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OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
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Pentecost: The glorious feast of the

Descent of the Holy Spirit.

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In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant of the Messiah, the passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New... *continued on next page*



It's UCWLC's Tag Day

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... Testament as well, the pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the “new law,” the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ.

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit ... (Acts 2.1–4).

The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost (Jn 14.26, 15.26; Lk 24.49; Acts 1.5). The apostles received “the power from on high,” and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

In the liturgical services of the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated together with the full revelation of the divine Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fullness of the Godhead is manifested with the Spirit’s coming to man, and the Church hymns celebrate this manifestation as the final act of God’s self-disclosure and self-donation to the world of His creation.

For this reason Pentecost

Sunday is also called Trinity Day in the Orthodox tradition. Often on this day the icon of the Holy Trinity—particularly that of the three angelic figures who appeared to Abraham, the forefather of the Christian faith—is placed in the center of the church. This icon is used with the traditional pentecostal icon which shows the tongues of fire hovering over Mary and the Twelve Apostles, the original prototype of the Church, who are themselves sitting in unity surrounding a symbolic image of “cosmos,” the world.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church

of the Messiah. For this reason the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

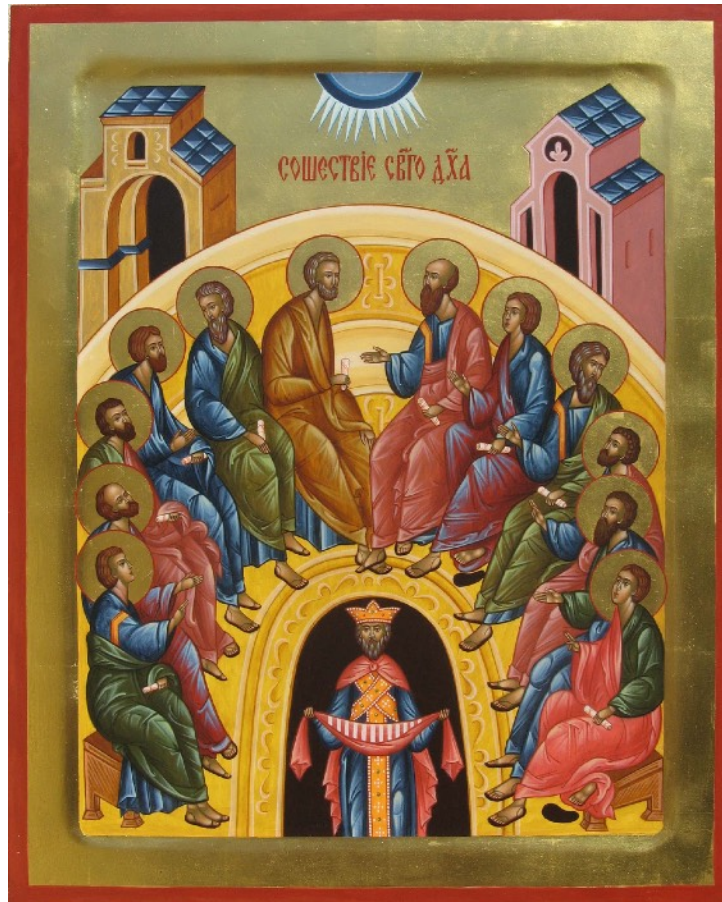
Thus, Pentecost is called an apocalyptic day, which means the day of final revelation. It is also called an eschatological day, which means the day of the final and perfect end (in Greek eschaton means the end). For when the Messiah comes and

the Lord’s Day is at hand, the “last days” are inaugurated in which “God declares: ... I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.”; This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church which was preached on the first Sunday of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1–7; Joel 2: 28–32).

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the “temples of the Holy Spirit.” God’s Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2–3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2–3). We, by our own

membership in the Church, have received “the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit” in the sacrament of chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.

The Divine Liturgy of Pentecost recalls our baptism into Christ with the verse from Galatians again replacing the Thrice-Holy Hymn. Special verses from the psalms also replace the usual antiphonal psalms of the liturgy. The epistle and gospel readings tell of the Spirit’s coming to men. The kontakion sings of the reversal of Babel as God unites the nations into the unity of his Spirit. The troparion proclaims the gathering of the whole universe into God’s net through the work of the inspired apostles. The hymns “O Heavenly King” and “We have seen the True Light” are sung for the first time since Easter, calling the



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Holy Spirit to “come and abide in us,” and proclaiming that “we have received the heavenly Spirit.” The church building is decorated with flowers and the green leaves of the summer to show that God’s divine Breath comes to renew all creation as the “life-creating Spirit.” In Hebrew the word for Spirit, breath and wind is the same word, ruah.

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit: through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee (Troparion).

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, he divided the nations. But when he distributed the tongues of

fire, he called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit! (Kontakion).

The Great Vespers of Pentecost evening features three long prayers at which the faithful kneel for the first time since Easter. The Monday after Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit in the Orthodox Church, and the Sunday after Pentecost is the feast of All Saints. This is the logical liturgical sequence since the coming of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled in men by their becoming saints, and this is the very purpose of the creation and salvation of the world. “Thus says the Lord: Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I your God am holy” (Lev 11.44–45, 1 Pet 1.15–16).

AHS allows for worship services to resume, and Bishop David gives us his Directives for Re-opening our Churches.

[Full document is in Last Week’s bulletin available by clicking here.](#)

Our Parish Pastoral Council has met last week, and will meet again this week to discuss how and when to safely reopen our church.

In order for us to make intelligent plans we need the input from all parishioners. We want to know if you are comfortable coming back, and if you are, what your needs would be.

We are asking you to **help us** by clicking on this button right here → and filling out the very short survey. If you do not fill it out by Sunday night we will begin phoning all the parishioners including you. Since it takes a fair amount of time, you could help us by responding electronically.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE SURVEY NOW PLEASE](#)

It will take you about 2-5 minutes. There are 4 questions if you are not yet comfortable with coming back, and 8 if you are.

Happy Anniversary to Peter and Dianne who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Многая літа

We congratulate Brian and Namisha for getting married yesterday (Saturday, May 30).

Многая літа

Today is the 40th day memorial for + John Puto (actually 39). The Panachyda is included after the Liturgy video for this Sunday. **Вічная Памяць**

Parish News:

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Fr. Josaphat** Turkalo, **Edward**, **Verna** Hnatiuk, **Miranda** Mayko, **Jean** Miskew, **Sarah** Komar, **Marge** Woitas, **Katie** Bunio, **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: Aria Lonsberry (4th) and David Kwas (5th) who both celebrate their birthday this week. May God grant you many years!
- Our next **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting** is this Tuesday, June 2 at 7:30pm via Zoom. PPC members please check your emails.

Looking for some of our recent videos or bulletins?

Fr. Bo has been posting and emailing out Church videos and bulletins. You can also find them on our parish website that we have been updating weekly, sometimes twice weekly. If you are not getting the emails, tell me and I’ll put you on the list.

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UCWLC League Day May 31, 2020

The last Sunday in May is the day that has been selected to celebrate the work of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. Each year, before the Divine Liturgy, a UCWLC member has greeted parishioners and they have been given a UCWLC emblem lapel tag. After the liturgy a panahyda is celebrated to remember and pray for the deceased members of the branch. The League Day continues with a lunch either ordered in or in a restaurant. The lunch is a special occasion as it includes the presentation of length of service pins and an expression of thanks for the commitment shown in supporting Dormition Parish. This year our traditional celebration will not happen but the work of our branch past and present can still be considered and appreciated.

This 2020 UCWLC League Day marks 61 years of our being an active UCWLC Branch of Dormition Parish. Our branch was founded February 27th, 1959. There were 10 women in attendance. Mary, Orysiuk was the first treasurer. Mary was a UCWLC member who worked faithfully to fulfill the aims of the UCWLC for many years. Presently we have 25 active members in our branch. The length of service of our membership varies from 2 years to 64 years. Regular meetings take place Sunday afternoons, after fellowship, six to eight times a year.

So much of what is implemented and accomplished by our branch perhaps goes unnoticed or is taken for granted. Our branch provides support funding to purchase flowers for Easter and Christmas, for purchasing and cleaning vestments, for St. Nicholas Day treat bags, for fellowship expenses, for kitchen supplies and for convention fees. Pastoral visits and

phone calls are made to keep in touch with parishioners that are in need of cheering up. Sunday fellowships are set up and maintained which enable parishioners to visit and enjoy each other's company.

Our branch makes charitable donations to – No Room In the Inn, Sign of Hope, Home of Hope, Youth Emergency Support Services, Bishop's Tea and Bishop's Gala. As well, we support Our Lady of Peace School with food bank donations and purchased food. Our branch arranged to send \$200 to the Edmonton Food Bank, this month. Our branch members indicated a willingness to donate again to help mitigate the effects of the pandemic. A heartfelt thanks goes out to our members who serve on committees that look after many details that enrich our Dormition Church community.

Throughout the years the members of our branch have worked faithfully to fulfill the aims of the UCWLC, enriching our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, promoting and maintaining our Ukrainian Culture, together with Social Development objectives. The Social Development aspect emphasizes Christian moral standards and values of everyday life. As well branch members are encouraged to support social action programs.

Two new members have joined Dormition's UCWLC. We would be delighted to welcome more new members to our Ukrainian Catholic Women's League. Consider joining us on this journey of fulfilling our mission, to share our faith, culture and social responsibilities.

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

UCWLC Dormition Executive





How does this fundraiser work?

This fundraiser will begin soon (Spring). On each day of the last week of July (Flamingo Week), a flock of flamingo lawn ornaments will land on somebody's randomly drawn lawn for the day.

You can enter all of your friends, family, neighbours, co-workers, even businesses into our draw barrel for only \$2 each starting now at CampOselia.com. That's it. We will send your nominated people an email letting them know that you have personally and lovingly "Flamingoed" them.

The people whom you have "flamingoed", of course, will have the opportunity to return the favour by "flamingoing" you back... and perhaps others might nominate you too. Therefore we suggest you purchase a \$20 "Anti-Pink-Flamingo" insurance policy if you want to keep your front lawn flamingo free.

All the proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards trying to make Camp Oselia the greatest, most exciting, safest, and coolest camp in the world! (even though this year we will not be able to run any camps due to the pandemic)

Where can I go to enter people into the draw barrel? And where can I get "Anti-Pink-Flamingo" Insurance?

CampOselia.com

When can I flamingo my friends and family?

The sooner the better. We will accept nominations and sell insurance policies up until the morning of June 28th.

What information will you need to collect?

To nominate someone, you will need to provide us with your name and email, as well as their name, email and lawn's address.

If you want insurance you will need to provide us with your name, email and your address.

How long will the flamingoes be on the "lucky" people's lawns?

About 12 hours... We will set them up in the morning and collect them in the evening.

Does the insurance cover more than one lawn?

Nope, it covers only the address that it was bought for.

What if I bought insurance and someone else puts flamingoes on my lawn anyway?

Well... we can only tell you that if you have a valid insurance policy protecting you from our flamingoes, that we will not put any flamingoes (or other lawn ornaments) on your lawn. We however will not be able to prevent others from doing so.

What if the person I want to nominate doesn't have a lawn?

If there is no lawn, we will bring a pot of dirt, and put just a few flamingoes near their door. No problem.

Can I nominate someone from outside of Edmonton?

You can.... but we are only willing to drive within Edmonton, Sherwood Park, St. Albert, Stoney Plain, and Spruce Grove to plant our flock of flamingoes and pick them up again. Further than that... they are likely safe from getting the flock on their lawn.

What if they get drawn but really don't want flamingoes on their lawn.

If they don't want to support us by purchasing "Anti-Pink-Flamingo Insurance" and they do not want the flock of birds on their lawn, and if they happen to get drawn, then... they can simply ask us to remove the birds from their lawn. Our goal is to have fun and raise some funds for Camp, not to upset people.

Can I make a donation to the camp without putting anyone into the draw barrel, and without getting insurance?

Yes, we would be happy to accept donations through the Eparchy of Edmonton. They will be able to provide you with a tax receipt if the donation is \$20 or more. You can do this at CampOselia.com

Can I get a tax receipt for getting insurance or nominating people?

Nope. You can only get a tax receipt by making a direct donation through the Eparchy of Edmonton. The Eparchy of Edmonton is the owner of the camp and is a registered charity.

Can I get more information about the Camp and/or register my kids for Camp Oselia?

Sure, check us out. CampOselia.com



CampOselia.com

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:

I. 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 .

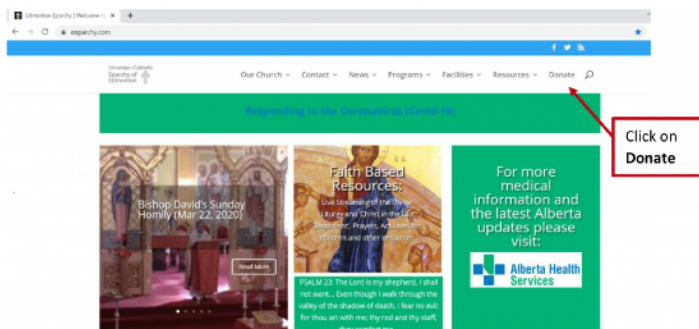
(Please do not mail things to Dormition Parish directly as our mailbox is not sufficiently secure.... It's good enough for bills, but not incoming funds.)

2. Donate using the Eparchial Website.

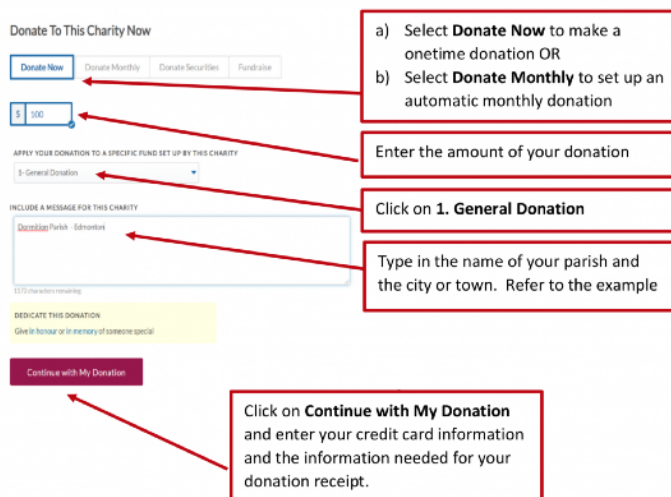
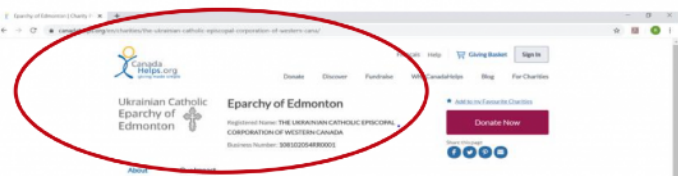
Our Eparchy accepts online donations through Canada Helps. You will receive a donation receipt directly from Canada Helps and the Eparchy will receive notification of the donation with all of the details and will allocate the funds to your parish. The following steps will help first time users with the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

Steps for making an online donation to your parish

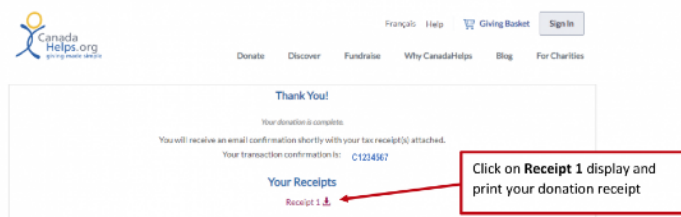
A. Access the Eparchy website at www.eeparchy.com and click on the Donate button.



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 your 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

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