



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 23, 2025

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.



Thank you to all the members who participated in this worthy event.

After serving our veteran neighbours the Men's Club had a productive meeting where they discussed the many good works that they have already done, and plan to do (and they also ate some lovely leftovers).

On Monday Nov. 17th, the Men's Club once again honours the veterans in our community by providing them a delicious lunch.



Welcome Peter James Lapatka to the Family of Christ!

Yesterday (Saturday) Peter was Baptized, Chrismated and received Holy Eucharist.

May God bless you and your family with every good thing. Mnohaya Lita.

For your information: Pope Leo XIV appointed the Most Reverend Stephen Hero, currently Bishop of Prince Albert (SK), as Metropolitan Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

We rejoice with Archbishop Stephen and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Mnohaya Lita!



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
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 Wayer
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.

**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@ehcucp.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.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine and through the whole world.

Important: 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 during or before the Liturgy on Sunday, December 28, 2025. For further information, please contact Dale Kluk.

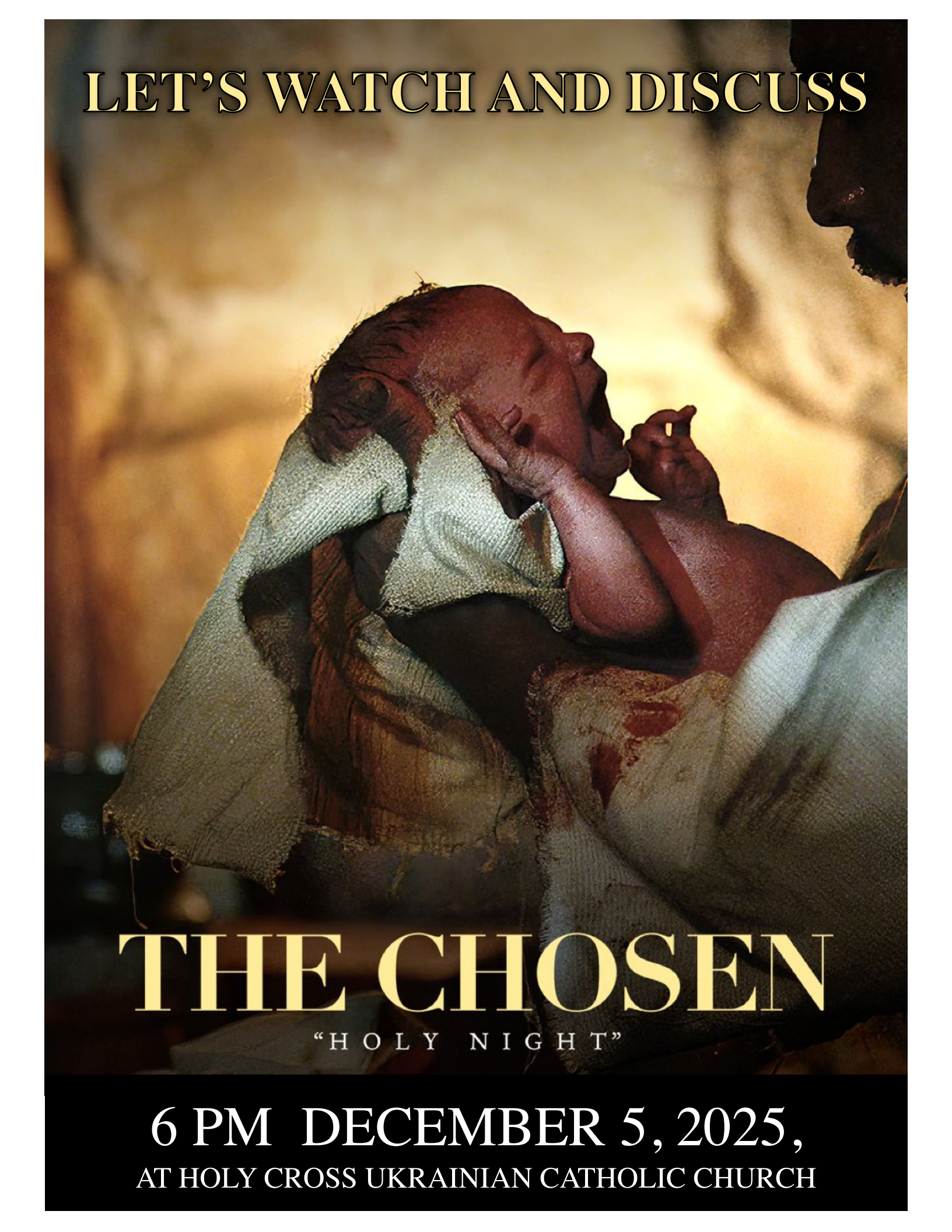
(Technically we could accept them till December 13, but we don't plan to process any donations after that Sunday in 2025... so make your donations on or before the 28th... however if you donate a million dollars or more we might make an exception just for you.)

Donations Collected at Holy Cross this past week:

November 16	Donations	\$2325.00
	Candles	\$35.55
	E-Transfers	\$130.00
	Building Fund	\$30.00

Donations Collected at Holy Cross this past October:

Income:	\$33,566.78
Expenses:	\$28,408.17
Net Profit:	\$5,158.61

A religious sculpture depicting the infant Jesus being held by a woman, likely Mary. The infant is wrapped in a white cloth and has a red cloth covering its eyes. The woman's face is visible in the background, looking down at the child. The background is a warm, golden glow.

LET'S WATCH AND DISCUSS

THE CHOSEN

"HOLY NIGHT"

6 PM DECEMBER 5, 2025,
AT HOLY CROSS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join Our Team: Family Advisor Position at Rosehill Cemetery

Rosehill Cemetery, situated in southwest Edmonton and operated by the Eparchy of Edmonton, is currently inviting applications for the position of Family Advisor.

As a Family Advisor, you will play a vital role in offering compassionate support to families during difficult times. Your responsibilities will include guiding families through burial and cremation options, as well as providing information on monuments, burial vaults, urns, and other forms of memorialization. The position also involves accurate computer data entry to support cemetery record-keeping.

This is a full-time opportunity, available starting December 1, 2025. The standard work schedule is Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (7.5 hours per day), with occasional Saturdays as required.

We are seeking applicants who have excellent customer care and communication skills, demonstrate empathy and independence, and can work well without direct supervision. Experience in cemetery or funeral services is not required—training will be provided.

We offer:

- Competitive salary
- On-site training and onboarding
- A comprehensive benefits package, including pension, health, dental, and vision coverage
- Healthy work/life balance

To apply, please send your cover letter and resume, or any inquiries, to:

Eparchy of Edmonton

Attn: Marc Turgeon – Director of Cemeteries

mturgeon@edmontoneparchy.com

We look forward to welcoming a compassionate and dedicated Family Advisor to our team.

Historic Partnership: Newman Theological College and the Eparchy Bring Eastern Christian Programs to Edmonton

On August 13, 2025, the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton reached a major milestone in theological education, signing a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Newman Theological College. This agreement marks the beginning of a new era, one in which Eastern Christian academic programs are officially available for clergy and laity in Western Canada.

Bishop David Motiuk and Newman College President Dr. Darren Dahl formalized the years-long flourishing partnership between the College and our Eparchy, building on decades of shared commitment to forming priests, deacons, and lay leaders. Bishop David highlighted, “Today’s latest chapter in our collaboration speaks to the willingness of our two Institutes to prepare strong leaders, evangelizing and proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel for today.”

A major value for the Eparchy is that, for the first time, the rich tradition of Eastern Christian Theology, rooted in the Byzantine Rite, is reflected in Newman’s academic offerings. This expanded programming is further supported by key faculty appointments: Dr. Melanie Turgeon, renowned scholar and musician, joins as Full Professor of Sacred Music, and Deacon Dr. Cyril Kennedy, a rising expert in Eastern Christian Theology, is now Assistant Professor. Their combined scholarship and

dedication to tradition bring new depth and authenticity to the College’s mission.

Exciting new courses and concentrations are launching, including a Master’s in Theological Studies with a focus on Eastern Christian Theology, available both online and in-person. The official launch will begin on March 26, 2026, with a public lecture from Professor Yuri P. Avvakumov, and conclude in October 2026 with a Divine Liturgy in Edmonton, chanted by the Kappella Kyrie Slavic Chamber Choir under Dr. Turgeon’s direction.



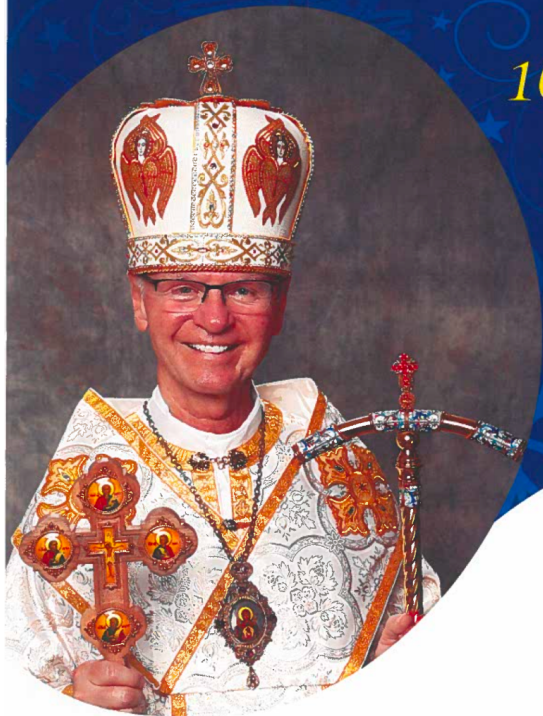
This partnership, powered by the Eparchy’s Evangelization Fund and a legacy gift from Drs. Peter and Doris Kule to the Foundation of St. Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College, which strengthens theological and pastoral formation for the entire Church and community.

Together, Newman Theological College and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton are ensuring that the richness of the Byzantine tradition, Eastern Christian Theology, and sacred music are available to future generations, right here in Edmonton.

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/



The 16th Annual Bishop's Gala is fast approaching, bringing together the faithful of the Eparchy of Edmonton for an evening of prayer, community, and support for our Church's mission. Set for December 4, 2025, at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre, this much-anticipated event offers every parishioner an opportunity to participate and make a lasting difference.

How You Can Help

We warmly invite you to join us by purchasing Gala tickets or donating to our fundraising auction. The Bishop's Gala is an important fundraiser which supports the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton and its ministries. Money raised at this year's Gala will support the Eparchy's new initiative, **Always Our Parishioners: Renewing Our Hope in Christ, Caring for the Sick and Dying**.

Examples of auction donations include:

- Artwork/paintings/drawings/pottery/home décor items/crystal/etc.
- Sports memorabilia/tickets/photos/equipment/etc.
- Holy icons/paintings/decorative crosses
- Ukrainian folk-art items/embroidery/Easter eggs/wood carvings/etc.
- Jewellery/fashion accessories/handbags/scarves/gloves/etc.

- Christmas items/Christmas decorations/gift baskets/gift certificates/gift cards
- Electronics/tools/small appliances
- Children's toys/gifts/video games
- Professional services/memberships

Please note, auction items should be:

- valued at \$75.00 or more
- delivered to the Pastoral Centre (9645 – 108 Avenue) no later than Thursday, November 27
- be accompanied by a purchase receipt or equivalent proof of value to receive a gift-in-kind tax receipt

Your generosity will be acknowledged and celebrated at the Gala.

Ready to Reserve Your Place?

Tickets are still available. To purchase yours, or for more information on supporting the Gala, please contact the Pastoral Centre at 780-424-5496 or chancery@edmontoneparchy.com.

Let's come together—through prayer, giving, and fellowship—to uplift our Church and build a stronger community!

For tickets, donations, or auction items, visit eeparchy.com/donate or the Eparchial Pastoral Centre.

From War-Torn Ukraine to Working in Canada:



This year, the T.R. (Terry) Mahon Foundation is offering an extraordinary opportunity to amplify your impact.

The foundation will match dollar for dollar:

- All new monthly donations
- Any increases from current monthly donors

This is your chance to double the difference you make! Every dollar you give will become two dollars working to support programs that don't just help people find jobs—they help them reclaim their dignity, rebuild futures, and strengthen our communities.

With a cumulative matching maximum of \$40,000, early supporters have the greatest opportunity to maximize their impact.

The Edmonton Eparchy is proud to partner with and support the work of Catholic Social Services Alberta and the Sign of Hope Campaign.

Your donations would be much appreciated.

An enormous thank you to the volunteers who helped set up the screens in the Church this past week.

The project is mostly done and works, but there will still be a few adjustments and cable clean-up in the days to come.

This project was approved by a majority vote at a general meeting in the parish early in 2025.

O GLADSOME LIGHT

The Newman Theological College Student Association brings you an evening on the richness of Eastern Catholic Monasticism in the Modern World, celebrating the Immaculate Conception by Anna of the Theotokos

Details:

7:00pm (MST) - Zoom Watch Party of "Gladstone Light" Documentary

8:15pm - Presentation followed by Q & A by Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw



DECEMBER 3, 2025

VIA ZOOM

7:00pm - 8:45pm (MST)



COOKING BEE



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:

9 am Tuesday 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.

COOKING BEE



PLEASE RSVP

linden.predy@newman.edu



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*Holy Cross Parish
Invites You to*



Malanka

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Location 9003 - 153 Avenue, Edmonton

Cocktails at 5:00 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Music by The Sparkling Tones

For Tickets Call Rose Marie (780-217-8217)

Adults \$80.00

Youth \$45.00 (13 and under)

Entertainment and Door Prizes



TRANSFORMATION

ENCOUNTER
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
EDMONTON CAMPUS

"When we encounter the glory of the Lord
we are 'transformed into his likeness
from glory to glory.' (2 COR 3)

NOV 22

**"CLOTHED WITH POWER
FROM ON HIGH"**
WITH BISHOP SCOTT MCCAIG



Bishop McCaig, was born in Duncan and grew up in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada. He entered into full communion with the Catholic Church in 1987, and after serving with NET Catholic Youth Ministries USA joined the Companions of the Cross in 1989 in Ottawa. He served two terms as General Superior of the Society from 2006 to 2016. In 2016 he was appointed by Pope Francis to be the Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Canada, which serves the varied spiritual and pastoral needs of military members and their families. Bishop Scott serves on the Board of Renewal Ministries Canada and has participated in missionary outreach to over 15 countries in Africa, Eastern Europe, and Southeast Asia. He is the author of 'Clothed with Power from On High: A Short Catechesis on Charisms in the Life and Mission of the Church.'

Free & open to the public.

encounterschool.org/edmonton

NIGHT

PART 1
Seeking God's
Glory in Worship
(8:30 pm)



PART 2
Renewal of the
Mind Teaching
(7:00 pm)



PART 3
Prayer
Ministry
(8:30 pm)



Holy Trinity Catholic Church
200 Boundary Road Spruce Grove,
Alberta T7X 3A5 Canada



Annual Membership Renewal/Drive

Every Sunday after the Liturgy

November 2, 2025, through January 11, 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.

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

All proceeds will go to the Jessica Martel Foundation which is a safe place for children and adults who are escaping from abuse.

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 women 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.



Attention Men of Holy Cross

Did Someone say "Christmas Party!"



DECEMBER 15TH **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Brought to you by the K.C.'s & the Holy Cross Men's Club

The Bishop Neil Savaryn Knights of Columbus Council and the Holy Cross Men's Club invite all men of Holy Cross Parish to join us in "Fun, Fellowship and Celebration" at our KC/HC Christmas Celebration. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer by the office or

Contact:

Terry Yackimec: Email: tc_yackimec@me.com
Phone: 780-456-2828

Darrell Uchach: Email: dwuchach@gmail.com
Phone: 780-485-7494

December 15th
@
Holy Cross Parish

Cocktails - 6:00 pm
Dinner - 6:30 pm
Tickets - \$20.00
\$6.00 - Bar Beverage

Menu

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Studenetz
Sour-leaf cabbage rolls
Mixed vegetables
Corn meal
Ceasar Salad
Cucumber/onion/tomato salad
Buns/Butter

Dessert

Blueberry Cheesecake
Tiramisu/coffee/ cherry brandy
Hot peach crumble w/ ice cream

Play
Shuffle Board
Cards
and Fellowship

50/50 Draw

Regular Events

- **Every Sunday at 9:30 am:** the Rosary
- **Every Sunday at 10 am:** Divine Liturgy, alternating English one week, and Bilingual English and Ukrainian the next week.
- **Every Sunday after the Gospel Reading:** Sunday School, for children up to grades 2.
- **Every Sunday* at 11:15 (+/-) am:** Coffee Hour
(* unless otherwise stated in this bulletin, and during the summer months)
- **Last Sunday of each month at 10 am:** Children's Liturgy, on this last Sunday of the month we try to make the Divine Liturgy more welcoming for our children and youth. They get a special homily with Marilyn the Catechetical Puppet and children also are encouraged to participate in the service by singing, serving at the altar, reading the epistle, helping with the collection and/or other ways.
- **First Monday of Every Month at 6 pm:** Choir with Youth Meeting and Practice
- **Third Monday of Most Months at 6 pm:** Youth Altar Serving. See bulletin announcements
- **Almost Every Monday Evening:** Some sort of Parish Meeting, including but not limited to: Ladies' Club (typically the 1st Monday at 7), Knights of Columbus (typically the 2nd Monday at 7:30), Men's Club (typically the 3rd Monday at 7), and Parish Pastoral Council (typically the last Monday at 7). Check this Bulletin below to confirm the date of the next meeting for your group(s)
- **Many Mondays & Tuesdays & Wednesdays:** Fr. Bo comes to the Church and tries to paint icons or do office work in the morning or afternoon... however you should always phone or text if you would like to come and see him, incase he has other plans.
- **Every Other Tuesday at both 2 and 6 pm:** "The Chosen": Watch and Discuss. Come during the day, or come in the evening.
- **Every Other-Other Tuesday at 6 pm:** The Alpha Program
- **Every Wednesday at 9 am:** Divine Liturgy, (unless otherwise stated in this bulletin, and not during the Great Fast)
- **Most Wednesdays:** Fr. Bo tries to start the bulletin, so if you wish to put something into that week's bulletin, please try to have it in by this day. (Yes, most of the time he is still working on it on Saturday... but he wants to get it done mid week.)
- **Every Second Wednesday* at 6 pm:** Bible Study, Everyone Welcome (* unless otherwise stated in this bulletin, and September through June)

- **Every Thursday:** is Fr. Bo's Day off... at least in theory. Please call him if you really need to, but don't if you don't.
- **Winter - First Solemn Communion Program Begins.** More details to come.

Special Upcoming Events:

- **Today after the Liturgy:** Panachyda for the victims of Holodomor
- **Monday, November 24 at 1 pm:** Panachyda for the victims of Holodomor at St. Matthew's School.
- **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.
- **Tuesday, November 25 at 6 pm:** ALPHA Program.
- **Wednesday, November 26 at 10:30 am I think:** Parish Bingo Fundraiser. Thank you to all volunteers for helping with this. God bless you all.
- **Wednesday, November 26 at 6 pm:** Bible Study. Everyone always welcome.
- **Saturday, November 29th:** the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Christmas Social Ball. If you are a 4th degree member see your email.
- **Sunday, November 30 at 10 am:** Children's Liturgy with Marilyn the Catechetical Puppet.
- **Sunday, November 30 at 2 pm:** Charity Choir Concert "Christmas Delivery". Everyone is most welcome. Tickets are available through Joyce Kozak. Suggested ticket price is \$10, but more is welcome as all proceeds will go to the Jessica Martel Foundation. Can't afford \$10... come anyway.
- **Monday, December 1, at 10 am:** The Men's Club will be setting up the Nativity Scene in the Church. Thank you to all who come and help.
- **Monday, December 1, 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.
- **Tuesday, December 2, at both 2 and 6 pm:** "The Chosen" Watch and Discuss Session. Come during daylight or come in the evening. Free for everyone! AND we will make the decision whether or not to have another session on Dec. 16th.
- **Wednesday, December 3, at 3 pm:** Presentation about Elder Abuse, put together by Catholic Social Services here at Holy Cross. All are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbours.
- **Wednesday, December 3 at 7 pm:** Newman Theological College Student Association brings you an online event celebrating the richness of Eastern Catholic Monasticism in the Modern World. Details: 7pm - Zoom

- Watch Party of **“Gladstone Light”** Documentary, 8:15pm - Presentation followed by Q & A by Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw. All are welcome! Please RSVP at the following Google form to be sent the ZOOM invite for the event: <https://forms.gle/R2MChmUiciSpN4y8>. Please note the event will be only held in English. For more information, please contact Linden Predy, Grad Rep at linden.predy@newman.edu.
- **Thursday, December 6 at 6 pm: Bishop’s Annual Gala.** This huge fundraiser is described in the poster.
 - **Friday, December 5 at 7 pm: “The Chosen - Christmas Special” Watch and Talk** special event. Everyone is most welcome to this special Nativity Event. It’s Free! Free Special Popcorn too. And it’s all special including you!
 - **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 - Friday, December 8-12 all day:** Fr. Bo leads a **Icon Painting/Writing Retreat** for the first year students at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Seminary in Edmonton.
 - **Monday, December 8 at 6 pm: Parish Pastoral Council Christmas Meal & Meeting:** (Chinese food). This is the next PPC meeting.
 - **Tuesday, December 9 at 6 pm: ALPHA Program.** This is the last one of 2025. AND... Fr. Bo will be coming late due to the icon retreat... so he will need help setting up.
 - **Wednesday, December 10 at 6-ish... maybe: Bible Study.** Last one of 2025 but Fr. Bo will be late due to the icon retreat... so when should we actually start??? Let’s talk this Wednesday at this week’s Bible Study.
 - **Monday, December 15 at 6 pm: Men’s Christmas Celebration.** Open to all men in the parish. Put together by both the Knights of Columbus and the Men’s Club. Tickets are \$20 and can be gotten through Darrell U or Terry Y. See poster for more details and even the menu.
 - **Wednesday, December 17 after the 9 am Liturgy:** Panachyda for the servant of God + Lesley Sumka on the anniversary of his passing.
 - **Thursday, December 18 at 10:30 am: Parish Bingo Fundraiser.** Thank you to all volunteers for helping with this. God bless you all.
 - **Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24 at 9 pm: The Eve of the Nativity of Christ Bilingual Complines and Divine Liturgy.** No 9 AM service, due to the evening service.
 - **Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25 at 10 am: Festal Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ.**
 - **Sunday, December 28 during the 10 am Liturgy:** This is the **last chance to make a donation to the parish and get a 2025 tax receipt.**
 - **Tuesday, December 30 at 10:30 am - St. Nicholas’ Clergy Liturgy and Gathering.** The clergy (deacons, priests and bishop) will meet to pray and have fellowship during the Christmas season.
 - **Wednesday - Thursday, December 31 & January 1: Will we have a service?... IDK yet.** Last year very few people attended, and Fr. Bo is thinking of seeing family.
 - **Theophany Eve, Monday, January 5 at 6 pm:** Festal Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water.
 - **Theophany Day, Tuesday, January 6: No service as the main service is the evening before.** Please also note that no Ukrainian Churches are celebrating Christmas on the “Old” Julian Calendar anymore.
 - **Tuesday, January 6 at 6 pm-ish: Fr. Bo begins to teach the “Way of Beauty: Sacred Fine Arts 2”** at Newman Theological College. This continues every Tuesday evening during the Winter semester.
 - **Thursday, January 8 at 10:30 am: Another Parish Bingo.**
 - **Thursday & Friday, January 8 & 9... and many other previous days: Malanka Prep.**
 - **Saturday, January 10: Our Parish Malanka!** See poster for more details.
 - **Tuesday, January 13 at 6 pm: ALPHA Program resumes.**
 - **Tuesday, January 20 at 2 and 6 pm: Chosen Program resumes.**
 - **January 23: The Roman Catholic Archbishop-Designate’s (Bishop Stephen A Hero) installation** in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Basilica. (yes, I know I wrote “RC” three times. It’s because I don’t want any confusion... Bishop David remains our Ukrainian Catholic Bishop.)
 - **Tuesday, January 27: Deacon John’s anniversary of Ordination**
 - **Saturday, January 31: ALPHA Saturday Retreat.**
 - **Saturday, February 14: 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 Dec. 1st.
 - **Saturday, February 21: Eparchial Marriage Prep Part 1**
 - **Saturday, March 21: Eparchial Marriage Prep Part 2**

GET YOUR TICKETS!

- **Charity Choir Concert “Christmas Delivery”**
- **Bishop’s Gala** (available from Chancery only)
- **St. Nicholas Dinner**
- **Ladies’ Christmas Event**
- **Men’s Christmas Event**
- **Malanka**
- **Perogy Supper**
- **and soon... Tables for Two**

Other Announcements

- There will be a **50/50 draw at the St. Nicholas Dinner** put together by the Knights, so bring a whole pile of cash to support this and other fabulous initiatives in our parish.
- At the last Perogy Supper, both sittings were sold out, so get them early. **Perogy Supper tickets may suit someone as a perfect Christmas gift.**
- 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 help with the bingo events at Kensington over the past years.** The insurance was paid from the revenue generated by these bingo events.
- **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 tempera 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.

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.

Bishop Neil Savaryn Council

“Knights of Columbus - Christmas Hamper Draw”

Draw: Dec. 7th, 2025, Holy Cross St. Nicholas Party

Hamper #1:

- 1 Turkey (10 kg / 20lb- Butter Ball Turkey)
- 4 doz. H.C. Perogies (Donated by Frozen Food Committee)
- 4 doz. H.C. Cabbage Rolls (Donated by Frozen Food Committee)
- 4 doz. H.C. Pedishke (Donated by Frozen Food Committee)
- 1 Bottle Vodka
- 1 Bottle Rye Liqueur
- 1 Bottle of Red Wine (Donated by Holy Cross Men’s Club)
- 1 Bottle of White Wine (Donated by Holy Cross Men’s Club)
- \$50 Gift Certificate (Donated by Widynowski’s Sausage House)
- 5 lb. bag of Potatoes
- Assortment of Christmas Chocolates, Candies & Nuts

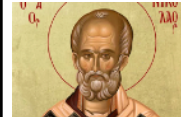
Hamper #2:

- 1 Olympia Craft Ham (6 kg)
- 4 doz H.C. Perogies (Donated by Frozen Food Committee)
- 4 doz. H.C. Cabbage Rolls (Donated by Frozen Sale Committee)
- 4 doz. H.C. Pedishke (Donated by Frozen Food Committee)
- 1 Bottle Vodka
- 1 Bottle Rum
- 1 Bottle of Red Wine (Donated by Holy Cross Men’s Club)
- 1 Bottle of White Wine (Donated by Holy Cross Men’s Club)
- \$50 Gift Certificate (Donated by Widynowski’s Sausage House)
- 5 lb. bag of Potatoes
- Assorted Christmas Chocolates, Candies & Nuts

Tickets: 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00, 10 for \$20.00

Draw: December 1st @ Holy Cross St. Nicholas Dinner
Proceeds go to Community Programs “Coats for Kids Campaign”

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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) followed by a Panachyda for the victims of Holodomor Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee.	24 🐟 ☩ 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. 1 pm Holodomor commemoration at St. Matthew's 2:30 pm Appointment All day: Icon board making for 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 1:1-10; Luke 12:42-48. 9 am Cabbage Roll Bee  4 pm Marriage and Baptismal Prep (E&K) 6 pm ALPHA 	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 half day: Icon board making for Theosis Studios 6 pm Bible Study 	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... but Likely needed: half day Icon board making for Theosis Studios Please try to have any bulletin announcements in by this day via email or text.	28 🐟 ☩ 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. If needed: half day Icon board making for Theosis Studios 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.
30 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Tone 8; ☩ The Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Andrew the First-Called. Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. Resurrection Gospel 3. Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 10:25-37; John 1:35-51. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am "Children's" Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) No Sunday School due to Children's Liturgy, Yes Coffee. 2 pm "Christmas Delivery" Choir Concert 	1 🐟 The Holy Prophet Nahum. Nativity Fast. 1 Timothy 1:1-7; Luke 14:12-15. 8:45 am Appointment 10 am Nativity Display in Church set up 12 pm Theosis Studios 5:30 pm Ladies' Club Christmas Meeting and Meal 	2 🐟 The Holy Prophet Habakkuk; Blessed Hieromartyr Ivan Sleziuk, Bishop. Nativity Fast. 1 Timothy 1:8-14; Luke 14:25-35. 2 pm Chosen 6 pm Chosen 	3 🐟 The Holy Prophet Zephaniah. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15; Luke 15:1-10. 9 am Divine Liturgy 3 pm Presentation on Elder Abuse  5 pm Double Baptismal Prep (E&A) 7 pm Online Presentation on Eastern Monasticism	4 🐟 ☩ The Great-Martyr Barbara; Our Venerable Father John of Damascus. Nativity Fast. Saint with Six Stichera. 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:1-9. 6 pm Bishop's Gala  Cancelled: 5:30-6 pm Appointment Please try to have any bulletin announcements in by this day via email or text.	5 🐟 ☩ Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified. Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. Galatians 5:22-6:2; Matthew 11:27-30. 6 pm Christmas Chosen Special  final "The Chosen" Watch & Discuss event for 2025 (resumes in 2026) Cancelled: 5:30-6 pm Appointment	6 🐟 ☩ Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. All-Night Vigil Feast. Nativity Fast. Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23. 
7 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Tone 1; Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. Nativity Fast. Resurrection Gospel 4. Ephesians 5:9-19; Luke 12:16-21. 9:30 am Rosary 10 am Divine Liturgy (English) Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee. St Nicholas Dinner to follow Liturgy 	8 🐟 Our Venerable Father Papatius. Nativity Fast. 1 Timothy 5:1-10; Luke 17:20-25. 8:30 - 5:30 Fr. Bo leads Icon Retreat/ Workshop for St. Joseph's RC Seminary 6 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting and Christmas Event	9 🐟 ☩ The Conception of Saint Anna when she conceived the Most Holy Mother of God. Nativity Fast. Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21. 8:30 - 5:30 Icon Workshop for SJS continues 6 pm ALPHA (Fr. Bo will need help for setup as he will be late) 	10 🐟 The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Euphrasius. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Timothy 5:22-6:11; Luke 18:15-17, 26-30. 8:30 - 5:30 Icon Workshop for SJS continues 6...ish pm Bible Study (stay tuned for exact time of our last 2025 Bible Study) 	11 🐟 Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite. Nativity Fast. 1 Timothy 6:17-21; Luke 18:31-34. 8:30 - 8:15 Icon Workshop for SJS continues with late session Cancelled: 5:30-6 pm Appointment Please try to have any bulletin announcements in by this day via email or text.	12 🐟 ☩ Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus. Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18; Luke 19:12-28. 8:30 - 2 Icon Workshop for SJS continues Cancelled: 5:30-6 pm Appointment	13 🐟 ☩ The Holy Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius, and Orestes. The Holy Martyr Lucia, Virgin. Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 21:12-19.