



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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& Melkite (Arabic) D.L. at 2 pm

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at our website if you
plan to attend a
service during this
covid pandemic to
ensure there is room
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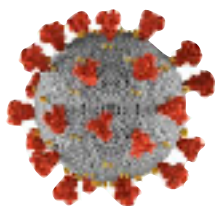
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June 6 2021;

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 1;
our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonderworker (457-74);
Venerable Hilarion the New (845-46); Apostles' Fast.



COVID NEWS: Please keep healthy and safe.

Let's not put each other at risk for Covid. Stay home if you are not feeling well. Only 15% of Fire Capacity is allowed in the Church Building. This means for us 20 persons (including the priest) are now allowed for services. Please help us keep track of people by registering online, let's sign in answering the 4 screening questions when we arrive, and let's all help sanitize after every event in church. Our hall is closed until further notice.

The Apostle's Fast:

One of the four Fasts of the Liturgical Year

This year it started this past Monday, and will go till the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29).

There are many different ways of observing this fast, but this fast is not typically as intense as the Lenten Fast (Great Fast). As in all fasting periods, people are encouraged to Fast more, Pray more and Give more.



Today, after the Liturgy

the Parish Pastoral Council will stay for a little to discuss whether or not, and if so, under what conditions we should rent our parish building to another faith community. The inquiring faith community is St. Simon's Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church (aka. Malankara Church, and St. Thomas Christians). If we do share our liturgical space with them, it would be on Saturday mornings.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to bless and direct the Parish Pastoral Council in this important decision.

For more information about the Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church see page 4 of this bulletin.

This next week and a half Fr. Bo will be leading an

Icon Workshop for the 220 Children at St. Martin's School.

Yup, the Ukrainian Bilingual School.

Please pray for the children and for Fr. Bo so that every thing goes well, and everyone learns lots.





215 Children who were in a Residential School run by a Catholic Community, found in a mass grave.



The Catholic Bishops
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Statement by Most Reverend Richard W. Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton On Behalf of The Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories On the Occasion of the Truth and Reconciliation Event in Edmonton, Alberta

This Edmonton national gathering of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, together with the preparation that has led to it, represents an important historical moment for First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples, and for everyone who calls Alberta home. It is an important and necessary step on a long-term journey of moving towards deep healing and authentic reconciliation. Since many Indian Residential Schools in this province were administered by Roman Catholic entities, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories wish to offer their hearts and voices as we listen and speak to one another in these important days.

Those who attended the Residential Schools often had to leave home at a young age. We recognize that there were students who benefitted from the experience and education they received at these schools. At the same time, we acknowledge with deep pain that others speak of their experience at Residential Schools in terms of pain, suffering, and lengthy alienation from family, local community, language and culture. Some also speak of being subjected to sexual and physical abuse at these schools.

We add our voice to those of the Catholic bishops and leaders of religious communities across Canada who have already expressed words of apology and regret. We, the Catholic

Bishops of Alberta and Northwest Territories, apologize to those who experienced sexual and physical abuse in Residential Schools under Catholic administration. We also express our apology and regret for Catholic participation in government policies that resulted in children being separated from their families, and often suppressed Aboriginal culture and language at the Residential Schools.

We commit ourselves to work in the Catholic community and the wider society to challenge attitudes of racism and prejudice that continue to exist in Alberta and Canada today. Aboriginal communities still face many serious issues that go beyond what will be addressed at the TRC, including land, treaty rights, education, health care, housing, jobs, and environmental threats. We will continue to find ways for Catholics, together with other concerned Canadians, to support more effectively Aboriginal peoples in their ongoing struggles to achieve justice and equity in Canadian society.

The canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha has deepened our appreciation of the gifts of Aboriginal culture and spirituality. May her prayers to the Creator help all of us reach the healing and reconciliation we seek.

+ Richard W. Smith

Archbishop of Edmonton

President, The Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories

29 March 2014

Saints of the Day, from the Synaxarion found on oca.org



Venerable Bessarion, Wonderworker of Egypt

Saint Bessarion, Wonderworker of Egypt was an Egyptian. He was baptized while still in his youth, and he led a strict life, striving to preserve the grace given him during Baptism. Seeking to become more closely acquainted with the monastic life, he journeyed to the holy

places. He was in Jerusalem, he visited Saint Gerasimus (March 4) in the Jordanian wilderness, he viewed other desert monasteries, and assimilated all the rules of monastic life.

Upon his return, he received monastic tonsure and became a disciple of Saint Isidore of Pelusium (February 4). Saint Bessarion took a vow of silence, and partook of food only once a week. Sometimes he remained without food or drink for forty

days. Once, the saint stood motionless for forty days and forty nights without food or sleep, immersed in prayer.

Saint Bessarion received from God the gift of wonderworking. When his disciple was very thirsty, he sweetened bitter water. By his prayer the Lord sent rain upon the earth, and he could cross a river as if on dry land. With a single word he cast out devils, but he did this privately to avoid glory.

His humility was so great that once, when a priest ordered someone from the skete to leave church for having fallen into sin, Bessarion also went with him saying, "I am a sinner, too." Saint Bessarion slept only while standing or sitting. A large portion of his life was spent under the open sky in prayerful solitude. He peacefully departed to the Lord in his old age.



Venerable Hilarion the New, Abbot of the Dalmatian Monastery

Saint Hilarion the New was born of pious parents, Peter and Theodosia, who raised him in the virtues and instructed him in Holy Scripture. At twelve years of age Saint Hilarion was tonsured as a monk at the Hesychius monastery near Constantinople, and

from there he transferred to the Dalmatus monastery, where he received the Great Schema and became a disciple of Saint Gregory the Dekapolite (November 20).

The monk deeply venerated his God-bearing patron Saint Hilarion the Great (October 21), and he strove to imitate his life, so he came to be called Hilarion the New. At the Dalmatus monastery, he was ordained presbyter. After the death of the igumen the brethren wanted to elect Saint Hilarion to this position, but learning of this, he secretly fled to Constantinople.

Then the monks of Dalmatus monastery sent a petition to Patriarch Nikēphoros, asking that Saint Hilarion be assigned as igumen. The Patriarch summoned the saint and persuaded him to give his assent. Saint Hilarion submitted out of holy obedience. For eight years he peacefully guided the monastery, but in the year 813 the iconoclast Leo the Armenian (813-820) occupied the imperial throne. The saint refused to dishonor the holy icons, and he boldly accused the emperor of heresy, for which he endured many torments. They locked him up in prison for awhile, and vexed him with hunger and thirst.

The impious Patriarch Theodotus, who replaced the exiled Patriarch Nikēphoros, caused the monk much suffering in demanding that he abandon Orthodoxy. The monks of the Dalmatus monastery went to the emperor and asked him to release the saint, promising to submit to the imperial will. After they returned to the monastery, however, Saint Hilarion and the monks continued to venerate the holy icons. The enraged emperor again threw the monk into prison. He gave the saint over to torture with all the means at his disposal, hoping to change his mind.

The wrath of God soon overtook the wicked emperor. He was cut down by his own soldiers in church at the very spot where he had once thrown down a holy icon. The new emperor Michael II (820-829) freed Saint Hilarion from his imprisonment, and the saint settled into a monastic cell. Upon the death of Saint Theodore the Studite (November 11), who also suffered for the holy icons, Saint Hilarion beheld holy angels taking the soul of Saint Theodore to Heaven.

Under the iconoclast emperor Theophilus (829-842), Saint Hilarion was again put under guard and beaten terribly, then they confined him on the island of Aphousia.

After the death of Theophilus, the holy empress Saint Theodora (842-855) gave orders to recall the confessors from exile. Saint Hilarion returned to the Dalmatus monastery, again agreeing to be igumen. He departed peacefully in the year 845.

Who are Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Christians?

In the first years of the Church, most of the twelve Apostles stayed within the Roman Empire. Saint Andrew is said to have come as far north as the location of the current day city of Kiev, which is where our spiritual tradition grows.

St. Thomas the Apostle, traveled as far east as India, establishing churches along the Western shores of that sub-continent. These Christians are often called “Thomas Christians”. There are about 62 million Christians in this group.

This Church, also known as the Oriental Orthodox, has had a schism with the Eastern Orthodox Churches since the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon in 451. The issue between the two Churches was the understanding of the “Hypostatic Union” of Christ. In other words HOW is Jesus both God and Man. (Both agree that Jesus is both fully God and fully Man.)

The main problem was language. The Eastern view was that Jesus is “in” two natures. The Oriental view was that Jesus is “of” two natures. Because they could not agree on the right wording (and what those words meant) they split.

In modern times dialogues have revealed that the two sides actually believe the same thing, and that the thousand plus years of division were simply a misunderstanding. Oops.

Before this in the 1600’s some Thomas Christians entered into communion with the Catholic Church (Syro-Malabar, Syro-Malankara & Assyrian Church of the East), much like the Ukrainian Catholic Church entered into communion with the Catholic Church at about the same time. Those who did not enter into this communion keep the name Orthodox in their title, much like those of the Ukrainian church who did not accept communion with the Catholic Church keep the name Orthodox.

Are the Orthodox the enemies of the Catholics? No. We are the same people, with the same faith, and the same traditions, just different politics (oversimplified... perhaps, but still true in essence).

The particular parish community (St. Simon Parish) that is asking to pray within our parish building is Orthodox. Although our Bishops are not in full communion with each other at this time, we all do have the same faith in Christ.

We happen to be from the Byzantine Rite of the Church. Syrian Orthodox belong to the Assyrian Rite. This means that their liturgical traditions differ from ours, just like theirs and ours differ from the Roman Rite. Instead of celebrating the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom like we do, or the Latin Mass like Roman Catholics, those of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox church celebrate the Liturgy of St. James. It is the same Eucharist (Pope St. John-Paul the 2nd said so), just celebrated in a different form.

(Pope St. John Paul the 2nd and Ignatius Zakka the 1st agreed that both churches have a relationship with the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick. If any one is in need they may approach each other for these sacraments.)

Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Syrian Orthodox Church continues. Working together for the common good of God’s people is encouraged.

What does our bishop say? Bishop David is the one who brought the request of St. Simon’s community to our attention. If we choose to open our doors to them, before we make any agreements, we will again ask for Bishop David’s blessing.

Do you want to see what their prayers are like?

Check out their FaceBook page: Just search “St. Simon’s Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church Edmonton”

What language do they pray in? Malayalam.... it’s from South Western India. And some English. But don’t quote me on this.

Where in India is their church from?

The area known as Kerala.

They have come to Canada for the weather, I think. Besides Palm Trees get boring after a while. right?



Fr. Manu Matthew from St. Simon’s Church

Camp Oselia is our Catholic camp which is committed to helping young people confidently grow in a fun and safe environment. Besides physical, emotional and intellectual growth we are committed to strengthening the spirituality of young people and their families. We do this by daily incorporating prayer and catechesis into the program in fun and interactive ways.

For all sorts of information and to register your child, please go to:

CAMPOSELIA.COM



Dear Catholic Community

As we are anticipating the end of Covid restrictions our thoughts are turning to our children and their social, physical, intellectual, character, emotional and spiritual growth.

A group of us are interested in starting a Catholic Scouting Troop with Scouts Canada at Dormition Catholic Church (Central West Edmonton).

We are inviting all interested families to an online “Information Evening”, where we will gauge interest, discuss program possibilities, and hear from members of the Northern Lights Council of Scouts Canada who will answer our questions about Scouting.

It is our plan to include a fun balance of friendly age appropriate outdoor quests, indoor exploration, community development and some faith building adventures.

Come and be part of the excitement.



Information Night: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 from 6pm - 7 pm via “zoom”.

Simply go to dormition.eeparchy.com and click on the links to join the meeting.



BEAVER SCOUTS
AGES 5-7



CUB SCOUTS
AGES 8-10



SCOUTS
AGES 11-14





VENTURER SCOUTS
AGES 15-17



ROVER SCOUTS
AGES 18-26

- Online **First Solemn Communion** Classes have concluded at this time. Fr. Bo will be “catching up” with any families who have missed some of the lessons. Due to Covid restrictions we need to probably have each family have their own FSC Liturgy. Contact me for details.
- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Katie, Jean, Edward, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
- **Happy birthday to Raina Nahachewsky** who celebrates her birthday this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- **The World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests** will be celebrated on **June 11**, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (according to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar). This celebration allows for moments of reflection and meditation on the priestly life and on the pastoral ministry.
- Pope Francis, at his January 31, 2021 *Angelus*, announced the institution of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be celebrated on July 25, the midpoint of the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year. Starting mid-June, the **Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life will forward a series of pastoral tools**, which will also be available on the Dicastery’s [website](#), in the section dedicated to the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year.
- Clergy Conferences will take place at 9:00 – 11:00 am on Monday, June 14. We will focus our time together primarily on “Albert’s Open for Summer Plan” and how it relates to eparchial and parish life.
- As we celebrated the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit – Pentecost – the **Patriarchal Catechetical Commission** is pleased to introduce to you the next installment in our series “Praying with the Sacred Scriptures,” namely, [A Prayerful Reading of the Acts of the Apostles](#) and [Молитовне Читання і Коментар Книги Діянь Апостолів](#). Take up the challenge of a prayerful reading of the Acts of the Apostles, allowing the Holy Spirit to enter anew into your life!

Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Second Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 1; our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonderworker (457-74); Venerable Hilarion the New (845-46); • Romans 2:10-16; • Matthew 4:18-23 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng 2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng 5:30 appointment	7 The Holy Priest-Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (284-305); • Romans 7:1-13; • Matthew 9:36-10:8 Fr. Bo cutting many Icon boards, and pouring much paint	8 The Transfer of the Holy Relics of the Holy Great Martyr Theodore Tyro; • Romans 7:14-8:2; • Matthew 10:9-15 Fr. Bo cutting many Icon boards, and pouring much paint	9 Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria (444); • Romans 8:2-13; • Matthew 10:16-22 Icon Workshop with St. Martin's School (all day) 5:30 pm Unity Meeting	10 The Holy Priest-Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa (361-63); • Romans 8:22-27; • Matthew 10:23-31 8 am appointment 4:30 Eparchial Youth Commission Meeting	11  The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas; • Acts 11:19-30; • Luke 10:16-21 4 pm Recording of the weekly Divine Liturgy Raina Nahachewsky's Birthday	12 Our Venerable Father Onuphrius the Great (c. 337); Our Venerable Father Peter of Athos (892); Krystynopil' Icon of the Mother of God; • Romans 3:28-4:3; • Matthew 7:24-8:4 Editing, Formatting, Publishing, and generally getting ready for Sunday.
13 Third Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2; the Holy Martyr Aquilina (286-305); Holy Triphillius, Bishop of Leucosia (Nicosia) on Cyprus (343); • Romans 5:1-10; • Matthew 6:22-33 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng 2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng 5:30 appointment	14 The Holy Prophet Elisha (9th c. BC); Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847); • Romans 9:18-33; • Matthew 11:2-15 9 am Clergy Conference	15 The Holy Prophet Amos (8th c. BC); Venerable Jerome, Presbyter of Stridonium (420); • Romans 10:11-11:2; • Matthew 11:16-20 10:45 appointment	16 Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon of Amathus (408-50); • Romans 11:2-12; • Matthew 11:20-26 Icon Workshop conclusion and Retreat with St. Martin's School (all day) 7 pm PPC Meeting	17 The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael; Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of Ruphenia (446); • Romans 11:13-24; • Matthew 11:27-30	18  The Holy Martyr Leontius (69-79); • Romans 11:25-36; • Matthew 12:1-8 Fr. Bo to send 100 icon boards to Arch-eparchial Camp in Winnipeg 4 pm Recording of the weekly Divine Liturgy	19 The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord According to the Flesh; • Jude 1:1-10; • John 14:21-24 12 noon Baptism of Conner Dubyk Borylo Editing, Formatting, Publishing, and generally getting ready for Sunday.



Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy!

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Tone I; our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonderworker (457-74); Venerable Hilarion the New (845-46); Apostles' Fast.

Troparion: 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.

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

Kontakion: You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raise the world.* All humanity acclaims You as God.* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:* "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his 'Rejoice!'* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the Holy Ark.* As the just David said,* you have become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.* Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!* Glory to Him Who came forth from you!* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

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.

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. They show that what the law

requires is written on their hearts, to which their own conscience also bears witness; and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse them on the day when, according to my gospel, God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.

Alleluia verses:

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23 (NRSV)

At that time, when Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens,* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



"Somewhere in here Jesus says he'll make us fishers of men."