Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Українська Католицька Парафія Воздвиження Чесного Хреста

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton
Come Follow Me

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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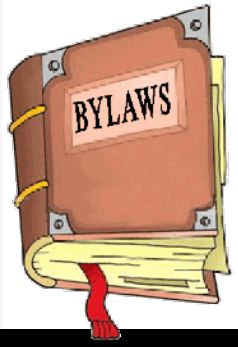
More info on the next page.

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross; Tone 6; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophilactus, Bishop of Nicomedia. Day 21 of the Great Fast.



Today after the Divine Liturgy we are having a short Special General Meeting to approve our new Parish Bylaws (and only this topic - no others).

All registered members of the parish 18 years old or older are asked to please come for this SHORT meeting and give their approval/vote.

Next week's Pysanka Writing Workshop is at 1:30 pm. Sign up in the Anex!

Traditional Easter Eggs are a lovely way of preparing for the Resurrection of Christ. Dripped eggs remind us of the tears of Mary. Eggs died simply red remind us of Mary Magdalene's spreading of the Good News. Images of new life such as plants and animals and even the egg itself allude to the new life that Christ gives us as He conquers death for our salvation. May everyone's art give glory to God!

During Great Lent, we conduct our annual collection for "Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada."
Find out more about this on page 2.

The first Monday of each month at 6 pm we have a choir practice and meeting in the Boardroom.... but this time it's tomorrow, the second Monday of March and we shall start at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome, especially Young People.

We hope to see you tomorrow.

On Friday March 20 at 7 pm the Teens and Young Adults of St. Nicholas Melkite Catholic Church invite all of the Teens and Young Adults from our parish to join them in a "No Topic Is Off Limits Questions and Answers Session" with Fr. Bo. This event will take place at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church's building.

This is a great opportunity to build community with other Teens and Young Adults. Please do join us.

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 Cynthia: 587-879-4069

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 Borosuik & 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.

During Great Lent, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its annual collection for "Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada."

The purpose of this collection is to support the needs of the Church in Canada. Three charitable institutions are the recipients of the collection: the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, Catholic Missions in Canada, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta responds to the call of Christ to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28: 19-20). The Eparchy of Edmonton supports local priests in their travel, health care, pension, and clergy substitution, thus ensuring that they can respond to the pastoral needs of the faithful, especially the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and funerals in rural Alberta. Visit www.edmontoneparchy.com to see how the Church is working for you.

Catholic Missions in Canada supports over 600 missionaries – priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and lay ministers – throughout 27 eparchies and dioceses right here in Canada, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Catholic Missions supports the local churches in our call to proclaim the Gospel among First Nations communities, missionary support, religious education programs, building and repairs, lay pastoral leadership programs, and the education of seminarians. To learn more about the work of Catholic Missions in Canada, visit (www.cmic.info) and sign up for a free subscription to its quarterly magazine by calling toll-free 1-866-937-2642.

Each year, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is asked to speak out, give leadership, and provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics in our daily lives. For our bishops to do so, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Research and gathering information require staff, time and money. Through the yearly bishops' collection, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous towards the work of their bishops. To learn more about the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, visit www.cccb.ca.

Please use your envelopes to give to this important collection during the next couple weeks. Thank you.

Donations from Sunday, Feb 22:

Collection	$2210.50
Candles	$34.25
E-transfers	$60.00
Aid to Ukraine	$80.00

Donations from Sunday, March 1:

Collection	$2750.00
Candles	$31.50
E-transfers	$100.00
Building Fund	$30.00
Easter Mission	$60.00
Flowers for Easter	$10.00
Sacrifice Supper	$10.00
Aid to Ukraine	$320.00

Holy Cross Ladies Club

Easter Bake Sale

Saturday, March 28, 2026
9:00 am - Noon

We would like to encourage all parishioners to bring their donations of home-baked goods or items On Friday, March 27, 2026 between 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

We thank you for your contributions which in turn helps to make a successful Bake Sale!

Items that sell well are: Paskas, Babkas, breads, chiffon cakes, buns, pies, pompushky, perishky, doughnuts, cinnamon buns and egg noodles.

However, ALL home goods will be greatly accepted.

Thank you in Advance!

*****Note: Please list all ingredients such as raisins, nuts, peanut butter, etc., which could affect people with allergies*****

Tickets are NOW on Sale for our famous

Blessed Breakfast

Get yours today!

There are sign up sheets by the office for people to volunteer for our upcoming "Bake Sale". If you can help please sign up. The Ladies Club asks all volunteers to be ready and at the hall by 8 am.

This past Monday the Ladies' Club had their Annual General Meeting. In addition to talking about many things they have elected a new executive council for 2026. Below are all the elected persons.

PHONING COMMITTEE: Pat Dahoy , Marlene Myk and Elizabeth Chubey

FLOWERS: Olga Guydash, Shirley Hansen and Anne Tyrkalo- (TBC)

PURIFICATORS: Lorraine Mishio and Wendy Lazeranko (TBC)

HOLY COMMUNION BREAD: Henrietta Gurba

ALTAR LINENS: Darlene Sledz and Judy Miskew

HEALTH AND WELFARE: vacant

KITCHEN CO-ORDINATOR: Liza ??? Purchasers Doreen Hindman, Anne Tyrkalo and Clarence Guydash

COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES: Judy Miskew and Darlene Sledz

SPIRITUAL: Father Bo and Deacon John to alternate

FUNERAL CO-ORDINATOR; Cindy Diduck

TREASURER: Cheryl Yackimec

SECRETARY: Colleen Hawryluk

VICE PRESIDENT: Cynthia Moolyk

PRESIDENT: Dianne Kluk

New Bible Study

Beginning after Easter at Holy Cross!

We are excited to invite you to join us for a new and enriching Bible Study focused on deepening our understanding of the faith through the lens of the Eastern Catholic Church.

This study will explore:

- The teachings of the Eastern Catholic Catechism
- The richness of Early Church History
- The wisdom of the Church Fathers
- The living Tradition of the Church

Together, we will prayerfully study Sacred Scripture with special attention to what the Church — the Bride of Christ — teaches and has faithfully handed down through the centuries. Our goal is not only to read the Bible, but to understand what the Holy Spirit is revealing through the life, worship, and teaching authority of the Church.

Our default study each week will be the previous Sunday's Gospel and Epistle Reading, allowing us to go deeper into the Scriptures we hear proclaimed at Divine Liturgy.

This Bible study will be a great place for anyone looking to learn more about their faith. It is open to everyone — all backgrounds are welcome, not just Catholics. Whether you are firmly rooted in the faith, exploring Christianity, or simply curious, you are invited to come and learn with us.

Children's Section Available!

We are pleased to offer a children's section during the study, led by Katherine and Alyssa. This will provide a faith-filled and engaging environment for our young ones while parents participate in the study and won't have to worry about getting a babysitter.

If you have specific questions, topics, or Bible passages you would like to discuss, please feel free to reach out. You can email or call or text:

baigelijah@gmail.com
778-840-9447

Bible Study will be every other Thursday at 6pm in the parish hall.

Healing Wounds of War: Aid for Ukraine through The Eparchy of Edmonton & CNEWA

From the first days of the war, the Eparchy of Edmonton, together with our partner Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), has supported urgent aid for the people of Ukraine. Donations help provide humanitarian, pastoral, and educational support for those in crisis.

As we approach 2026, your help makes a difference in key priorities such as:

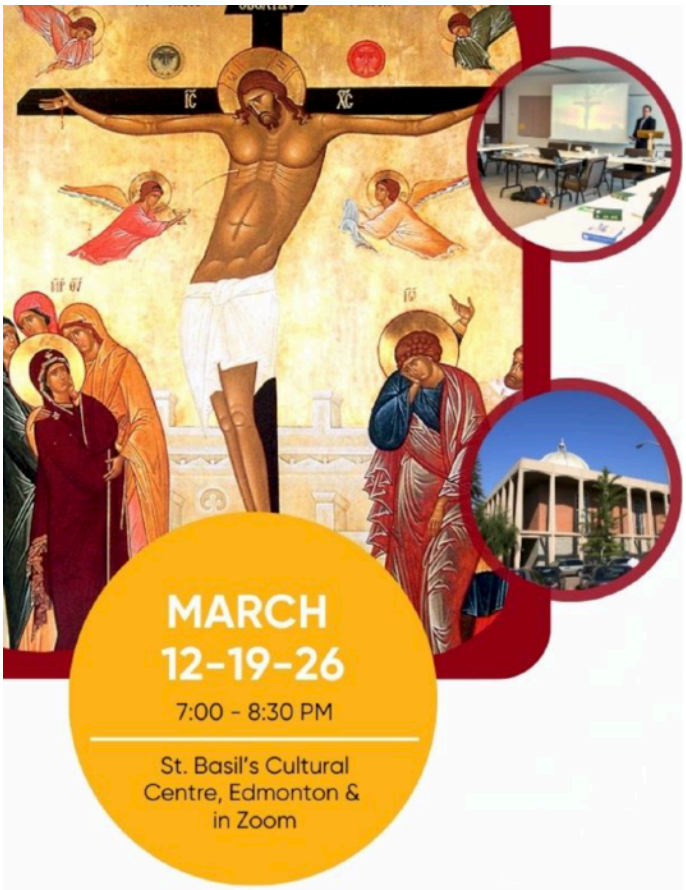
- Delivering essential food, medical care, and shelter to those in dire need.
- Supporting displaced families with safe living arrangements and psychological assistance for children traumatized by war.
- Caring for wounded soldiers and those who lack health care: Caritas Ukraine is expanding a network of medical centers for displaced families and residents.
- Formation programs in seminaries and clergy formation for medical and military chaplaincy.
- Child care initiatives, including education and the integration of refugee children.

CNEWA partners include Caritas Ukraine, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and Ukrainian Catholic University, working together to heal wounds, restore dignity, and share hope.

To help those in need, you can donate through your local parish, the Eparchy of Edmonton, or directly via CNEWA. Thank you for supporting the people of Ukraine in their time of need.

Pope Leo XIV shared a Message for Great Lent: Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion.

If you are reading this online click on the title… if not, go to the Eparchial Website at eeparchy.com and you can find it there. Or… just “Google” it.



God Speaks from the Cross - Lenten Evenings with Our Ukrainian Catholic Priests

This Great Fast, you are invited to pause, listen, and be renewed by the words of Jesus from the Cross. Join us for three Thursday evenings of Lenten lectures and conversations with our Ukrainian Catholic priests as they reflect on what Christ’s final words mean for us today.

- Dates: March 12, 19, 26
- Time: 7:00–8:30 PM
- Location: St. Basil’s Cultural Centre, Edmonton
- Format: In person & on Zoom
- No fee, no registration required – come as you are and bring a friend.

We will have bilingual clergy and team members present who can assist Ukrainian-speaking participants with clarification, translation of key points, or questions, so that everyone can fully take part in the evenings.

Each evening will include prayer, a short talk, and time for reflection and questions. Whether you come to one evening or all three, this is a beautiful way to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Cross and prepare your heart for the Resurrection.

👉 Mark your calendar, invite your family and parish friends. All are welcome!

Grief as a Journey

Grief as a Journey is an 11-week grief support group for those searching for guidance and understanding in their grief over the loss of a loved one.

Using video presentations and group discussion, we will build community, gain a better understanding of what we are experiencing, and offer and receive support and encouragement as we journey together through mourning.

Please join us if you have experienced the loss of a loved one.

When? Tuesdays, April 14 – June 23, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Where? Edmonton Eparchy Pastoral Centre, 9645 – 108 Ave

Cost: $20.00 to cover materials

Register: 780-424-5496; mariana.slavych@eeparchy.com

St. Macrina Store

Celebrate Easter with Faith & Tradition: Looking for meaningful Easter gifts rooted in our Eastern Catholic tradition? At St. Macrina Store, you'll find beautiful and faith-filled items for the whole family:

- Easter rushnyky (embroidered cloths for baskets)
- Stickers for decorating pysanky and eggs
- Prayer books, children's Bibles & Easter activity books
- Icons, candles, rosaries, and more

Whether you're preparing your Easter basket, searching for a special gift, or nurturing your child's faith, our shelves are filled with treasures that reflect the true meaning of the season.

Visit us at: Pastoral & Administration Offices

9645 - 108 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB

Store Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Camp Oselia & Camp St. Basil Together Again This Summer

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton is pleased to announce that **Camp Oselia and Camp St. Basil** will once again join together to offer a united **faith-based summer camp** for children and youth at beautiful **Pigeon Lake, Alberta**.

Following the success of last year's collaboration, this summer's camp will continue to combine the strengths of both camps into one rich experience rooted in Ukrainian Catholic faith, community, and outdoor fun.

Camp Dates and Location

- **Dates:** June 28 – July 11, 2026
- Age: 7-14
- **Location: Camp St. Basil's, Pigeon Lake**, operated in partnership with the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton

Families will be able to choose camp sessions within this period (full schedule and age groups will be posted with the registration launch).

What Makes Camp Oselia & Camp St. Basil Special

This united camp offers more than just summer activities; it is a place where **faith, friendship, and adventure come together**.

- **Faith at the centre.** Daily prayer, catechism, and participation in the sacraments help campers grow in their relationship with God in an engaging and age-appropriate way.
- **Life in God's creation.** Set on the shores of Pigeon Lake, the camp provides opportunities for swimming, games, sports, nature walks, campfires, and quiet reflection in a beautiful natural setting.
- **Ukrainian Catholic tradition.** Children experience the richness of Byzantine worship, Ukrainian culture, and community life, while campers of all backgrounds are warmly welcomed.
- **Safe and supportive environment.** Trained staff, clear supervision, and family-oriented policies ensure that campers are cared for in both body and soul.

Registration Opening Soon

Online registration will open in the coming weeks. **Spaces will be limited**, so families are encouraged to **save the dates now** and watch the Eparchy's website and social media channels for the registration link and full details on:

- Age groups and session breakdown
- Packing lists and daily schedule
- Fees and family discounts

Stay Connected

For questions in the meantime, please contact the camp team:

- Phone: 780-424-5496
- Email: oselia.stbasil@eeparchy.com

As summer approaches, we invite families across the Eparchy to begin praying and planning for camp. **Camp Oselia & Camp St. Basil** continue to be places where young people discover God's love, deepen their faith, and make friendships that last a lifetime.

Lay Leadership Program 2026

General Information

The Eparchy of Edmonton's Lay Leadership Program is a two-year program created to prepare individuals for ministry within the parish context. It includes independent online learning as well as in-person educational components. Participants will complete six cycles (six 5-week courses) online each year for two years. Upon completion, they receive a Certificate in Catholic Studies (CCS) from Newman Theological College, one for each year.

In Year I, Eastern Christian Traditions I will introduce participants to the rich tradition of the Eastern Church. In Year II, Eastern Christian Traditions II will allow participants to choose a stream of study based on their area of future ministry, either catechesis or pastoral care. Each Certificate consists of six courses (one course per cycle), which will be taken online. Each course has ten lessons, spanning five weeks and will require approximately four hours of work per week (two hours per lesson).

Lay Leadership participants will also attend three additional in-person sessions during the year. These sessions will provide additional content, interaction with the instructor and other lay formation participants, and time for prayer and reflection.

For more information about Eastern Christian Traditions I, visit https://www.newman.edu/CCS/EASI.

For more information about Eastern Christian Traditions II Catechesis, visit https://www.newman.edu/CertificateCoursesCCS/CCSGeneralInformation/CertificateinDiaconateandLayFormation-Catechesis

For more information about Eastern Christian Traditions II Pastoral Care, visit https://www.newman.edu/CertificateCourses(CCS)/CCSGeneralInformation/CertificateinDiaconateandLayFormation-PastoralCare

To register for each course and to view specific course outlines, visit the CCS Course Schedule & Registration page https://www.newman.edu/ccsregistration. For help with how to register at Newman College, please contact Lauri Friesen at 780 392 2450. For other inquiries, contact the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton at 780 424 5496 or andrea.leader@eeparchy.com.

Year I Eastern Christian Tradition I

Cycle 3 - CCS-047 The Theology of Eastern Christianity Part II Feb. 4 – Mar 8, 2026 $95

Cycle 4 - CCS-048 Worship and Spirituality of Eastern Catholic Churches Part I Mar. 16 – Apr. 20, 2026 $95

Cycle 5 - CCS-090 Worship and Spirituality of Eastern Catholic Churches Part II Apr. 27 – June 1, 2026 $95

Cycle 6 - CCS-050 The Holy Sacramental Mysteries: An Introduction June 8 – July 13, 2026 $95

Year II Eastern Christian Tradition II Catechesis

Cycle 3 - CCS-031 Echoes: Parish Based Training for Handing on the Faith Feb. 4 – Mar 8, 2026 no fee

Cycle 4 - CCS-007 "On Good Soil" Mar. 16 – Apr. 20, 2026 no fee

Cycle 5 - CCS-032 Catechesis: Human Development and Growth Apr. 27 – June 1, 2026 no fee

Cycle 6 - CCS-049 Praying with Icons June 8 – July 13, 2026 $95

Year II Eastern Christian Tradition II Pastoral Care

Cycle 3 - CCS-018 The Practice of Pastoral Care Feb. 4 – Mar 8, 2026 no fee

Cycle 4 - CCS-060 Celebrating Mercy Mar. 16 – Apr. 20, 2026 no fee

Cycle 5 - CCS-044 Bioethics Apr. 27 – June 1, 2026 no fee

Cycle 6 - CCS-049 Praying with Icons June 8 – July 13, 2026 $95

In Support of Bill C-218

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a Statement in Support of Bill C-218: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying)."

The Statement reads in part: "On 20 June 2025, Private Member's Bill C-218 was introduced in the House of Commons. It proposes to repeal the planned 2027 expansion of the eligibility criteria for "Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)," which would allow mental illness alone to qualify for euthanasia and assisted suicide.

"On numerous occasions, the CCCB has stated its opposition to "MAiD" and explained its reasons, while encouraging and promoting humane and compassionate alternatives that address chronic pain, suffering, and terminal illness….

"The CCCB supports Bill C-218, which seeks to stop "MAiD" for mental illness alone, and encourages the Catholic faithful, in communion with their local Bishop, and all people of goodwill, to express their support for the same. We further call on the government to allow free conscience voting on this matter, given its profound moral and social implications. Human life is a gift that must be protected and valued at every stage and in every circumstance."

Parish Announcements

- **Table for Two:** Love, faith, and connection filled this year's Table for Two evenings across our Eparchy. From Edmonton to Calgary and Red Deer, couples gathered to celebrate love rooted in God, share stories, and grow together in faith. Read our latest article: **https://tinyurl.com/2xet43dt**
- Bishop David appointed Rev. **John Vizza,** Judicial Vicar, Eparchy of Edmonton, as **a member of the Presbyteral Council.**
- **"Our Perogy Supper was a great success!"** Thank you all volunteers that worked Friday and Saturday to make this event a great success! We made a profit of $9,582.84 Also cash from Frozen Food Off Sales was $848.00 and the Men's Club made $389.19 profit from bar sales. Thank you…. Terry
- Please consider being part of our **Parish Pastoral Council in 2026**. This is the group that works with the clergy to run the parish. If you are interested please talk to Fr. Bo, or Mark Helmack, or speak to the parish though the parish office on Wednesday mornings.
- If you did not **get your membership renewed** you can still can through Lorna Chiasson, our Membership Coordinator. Not sure who Lorna is? Ask Fr. Bo or any parish council member.
- **Always Our Parishioners:** Do you know someone who can't come to church due to mobility or whatever? If so, go visit them! And also tell us about them so that we can provide them with appropriate pastoral care such as brining them the Eucharist.
- **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 talk to Diana Horyn 780-255-9926.

- **The Veteran's Food Bank** is seeking the following items: Sugar, Canned Mushrooms, Evaporated Milk, Tomato Soup, Chunky Chili, Pork and Beans. If you can contribute to this food bank, please do.
- We also have a box for the **Regular Food Bank** in the entrance of the Church. They appreciate what they can get (non-expired and non-perishable).

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday March 8 after Liturgy:** **A special Parish Meeting for accepting the new Bylaws.**
- **Sunday, March 8 at 2 pm:** Fr. Bo will be celebrating a **Divine Liturgy with St. Michael's Extended Care.**
- **Tuesday, March 10 all school day:** Fr. Bo will be leading an **icon workshop with ~120 St. Matthew's School's grade 5 students.**
- **Sunday, March 15, at noon-ish:** **Pysanka (Traditional Easter Egg) Making** in our parish hall. All are welcome, please sign up when the sign up sheets appear.
- **Monday, March 16, at 6:30 pm:** Panachyda for members of the Men's Club, followed by their monthly meeting at 7 pm.
- **Friday, March 20 at 7 pm:** **Teens and Young Adults Q&A session with Fr. Bo and the Youth and Young Adults of St. Nicholas Melkite Church** at St. John the Evangelist Church. This is a great opportunity to meet and build relationships with other Young Eastern Catholics. Please make plans to attend. For more info, talk to Fr. Bo.
- **Saturday March 21 at 9 am till 12 noon:** Fr. Bo will be leading an **icon workshop with St. George's Ridna Shkola.**
- **Sunday, March 22 after Liturgy:** **The Parish Annual General Meeting** will take place for all parishioners to discuss and approve parish business and elect members of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- **Tuesday, March 24 at 6 pm:** Join us for our last ALPHA evening with a Potluck
- **Friday, March 27 from 3 pm till 7 pm:** **Drop off your Easter Baking for the Bake Sale.**
- **Saturday, March 28:** **Easter Bake Sale**
- **March 28 - April 4:** **Holy Week**
- **Monday, March 30:** **we have another Bingo fundraiser for the parish.** Thank you to those who volunteer for this important fundraiser.
- **Sunday April 5:** **Pascha! Easter! The Resurrection of Christ!**
- **Sunday April 5 after all other services:** **Wedding.**
- **Sunday, May 10 - Sunday, May 17:** **The National Week for Family and Life** will be celebrated from on the theme, "I am with you always." The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will share further details about forthcoming pastoral resources to help celebrate the Week.
- **May 19-22, 2026,** **Annual Clergy Retreat,** Retreat Master, Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw.
- **Saturday, September 26:** **Our next anticipated Perogy Supper**
- **October 5-8, 2026,** **Annual Clergy Study Days,** at Providence Renewal Centre.
- **Sunday, March 28, 2027:** **Pascha (Easter) next year.**
- **Saturday, April 17, 2027:** **Our next after the next anticipated Perogy Supper**

This Year's Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2026:

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

- 10 am Festal Divine Liturgy with the blessing of Pussy Willows (English)

Wednesday, April 1 - Holy Wednesday

- 6 pm Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing (English)

Thursday, April 2 - Holy Thursday

- 6 pm Matins of the Passion (12 Gospel Readings) (English)
- Fr. Myron is available for confessions.

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

- 3 pm Vespers "Shroud" Service - "Plaschanytsia" (English)

Saturday, April 4 - Holy Saturday

- 4 pm Vespers, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (the Vigil Service with an Adult Baptism) (English),
- followed by blessing of Baskets (English)

Sunday, April 5 - PASCHA! EASTER!

- 8 am Resurrectional Matins (English with "Christ is Risen" done Bilingually),
- followed by Festal Divine Liturgy (Bilingual),
- followed by the Blessing of Baskets! (Bilingual)

St Mary's University Twickenham London

THE MARYVALE ORIENTALE LUMEN LECTURES

SECOND SEMESTER, ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

25TH MARCH, 18.00-19.00 GREENWICH MEAN TIME

TO MARK THE LAUNCH OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM AND THE NEWMAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, EDMONTON

DR MELANIE TURGEON

NEWMAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, EDMONTON, CANADA

TITLE

PRAY AND GIVE PRAISE:

THE CHORAL TRADITION OF THE EASTERN CHURCH

Teams Joining Link:

Dr Melanie Turgeon Lecture 25th March 6pm-7pm | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams

Lenten and Holy Week Services at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Holy Cross 10 am Liturgy of St. Basil	9	10	11 5:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy	12	13 10 am Akathist with Soroko-oosteh	14 All Souls Saturday
15 St. John Climacus 10 am Liturgy of St. Basil	16	17	18 5:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy	19	20 10 am Akathist	21
22 St. Mary of Egypt 10 am Liturgy of St. Basil	23	24	25 Annunciation 10 am Festal Liturgy for Annunciation	26	27 10 am Akathist Last day of Lent	28 Holy Week Begins Lazarus Saturday
29 Palm Sunday 10 am Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Pussy Willows	30	31	1 6 pm Presanctified Liturgy with the Anointing of the Sick	2 Liturgy and washing of the Feet with Bishop at the Cathedral details TBA 6 pm Matins of the Passion (12 Gospels)	3 Good Friday 6 pm Matins of the Passion (Shroud Service)	4 Holy Saturday 4 pm Vespers, Vigil, Baptisms, Divine Liturgy followed by Basket Blessing.
5 Easter 8 am Paschal Matins & Liturgy with Baskets	6 No services	7 No services	8 9 am Divine Liturgy	9	10	11

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 **Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross; Tone 6;** Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophilactus, Bishop of Nicomedia. Day 21 of the Great Fast. Resurrectional Gospel 6. Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1. **9:30 am Rosary** **10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)** Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee. **Special Meeting to Vote on Parish Bylaws after Liturgy.** 2 pm Fr. Bo celebrates St. Michael's Extended Care Divine Liturgy	**9** 🐟 **✠ The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.** Day 22 of the Great Fast. Polyeleos Feast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 14:24-32; Vespers - Genesis 8:21-9:7; Proverbs 11:19-12:6; Hebrews 12:1-10; Matthew 20:1-16. **9 am Blanching Cabbages** **12 - 3:30 pm Monday Icon Workshop** **6 pm Choir Meeting.** **7:30 pm Knights of Columbus**	**10** 🐟 The Holy Martyr Codratus and those with him: Cyprian, Nika, Halyna, and others. Day 23 of the Great Fast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 25:1-9; Vespers - Genesis 9:8-17; Proverbs 12:8-22. **9 am Sweet Cabbage Roll Bee** **All Day Icon Worhshop with Grade 5's at St. Matthew's School** **6 pm ALPHA** **6:30 pm NTC Icon Class**	**11** 🐟 Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem. Day 24 of the Great Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 26:21-27:9: Presanctified - Genesis 9:18-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:10. **10:30 am Bingo Fundraiser** **5:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy** **6:30 pm Iconography Workshop**	**12** 🐟 Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigriana; Our Holy Father Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome. Day 25 of the Great Fast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 28:14-22; Vespers - Genesis 10:32-11:9; Proverbs 13:19-14:6. **Easter Baking Prep** 5 pm Seminar for Young Adults at St. Basil's Parish 5:30 pm Appointment Fr. Bo's day off	**13** 🐟 The Transfer of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople. Day 26 of the Great Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 29:13-23; Presanctified - Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:15-26. **9 am Babka Baking Bee** **10 am Akathist & Soroko-oosteh** 5:30 pm Appointment	**14** 🐟 **All Souls Saturday;** Our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia. Day 27 of the Great Fast. Hebrews 6:9-12; 1 Corinthians 15:47-57; Mark 7:31-37; John 5:24-30. Babka Packing
15 **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: St. John Climacus; Tone 7;** The Holy Martyr Agapius and the Six Martyrs with him. Day 28 of the Great Fast. Resurrectional Gospel 7. Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19; Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12. **9:30 am Rosary** **10 am Divine Liturgy (English)** Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee. **Presale of breads only for resigned members who signed up in advance** **1:30 pm Pysanka Workshop**	**16** The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Papas. Day 29 of the Great Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 37:33-38:6; Vespers - Genesis 13:12-18; Proverbs 14:27-15:4. **12 - 3:30 pm Monday Icon Workshop** **6:30 pm Panachyda for the Deceased members of the Men's Club** **7:00 pm Men's Club Meeting**	**17** Our Venerable Father Alexius, Man of God. Day 30 of the Great Fast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 40:18-31; Vespers - Genesis 15:1-15; Proverbs 15:7-19. **2 pm Chosen** **6 pm Chosen** **6:30 pm NTC Icon Class**	**18** Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem. Day 31 of the Great Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 41:4-14; Presanctified - Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9. **5:30 Presanctified Liturgy** **6:30 pm Bible Study** **6:30 pm Iconography workshop**	**19** The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria. Day 32 of the Great Fast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 42:5-16; Vespers - Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17-17:17. **9 am Easter Baking** 5:30 pm Appointment	**20** Our Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Saracens at the Monastery of St. Sabbas. Day 33 of the Great Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 45:11-17; Presanctified - Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5. **10 am Akathist** 5:30 pm Appointment Cancelled **7 pm Teens and Young Adults Q&A session with Fr. Bo at St. John the Evangelist Church**	**21** Akathist Saturday; Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania. Day 34 of the Great Fast. Hebrews 9:24-28; Hebrews 9:1-7; Mark 8:27-31; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. **9 am till noon Icon workshop with Ridna Shkola at St. George's** 2 pm 40 day Memorial for + Paulinę S. (...not at Holy Cross)
22 **Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast: Our Venerable Mother, Mary of Egypt; Tone 8;** The Holy Hieromartyr Basil, Presbyter of Ancyra. Day 35 of the Great Fast. Resurrectional Gospel 8. Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29; Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50. **9:30 am Rosary** **10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)** Yes Sunday School, Yes Coffee. **Our Annual General Meeting will take place after Liturgy.** **Presale of breads only for resigned members who signed up in advance**	**23** The Holy Venerable-Martyr Nikon and his two hundred disciples martyred with him. Day 36 of the Great Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 48:17-49:4; Vespers - Genesis 27:1-41; Proverbs 19:16-25. **12 - 3:30 pm Monday Icon Workshop**	**24** Forefeast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God; Our Venerable Father Zachary; Our Holy Father Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia in Pisidia. Day 37 of the Great Fast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 49:6-10; Vespers - Genesis 31:3-16; Proverbs 21:3-21; Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11. **8:30 am Possible Lenten service at BCR** **9 am Easter Baking** **6 pm The final ALPHA (potluck)** **6:30 pm NTC Icon Class**	**25** **✠ The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; Blessed Omelian Kovch, Priest.** Day 38 of the Great Fast. Feast of the Theotokos. Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Hebrews 2:11-18; Luke 1:24-38. **9 am Festal Divine Liturgy** No 5:30 pm Presanctified due to feast	**26** **✠ Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel.** Day 39 of the Great Fast. Leave-taking of the Annunciation. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 65:8-16; Vespers - Genesis 46:1-7; Proverbs 23:15-24:5. **9 am Pie baking** 5:30 pm Appointment	**27** Our Holy Mother Matrona of Thessalonica. Day 40 of the Great Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 66:10-24; Presanctified - Genesis 49:33-50:26; Proverbs 31:8-31. **10 am Akathist** **Things are being set up for the Bake Sale.** **3 pm till 7 pm Bake Sale Baking is to be brought in** 5:30 pm Appointment	**28** **Lazarus Saturday.** Hebrews 12:28-13:8; John 11:1-45. **First Day of Holy Week (yes, it is 8 days long)** **8 am Volunteers gather for bake sale** **9 am Easter Bake Sale**