



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Парафія Успіння Пресв. Богородиці

**Our Mission is to joyfully
bring all people into the
knowledge, love and
service of the Holy Trinity,
Who dwells amongst us.**

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Services:

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

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Major Feast Days at 7pm

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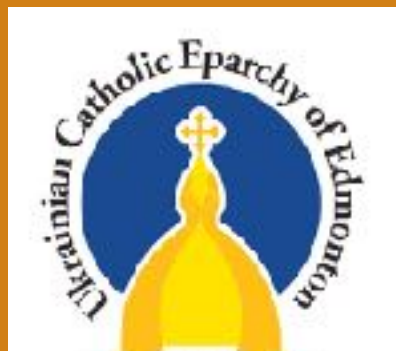
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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF
EDMONTON

December 19, 2021

**Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers, Tone 5;
The Holy Martyr Boniface (230); Nativity Fast.**

Christmas Eve Schedule:

7 pm English & 10 pm Bilingual

Unless current covid restrictions change we will be reciting the services as singing is not currently permitted.

In order to guarantee a spot at the services you are encouraged to reserve a spot on our website:

dormition.eeparchy.com

We can only allow 44 persons (as mandated by the current covid laws). If you reserve a spot it will be there for you. If you come without reserving a spot, there may or may not be a spot available to you.



On this day, the Sunday before the Nativity of Christ, we have been enjoined by our holy and God-bearing Fathers to make commemoration of all them that from the beginning of time have been well-pleasing unto God, from Adam even unto Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, according to genealogy, as Luke the Evangelist hath recounted historically; and likewise for the Prophets and Prophetesses, especially of Daniel the Prophet and the three holy youths.

It is also known as the Sunday of the Holy Genealogy. We remember the aforementioned names, those in the Old Testament who were related to Christ by blood, and those who spoke of His Birth as a man. In the Divine Liturgy, we shall read of Jesus Christ's lineage from the Gospel of Saint

Matthew. In this way, the Church shows us that Christ truly became a man, taking on human nature. He was not a ghost, an apparition, a myth, a distant imagined god, or the abstract god of philosophers; such a god does not have a family tree. Our God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He has flesh and blood, human ancestors—many of whom sinned greatly, but like David, also repented greatly. Yet, all of these righteous ones in every age had been well-pleasing to God because they loved Him. By taking on human nature, the Son of God became like us in all ways, in flesh and blood, in mind and soul, and in heart and will. He differed from us in only one way: He could not sin. Since we know that Christ's human nature remained sinless, He is also fully divine, and He shows us the way in which we can avoid sin, and so improve and transform our human nature.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen. *(from the Synaxarion)*

RE: COVID PRECAUTIONS DURING THIS SEASON

CIX!

Following a meeting of the Presbyteral Council on December 16, I am pleased to provide you with some liturgical guidance concerning the upcoming Feasts of the Nativity and Baptism of Our Lord.

The festive season is an opportunity for rejoicing in the gift of salvation bestowed upon us in the Incarnation of the Word. At the same time, pastors and the members of the parish pastoral council are asked to take reasonable steps in ensuring the safety and well-being of our faithful, especially in light of the ever-increasing presence of the Omicron variant.

Cantors. Given the festal season, for the Feasts of the Nativity and Baptism of Our Lord only, the responses to the liturgical services can be led by up to three cantors (up to six people in total where some cantors live in the same household-cohort), while the other faithful remain silent.

Mandatory masks/face coverings. The Government of Alberta continues to require mandatory mask/face coverings in all places of worship for the duration of the liturgical services, with the exception of those who have a medical exemption. Pastors are to remind the faithful of the requirement, providing a time outside of the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services where those who refuse to wear a mask can be welcomed to receive Holy Communion and/or pray privately in the church.

Anointing/Myrovannja – Anointing/myrovannja on the Feasts of the Nativity and Baptism of our Lord are possible at the present time. The anointing is to be performed using single use disposable Q-tips. The ushers are to guide the faithful row by row, who then exit the parish upon anointing in order to minimize excessive socializing and opportunities in spreading the virus.

Rite of Great-water Blessing – The water-blessing can proceed as usual with a few adaptations, the same as last year. Given that the blessing takes place outside the sanctuary/solea sacred space, the wearing of masks by the clergy and attendants is mandatory for the entire rite. The priest should sanitize his hands immediately prior to the blessing. He should also step back from the water font when signing the water with his breath. The faithful are not to bring their own jars/containers for the blessed water; rather, the parish can provide the same, whereby one or two attendances can fill the jars and place them at the back of the church for the faithful to take upon exiting the church. On subsequent Sundays, blessed water can be left at the back of the church for an extended period of time for the convenience of the faithful.

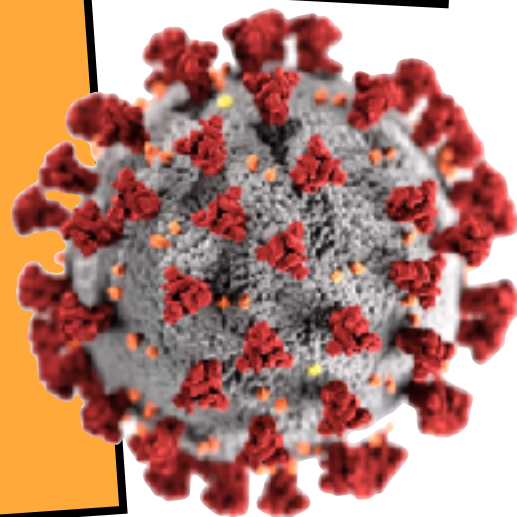
House-blessings – House-blessings are possible at the present time; however, solely upon request by the parishioners and mandatory mask wearing on the part of the clergy throughout the house blessing.

Again, I express my gratitude to our pastors and volunteers in journeying with our faithful, during the pandemic, towards salvation.

God bless! Bishop David

And our Ongoing Covid Precautions:

- Please wear masks when in the church building.
- Use the hand sanitizer that is near all entrances.
- Please keep families/cohorts 2 meters apart.
- The number of people in church to one third of its normal capacity. Therefore we can only allow 44 people (plus the priest)
- We have been and shall continue reciting the services.
- We will not be having fellowship after liturgy until further notice.
- We need all people to help sanitize the pews they were sitting in after each service.
- At the end of each service commonly touched surfaces such as door knobs and switches are to be cleaned.



Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 🐟 Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers, Tone 5; The Holy Martyr Boniface (230); Nativity Fast. Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Matthew 1:1-25 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng 2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng 5:30 appointment Happy Birthday to Sonia Dashkewytch, Steven Shakeshaft & John Vizza	20 🐟 Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer (110); Nativity Fast. Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31; Mark 9:42-10:1 9 am Vocations Meeting 10:30 am Baptismal Prep	21 🐟 Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (284-305); Nativity Fast. Hebrews 12:25-26; 13:22-25; Mark 10:2-12 11 am Appointment	22 🐟 Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia (305); Nativity Fast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. James 1:1-18; Mark 10:11-16	23 🐟 Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; The Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete (249-51); Nativity Fast. James 1:19-27; Mark 10:17-27	24 🐟 Eve of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Venerable-Martyr Eugenia; Nativity Fast. Strict Fast. Hebrews 1:1-12; Matthew 13:31-36 7 pm Complines & Divine Liturgy in English 10 pm Complines & Divine Liturgy bilingually Ukrainian / English	25 The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ - Christmas; Feast of our Lord. Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12 No services on this day. Please attend an evening service on Christmas Eve. 
26 Sunday after the Nativity of Christ Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Lord; Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng	27 Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the "Branded One" (844); Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60; Matthew 21:33-42	28 Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Two Thousand Martyrs Who Were Burned in Nicomedia (303); Passing into eternal life (1945) of Blessed Hryhoriy (Gregory) Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanyslaviv (Ivano-Frankiv's'k) and martyr; James 3:1-10; Mark 11:11-23	29 The Holy Children who were murdered by Herod in Bethlehem; Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones (c. 470); James 3:11-4:6; Mark 11:23-26	30 Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Anysia (286-305); Holy Martyr and Presbyter, Zoticus, Protector of Orphans (4th c.); James 4:7-5:9; Mark 11:27-33	31 The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, Christmas; Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman (439); 1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12; 2:6-10; Mark 12:1-12	1 The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (379); Gregory of Nazianz, father of Gregory the Theologian (374); Holy Martyr Basil of Ankyra (322); Saturday before Theophany. Colossians 2:8-12; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52; Matthew 3:1-11 Ann Skwarchuk's and Irene Pryma's Birthdays
2 Sunday before Theophany; Octoechos Tone 7; Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335). Matins Resurrectional Gospel 10. 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng Joanna Vizza's Birthday	3 Pre-feast of Theophany; the Holy Prophet Malachi (5th c. BC); the Holy Martyr Gordius (313-24). Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19; Luke 20:27-44 Brad and Greg Ostopowich's Birthdays	4 Pre-feast of Theophany; Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles; Our Venerable Father Theoctistus, Hegumen of the Cucomo Monastery in Sicily. Hebrews 4:1-13; Luke 21:12-19 10:30 Liturgy at Venta Care Centre	5 🐟 Theophany Eve; The Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas (284-305); the Venerable Syncletica; It is a day of fast and abstinence from meat and foods that contain these meat. ; 7 pm Complines, Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Water will be celebrated in English	6 The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of Obligation. Titus 2:11-15; 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17 10 am Baptism of Nicholas Setback	7 Post-feast of Theophany; the Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 19:1-8; John 1:29-34 Samuel Bryson's Birthday	8 Saturday after Theophany; Our Venerable Father George the Chosebite (610-41); Our Venerable Mother Dominica (474-91); and Emilian the Confessor Ephesians 6:10-17; Matthew 4:1-11 George Laschuk's Birthday

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Troparion: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion: Great are the achievements of faith!* In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest,* and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep.* Through their intercession, O Christ God,* save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: Armed by the Being that defies description* You defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:* "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,"* for You can do whatever You will.

Prokeimenon:

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Epistle: Hebrews II:9-10,17-23,32-40 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, "bowing in worship over the top of his staff." By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of

weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Alleluia verses:

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days.

You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us.

Gospel: Matthew I:1-25 (NRSV)

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen

generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been

spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

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

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

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- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Mickey, Sister Andrea, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
 - **Happy Birthday** to: **Sonia Dashkewytch, Steven Shakeshaft & John Vizza** who all celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
 - **Next PPC meeting:** January 18. **AGM:** Feb 6.

Our parish casino has been tentatively rebooked for the 2nd quarter of 2022 at Gateway Casino located in West Edmonton Mall - Thursday June 2nd & Friday, June 3rd.

Recognizing remaining Covid concerns and other personal health considerations the Parish needs to determine if the required number of volunteers for this event can be obtained.

Any Parishioners that are still able to assist with the casino fundraising event, please contact our Casino Chairperson, Alex Schabel by January 16th @ 780-908-3339 (aschabel14@gmail.com)

Our UCWLC is collecting for a couple things:

Flowers! Every year a call goes out for funds to help us decorate the church with flowers on special feasts like Christmas. If you can make a donation towards flowers, just put it in an envelope and mark it for "UCWLC Flowers", then throw it in with the regular Sunday Collection.

Donations to good charities. Our UCWLC is happy to pass on donations to needy charities. If you would like to contribute to any of them, talk to Virginia or Helen.

