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OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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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 2nd, 2020

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Tone 1;
The Encounter of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ



The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

(taken from oca.org)

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being

faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

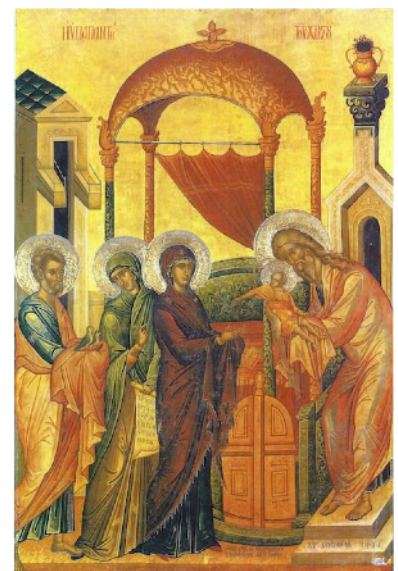
The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

The Meeting of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Temple

(taken from oca.org)

Today the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the centre of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification...



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... sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

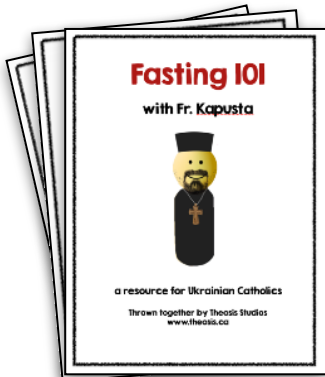
At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: *“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). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: *“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).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), “who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem” (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: “This Child has established Heaven and earth.”

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Saviour in the Temple.

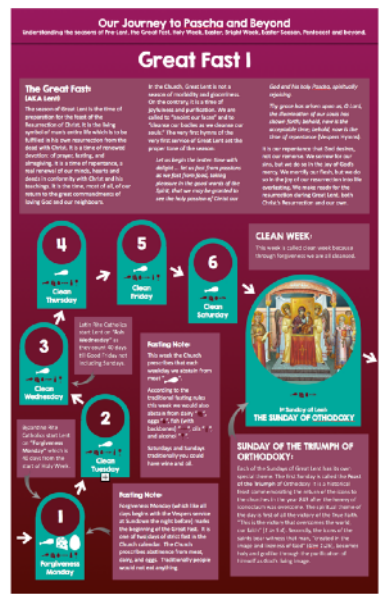
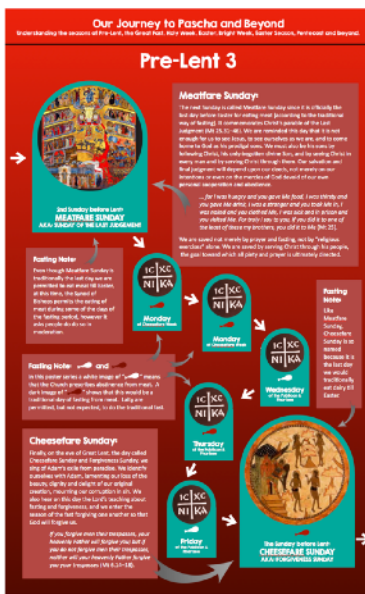
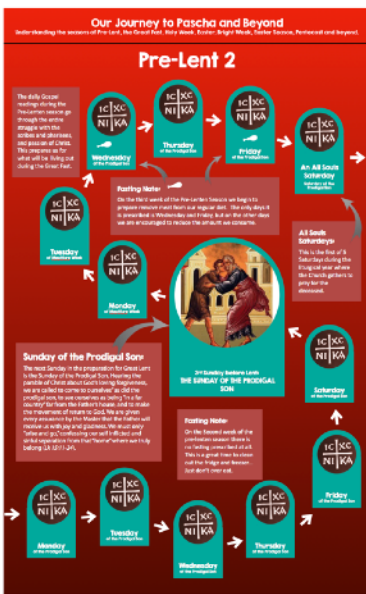
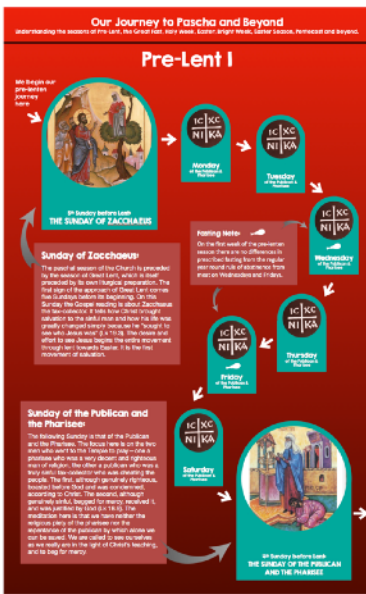


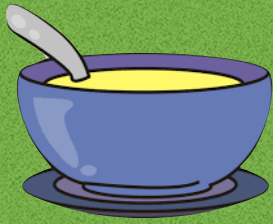
The Great Fast is only weeks away! What is “fasting”? and why should we do it?

Pick up one of the “Fasting 101” booklets, and find out. They are available on the table with the bulletins and online on our parish website.

Our website's address is: <http://dormition.eeparchy.com>

In our hall I have put up both my old and new versions of “Our Journey to Pascha and Beyond” This display explains the entire church seasons from Pre-Lent, through the Great Fast, Holy Week, Easter, and everything up to Pentecost. Check it out.





Our First “Community Night” successfully took place this past Thursday.

We had about 25 persons attend. Several from the neighbourhood, a couple from St. Nicholas Melkite Parish, a few from outside our parish and the rest from within. Three delicious pots of soup were made. Many vegetables were chopped, pureed, and shredded.

At 6pm we went to the Church and prayed a simplified Vespers service. This service is based on the traditional one, but allows for many people to easily contribute thus encouraging participation. After the prayers were sung, we went to the hall and enjoyed a bowl, or two, or three of soup with some bread. Coffee was also available.

This was a lovely introduction of our parish to our neighbourhood and our neighbourhood to our parish. I believe that this endeavour will naturally grow and evolve with repetition, but so far our model is successful. It is my hope to repeat this “Community Night” once more before the Great Fast (February 13), then every Thursday during the Fast.

Next time instead of making three large pots of soup, we shall only make 2 medium sized ones. Also (God willing) our dishwasher should be up and running before this date (Feb 13) so clean up will be much easier. My goal is not to stress any volunteers out, so we will have a few more people (including Fr. Bo) take the Food Handling Certification Course. This way those who wish to be there can take turns, and we do not tax any one person heavily.

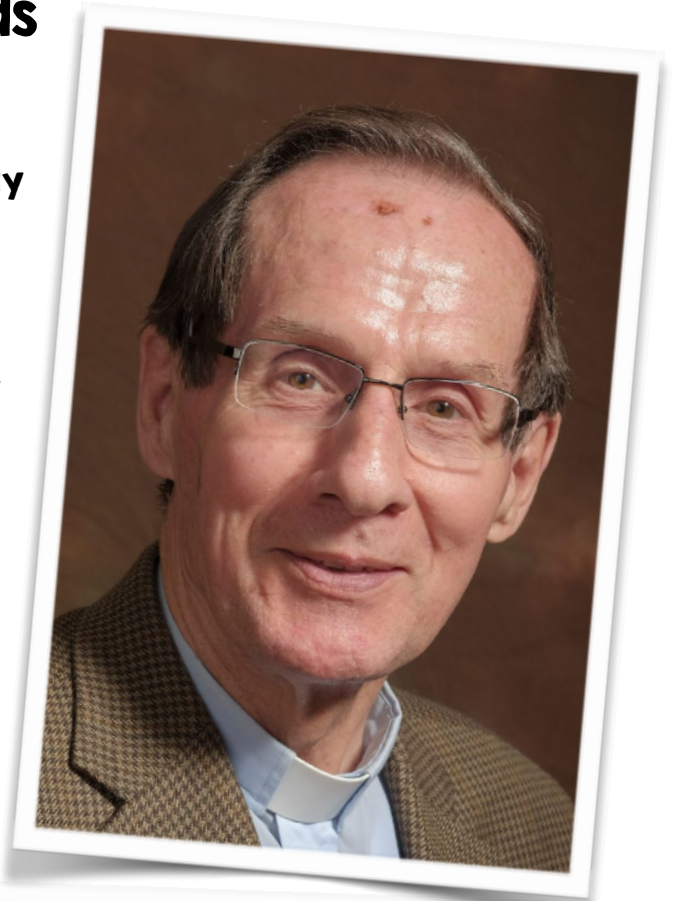
Thank you to all who participated and donated vegetables and other ingredients. Your contributions were splendid.



One of our parish's shepherds has fallen asleep in the Lord.

Right Rev. William (Bill) Hupalo passed away peacefully on January 27, at the age of 76 years.

Father Bill was born on April 23, 1943 in Bonnyville, AB to parents Nicholas and Ruth Hupalo. At the age of thirty, he discerned a call to the priesthood, first completing a Bachelor of Philosophy in Rome in 1972 and then a Bachelor of Theology in Ottawa in 1976. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 18, 1976 by Most Reverend Bishop Neil Savaryn. From 1976 to his retirement in 2017, he faithfully served a number of parishes, including as pastor of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Edmonton, St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish in Calgary and Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God Parish in Edmonton, among many others. With great humility, he also served as Eparchial Administrator of the Eparchy of Edmonton three times over from 1990-1992, 1996-1997, and in 2006. In honour of his dedicated service to God and the Church, he was elevated to Mitred Archbishop in 2012 by Patriarch Sviatoslav Shewchuk.



- Also, as mentioned in last week's bulletin, **Fr. Myron Chimy, OSBM** passed into eternal life on January 24. We offer condolences to the Basilian Fathers and Brothers and ask for your prayers for the repose of Father Myron's soul.

May their memories be eternal!
Vichnaya Pam'iat!



YOU ARE INVITED TO A...

MOVIE NIGHT!

“THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST” - is a powerful film by Mel Gibson about the true story of the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

If you have seen this movie, please don't hesitate to come and see again. It will awaken you and remind you about the GREAT WORKS that God has done for us! We will also talk about the value of suffering. Please bring a friend and RSVP to Solomiia at 587-936-1148 or smsavaryn@gmail.com

Address: **St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish**
(use side entrance to the basement)

Date: **Saturday, February 15 at 5 PM** (dinner will be provided)



Warning from Fr. Bo: This movie is profound but very graphic. Perhaps younger children should not be in attendance. Those who attend will see our Lord being tortured and killed (which is what the “passion” means).

Christ in the Old Testament: Prophecy and Fulfillment

We know that God promised a saviour and that Jesus was the fulfilment of that promise. Join us for 4 session during the Great Fast, as we look at the Old Testament and explore where we find the promises and then

look at the New Testament in the life of Christ and beyond to see the glorious fulfilment of God's promise to us. Sessions will consist of a presentation and will conclude with prayer.

DATES & TIMES:

- March 12 – Introduction, The Messiah - Fr. Danylo Kuc
- March 19 – The Nativity - Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky
- March 26 – The Suffering of Christ - Fr. Mihajlo Planchak
- April 2 - The Passover - Fr. Peter Babej

All sessions run 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

LOCATION: Holy Eucharist Parish, 6425 120 Ave, Edmonton

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. No registration is necessary.

Livestreaming will be made available for those at a distance. Contact Bernadette education@edmontoneparchy.com to make arrangements.



Table for Two - You are My Valentine

A romantic candlelit dinner for couples married or dating, *Table for Two* provides the ideal opportunity to focus on each other. Each of the courses is served up with discussion starters which invite couples to explore and deepen their relationship with each other and with God. A guest couple will give a short testimony and presentation on a topic related to sacramental marriage.

WHEN: Feb 9, at 5:30 pm
WHERE: St. Josaphat Cathedral Basement, 10825 - 97 St.
HOW MUCH: \$75 per couple.

Register by Feb. 2, at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/table-for-two-tickets-86055659795>

Come and join our **“Little Friends of Jesus”** who will be having classes as usual on the following Sundays:

*February 2 *March 8 *April 5 *May 3 *June 14
*February 23 *March 15 *April 19 *May 24

“Singing With Namisha” is has expanded to include **3 SATURDAYS!**

(one of which has come and gone already)

All are encouraged to participate



- Sunday, February 2: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 6: Practice at 7 pm
- Sunday, February 9: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 13: Practice at 7 pm
- Saturday, February 15: Practice **with KIDS** at 10 am
- Sunday, February 16: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 20: Practice at 7 pm
- Saturday, February 22: Practice at 10 am
- Sunday, February 23: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 27: Practice at 7 pm

DL = Divine Liturgy



Don't miss out!

All Kids & Youth are invited especially on Feb 15

Beginner through Advanced (Adult)
"St. Photini: the Woman at the Well"

Iconography Workshop

February 14-17, 2020
(Family Day Long Weekend)

Camp Oselia
Retreats



July 2 - 4, 2020

Teen Camp



Eparchial

First Solemn Communion Camp



March 20-22, 2020



Camp Oselia
Retreats




July 12 - 17, 2020

Elementary Camp




March 26 - 29, 2020

Teen Lenten Spring Break Retreat





July 19 - 24, 2020

Mixed

Elementary & Jr. High

Camp




Eparchial

Marriage Prep Course

April 17 - 19, 2020




July 26 - 31, 2020

Jr. High Camp



Catholic

Festival

of the Mother of God

Sunday, May 3





August 28 - 30, 2020

Family Camp




THE GREAT DANCE BEFORE THE GREAT FAST PUSCHENYA

THE 2020 CAMP FUNDRAISER



SUPPORT 2 GREAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CAMPS ON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

AT THE UKRAINIAN YOUTH UNITY COMPLEX

9615 153 Ave NW, Edmonton

Family Friendly, Casual Camp Theme, Silent Auction, Games for the Kids, 50-50, Late Lunch, Indoor Campfire, Door Prizes, Canoe Races, Bar for the Grown-Ups, "Bar" for the kids, and Sweet Live Dance Music by:



Camp Oselia
God's Playground

Mike & The Relics



COME AS STRANGERS
LEAVE AS FRIENDS

Tickets: Adults \$40 (\$50 after Feb 7). Youth 5-12 \$20 (\$25 after Feb 7). Under 5 free. Available at many Ukrainian Catholic Parishes & the U.C. Pastoral Centre and Online

EEparchy.com or CampOselia.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 The Feast of the Encounter of our Lord in the Temple Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee World Day for Consecrated Life 10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus program 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	3 Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	4	5 🐟	6 Camp Oselia Society Meeting 7 pm Singing with Namisha	7 🐟 Puschenya tickets price increases Melkites use Hall	8
9 Sunday of the Prodigal Son World Day of the Sick 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy 5:30 Tables for Two at St. Josaphat's	10 Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time Natalya Dashewytch's Birthday	11	12 (no fasting)	13  6 pm Community Night. 7 pm Singing with Namisha	14 (no fasting) Icon Workshop at Camp Oselia	15 1st All Souls Saturday 10 am Singing with Namisha Icon Workshop at Camp Oselia
16 Meatfare (Last Judgement) Sunday 10 am Divine Liturgy After Liturgy UCWLC's AGM 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Icon Workshop at Camp Oselia	17 Icon Workshop at Camp Oselia Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	18	19 🐟	20 7 pm Singing with Namisha Marko Laschuk's Birthday	21 🐟 7-11 pm Puschenya at the UYUC  Melkites use Hall Melodie Sokoloski-Tower's Birthday	22 10 am Singing with Namisha
23 Cheesefare Sunday (also known as Forgiveness Sunday) 10 am Divine Liturgy After Liturgy The Parish's AGM 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	24 🐟 (no meat & No Dairy) First Day of the Great Fast (Clean Monday) Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	25 🐟	26 🐟	27 🐟  6 pm Community Night.	28 🐟 Anticipated Presanctified Liturgy at 6pm. To be confirmed.	29 🐟 Commemoration of St. Theodore of Tyre
1 🐟 Sunday of Orthodoxy 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	2 🐟 Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	3 🐟	4 🐟	5 🐟 Fr. Bo at Reconciliation at LSL School  6 pm Community Night.	6 🐟 Anticipated Presanctified Liturgy at 6pm. To be confirmed. Melkites use Hall???	7 🐟 2nd All Souls Saturday

Parish & Eparchial News:

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Miranda** Mayko, **Jean** Miskew, **Sarah** Komar, **Marge** Woitas, **Katie** Bunio, **John** Puto, **Ann** Horsman, **Louis** Pewar & **Rosa** Maria Santos. (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- No Birthdays in the parish books this week
- 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.
- **World Day for Consecrated Life** was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for those women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on **February 2**. On this Feast, candles are traditionally blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. On this day, we honour and celebrate those in consecrated life, in particular, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, the Order of Saint Basil the Great, and the Skete of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-creating Cross. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.
- The **28th World Day of the Sick** will be celebrated on **February 11**. Pope Francis, to mark the celebraton, issued a [Message](#) entitled, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28), Pope Francis urges that "what is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing."
- As the Canadian government prepares to expand access to euthanasia, the **Catholic Bishops of Alberta and Northwest Territories** have written a **Pastoral Letter** to the faithful on this subject, entitled [In Remaining True to Christ Now and at the Hour of our Death](#). In the Pastoral letter, the bishops offer a thoughtful reflection on Catholic teaching regarding respect for life and our responsibility to remain faithful to God's will. All of us will need support at the time of our dying, they write, but assistance to hasten our death, the willful termination of a human life, is a very different matter. The letter offers words of encouragement on preparing for a holy death, and also calls on Catholics to contact their MPs to oppose any expansion of the current law and advocate instead for more access to palliative care.
- **During Great Lent**, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its **annual collection for "Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada."** The purpose of this collection is to support the

needs of the Church in Canada. Three charitable institutions are the recipients of the collection: the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, Catholic Missions in Canada, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

- The **Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta** responds to the call of Christ to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28: 19-20). The Eparchy of Edmonton supports local priests in their travel, health care, pension, and clergy substitution, thus ensuring that they can respond to the pastoral needs of the faithful, especially the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and funerals in rural Alberta. Visit www.edmontoneparchy.com to see how the Church is working for you.
- **Catholic Missions in Canada** supports over 600 missionaries – priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and lay ministers – throughout 27 eparchies and dioceses right here in Canada, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Catholic Missions supports the local churches in our call to proclaim the Gospel among First Nations communities, missionary support, religious education programs, building and repairs, lay pastoral leadership programs, and education of seminarians. To learn more about the work of *Catholic Missions in Canada* visit (www.cmic.info) and sign up for a free subscription to its quarterly magazine by calling toll free 1-866-937-2642.
- Each year the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** is asked to speak out, give leadership, and provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics in our daily lives. For our bishops to do so, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Research and gathering information requires staff, time and money. Through the yearly bishops' collection, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous towards the work of their bishops. To learn more about the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, visit www.cccb.ca.
- The **First Solemn Communion Camp** at Camp Oselia will be our parish's FSC program. If your child is in or near grade 2 and ready to receive their sacraments, please contact Fr. Bo.
- Each year the Edmonton and District Council of Churches organizes an ecumenical celebration to coincide with the annual worldwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's Ecumenical Prayer Service, hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, will take place on Sunday, January 19, from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 334 Knottwood Road North NW, Edmonton. Join Bishop David and other Ecumenical Leaders as we pray for Christian unity!
- Rev. Peter Babej, Pastor, Saint Josaphat Cathedral, will lead an Eparchy of Edmonton-wide Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 17-29, 2020. Open to all faithful. Contact Father Peter at (780) 422-3181 or : fr.babej@eeparchy.com for details.
- **Lenten and Holy Week Schedule:** If you wish to have input to our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Schedules, please send Fr. Bo an email with your ideas (or write them down and pass him a paper).
- Missed your opportunity for **house blessing**? You can always call Fr. Bo and arrange something. No problem.



- The **UCWLC** of our parish will be having their **Annual General Meeting on February 16th** after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. All UCWLC members are requested to attend this important meeting

- **NEW DATE SET:** Our parish's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 23** after the 10 am Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are requested to join us for this important meeting. The following is the proposed slate for the 2020 PPC that might be elected at this meeting. As always nominations can be raised from the floor.
- After the AGM Fr. Bo will appoint people to head various committees such as Liturgical, Outreach, Communications, Maintenance and others... Let him know if you are willing to help.

Pastor	Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
Chair	Greg Ostopowich
Vice Chair	Don Kwas
Vice Chair	Jordan Schabel
Treasurer	Sheila Leiding
Secretary	Sharon Lonsberry
Past Chair	Simon Pryma
Director 3 year	Helen Sirman
Director 2 year	Sharilynn Shakeshaft
Director 1 year	Steve Konowalec
UCWLC Pres.	To be elected Feb 16
Finance Committee Chair	Alex Schabel
Treasurer	Sheila Leiding
Member	Iryna Laschuk
Member	Jonathan Sharek

Today, my son asked "Can I have a book mark?" and I burst into tears. 11 years old and he still doesn't know my name is Brian.

- Building Bridges Among Faith Traditions - a Multifaith Concert



A multifaith and multicultural concert featuring U of A Prof. of Ethnomusicology Michael Frishkopf and members of the Middle Eastern & North African Music Ensemble, as well as the Ukrainian Kobzari Band, Sebastian Barrera, Amanda Lamothe and Keri Lynn Zwicker

**Sunday February 9, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton
10804 - 119 Street**

Silent Auction & Refreshments. Entrance fee: \$10, children free

For more information call: 780 - 413 - 6159

or email: intfaith@shaw.ca / www.edminterfaithcentre.ca

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Changeable Parts for today's Liturgy

At the Entrance:

The Lord has made known His salvation;* He has revealed His truth before the nations.

Troparion, Tone I: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,** O only Lover of mankind.

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: Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican* and approach the Master as sinners,* for He desires salvation for everyone.* He grants forgiveness to all who repent.* For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father,** He became flesh for us.

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:

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Prokeimenon:

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

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I

endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia:

verse: God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

verse: Now, O Master, You dismiss Your servant in peace according to Your word.

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14;

At that time Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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.* I will take the chalice of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.