



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2;
the Priest-Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Great Armenia (284-305)

It's finally here... Our Super,
Exciting, Eye-Opening, Fun, Animated,
Curiosity Satisfying, All Ages, Salvation
Bringing, Caffeine Fuelled, Amazing, and
Colourful...

Bible & Faith Study!

Most **Wednesdays, starting
this week**, join us at 6pm for
prayer, then at 7pm for
informative and fun sessions on
who we are.

How you can help:

1. Come.
2. Bring Friends, Family & Neighbours (you spreading the news is the only way we will gather a crowd)
3. Consider coming a little bit early to help make coffee and tea.

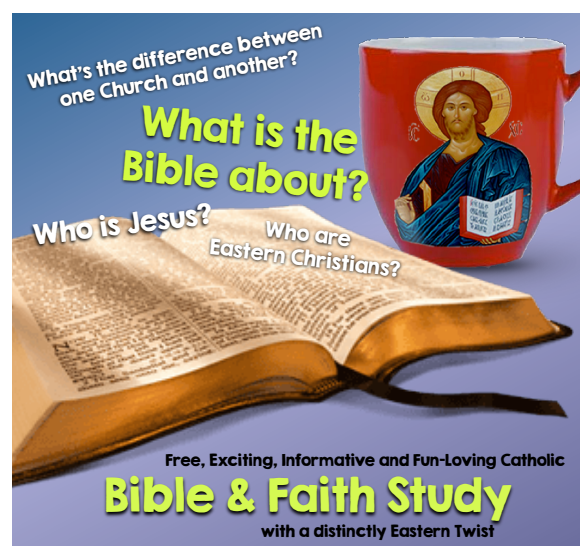


Today we celebrate our "**Praznyk**" or "parish's patron's day".

As a parish who is named after the falling asleep (passing - Dormition) of Mary, the Mother of God, it is a way of us saying "Thank you" to her, who looks after us spiritually, as well as physically, emotionally and in every other way.

Tomorrow the Church as a whole celebrates the feast of her protection and guidance (see next page for an explanation of the feast). We recognize that she constantly intercedes for us all before her Son. In recognition of her encouragement and love, let's make her proud by following in her in doing everything for the glory of God.

After today's Liturgy we will have our annual "Praznyk" Dinner. At this dinner we will thank Fr. Danylo Kuc and family for their great work guiding and encouraging the parish over the past several years, and we will wish them the best as they continue to serve in Red Deer and soon at St. George's parish in Edmonton.



Tomorrow's Feast

Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God (from oca.org)

"Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!"

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from

enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation."

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous

appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting Saint Andrew in contemplation of her.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Slavic fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered important by the Slavic Churches but not by the Greeks.

In the PROLOGUE, a book of the twelfth century, a

description of the establishment of the special Feast marking this event states, "For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!"

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."



Saint of the Day (from the OCA website)

Hieromartyr Gregory the Bishop of Greater Armenia, Equal of the Apostles and Enlightener of Armenia

The Hieromartyr Gregory, Enlightener of Greater Armenia, was born in the year 257. He was descended from the line of the Parthian Arsakid emperors. The father of Saint Gregory, Anak, in striving after the Armenian throne, had murdered his kinsman, the emperor Kursar, in consequence of which all the line of Anak was marked for destruction.

A certain kinsman saved Gregory: he carried off the infant from Armenia to Caesarea in Cappadocia and raised him in the Christian Faith. At maturity, Gregory married, had two sons, but soon was left a widower.

Gregory raised his sons in piety. One of them -- Orhanes, afterwards became a priest, and the other -- Arostanes, accepted monasticism and went off into the wilderness.

In order to atone for the sin of his father, who had murdered the father of Tiridates, Gregory entered into the service of the latter and was a faithful servant to him.

Tiridates loved Gregory like a friend, but he was intolerant of the Christian confession of faith. After ascending the Armenian throne, he began to demand that Saint Gregory renounce the Christian Faith.

The steadfastness of the saint embittered Tiridates, and he gave his faithful servant over to cruel tortures: they suspended the sufferer head downwards with a stone about his neck, for several days they choked him with a stinking smoke, they beat and ridiculed him, and forced him to walk in iron sandals inset with nails.

At the time of these sufferings Saint Gregory sang Psalms. In prison the Lord healed all his wounds. When Gregory again stood before the emperor cheerful and unharmed, he was astonished and gave orders to repeat the torments. Saint Gregory endured

them, not wavering, with all his former determination and bearing. They then poured hot tin over him and threw him into a pit filled with vipers. The Lord, however, saved His chosen one: the snakes did him no harm.

Some pious women fed him with bread, secretly lowering it into the pit. A holy angel, appeared to the martyr, strengthening and encouraging him. Saint Gregory remained in the pit for fourteen years. During this time the emperor Tiridates executed the holy virgin Saint Rhipsime, the aged abbess Gaiana and another 35

virgins from one of the monasteries of Asia Minor. As punishment for this horrible deed, the king's face became disfigured.

Saint Gregory was released from the pit, and buried the relics of the holy virgins with honor. Then he began to preach to the people, urging them to turn away from the darkness of idolatry and toward Christ. The people came to believe in Christ, and wished to build a large church. When it was completed, Saint Gregory had the relics of the holy nuns brought into it. Then he brought King Tiridates there before the bodies of the saints whom he had slain. He repented, and immediately his face was made whole once more.

Soon all of Armenia was converted to Christ. The temples of the idols were destroyed, and

churches for the worship of the true God were built. Saint Gregory ordained priests, established schools, founded monasteries, and provided for the good order of the Church.

Saint Gregory went into the wilderness, where he departed to the Lord. His son Aristanes was made a bishop in Cappadocia, and was one of the 318 holy Fathers at the Council of Nicea.



Tips for Bringing Your Little One(s) to Church

Attending Liturgy with young children can be challenging. Here are some ideas for how to navigate this part of parenthood.

The Noise & Wiggle Factor

Kids can be noisy, and bringing them to church can make them even more so. The echoes and acoustics are great, after all! They get hungry, they cry, they drop the kneelers with a bang, they don't keep their hands to themselves, and sometimes they try to run down the aisle.

It might make us self-conscious when our kids do these things, but **God doesn't mind any of that**. After all, Jesus did say, "Let the little children come to me and do not stop them" (Matthew 19:14). If others are giving you dirty looks, they probably have forgotten Jesus' words. Pope Francis doesn't mind either. He called the sound of children "the most beautiful choir of all," even when they are crying!

Jesus was the same age as your child once, and His parents had to teach Him to behave properly in their synagogue services too. If you want your children to learn to behave in Church, you'll need to help by giving them regular practice.

Some Options

Babies and small children aren't expected to sit still for an hour at mass. It's perfectly fine to bring along items to **keep them occupied**:

- Set aside books specifically for bringing to church, such as a children's Bible, books about saints, etc.
- Quiet toys or a stuffed animal (nothing electronic or noisy, please) are fine for young children in the pews.
- Bring crayons and have your kids colour icons (available in our parish on the bulletin board). Then post the colouring for all the parish to see!

Just because your child is making normal child-like noises doesn't mean you to need whisk him or her out of the main sanctuary immediately. However, if it starts to be too distracting for too long, you have other options:

- Feel free to take your child to the back of the church or a "cry room" to help him/her settle.
- Point out the icons, stained glass, holy water font, etc.
- Bless yourself and your child, kiss the Gospel Book,, the Icons and the Cross, hold candles during the Gospel reading with them, ring the bells at the Hymn to the Mother of God, help them to learn the sign of the cross.

Your Prayer Experience

To be honest, it may not be an especially prayerful experience for you as a parent to attend Liturgy with wiggly children. It will



most certainly be different from what you were used to before parenthood. A key may be shifting your expectations.

- Even if you can't concentrate on the homily, maybe **one line of a song** will be what you needed to hear to give you comfort.
- Or perhaps you won't remember anything from the readings except **one verse** that stood out because it gave you strength to face an upcoming challenge.
- Maybe what you take away in a given week is a **blessed minute of silence** kneeling after communion.

If you attend Liturgy regularly, you will come to relish the sweet family time of doing something all together, in close quarters, every week without anything else vying for your attention. Liturgy can become a time in which you don't have to do anything else in the world except hold, rock, soothe, sing, pray, and simply be together with your children in God's presence.

Pope Francis on Breastfeeding

During a baptism ceremony at the Sistine Chapel, Pope Francis surprised some by encouraging mothers to breastfeed their babies during the service if they were hungry.



"Some will cry because they are uncomfortable or because they are hungry," he said. "If they are hungry, mothers, let them eat, no worries, because here, they are the main focus."

For more tips about building a household of faith, visit us at:



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...with some "byzantinizing" changes by Fr. Bo

Just blocks away from our beautiful little parish is a beautiful school full of beautiful kids being taken care of by beautiful staff.



Last week a couple members of our parish's UCWLC did a grocery shopping trip and delivered the food you see in these photos to Our Lady Of Peace (OLOP) Catholic School. I was invited by the principal and the UCWLC to come in and take a look at their community. They, like you would expect, were full of kids moving around from classroom to classroom, happily

stepping and jumping on the dinosaur footprints laid out on the floor. They had just finished eating lunch. Due to economics, sadly many of these kids do not get lunches nor breakfasts from home. The staff of the school have made it their mission to do the best for these kids by helping them get enough to eat so that they can focus on their school work. Every day these children are fed and loved. The school used to have helpers, prepping the food, but due to tight budgets, the principal now has to come herself, extra-extra early to the school to chop vegetables, stir soup and to cup up apples.

This principle, with her staff (and with the help of our UCWLC) are living examples of Christ amongst us. You can see the love that the students have in their eyes for their principal, and the love she has for her kids. As today's gospel says "Do to others as you would have them do to you." they choose to love. They could instead just throw up their hands and give up on the kids, letting them be hungry and unfocused. These kids are not their kids after all, and other than an easier day in the classroom, the kids can never repay them. Rather this school chooses to give of their own time, their own resources to share and uplift the kids.

Do they need help? Abso-smurf-ly! Although this lovely pile of food certainly helps them out for several days, we represent a pittance of what they need. It would be great if we could double, triple even quadruple what we give them... but... what they want even more than our financial / food help, is our time and presence.

They have invited me to read stories to the kids (which I will start this Tuesday, with the help of Marilyn the Catechetical Puppet), to come in and talk to the kids during religion classes, paint icon with them, and just to hang out in the school.

Can you help? They would happily accept any of us who could volunteer to chop up and bag celery and carrots, or whatever food they have, for a hour or two a week. If you have some extra time you can spare please contact our UCWLC and lend them a hand. Of course, food and money would also be welcome.



All Gentlemen are invited to attend Nov. 2-3, 2018:

Called to be Holy: Being a Christian Man in the World Today

Although there are many things in the world that are contrary to the Christian Faith, we can still engage this culture and maintain a Christian outlook. Keynote Speaker Justice Kevin Feehan will share his thoughts on how one can do that. With the variety of topics and gifted sessional presenters, men of all ages and stages will find something in this conference that will speak to their heart and encourage them to live out their faith in the world today.

Sessional presentations are:

- Dr. Mona-Lee and Justice Kevin Feehan – Building a Better Marriage.
- Fr. Teodosy Kraychuk - Living a Daily Spirituality.
- Hudson Byblow - 1. Wrestling with Singlehood and the Call to Holiness 2. Keeping Kids Catholic.
- Fr. Mike Bombak - Black and White: Living Sexual Purity in a World of 50 Shades.

TIMES: Nov 2, 6:30 - 9:30 pm., Nov. 3, 9:00 am - 4:00pm.

LOCATION: Providence Renewal Centre 3005 119 St NW, Edmonton

COST: Early Bird before Oct 5 \$50.00 - commute, \$100.00 - live in. After Oct 5 - \$60.00 - commute, \$110.00 - live in.

Includes snacks and Saturday breakfast and lunch. **Deadline to register is Oct. 22, 2018.**

Contact the Pastoral office: 780-424-5496 or education@edmontoneparchy.com to register.

Catechist Workshop Oct 5, 2018 5:30 - 9:00 pm.

Who should attend? All those teaching children or adults, or those who might like to begin teaching. This will be an evening of professional development, spiritual growth and networking with other catechists.

Themes for the workshop:

- Faith and God's call. We will explore how we can help those we encounter, grow in their faith and discernment of God's call for them.
- Our Blessed Mother, the Theotokos. What does the Church teach about Mary? How and why do we pray to her? Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky will speak to us about the recently published Rosary Book.

LOCATION: 9645-108 Ave, Edmonton

Register by Sept. 28 at 780-424-5496 or education@edmontoneparchy.com

You are invited to the official

Opening and Blessing of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary

with the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada on Saturday, **October 13**. Divine Liturgy will be at 10:00 am followed by a small reception. All are invited.

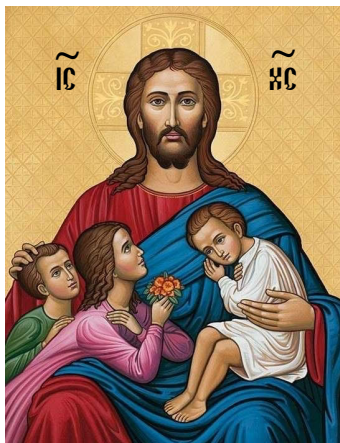
- Seminary location: 12909 113 Avenue NW, Edmonton.
- Please RSVP to 587-460-6031 before October.
- Contact information for Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary:
- Phone: 587-460-6031
- Email (office): admin@holyspiritseminary.org
- Email (rector): rector@holyspiritseminary.org
- Website: holyspiritseminary.org

Little Friends of Jesus

Hey Children: Join us for fun and prayer. Our two wonderful teachers, Tanya and Chris, are ready to teach you. If you have any questions about this program please do not hesitate to contact them.

Next classes on Sundays:

- Sept. 30
- Oct. 7
- Oct. 21
- Nov. 4
- Nov. 18
- Nov. 25
- Dec. 2
- Dec. 9 (St. Nicholas Program and Lunch after Divine Liturgy)
- Dec. 16



Family, Faith, Friends!

Check out this parent's group offered through the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton!



Start your fall off right! Join us as we grow in our own faith, and share parenting ideas and friendship over a cup of coffee.

Childcare is provided. \$1.00 per child to a maximum of \$4.00 per family per session.

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month
9:30 - 11:30 am Sept. 20, 2018 - May 2019
St. Nicholas Church, 9507 Austin O'Brien Rd.
Call or text Joyanne - 780-236-2184, stnicksyouthyeg@gmail.com



Dormition News

- **Thank you** to all who are helping to make today a great day for our parish. All the volunteers who are setting up tables, MC'ing the Praznyk Dinner, selling tickets, etc... you are wonderful. May God bless you all.
- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioner: **Anne Prokop** who celebrates her birthday this week (today). God grant you many years!
- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Marge** Waitas, **Katie** Bunio, **Stella** Dronyk, **John** Puto, **Ann** Horsman, **Annie** Polack, **Louis** Pewar & **Stephania** Nahachewsky. (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- On Sunday October 7th, there will be a **Memorial service** for the servant of God + Stephen Ruff here at our parish after the Divine Liturgy.
- How are we doing with our **Sunday collections**? Okay I guess. For the month of August we collected \$4,014 which is slightly more than we anticipated in our budget. This makes the year-to-date for us at \$32,212 from January till the end of August. Thank you all for your generosity.

- **Young Adult Pilgrimage to Mt. Tabor (Holy Transfiguration) Monastery in California** will take place from December 27 - January 3. This is open to all who are aged 18 through 35. We will Visit the monastery on Mt. Tabor for prayer and talks, with excursions to California's Pacific Coast, Redwood Forest, Wine Country and a short stay in San Francisco.

This pilgrimage to Holy Transfiguration Monastery is for young adults looking for a deeper spiritual experience. Strengthen your faith and journey with the Ukrainian Catholic church through a pilgrimage experience.

It is organized by the Edmonton Eparchy (Millie Schietzsch) and the Eparchy of Parma (Fr. Joseph Matlak) during the Christmas Break, December 27th to January 3rd. Contact Millie at youth@eeparchy.com.

- Hey Kids: **Want to Altar Serve?** I'd love to have anyone in Grade 2 or higher participate in the Liturgy with me at the Altar. Come and see me before Liturgy. Training is "on the job". Both boys and girls welcome.
- Sunday October 21st, after the Divine Liturgy, we invite you to a **brainstorming and strategy session for our parish's Children, Youth and Young Adults**. This very important demographic of our parish is not only the future of our parish, but is also a very important part of our present.

September - October 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by our Special PRAZNYK Dinner. Little Friends of Jesus Program 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Anne Prokop's Birthday	1 Protection of the Mother of God Baptismal Prep	2 Marilyn the Catechetical Puppet and Fr. Bo read to OLOP School	3 Fr. Bo Meeting at Eparchy 6pm Akathist Service 7pm Bible and Faith Study: Intro to Everything	4 Fr. Bo at St. Rose School Marriage / Baptismal Prep	5 2:30 Camp Oselia Society Executive Meeting 5:30pm Fall Catechist Workshop at Eparchy Melkite's Bible Study in Arabic	6
7 10 am Divine Liturgy with Panachyda after Liturgy for the servant of God + Stephen Ruff Catholic Education Sunday 1(?) pm Melkite Liturgy	8 Thanksgiving Monday (Sask. to beat Edm. at 2pm)	9	10 Victor Lirette's Birthday 6pm Prayer Service 7pm Bible and Faith Study: Finding the Story in Scripture	11	12	13 Baptism of Isaac Schabel
14 10 am Divine Liturgy 1(?) pm Melkite Liturgy	15	16 Joseph Paziuk's Birthday	17 Fr. Bo Meeting at Eparchy 6pm Prayer Service 7pm Bible and Faith Study: Early world - Part I	18 Damen Hundt's Birthday	19	20 Marco Orysiuk's Birthday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Troparion, Tone 4 (From the Protection of the MOG): Today we believers radiantly celebrate,* flooded in light by your coming to us, O Mother of God;* beholding your pure image,* we say with contrition:* shelter us with your precious protection* and deliver us from every evil,* entreating Your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour,* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 2: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon, Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. (Psalm 117:14,18)

Epistle 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brothers and Sisters: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being

too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Alleluia, Tone 2

verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. (Psalm 19:2,10)

Gospel Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said: "Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)

