



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 5, 2026

Pascha! Pascha! Pascha! Easter! Pascha! Pascha! Pascha! Pascha!



Christ is Risen!
Христос воскрес!

Hall Rentals:

call Lisa at: 780-222-9155
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Membership:

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Funeral Dinners:

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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 Director (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.

HOLY CROSS PARISH BLESSED BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, APRIL 12/26
 AFTER DIVINE LITURGY
 ADULTS 13+ \$25.00
 YOUTH 7 - 12 \$15.00
 6 AND UNDER FREE
 NO REFUNDS

Great and Holy Pascha

On the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church. It is a celebration of the defeat of death, as neither death itself nor the power of the grave could hold our Savior captive. In this victory that came through the Cross, Christ broke the bondage of sin, and through faith offers us restoration, transformation, and eternal life.

Holy Week comes to an end at sunset of Great and Holy Saturday, as the Church prepares to celebrate her most ancient and preminent festival, Pascha, the feast of feasts. The time of preparation will give way to a time of fulfillment. The glorious and resplendent light emanating from the empty Tomb will dispel the darkness. Christ, risen from the dead, cracks the fortress of death and takes "captivity captive" (Psalm 67:19). All the limitations of our created-ness are torn asunder. Death is swallowed up in victory and life is liberated. "For as by a man came death, by a man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:21-22). Pascha is the dawn of the new and unending day. The Resurrection constitutes the most radical and decisive deliverance of humankind.



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Donations from Sunday, March 29:

Collection	\$4247.25
Candles	\$33.65
Aid to Church in Ukraine	\$20.00
Lenten Collection	\$20.00
"Sacrifice Supper"	\$95.00
Flowers for Easter	\$135.00
Building Fund	\$300.00
E-transfers	\$130.00

Great and Holy Pascha Continued

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the fundamental truth and absolute fact of the Christian faith. It is the central experience and essential kerygma of the Church. It confirms the authenticity of Christ's remarkable earthly life and vindicates the truth of His teaching. It seals all His redemptive work: His life, the model of a holy life; His compelling and unique teaching; His extraordinary works; and His awesome, life-creating death. Christ's Resurrection is the guarantee of our salvation. Together with His Ascension it brings to perfection God's union with us for all eternity.

The Resurrection made possible the miracle of the Church, which in every age and generation proclaims and affirms "God's plan for the universe, the ultimate divinization of man and the created order." The profound experience of and the unshakable belief in the risen Lord enabled the Apostles to evangelize the world and empowered the Church to overcome

paganism. The Resurrection discloses the indestructible power and inscrutable wisdom of God. It disposes of the illusory myths and belief systems by which people, bereft of divine knowledge, strain to affirm the meaning and purpose of their existence. Christ, risen and glorified, releases humanity from the delusions of idolatry. In Him grave-bound humanity discovers and is filled with incomparable hope. The Resurrection bestows illumination, energizes souls, brings forgiveness, transfigures lives, creates saints, and gives joy.

The Resurrection has not yet abolished the reality of death. But it has revealed its powerlessness (Hebrews 2:14-15). We continue to die as a result of the Fall. Our bodies decay and fall away. "God allows death to exist but turns it against corruption and its cause, sin, and sets a boundary both to corruption and sin." Thus, physical death does not destroy our life of communion with God. Rather, we move from death to life - from this fallen world to God's reign.

Understanding MAID and Caring for the Dying

A Ukrainian Catholic Perspective

A Free Informative Presentation for all featuring Sister Zoe Bernatski, SSMI and Deacon Peter Pitchko

Friday, April 24, time TBD

At Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church



Professor of Pastoral Theology at Newman Theological College



Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Editor of "Always our Parishioners" and soon to be newly ordained Priest.



We are still in need of two people in key positions on our Parish Pastoral Council. These are Fundraising/Social, and Heritage/Culture. If you are interested, Please contact me Mark Helmak (780) 239-6730 or Dianne Kluk in the office. Usually, there is one PPC meeting a month and there are many great volunteers to help out, but we need someone like you to lead the group.



**2026 PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA ON THE
OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

To the Reverend Fathers, Religious Sisters,
Venerable Monastics, Seminarians, & Brothers and
Sisters in Christ!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

As we approach the great feast of Easter, which our Catechism rightly describes as the “feast of feasts” (Christ our Pascha, 559), we want to engage in joyful preparation. Yet, for many of us, the desire for the natural happiness of the season is clouded by the war in Ukraine, other looming conflicts, and the social and moral uncertainty within our own society.

At such a time, we may come to feel powerless, whether in our own personal lives or gathered with others in the society in which we presently find ourselves. We are somewhat like the Lord’s disciples at the time of the Passion—standing at a distance, confused and afraid, observing an unthinkable turn of events. Or we are like the Mother of God, the women, and John at the foot of the cross, standing helplessly and gazing upon the King of Kings, Who sacrifices all out of His love for us. However, no matter what we may be feeling in the present day, history tells us that dark times do eventually pass and even the most barbarous wars always end.

Our comfort, however, is not derived from waiting for an inevitably better wave of human civilization. We derive peace from the light of our Christian faith. Christ clearly gives us a message of hope and new life. He demonstrated this through His life-giving Passion and Resurrection, which we celebrate especially during this season. This message of hope and courage is found in His living Word and pervades the teachings of His Church. We are invited to learn this message well and to participate in its salvific power by sharing it throughout a world that so desperately needs to hear it today.

One of the most dramatic and impressive liturgical practices that we have in our Church year happens in the wee hours between Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. We enter a darkened church, venerate the plashchanytsya (burial shroud of Christ), and contemplate that sad mystery of the Lord’s plan for our salvation. The shroud is taken away to the sanctuary and we exit the church, leaving behind the trappings of death and sorrow—the cross of execution, the tomb, and the mournful purple coverings. As we are leaving, the cantors begin to solemnly chant the hymn that speaks of the angels already singing about the Resurrection of the Saviour. We ask the Lord if we upon the earth may

join them in their song, as our own souls cry out to enter into that joy.

We process around the church in the chilly darkness before sunrise. We stand at the closed doors of the church and proclaim, repeatedly, our faith and trust in the Resurrection. After the priest resolutely knocks thrice on the doors, they are flung open and we joyfully enter into a new reality. The tomb is moved aside, and the somber trimmings are replaced by bright candles, flowers, and embroidery. The whole congregation boldly and joyously sings the proclamation:

Christ is risen! Death is conquered! And the grave will never be an end to life. Our Lord, by His own love and sacrifice, has won this for us.

May each of the faithful throughout our Church and beyond have such an uplifting experience! May our Easter morning experience—as grandiose or humble as it may be—give each of us the joy and hope that we need for our times. Lately, not a few have wondered if we are passing through the challenges described in the 24th chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, where the Lord speaks of times of darkness and turmoil. Nevertheless, in this Paschal season, let us allow ourselves to also contemplate the 28th chapter of hope and courage. For we are called to always remember that our Lord came into our hopeless world to lead us into the light of a new and resurrected life with Him, where suffering passes and death is no more. “... for Christ our God has taken us from death to life, and from earth to heaven!” (Ode 1, Canon of Pascha).

The blessing of the Resurrected Lord be upon all of you!

Sincerely Yours in the Risen Lord,

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM
Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg

+ David Motiuk
Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton

+ Bryan Bayda, C.S.s.R.
Eparchial Bishop of Toronto

+ Michael Kwiatkowski
Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster

+ Michael Smolinski, C.S.s.R.
Bishop of Saskatoon

+ Andriy Raby
Auxiliary Bishop of Winnipeg

+ Michael Wiwchar, C.S.s.R.
Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon

Given on March 28, 2026

On Lazarus Saturday and commemoration of
venerable Hilarion



UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK
MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF KYIV-HALYCH

EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

Most Reverend Archbishops and Bishops, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Venerable Brothers and Sisters in Monastic and Religious Life, Dearly Beloved Laity in Christ of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church

*The godly-wise women hastened after you with myrrh
And sought You, as dead, with tears*

*But, rejoicing, they worshiped you as the living God,
and proclaimed to Your disciples, O Christ, the mystical Pascha!
Ode 7, Paschal Canon*

Christ is risen!

Beloved in Christ!

Today, when the sun rises with dawn and reveals its paschal light, the Church invites us to set out on a journey together with the myrrh-bearing women. They are heading to the tomb – to the place where they witnessed the burial of Jesus Christ: “It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid” (Luke 23:54–55).

In the Ode of Paschal Matins, the Church emphasizes a particular haste. Christ was hastily taken down from the cross, hastily buried without the proper honours that even an ordinary person is due: “Then they returned [home] and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment” (Luke 23:56).

And now the women hasten once again: “But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus” (Luke 24:1–3). The words of the canon of Matins confirm that they were hastening not so much to the tomb as to Christ.

The godly-wise women hastened after you with myrrh...

The women disciples followed their Teacher from the very beginning of His preaching in Galilee. Christ Himself leads them to where they never expected to arrive. They are motivated by love and mercy for the Scorned and Deceased One.

Those who followed Christ, listened attentively to His teaching, witnessed various signs – miracles and healings, now become godly-wise myrrh-bearers. This is also our path of Christian discipleship, which we have traveled in a particular way during Great Lent.

Although Christ warned His disciples about what was to happen – betrayal, arrest, unjust conviction, cruel mockery and death on the cross – the myrrh-bearing women were not prepared either for the horror of the passion, or for an encounter with the risen Lord. They come to the tomb with indescribable pain in their heart and their soul crying out.

...and sought You, as dead, with tears.

Like the myrrh-bearing women, our people have come to this paschal moment with sorrow in their hearts. We experience ever deeper pain and ever greater fatigue from this sacrilegious war.

Many women of Ukraine, setting out on their paschal journey to Christ, rush to the graves of our Heroes and innocent victims of enemy attacks. But this paschal longing for Christ especially cries out to the Lord through the mouths of the families of those missing-in-action and those who have not been able to bury their dead. One mother shared her grief with me: “My daughter has remained forever under the ruins of Azovstal in Mariupol. When will I be able to bury her?!”

With bitter sadness we search for the bodies of our dead. But we believe in the risen Savior! We believe that Christ, who today triumphantly emerges from the tomb, grants life and resurrection to all our departed. This truth is confirmed by the myrrh-bearing women, whom He leads to an encounter not with one who is dead, but with the living God. They become the first witnesses of the risen Lord Jesus. Only after hearing from the angel that He is risen, and having worshiped, rejoicing in the living God, will they be able to proclaim the mystical Pascha to Christ’s disciples (cf. Mt 28:5–8).

... But, rejoicing, they worshiped you as the living God...

The paschal hate of the myrrh-bearers is now prompted not by the desire to complete the funeral ritual, but by the joy of having experienced an encounter with the living God! They bring news of the Resurrection of Christ, because they themselves had accompanied Christ from His crucifixion, death and burial – to His resurrection.

The true spiritual joy of Pascha does not flow from the fulfillment of an annual ritual. It is born from the personal experience that Christ is alive. He remains present in His Resurrection in the midst of His Church. Today, the Church hurries to convey to each of us the joy of meeting the Risen One, inviting us, together with all of God’s people, to worship in...

EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV Continued....

... joy the living God, and to proclaim the mystical Pascha to all people. For Christ is risen!

We encounter the living God – our risen Savior – in the Holy Mysteries--Sacraments of Christ's Church. Since the times of early Christianity, it was on the Easter vigil that the Church in the Sacrament of Baptism gave birth to new Christians.

We prepared for this encounter with the living God with a forty-day fast, and today we approach Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Savior, bringing to Him, like fragrant myrrh, our Christian life and the daily witnessing of our faith, renewed by repentance, fasting, and prayer.

To be a Christian in our time means to believe in the resurrection, to share the joy of a personal encounter with Christ, to proclaim to everyone the mysterious Pascha of Christ. That is what it means to proclaim today to everyone we meet our Easter greeting: "Christ is risen!" – and to answer aloud and with conviction: "Truly, He is risen!"

And proclaimed to Your disciples, O Christ, the mystical Pascha!

Pascha is the moment of transformation! We hear how women, filled with pain, sought the Deceased One, but instead found the joy of the Risen One. Today, indeed, in this mystical encounter with the risen Lord in the community of the Church, through the power and action of the Holy Spirit, tears are transformed into joy.

It is important to note that Christ does not eliminate the weeping of the women, does not take away their tears, but transforms them. He transforms their sadness into a place of encounter, which becomes the source of a joy that no one can take away from us.

Christ announced this to the apostles at the Last Supper, saying: "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy... So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:20–22). This is the mystery of Christ's Pascha: this joy of the heart does not fade but is renewed from generation to generation for those who receive it and share it.

We celebrate Pascha, and therefore, we believe in the victory of life over death. We believe that our sadness will also turn into joy because "Christ is truly risen!" Even though deadly missiles and drones fly in "from the east" every day, we already see that the paschal sun shines above them with heavenly radiance, which carries within itself the pledge of victory and the basis of our hope for the complete liberation and revival of our people.

This light will become a source of strength and endurance for us: in the task of worthily honoring of our fallen Heroes; in the return of our captives to their homes; in the release of illegally detained, forcibly deported and kidnapped Ukrainian children; in finding the missing-in-action; and in healing our physical and spiritual wounds and traumas because "Christ is truly risen!"

With faith in the risen Christ and the power of His holy Resurrection, we will rebuild everything that has been destroyed, return to our native lands and unite the sons and daughters of Ukraine scattered throughout the world because "Christ is truly risen!"

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Let me greet each of you on this bright day that the Lord made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Today, the victory of the living God is our victory because despite the evil days caused by the forces of darkness, God's love, life and joy remain invincible. We ourselves are witnesses to this.

First of all, I would like to address our soldiers and all those who defend Ukraine, as well as their loved ones. On behalf of our Church, I express my deep gratitude to you for showing steadfastness and indomitability of spirit. I wish you Easter's joy, victory and peace.

To the families of the dead and missing-in-action, I want to wipe away your tears and strengthen you with paschal faith and hope that the risen Lord embraces your loved ones with His love and rewards with eternal life every sacrifice made out of love for one's people and neighbour.

I greet all who are presently healing their wounds – physical or spiritual. I entrust you into the loving hands of the heavenly Healer – the risen Christ, who bears wounds on his body as a sign of boundless love, in which you also participate, dear brothers and sisters. I greet our doctors, nurses, rehabilitation specialists and chaplains. I accompany their efforts with daily prayer.

I share the paschal joy with all workers and volunteers of civil infrastructure: energy supply, transport, education, medicine. I greet our authorities and all who work tirelessly to preserve human life and human dignity, the country's independence and integrity.

I especially greet all our families – domestic Churches, so that in the family circle you may experience paschal joy and peace together: parents with children, youth and the elderly. May the risen Lord be at the centre of your family life, so that, having worshiped the living God with joy, you may proclaim to others His faithful and all-conquering love.

I convey paschal greetings and thank those who in Ukraine and abroad continue to support their needy and suffering sisters and brothers materially and morally. I greet and bless our pastors, military, hospital and academic chaplains, as well as our...

EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV Continued...

... monastic communities, especially in the frontline and combat zones.

I embrace you all – those who celebrate at home and those who are far from their homes. I wish you a joyful and blessed Easter feast, a sincere sharing of the Easter basket, of a tasty blessed egg and lushly colored eggs. May our traditional hayivka dances fill your hearts with joy and a sense of God's peace.

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!

† SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv, at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos and on the day of the Blessed priest-martyr Omelyan Kovch, March 25, 2026 A.D.

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

From the first days of the war, the Eparchy of Edmonton, in collaboration with our partner, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), has provided urgent aid to 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 lacking healthcare: Caritas Ukraine is expanding its network of medical centres 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.



People in Kyiv stand in line for a warm meal, offered by Caritas-Spes, after Russian attacks cut power in their homes. (photo: Anna Klachko)



And now we announce our NEW UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY!

Please join us this week as we meet in person every other Thursday starting April 9th at 6 pm. And you can also look forward to bi-weekly summaries coming into the bulletin.

All are welcome to join; and we start fresh every other Thursday so if you miss a week or are thinking about coming later you will not feel left out. The new Bible study will take a “Lexio Divina” format which is:

Reading : Slowly read a short passage of Scripture.

Meditation: Reflect on the words or phrases that stand out.

Prayer: Respond to God in prayer from the heart.

Contemplation: Rest quietly in God's presence.

This practice helps deepen our relationship with God by allowing His Word to speak to us personally and transform our hearts. We will also have a brief period with:

- 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

BONUS: We will also include a children's program running simultaneously so that families with young kids can come without worrying about a babysitter.

Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (C-218, **The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

What is Bill C-218? Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party.

We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons.

It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

TAKE ACTION AT HelpNotHarmCanada.ca TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



SCAN ME

IMPORTANT:

Our Parish Pastoral Council is recognizing that we need to be placing a much larger emphasis on our Spiritual Committee. Therefore on:

Monday, April 20 at 7 pm:

EVERYONE is invited to help us by coming and contributing to our **“BIG SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING”**. Perhaps “meeting” does not do this event justice... how about... **EXTRAVIGANZA?!? VISION QUEST?!? DISCERNMENT SESSION?!?**

We will propose and discuss many ideas and decide which ones our parish should put on the proverbial “Front Burner”. All parishioners are most welcome. Some topics that we will be considering include (in no particular order):

- **Evangelization:** Who is God calling us to call into his flock... and how?
- **Catechesis:** How can we help people understand their faith better?
- **Liturgy:** How can we better pray together?
- **More weekly Services:** Is there a desire to have more regular services?
- **Choir:** They are great, but what’s the next step?
- **Liturgical Space:** What can we do to improve our Church space?
- **Pastoral Care:** Are we taking care of our people’s needs? Are we able to visit them and provide the Sacred Sacraments more often?
- **Outreach Locally:** What can we do for those in need in and around our parish including the poor and hungry?
- **Outreach Globally:** Ukraine, Middle East, and many other places of war, famine and tragedy. What can we do to help.
- **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:** Who can help distribute the Eucharist?
- **Vocations:** How do we support people who are discerning their God given call?
- **Clergy Car Washing:** Just checking if you are reading this or not... I know we shall hear about it if someone does.
- **Stewardship:** How can we better care for our world, community and Church?
- **Domestic Church:** How can we support people in their home prayer life?
- **Ethics & Morality:** What actions are wrong and what are right?
- **Sacramental Preparation Courses:** First Solemn Communion, Baptismal Prep and Marriage Prep. Can we do better?
- **Communicating our Faith:** How do we share and teach our faith to those around us? Can we use our website and bulletin better?
- **Online Catechesis:** Everyone’s online... how do we reach them?
- **Children’s & Youth’s Programs:** How do we raise our children in the faith?
- **Inter-Parish:** How can we work together with our brothers and sisters in other Catholic parishes?
- **Inter-Denomination:** What can we do with other churches like the one across the road?
- **Inter-Faith:** Can we learn about, appreciate, and work with other people of good will?
- **Monasticism:** How are each of us called to a life of prayer, service and simplicity?
- **Reconciliation:** Will we admit our own faults and brokenness and seek forgiveness? As individuals, as a parish, and as a Church.
- **Inclusivity:** Babies and Preschoolers, Young Families, Div 1 Elementary, Div 2 Elementary, Junior High, Senior High, University, Young Adults, Young Couples, Adults, Seniors, Sick and Shut-ins, Handicapped, Immigrants, Academics and Simple people... there are lots of different kinds of people.



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JULY 6th-12th, 2026

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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](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

Interested?

Let Fr. Bo know, we might even sponsor you!

After all, we want great educated leaders in our parish.

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Parish Announcements

- The sums from our **Ladies' Club's Easter Bake Sale** that happened a week ago Saturday are in. Income \$14,062.50 Expenses \$3,567.82 Which adds up to a **total profit of \$10,504.58**. Thank you one and all who helped make this another hugely successful event.
- **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 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 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:

- **Sunday April 5: Pascha! Easter! The Resurrection of Christ! Yahoooooo!**
- **Sunday April 5: Wedding**
- **Tuesday, April 7 at 10:30 am: Venta Care Centre Divine Liturgy**
- **Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 am:** Fr. Bo's last class at Newman Theological College for 2026. Pray for his students who are **finishing and blessing their icons, and who will be taking their final exam.**
- **Wednesday, April 8 at 9 am: Regular Divine Liturgies on Wednesday mornings resume.**
- **Wednesday, April 8 at 6-9:30 pm: Theosis Studios Icon Workshop continues.**
- **Thursday, April 8 at 8:15 & 10:45 am:** Bishop David celebrates Divine Liturgies, with Fr. Bo and other clergy, at **Archbishop Jordan School.**

- **Thursday, April 8 at 6 pm:** We begin our new **Bible Study Series with Eli Baig**. Everyone is most welcome to join in as we read, pray and study together. See page 7 for details.
- **Tuesday, April 14 at 6 pm:** Join us for our next session watching and talking about **"The Chosen"**. Note: now that it's light our later outside, our 2 pm session is merging with the 6 pm session.
- **Sunday, April 19 at 1 pm: Baptism**
- **Monday, April 20 at 7 pm: The first "Big Spiritual Committee" meeting.** All parishioners are invited to help brainstorm and execute plans that will help us Know, Love and Serve our God, and to spread His Good News.
- **Monday, May 4 at 7 pm: Our next Ladies Club Meeting.** We welcome anyone who wishes to join our lively group of ladies. Please come see what we are all about.
- **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 19-22, Annual Clergy Retreat,** Retreat Master, Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw.
- **May 28,** Molebyn for St. Matthew's School's Grade 6 farewell.
- **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.**

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

The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>Pascha: The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17.</p> <p>8 am Resurrectional Matins, Festal Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of Easter Baskets (mostly English, but some Ukrainian)</p> <p>Then a wedding.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bright Monday; ☩ The Repose of Our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs; Our Holy Father Eutychius, Archbishop of Constantinople. Polyeleos Feast. Acts 1:12-17; 21-26; Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 1:18-28; John 10:9-16.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bright Tuesday; Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene. Acts 2:14-21; Luke 24:12-35.</p> <p>10:30 am Venta Care Centre Liturgy</p> <p>6:30 pm NTC Icon Class (Finishing, Blessing & Final Exam)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bright Wednesday; The Holy Apostles Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncretus, Phlegontus, and Hermes. Acts 2:22-36; John 1:35-51.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6 pm Iconography Workshop at EHC</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Bright Thursday; The Holy Martyr Eupsichius. Acts 2:38-43; John 3:1-15.</p> <p>8:15 am Divine Liturgy at ABJ School</p> <p>10:45 Divine Liturgy at ABJ School</p> <p>6 pm NEW Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bright Friday; The Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompeius and others with them. Acts 3:1-8; John 2:12-22.</p> <p>10 am Funeral at Trinity Funeral Home (+Jerry Javel)</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bright Saturday; The Holy Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamos in Asia. Acts 3:11-16; John 3:22-33.</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Thomas Sunday; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parios. Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and No Coffee because:</p> <p>Our Blessed Breakfast</p>	<p>13</p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyr Artemon and those with him. Acts 3:19-26; John 2:1-11.</p> <p>10:30 Bingo</p> <p>6 pm Iconography Workshop at EHC</p> <p>NO KofC Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Our Holy Father Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome; The Newly Revealed Martyrs Anthony, John, and Eustathius. Acts 4:1-10; John 3:16-21.</p> <p>6 pm Chosen</p>	<p>15</p> <p>The Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus. Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6 pm Iconography Workshop at EHC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>The Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agapia, Irene, and Chionia. Acts 4:23-31; John 5:24-30.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia; Our Venerable Father Acacius, Bishop of Melitene. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Acts 5:1-11; John 5:30-6:2.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Our Venerable Father John, Disciple of Gregory the Decapoltan. Acts 5:21-33; John 6:14-27.</p> <p>AMA Paper Shredding event in our parking lot.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women; Our Venerable Father John the Ancient Hermit. Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43-16:8.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)</p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee</p> <p>1 pm Baptism</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas. Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60; John 4:46-54.</p> <p>12 noon Icon Workshop at EHC</p> <p>7 pm Big Spiritual Council Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyr Januarius and those with him; The Holy Martyr Theodore of Pergia. Acts 8:5-17; John 6:27-33.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Theodore of Syceum. Acts 8:18-25; John 6:35-39.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6 pm Iconography Workshop at EHC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>☩ The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George. All-Night Vigil Feast. Acts 8:26-39; Acts 12:1-11; John 6:40-44; John 15:17-16:2.</p> <p>6 pm NEW Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Sabbas Stratelates. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Acts 8:40-9:19; John 6:48-54.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Time TBD: Understanding MAID and Caring for the Dying</p>	<p>25</p> <p>☩ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark. Polyeleos Feast. Acts 9:20-31; 1 Peter 5:6-14; John 15:17-16:2; Mark 6:7-13.</p> <p>9 am School Icon Workshop at St. George's "Ridna Shkola"</p>