



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

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## December 2, 2018

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 3;  
the Holy Prophet Habakkuk (Avvakum); Athanasius the Recluse (1176)

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 colour paints, paint brushes, sketchbooks, pastels, sharpeners, duo-tangs, binders and coiled scribbles. The Little Friends of Jesus sincerely ask for your assistance in gathering these items to donate.



## The UCWLC is up to their "usual" good works.

At this time of year there is a second collection by our Ladies to raise funds for flowers to decorate our Church for the Christmas Season.

They are also selling raffle tickets for a lovely basket of goodies and a decorator cushion too, in order to raise funds to support their other good works such as buying groceries for hungry school children.

Please buy a ticket, or lots of them. They are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

## 87%. Solid Christmas through Theophany Schedule:

Christmas Eve	Monday, Dec. 24	Complines & Liturgy	10 pm
Christmas Day	Tuesday, Dec. 25	Festal Divine Liturgy	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Sunday after the Nativity: St. Joseph, St. King David & St. James	Sunday, Dec 30	Sunday Divine Liturgy (with Fr. ?)	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
St. Basil's / Circumsion / New Year's	Tuesday, Jan. 1	Liturgy with Baptism of Little Vizza & Chrismations of Joanna & Katharine (with Fr. Danylo)	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Theophany Eve	Saturday, Jan. 5	Complines & Liturgy	7pm
Theophany Day	Sunday Jan. 6	Great Blessing of Water	9:15 am
		Festal Divine Liturgy with Baptism of Shiela (with Bishop, Melkite Parish's Liturgy)	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Parish "Kutia"	Sunday Jan. 13	Regular Sunday Liturgy with the	10 am

**I still need to confirm St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Liturgy Schedule... therefore it's only 87% solid.**



The **Holy Prophet Habakkuk**, the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C.

The Prophet Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers assuaged the hunger of the

exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37).

After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14).

The Fourth Ode of the Psalter ("O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...") is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.

**Saint Athanasius, hermit of the Near Caves of Kiev**, was a contemporary of the archimandrite Saint Polycarp (July 24) of the Kiev Caves. Saint Athanasius was grievously ill for a long time. When he died, the brethren prepared him for burial, and on the third day the igumen came to bury him. However, they all saw the dead man alive. He was sitting up and weeping. To all their questions he replied only: "Seek salvation, obey the igumen in everything, repent each hour and pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, to His All-Pure Mother and to Saints Anthony and Theodosius, to allow you to end your life here. Do not ask me anything else, for I must pray" (There is a similar story of Saint Hesychius [October 3] in THE LADDER of Saint John Climacus, Step 6).

After this he lived for twelve years more in solitude in a cave. During that time he spoke not a word to anyone. He wept day and night, and partook of a little bread and water only every other day. Just before his death, he assembled the brethren, and repeated his earlier words to them, and then he peacefully departed unto the Lord (in about the year 1176).

The monk Babylas, who had suffered illness and an infirmity of the legs for many years, was healed at his relics. "As I lay there," he told the brethren, "I cried out in pain. Suddenly, Saint Athanasius appeared to me and said, 'Come to me, and I shall heal you.' I wanted to ask him how and when he had returned here, but he became invisible. I believed his words and asked to be taken to his relics. And indeed, I have been healed." Saint Athanasius was buried in the Antoniev Cave. His memory is celebrated also on September 28 and on the second Sunday of Great Lent.

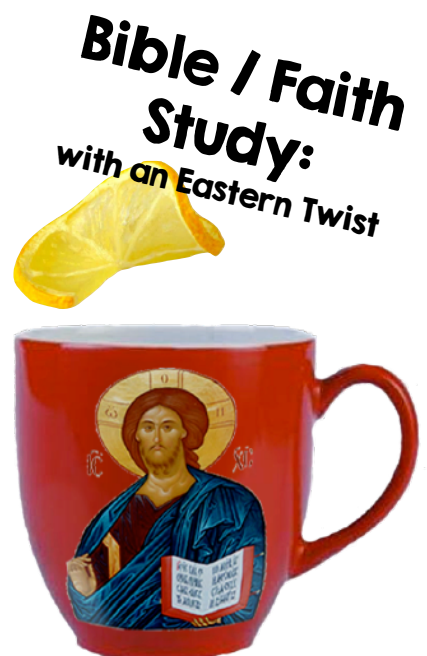


← **Heads up:** Next Sunday is the feast of the Conception by St. Anne... an explanation of the feast is to come in next week's bulletin. Those who came to the Bible Study 2 Wednesdays ago already know a bunch about it!

You could be like those wise "Bible Study Goers" too! It's free! It's kinda fun! It's educational! and it's on most Wednesday nights! (Free Tea too).

The next Bible Study is this **Wednesday, December 5 at 7pm** (prayers at 6pm).

Then there is a week off as Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop, but we resume on **Dec. 19** for a special "God with Us" Bible & Faith Session, another break for Christmas, and we resume in the new year with our Bible Study on **January 9th**.





# 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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# Remembering + Laurence Sirman

Love is visible.

Yesterday (Saturday) in our parish we had a memorial service for the Servant of God + Laurence Sirman. Laurence was an active member of our parish (and remains to be, just from another place). He poured out his time and effort to make the world a place where people could encounter our Lord. He worked at the Pastoral Centre (Bishop's Offices) where he did the work of managing the Church's properties. Even though his job was full of filling out papers and talking to the CRA, I always saw him with a smile on his face.

Bishop David spoke about how Laurence loved not only his work, but also his family. Apparently Laurence had a unique

ringtone for each member of his family and was excited when one of them would call. Fr. Stephen talked about how Laurence was friends to everyone, God, Church, Family and especially his wife Helen.

At the end of the service Helen (Laurence's wife) was presented with an icon of the Theotokos. This very tender icon depicts Mary and Christ in a "sweet kiss". In the same tender way our whole parish's love embraces Helen and the whole Sirman family, as well as our brother + Laurence.

It was a beautiful memorial for a loved parishioner.

May God make his memory eternal.



Photos:

Left: Bishop David, Fr. Stephen Wojcichowski, Fr. Bill Hupalo are visible while we pray the Panachyda (prayers for the deceased).

Lower Left: Fr. Bo presents the icon of the Theotokos to Helen as Fr. Peter Brezden looks on.

Below: A photo of the Icon given to Helen from you the parishioners.



## Dormition News

- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioner: **David Laschuk** who celebrates his birthday 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.
- **Want to read the Epistle?** Young and old are invited to participate in this ministry. If you would like to help please talk to Martha Dashkewytch.
- **Want to collect lots of money?** You can help pass the collection basket at liturgy. Just talk to the Sacristans.

- **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: Dec. 2, Dec. 9 & 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.
- **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

- 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!

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## Silly Priest Wins Big at the Bishop's Gala!

This past Thursday the Eparchy put on the 9th Annual Bishops Gala. This fundraising event helps bishop with charitable and educational works in and around our eparchy including training people to do various ministries and putting on faith enriching programs.

At this year's event our parish had it's customary table of people. One of those was yours truly (Fr. Bo). Thank you to the parish for buying me a ticket so I could attend such a great event. The meal was delicious. The auctions were exciting. Bishop and Fr. Michael Winn spoke wonderfully. It was all around good.

To make sure I was contributing something, I figured I'd donate some money via the raffle. Up for grabs was a "Oilers Package" which I thought my wife would love. Low and behold... she got it!

The only bad news (and YES this is a joke) is now she will expect a great Christmas present every year.

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## Elizabeth continues to learn more about her faith as she prepares for her **First Solemn Communion**


Our classes are going well. Elizabeth is a bright girl who is happy to follow Christ. In Saturday's lesson we learned about the whole story of the Bible including the part where we are included. Yes, we are included in the "Book of Life" from our baptisms. We also focused on the prayers of "Rejoice / Hail Mary" and the "Nicene Creed".

I remind all parishioners to pray for her as she prepares for this important reception of the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist.

If you know someone who is of First Solemn Communion age have them speak to Fr. Bo





December 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 ✠</p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program</b></p> <p><b>Decorating our Parish for Christmas</b></p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p>	<p>3 ✠</p> <p>9am Private Icon Studio Session</p> <p>David Laschuk's Birthday</p>	<p>4 ✠</p> <p>9am Eparchial Meeting about Camp Oselia Family Camp</p> <p>7pm Private Baptismal Prep Class</p>	<p>5 ✠</p> <p>1:30 pm Fr. Bo meets with St. Nicholas Melkite Parish.</p> <p><b>6pm Prayer Service</b></p> <p><b>7pm Bible Study: Patriarchs Part 2</b></p>	<p>6 ✠</p> <p><b>Feast of St. Nicholas</b></p> <p>4pm Eparchial Catechetical Commission Meeting</p>	<p>7 ✠</p> <p><b>Advent Catholic Youth Retreat at Camp Oselia</b></p>	<p>8 ✠</p> <p><b>Advent Catholic Youth Retreat at Camp Oselia</b></p>
<p>9 ✠</p> <p><b>Feast of the Conception by St. Anne</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program AND...</b></p> <p><b>A Visit from St. Nicholas the Wonderworker! With a collection of School Supplies for OLOP School</b></p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p> 	<p>10 ✠</p> <p>Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary</p> <p>Andrij Genyk's Birthday</p>	<p>11 ✠</p> <p>Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary</p> <p>Steve Dasher's Birthday</p>	<p>12 ✠</p> <p>Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary</p> <p>Emily Kowal's Birthday</p> <p><b>NO Prayers or Bible Study</b></p>	<p>13 ✠</p> <p>Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary</p>	<p>14 ✠</p> <p>Fr. Bo teaches an Icon workshop to the Propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary</p> <p>St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Bible Study in our Parish Hall</p>	<p>15 ✠</p> <p>Brittany Kwas' &amp; Alexandra Hapak's Birthdays</p> <p><b>First Solemn Communion Class</b></p>
<p>16 ✠</p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program</b></p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p>	<p>17 ✠</p>	<p>18 ✠</p> <p>5pm Private Baptismal Prep Class</p>	<p>19 ✠</p> <p><b>6pm Prayer Service</b></p> <p><b>7pm Bible / Faith Study: "God With Us"</b></p> <p>John Vizza's &amp; Sonja Sashkewytch's Birthdays</p>	<p>20 ✠</p> <p>Elena Sotnikova-Artymkov's Birthday</p>	<p>21 ✠</p>	<p>22 ✠</p> <p>Luba Dasher's Birthday</p>



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF THIS RETREAT, AND FOR THE YOUTH AND LEADERS WHO ARE GOING.

### Is it too late to go to the Catholic Youth Retreat???

I'll pull some strings for you. Register today (please).

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 can I register?** Go to **CampOselia.com** and register online.  
Fee: **\$50.**

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS



## Troparia and Kontakia

**Troparion, Tone 3:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

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

**Kontakion, Tone 3:** You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,\* and led us out from the gates of death.\* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,\* and the prophets together with the patriarchs\* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Theotokion, Tone 3:** Today the Virgin stands before us in the church\* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.\* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,\* Apostles exult with prophets,\* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

## Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

**verse:** Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. (Psalm 46:7,2)

## Epistle Colossians 3:12-16

Brothers and Sisters: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves

with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

## Alleluia, Tone 3

**verse:** In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

**verse:** Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. (Psalm 30:2,3)

## Gospel Luke 18:18-27

At that time; A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother.'" He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God."

## Communion Hymn

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

