



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.)

Pastor: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

780-340-3726 (call or text)
fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com

Deacon: Dcn. John Lukey

johndebbielukey@yahoo.ca

Pastoral Care (visiting shut-ins):

Debbie Lukey

780-478-4337

Church Website:

EHCUCP.CA

Facebook: facebook.com/ehcucp

Church Email: office@ehcucp.ca

Pastoral

Emergencies: 780-340-3726

Church: 780-478-5260

Hall: 780-478-4275

Toll Free: 1-866-886-3946

Eparchy: 780-424-5496

Church Address:

9003 - 153 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB

Church Mailing Address:

Londonderry P.O. Box 70029
Edmonton, AB T5C 3R6

More info on the next page.

Sunday, November 2, 2025

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 4;
The Holy Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphtonius,
Elpidophorus, and Anempodistus.**

Congratulations to both

**Frs. Slavko and Janko
who both celebrate
their 25th anniversary of
priesthood**
at this time.

Fr. Slavko's celebration is happening today at St. Nicholas Parish in Edmonton.

Fr. Yanko's celebration is happening next Sunday at St. Stephen Parish in Calgary.

For more information see the parish announcement section of this bulletin.



**Today we welcome Fr. Myron to our parish
to help us with Confessions.
Please take advantage of his being here.**

**This is a very busy week in our parish, please
look at our calendar of events to see how you
can participate!**

**Tomorrow, Monday, November the 3rd, we will have the funeral for
the Handmaid of God + Elsie Wasylycia at 11 am. May God grant her
eternal memory, and her family peace and comfort.**

**This week we celebrate the
Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the
Other Bodiless Powers**

Commemorated on November 8

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after...

continued on the next page.

Hall Rentals:

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

Perohy Off Sales: 780-478-4275

Membership:

email: membership@ehcucp

Funeral Dinners:

Call Cheryl: 780-456-2828

Reminder: To receive member rates for funerals/memorials the deceased person must have been a fully paid up member of Holy Cross Parish for the past 22 consecutive months. Deceased children of fully paid up members are also entitled to member rates however child must be a dependant or under the age of 18.

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

Parish Pastoral Council:

Parish Priest – Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
Deacon - Dcn. John Lukey
President – Mark Helmak
Past President – Peter Fedorak
1st Vice-President – Mark Ramsankar
2nd Vice-President – Deacon John Lukey
Secretary – Mariya Mahalyas
Treasurer – Dale Kluk
Archivist – Diana Horyn
Cultural – Ken Kozak
Fundraising – Terry Yackimec
Hall Rental – Lisa Borosuk & Gladys Woitas
Ladies' Club – Dianne Kluk
Knights of Columbus – Darrell Uchach
Men's Club President – Marc Chiasson
Youth Coordinator – Emmette Lysak
Maintenance – Larry Waye
Membership – Lorna Chiasson
Social – Edd Horyn
Spiritual – Debbie Lukey

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist:

- Contact Fr. Bo a month or more in advance

Weddings:

- Contact Fr. Bo a year in advance if possible

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.



Synaxis of St. Michael...

...March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then "the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him" (Mt. 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

The six-winged **SERAPHIM** (Flaming, Fiery) (Is 6:2) stand closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity. They blaze with love for God and kindle such love in others.

The many-eyed **CHERUBIM** (outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment) (Gen 3:24) stand before the Lord after the Seraphim. They are radiant with the light of knowledge of God, and knowledge of the mysteries of God. Through them wisdom is poured forth, and people's minds are enlightened so they may know God and behold His glory.

The **THRONES** (Col 1:16) stand after the Cherubim, mysteriously and incomprehensibly bearing God through the grace given them for their service. They are ministers of God's justice, giving to tribunals, kings, etc. the capacity for righteous judgment.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities:

DOMINIONS (Col 1:16) hold dominion over the angels subject to them. They instruct the earthly authorities, established by God, to rule wisely, and to govern their lands well. The Dominions teach us to subdue sinful impulses, to subject the flesh to the spirit, to master our will, and to conquer temptation.

POWERS (1 Pet 3:22) fulfill the will of God without hesitation. They work great miracles and give the grace of wonderworking and clairvoyance to saints pleasing to God. The Powers assist people in fulfilling obediences. They also encourage them to be patient, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

continued on next page

Donations Collected at Holy Cross this past few weeks:

October 26	Donations	\$1810.00
	Candles	\$37.70
	E-Transfers	\$70.00
September Revenue		\$ 35,669.45
September Expenses		\$ 25,373.81
Difference		\$ 10,295.64

Synaxis of St. Michael...

AUTHORITIES (1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16) have authority over the devil. They protect people from demonic temptations, and prevent demons from harming people as they would wish. They also uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil thoughts

The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:

PRINCIPALITIES (Col 1:16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of God's commands. They watch over the world and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render proper honor to those in authority, as befits their station. They teach those in authority to use their position, not for personal glory and gain, but to honor God, and to spread word of Him, for the benefit of those under them.

ARCHANGELS (1 Thess 4:16) are messengers of great and wondrous tidings. They reveal prophecies and the mysteries of the faith. They enlighten people to know and understand the will of God, they spread faith in God among the people, illuminating their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel.

ANGELS (1 Pet 3:22) are in the lowest rank of the heavenly hierarchy, and closest to people. They reveal the lesser mysteries of God and His intentions, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They support those who remain steadfast, and they raise up the fallen. They never abandon us and they are always prepared to help us, if we desire it.

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers are called angels, although each has its own name and position by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest ranks of the angels, and they in turn inform the others.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means "who is like unto God"), the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, "Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!"

According to Church Tradition, and in the church services to the Archangel Michael, he participated in many other Old Testament events.

During the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt he went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Through him the power of the Lord was made manifest, annihilating the Egyptians and Pharaoh who were in pursuit of the Israelites. The Archangel Michael defended Israel in all its misfortunes.

He appeared to Joshua Son of Navi and revealed the will of the Lord at the taking of Jericho (Josh 5:13-16). The power of the great Chief Commander of God was manifest in the annihilation of the 185,000 soldiers of the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib (4/2 Kings 19:35); also in the smiting of the impious leader Heliodorus (2 Macc. 3: 24-26); and in the protection of the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misail, thrown into the fiery furnace for their refusal to worship an idol (Dan 3:22-25).

Through the will of God, the Chief Commander Michael transported the Prophet Habbakuk (December 2) from Judea to Babylon, to give food to Daniel in the lions' den (Dan. 14:33-37).

The Archangel Michael disputed with the devil over the body of the holy Prophet Moses (Jude 1:9).

The holy Archangel Michael showed his power when he miraculously saved a young man, cast into the sea by robbers with a stone about his neck on the shores of Mt Athos. This story is found in the Athonite Paterikon, and in the Life of Saint Neophytus of Docheiariou (November 9).

We invoke Saint Michael for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of adversaries on the field of battle. He conquers all spiritual enemies.



Holy Scripture and Tradition give us the names of these Archangels:

Gabriel: strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine omnipotence (Dan 8:16, Luke 1:26). He announces the mysteries of God.

Raphael: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15)

Uriel: the fire or light of God, enlightener (2 Esdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with darkened minds.

Selaphiel: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (2 Esdras 5:15). He prays to God for mankind.

Jehudiel: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts.

Barachiel: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people.

Jeremiel: the raising up to God (2 Esdras 4:36)

Each person has a guardian angel (Matt 18:10), and every nation also receives its own guardian angel from God (Dan. 10:13). When a church is consecrated, it also receives a guardian angel (Palladius, Dial. Ch. 10).

from oca.org



ARCH.
MICHAEL

Iconography Workshop

Sat, Nov 8 - Tue, Nov 11, 2025
Daily from 9 am - 5 pm

Come, write and learn about traditional Byzantine Iconography by painting an icon of St. Michael the Archangel with consecrated iconographer Fr. Bo Nahachewsky. We will make and use traditional Egg Tempra paint and will gild with 23.5K gold.

At Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Edmonton, AB.

For more information and to register go to
theosis.ca



THEOSIS
SCHOOL OF ICONOGRAPHY



Annual Membership Renewal/Drive

Every Sunday after the Liturgy

November 2, 2025, through January 10, 2026

Membership Fee: **\$40.00**

On April 1, renewal fee will be increased to \$45.00.

Methods of payment accepted:

- Cash
- Cheque payable to: "Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish"
- E-transfer- office@ehcucp.ca

For more information on becoming a member or any other membership inquiries please contact Lorna Chiasson at membership@ehcucp.ca.

ВШАНУВАННЯ ПАМ'ЯТІ ЖЕРТВ ГОЛОДОМОРУ HOLODOMOR COMMEMORATION

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2025
12:30PM

EDMONTON CITY HALL
1 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SQUARE
EDMONTON, ALBERTA




KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
LARYSA BILOUS, PH.D.
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Forte Plus Choir and Seniors Acting Out Together

present

Christmas Delivery

November 30 at 2:00 pm
Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish
9003 153 Ave NW, Edmonton
Tickets: \$10

A harried mailman discovers the real meaning of Christmas as he delivers packages, trains a new employee, and discovers a new sense of connection to the community he serves when he meets a young woman and her child in a difficult situation along his route

For tickets to this charity choir concert, or for more information please see Joyce Kozak.



THE CHOSEN

This Tuesday at 2 pm and 6 pm
Here at Holy Cross

Bishop's

16th Annual Gala



Renewing Our
Hope in Christ
**ALWAYS OUR
PARISHIONERS**
Caring for the Sick and Elderly

**CHATEAU LOUIS
CONFERENCE CENTRE**
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025
COCKTAILS 6:00 PM | DINNER 7:00 PM

TICKETS \$225
AVAILABLE AT THE UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE
780 424 5496
chancery@edmontoneparchy.com
www.eparchy.com/gala/




St. Nicholas Dinner at Holy Cross Parish

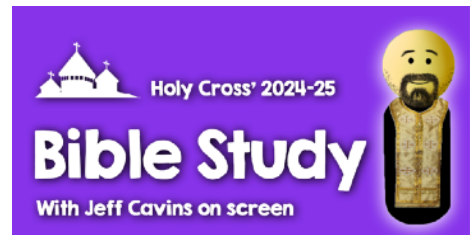


December 7, 2025

after the 10 am Divine Liturgy

Tickets are \$25, and children 12 and under are free.
Tickets available at Holy Cross Parish after Liturgies,
sorry no tickets will be sold at the door.

Children and Families will receive a gift from St. Nicholas.



Holy Cross' 2024-25
Bible Study
With Jeff Cavins on screen

Youth and Choir

1st Monday of each month at 6 pm

Youth Altar Serving

3rd Monday of each month at 6 pm



Alpha

even other Tuesday

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, November 2 at 10 am:** St. Nicholas Parish is celebrating Fr. Slavko Dumec's 25 anniversary of Priestly Ordination.
- **Monday, November 3 at 10 am:** The funeral of the Handmaid of God + Elsie Wasylycia.
- **Monday, November 3 at 6 pm:** Choir and Youth, for young people up to and including Young Adults. We will learn how to participate in the Divine Liturgy more than just sitting in a pew. And we will have fun doing it!
- **Wednesday, November 3 at 7 pm:** Ladies' Club Meeting, for all ladies in the parish.
- **Friday - Saturday, November 7-8:** Called to be Holy: Men's Retreat
- **Friday - Tuesday, November 8-11:** An Iconography Workshop will take place here in our parish in the Studio/ Games Room. In this iconography workshop participants will create a traditional Egg Tempera Icon of St. Michael the Archangel with a 23.5K gold halo. More info about this can be found on theosis.ca
- **Sunday, November 9 at 10:30 am:** St. Stephen Parish in Calgary cordially invites you to celebrate Praznyk and **25 Anniversary to Priesthood of Fr. Janko Herbut**. Celebration will be on Sunday, November 09th with D. Liturgy at 10:30 am followed by Dinner. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults; \$ 15.00 for seniors; \$ 10.00 for kids(13-18); \$5.00 for kids (6-12); \$0.00 for kids (0-5). You can buy them by calling Fr. Janko at 780-951-6126 or Parish office 403-249-4818.
- **Monday, November 10 at 7 pm:** Panachyda for the Knights of Columbus.
- **Monday, November 10 at 7:30 pm:** Knights of Columbus meeting.
- **Saturday, November 15:** The Nativity Fast begins.
- **Saturday November 15 at 10 am:** The deaconal ordination of Julian Savaryn.
- **Wednesday, November 19:** Red Wednesday: <https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/>
- **Sunday, November 30 at 2 pm:** Choir Concert "Christmas Delivery"
- **Monday, December 1, 2025 at 5:30 pm:** Ladies' Club Pre-Christmas Dinner & Meeting. Doors will be open at 5:30 and the Supper is at 6. All parish women are invited to attend. Tickets will be \$10.00 which will all go to charity. Tickets will be sold in annex after liturgy, and you will not be able to get into this without a ticket. (No refunds)
- **Sunday, December 7 after Liturgy:** St. Nicholas St. Nicholas Dinner: Ticket prices for those aged 13+ are \$25.00 and for those under 12 are free. Tickets will be sold in annex after Sunday liturgies.
- **Monday, December 8 at 6 pm:** Parish Pastoral Council Christmas Meal & Meeting: (Chinese food). This is the next PPC meeting.

- **Saturday, February 14:** Anticipated Parish Perogy Supper. Talk to Terry Y if you would like to be involved.
- **Sunday, February 15:** Eparchial "Tables for Two" retreat dinner for married couples. This annual evening meal is served with reflections on holy marriages. It is a romantic and life-giving evening. Tickets will go on sale on December 1st.

Other Announcements

- Holy Cross is holding another **Perogy Supper**, February 14, 2026, Valentine's Day. The last one, both sittings were sold out. We plan to start selling tickets December 1st. "Perogy Supper tickets may suit someone as a perfect Christmas gift."
- **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 Wedding Anniversary?** If so put your anniversary on the sheet on the table next to the parish office or talk to Diana Horyn 780-255-9926. Holy Cross Parish will honour you with a plaque at the end of a Divine Liturgy.
- Bishop David has asked Fr. Bo to start an Iconography School... so I am (I did make a vow of obedience after all). **Theosis School of Iconography** teaches beginners and intermediates how to write (paint) icons with traditional mediums such as egg temptra and real gold, with abundant prayer, and with loads of theological explanations. For more information about this please see the website: theosis.ca
- **Safer Environments: Please keep working on your "Safer Environments" paperwork.** All volunteers in the parish, regardless of how small or big a volunteer you are, are required to give us some information. Those who are "General Risk" volunteers, such as greeters, kitchen helpers, table and chair setter uppers, only need to fill out 2 simple forms. "Higher Risk" volunteers are those who work with children, seniors, the disabled, new immigrants and/or other vulnerable people, as well as those who have keys to the building or handle the parish's funds. These wonderful volunteers need to fill out a few forms and then also do a 45 minute online training, and a police information check. If you are a volunteer and you have not been asked to fill out forms yet, please see Fr. Bo.

News from our Recent Bees

- Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way with Cabbage Roll bee and Pyrogy Bee recently.
- On October 16 the Cabbage Roll Bee made 308 dozen cabbage rolls for OffSales and Harvest Dance
- And on October 28 the Pyrogy Bee created 734 doz (8808 pyrogys) for OffSales

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; Tone 4; The Holy Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus, and Anempodistus. Resurrection Gospel 10. Galatians 2:16-20; Luke 8:5-15. Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee. 11:30 am Fr. Slavko Dumeč's 25th Anniversary of priesthood being celebrated at St. Nicholas Parish in Edmonton	3 The Holy Martyrs Acepimas the Bishop, Joseph the Priest, and Aithalis the Deacon; The Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydda where his precious body is entombed. Colossians 2:13-20; Luke 9:18-22. 10 am Funeral for +Elsie Wasylycia 6 pm Choir & Youth Session 7 pm Ladies' Club meeting	4 Our Venerable Father Joannicius the Great; The Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Holy Hermas, Priest. Colossians 2:20-3:3; Luke 9:23-27. 10 am Onion Chopping Bee 2 pm Chosen (3) 4 pm RCIA & Wedding Prep (E&K) 6 pm Chosen (3) 	5 The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Epistemis. Colossians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:44-50. 9 am Divine Liturgy 7 pm Parish Bylaw Meeting	6 ☩ The Holy Paul, Archbishop of Constantinople, Confessor. Saint with Six Stichera. Colossians 4:2-9; Luke 9:49-56. 10 am Cabbage Roll Bee 5:30 pm Appointment Thursdays are normally Fr. Bo's day off	7  The Thirty-Three Holy Martyrs of Militene; Our Venerable Father and Wonderworker Lazarus, Hermit of Mount Galesius. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Colossians 4:10-18; Luke 10:1-15. Eparchial Men's Retreat 11 am Batismal Prep (P.L.) Afternoon Iconography Workshop Setup 5:30 pm Appointment	8 ☩ Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other bodiless Powers of Heaven. All-Night Vigil Feast. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21. 9 am - 5 pm Iconography Workshop  Eparchial Men's Retreat
9 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Tone 5; The Holy Martyrs Onisiphorus and Porphyry; Our Venerable Mother Matrona; The Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos. Resurrection Gospel 11. Galatians 6:11-18; Luke 16:19-31. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (English) No Sunday School, Yes Coffee. 10:30 am Fr. Janko Herbut's 25th Anniversary of priesthood being celebrated at St. Stephen's Parish in Calgary 11:30 am - 5 pm Iconography Workshop 	10 The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympus, Rodion, and those with them. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Luke 10:22-24. 9 am - 5 pm Iconography Workshop  7 pm Panachyda with the Knights of Columbus 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	11 The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent; The Holy Martyr Stefanida;. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite. 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Luke 11:1-10. Remembrance Day 9 am - 5 pm Iconography Workshop  6 pm ALPHA (3) 	12 ☩ The Holy Hieromartyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk; ☩ The Holy Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Our Venerable Father Nil the Faster; Blessed Hryhorii Lakota, Bishop. All-Night Vigil Feast. Saint with Six Stichera. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Hebrews 4:14-5:10; John 10:9-16. 9 am Divine Liturgy 6 pm Bible Study (Messiah 1) 	13 ✙ Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople. Polyeleos Feast. Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16.	14  ✙ The Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Philip. Polyeleos Feast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:43-51.	15  The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus. The Nativity Fast begins on this day. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Luke 8:16-21. First Day of the Nativity Fast 10 am Deaconal Ordination of Julian Savaryn at St. Josaphat's Cathedral
16 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Tone 6; ✙ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. Resurrection Gospel 1. Ephesians 2:4-10; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 8:26-39; Matthew 9:9-13. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee. 2 pm Fr. Bo serves the St. Michael Extended Care Divine Liturgy.	17  Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea, Wonderworker. Nativity Fast. 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8; Luke 11:29-33.	18  The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman. Nativity Fast. 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 11:34-41. 2 pm Chosen (3) 6 pm Chosen (3) 	19  The Holy Prophet Obadiah; The Holy Martyr Barlaam. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Luke 11:42-46.	20  ✙ Our Venerable Mother Josaphata Hordashevska; The Venerable Father Gregory of Decapolis; Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople; Blessed Hieromartyr Josaphat Kotsylovsky, Bishop of Peremyshl. Polyeleos Feast. Pre-feast of the Entrance into the Temple of the Mother of God. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Nativity Fast. Galatians 3:23-29; Matthew 25:1-13.	21  ☩ The Entrance into the Temple of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary. Feast of the Mother of God. Holy Day of obligation. Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28. 9 am Festal Divine Liturgy	22  The Holy Apostle Philemon and those with him. Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Nativity Fast. 2 Corinthians 11:1-6; Luke 9:1-6. 1 pm Baptism of P. L.

Sunday, November 2, 2025

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 4;
The Holy Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus, and Anempodistus.**

Troparion, Tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

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

Kontakion, Tone 4: My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 4: By your birth, O immaculate one,* Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins,* celebrate as they cry out to you:* “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God* and nourisher of our life.”

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom.

verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. (Psalm 103:24,1)

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia verses, Tone 4

Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 (NRSV)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)