



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

Address:

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Services:

**ALL SERVICES TEMPORARILY
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

Normally Though:

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

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April 19, 2020

Thomas Sunday, also known as Antipascha

Christ is Risen! Христос Воскрес!

Saint Thomas Sunday: Antipascha

by Fr. Thomas Hopko

Every day during the week of Easter, called Bright Week by the Church, the paschal services are celebrated in all their splendor. The Easter baptismal procession is repeated daily. The royal gates of the sanctuary remain open. The joy of the Resurrection and the gift of the Kingdom of eternal life continue to abound. Then, at the end of the week, on Saturday evening, the second Sunday after Easter is celebrated in remembrance of the appearance of Christ to the Apostle Thomas "after eight days" (Jn 20.26).

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We as a parish realize that many people are having financial difficulties due to loss of jobs and other hardships. If you are in need, there is no shame to asking for help. We can't promise to fix your problems but I will try to connect you to people who can assist in some way. Call or email Fr. Bo.

At the same time, we at Dormition parish also need your help too. If you are in a position where you can donate, please do. Bills continue to come even though we do not use our building as much. We no longer have a regular Sunday collection and most of our fundraisers have either been shut down, or will be postponed for a very long time.

Anything you can do to contribute would be appreciated, and as usual you will get a charitable tax receipt. See inside this bulletin for "how to donate during the Covid Pandemic".

Thomas Sunday continued...

It is important to note that the number eight has symbolical significance in both Jewish and Christian spiritual tradition. It signifies more than completion and fullness; it signifies the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come since seven is the number of earthly time. The sabbath, the seventh day, is the blessed day of rest in this world, the final day of the week. The "first day of the week," the day "after Sabbath"; stressed in all of the gospels as the day of Christ's Resurrection (Mk 16.1, Mt 28.1, Lk 24.1, Jn 20.1, 19), is therefore also "the eighth day," the day beyond the confines of this world, the day which stands for the life of the world to come, the day of the eternal rest of the Kingdom of God (see Heb 4).

The Sunday after Easter, called the Second Sunday, is thus the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of Bright Week. It is therefore called the Antipascha, and it was only on this day in the early church that the newly-baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world.

In the Church services the stress is on the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ and the significance of the day comes to us in the words of the gospel:

Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not

be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (Jn 20.27-29).

We have not seen Christ with our physical eyes nor touched His risen body with our physical hands, yet in the Holy Spirit we have seen and touched and tasted the Word of Life (1 Jn 1.1-4), and so we believe.

At each of the daily services until Ascension Day we sing the Easter Troparion. At each of the Sunday services beginning with Antipascha, we sing the Easter canon and hymns, and repeat the celebration of the "first day of the week" on which Christ rose from the dead. At all of the liturgies the epistle readings are taken from the Book of Acts telling us of the first Christians who lived in communion with the Risen Lord. All of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Saint John, considered by many to be a gospel written particularly for those who are newly-baptized into the new life of the Kingdom of God through death and new birth in Christ, in the name of the Holy Trinity. The reason for this opinion is that all of the "signs"—as the miracles in Saint John's Gospel are called—deal with sacramental themes involving water: wine and bread. Thus, each of the Sundays after Thomas Sunday with the exception of the third, is dedicated to the memory of one of these "signs."



Saint of the Day: (from oca.org)

Saint John of the Ancient Caves is so called because he lived during the eighth century in the Lavra of Saint Chariton (September 28). This was called the "Old," or ancient cave, since it was one the oldest of the Palestinian monasteries. The Lavra was situated not far from Bethlehem, near the Dead Sea.

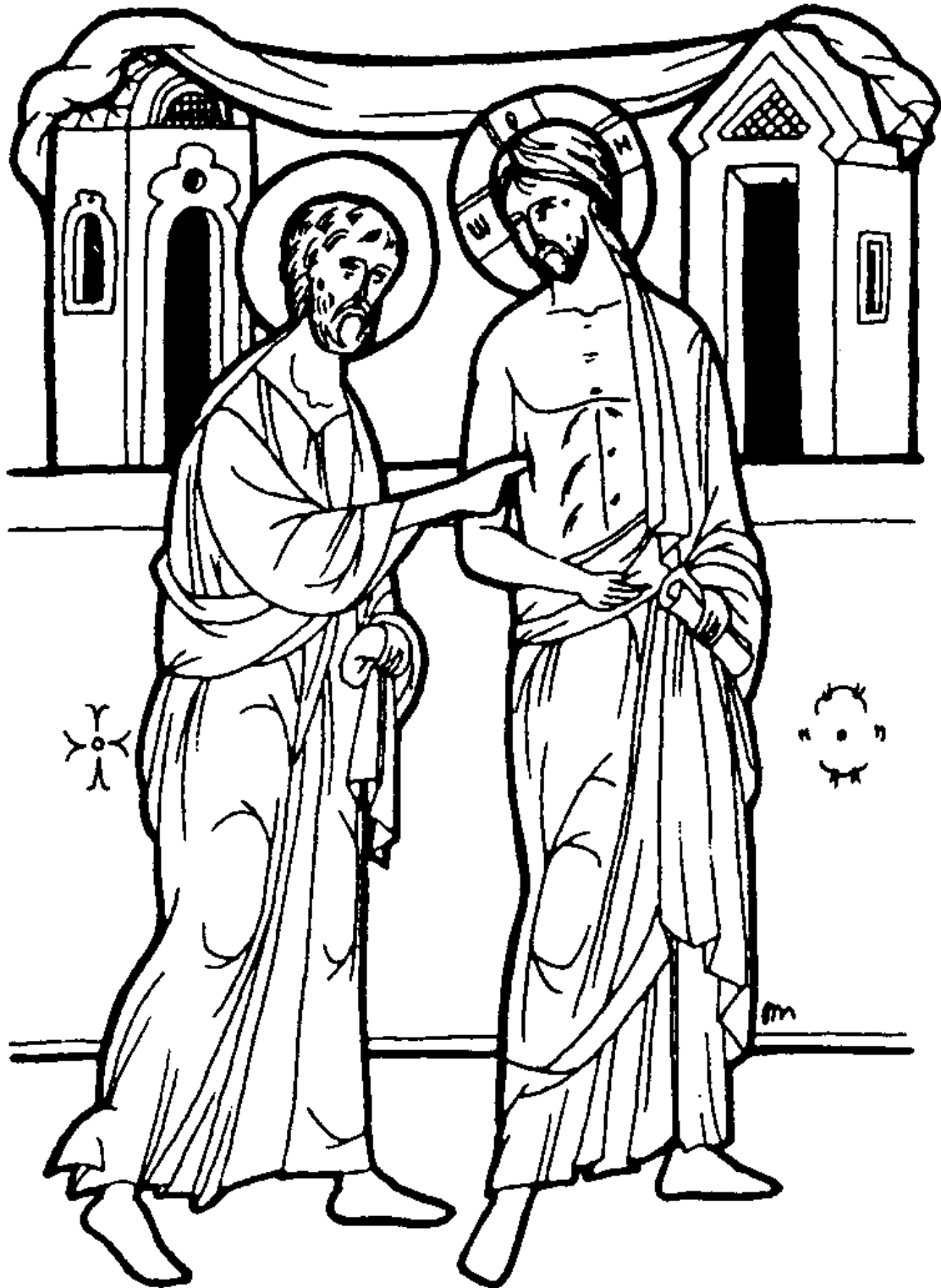
Saint John in his early years left the world, went to venerate the holy places of Jerusalem, and settled at the Lavra, where he labored in fasting, vigil, and prayer. He was ordained to the holy priesthood, and glorified by his ascetic life.

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.)
- We wish God's blessings and **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **Tasha Orysiuk (19th)**, **Nola Sokolowski (20th)**, **Julianna Bryson (21st)**, **Iris Kirschner (22nd)**, **Johnathan Sharek (22nd)**, **Simon Pryma (23rd)** and **Delores Noga (25th)** who all celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you all many years!
- If we don't have **your birthday**, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email or text with your corrected birthdate and name. (or call by phone)

- I've been working on the parish list, and learning "Mail Chimp" in order to email these bulletins to everyone. If you did not get this email... ..ummm... ..never mind. **Well, if you know of anyone else who wants this bulletin, pass their email to me somehow (email or text is best)**, or get them to fill in the new popup on our parish's website.
- Check out CampOselia.com for information about our wonderful programs. We have **not cancelled them (yet)** in hopes that we will be free to hold them in July. You can reserve a spot without payment for your children on the website.
 - **Teen Camp:** July 2-4
 - **Elementary Camp:** July 12-17
 - **Mixed Camp:** July 19-24
 - **Jr. High Camp:** July 26-31
 - **Family Camp:** August 27-30
- Pretty much everything else has been either postponed or cancelled due to Covid-19.

THE DOUBTING THOMAS:



Hey kids: Colour this picture of the Apostle Thomas poking Jesus to see if it is really Him. Then have your parents take a picture of it and send the picture to Fr. Bo. Many people in our parish would love to see how beautiful your art is.

How to Donate to our Parish during the Covid crisis and beyond

With the closure of our churches, we recognize that parishioners who normally donate through Sunday collections may wonder how they can continue to support their parishes financially. The Eparchial Pastoral Centre is suggesting three options for parishioners to donate to their parishes if online options are not available to them directly:

1. Mail a donation by cheque;

Please do not send cash in the mail. Mail it to the (Ukrainian Catholic) Pastoral Centre and we will forward all donations to the parish. Our address is:

Eparchy of Edmonton Pastoral Centre

9645 108 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 1A3 .

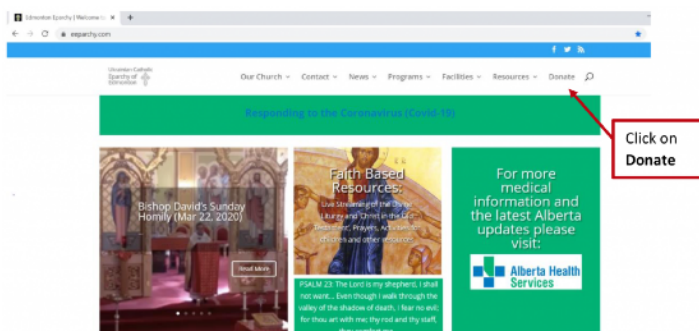
(Please do not mail things to Dormition Parish directly as our mailbox is not sufficiently secure.... It's good enough for bills, but not incoming funds.)

2. Donate using the Eparchial Website.

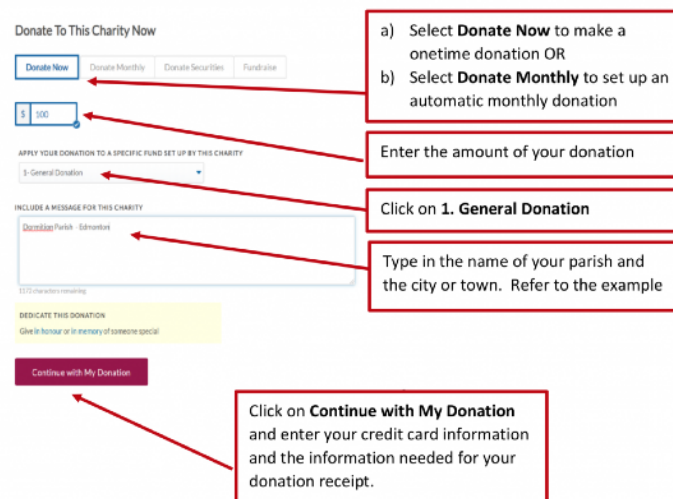
Our Eparchy accepts online donations through Canada Helps. You will receive a donation receipt directly from Canada Helps and the Eparchy will receive notification of the donation with all of the details and will allocate the funds to your parish. The following steps will help first time users with the online process:

Steps for making an online donation to your parish

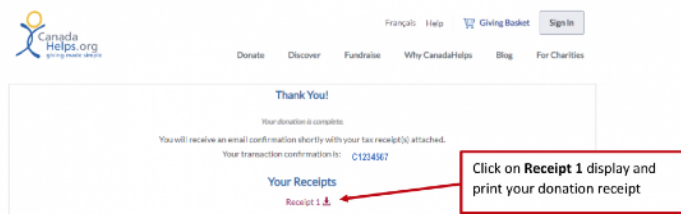
A. Access the Eparchy website at www.eeparchy.com and click on the Donate button.



B. You are automatically transferred to the Canada Helps site for the Eparchy of Edmonton. Scroll to the Donate to this Charity Now area and complete the required fields:



C. Once you have typed in the required information, click on the Complete Donation button. A message will appear thanking you for your donation and providing a confirmation number. You will also be able to directly print your charitable receipt.



D. Your donation is complete. The Eparchy will receive notification of the donation and will allocate the donation for your parish. You may close your browser.

3. Donate by credit card

Please call our Pastoral Centre at 780-424-5496 during office hours (hours may be limited but you can leave a message and we will call you back). You will be asked for you name, credit card number, name of your parish and the city/town. A donation receipt will be issued from the Eparchy of Edmonton and proceeds allocated to your parish.

Thank you for your continued support of our Church though these unprecedented times. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please call our Pastoral Centre at 780-424-5496

Have your 15 secs of fame, and make people smile, in our first ever:

Easter Video Greeting

Inspired by the Saskatoon's Ukr. Cath Parish of the same name (Dormition), I would love to have everyone in our parish, who are able, send me a short 15 second video (give or take) of themselves saying the following three things:

- **Christ is Risen!** and/or *Христос Воскрес!*
- **Your names** (first and last, so that we can better get to know each other)
- **A quick hello** to the people in our parish & community.

That's it. Less than a minute of effort so we can tell others around us that we care for them. Just use your cell phone, and send it to me. (780-340-3726, or fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com) I will compile them and post them on our website so we can all see and hear from each other.

Try to do this before Saturday Apr. 25.

These are just a few of the many parishioners from Saskatoon's Dormition who sent their happy video greetings to each other. Let's do it too!

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THEIR PARISH'S VIDEO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt5Fr9SmbE4)

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