



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, April 26, 2026

Sunday of the Paralytic; The Holy Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia.

Christ is Risen! Христос Воспес!

Today happens to be the last Sunday of the month which means that it's a **Children's Liturgy**. This is an effort to make Liturgy more accessible, meaningful and joyful for our little ones. For any of you who think this is strange... it may be... but it is important for our precious kids. Thank you for understanding and encouraging our young families.



Today, after Liturgy all Children and Youth are asked to go to the Sunday School Room to practice singing for an upcoming Liturgy.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting tomorrow.

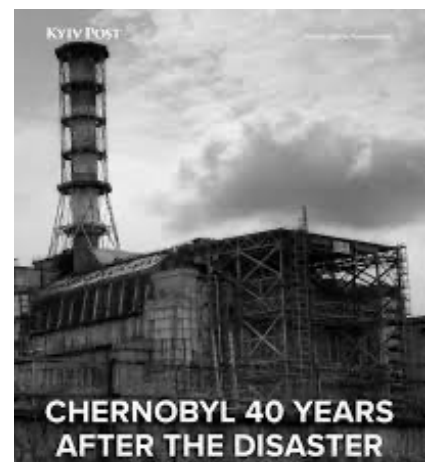
Big and Important Ladies' Club meeting next Monday (May 4) at 7 pm. Please plan on attending. (This will be the last meeting till Monday, August 31.)

Patriarchal Pastoral Letter on the 40th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Tragedy

Dear beloved in Christ!

On April 26, forty years have passed since the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant – a tragedy that caused a socio-environmental catastrophe on a global scale and forever changed the face of our land and the fate of millions of people.

Forty years, according to biblical tradition, is a special period: a time of testing, purifying memory and deep rethinking of the path travelled, as well as the experience of God's presence among us. Just as the people of Israel once travelled through the desert to the promised land for forty years, so we have borne the burden of the Chernobyl disaster for four decades. Today, we stop to reflect on this path and learn lessons for the future.



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Hall Rentals:

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

Perohy Off Sales: 780-478-4275

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
Chair – Mark Helmak
Vice-Chair – Eli Baig
Secretary – Mariya Mahalyas
Treasurer – Dale Kluk
Hall Rental – Lisa Borosuk
Ladies’ Club – Dianne Kluk
Knights of Columbus – Darrell Uchach
Heritage (formerly Archivist/Cultural) – Vacant
Fundraising (and Social) – Vacant
Youth Coordinator – Grace
Maintenance – Larry Waye
Membership – Lorna Chiasson
Spiritual – Eli & Kat Baig, Alyssa Kluk with others

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.

Understanding MAID And Caring for the Elderly and Dying

With Sr. Zoe Bernatski, SSMI, and Deacon Peter Pitchko



This presentation has been uploaded to the Parish's Youtube Channel so it can be found on our parish website, on our parish Youtube Channel which you can find by looking up @ehcup

Or if you are looking at this bulletin online, then you can click on this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_Z2IXUWVeg

There was a lot of good information about what we as Ukrainian Catholics believe and what we can and cannot do in regards to helping each other and keeping in God's "good books".



Silent Auction

OKAY, apparently today (not last week like I earlier thought) is the last day of the Silent Auction in the Hall. These items came from + Olga Kordyban and we would rather pass them on to you or someone who will use them, instead of seeing them donated away. Any proceeds will be donated to Holy Cross Parish in her memory. So take a look and bid before the end of today's coffee.

Donations from Sunday, April 19:

Collection	\$2240.60
Candles	\$34.45
E-transfers	\$100.00
Other	\$60.00

Did you know that Snow Removal this winter cost us:

Parking lot snow removal & sanding	\$3,450.00
Sidewalk shovelling and salting	\$3,845.00
For a total of...	\$7,295.00



26 April 1986

The Chernobyl Disaster

On this day, the Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurred. It was a combination of human error & flawed reactor design. The accident released 400 times more nuclear radiation than the atomic bombs dropped in WW2.

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First of all, let us bow our heads before the feat of the liquidators. They became the living embodiment of the words of Christ: "No one can love more than when he lays down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). These people went into the fire and overcame the consequences of the atomic disaster not for the sake of glory, but for the sake of saving lives. Their sacrifice stopped the spread of deadly radiation and became a human shield for the whole of Europe and the world.

Today, as Ukraine burns again in the flames of war, we see the same spirit of self-sacrifice in our soldiers and rescuers. We prayerfully remember everyone who gave their health and life for our safety. May this day of mourning anniversaries become a day of prayer: let us pray for those who lost their lives in the aftermath of this catastrophe.

Even forty years later, we know only a part of the numerous eco-social challenges of Chernobyl, which are reflected in the fates of the victims. This catastrophe was not only a technical error – it was the result of the spiritual blindness of the Soviet system, which put ideology above human life, and false greatness above truth and moral responsibility.

The experience of Chernobyl shows that a person cannot arbitrarily and with impunity dominate God's world. The catastrophe is a reminder of our shared responsibility for all of God's creation, for the environment. We must realize that the abuse of the Creator's gifts—polluting the air and water, depleting the earth, destroying nature, wasting energy and resources is a sin against God, neighbours, and future generations.

We are experiencing the current anniversary of Chernobyl in the conditions of a full-scale war, which destroys not only human lives, but also God's creation – the earth, water and forests, turning them into a disaster zone. The enemy uses civilian nuclear infrastructure as a tool of blackmail. The occupation of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant at the beginning of the invasion and the constant threat at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant indicate that the lessons of the past have not been learned by everyone.

The world is once again on a dangerous brink, where human pride and irresponsibility can lead to new catastrophes. In this context, we call on the international community to take decisive action to prevent the recurrence of the tragedy, the scale of which may surpass the events of 1986.

By destroying the energy infrastructure, the aggressor not only deprives people of their usual living conditions but also directly threatens the health and lives of millions. The tragic experience of Chernobyl and the modern challenges of war call us with particular force to ecological conversion, which the Church constantly reminds us of.

So let us become wise and responsible stewards of the Creator's gifts. Every unit of energy saved, every tree planted, every rejection of excessive consumption is our contribution to preventing new environmental disasters.

On the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Chernobyl accident, the UGCC Bureau for Ecology initiated the All-Ukrainian eco-social action "Candle of Memory" under the slogan "Remember the past – protect the future". Its purpose is to honour the liquidators and victims of the disaster, as well as to call for ecological repentance and active environmental protection in the face of modern threats.

We invite all the faithful of our Church and people of goodwill to offer prayers for the repose of the souls of the deceased heroes-liquidators and for the health of those who still bear the burden of the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster. On Sunday, April 26, at 20:00, we will light the "Candle of Remembrance" on the windowsills of our homes as a symbol of unquenchable prayer and hope for the healing of the creature. Let's stand in solidarity with those who need medical and social assistance as a result of the Chernobyl accident.

May the Lord, who defeated death by His resurrection, help us heal the wounds of Chernobyl. Let us implore the risen Christ for the gift of ecological conversion to be worthy witnesses of God's love, to conquer evil, to cherish our common home, and to multiply the gifts of the Creator.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

† SVYATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv, at the Patriarchal Council of the Resurrection of Christ, on the day of the Holy Hieromartyr Januarius and those who are with him, and the Holy Martyr Theodore, who is in Pergia, April 21, 2026 AD

How was Bible Study this Past Week?

We were blessed to welcome several new participants, including a young family with children. While the adults listened and talked about the Holy Gospel, the children received their own catechesis on the same passage and then returned to share what they had learned. Their thoughtful reflections enriched the whole group and served as a beautiful reminder that children are fully part of the learning life of the Church.

Scripture Reading:

The study centred on the Holy Gospel reading from Gospel of Mark (15:43–16:8), recounting Christ's burial by Joseph of Arimathea, the faithfulness of the myrrh-bearing women, and the discovery of the empty tomb.

The Gospel Message:

In this passage, we encounter both sorrow and hope: the courage of those who remained faithful after the Crucifixion, and the first proclamation of the Resurrection. We reflected on how the women approached the tomb burdened by the question of who would move the stone, only to find it already rolled away—a powerful image of God's grace acting before we can see a way forward.

Discussion Highlights:

Our discussion explored who Pontius Pilate was, the courage and devotion of Joseph of Arimathea in asking for Christ's body and talked about how even in defeat Joseph stayed strong where Peter denied Christ. The witness of the myrrh-bearing women as

the first to encounter the mystery of the empty tomb. We reflected on an insight from Gospel of Luke, where Saint Peter sees the burial linens left behind—an often-overlooked detail that challenges the idea of a stolen body and points instead to the reality of the Resurrection (Who would steal a body but leave the linens behind?).



The group discussed how the women's worry over the sealed tomb mirrors our own anxieties, yet God had already resolved what seemed impossible before they arrived. This led to sharing moments in our own lives when grace was at work even before we could perceive it. We also reflected on the Eastern Christian understanding of offering not only our sufferings, but also our joys, gratitude, and blessings back to God as prayer and thanksgiving.

The bible study takes a "Lexio Divina" format so if you want to stop by you won't feel like you have been missing out, please come and invite everyone you know! If there are any specific Bible passages or questions about our faith email, call, or text Elijah at 778-840-9447 or baigelijah@gmail.com and he will have your specific question ready for the next bible study.

Let me know if there is anything more, I can do for you.

Thank you, Cpl Baig



Teaching about Christ & the Theotokos through the art of Iconography.

Yesterday (Sat. April 25) Fr. Bo taught 25 students in grade 5 at St. George's parish about the meaning and message of Icons.

It went quite well as they all finished their project in about 3 hrs.



How Did the Spiritual Committee Meeting Go this Past Monday?

Monday's Spiritual Committee Meeting went well; we had approximately 25 members attending each contributing some very good input. For now, we are going to focus on our key needs, but the rest of the points will become a priority as we move forward.

Parish Vision & Opportunities

Our parish is growing, and we are excited to deepen our faith, strengthen our community, and reach out to others. We are currently considering several important ideas:

- **Choir Director** – If you have musical experience and want to revamp our choir please reach out
- **Iconography Initiative Proposal** – We hope to begin writing icons on our church walls
- Possible **Ukrainian Liturgical Language Classes** – Is someone willing to teach, as well as parishioners interested in learning
- **Welcoming newcomers** with greeters and welcome packages- welcome packages will be coming out soon

Faith & Formation

- **Expanding catechesis for all ages** (children, youth, and adults)

- Learning the meaning and beauty of **Divine Liturgy**
- **Sunday School** growth and increased family involvement. We were entertaining ideas about moving Sunday School to either before or after Divine Liturgy so that the children can worship with us.
- Prayer workshops, Retreats, Bible studies, and other faith-centred groups

Community Life

- Youth activities, cultural events, and parish gatherings
- Supporting one another through prayer groups and outreach to the sick and homebound

Outreach & Evangelization

- Serving those in need through local charities and community initiatives
- Engaging our wider community through events, social media, and invitations
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If you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we warmly invite you to participate. Together, let us continue building a vibrant and faithful parish community.

When are we doing Grave Blessings?

Well... Last Sunday we thought there might be no more snow by today... but we were wrong. However we will start Grave Blessings anyway.

Today at Noon: Fr. Bo will brave the cold weather and bless the graves at St. Michael's, of any people willing to join him.

Saturday, May 2 at Noon: Fr. Bo hopes that by next Saturday spring will come. Join us at St. Michael's Cemetery at noon for the communal Panachyda, then we shall go around to individual graves to sing for them and bless them.

Next Sunday, May 3 at Noon: We will meet at Evergreen Cemetery. Find us at the large cross, then we shall go around as before.

Mother's Day, May 10 at Noon: Let's do St. Michael's again, as most people probably will not go today...

Do you have loved ones buried elsewhere in the city? Call Fr. Bo, and if possible we will arrange for a time to go out and sing "Christ is Risen!" for them too. Fr. Bo can be reached on his cell phone at 780-340-3726.



Parish Announcements

- We are looking for **two more volunteers to join our Parish Pastoral Council** in the positions of Fundraising and Heritage. If you are interested please contact Mark Helmack at 780-239-6730 or Dianne at the parish office. Thank you for your consideration.
- **Thank you to all the volunteers** who day after day make this awesome parish awesome. God bless you all.
- If you did not **get your membership renewed** you should. You can still renew it by talking to Lorna Chiasson, our Membership Coordinator.
- **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 bringing 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:

- **Today, at noon:** Grave Blessings at St. Michael's Cemetery.
- **Monday, April 27 at 7 pm:** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. All PPC members please attend.
- **Tuesday April 28 at 6 pm:** Come watch the Chosen with us.
- **Saturday May 2 at noon:** Grave Blessings at St. Michael's Cemetery.
- **Sunday May 3 at noon:** Grave Blessings at Evergreen Cemetery.
- **Monday, May 4 at 7 pm:** Our next Ladies Club Meeting. And its an important one! We welcome anyone who wishes to join our lively group of ladies. Please come see what we are all about.

- **Tuesday, May 5 at 10:30 am:** Divine Liturgy at Venta Care Centre.
- **Thursday, May 7 at 6 pm:** Bible Study. Come join us.
- **Sunday, May 10 at noon:** Grave Blessings at St. Michael's Cemetery.
- **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.
- **Monday, May 11 at 7:30 pm:** our next Knights of Columbus Meeting.
- **May 15 - 19:** Theosis Studios is having an Icon Workshop in Lethbridge AB. (This means that Fr. Bo will be away from Holy Cross and a substitute (Fr. Greg Faryna) will be serving our communities Liturgy that day)
- **May 19-22:** Annual Clergy Retreat, Retreat Master, Hieromonk Gregory Hryniw.
- **May 28 at 1:30 pm:** Molebyn for St. Matthew's Grade 6 farewell here at Holy Cross.
- **Sunday, May 31 at 1 pm:** Edmonton Accordion Concert.
- **Saturday, September 26:** our next Perogy Supper. Posters are on display and we will start selling tickets Sunday April 19, 2026. The last two Perogy Suppers, both sittings were sold out. We only print 240 tickets per sitting."
- **Saturday, April 17, 2027:** Our next after the next anticipated Perogy Supper.



**Two Baptisms,
Three
Chrismations
and a Wedding
Blessing!**



If you are wanting to receive one or more of the Sacraments please contact Fr. Bo at 780-340-3726.

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>Sunday of the Paralytic; The Holy Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia. Acts 9:32-42; John 5:1-15.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am “Children’s” Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>No Sunday School, but Yes Coffee</p> <p>12 Noon: Grave Blessings at St. Michael’s Cemetery</p>	<p>27</p> <p>☩ The Holy Hieromartyr Simeon, Relative of the Lord; Our Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Volodymyr in Volhynia. Acts 10:1-16; John 6:56-69.</p> <p>9:45 Appointment</p> <p>12 noon Icon Workshop</p> <p>7 pm PPC Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater; The Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus, and Quintilianus; Our Father among the Saints Cyril, Bishop of Turau. Acts 10:21-33; John 7:1-13.</p> <p>6 pm Chosen</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Mid-Pentecost; The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzicus; The Venerable Memnon the Wonderworker. Acts 14:6-18; John 7:14-30.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6 pm Iconography Workshop</p>	<p>30</p> <p>✦ The Holy Apostle James, Brother of Saint John the Theologian. Polyeleos Feast. Acts 10:34-43; Acts 12:1-11; John 8:12-20; Luke 5:1-11.</p> <p>10:30 Bingo</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Fr. Bo’s Day off.</p>	<p>May 1 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Prophet Jeremiah; Blessed Hieromartyr Clement Sheptytsky, Archimandrite of Univ. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Acts 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>2</p> <p>☩ Our Father Among the Saints Athanasius the Great. Acts 12:1-11; John 8:31-42.</p> <p>11:30 am Inturnment for +Marie Mason</p> <p>12 Noon: Grave Blessings at St. Michael’s Cemetery</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman; ✦ The Repose of our Venerable Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves at Kyiv and Organizer of the Cenoebitic Life in Rus; The Holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura. Polyeleos Feast. Acts 11:19-26, 29-30; Hebrews 13:7-16; John 4:5-42; Matthew 11:27-30.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee</p> <p>12 Noon: Grave Blessings at Evergreen Cemetery</p>	<p>4</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Pelagia. Acts 12:12-17; John 8:42-51.</p> <p>12 noon Icon Workshop</p> <p>7 pm Ladies’ Club Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene; Our Venerable Father Nicephoras, Hegumen of the Monastery at Medicus. Acts 12:25-13:12; John 8:51-59.</p> <p>10:30 am Venta Care Centre Liturgy</p> <p>6 pm a FSC Session</p>	<p>6</p> <p>The Holy, Just, and Long-suffering Job. Acts 13:13-24; John 6:5-14.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6 pm Iconography Workshop</p>	<p>7</p> <p>☩ Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross over Jerusalem; The Holy Martyr Acacius. Acts 14:20-27; John 9:39-10:9.</p> <p>6 pm Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Fr. Bo’s Day off.</p>	<p>8 🐟</p> <p>✦ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian; Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great. All-Night Vigil Feast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Acts 15:5-34; 1 John 1:1-7; John 10:17-28; John 19:25-27; 21:24-25.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>9</p> <p>✦ The Transfer of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari; Holy Prophet Isaiah; Holy Martyr Christopher. Polyeleos Feast. Acts 15:35-41; Hebrews 13:17-21; John 10:27-38; Luke 6:17-23.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Sunday of the Man Born Blind; ✦ The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot. Polyeleos Feast. Acts 16:16-34; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 9:1-38; Matthew 13:54-58.</p> <p>Mothers’ Day</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee</p> <p>12 Noon: Grave Blessings at St. Michael’s Cemetery</p>	<p>11</p> <p>✦ The Holy Cyril and Methodius, Teachers of the Slavs; The Holy Hieromartyr Mocius. Polyeleos Feast. Acts 17:1-15; Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 11:47-57; John 10:9-16.</p> <p>12 noon Icon Workshop</p> <p>7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Our Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople. Acts 17:19-28; John 12:19-36.</p> <p>6 pm Chosen</p>	<p>13</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Glyceria. Acts 18:22-28; John 12:36-47.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6 pm Iconography Workshop</p>	<p>14</p> <p>☩ Ascension of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53.</p> <p>10:30 am Bingo</p> <p>7 pm Festal Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Fr. Bo’s Day off.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>☩ Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Acts 19:1-8; John 14:1-11.</p> <p>9:45 am Appointment</p> <p>11 am Fr. Bo travels to Lethbridge for an Icon Workshop</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sanctified, Disciple of Saint Pachomius; Blessed Hieromartyrs Severian Baranyk, Yakym Senkivskiy, Vitalii Bairak. Acts 20:7-12; John 14:10-21.</p> <p>Fr. Bo in Lethbridge for an Icon Workshop</p>