



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*:

- 9 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, September 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 7; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton; The Holy Martyr Ludmila and Viacheslav, Czech Prince; Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Monastery of the Caves in Kyiv who repose in the Nearer Caves



Congratulations to Alyssa Kluk and Josh Wintjes who entered into the Sacrament of Marriage this week. May God bless you both with every good thing in abundance so that you may share it with the world. Mnohaya Lita!

The Perogy Supper

this past Saturday was a lovely success thanks to our Incredibly Awesome Volunteers.



Hall Rentals:

call Lisa at: 780-222-9155
or email: hallrental@ehcup

Perohy Off Sales: 780-478-4275

Membership:

email: membership@ehcup

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
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Knights of Columbus – Darrell Uchach
Men's Club President – Marc Chiasson
Youth Coordinator – Emmette Lysak
Maintenance – Larry Waye
Membership – Lorna Chiasson
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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.



How could we possibly say enough “Thank You’s” to our many Fantastic Volunteers for all their hard work?

Simply, we can’t say it enough. Thank you again.

Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Near Caves

Commemorated on September 28, from OCA.org

The Synaxis of Monastic Fathers who are venerated in the Near Caves of Saint Anthony, is now celebrated on September 28. This general commemoration was originally on the first Saturday after the Leave-taking of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (i.e. after September 21).

During the restoration of the Caves, which had been damaged by an earthquake, some of the relics of the ancient ascetics were uncovered and a church was built in honor of the Exaltation of the Venerable Cross.

There are two Canons to the Monastic Fathers of the Near Caves. The first was compiled by the hieromonk Meletius the Orphan (inscribed in the Kiev Akathistnik of 1764). The second, found in the services in honor of the Fathers of the Kiev Caves, was compiled by Saint Demetrius of Rostov.

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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 household if you can afford it.

Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Near Caves continued

Among the Monastic Fathers of the Near Caves are:

- Monk Anthony the First-Founder (July 10)
- Monk Abramius the Lover of Labor (August 21)
- Monk Abramius the Recluse (October 29)
- Monk Agapitus, Unmercenary Physician (June 1)
- Monk Alexis the Recluse (April 24)
- Monk Alypius the Iconographer (August 17)
- Martyr Anastasius the Deacon (January 22)
- Monk Anatolius the Recluse (July 3)
- Monk Arethas the Recluse (October 24)
- Monk Athanasius the Recluse (December 2)
- Igumen Barlaam (November 19)
- Hosiomartyrs Basil and Theodore (August 11)
- Venerable Chariton of Senyazemsk (no information)
- Hieromonk Damian the Healer (October 5)
- Monk Elias of Murom (December 19)
- Bishop Ephraim of Pereyaslav (January 28)
- Monk Erasmus the Black-Robed (February 24)
- Martyr Eustratius (March 28)
- Monk Gregory the Iconographer (August 8)
- Martyr Gregory the Wonderworker (January 8)
- Monk Helladius the Recluse (October 4)
- Monk Isaac the Recluse (February 14)
- Monk Isaiah the Wonderworker (May 15)
- Monk Jeremiah the Clairvoyant (October 5)
- Monk John the Faster (December 7)
- John the God-pleasing (December 29)
- Martyr John the Infant (December 29)
(commemorated with the 14,000 Infants killed at Bethlehem by Herod)
- Monk John the Long-Suffering (July 18)
- Nun Juliana, Princess of Olshansk (July 6)
- Hieromartyr Kuksha, Enlightener of the Vyati (August 27)
- Bishop Laurence the Recluse of Turov (January 29)
- Monk Luke the Steward (November 6)
- Monk Macarius (January 19)
- Monk Mark the Grave-digger (December 29)
- Monk Matthew the Clairvoyant (October 5)
- Venerable Menignus the Steward of the Caves (no information)
- Bishop Mercurius of Smolensk (August 7)
- Martyr Moses the Hungarian (July 26)
- Monk Nectarius the Obedient (November 29)
- Monk Nestor the Chronicler (October 27)
- Monk Nicholas Svyatosha, Prince of Chernigov (October 14)

- Monk Nikódēmos the Prosphora-baker (October 31)
- Igumen Nikon (March 23)
- Monk Nikon the Shriveled (December 11)
- Bishop Niphon of Novgorod (April 8)
- Monk Onesimus the Recluse (October 4 and July 21)
- Monk Onesiphorus the Confessor (November 9)
- Monk Onuphrius the Silent (July 21)
- Monk Pimen the Faster (August 27)
- Monk Pimen the Much-Ailing (August 7)
- Archmandrite Polycarp (July 24)
- Monk Prochorus the Orach-eater (February 10)
- Monk Savva the God-pleasing (April 24)
- Monk Sergius the Obedient (October 7)
- Monk Simon, Bishop of Suzdal (May 10)
- Monk Sisoës the Recluse (October 24)
- Monk Spyridon the Prosphora-baker (October 31)
- Monk Sylvester the Wonderworker (January 2)
- Monk Theophanes the Faster (October 11)
- Monks Theophilus the Mourner (December 29)
- Monk Theophilus the Recluse (October 24)
- Hieromonk Titus (February 27)
- Twelve Master Architects of Constantinople who painted the monastery church of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos (February 14)

Besides these Saints, there are thirty other Saints among the monks of the Kiev Caves, whose myrrh-producing heads were preserved. In the Service to the Monastic Fathers of the Near Caves on September 28 Saint Ephraim the Priest is mentioned (Ode 9). The hieromonk Athanasius Kalpophyisky wrote in 1638, that his incorrupt body, clothed in priestly vestments, lay opposite the relics of Saint Elias of Murom. Hieromonk Athanasius also mentions Saint Eustathius, (Ode 8), who was a goldsmith before he came to the monastery.

In the Canon of Meletius the Orphan, Saint Dionysius, Archbishop of Suzdal (June 26 and also October 15) is also mentioned. The holy hierarch was detained by the Lithuanian prince at Kiev after his consecration as Metropolitan of Moscow by the Patriarch of Constantinople. He died on October 15, 1384 and was buried in the Antoniev Cave.

Besides the monks mentioned in the Services, the hieromonk Athanasius Kalpophyisky in his Manuscript of 1638 indicated even more Saints, whose uncovered relics they venerated: Saint Hieronymos, Recluse and Wonderworker; Saint Meladius, holy Elder and Wonderworker; Saint Pergius, holy Elder; Saint Paul, a monk of remarkable obedience.

The names of the priests Saint Meletius, Saint Serapion, Saint Philaretos, Saint Peter are preserved in the old manuscript Calendars....

Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Near Caves continued

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On May 24, 1853, in one of the branches of the Near Caves, an inscription was discovered on an eleventh century crypt: "Lord, preserve Thy servants Theodosius and Theophilus. Many Years." "The Grave of the Cave-Dweller John. Here John the sinner lived and is now." On an oak board: "John the Cave-Dweller." Thus the names of the new Kiev Caves Fathers: Theophilus, Theodosius and John were revealed.

There is also a general commemoration of the Monks of the Near Caves together with the Monks of the Far Caves on the second Sunday of Great Lent, when the Synaxis of all the Monastic Fathers of Kiev Caves is celebrated. The Canon of the Hieromonk Meletius the Orphan enters into the Service of that feastday (the Service to the Kiev Caves Monastic Fathers, and to all the Saints who shone forth there, inscribed from Akathists with a Canon). The service was printed by the Kiev Caves Dormition Lavra in 1866.

Without doubt, not all the names of the Fathers of the Kiev Caves are known. In the Synaxis, all the Fathers illumined by ascetic deeds in the Caves are glorified. In the Oikos of the Service of September 28 we sing: "Who can praise Your Saints, O Good One? I try to count their number, but they are multiplied more than the sands of the sea. O Master Christ, Who have numbered the stars and named them all, grant their petitions for us..."





2025 CALLED TO BE HOLY MEN'S CONFERENCE

 Holy Spirit Seminary
Edmonton
  November 7-8, 2025

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds..."
Romans 12:1-2



Fr. Michael Winn
Keynote Speaker



Brian Holdsworth
Guest Speaker

Step away from the world's noise and rediscover your calling
Join men from across the Eparchy for two days of prayer, fellowship, and powerful talks on self-mastery and true Christian manhood. Together we'll learn how to fight the inner battles, live sacrificial love, and shine as witnesses of Christ.


Divine Liturgy & Confession


Panel Discussion & Fellowship


Meals & time to connect with brothers in faith

REGISTER NOW

Price:
 Before Oct 1 → \$85 commute / \$145 live-in
 After Oct 1 → \$95 commute / \$155 live-in

Scan the QR code or visit
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Bridge of Hope Annual Christmas Shoebox Campaign

Bridge of Hope is an organization within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton whose mission is to provide support services through sponsorship and ministering to underprivileged children in Ukraine that live at home or in orphanages.

We are excited to announce that Bridge of Hope is once again organizing our annual Christmas Shoebox campaign! This year, we aim to bring joy to orphans and underprivileged children cared for by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Western Ukraine. Shoeboxes filled with all kinds of surprises from caring Canadians, will be delivered by the sisters to underprivileged children throughout western Ukraine in time for St. Nicholas day!

How You Can Help:

- **Prepare a Shoebox:** Shoeboxes are easy to assemble and a wonderful way to bring families and parishioners together in a meaningful way.
- **How to Pack a Shoebox:** Use either a shoebox, or backpack. Choose either a boy or girl, within the following age ranges 2-4, 5-9 or

10-14. Make sure to label your shoebox with this information. Some ideas for items to pack are personal care items, school supplies, treats, clothing or toys. Please do not include liquids, loose candy, battery operated toys, or very heavy items. We also ask that you include a \$7 donation to cover the shipping costs. There is a detailed list of the most needed items on our website. ourbridgeofhope.com

- Deliver your shoebox to your parish contact, or contact Wanda Kowalchuk directly to confirm drop-off location.
- **Make a Donation:** If you prefer, you can also donate funds to help us fill shoeboxes for the children. Which can also be done through the website. Or contact Wanda. See below.

Important Information:

- **Website:** For more details about the campaign and ideas for shoebox contents, please visit our website: ourbridgeofhope.com and look under "Programs"
- **Contact Us:** If you need assistance or more information, feel free to reach out to Wanda Kowalchuk at wandamay@telus.net or call 780-993-0216. We are also looking for volunteers at each parish to help coordinate at the parish level. If you would like to help, please contact Wanda.
- **Deadline:** Our goal is to have all the boxes ready to go by October 5, 2025 so that they will arrive in time for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

Together, We Can Make a Difference!

With many children in need this year, your support is crucial. Thank you for joining us in spreading hope and joy this Christmas season!

Check it out!

The Fall Program Guide is Here!

Have a look at all the amazing opportunities for spiritual growth being offered throughout the Eparchy. Look for it on the eparchy website: www.eeparchy.com or in your church entrance.

Sept 1 was the beginning of the New Liturgical Year. It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution! Consider taking part in one or more of the offerings and experience the joy of growing closer to God.





Seniors Day Time Viewing of

THE CHOSEN:

Come Let's Watch & Dialogue Together

Every other Tuesday starting on
October 7th at 2 pm

Let's explore our faith together.

At Holy Cross Parish
9003 153 Ave, Edmonton



Young Adult & Adult Evening Viewing of
THE CHOSEN:
Come Let's Watch & Dialogue Together

Every other Tuesday starting on
October 7th at 6 pm

Let's explore our faith together.

At Holy Cross Parish
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Holy Cross' Chosen				
Date	What?		Date	What?
Tuesday, October 7	"I Have Called You by Name". 1:1		Tuesday, March 3	"Thunder" 2:1
Tuesday October 21	"Shabbat" 1:2		Tuesday, March 17	"I Saw You" 2:2
Tuesday, November 4	"Jesus Loves the Little Children" 1:3		Tuesday, April 14	"Matthew 4:24" 2:3
Tuesday, November 18	"The Rock on Which It Is Built" 1:4		Tuesday, April 28	"The Perfect Opportunity" 2:4
Tuesday, December 2	"The Wedding Gift" 1:5		Tuesday, May 12	"Spirit" 2:5
Tuesday, December 16	Christmas Special parts A&B		Tuesday, May 26	"Unlawful" 2:6
Tuesday, January 20	"Indescribable Compassion" 1:6		Tuesday, June 9	"Reckoning" 2:7
Tuesday, February 3	"Invitations". 1:7		Tuesday, June 23	"Beyond Mountains" 2:8
Tuesday, February 17	"I Am He" 1:8			

You are Invited to the Holy Cross Parish

Harvest Dance

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM



Music by The New Lumberjacks



Tickets available from Rose Marie

Call 780-217-8217

Adults \$55.00

Youth \$30.00 (12 and under)

DOOR PRIZES!

*** Casual Wear ***



Holy Cross' 2025

Bible Study

With Jeff Cavins (on screen)

Join in Every other Wednesday
at 6 pm as we explore the whole
story of salvation from
Creation to the Second Coming.

Its always open to everyone,
and you even get free popcorn!



First Class of this Liturgical Year is on
Wednesday, October 1 at 6 pm

The other dates are always available on our Bulletin and on our Parish Website.

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Other Announcements

- **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.
- **Are you having a 50th, 60th, or 70th Anniversary?** If so talk to Diana Horyn 780-255-9926. Holy Cross Parish will hoer you with a plaque. You can also put your anniversary on the sheet on the table next to the parish office.

Working Together for Safer Environments

If God permits, Fr. Bo will be sending out an individual email to our 139 parish volunteers this week. This is to have everyone update our parish volunteer files. This process is part of our Eparchy's Safer Environments Policy which strives to make all of our Church as safe as possible for all of our people, especially those most vulnerable such as our youth and seniors. So... If you get an email from Fr. Bo later this week, please help us by filling out the missing info. If you don't have an email, or if we don't know your email, you will have a volunteer envelope at the parish for you to pick up, hopefully this upcoming Sunday.

Holy Cross' Bible Timeline Continued from 2024-25

Date	What?
Wednesday, October 1	#16: The Return
Wednesday, October 15	#17: Maccabean Revolt
Wednesday, October 29	#18: Messianic Fulfillment - part 1
Wednesday, November 12	#19: Messianic Fulfillment - part 2
Wednesday, November 26	#20: Messianic Fulfillment - part 3
Wednesday, December 3	#21-22: The Church - part 1 & 2
Wednesday, December 10	#23: The Church - part 3
	The End

**"IS THERE MORE TO
LIFE THAN THIS?"**

**"IS THIS
IT?"**

**"IS THERE A
GOD?"**

**"WHAT IS THE
MEANING OF LIFE?"**

**"WHAT AM I
DOING HERE?"**

**"DO I HAVE A
PURPOSE?"**

Alpha

**NICE MEAL.
HONEST CONVERSATIONS.
EVERYONE WELCOME**

6 PM EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

STARTING OCTOBER 14

**HOLY CROSS 9003 153 AVE. EDMONTON
FOR MORE INFO SEE [EHCUCP.CA](http://ehcucp.ca)**



What is Alpha?

**Call the parish
office at
780-478-5260**

**Or call or text Fr.
Bo at
780-340-3726**

**Or go online and
look up "Alpha
Program"**

**Or if you are
reading this
bulletin on your
computer or
phone click
below**

[Click here.](#)

Date		Date	
Tuesday, October 14	Episode 1: Is There More To Life Than This?	Tuesday, January 27	Episode 7: How does God guide us?
Tuesday, October 28	Episode 2: Who is Jesus?	Saturday , January 31	Episodes 8-12: Holy Spirit Sessions
Tuesday, November 11	Episode 3: Why did Jesus Die?	Tuesday, February 10	Episode 13: How can I resist evil?
Tuesday, November 25	Episode 4: How can I have faith	Tuesday, February 24	Episode 14: Why and how should I tell others?
Tuesday, December 9	Episode 5: Why and how do I pray?	Tuesday, March 10	Episode 15: Does God heal today?
Tuesday, January 13	Episode 6: Why and how should I read the Bible?	Tuesday, March 24	Episode 16: What about the Church?

Upcoming Events:

- **Monday September 29: PPC Meeting**
- **Tuesday, September 30 at ? time: Alpha Team Meeting & Training.** I think. Stay tuned. If you would like to be involved please talk to Alyssa or Dianne Kluk or Fr. Bo.
- **Wednesday, October 1: The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.** Liturgy at 9 am as usual for a Wednesday.
- **Wednesday, October 1 at 6 pm: Bible Study resumes.** All are welcome to join us. Free Popcorn as usual. (We will continue every 2 weeks on Wednesdays till the series is completed.)
- **Sunday, October 5 at 9:45 am: Fr. Myron is going to be with us to help hear Confessions.** Please take advantage of the availability of this important Sacrament. We all should regularly examine our consciences and seek God's forgiveness, but also receive His graces through this Holy Mystery. If you are not sure how, simply ask Fr. Myron or Fr. Bo and they would be happy to explain things to you. Confessions are also available via Fr. Bo, however before and during Liturgy Fr. Bo is kinda busy doing the "Church" thing. This is why we ask Fr. Myron to come in and help.
- **Sunday, October 5 at 3 pm: You are invited to a concert** to commemorate the Feast of the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary together with the day of the Ukrainian Soldier at the Youth Unity Complex (9615 -153 Ave.), starting at 3 pm. The concert will include a prayer for Ukraine, performances of local Ukrainian choirs and ensembles, the youth of the Ukrainian Youth Assn. CYM, as well as recitations of poetry for the occasion. A special guest from Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, historian Dr. Yuri Shchur, will speak on the importance of the day from a historical and present-day perspective. Admission is by donation to the "Friends of the Ukrainian Armed Forces". Please note that the concert is in Ukrainian.
- **Monday, October 6 at 6 pm: Choir and Youth.** Details to be figured out.
- **Monday, October 6 at 7 pm: Ladies' Club Meeting.** I think.
- **Tuesday, October 7 at 2 pm: Senior's Afternoon "The Chosen: Watch and Discussion".** Come and watch the first episode of the first season of "the Chosen". The Chosen is a series of shows about the life and ministries of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This afternoon time slot is intended for Seniors, so that they do not need to drive during the dark evening hours of winter to attend.
- **Tuesday, October 7 at 6 pm: Young and "Medium Aged" Adult Evening "The Chosen: Watch and Discussion".** Come and watch the first episode of the first season of "the Chosen". The Chosen is a




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- **Saturday, October 11 at 10 am: The Deaconal ordination of Peter Pitchko** at St. Josaphat's Cathedral
- **Monday, October 13 at 7:30???:** It's Thanksgiving, but there might be a Knights of Columbus meeting... maybe.
- **Tuesday, October 14 at 6 pm: Alpha.** This is a meal, presentation, and discussion night for those who are curious or even apprehensive about the Christian faith. The program continues every other Tuesday at 6 pm for 11 weeks.
- **Wednesday, October 15 at 6 pm: Bible Study**
- **Monday, October 13: Thanksgiving Monday**
- **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.

- **Monday, October 20 at 7 pm: Men's Club Meeting.** All men are welcome, members please attend.
- **October 20-23: Annual Clergy Study Days.** Theme: Catechesis and Synodality. Fr. Bo & Deacon John are away.
- **Tuesday, October 21 at 2 pm for Seniors, and 6 pm for others: "The Chosen: Watch and Discussion"** (and every 2nd Tuesday)
- **Wednesday, October 22: No 9 am Divine Liturgy** due to Clergy Study Days.
- **Saturday, October 25: Harvest Dance:** Doors open

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 7; ✙ Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton; The Holy Martyr Ludmila and Viacheslav, Czech Prince; Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Monastery of the Caves in Kyiv who repose in the Nearer Caves of the Venerable Anthony; Blessed Hieromartyr Nykyta Budka, First Bishop of Canada. Polyeleos Feast. Resurrection Gospel 5. 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 6:17-23. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am “Children’s/ Family Friendly” Divine Liturgy (English) No Sunday School, Yes Coffee.	29 ✙ Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite. Saint with Six Stichera. Ephesians 1:22-2:3; Mark 10:46-52. 12 noon Theosis Studio time 7 pm PPC Meeting	30 ✙ The Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Great Armenia. Saint with Six Stichera. Ephesians 2:19-3:7; Mark 11:11-23. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ALPHA Team Training Day 	1 ✙ The Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God; Holy Apostle Ananias, One of the Seventy Disciples; Our Venerable Father Roman Who Sang Sweetly. Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. 9 am Divine Liturgy 6 pm Bible Study (16-Return from Exile) 	2 ✙ The Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian; Holy Martyr Justina; Holy Andrew, Fool for the Sake of Christ. Saint with Six Stichera. Ephesians 4:14-19; Mark 11:27-33. Fr. Bo’s Day Off 5:30 pm Appointment	3 ✙ The Holy Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite. Saint with Six Stichera. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Ephesians 4:17-25; Mark 12:1-12. 5:30 pm Appointment	4 The Holy Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens, our Venerable Father Francis of Assisi. 1 Corinthians 14:20-25; Matthew 25:1-13. Hall Rental
5 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 8; The Holy Martyr Charitina. Resurrection Gospel 6. 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Matthew 15:21-28. 9:30 am Pre-Baptismal Rites 10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee.	6 ✙ The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas. Polyeleos Feast. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 20:19-31. 12 noon Theosis Studio time 6 pm Youth & Choir  7 pm Ladies’ Club Meeting	7 ✙ The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus. Saint with Six Stichera. Ephesians 5:20-26; Luke 3:23-4:1. 10:30 Venta Care Centre Divine Liturgy 2 pm Chosen (1) 6 pm Chosen (1) 	8 Our Venerable Mother Pelagia. Ephesians 5:25-33; Luke 4:1-15. 9 am Divine Liturgy	9 ✙ The Holy Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus; Our Venerable Father Andronika and his wife Anastasia. Polyeleos Feast. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 10:16-21. 5:30 pm Appointment	10 The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Ephesians 6:18-24; Luke 4:22-30. 5:30 pm Appointment	11 The Holy Apostle Philip, One of the Seven Deacons; Our Venerable Father Theophanes the Branded, Composer of Canons. 1 Corinthians 15:39-45; Luke 4:31-36.
12 ✙ Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council; Octoechos Tone 1; The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus; Our Venerable Father Cosmas of Jerusalem, Bishop of Maium and Composer of Canon. Our Holy Father Martin the Compassionate, Bishop of Tours. Polyeleos Feast. Resurrection Gospel 7. Hebrews 13:7-16; John 17:1-13. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (English) No Sunday School, Yes Coffee.	13 The Holy Martyrs Carpūs, Pappas, and Agathonikus. Philippians 1:1-7; Luke 4:37-44. Thanksgiving Monday 12 noon Theosis Studio time 7:30 pm Knights? (Thanksgiving)	14 The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius and Celsus; ?? Our Venerable Mother Parasceva of Ternovo; Blessed Roman Lysko, Pastor of Youth and Martyr of L’viv. Saint with Six Stichera. Philippians 1:8-14; Luke 5:12-16. 7 pm ALPHA (1) 	15 Our Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger; The Holy Venerable-Martyr Lucian, Priest of Great Antioch. Philippians 1:12-20; Luke 5:33-39. 9 am Divine Liturgy 6 pm Bible Study (17-Maccabean Revolt - End of Old Testament) 	16 The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion. Philippians 1:20-27; Luke 6:12-19. 5:30 pm Appointment	17 The Holy Prophet Hosea; The Venerable-Martyr Andrew of Crete. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Philippians 1:27-2:4; Luke 6:17-23. 5:30 pm Appointment	18 ✙ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke. Polyeleos Feast. Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18; Luke 10:16-21.

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Troparion, Tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 8: With the streams of your tears you cultivated the barren desert,* with deep sighs your toils bore fruit a hundredfold.* You became a beacon, shining throughout the world by your wonders,* our venerable Father, Chariton.* Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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

Kontakion, Tone 7: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.* Hades is bound.* The prophets exult with one voice.* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying:* “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 2: Taking delight in self-mastery, O divinely wise one,* you bridled your fleshly desires and were shown to grow through faith.* You flowered like the tree of life in the midst of paradise,* O all-blessed and holy Chariton.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

The Lord will give strength to His people;* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams.

verse: The venerable ones will exult in glory* and they shall be joyful in their beds.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, as we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the

weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Alleluia verses, Tone 7

It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30; (NRSV)

The Lord spoke this parable: “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have

invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Communion Hymn

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

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



Welcome to Holy Cross Parish!

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

Please introduce yourself to others and if we can do anything to help you, or if you have any questions about our community, please let us know. We hope you feel at home here and become part of our big happy church family.

If your experience goes well, tell others. If something did not go well, please let us know in the office (office@ehcup.ca or 780-478-5260) or by telling Fr. Bo (780-340-3726 or fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com) so that we can address the problem and make our parish the best it can be.

Today is the last Sunday of the Month, therefore it's a "Children's Liturgy".

What's a Children's Liturgy? Its a normal Divine Liturgy which tries to incorporate the children more via various liturgical acts like singing, serving at the Altar, kissing the Gospel Book, and having a special homily with Marilyn the Catechetical Puppet.

Hey Kids:

Did you know that there are "Kid's Bulletins" almost every week?

You should be able to find one with the regular grown up ones on the table at the Entrance of the Church. You can also find them at the parish website: EHCUCP.ca

