

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE

# DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

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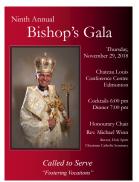
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Leave-taking of the Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple;
Our Holy Father and Priest-Martyr Clement, Pope of Rome (101); Peter, Bishop of Alexandria (312)

This year The Little Friends of Jesus would like to bring good news to **Our Lady of Peace School** whose students are in need of **school supplies**. Our youngest parishioners are leading a drive to collect pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, glue, water color paints, paint brushes, sketchbooks, pastels, sharpeners, duotangs, binders and coiled scribblers. The Little Friends of Jesus sincerely ask for your assistance in gathering these items to donate.





# Bishop's Gala, This Thursday, November 29, 2018

at the Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Centre. This festive gala raises funds to support the operation and programming of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and an exciting live auction. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$175 each or \$1400 per table of eight. A charitable tax receipt for \$85 will be issued per ticket. Due to the tremendous success of Galas past, you are encouraged to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Contact the Pastoral Centre to purchase tickets: 780 424 5496 or <a href="mailto:chancery@edmontoneparchy.com">chancery@edmontoneparchy.com</a>.

We are also accepting monetary donations and/or donations of silent and live auction items from individual and corporate sponsors. Contact Andrea Leader at 780 424 5496 or admin@eeparchy.com to make a donation. All proceeds of the Gala will support the mission of the Church, that is, the sharing of the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

# This year marks the 85th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine - Holodomor (1932-1933).

By the end of 1933, millions of people in Ukraine died from starvation, perhaps as many as one-quarter of the population. They died needlessly as the crop harvests were plentiful. The famine was human-made, orchestrated to inflict pain and suffering upon the people, all for political reasons. The tragic events of that time are known today as the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide or "Holodomor" in Ukrainian.

Let us befittingly honour the memory of the millions who died from starvation first by prayerfully committing their souls in peace to God, and then by actively eradicating poverty by feeding the poor in our midst today one mouth at a time.

Today at our parish's "Coffee" after the Divine Liturgy we will not be serving cakes and cookies, but simply plain bread with water.



# Saints of the Day: (texts from the OCA website)

**The Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome,** was born at Rome into a rich and illustrious family. Separated from his parents from childhood by force of circumstances, Clement was raised by strangers. Living in Rome, the youth received a fine education, he was surrounded by luxury, and had access to the imperial court. But these comforts brought him no joy, and pagan wisdom failed to attract him. He began to ponder the meaning of life.

When the news of Christ and His teaching began to reach the capital, Saint Clement left his home and estate and went to the lands where the Apostles were preaching. At Alexandria Saint Clement met the holy Apostle Barnabas, listening to his words

with deep attention, and perceiving the power and truth of the Word of God. Arriving in Palestine, Saint Clement was baptized by the holy Apostle Peter and became his zealous disciple and constant companion, sharing his toil and sufferings with him. Shortly before his own sufferings and death, Saint Peter consecrated Saint Clement as Bishop of Rome. After the death of the Apostle Peter, Saint Linus (67-79) was the next Bishop of Rome, succeeded by Saint Anacletus (79-91), and then Saint Clement (92-101).

The virtuous life, charitable works and prayerful activity of Saint Clement converted many to Christ. He once baptized 424 people on the day of Pascha. Among the baptized were people of all social classes: slaves, officials, and even members of the imperial family.

The pagans, seeing the success of his apostolic preaching, denounced Saint Clement to the emperor Trajan (98-117), accusing the saint

of insulting the pagan gods. The emperor banished Saint Clement from the capital, sending him to the Crimea, to work at a stone quarry near the city of Cherson. Many of the saint's disciples followed after him voluntarily, preferring to go into exile rather than live without their spiritual Father.

When he arrived at the place of exile, Saint Clement found many Christian believers there, sentenced to labor under harsh conditions amidst a scarcity of water. He prayed together with the condemned, and the Lord appeared to him in the form of a lamb and revealed the location of a spring, from which gushed forth a veritable river of water. This miracle attracted a multitude of people to Saint Clement. Hearing the zealous preacher, hundreds of pagans were converted to Christ. Each day 500 or more men

were baptized. And there in the stone quarry, a church was built, in which he served as priest.

The apostolic activity of the saint aroused the wrath of the emperor Trajan, and he ordered that Saint Clement be drowned. They threw the martyr into the sea with an anchor tied to his neck. This occurred in the year 101.

The saint's faithful disciples Cornelius and Fibius asked the people to pray that the Lord would permit them to see the martyr's body. The sea drew back a distance of three miles from the shore and the people walked out on the seabed until they found a marble

cave shaped like a church. There they found the incorrupt body of their archpastor in this "Angelic Church" formed by God. After this, each year on the anniversary of Saint Clement's martyric death the sea receded, and for seven days Christians were able to venerate his holy relics.

During the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Nicephorus (802-811), by divine providence, the sea failed to withdraw, and the relics of Saint Clement became inaccessible for fifty years. In the time of the emperor Michael and his mother Theodora (855-867), Saints Cyril and Methodius visited Cherson. When they learned of the concealed relics of Saint Clement, they asked Bishop George of Cherson to pray that the Lord would show them the relics of the hieromartyr.

Saints Cyril and Methodius walked along the shore in procession with the clergy who came with them from Constantinople. Through the fervent prayers of everyone gathered there, the holy relics of Saint Clement miraculously appeared on the surface of the sea at midnight. They solemnly

took them to the Church of the Holy Apostles at Constantinople. A portion of the relics were then brought to Rome by Saints Cyril and Methodius, but a large portion of the relics was later brought to Kiev by the holy Prince Vladimir (July 15) and placed in the Desyatin-Tithe church, together with the relics of Saint Fibius, where a chapel dedicated to Saint Clement had been built. The hieromartyr Clement is widely venerated in Russia. From ancient times, many churches have been dedicated to him.

Saint Clement, who belongs to the Apostolic Fathers, has left to us a spiritual legacy (two Epistles to the Corinthians) the first written examples of Christian teaching after the writings of the holy Apostles.



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**The Holy Hieromartyr Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria**, was born and raised at Alexandria. He was a highly educated man, and was head of the school of Alexandria. In the year 300 he became the archpastor of the Alexandrian Church, succeeding his teacher and spiritual guide, the holy Bishop Theonas.

Forced into exile from the city during the anti-Christian persecutions under the emperors Diocletian and Maximian, Saint Peter traveled through many lands, encouraging his flock by letter. Again returned to his city, in order to guide the Alexandrian Church personally during this dangerous period. The saint secretly visited Christians locked up in prison, encouraging them to be steadfast in faith, assisting the widows and orphans, preaching the Word of God, constantly praying and officiating at the divine services. And the Lord kept him safe from the hands of the persecutors.

During this time of unrest the iniquitous heretic Arius, who denied the divinity of Jesus Christ, sowed the tares of his impious teaching. When Arius refused to be corrected and submit to the truth, Saint Peter anathematized the heretic and excommunicated him from the Church. Arius then sent two of Saint Peter's priests to beg the saint to lift the excommunication from him, pretending that he had repented and given up his false teachings. This was not true, for Arius hoped to succeed Saint Peter as Archbishop of Alexandria. Saint Peter, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, saw through the wickedness and deceit of Arius, and so he instructed his flock not to believe Arius nor to accept him into communion.

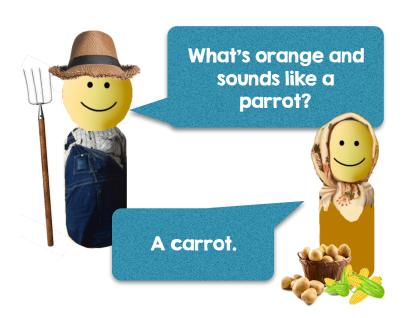
Under the wise nurturing of Saint Peter the Church of Alexandria strengthened and grew in spite of the persecutions. But finally, on orders from the emperor Maximian (305-311), the saint was arrested and sentenced to death. A multitude of people gathered at the entrance of the prison, expressing their outrage. Wanting to avoid bloodshed and a riot by the people, the saint sent a message to the authorities, in which he suggested that they make an opening in the back wall of the prison, so that he might be taken away secretly to execution.

In the dark of the night Saint Peter went with the executioners, who took him beyond the city walls and beheaded him at the same spot where formerly Saint Mark had been executed. That night a certain pious virgin heard a Voice from heaven saying, "Peter was first among the Apostles; Peter is the last of the Alexandrian Martyrs." This took place in the year 311. In the morning, when people learned of the death of their bishop, a crowd gathered at the place of execution. They took up the body and head of the martyr and went to the church, dressing him in his bishop's vestments, they sat him in his throne at the high place in the altar. During his life Saint Peter never sat on it, but sat on a footstool instead. The saint once explained that whenever he approached his throne he beheld a heavenly light shining on it, and he sensed the presence of a divine power. Therefore, he didn't dare to sit there.



The Lord Jesus Christ once appeared to Saint Peter as a twelve-year-old child wearing a robe that was torn from top to bottom. Saint Peter asked the Savior who had torn his garment, and He replied, "That madman Arius has torn it by dividing the people whom I have redeemed by My blood. Do not receive him into Communion with the Church, for he has worked evil against Me and My flock."

Saint Peter, a great champion of Orthodoxy, is known also as a profound theologian. Passages from his book, "On the Divinity (of Jesus Christ)", were consulted at the Councils of Ephesus and Chalcedon. Of all his works, the most widely known and highly esteemed by the Church are his "Penitential Canons".



#### **Dormition News**

- We wish God's blessings and a happy birthday to our parishioners:
   Stella Dronyk, Domimka Lirette and Suanne Workun who celebrate their birthdays this week. God grant you many years!
   If we don't have your birthday, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email (or at least a piece of paper) with the corrected birthdate and your name.
- We pray for the health and well-being of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: Sarah Komar, Marge Woitas, Katie Bunio, Stella Dronyk, John Puto, Ann Horsman, Annie Polack, Louis Pewar & Rosa Maria Santos. (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- 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 are welcome.
- Confessions: Fr. Bo is always around before services, so please do
  not hesitate to ask him to hear your confession. If you are planning
  to make a "longer" confession, he is always available by
  appointment too.
- Little Friends of Jesus schedule till Christmas: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec.
   9 (St. Nicholas Program and Lunch after Divine Liturgy) & Dec. 16
- Saint Nicholas is coming! Saint Nicholas is coming! Saint Nicholas is coming! After Liturgy on December 9th. And we are collecting school supplies for Our Lady of Peace School. Please be generous.
- First Class Relics of Saint (Mother) Theresa of Calcutta have been given to our parish. Fr. Bo will paint an icon of her, then insert her reliquary in it and hang it in the parish for public veneration. This lcon painting will take some time however as Fr. Bo has a few projects on the front burners at this time. More information will be forthcoming.
- Working Together for Safer Environments: If you are a volunteer and you submitted your basic forms. Thank-you. If you are in a "High Risk Ministry Position" and you submitted your forms: Thank-you, and your letter is on the desk in the office. If you are a volunteer and you did not get any forms.... TALK TO FR. BO! (or send him an email).

#### **Eparchial News**

- Camp Oselia Society is looking to hire, a part time contractor to take on the
  caretaker duties at Camp Oselia. Camp Oselia is a year around facility that
  provides an environmentally friendly place for camps, programs and
  retreats for children, students and adults. The main duties of this position
  include:
  - Meeting and supporting groups who are conducting programs and renting the facility
  - General yard maintenance: snow removal, grass cutting, maintaining the lake front, garbage removal, and recycling
  - Building repairs and maintenance: cleaning of the facility (all buildings particularly washrooms and kitchen) and minor repairs
  - Maintenance of equipment: lawnmowers, tractor, attachments and hand equipment

The successful candidate will have recent, hands on experience with maintenance of a large commercial property. They will have proven interpersonal skills and will be required to complete Safer Environments Training and obtain a police record check when requested. It is expected hours to be flexible and will average approximately 20 hours per week (less hours in the low season and closer to full time hours in the busy summer season). This posting closes November 30, 2018. Compensation to commensurate with experience. If you are interested in applying for this position, please forward your application by email to: Camp Oselia Society, Attn: Dan Papirnik Email: danpapirnik@shaw.ca

- <u>DEC. 1</u>: ST. JOSAPHAT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will take place on Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, in the cathedral auditorium (basement). *For sale*: Borscht, wheat, candles, pyrohy, cabbage rolls, baked goods, meat products, honey, preserves, books, icons, cards gifts items, and Christmas photo shoots. Private vendors are welcome to participate! All proceeds are designated for the Preservation Fund.
- The **Annual Bishop's Appeal Collection** "What Gift Have I, Worthy of a King?" takes place on Sunday, **December 2 and 9th**. The Appeal coincides with the Feast of Saint Nicholas. Help Bishop David in spreading the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by supporting our Eparchial ministries and offices, including: Youth Ministry, Family Life Ministries, Religious Education, Liturgy Office, Vocations, Ecumenism, Social Outreach, and Marriage Tribunal. Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!

# ARE YOU NEW HERE?

#### Welcome! We are glad you came.

After Liturgy please join us for "coffee" so that we can get to know one another.

If you are unfamiliar with Byzantine Christian worship then you are in for a wonderful experience. For many it may seem a bit strange, perhaps even from another time. The priest stands in front of the Altar facing God with the people, everything is sung or chanted, the clergy are vested in rich looking vestments, the people venerate the Gospel Book and icons, incense fills the air with majesty... With all the smells and bells it can seem a bit overwhelming to those who are not familiar with it, but each action, each prayer, each detail has deep meaning, and once understood they help us enter deeper into our life with God.

The Byzantine Church's liturgical roots run deep into early Christianity. The Divine Liturgy (known as the "Mass" in the Latin Rite) is the same Eucharistic service first celebrated by Christ Himself, and is the highlight of our liturgical worship. Although our prayer life is living and dynamic, our liturgical tradition has many elements that have remained virtually unchanged over the centuries. Authentic yet still totally relevant to us today. The goal of the Divine Liturgy is to unite ourselves with all creation, in praise and thanksgiving to God.

If you are new to our faith tradition, I encourage you to come and sit next to one of our 'regulars', and let them guide and explain things for you. Questions are very welcome.

You can also learn a lot more about our community, and the programs we have by checking out our parish's website at: http://dormition.eeparchy.com

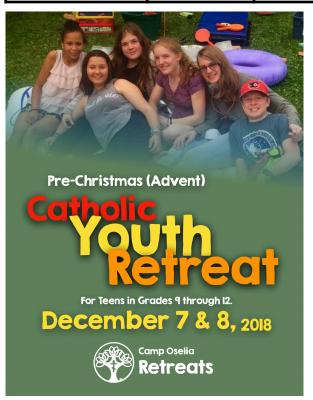
# DO YOU NEED PRAYERS? OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Let Fr. Bo know if you or someone you know needs prayers. He will not only keep them in his personal prayers, but he can include them in the Liturgy too (if you desire). There is a sheet in the entrance of the church if you wish to have the name(s) read aloud during the service.

# INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH? OR DO YOU HAVE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION?

Please fill out one of the forms that can be found on the table in the entrance of the church. Parishioners get a FREE box of donation envelopes! (yippee, free envelopes!)

November - December 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 CO IO am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program  12 pm Melkite Liturgy (yes, it's 2 hours earlier than normal this day)	26 🗙 5pm Private Baptismal Prep Class	27 ← Spm Eparchial Meeting in regards to Internet Presence  7pm Fr. Bo at Our Lady of Guadeloupe Presentation at Sacred Heart Parish	6pm Prayer Service 7pm Bible Study: Patriarchs Part I Stella Dronyk's Birthday	29 ← 9am Eparchial Meeting about Camp Oselia Family Camp Bishop's Gala Domimka Lirette's Birthday	30 CX St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Bible Study in our Parish Hall	1 CX  10:30 am Divine Liturgy with Panachyda for +Laurence Sirman  Suanne Workun's Birthday
2 CX 10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program  Decorating our Parish for Christmas 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	3  9am Private Icon Studio Session David Laschuk's Birthday	4   7pm Private Baptismal Prep Class	5 CX 6pm Prayer Service 7pm Bible Study: Patriarchs Part 2	6 C Feast of St. Nicholas  4pm Eparchial Catechetical Commission Meeting	Advent Catholic Youth Retreat at Camp Oselia	8 C Advent Catholic Youth Retreat at Camp Oselia
Feast of the Conception by St. Anne  IO am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program AND  A Visit from St. Nicholas the Wonderworker! With a collection of School Supplies for OLOP School  2 pm Melkite Liturgy	Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary Andrij Genyk's Birthday	Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary Steve Dasher's Birthday	Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary Emily Kowal's Birthday  NO Prayers or Bible Study	Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary	Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Bible Study in our Parish Hall	15 🗙 Brittany Kwas' Birthday



Are you ready for a life changing, totally fun, meaningful and exciting weekend? Do you want to meet cool young people like yourself from across the province? Do you want to gain a greater sense of purpose for your life and become the person that God wants you to be?

**This is the weekend for you.** Join us as we spend some quality time with God, nature, friends and... and... you get to go sledding, play those cool icebreaker games that everyone loves to hate, and try to stump the priest with any anonymous questions around a blazing camp fire.

A Pre-Christmas Retreat is a great chance to focus your life, make new and profound friends and set your (spiritual) world on fire. Invite your best friends and let's go.

**Who is this for?** You! If you are in grade 9 through 12, and you want to have fun, get to know new people, and grow spiritually, then this is a retreat for you.

#### How much will this retreat cost me?

We have set the participant costs to **\$50**. We ask that you submit this retreat fee online if possible along with your registration.

If this fee is still too much for you or your family, consider asking your church, your local Knights of Columbus, or local Women's League to sponsor you. Most would be very happy to help if you ask them nicely (and in advance).

#### How can I register?

Go to **CampOselia.com** and register online.

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - 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 netherworld,\* all the powers of heaven cried out:\* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

**Troparion, Tone 4:** Today is the prelude of the good pleasure of God,\* and the proclamation of salvation for the human race.\* In the Temple of God\* the Virgin is clearly revealed,\* and beforehand announces Christ to all.\* To her, then, let us cry aloud with a mighty voice:\* Rejoice, fulfilment of the Creator's plan.

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.

**Kontakion, Tone 4:** The Saviour's pure temple,\* the precious bridal chamber and Virgin,\* the sacred treasury of the glory of God,\* is brought today into the house of the Lord;\* and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit.\* God's angels sing in praise of her:\* She is indeed the heavenly dwelling-place.

#### 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)

#### **Prokeimenon, Tone 3**

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. (Luke 1:46)

### **Epistle Ephesians 6:10-17**

Brothers and Sisters; be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make

you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

#### Alleluia, Tone 2

**Verse:** The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. (Psalm 19:2)

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

**Verse:** Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. (Psalm 44:11)

**Verse:** The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance. (Psalm 44:13)

#### Gospel Luke 13:10-17

At that time Jesus; was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## Hymn to the Mother of God

Seeing the entrance of the pure one, angels marvel in wonder how the Virgin could enter the holy of holies.

**And the Irmos, Tone 4:** Let no hand of the profane touch God's living ark,\* but instead let the lips of those who are believers\* sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel,\* crying out with great joy to the Mother of God:\* O pure Virgin,\* you are truly higher than all.

#### Communion Hymn

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

I will take the cup of salvation;\* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 115:13)

# **Buy a Raffle Ticket!**

Our UCWLC (Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada) is selling raffle tickets for a lovely basket of goodies and now also decorator cushions too, in order to raise funds to support their good works. Please buy a ticket, or lots of them. They are \$2 each or 3 for \$5... or as Fr. Bo pointed out: "that is only 39 tickets for \$65!" It's for a good cause!

