



# 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, May 10, 2026

Sunday of the Man Born Blind; The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot

# Christ is Risen! Христос Воспес!

## ♥ Happy Mothers' Day! ♥

We love you moms! The Knights and Men's Club will be handing out roses to all mothers of our parish after liturgy.



**Today's coffee hour is cancelled** due to a funeral scheduled for tomorrow. But we are back next Sunday.



## The last of this year's Grave Blessings: Today at St. Michael's at noon.



## Choir Meeting / Practice is Tomorrow at 6:15 pm



Are you interested in singing with us? Come everyone and let's work out what we can and should do to make our parish Liturgies as beautiful as possible. The meeting will take place in the parish's boardroom, use the front door and follow the signs. We hope to see you there.

## Knights of Columbus meeting on Monday at 7:30 pm

Not a Knight? Why not consider it? We do lots of good works and are a fun group. Talk to Darrel U, or Fr. Bo, or any Knight to tell you more about the Knights of Columbus. (Sorry Ladies, this group is only for men.)



## The Major Feast of the Ascension of our Lord happens this Thursday.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the festal Divine Liturgy here at 7 pm.

Read about it on page 3.

#### Hall Rentals:

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

**Perogy 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 Borosuik  
Ladies' Club – Dianne Kluk  
Knights of Columbus – Darrell Uchach  
Heritage (formerly Archivist/Cultural) – Dianna Horyn  
Fundraising (and Social) – Ed Horyn  
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.



Frozen Food Department News:

## Perogy Bee: Tuesday, May 26, at 9 am

Please join us to pinch perogies and fellowship. We have sold out of almost all of our products since the bake sale and we are STILL receiving calls to purchase! We also are planning to reserve stock for our up-and-coming perogy supper in September. Before we know it, we will blink and summer will be over! Below are the dates and times to also help if you can (in addition to Tuesday) in the entire preparation of a perogy bee:

- **Sunday, May 24 (11:30 am): potato peeling (250 lbs)**
- **Monday, May 25 (9 am): perogy balling production**
- **Wednesday, May 27 (10 am): packaging**



Stay tuned for dates in the very near future (very early June) to have a cabbage roll bee also.

This will use up the last of our cabbage inventory that is in the freezer. We will be receiving the first round of fresh cabbage from 2BK in early

August and we will schedule a bee for blanching as well as making sauerkraut. Thanking all of you in advance for your dedication to our parish!! Bless the hands that prepare our goods!!

Lisa Borosuik



## The Edmonton Accordion Society is putting on a performance here

Yes indeed. They will be back for another great performance featuring special guest Jordan Rody

### May 31

1 to 4pm  
here in our church hall

No tickets are needed

Admission is by donation at the door



#### Donations from Sunday, May 3:

Collection	\$2999.40
Candles	\$26.05
E-transfers	\$470.00
Other	\$0.00

## The Feast of the Ascension

The Ascension occurs on the 40th day of Easter, and refers to Jesus' ascent into Heaven. This feast day marks the completion of our salvation by Christ. He rose into Heaven so that we may join him there. In the Byzantine Churches, it is a Holy day of Obligation. And is one of the 12 Great Feasts of the church year. The Ascension was also the last time the Theotokos and the disciples saw Jesus on Earth. It happened at the Mount of Olives, which is also where Jesus wept over Jerusalem and foretold of the destruction of the Temple.

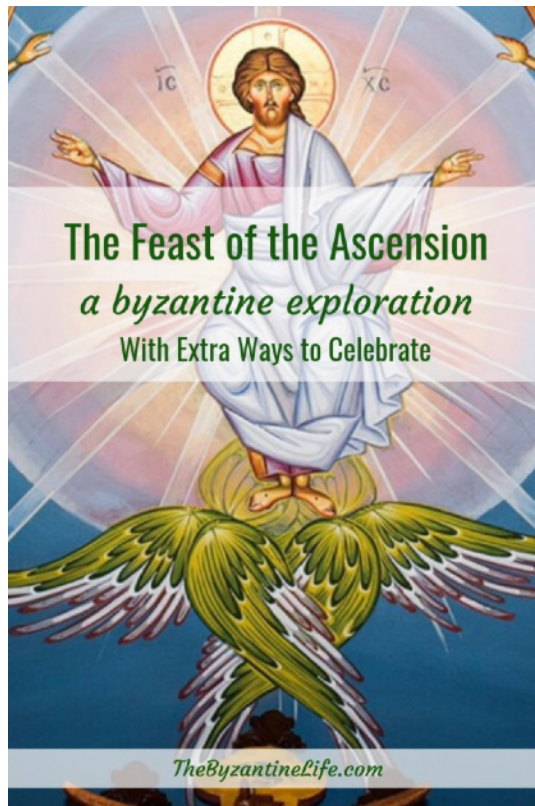
Jesus made three promises that we connect with the feast of the Ascension. The first is His promise to send the Holy Spirit. And the second is the promise to remain with us always, through to the end of time. Finally, His third promise is that He will return in glory for His second coming. I really like the troparion for the feast. It is:

You have ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to the disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, and the Redeemer of the world.

### Icon of the Ascension

Christ is at the top in icons of the Ascension. He is usually portrayed as sitting in a cloud, with His right hand out, blessing the disciples. There is a scroll in Jesus' left hand, which represents His teachings. Eastern icons of the Ascension show Christ inside of a circle called a mandorla. Angels are present, raising this mandorla heavenward. Although, since Jesus said He would return in the same way he left this icon is also seen as a reflection of the second coming. So the icon can also be viewed as Christ descending back to Earth. Also, the icon captures Jesus while still visible to the disciples, representing how Jesus remains with the Church, even while He returns to the Father.

Mary and the disciples are at the bottom of the icon, representing the church. Mary is central in the Ascension icon. The icon presents her as a pillar of the church. Flanked by two angels dressed in white, the Theotokos has clarity and order in the image. The rest of the earthly part of the image is in



confusion and disarray. The disciples do not yet understand the Ascension and must await Pentecost for clarity in their mission. This representation of the Ascension is more metaphorical than historical. This suits the Eastern tradition of focusing on the mystical.

### Ways to Celebrate:

There are many ways you can celebrate the Ascension. If you'd like to do some further reading, I recommend looking at St Gregory of Nyssa or St. John Chrysostom's Ascension homilies.

It is also traditional to partake in a procession for this feast day. This represents the journey the disciples took following

Jesus to the Mount of Olives. Since there aren't a lot of processions you can join in the community, consider going one with your family. Even if it's just carrying an icon around your back yard.

The Ascension is a Holy Day of obligation. Therefore, going to Church is a great way to celebrate this feast. Attend an Ascension Vespers and Matins too if it is available in your area and you can make it. There's a lovely troparion during Matins:

We extol you O Christ, the Giver of life, and we glorify your divine ascension in your most pure body into heaven

If you cant make it to church, you can still read or chant the festal troparions at home. Add it to your daily prayer time, or say it as a family before supper. I also really like the troparion for the feast day Divine Liturgy. It is:

You have ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to the disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, and the Redeemer of the world.

Finally, take a look at some of the biblical references to the Ascension and the second coming. There's Zechariah 14:4, Luke 24: 50-53, Acts 1: 6-11, and 1 Timothy 3:16.

<https://thebyzantinelifelife.com/ascension/>



National  
*Family & Life Week*  
May 10-17, 2026 "I am with you always"



**Christ is Risen! Христос Воскрес!**

Dear Families:

2026 National Family and Life Week – May 10-17

I am delighted to bring greetings to parents, grandparents, and your families as we celebrate this year's National Family and Life Week focussing on the theme "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

As we celebrate families this year, I am reminded of my joy-filled participation in the Eighth World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia a number of years ago. There, hundreds of thousands of families gathered to reflect on "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."

The late Pope Francis reminded us then of the beauty of marriage as well as the pastoral challenges facing the family:

"During these days, we will reflect in particular on the family, which is the fundamental cell of society. From the beginning the Creator blessed man and woman so that they might be fruitful and multiply, and so the family then is an image of the Triune God in the world.

"Our reflections must keep before us the beauty of the family and marriage, the greatness of this human reality which is so simple and yet so rich, consisting of joys and hopes, of struggles and sufferings, as is the whole of life.... We are called to acknowledge how beautiful, true and good it is to start a family, to be a family today; and how indispensable the family is for the life of the world and for the future of humanity.

"We are called to make known God's magnificent plan for the family and to help spouses joyfully experience this plan in their lives, as we

accompany them amidst so many difficulties with a pastoral care that is sound, courageous and full of love."

Pope Francis' words still ring out true today. Truly, how beautiful is the family and marriage!

At the same time, we recognize that in the midst of being a family there are indeed many challenges that the family faces each and every day. But we are not alone. Jesus reminds us, "I am with you always." Fear not. Call upon me when in need. I walk with you my people. I love you. And it is the power of love that can overcome any difficulty.

As we celebrate this year's National Family and Life Week, I pray that God who is Love truly blesses you and your family!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. David Motiuk  
Eparchial Bishop



Good and gracious God, In you we place our trust, mindful of your constant presence and loving care. Through your goodness we have received life and the joy of living in relationship with one another. Guide our families during all stages of life to seek your strength and comfort. As we navigate the daily tasks of family life, may we call on your Spirit to lead and inspire us. Knowing the constant love you have for us, may we offer praise and thanks to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

# In 2 Weeks we will have a special collection for Aid to the Missionary Church in the World

Each year, on Pentecost Sunday, the Eparchy of Edmonton takes up a collection for  
Aid to the Missionary Church in the World.

Christ died for our sins on the life-giving wood of the Cross. His message of love, mercy and forgiveness is needed ever more in our broken world. As Christians, we are called to continue Jesus' mission of spreading the Good News, each according to our ability and means.

Concretely, the Church invites us to collaborate in the mission of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, by giving generously to the following international collections.

## Collection for the Holy Land –

Each year, the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, in the name of the Holy Father, draws attention to the Christian community in the Holy Land, who continue to aspire for peace and tranquillity. Our financial support helps to safeguard the Holy Sites, offer worship, assist pilgrims and augment apostolic works.

## Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) –

For over 100 years, CNEWA, a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support, has been a lifeline for those in need throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe. Its mandate is: to support the pastoral mission and institutions of the Eastern Catholic Churches; to provide humanitarian assistance to those in need without regard to nationality or creed; to promote Christian unity and interreligious understanding and collaboration; and to educate people in the West about the history, cultures, peoples and churches of the East ([www.cnewa.org](http://www.cnewa.org)).

## Peter's Pence –

Peter's Pence, also known as "Pope's Pastoral Works" or "Papal Charities," is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father for those in need. A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately, many countries rushed in food, medicine, blankets, money and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father. In the name of Catholics everywhere, the Pope displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer in times of disaster.

## World Mission Fund –

Each year, the Holy Father invited the faithful to reflect on and pray for the missions throughout the world. The faithful are invited to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. Funds collected are made available to the Universal Solidarity Fund administered by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which distributes these funds to the young churches in mission lands, especially the poorest.

## Aid to the Church in Ukraine –

The Church in Ukraine continues to develop and grow following many years of persecution. It requires our generous support in the following areas:

- **Aid to the Church in Ukraine** (general needs) (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church ([ugcc.ua](http://ugcc.ua)); Українська Греко-Католицька Церква ([ugcc.ua](http://ugcc.ua)))
- **Annual Synod of Bishops** (to assist in the various bishop-synodal commissions, including liturgy, theology, ecumenism, and the promotion of causes of saints)
- **Andrew's Pence** (discretionary fund for His Beatitude Sviatoslav to provide missionary aid where the Ukrainian Catholic Church lacks bishops, parishes, and church infrastructure, for example, Siberia, Kazakhstan, Portugal, Spain, etc.)
- **Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv** ([ucu.edu.ua](http://ucu.edu.ua))

Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!



The goal of **SingCon** is to advance the state and quality of church music in the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church (UGCC) in the English-speaking world, gathering cantors, choir directors, singers, clergy, and others interested in church singing to meet one another, network, share resources, discuss various issues, and—most importantly—to pray together, glorifying God. SingCon sees the traditional Byzantine liturgy and chant of the UGCC as essential sources of liturgical and spiritual renewal for Christians in the twenty-first century. Following the principles outlined by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky in his pastoral letter on church singing from 1941, SingCon seeks to successfully integrate congregational and choral singing, raising both to the highest standard.

**SingCon 2026 Brampton is on from the 10 to 14 of September 2026**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sXiOK6SC50>

THE ALBERTA  
MARCH FOR LIFE



# Do No Harm



COME JOIN US!

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026**  
**LEGISLATURE**  
With Abortion Survivor **Melissa Ohden**

THE ALBERTA  
MARCH FOR LIFE

**MAY 14, 2026**

**10:00AM**

Pro-Life Mass at St. Joseph Basilica, 10044 113 Street, Edmonton

**12:00PM**

Rally and March at Violet King Henry Plaza, north of the Legislature Grounds

**2:30PM**

Afternoon sessions at Polish Hall. *Pro-Life Apologetics 101* hosted by CCBR.

**6:00PM**

Rose Dinner at Polish Hall with Keynote Speaker *Melissa Ohden*, an abortion survivor, author of *You Carried Me* and founder of the Abortion Survivors Network.

Cost: \$60 per person - 10960 104 Street NW, Edmonton

**TO REGISTER FOR THE APOLOGETICS WORKSHOP AND THE ROSE DINNER PLEASE VISIT ALBERTAMARCHFORLIFE.COM**

Join thousands at this peaceful event to show the size, strength and solidarity of the pro-life movement to the public and government.



The Sheptytsky Institute presents  
**Study Days 2026**



# the Gifts of Monasticism

June 19-21, 2026

- Sr. Vassa Larin
- Hieromonk Teodosy Kraychuk
- Hieromonk Herman Majkrzak
- Monk Sophrony Dennihan

- University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto (Toronto, ON)
- \$175 (Early Bird Discount) until May 29 \$200 after May 29
- Accommodations available on-site
- sheptytsky@utoronto.ca



More Info & Register Here!

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Study Days 2026



June 19-21, 2026

## Program

<b>Friday, June 19</b>		
5:00 pm	Vespers	St. Sophia Chapel
6:00 pm	Registration	Charbonnel Lounge
7:00 pm	Opening Talk + Discussion + Social	Charbonnel Lounge
	<i>Hieromonk Teodosy Kraychuk</i>	
<b>Saturday, June 20</b>		
8:30 am	Small Hours	St. Sophia Chapel
9:00 am	Breakfast	Sheptytsky House
10:00 am	Keynote #1	Charbonnel Lounge
	<i>Sr. Vassa Larin</i>	
	Break	
12:00 pm	Sixth Hour	St. Sophia Chapel
12:30 pm	Lunch	Canada Room, Brennan Hall
	Break	
2:00 pm	Keynote #2	Charbonnel Lounge
	<i>Hieromonk Herman Majkrzak</i>	
	Break	
4:00 pm	Keynote #3	Charbonnel Lounge
	<i>Monk Sophrony Dennihan</i>	
5:00 pm	Dinner	Canada Room, Brennan Hall
6:30 pm	Great Vespers	St. Sophia Chapel
7:30 pm	Social	Charbonnel Lounge
<b>Sunday, June 21</b>		
8:00 am	Matins & Liturgy	St. Sophia Chapel
12:00 pm	Closing Brunch	Sheptytsky House

## Keynote Speakers

- Sr. Vassa Larin
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# Bible Study Summary

## The Eucharist in the Eastern Catholic Church

At this week's Bible study, we gathered for a deeper exploration of the Eucharist and its central place in the life of the Church. Drawing from Eastern Catholic theology, we reflected on the mystery of Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist and the Church's teaching on transubstantiation — that through the consecration at the Divine Liturgy, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ while retaining their outward appearance.

Our study began with Sacred Scripture, especially Christ's words in John 6:51-58: *"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."* We also reflected on the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper in the Synoptic Gospels and St. Paul's warning in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 about receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord unworthily. Together, these passages revealed the seriousness and sacredness with which the earliest Christians understood the Eucharist and teaches us that we too must be prepared to receive Jesus.

We then turned to the witness of the Early Church Fathers, whose writings demonstrate that belief in the Real Presence was not a later invention, but part of the faith handed down from the Apostles. Among the quotations discussed were:

- St. Ignatius of Antioch (c. AD 107), who described heretics as those "who abstain from the Eucharist because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ."

- St. Justin Martyr (c. AD 155), who wrote: "We do not receive these as common bread or common drink, but as Jesus Christ our Savior made flesh."
- St. Cyril of Jerusalem (4th century), who instructed believers: "Do not regard the bread and wine as simply that; for they are, according to the Master's declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ."

These writings helped show the continuity between the faith of the early Church and the teachings preserved today in both the Catholic and Eastern traditions.

We also explored the Eastern Christian understanding of the Eucharist as a sacred mystery that draws believers into communion with the life of God. The discussion highlighted both the reverence and awe surrounding the Eucharist in the East and West, as well as the shared belief that Christ is truly present.

Finally, we compared how various Christian denominations understand Communion today. We discussed how some traditions view Communion primarily as a symbolic memorial, while others hold varying beliefs regarding Christ's presence in the sacrament. This comparison helped us better appreciate both the distinctiveness of Catholic teaching and the importance of respectful dialogue with other Christians.

Thank you to everyone who participated. For those with subjects or Verses of scripture they would like to discuss call/text/email Elijah at 778-840-9447 or [baigelijah@gmail.com](mailto:baigelijah@gmail.com).

A reminder that we have a children's portion as well for those with kids!

We are pleased to inform you that, with the blessing of Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski, head of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission, and Bishop Michael Smolinski, Eparch of Saskatoon, the national community of catechists will be holding an

## In-Person Formation Weekend for Catechists in Canada on September 4-6 in Saskatoon, SK.

This weekend is open to all clergy and catechists serving in our parishes and eparchies, as well as to those who feel called to this ministry and wish to grow in it.

We kindly ask you to encourage your catechists to participate, to support them through your prayers and, if possible, financially.

**Registration link:**  
<https://forms.gle/5akYTeiiiXP7fJRS8>

**Катехити Канади**

Catechists of Canada  
A Community under the Patronage of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission of the UGCC

**A Formational Weekend**  
for Catechists in Canada to be held in Saskatoon, SK (EN/UKR)  
**Формативний Вішкіл**  
Катехитів Канади у Саскатуні (двомовний)

**«КАТЕХИТ СЬГОДНІ: ЯК ОЖИВІТИ КАТЕХИЗАЦІЮ?»**  
**«THE CATECHIST TODAY: HOW TO VITALIZE CATECHESIS?»**

**September 4 - 6, 2026**

More information is provided in the registration link.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/YuYrukADzrSMMq5H8>  
Registration deadline: August 1st, 2026  
Number of participants is limited!  
Contact [catechistugcc@gmail.com](mailto:catechistugcc@gmail.com)  
(Viktorija) for more information

@Catechists of Canada

# Parish & Eparchial Announcements

- **We welcome to Parish Pastoral Council both Ed and Dianna Horyn** who are helping fill the vacant positions. They (and all the directors) will need good people to help them, so please volunteer in any way you can to help our parish do great things for God and others.
- **The library at the Pastoral Centre has been enriched** with new books from the “Svichado” publishing house. This valuable addition to our community opens even wider opportunities for spiritual reading, deepening our knowledge of the faith, and growing in Christian life. In the library, you will find:
  - spiritual literature and theological reflections
  - books for children, youth, and adults
  - publications that help to grow in understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Tradition of the Church
- **Lay Leadership 2026:** 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.

To register for each course, contact Andrea Ledader, Eparchy of Edmonton, at (780) 424 5496 or [andrea.leader@eeparchy.com](mailto:andrea.leader@eeparchy.com).

- **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 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 780-455-9926.
- **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).
- Are you trying to remember which **Coffee/Greeter Group** is assigned which day? Here’s the schedule.

Date:	Which group?
May 10	Group G (no coffee today)
May 17	Group H
May 24	Group A
May 31	Group B Accordion Event ∴ no coffee
June 7	Group C
June 14	Group D
June 21	Group E
June - September	No Coffee... but the greeting continues

## Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, May 10: Mother’s Day**
- **Sunday, May 10: No Coffee Today**, due to setup for big funeral.
- **Sunday, May 10 at noon: Grave Blessings at St. Michael’s Cemetery.**
- **May 9-15: Catholic Education Week 2026.** To mark the occasion, the Alberta/NWT Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter entitled Anchored in Christ, Beacon of Hope, a call to renew our commitment to forming disciples, strengthening Catholic identity, and proclaiming the hope we have in Christ. To read it click on this link (assuming you are online, or type it in your web browser if you aren’t): <https://>

[eeparchy.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebc9b659976de1207b3b0acb8&id=04855e4952&e=925fa61717](http://eeparchy.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebc9b659976de1207b3b0acb8&id=04855e4952&e=925fa61717)

- **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." Looking for resources on this? click on this link if you are reading this online... or put the following address into your browser: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>
- **Monday, May 11 at 10 am:** Funeral for the handmaid of God + Anne Zelinski.
- **Monday, May 11 at 6:15 pm:** our Choir Meeting. Everyone is welcome.
- **Monday, May 11 at 7:30 pm:** our next Knights of Columbus Meeting.
- **Tuesday May 12 at 9 am:** Fr. Bo is teaching another Icon Painting Workshop, this time with the grade 6's of Our Lady of Peace School. Pray for us.
- **Tuesday May 12 at 6 pm:** We continue with our "The Chosen" Series. Come watch another episode of the show and let's discuss the life of Christ.
- **Thursday May 14 at 10:30 am:** Parish Bingo Fundraiser.
- **Thursday May 14 at 12 noon:** "Do No Harm" Alberta March for Life. See poster on Page 4 for details.
- **Thursday, May 14 at 7 pm:** The Festal Divine Liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is one of the 12 Great feasts of the Church Year. It is an "obligatory" feast (in other words all the faithful should go to Liturgy this day).
- **May 15 - 18:** Fr. Bo (also known as Theosis School of Iconography) is running an Icon Workshop in Lethbridge AB. This means that Fr. Bo will be away from Holy Cross.
- **Sunday, May 17 at 10 am:** Fr. Greg Faryna will be serving our community's Sunday Divine Liturgy. There will be no bulletin for this Sunday. (Fr. Bo is away for the Icon Workshop)
- **Monday, May 18 at 9 am:** Probably there will be a Perogy Prep Bee. To be confirmed.
- **Monday, May 18 at 6:30 pm:** The Spiritual Committee will be meeting.
- **May 18-22:** Annual Clergy Retreat in Caroline AB, Retreat Master, Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw. Both Deacon John and Fr. Bo will be away. Say a prayer for all of the clergy so that we can have a profound retreat.
- **Tuesday, May 19 at 9 am:** Probably there will be a Perogy Prep Bee. To be confirmed.
- **Wednesday, May 20:** the usual 9 am Divine Liturgy will NOT happen due to Fr. Bo being away at the clergy retreat.
- **Thursday, May 21 at 6 pm:** Bible Study. Everyone welcome.
- **Sunday, May 24:** Vyshyvanka Sunday. For those of you who have Ukrainian Embroidered Shirts, this is a day for you. See Maryka Bodnar for details.
- **Tuesday, May 26 at 9 am:** Perogy Bee
- **May 28 at 1:30 pm:** Molebyn for St. Matthew's Grade 6 farewell here at Holy Cross.
- **Friday & Saturday:** Edmonton's U-Fest
- **Sunday, May 31 at 1 pm:** Edmonton Accordion Concert. All are welcome.
- **Sunday, May 31 at 4 pm:** Hall Rental (40 day memorial for + Mary Zolner)
- **June 19-21:** MASI Study Days in Toronto. See the poster on page 4 for more info.
- **July 6-12:** Choral Traditions of the Eastern Catholic Church: A week long summer intensive course at NTC. Participants will study sacred repertoire, receive individual voice and/or conduct lessons, and sing in evening choir rehearsals in preparation for a concluding concert. If you are a conductor, singer, or teacher who wishes to deepen your musical skills and experience the beauty of Eastern Christian choral music, apply at [www.newman.edu](http://www.newman.edu)  
Participants can either audit the course or take it for credit. Volunteer singers are welcome to join evening rehearsals free of charge, and they can apply at the same link. Information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/4bsrnvw> Additional questions can be sent to: [melanie.turgeon@newman.edu](mailto:melanie.turgeon@newman.edu)
- **Saturday, August 15 at 10 am:** Bishop David, having consulted the Sacred Orders and Ministries Commission, will confer the laying-on-of-hands of Priestly Ordination upon Deacon Peter Pitchko, at Saint Josaphat Cathedral, Edmonton.
- **August 21-23:** World Youth Day @ Home. Location: Mundare, Accommodations: Ukraine Park (camping), More information to come.
- **Monday, August 31 at 7 pm:** Next Ladies' Club Meeting

- **September 4-6:** Catechists of Canada is a **formational weekend for Catechists in Canada.** Thus well named in my opinion. It is going to be held in Saskatoon. Scan the QR code on the poster for more info.
- **September 10-14:** Come to **SingCon 2026, Brampton** and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Saint Elias parish. The Keynote Speaker will be Bishop Erik Varden. Registration is now open! Click to Register! or enter this into your browser: [https://eeparchy.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?](https://eeparchy.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebc9b659976de1207b3b0acb8&id=e86647ad56&e=925fa61717)

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- **Saturday, September 26:** our next **Perogy Supper.** Posters are on display and we have started selling tickets Sunday April 19, 2026. The last two Perogy Suppers, both sittings were sold out. We only print 240 tickets per sitting.”
- **October 5-8: Annual Clergy Study Days**
- **Saturday, April 17, 2027:** Our next after the next anticipated **Perogy Supper.**



## We welcome little Nora to the Body of Christ!

Saturday, Nora received the Sacred Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and the Holy Eucharist in our parish.

If you see any of these good looking people (no... not me, the others) take a moment to say hello and welcome them.

## The Spiritual Committee is having their next meeting in the hall on Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm.

If you are interested in hearing about the both fun and spiritual things we are planning, as well as if you would like to be a part of our Spiritual Committee for this upcoming year, please attend! Commitment will be as much or as little as you would like throughout the year, but we promise snacks, fun, and great company! Members of the choir are also invited to this meeting as we would like to spend some time discussing how to support you and your talents you bring to us weekly.

If you want to know more about what the Spiritual Committee does, we help in the following five areas:

- **Evangelization:** Bringing others to church and into a relationship with God.
- **Catechesis:** Teaching youth, others, and each other about who God is and why we worship the way we do.

- **Prayer/Liturgy:** Enriching the prayer lives of ourselves and our church community.
- **Outreach:** We like to support charities, do fun things, and above all, help others in our community to show everyone the goodness of our God.
- **Church Community:** We support those that can't attend church and provide pastoral care, but also everyone in our building in being connected with each other.

We are also actively looking for volunteers to support in:

- Welcoming newcomers to our church and greeting. Members of all ages are wanted!
- Sunday School - if you enjoy working with our youth, we are looking to grow our team!
- Liturgical Ukrainian - If you are a skilled Ukrainian speaker/reader and want to help build knowledge in our parishioners, please let us know!

If you have questions before our meeting, please call or text Elijah Baig at 778-840-9447 or Alyssa Kluk-Wintjes at 780-722-1797.

## The Next Couple Weeks at Holy Cross

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Sunday of the Man Born Blind; † The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot.</b> Polyeleos Feast. Acts 16:16-34; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 9:1-38; Matthew 13:54-58.</p> <p><b>Mothers' Day</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</b></p> <p>Yes Sunday School, but NO Coffee due to Funeral Setup</p> <p><b>12 Noon: Grave Blessings at St. Michael's Cemetery</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>† <b>The Holy Cyril and Methodius, Teachers of the Slavs;</b> 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>Cancelled-Peregy Prep-Bee</p> <p><b>10 am Funeral + Anne Zelinski</b></p> <p>No noon Icon Workshop this day</p> <p><b>6:15 Choir Meeting</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Our Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople. Acts 17:19-28; John 12:19-36.</p> <p>Cancelled-Peregy Bee</p> <p><b>9 am Icon Workshop with students of Our Lady of Peace School</b></p> <p><b>6 pm Chosen</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>The Holy Martyr Glyceria. Acts 18:22-28; John 12:36-47.</p> <p><b>9 am Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>10 am Meeting in the hall</b></p> <p><b>6 pm Iconography Workshop</b></p> <p><b>6 pm Online Eparchial Sobor</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>⊕ <b>Ascension of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ.</b> Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53.</p> <p><b>10:30 am Bingo</b></p> <p><b>7 pm Festal Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off.</p>	<p><b>15</b> 🐟</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><b>16</b></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>
<p><b>Catholic Education week</b></p>						
<p><b>National Week for Family &amp; Life</b></p>						
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea;</b> The Holy Apostle Andronicus and those with him; Blessed Hieromartyr Ivan Ziatyk. Acts 20:16-18, 28-36; John 17:1-13.</p> <p><b>9:30 am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) with Fr. Greg Faryna</b></p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee</p> <p>Fr. Bo in Lethbridge for an Icon Workshop</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>The Holy Martyr Theodosius of Anycra; Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and those with them; The Seven Holy Virgins. Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27-15:7.</p> <p><b>Victoria Day</b></p> <p>Fr. Bo in Lethbridge for an Icon Workshop</p> <p><b>6:30 pm Spiritual Committee (without Fr. Bo)</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa and those with him. Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2-13.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>The Holy Martyr Thaleus. Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23.</p> <p><b>CANCELLED: 9 am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>⊕ <b>The Holy Great Rulers Constantine and Helen, Equals-to-the-Apostles.</b> Polyeleos Feast. Acts 25:13-19; Galatians 1:11-19; John 16:23-33; John 10:1-8.</p> <p><b>6:30 pm Bible Study</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Basiliscus. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Acts 27:1-44; John 17:18-26.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>All Souls Saturday;</b> Venerable Euphrosyne of Polotsk, Hegumena of the Monastery of the Holy Saviour; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synada. Acts 28:1-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 21:15-25; John 5:24-30.</p> <p><b>Trees are gathered to decorate the church</b></p>
<p><b>Annual Clergy Retreat</b></p>						
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Holy and Glorious Pentecost</b> Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52; 8:12.</p> <p><b>9:30 am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy (English)</b></p> <p>Yes Sunday School, and Yes Coffee</p> <p>Vyshyvanka Sunday</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Monday of the Holy Spirit.</b> Ephesians 5:9-19; Matthew 18:10-20.</p> <p><b>9 am Probable Peregy Prep Bee</b></p> <p><b>12 noon Icon Workshop</b></p> <p><b>6 pm PPC Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>⊕ <b>The Third Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John;</b> The Holy Apostle Carpus, one of the seventy disciples. According to the Typikon, the Feast of the Third Finding of the Precious is moved to Tuesday of this week. Polyeleos Feast. Romans 1:1-7, 13-17; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 4:25-5:13; Matthew 11:2-15.</p> <p><b>9 am Probable Peregy Bee</b></p> <p><b>6 pm Chosen</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyr Therapontus. Romans 1:18-27; Matthew 5:20-26.</p> <p><b>9 am Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>6 pm Iconography Workshop</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon. Romans 1:28-2:9; Matthew 5:27-32.</p> <p><b>1:30 pm Molebyn for St. Matthew's Farewell</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Day off.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>The Venerable-Martyr Theodosia the Virgin. Romans 2:14-29; Matthew 5:33-41.</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatin Monastery. Romans 1:7-12; Matthew 5:42-48.</p>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>All Saints Sunday;</b> The Holy Apostle Hermas; The Holy Martyr Hermes. Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30.</p> <p><b>9:30 am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him. Apostle's Fast. Romans 2:28-3:18; Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11.</p> <p><b>7 pm Ladies' Club</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 🐟</p> <p>Our Holy Father Nicephorus the Confessor. Apostle's Fast. Romans 4:4-12; Matthew 7:15-21.</p> <p><b>10:30 am Divine Liturgy at Venta Care Centre</b></p> <p><b>9 am Divine</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Lucillianus and those with him. Apostle's Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 7:21-23.</p> <p><b>9 am Divine</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 🐟</p> <p>Most Holy Eucharist. Nicene's Fast. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; John 6:48-54.</p> <p><b>4 pm Knights of Columbus Year End</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre; The Holy Hieromartyr Cosmas, Presbyter of Armenia. Apostle's Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain these ingredients. Romans 5:17-6:2; Matthew</p>	<p><b>6</b> 🐟</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonderworker; Venerable Hilarion the New, Confessor. Apostle's Fast. Romans 3:19-26; Matthew 7:1-8.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p>