



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, November 9, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 5; The Holy Martyrs Onisiphorus and Porphyry; Our Venerable Mother Matrona; The Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos.

COOKING BEES



This month there are a lot of cooking bees to make various Ukrainian Foods. We are doing this as there are many more sales that can be made if we have some food in the freezers in time for Christmas.

We could really use your help at any or all these upcoming Bees:

9 am Monday (Nov 10)

Nalysnyky Bee

9 am Thursday (Nov 13)

Peroshki Bee

9 am Tuesday (Nov 18)

Perogy Bee

9 am Tuesday (Nov 25)

Cabbage Roll Bee

If you are not sure how to make some of these foods, GREAT! They will be happy to teach you. Many hands makes the work light.

Young Families are very important to us!

Please invite your children, grandchildren, neighbours and everyone to join us here at Holy Cross Parish.

On the last Sunday of every month we have our "Children's Liturgy" with some people's favourite Catechetical Puppet; Marilyn!

And on December 7th, we will have a special Lunch with an extra special visit from St. Nicholas himself!!!!

Get your tickets for this dinner today so we can get everything ready for you.



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.

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

Hall Rentals:

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

Perochy 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
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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.



ARCH.
MICHAEL

Iconography Workshop

Edmonton, AB

Sat, Nov 8 - Tue, Nov 11, 2025



This week we have 4 wonderful participants in our November Iconography workshop here in our parish. We are all writing an icon of Archangel Michael, as yesterday, Nov 8, was the feast of St. Michael and all the heavenly hosts.

Everyone is welcome to come in for a quick hello and look around to see what we are doing. I do however ask that people, *especially children*, not touch any of the painting supplies or the art this week. Some of the pigments are hazardous to your health, and practically all of them are extremely messy, if handled improperly.

Donations Collected at Holy Cross this past week:

November 2	Donations	\$1987.15
	Candles	\$36.00
	Building Fund	\$30.00
	E-Transfers	\$330.00

Remember: The year-end is approaching quickly. If you are interested in contributing to the legacy fund for your tax return, please ensure that donations are made before December 31, 2025. For further information, please contact Dale Kluk.

Holy Cross Parish recently paid \$29,771.89 for the insurance coverage for the Church and Hall. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who supported the bingo events at Kensington over the past year and in previous years. The insurance was paid from the revenue generated by these bingo events.

What is the deacon's long vestment called? Why do deacons wear them? And why does he change it during the Divine Liturgy?

I have found this lovely article which explains things quite well. I hope you enjoy it.

History, Symbolism and Modern Use of Orarion

Posted on December 1, 2021 | by Reader John Malov



Origin

Jesus Christ, girding Himself with a towel, washed the feet of his disciples (John 13: 4-5) and commanded them to do the same (13: 14-15). This was likely the genesis of the Orarion, a distinctive part of diaconal liturgical vestments. A deacon (διάκονος, the common Greek word for servant or minister), girding himself with an orarion, conforms unto Christ in serving others.

The word orarion could come from several linguistic roots. The Greek verb ὁράω means “to see, to behold”. There are also three possible variants in the Latin language. Orarium means “a towel”, orare – “to speak, ask, or pray”; oris – “mouth”. All these options deserve attention. “Ὁράω”, because a deacon must maintain order and reverence in the church; “Orarium”, because the orarion resembles a towel in appearance and could have originated from it; “Orare”, because a deacon uses the orarion for offering prayers; “Oris”, because in ancient times, according to some sources, deacons wiped the communicants’ lips with an orarion, instead of the communion corporal used in the modern Church.

The practical and ritual use of towels has been widespread across several cultures. “Orarium”, in the sense of a towel, used for wiping the face, is known as far back as in classical Latin. In synagogue worship, a special veil was raised above the high

place during the recitation of “amen”. It is, however, rather difficult to accurately trace the origin of the orarion. It was mentioned for the first time as an element of liturgical vestments in the canons of the Laodicean Council of 364, although it is clear from them that it was not a new object in the church.

Christian liturgical vestments did not differ much from everyday clothes, but after Christianity became the state religion of Byzantium, liturgical robes became more solemn, and their decorative design began to resemble the clothes of court officials and the emperor. Sometimes the emperor himself presented insignia to those close to him. In the case with the clergy, such gifts were ribbon-shaped. From this period, the orarion, previously looking like a simple towel, takes on its solemn and close to modern look.

Ancient and Modern Practices

In ancient times, according to various sources, the use of the orarion (or its prototype) was wider. During the divine service, deacons used it to call the congregation to prayer and to wipe the lips of the communicants. Outside of worship, a deacon would tie the ribbon-like girdle around his waist and use it for its primary function, while serving his neighbors.

In modern practice, the applied use of the orarion has become extinct. It is currently used exclusively during divine services for proclaiming litanies and diaconal exclamations, performing the sign of the cross and instructing the priest or bishop on the order of liturgical actions.

The rite of the washing of the feet was preserved in the Church. It is performed, however, not by the deacon, but by the ruling bishop, who girds himself with a long towel in a deacon's manner.



Types of Oraria in Modern Practice

The orarion, having lost its practical use, has turned from a towel into a long colored ribbon, attached to a deacon's sticharion over his left shoulder.

The subdeacon's orarion differs from the usual one only in the way it is worn and, optionally, in its length, increased for the convenience of wearing. Subdeacons wear it crosswise, in the same way as deacons before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Occasionally, there is a practice in which a ruling bishop rewards some meritorious acolytes with a right to wear an orarion in the same way as subdeacons.

However, strictly speaking, even the wearing of the orarion by subdeacons is a controversial issue. "The subdeacon has no right to wear an orarium, nor to leave the doors" says the 22nd rule of the Laodicean Council. The Patriarch of Antioch and a well-known interpreter of the canons, Theodore Balsamon calls the orarion solely a deacons' attribute.

Double oraria are decorated with nine crosses (in contrast to the usual seven), and sometimes embroidered with the words of the angelic song "Holy, holy, holy" (Isa. 6: 3). The once classic ornament in the form of a vine can now be very diverse, whereas the tradition of decorating double oraria with embroideries is gradually migrating to single oraria (especially the awarded ones).

Symbolism

Oraria symbolize the angelic belts described in Rev 15: 6, as well as angelic wings. Deacons symbolically represent cherubim and seraphim during a divine service. Apparently, this is the reason why the words of the angelic hymn are inscribed on double oraria (Isa. 6: 3). The ends of oraria flutter while walking, symbolizing an angelic flight. The fringe, also seen on other liturgical vestments, resembles bird feathers, indicating that these vestments are an image of the heavenly, angelic attire.



The crosses testify that a deacon is a servant of Christ and bears His cross, and their number signifies the seven grace-filled gifts of the Holy Spirit. The

transverse stripes, embroidered at some distance from the two ends of oraria, symbolize the renunciation of the world for the sake of spiritual service.

The two ends of the orarion are symbols of the two Testaments – Old and New. Girdling himself crosswise with the orarion before Communion, a deacon joins its two ends into one, which signifies the unity of the two Testaments in Jesus Christ.

Below: I coloured the three clerical vestments that seems to have evolved from the same original vestment. One is worn only by the bishop, another by the bishop and all priests. And as the article says the third is worn by deacons.

They all end in "ion" because... they are Greek words, and Greek names often do that.

The Bishop's Omophorion

Similar to the deacon's Orarion is worn around the shoulders, symbolizing a sheep that a shepherd would carry away from danger.

The Priest's Epitrachelion

Similar to the deacon's Orarion is worn around the neck and is sewn together. It is like the beard of the Old Testament Aaron which when he was anointed flowed with oil. This reminds the priest that it is God's graces that flow through his priesthood onto his parishioners.

The Deacon's Orarion

Described pretty well in this article, here we see a deacon with the orarion over his left shoulder.





THE CHOSEN

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



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.



A big thank you to Pat Waye for crocheting toques and scarves for Coats for Kids. This is Pat's 4th year doing this.

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/




Youth and Choir

1st Monday of
each month at 6
pm

Youth Altar Serving

3rd Monday of
each month at 6
pm

Children's Liturgy

Last Sunday of
each month at 10
am

Fr. Bo is cooking up
another possible Youth
Collaboration in which
we could possibly have
other youth from other
parish(es) join us in fun
and learning.



Holy Cross' 2024-25

Bible Study

With Jeff Cavins on screen



Alpha

even other Tuesday

Upcoming Events:

- **Till Tuesday, November 8-II:** An Iconography Workshop is taking place here in our parish in the Studio/Games Room.
- **Sunday, November 9 at 10:30 am:** 25 Anniversary to Priesthood of Fr. Janko Herbut is being celebrated in St. Stephen's Parish in Calgary. This is where many of our parishioners have gone, as he was our pastor for 15 years before Fr. Bo came.
- **Monday, November 10 at 9 am:** Nalysnyky Bee. Come and help out. It's social, it can be fun, and it helps raise funds for our parish.
- **Monday, November 10 at 7 pm:** Panachyda for the Knights of Columbus.
- **Monday, November 10 at 7:30 pm:** Knights of Columbus meeting.
- **Thursday, November 13 at 9 am:** Perishky Bee. Come and help out. It's social, it can be fun, and it helps raise funds for our parish.
- **Saturday, November 15:** The Nativity Fast begins.
- **Saturday November 15 at 10 am:** The diaconal ordination of Julian Savaryn at the Cathedral.
- **Monday, November 17 at 10 am:** Men's Club cooks and delivers Veterans' Meals.
- **Monday, November 17 at 1 pm:** Men's Club meeting (right after the Veterans' Meals).
- **Tuesday, November 18 at 9 am:** Perogy Bee. Come and help out. It's social, it is definitely fun, and it helps raise funds for our parish.
- **Wednesday, November 19:** Red Wednesday: <https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/>
- **Tuesday, November 25 at 9 am:** Cabbage Roll Bee. Come and help out. It's social, it is fun, and it helps raise funds for our parish.
- **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)
- **Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 2 pm:** Presentation about Elder Abuse, here at Holy Cross. All are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbours.
- **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.
- **Saturday, February 21:** Eparchial Marriage Prep Course Part 1
- **Saturday, March 21:** Eparchial Marriage Prep Course Part 2

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 tempura 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 Off Sales and Harvest Dance
- And on October 28 the Pyrogy Bee created 734 doz (8808 pyrogys) for Off Sales

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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) Yes 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 Nalysnyky Bee  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  Parish Bingo Fundraiser 9 am - 5 pm Iconography Workshop 6 pm ALPHA (3) 	12 2 The Holy Hieromartyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk; 2 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 2 Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople. Polyeleos Feast. Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16. 9 am Peroshki Bee  5:30 pm Appointment Thursdays are normally Fr. Bo's day off	14  2 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. 2:30 pm Appointment 5:30 pm Appointment	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; 2 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. 10 am Men's Club's Veteran's Lunch 12 pm Theosis Studios 1 pm Men's Club Meeting	18  The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman. Nativity Fast. 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 11:34-41. 9 am Perogy Bee  2 pm Chosen (4) 4 pm Baptismal & Marriage Prep (E&K) 6 pm Chosen (4) 	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. 9 am Divine Liturgy	20  2 Our Venerable Mother Josaphata Hordashevskia; The Venerable Father Gregory of Decapolis; Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople; Blessed Hieromartyr Josaphat Kotsylovsky, Bishop of Peremyshl. Polyeleos Feast. Pre-feast Nativity Fast. Galatians 3:23-29; Matthew 25:1-13. 5:30 pm Appointment Thursdays are normally Fr. Bo's day off	21  2 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. 12:30 pm Holodomor Commemoration at City Hall  1 pm Baptism (P. L.)
23 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Tone 7; Our Holy Fathers Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium, and Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum. Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Nativity Fast. Resurrection Gospel 2. Ephesians 2:14-22; Luke 8:41-56. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (English) Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee.	24  2 The Holy Great-Martyr Catherine; The Holy Great-Martyr Mercurius. Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Nativity Fast. Saint with Six Stichera. 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Luke 12:13-15, 22-31. 12 pm Theosis Studios	25  Our Holy Fathers and Hieromartyrs Clement, Pope of Rome, and Peter, Bishop of Alexandria. Leave-taking of the Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Nativity Fast. 2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2; Luke 12:42-48. 9 am Cabbage Roll Bee  6 pm ALPHA (4) 	26  Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite; The Blessing of the Church of the Holy Great-Martyr George in Kiev. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Luke 12:48-59. 9 am Divine Liturgy Parish Bingo Fundraiser 6 pm Bible Study (Messiah 1) 	27  The Holy Martyr James of Persia; Our Venerable Father Palladius. Nativity Fast. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5; Luke 13:1-9. 5:30 pm Appointment Thursdays are normally Fr. Bo's day off	28  2 The Venerable-Martyr Stephen the New; The Holy Martyr Irenarchus. Nativity Fast. Saint with Six Stichera. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18; Luke 13:31-35. 5:30 pm Appointment	29  The Holy Martyr Paramon; The Holy Martyr Philomenus; Venerable Acacius of whom testimony is found in "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." Nativity Fast. Galatians 1:3-10; Luke 9:37-43.

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 5; The Holy Martyrs Onisiphorus and Porphyry; Our Venerable Mother Matrona; The Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos.

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

Kontakion, Tone 5: You, my Saviour, descended to Hades,* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.* And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 5: Rejoice, O impassable door of the Lord!* Rejoice, O rampart and protection of those who have recourse to you!* Rejoice, O tranquil haven and Virgin,* who gave birth in the flesh to your Maker and God!* Fail not to intercede for those* who sing and worship the Child you bore.

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us* from this generation and for ever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 (NRSV)

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians.

Brothers and Sisters, see what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Alleluia verses, Tone 5

Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 (NRSV)

The Lord told this parable: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

After Liturgy we will pray a Panachyda for all those who have died in the wars, and all those who have defended the defenceless. May God grant them all Eternal Memory

