parish?!?!?

That must mean that you are not registered as a member of our parish yet. You can do so by talking to Lorna Chiasson, or contacting the parish office (which is open on Wednesday mornings). Not only will you get a free box of donation envelopes, but you also get reduced rates for hall rentals and help us keep our records up to date. So join us today!



NECROLOGY:

Bishop Peter Stasiuk, CSSR, reposed in the Lord on August 13, 2025 at the age of 83 years old. Bishop Peter was born in Roblin, Manitoba, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1967 as a professed member of the

Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Ukrainian Redemptorists, Canada). In 1992, he was appointed as the eparchial bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul Eparchy of Melbourne, Australia. He retired in 2020 and most recently resided in Winnipeg. Vichnaja pamjat.

Bible Study:

We will resume our program this October. Everyone is most welcome, even if you have not been at one before. There will be fresh popcorn and juice (maybe tea and coffee) and its free!

The date of our first session will be announced in next week's bulletin.

Our Question Box:

In our Church's entry there is a "Question Box". If you have a question about our Faith, Church or Traditions, simply write it down and drop it into the box. Fr. Bo will try to answer your question in one of the next bulletins.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Sunday, August 31:** World day of prayer for the care of creation. See the message from the pope on page 8.
- **Sunday, August 31, after Liturgy:** Get your tickets now for both the Praznyk & the Perogy Supper.
- **Sunday, August 31, after Liturgy:** Marriage Prep (W&K)
- **Monday, September 1:** Labour Day Long Weekend & Beginning of the New Liturgical Year
- **Monday, September 1, at 11 am:** Baptismal Prep (3xB)
- **Monday, September 1, at 1 pm:** Parish Programming Meeting for ministries affecting children, youth, adults, bible study, choir and others. If you wish to be part of this meeting please RSVP Fr. Bo or Dianne Kluk.
- **Tuesday, September 2:** School is Back at Edmonton Catholic School District
- **Tuesday, September 2, at 10:30 am:** Venta Care Centre's Divine Liturgy
- **Tuesday, September 2, at 7 pm:** Ladies' Club Meeting.
- **Note re: September 2:** Tuesday's 9 am cabbage roll bee is postponed till Tuesday the 9th due to a funeral
- **Note re: September 3:** Wednesday's 9 am liturgy cancelled due to a funeral
- **Wednesday, September 3 at 10 am:** Funeral of + Lawrence Tallas
- **Thursday, September 4:** Delivery of Kapusta (Cabbage)
- **Saturday, September 6, at ? pm:** Baptism (IB)
- **Sunday, September 7 at 10 am Liturgy:** Baptism (CH) & First Solemn Communions (A,B&DH)(S)
- **Sunday, September 7 at 10 am Liturgy:** Fr. Myron will be at our parish to hear confessions. He normally does this on the first Sunday of each month.
- **Monday, September 8:** The Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Liturgy at 9 am.
- **Monday, September 8, at 7:30 pm:** The Knights of Columbus, a group of men from within and around the parish, are meeting. All men are invited to come and talk to any member about joining this fraternal group.
- **Tuesday, September 9 at 9 am:** Cabbage Roll Bee. Volunteers each get a FREE hairnet!
- **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.
- **Saturday, September 20, at 10 pm:** KC District #16 Executive Meeting in the Boardroom
- **Saturday, September 20, at 1 pm:** Baptism (TB)

- **Wednesday September 24:** Wedding (W&K)
- **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.
- **Saturday September 27 at 9 am:** The Sub-deaconal ordination of Peter Pitchko at St. Josaphat's Cathedral
- **Monday September 29:** PPC Meeting
- **October 1:** The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.
- **October:** Bible Study will resume. All are welcome to join us. Dates should be in next week's Bulletin.
- **Saturday, October 11 at 10 am:** The Diaconal ordination of Peter Pitchko at St. Josaphat's Cathedral
- **October 18-24:** Catholic Education Week. Catholic Education Week is a time to give thanks for the gift of Catholic education, celebrate its constitutional and spiritual foundations, and renew our shared mission. This week is a moment for Catholic schools to stand visible in the public square—anchored in Christ, radiant in hope. Through prayer, celebration, and witness, we affirm the mission entrusted to us.

In unity, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and Yukon—together with GrACE and the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA)—have issued a [Pastoral Letter](#) affirming our mission, encouraging courageous witness, and expressing gratitude for all who serve in Catholic education. If you are reading this bulletin in a digital format you can click on the link to read this.
- **October 20-23:** Annual Clergy Study Days. Theme: Catechesis and Synodality.
- **Saturday, October 25:** Harvest Dance: Doors open at 5 pm, Dinner is at 6 pm. Live music by the "New Lumberjacks". You can get tickets from Rose Marie at 780-217-8217
- **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:
 - **Lay Leadership Program** – for parishioners discerning a call to serve their parish community
 - **Diaconal Formation Program** – for men discerning a vocation to the diaconate.

Grow in understanding, prayer, and purpose. **Apply by August 31**

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The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 3; ✚ 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. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (English) Deacon John Preaches NO Sunday School, No Coffee 11:30 Marriage Prep (W&K)	Sept. 1 ✚ 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. Labour Day 11 am Tripple Baptismal Prep (3xB) 1 pm Youth & Programs Meeting	2 The Holy Martyr Mamas; Our Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople. 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5; Mark 3:13-19. First Day of School at ECSD Rescheduled: Cabbage Roll Bee to the following week 10:30 am Venta Care Centre Liturgy 7 pm Ladies' Club Meeting	3 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. Cancelled: 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Funeral of + Lawrence Tallas Parish Bingo Fundraiser 4 pm Appointment 7 pm - 7 am Fr. Bo on call for hospitals.	4 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. ...till 7 am Fr. Bo on call for Hospitals Fr. Bo likely working on WTFSE despite it being his day off. Delivery of Cabbage to the parish 5:30 pm Appointment	5  The Holy Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch; The Holy Prophet Moses Who Saw God. 2 Corinthians 10:7-18; Mark 3:28-35. 7 am - 7 pm Fr. Bo on call for hospitals. 5:30 pm Appointment	6 ✚ 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. 1 pm ? Baptism (IB)
7 Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Octoechos Tone 4; ✚ 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. 9:30 am Pre-Baptismal Rites 10 am Divine Liturgy with a Baptism and 3 First Solemn Communicants* (ABC& DH) (Bilingual) Sunday School is Back! So is coffee hour! Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee 11:30 Marriage Prep (S&F) * we might be a 4th FSC this Sunday too. (S)	8 ✚ 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. 9 am Festal Divine Liturgy 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	9 ✚ 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. 9 am Cabbage Roll Bee	10 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. 9 am Divine Liturgy	11 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. Fr. Bo's Day Off 5:30 pm Appointment	12  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. 5:30 pm Appointment	13 Saturday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; ✚ 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.
14  ✚ 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. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (English) Bishop David Preaches Yes Sunday School, but no coffee as it is our Praznyk Parish Praznyk	15 ✚ 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.	16 ✚ 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.	17 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. 9 am Divine Liturgy	18 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. Fr. Bo's Day Off 5:30 pm Appointment 7 pm "Red Harvest" at Cathedral Basement Museum	19  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. 5:30 pm Appointment	20 Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; ✚ 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. 10 am Knights Exec Meeting 1 pm Baptism & Hall Rental

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 3; The Placing of the Precious Sash of Our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God.

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 8: Protection of humans, ever-Virgin Mother of God* as a mighty bulwark for your city* you gave your pure body's robe and sash.* They remained incorrupt by your giving birth without seed.* For in you are nature and time made new.* Therefore, we pray you, give peace to your city* and to our souls great mercy.

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

Kontakion, Tone 3: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 2: Your womb which received divinity* was girded about by your precious sash, O Mother of God.* It became an unconquerable force for your city* and a generous treasury of good things.* O you, the only virgin who ever gave birth.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he

appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Alleluia verses, Tone 3:

In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

Then someone came to him and said, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”

Communion Hymn

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

I will take the cup of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.