

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE

DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Парафіга Успіннга Пресв. Богороднці A parish of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton

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

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Sunday, September I

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (T3); Beginning of the Indiction, that is, the New Year; Our Holy Father Symeon the Stylite (459) and his mother Martha; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God of Miasenes

LET'S GET EXCITED!



Making Our Parish Bloom (even more) A Day of Pastoral Visioning



This Saturday, (Sept 7th) from 10 am till 4 pm

We need your input to make our faith community the most vibrant ever!

Invite your friends, family and neighbours.
Kids are important part of the parish too, bring them.

Happy Liturgical and Academic New Year!

(Below is taken from OCA.org)

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning



of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

Stylite: a person who separate themselves from the world by dwelling upon a post. (It's no tall tale... or is it?)

Sometimes the story of some saints seem too incredible to believe. Well... sometimes they are too incredible. They get expanded and elaborated on until they become more legend than history. But the fact that a holy person existed still remains.

Saint of the Day: Saint Simeon Stylites, the Elder (taken from oca.org)

Saint Simeon the Stylite was born in the Cappadocian village of Sisan of Christian parents, Sisotian and Martha. At thirteen years of age he began to tend his father's flock of sheep. He devoted himself attentively and with love to this, his first obedience.

Once, after he heard the Beatitudes in church, he was struck by

their profundity. Not trusting to his own immature judgment, he turned therefore with his questions to an experienced Elder. The Elder readily explained to the boy the meaning of what he had heard. The seed fell on good soil, and it strengthened his resolve to serve God.

When Simeon was eighteen, he received monastic tonsure and devoted himself to feats of the strictest abstinence and unceasing prayer. His zeal, beyond the strength of the other monastic brethren, so alarmed the igumen that he told Simeon that to either moderate his ascetic deeds or leave the monastery.

Saint Simeon then withdrew from the monastery and lived in an empty well in the nearby mountains, where he was able

to carry out his austere struggles unhindered. After some time, angels appeared in a dream to the igumen, who commanded him to bring back Simeon to the monastery.

The monk, however, did not long remain at the monastery. After a short while he settled into a stony cave, situated not far from the village of Galanissa, and he dwelt there for three years, all the while perfecting himself in monastic feats. Once, he decided to spend the entire forty days of Great Lent without food or drink. With the help of God, the monk endured this strict fast. From that time he abstained from food completely during the entire period of the Great Lent, even from bread and water. For twenty days he prayed while standing, and for twenty days while sitting, so as not to permit the corporeal powers to relax.

A whole crowd of people began to throng to the place of his efforts, wanting to receive healing from sickness and to hear a word of Christian edification. Shunning worldly glory and striving again to find his lost solitude, the monk chose a previously unknown mode of asceticism. He went up a pillar six to eight feet high, and settled upon it in a little cell, devoting himself to intense prayer and fasting.

Reports of Saint Simeon reached the highest church hierarchy and the imperial court. Patriarch Domninos II (441-448) of Antioch visited the monk, celebrated Divine Liturgy on the pillar and communed the ascetic with the Holy Mysteries.

Elders living in the desert heard about Saint Simeon, who had chosen a new and strange form of ascetic striving. Wanting to test the new ascetic and determine whether his extreme ascetic feats were pleasing to God, they sent messengers to him, who in the name of these desert fathers were to bid Saint Simeon to come down from the pillar.

In the case of disobedience they were to forcibly drag him to the ground. But if he was willing to submit, they were to leave him on his pillar. Saint Simeon displayed complete obedience and deep Christian humility. The monks told him to stay where he was, asking God to be his helper.

Saint Simeon endured many temptations, and he invariably gained the victory over them. He relied not on his own weak powers, but on the Lord Himself, Who always came to help him. The monk gradually increased the height of the pillar on which he stood. His final pillar was 80 feet in height. Around him a double wall was raised, which hindered the unruly crowd of people from coming too close and disturbing his prayerful concentration.

Women, in general, were not permitted beyond the wall. The saint did not make an exception even for his own mother, who after long and unsuccessful searches finally succeeded in finding her lost son. He would not see her, saying, "If we are

worthy, we shall see one another in the life to come." Saint Martha submitted to this, remaining at the foot of the pillar in silence and prayer, where she finally died. Saint Simeon asked that her coffin be brought to him. He reverently bid farewell to his dead mother, and a joyful smile appeared on her face.

Saint Simeon spent 80 years in arduous monastic feats, 47 years of which he stood upon the pillar. Many pagans accepted Baptism, struck by the moral staunchness and bodily strength which the Lord bestowed upon His servant.

The first one to learn of the death of the saint was his close disciple Anthony. Concerned that his teacher had not appeared to the people for three days, he went up on the pillar and found the dead body stooped over at prayer. Patriarch Martyrius of Antioch performed the funeral before a huge throng of clergy and people. They buried him near his pillar. At the place of his ascetic deeds, Anthony established a monastery, upon which rested the special blessing of Saint Simeon.

We pray to Saint Simeon for the return to the Church of those who have forsaken Her, or have been separated from Her.





Making Our Parish Bloom (even more)

A Day of Pastoral Visioning

On Saturday, September 7th, from 10 am till 4 pm



After being in our parish for a year I have had the opportunity to get to know many of the parishioners, their needs and desires. I have also gotten a general feel for the parish and how it works. Obviously I do not know everything, nor everyone, but I believe it is time for us to gather together, discuss our parish, and make plans for our future.

Before anyone can decide the directions for our parish to go forward in, we need to understand who we are and our purpose. Last year our PPC came up with the following Proposed Parish Mission Statement:

"To joyfully bring all people into the knowledge, love and service of the Holy Trinity, Who dwells within us."

Knowing this, and with the direction of our Bishop and Synod of Bishops as they have laid out in the "Vision 2020: Vibrant Parish" Program, it is time for us to move forward. We know that to become a more Vibrant Parish we need to continue and expand in our efforts in:

- The Word of God and Catechesis (Kerygma)
- · Liturgy and Prayer
- Service to our Neighbour (Diakonia)
- Leadership Stewardship
- Communion Unity (Koinonia)
- Missionary Spirit

While keeping true to our Characteristics as a Ukrainian Catholic Church which include:

- · Eastern Christian Heritage,
- Focus on the Person,
- Spirit of Self-Emptying for Christ's sake (Kenosis)
- Witnessing and serving unity with the successor of St. Peter,
- and Accessibility and Openness
 (all of these are described in the Vision 2020 Program)

Let's Get Excited!

Our parish is awesome. Let's make it even awesome-er!

What would you like to focus on? What do you need to see to make it a better parish for you and your family? What flavour(s), direction(s), niche(s) will our parish choose to put it's efforts into?

Let's invite everyone to join us in dreaming and making this parish bloom (more). There is tonnes of potential all around us and God has called us to go forth. These are exciting times, perhaps a little intimidating even, but together we can lift up Dormition Parish to even greater service of our Lord.

How will this day be structured?

This day will be based on the "Handbook for Pastoral Planning" which is a book put together by the Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops to help us make a plan and carry it out. You can grab a copy of it in the entrance of the church or find the whole document online on our website: http://dormition.eeparchy.com (see the button on the front page)

Yes, lunch will be provided... we are having pizza.

I have invited Fr. Mike Bomback a young and dynamic priest of our Eparchy to lead this program in our parish. The reasons that I invited him to lead is that he is a prayerful man, quite capable and organized, and he does not have any current involvement in our parish, therefore he can look at things from a outside perspective.



"Dormition Parish is MY parish, and it is certainly OUR parish, and certainly and perhaps most importantly it is GOD'S parish. Let's all listen to each other and the promptings of the Holy Spirit to make it the most vibrant parish in the world!"

This past week Fr. Bo lead the seminarians in a week of prayer, learning and icon writing. It went well. Thanks for your prayers.





Group Photo 1

← Seminarian
Ivas (Winnipeg)
painting

Me (Fr. Bo) →

All of us working **↓**





Woven: A Retreat for Teen Girls (13-18), Sept 20-22, 2019

Girls aged 13-18 are invited to explore what it means to be a young woman living according to the Eastern Christian faith in the modern world. We will discuss self-identity, emotions, social media, relationships, and more! There will also be socializing, crafts, outdoor activities & fantastic food!

Where? Camp Oselia (53230 Range Rd 53, Fallis, AB on Wabamun Lake)

How much? Before Sept. 1 - \$50, after Sept. 1 - \$60. Remainder of cost will be subsidized.

Ride? Yes! Call us and we can make arrangements 780-424-5496

Other Questions? Call 780-424-5496

Register online at www.eeparchy.com.

For more information on *Woven*, check out https://www.woveninhislove.org.

Called to be Holy: Men's Retreat/Conference: "MAN ON A MISSION"

Nov. I, 6:30 pm - Nov. 2, 4:30 pm, 2019

Presenters and themes for this year's conference:

- Mike Sheptak, Damein Zakordonski Testimony and Witness: Living Our Mission in the World.
- **Bishop David Motiuk** Mission Accomplished: Saints, and Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.
- Fr. Terry Cherwick Equipped for Mission: The Spiritual Preparation required for Mission.
- **Dr. Theresa Zolner** The Eagle has Landed: Dealing with the psychological challenge of a Mission.
- Darryl Tymchuk Mission 101: The "how to" of reaching others through Christ.

LOCATION: Providence Renewal Centre 3005 - 119 St NW, Edmonton

COST: Before Oct 5 - \$60.00 - commute, \$110.00 - live in.

After Oct 5 - \$70.00 - commute, \$120.00 - live in.

Includes Saturday breakfast, lunch and all snacks.

Optional Friday supper - \$20.00

REGISTER ONLINE on the Eparchy of Edmonton Website.

MORE INFORMATION: call: 780-424-5496 or email: education@edmontoneparchy.com.

Deadline for registrations is Oct 25, 2019. No late registrations will be accepted.

2019 Women's Retreat:Crossing Over through Change and Transition

Women of all ages, you are invited to a quiet, 24 hour "Away Retreat".

Friday Oct. IIth, 2019 6:30pm - Saturday Oct 12th, 2019 6:30pm

Retreat facilitator: Denise Laverdure-Sych

LOCATION: Camp Oselia, 53230 Range Rd 53, Fallis, AB.

COST: Before Sept 1, \$65. After Sept 1, \$75, all meals and snacks are included.

- Private rooms are available on a first come first serve basis, so register early to reserve yours!
- A Shuttle to and from camp will be available at a cost of \$15.00. Indicate this on your registration.

Questions? – Call 780-424-5496 or email education@edmontoneparchy.com

Register online (<u>eeparchy.com</u>) Registration deadline is Sept 30.

Catechist Workshop

Oct I, 2019 5:30 - 9:00 pm.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? All those who are working throughout the Edmonton Eparchy, 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.

Theme for the workshop:

- "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Mission Month October 2019. We will look at ways of reinvigorating our own sense of responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm and passing that enthusiasm to others.

LOCATION: 9645-108 Ave, Edmonton

Those at a distance are welcome to join us online. Please contact us and we can set it up either by phone 780-424-5496 or email: education@edmontoneparchy.com.

Register by Sept. 27 at Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/catechist-workshoptickets-67093806381 or find the link on the Edmonton Eparchy website.

COST: \$10.00 - will be charged to your parish after your attendance at the workshop.

Parish & Eparchial & Beyond News:

- We pray for the health and well-being of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: Mary Orysiuk, Jean Miskiw, 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.)
- We wish God's blessings and happy birthday to our parishioners: McKinley Sharek, Zorianna Gerace, Mary Orysiuk, Nicholya Lirette & Daryl Ostopowich 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 your corrected birthdate and name.
- During the month of September, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its annual Vocations and Seminary
 Collection. "It takes a whole village to raise a child." It likewise takes the support of the whole Church to form a deacon, priest, religious, monastic and lay member for ministry in the Church. It also takes our support to offer on-going education and formation for those already in sacred orders or involved in lay ministry.

The faithful can acknowledge the role they play in nurturing vocations by offering their financial support to help defray such expenses as formation programs, retreats, conferences, seminars, tuition, books, and room and board.

The collection supports Holy Spirit Seminary, Edmonton; the Basilian House of Studies, Edmonton; the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Novitiate, Winnipeg; Clergy Study Days; and the Eparchial Diaconal and Lay Ministry Formation Programs;

The collection also assists the Metropolitan Andrey
Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto, which
serves the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada by providing
academic and spiritual formation for our future Church leaders.
Studying at Holy Spirit Seminary this year are:

- Deacon Cyril Kennedy (Doctoral Studies in Sacred Scripture, Catholic University, Washington, DC);
- Roman Kobyletskyy (Pastoral Internship, Saint Josapaht Cathedral);
- Julian Savaryn (Theology Studies, Newman Theological College, Edmonton)
- Orion Wiebe (Philosophy/Theology Studies, University of Alberta/Newman Theological College, Edmonton)

The suggested donation amount is \$25.00 per family. Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!

- **Cantoring, Cantoring, Cantoring...** Here are three cantering related announcements:
 - #1: The Eparchy of Edmonton invites you to participate in a Cantoring Course to be held at St. Josaphat Cathedral on Friday, October 25 (6:00-9:00 pm) and Saturday, October 26

- (9:00 am- 4:00 pm, concluding with Vespers). Topics include: the Divine Liturgy, 8 Resurrectional Tones, and various changeable parts for major feasts. More information will soon be available on the Eparchy of Edmonton website. Questions can be emailed to: Melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca
- #2: The St. Paul District and Lloydminster District have organized and will be running a Ukrainian Catholic cantoring school for children, youth and young adults on the 3rd Saturday of each month in Mundare. For more info go to st-romanos-cantoring-school.jimdosite.com
- #3: SingCon is a gathering of church singers of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) in North America to promote contact with one another (networking), to learn from experienced cantors and singers in our church, to share experience and solutions to current issues in church singing, and to pray together. SingCon is organized by the Patriarchal Liturgical Commission of the UGCC and in 2019 will be sponsored by the UGCC Eparchy of Stamford CT. Singers and faithful of other Churches are welcome! Registration is open to everyone regardless of ability. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this exciting conference. Sept. 26-29, 2019.
- To help us get to know our brothers and sisters, on Sunday, September 15 we anticipate doing a joint liturgy with St. Nicholas (Melkite) Community. More details will be forthcoming.
- The annual Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church will take place from September 1-10 in Rome. This year's theme is "Soprychastia (communion) in the Life and Witness of the Ukrainian Catholic Church," which builds upon Vision 2020 and the Vibrant Parish Spiritual Renewal Program. Pope Francis will receive the entire Synod of Bishops, an historic moment, in a special papal audience. Please pray for our bishops that the Holy Spirit may grant them wisdom and guide and bless their episcopal pastoral ministry, at service to the Church and for God's greater glory.
- The Annual Plenary Meeting of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will take place from September 23-27 in Cornwall, Ontario. Please pray for our bishops that the Holy Spirit may grant them wisdom and guide and bless their episcopal pastoral ministry, at service to the Church and for God's greater glory.
- The World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on September 29. This year's theme, highlighted in Pope Francis' Message, is "It is not just about migrants." With this theme, Pope Francis desires that the plight of migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, and victims of human trafficking remain in our hearts and in our prayers, and are included among our concern for all marginalized people. The Holy Father's Message is available at: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco_20190527 world-migrants-day-2019.html

More Parish & Eparchial & Beyond News:

- The 39th Biannual Conference of the Ukrainian Catholic Council (Centralia) – Eparchy of Edmonton will take place October 18-20, 2019, at Saint Josaphat Cathedral/Chateau Louis Conference Centre, Edmonton. This year's special guest is Bishop Ken Nowakowski, Eparchy of New Westminster, who will speak to the convention theme of "The Vibrant Parish..... the Next Steps - My Response." The Ukrainian Catholic Council comprises the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada, the Ukrainian Catholic Youth of Canada, and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy Chapter Knights of Columbus. Given that the Convention celebrates the contribution of our lay organizations in the life of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, for the very first time, representatives of our Parish Pastoral Councils throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton will be invited to participate.
- Upon the recommendation of Very Rev. Gabriel Haber, osbm, Provincial Superior, Bishop David made the following appointments, effective October 1, 2019:
 - **Rev. Daniel Wach**, osbm, Pastor, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Mundare;
 - Rev. Cyril Mykytiuk, osbm, Assistant Pastor, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Mundare; and
 - **Rev. Damian Dutka**, osbm, Pastor, Holy Trinity Parish, Vegreville, and Saint John the Baptist Parish, Borschiw.
- From information gathered for the **2018 Annual General Statistical Questionnaire** on behalf of the Vatican Secretariat of State, as of **December 31, 2018** the Eparchy of Edmonton has (by way of comparison, 2017 numbers are included in brackets):
 - Ukrainian Catholic population of 28,750, with 4,739 in regular Sunday attendance (2017: 4,819)
 - •81 parishes and missions (2017: 81)
 - •30 eparchial priests (31)
 - •10 religious priests (9)
 - •3 deacons (3)
 - •4 eparchial seminarians (4); 1 religious seminarians (1)
 - •12 women religious (13)
 - •4 men religious (5)
 - •168 baptisms (197)
 - •102 First Communions (121)
 - •43 marriages (39)
 - •236 funerals (232)
 - 255 children in catechism (267)
 - •56 catechists (65)

• The North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation has released a new agreed statement entitled The Vocation and Mission of the People of God: "A Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation". A copy of the statement in English is attached. The Consultation is cochaired by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, and Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Methodios of Boston. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is represented on the dialogue by Father Alexander Laschuk of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Father Luis M. Melo of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation is sponsored jointly by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Since its establishment in 1965, the Consultation has issued some 30 agreed statements on various topics. These texts are available on the website of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenicaland interreligious/ecumenical/orthodox/index.cfm). joint text is not an official document of either Church, nor of the CCCB or USCCB, but was prepared by theologians from both traditions and submitted to the members of their sponsoring bodies for prayerful reflection and discussion.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Major Feast: The Nativity of the Mother of God IO am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	q	10	II PPC Meeting moved to next week \$	I2 Roman Workun's Birthday	I3 🖎 🏈	Major Feast: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Possible Joint Divine Liturgy with St. Nicholas Melkite Community stay tuned.	16	17	18 7 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	5pm Eparchial Religious Education Commission Meeting	20 🕸 🚱 🚱 Woven: Teen Girls retreat at Camp Oselia Thomas Sokolowski's, Sera Nahachewsky's & Rebecca Vizza's (Please confirm date) Birthdays	21



VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instil in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

Hey Kids! Colour this page and let's put it up on our bulletin board!



JESUS WENT ALL ABOUT, TEACHING, PREACHING, AND HEALING...

Changeable Parts for this Sunday's Divine Liturgy

Troparion: 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.

Troparion: Rejoice, Virgin Mother of God, full of grace,* harbour and protection of the human race:* from you the Redeemer of the world was incarnate.* For only you – ever blessed and glorified – are Mother and Virgin.* Pray to Christ our God to grant peace to the world.

Troparion: O venerable saint, you became a pillar of endurance,* rivalling the forefathers: Job in afflictions and Joseph in trials,* and while still in the body you lived the life of the Bodiless ones.* O Symeon our father,* entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion: 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.

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

Kontakion: Seeking things above, you joined yourself to those on high;* you made your pillar a fiery chariot,* through which, O venerable one, you became a companion of the angels.* With them, unceasingly implore Christ God on our behalf.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: You dwell on high, O Christ the King,* Creator and Builder of all that is seen and unseen.* You made seasons and time and the day and night.* Now bless the crown of the present year.* Guard and protect our country, this city and your people,* O Lord, so rich in mercy.

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.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

Epistle I Corinthians 15:1-11 (Sunday);

Brothers and Sisters; I would remind you of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance

what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Alleluia:

Verse: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. (Psalm 30:2)

Gospel Luke 4:16-22

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

You will bless the crown of the year* with Your goodness.

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.