



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

Парафія Успіння Пресв. Богородиці

A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

Address:

15608 -104 Avenue,
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Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am
& Melkite (Arabic) D.L.
at 2 pm

Akathist or Molebyn
Most Wednesdays at 6 pm
(see calendar)

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Sunday, February 3, 2019

Sunday of Zaccheus, Tone 4; Post-feast of the Encounter; the Holy and Just Simeon Who
Received God and the Prophetess Anna



Pre-Lent is upon us:

Sunday of Zaccheus

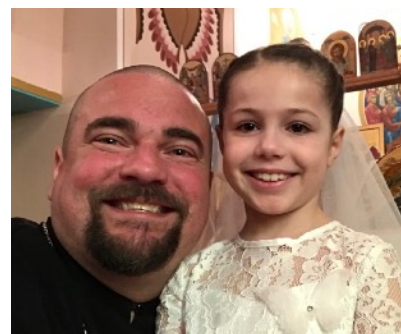
The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is itself preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man and how his life was greatly changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Lk 19.3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through lent towards Easter. It is the first movement of salvation.

Congratulations to Elizabeth

Shakeshaft who received the Sacraments of
Reconciliation and her First Solemn Communion
last weekend.

May God bless you Elizabeth, so that you may grow
closer and closer to Him everyday. (Even if you are
stuck in Wetaskawin due to the weather today.)

Many happy years.



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place next Sunday after the Liturgy.

We encourage all parishioners to come and have their voices heard as we try our best
to serve God together.

Simeon the God-Receiver and the Prophetess Anna

Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver was, according to the testimony of the holy Evangelist Luke, a just and devout man waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him (Luke 2:25). God promised him that he would not die until the promised Messiah, Christ the Lord, came into the world.

Ancient historians tell us that the Egyptian pharaoh Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-247 B.C.) wished to include texts of Holy Scripture in the famous Library at Alexandria. He invited scholars from Jerusalem, and the Sanhedrin sent their wise men. The Righteous Simeon was one of the seventy scholars who came to Alexandria to translate the Holy Scriptures into Greek. The completed work was called "The Septuagint," and is the version of the Old Testament used by the Orthodox Church.

Saint Simeon was translating a book of the Prophet Isaiah, and read the words: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive in the womb, and shall bring forth a Son" (Is 7:14). He thought that "virgin" was inaccurate, and he wanted to correct the text to read "woman." At that moment an angel appeared to him and held back his hand saying, "You shall see these words fulfilled. You shall not die until you behold Christ the Lord born of a pure and spotless Virgin."

From this day, Saint Simeon lived in expectation of the Promised Messiah. One day, the righteous Elder received a revelation from the Holy Spirit, and came to the Temple. It was on the very day (the fortieth after the Birth of Christ) when the All-Pure Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph had come to the Temple in order to perform the ritual prescribed by Jewish Law.

When Saint Simeon beheld their arrival, the Holy Spirit revealed to him that the divine Child held by the All-Pure Virgin Mary was the

Promised Messiah, the Savior of the world. The Elder took the Child in his arms and said, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).

There is a Christian epigram (Number 46) in "The Greek Anthology" which is addressed to Saint Simeon. It tells the righteous Elder to receive the Child Who was born before Adam,

and Who will deliver Simeon from this life and bring him to eternal life. A similar idea is expressed in the Aposticha (Slavic use) for the Forefeast of the Nativity of the Lord (December 24). There the Mother of God refers to her Son as "older than ancient Adam."

Simeon blessed the All-Pure Virgin and Saint Joseph, and turning to the Mother of God he said, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

The holy Evangelist continues: "And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the

daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Aser. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband for seven years from her virginity; and she was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not leave the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming at that very hour, also gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption at Jerusalem" (Luke 2:36-38).

The holy righteous Simeon the God-Receiver died at a great age (Tradition says he was 360). His holy relics were transferred to Constantinople in the sixth century. His grave was seen by the pilgrim Saint Anthony, the future Archbishop of Novgorod (October 8) in 1200.





Thank you God for your blessings upon little Sam Ostowich.

Sam went through open heart surgery to close a hole in heart this past Monday morning. This serious surgery went well and Sam returned home after only four days in the hospital. The family is relieved and Sam (at least in this picture) looks extremely happy.

Thank you also to all of you who have been praying for Sam and his family.

"While I was in the doctor's waiting room, there was this tiny man, only about six inches tall. Although he was there before me, he let me see the doctor first. I suppose he just had to be a little patient."



Home Blessings... Thanks for your patience. I did get a lot done last week, so I should be able to hit a few of you this week.

It is never too late to have your house blessed. At least a day before he comes, he will phone you and make the appropriate arrangements. If you want to book a particular date or time with him you can send him an email at fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com or text or call on his cell phone 780-340-3726. You don't need to do anything special, just open your door and have a short visit with him.

Teach Us to Pray

In the Gospel of Luke (Lk 11:1-2) one of the disciples said to Jesus "Teach us to pray." They had seen Jesus pray often and understood the importance of frequent prayer. We know that prayer must be at the heart of our own journey towards an ever closer relationship with God but it is not always easy. In this series of presentations we will explore various way of praying and will be presented with practical ways to build a consistent rule of prayer in our lives. Sessions will consist of a presentation and will conclude with prayer. There is no registration. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

March 14 – Fr. Mihajlo Planchak – The Our Father and The Prayer before Communion
March 21 – Fr. Peter Babej – The Rosary and the new Rosary Book
March 28 – Fr. Michael Winn – Contemplative Prayer – The Jesus Prayer
April 4 – Fr. Bo Nahachewsky – Praying with Icons
April 11 – Fr. Danylo Kuc – Praying the Psalms - (at Verkhovyna Hall) **April 25** – Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky – Prayers of the Divine Liturgy

All sessions run 7:00 - 8:30 pm except the last one which will run 7:00 - 9:00pm
LOCATION: Dormition Parish, 15608 – 104 Ave, except April 11, which will be held at Verkhovyna Hall 9637- 108 Ave in conjunction with a Home of Hope Fundraiser. Check the Edmonton Eparchy website for details.



Dormition News

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Fr. Stephen Wojcichowski, 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.)
- No birthdays this week that I know of.
If we don't have your birthday, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email.
- **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.
- **Bible Study with an Eastern Twist:** Our regular Bible Study continue on Wednesdays. All are welcome. Free tea.
- Our program for little children is called "**Little Friends of Jesus**" and we invite your little one to join us. Our two wonderful teachers are Tanya and Chris. If you have any questions about this program please do not hesitate to contact them. Here is our LFJ schedule: January 27; February 10; February 24; March 3; March 17; April 14; April 28; May 5; May 26; June 9
- If you are a **volunteer** in our parish and you have not handed in your **Safer Environments** "volunteer information forms" please do so. If you did, and you are in a high risk position and you have not got your "Police information Check with Vulnerable Sector" yet, please do so. If you don't know what I am talking about... ask me. Thanks.
- Our **Parish's Annual General Meeting** will take place on February 10th. All parishioners are asked to attend.
- **Parish Casino Workers needed.** We have three shifts remaining to be filled for the Parish Casino:
 - Count room worker - 11 pm to 3:30 pm - Monday March 17
 - Chip Runner - 7:30 pm to 3:15 am - Tuesday March 18
 - Count room worker - 11 pm to 3:30 pm - Tuesday March 18

Please contact Alex Schabel or Iryna Laschuk to complete the necessary AGLC forms asap.

- **Social Mission Workshop/Retreat:** March 15, 16 at Camp Oselia. This will be a jam-packed 24 hours! Beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday and ending at 6:30 pm on Saturday. COST: \$70.00. Register by Jan. 11. 780-424-5496. A shuttle to Camp Oselia will be provided if there is an interest. We will focus on two themes:
 - our relationship as Ukrainian Catholics with the Indigenous community. We will learn about each other and spend time sharing.
 - the concerns of the environment and ways that we can move our Eparchy toward a better treatment of the gift of the earth.
- **Finding Grace in Grief:** a full day in practical grief support. May 10, from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. If you are interested you can find more information at www.FindingGraceInGrief.com

Important Notice: This year the nominating committee is proposing the following people for positions on the 2019 Parish Pastoral Council. There are still a few vacancies, so if you are interested please contact us soon. Nominations will also be taken from the floor for any position.

President:	Simon Prayma
Co-Vice President:	John Vizza
Co-Vice President:	Iryna Laschuk
Treasurer:	Alex Schabel
Secretary:	Sharon Lonsberry
Past President:	Helen Sirman

3 year Director:	Sharilynn Shakeshaft
2 year Director:	Steve Konowalec
1 year Director:	Jordan Schabel

UCWLC President Virginia Sharek

Finance Committee:	
Chair	Iryna Laschuk
Treasurer	Alex Schabel
Member	Sheila Leiding
Member	



**Camp Oselia
Retreats**

**March 1-3, 2019
Icon Workshop**

with Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

Write a traditional Byzantine Icon.
No experience required.

CampOselia.eeparchy.com



Theosis Studios and Dormition Parish
Proudly Present:

**A Lenten Icon
Writing Workshop**

March 4-9

Weekday Evenings and all day Saturday

For more information contact Fr. Bo



If you want to see what Fr. Bo has been up to this past week check out:

CampOselia.eeparchy.com



Camp Oselia's

5 Summer Camps of 2019



Come and join us for another exciting summer of adventure and growth.


Breathe fresh air. Have loads of fun. Make new friends. Eat great food. Grow your faith. Sleep like a log. Feed a couple mosquitoes. Be fully alive!

- Teen Camp (Sr. High) from June 30 till July 2;
- Family Camp (all ages together) from July 2 through July 6;
- Elementary Camp (elementary school) from July 14 through 19;
- Mixed Camp (elementary and Jr. High) from July 21 through 26; and
- Jr. High Camp (you guessed it: for Jr. High Students) from July 28 through August 2

CAMP OSELIA'S SUMMER CAMP
RETURN 
TO THE FUTURE
 **WITH CHRIST**



More information and online registrations are now available at CampOselia.com

February 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Sunday of Zacchaeus 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Woven, retreat for Teen Girls	4 The Pre-Lenten Season Begins	5	6 No Prayers nor Bible Study	7 7pm Camp Oselia Society Budget Meeting	8  Eparchial Pre-Marriage Course weekend I Melkite Bible Study	9 Eparchial Pre-Marriage Course weekend I
10 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee 10 am Divine Liturgy with the Baptism of Decian Mattern Parish AGM 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Eparchial Pre-Marriage Course weekend I 5:30 Table for Two at St. Vladimir Parish Natalya Dashkewytsch's Birthday	11	12 Private Marriage Prep	13 6 pm Prayer 7 pm Bible Study with an Eastern Twist: All Welcome	14 St. Valentine's Day	15 NO FASTING Fr. Bo Away: Icon Workshop at Lethbridge	16 Fr. Bo Away: Icon Workshop at Lethbridge
17 Sunday of the Prodigal Son 10 am Divine Liturgy with Fr. Peter Brezden 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Fr. Bo Away: Icon Workshop at Lethbridge	18 Family Day	19	20 6 pm Prayer 7 pm Bible Study with an Eastern Twist: All Welcome Marko Laschuk's Birthday	21 Fr. Bo Leading a parent's Icon retreat in the morning at St. Nicholas Parish. 7pm Wedding Rehearsal Camp Oselia Society Meeting Anniversary of the Passing of Stephania Workun Melodie Sokoloski-Tower's Birthday	22 Eparchial Pre-Marriage Course weekend 2 Katherine Vizza's Birthday	23 Eparchial Pre-Marriage Course weekend 2 1:30 pm Justin & Stacey's Wedding



Camp Oselia RETREATS

March 22 - 25, 2019

Teen Lenten Spring Break Retreat





Camp Oselia RETREATS

April 5 - 7, 2019

Adult Lenten Retreat



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

Troparion: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

Troparion: Rejoice, full of grace, Virgin Mother of God!* From you there dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,* who enlightens those who dwell in darkness.* And you, O righteous Elder, be glad!* You received in your embrace* the Liberator of our souls,* who grants us resurrection.

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

Kontakion: My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb* and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon.* You have come also now and saved us, O Christ our God;* give peace to Your community in time of war,* and strengthen its rulers, whom You love,* for You alone,* are the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon:

How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom.

verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. (Psalm 103:24,1)

My soul magnifies the Lord,* and my spirit has rejoiced in God, My Saviour.

Epistle I Timothy 4:9-15

Brothers and Sisters: This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, and especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

Alleluia:

verse: Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. (Psalm 44:5)

verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity. (Psalm 44:8)

verse: Now, O Master, You dismiss Your servant in peace according to Your word.(Luke 2:29)

verse: For my eyes have seen Your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people, Israel. (Luke 2:32)

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

At that time Jesus: entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Hymn to the Mother of God and the Irmos:

O God-bearing Virgin, hope of Christians, protect and guard and save all those who put their trust in you.

In the law, the shadow, and the scriptures, we the faithful see a figure: every male child that opens the womb shall be sanctified to God. Therefore do we magnify the first-born Word and Son of the Father who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who had not known man.

Communion Hymn

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

I will take the chalice of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord (Psalm 116:13) Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

