



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
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for June: (English) at 12 noon
& soon to return Melkite (Arabic)
D.L. at 2 pm

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July 5, 2020

**5th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 4;
Icon of the Mother of God of Perpetual Help;
Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Athos (c. 1003)**

Welcome to the family of Christ Lilly.



Yesterday (Saturday, July 4) we brought the handmaid of God Lilly Chersak into the Church through the Sacred Mysteries of Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist. The Chersak family lives near the city just north of Stoney Plain. Congratulations Lilly, and your parents Kim & Derek, and welcome to our happy little community.

BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMMERS using Fr. Bo's name. Several people have received emails that claim to be from me asking for gift cards. **These emails are not from me.** I will only send out emails from the emails listed to the left, and I will never ask for gift cards or any such thing. If the request sounds fishy.... it probably is.

These scammers have been using other priest's names as well. Please beware.



Saints of the Day for July 5 (oca.org)

Venerable Athanasius, founder of the Great Lavra and Coenobitic Monasticism on Mount Athos, and his six disciples

Saint Athanasius of Athos, in holy Baptism named Abraham, was born in the city of Trebezond. He was orphaned at an early age, and being raised by a certain good and pious nun, he imitated his adoptive mother in the habits of monastic life, in fasting and in prayer. Doing his lessons came easily and he soon outpaced his peers in study.

After the death of his adoptive mother, Abraham was taken to Constantinople, to the court of the Byzantine emperor Romanus the Elder, and was enrolled as a student under the renowned rhetorician Athanasius. In a short while the student attained the mastery of skill of his teacher and he himself became an instructor of youths. Reckoning as the true life that of fasting and vigilance, Abraham led a strict and abstinent life, he slept little and then only sitting upon a stool, and barley bread and water were his nourishment. When his teacher Athanasius through human weakness became jealous of his student, blessed Abraham gave up his teaching position and went away.



During these days there had arrived at Constantinople Saint Michael Maleinos (July 12), igumen of the Kyminas monastery. Abraham told the igumen about his life, and revealed to him his secret desire to become a monk. The holy Elder, discerning in Abraham a chosen vessel of the Holy Spirit, became fond of him and taught him much in questions of salvation. One time during their spiritual talks Saint Michael was visited by his nephew, Nicephorus Phocas, a military officer and future emperor. Abraham's lofty spirit and profound mind impressed Nicephorus, and all his life he regarded the saint with reverent respect and with love. Abraham was consumed by his zeal for the monastic life. Having forsaken everything, he went to the Kyminas monastery and, falling down at the feet of the holy igumen, he begged to be received into the monastic life. The igumen fulfilled his request with joy and tonsured him with the name Athanasius.

With long fasts, vigils, bending of the knees, with works night and day Athanasius soon attained such perfection, that the holy igumen blessed him for the exploit of silence in a solitary place not far from the monastery. Later on, having left Kyminas, he made the rounds of many desolate and solitary places, and guided by God, he came to a place called Melanos, at the very extremity of Athos, settling far off from the other monastic dwellings. Here the monk made himself a cell and

began to live an ascetical life in works and in prayer, proceeding from exploit to exploit towards higher monastic attainment.

The enemy of mankind tried to arouse in Saint Athanasius hatred for the place chosen by him, and assaulted him with constant suggestions in thought. The ascetic decided to suffer it out for a year, and then wherever the Lord should direct him, he would go. On the last day of this year's length of time, when Saint Athanasius set about to prayer, a heavenly light suddenly shone upon him, filling him with an indescribable joy, all the thoughts dissipated, and from his eyes welled up graced tears. From that moment Saint Athanasius received the gift of tenderness, and he became as strongly fond of the place of his solitude as he had formerly loathed it.

During this time Nicephorus Phocas, having had enough of military exploits, remembered his vow to become a monk and from his means he besought Saint Athanasius to build a monastery, i.e., to build cells for him and the brethren, and a church where the brethren could commune of the Divine Mysteries of Christ on Sundays.

Tending to shun cares and worries, Saint Athanasius at first would not agree to accept the hateful gold, but seeing the fervent desire and good intent of Nicephorus, and discerning in this the will of God, he set about

the building of the monastery. He built a large church in honor of the holy Prophet and Forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist, and another church at the foot of a hill, in the name of the Most Holy Theotokos. Around the church were the cells, and a wondrous monastery arose on the Holy Mountain. In it were a trapeza (dining area), a hospice for the sick and for taking in wanderers, and other necessary structures.

Brethren flocked to the monastery from everywhere, not only from Greece, but also from other lands, simple people and illustrious dignitaries, desert-dwellers having labored in asceticism for long years in the wilderness, igumens from many monasteries and hierarchs wanting to become simple monks in the Athos Lavra of Saint Athanasius.

The saint established at the monastery a cenobitic monastic Rule on the model of the old Palestinian monasteries. Divine services were served with all strictness, and no one was so bold as to talk during the services, nor to come late or leave the church without necessity.

The Heavenly Patroness of Athos, the All-Pure Mother of God Herself, was graciously disposed towards the saint. Many times he was privileged to see Her with his own eyes. By God's dispensation, there once occurred such a hunger, that the monks one after the other quit the Lavra. The saint remained

all alone and, in a moment of weakness, he also considered leaving. Suddenly he beheld a Woman beneath an ethereal veil, coming to meet him. "Who are you and where are you going?" She asked quietly. Saint Athanasius from an innate deference halted. "I am a monk from here," Saint Athanasius replied, and spoke about himself and his worries.

"Would you forsake the monastery which was intended for glory from generation unto generation, just for a morsel of dry bread? Where is your faith? Turn around, and I shall help you." "Who are you?" asked Athanasius. "I am the Mother of the Lord," She answered, and bid Athanasius to strike his staff upon a stone. From the fissure there gushed forth a spring of water, which exists even now, in remembrance of this miraculous visitation.

The brethren grew in number, and the construction work at the Lavra continued. Saint Athanasius, foreseeing the time of his departure to the Lord, prophesied about his impending end and

besought the brethren not to be troubled over what he foresaw. "For Wisdom disposes otherwise than as people judge." The brethren were perplexed and pondered the words of the saint. After giving the brethren his final guidance and comforting all, Saint Athanasius entered his cell, put on his mantiya and holy kukolion (head covering), which he wore only on great feasts, and emerged after prolonged prayer. Alert and joyful, the holy igumen went up with six of the brethren to the top of the church to inspect the construction. Suddenly, through the imperceptible will of God, the top of the church collapsed. Five of the brethren immediately gave up their souls to God. Saint Athanasius and the architect Daniel, thrown upon the stones, remained alive. All heard the saint call out to the Lord, "Glory to Thee, O God! Lord, Jesus Christ, help me!" The brethren with great weeping began to dig out their father from the rubble, but they found him already dead.

Our parish is open again!

We invite you to come back and pray with us if you feel ready to do so, and to let others know that they can come too. Of course there will be all the precautions in place as we want to make sure that everyone remains healthy. We will strictly follow all the rules and regulations of both AHS and the Eparchy of Edmonton.

In order to attend, please go to our website: DORMITION.EEPARCHY.COM and click on the "Reserve a Spot" button.

I hope to see you soon. - Fr. Bo

Parish News & Beyond:

- 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 Pekar & 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: **Bill Shostak** (July 5), **Ivan Genyk** (July 7), **Andrea Kluck** (July 7), **Darlene Puto** (July 7), and **Peter Woitas** (July 8) who all celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many years!
- A BIG Thank-You to all those who have been supporting our parish with online, sent in, and in person donations. Your support is helping us to keep moving forward in this unprecedented time. You are all the greatest.
- Save the Date for the 5th annual *Called to be Holy*, Men's Conference and Retreat: Nov. 6, 7, 2020. for more info communicate with Bernie at education@eeparchy.com
- The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada's National Executive is offering two \$1000 scholarships for post secondary students enrolled in Ukrainian Studies and Religious Studies. Look to older bulletins for details.
- **Pope Francis** issued his **Message** on the occasion of the **Fourth World Day of the Poor**, to be marked on **November 15, 2020**. The theme of the Holy Father's message is "[Stretch forth your hand to the poor](#)" (Sirach 6: 7).
- **His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav** issued an **appeal** to prayer and solidarity following **severe flooding in western Ukraine**, the worst floods in a decade (attached). Parishioners wishing to make financial contributions towards the flood victims may do so through their individual parish. The parishes can then forward the donations to the Pastoral Centre – Eparchy of Edmonton, who in turn will work with accredited aid agencies in responding to the disaster. (see next page).



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APPEAL OF

HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

**To the faithful of the UGCC and people of good will in Ukraine and throughout the world
In response to the flooding in Western Ukraine**

Your Graces and Excellencies,
Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers,
Venerable Brothers and Sisters in monastic and religious life
Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the elements which gives us and all that surrounds us life, and provides comfort in our homes, in these past days in areas of Western Ukraine has been transformed into a veritable disaster that is being characterized as the worst flood over the past century. Over 300 inhabited towns and villages are under water. Key transportation arteries have been ruined, railways and bridges have been damaged, thousands of buildings are without power. But the greatest disaster – human casualties. And so, at the opening of this appeal I express my sincere condolences and assurances of my prayers for those who lost their loved ones.

If the coronavirus pandemic restricted us to our own residences, this flooding has deprived thousands of people of that protection. Inclement weather has devastated harvests, destroyed planted fields and private gardens. People have lost their means for existence. Tens of thousands of hectares of land are covered with water and mud. People are being evacuated from their residences in large numbers in an effort to safeguard their lives. Hospitals have been inundated including facilities providing treatment to those infected by the coronavirus.

The effects of this flood in the present economic crisis, compounded by the pandemic, carry the threat of real social trouble on a national scale. If quick and decisive action is not taken, then before the winter we may find ourselves facing a humanitarian catastrophe.

In this pastoral appeal I reach out to all who have suffered from the flood, who experienced fear for their lives, pain and a sense of helplessness, especially to those who even now find themselves in the midst of this turbulent event, with the words of Jesus Christ: "Fear not!" Your Church, which constantly prays to the merciful God, is with you in this difficult time, and seeks to embrace you with her warmth, concern, and care. I wish to assure you, that she is and will be your voice and protector before the mighty of this world, and will carry the truth about your distress and despair to the global public and to the world Christian community.

Every calamity that people experience in their lives is an opportunity to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I call upon our church institutions: eparchies, religious communities, and especially our network of the charitable foundation "Caritas," to organize rescue for those who cry for help. I appeal to all communities of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, in the spirit of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel, to support those who are now deprived of their home and have come face-to-face with misfortune.

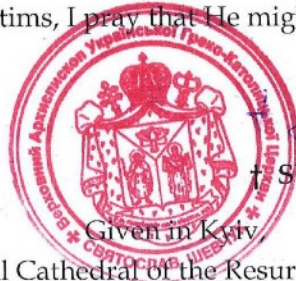
I direct my request to the world community and to international humanitarian organizations: be open to respond to the needs of those who have become victims of the disaster that has afflicted regions in Western Ukraine.

As we look at the consequences of this catastrophe, we must at the same time reflect on what brought it about. Pope Francis says: "God always forgives, we men forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives." The cause of this disaster that we are experiencing is this predatory attitude of humans towards the environment. Climate change on a global scale and uncontrolled destruction of Carpathian forests forced nature to raise its menacing voice, before which we cannot remain silent.

In this period of Peter's fast, taking into account the present dramatic situation, I call on you to rethink your attitude towards your surrounding environment, a rethinking which should include being conscious of the danger of ecological sin, and repentance before the fact of God the Creator, in order that we may learn to care responsibly for our common God-given home and increase nature's inheritance.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Those who have suffered from this calamity need our prayers and sympathy. I sincerely ask that this Sunday at Divine Liturgy we pray for all the victims of the flood and for those rescue workers who are dealing with its consequences.

May our Lord, who is with us always, in the joys and hardships of our life, help us overcome this trial with the dignity of God's children. May the protection of the His Most Pure Mother, glorified in so many churches of our hospitable Carpathians, cover all who have become hostage to this aquatic calamity. Appealing to the Lord to send generous gifts upon those, who will help the victims, I pray that He might be merciful to all of us.


+ SVIATOSLAV
Given in Kyiv

at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ,
on the leaving day of Feast of the Holy Eucharist,
June 25, 2020 A.D.

The parish clergy is instructed to read this appeal to the faithful at the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 28, 2020 A.D

CAMP ST. BASIL is going... ONLINE

July 6-11 Ages 7-14

Keeping the camp spirit thriving through COVID-19, this year Camp St. Basils will be held online!

ZOOM sessions will take place from 10-11 a.m. MST for campers to be guided through activities such as: crafts, games, and religion lessons inspired by this year's theme - miracles!



NO CHARGE!

Campers from all across Canada welcome!

For more information or further inquiries visit our website, or contact us at

CampSaintBasils@gmail.com 780-434-8010

Register by June 30th on our website!
<https://tinyurl.com/campstbasil>

- In response to the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement, [God Created Humankind in his Image and Likeness: Respect for the other is a must.](#)
- From information gathered for the **2019 Annual General Statistical Questionnaire** on behalf of the Vatican Secretariat of State, as of **December 31, 2019** the Eparchy of Edmonton has (by way of comparison, 2019 numbers are included in brackets):
 - Ukrainian Catholic population of 25,000, with 4,943 in regular Sunday attendance (2018: 24,000, with 4,739 in regular Sunday attendance)
 - 81 parishes and missions (2018: 81)
 - 32 eparchial priests (31)
 - 11 religious priests (10)
 - 5 deacons (3)
 - 3 eparchial seminarians (4) ;
 - 1 religious seminarian (1)
 - 11 women religious (12)
 - 4 men religious (4)
 - 183 baptisms (168)



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)

5th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 4; Mother of God of Perpetual Help; Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Athos (c. 1003)

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: O Mother of God and Virgin,* we magnify Your glory,* we ask for Your help,* we venerate Your miracle-working icon.* You are the Mother of grace,* You are the hope of the world;* do not reject our prayers in our times of need,* and free us from all dangers.

Troparion: O Athanasius ever glorious,* the ranks of angels marvelled at your life in the flesh* for you with your body engaged the unseen foe,* and wounded the legions of demons.* For this Christ rewarded you with lavish gifts.* Therefore, pray, O Father, that our souls be saved.

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: Our Mother, O Lady of Perpetual Help,* give us boldness in our cares, improvement in our sicknesses,* consolation amid our very sorrows, help in our battles.* Grant unity to Christians, zeal to ministers of the Church,* forgiveness to sinners, steadfastness to the righteous,* salvation to the dying,* beseech to grant cleansing and eternal glory to the souls.

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. (*Psalms 103:24,1*)

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10; (NRSV)

Brothers and sisters; my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

Alleluia verses:

Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

You have loved justice and hated iniquity. (*Psalms 44:5,8*)

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1;(NRSV)

At that time when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, “What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.” And he said to them, “Go!” So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighbourhood. And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest (*Psalms 148:1*)* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Are you looking to support the parish financially, but you’d like to do it from the safety of your home?

Dormition parish is accepting donations via:

- the mail to the Eparchial Pastoral Centre (9645 108 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 1A3) remember do not mail cash,
- or through our Eparchial Donation Webpage which can be accessed here: <https://eeparchy.com/donate/> don’t forget to specify that the donation is for Dormition Parish,
- or via credit card over the phone during office hours at the Eparchial Pastoral Centre: 780-424-5496.

We are very grateful for all of your support.