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Sunday, May 8, 2022

**Fourth Sunday after Pascha - Sunday of the Paralytic.
Octoechos Tone 3. The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the
Theologian; Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great
(408-50); Arsenius the Great (450)**

Christ is Risen! Христос Воскрес!

Blessings to all Moms on this Mother's Day

The National Week for Life and Family is May 9 - 16.

The theme this year is: **Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life.** Check out activities, prayers, homilies and resources to celebrate this week that celebrates the family and the sanctity of human life: <https://www.cccb.ca/national-week-for-life-and-the-family/>

'Pray for them': A Canadian military chaplain reaches out to refugees fleeing war in Ukraine



An article from
CBC News by
Murray
Brewster
featuring one
of our own:
Fr. Lt.-Col. Terry
Cherwick is
reprinted in
this bulletin on
pages 3-5.

Lt.-Col. Terry Cherwick, a Canadian forces chaplain, speaks to a Ukrainian refugee outside of the central train station in Warsaw. Three Canadian military chaplains are taking part in the deployment of 100 Canadian troops to Poland to help local authorities handle the influx of refugees fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine. (Canadian Forces Combat Camera)

Saint of the Day: Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

When Saint John was more than one hundred years old, he told seven of his disciples to take spades and follow him to a certain place outside the city of Ephesus, and then he told everyone to sit down while he went off to pray by himself for a while. When he returned, he told his disciples to dig a grave as long as he was tall, in the form of a cross. After giving them instructions and kissing them, he climbed into the grave and said: "Take some earth, my mother earth, and cover me."

They covered him with earth up to his knees, and he said: "Now take some more earth and cover me up to my neck."

As soon as he they had done this, Saint John spoke again: "Bring a linen cloth and place it on my face, then kiss me again for the last time, because you shall not see me anymore in this life."

After the Apostle dismissed them, they buried him and wept bitterly. Later, they returned and opened the grave, but the Saint's body was not there. They wept and returned to the city.

Every year, on May 8, a red dust appears on his grave, which heals the sick, through the prayers of the Holy Apostle John. People call this dust "manna from the earth."

Saint Augustine knew about this dust, and Saint Gregory of Tours also wrote about it. Some sources call this Feast "rodismos" (ροδισμός) i.e. Day of the Roses. Some think that this manna is called ροδής (a pink ointment, or a rose-colored dust). Others say that by this name they celebrate the roses of spring, just as we decorate the church with greenery and flowers on Pentecost.

Saint John's principal Feast Day is September 26, but today the Church commemorates Saint John because of the annual pilgrimage to his grave.

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Sunday of the Paralytic

On this day the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him.

Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, "paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts."

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What can you say to someone who has lost everything?

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Standing in the grey light of a cold spring day outside Warsaw's central train station recently, Lt-Col. Terry Cherwick — with his black and white clerical collar jutting out of his combat uniform — seemed like a beacon for the bereft.

One of three Canadian military chaplains dispatched earlier this month as part of Canada's mission to Poland to help that country manage the influx of Ukrainian refugees, the Edmonton-based padre is performing a spiritual duty in deeply personal circumstances.

Cherwick is of Ukrainian descent himself and still has some extended family in the western part of the war-torn country. He said his early encounters with frightened and war-weary refugees in Warsaw — a flood of women, men and children shuffling through the cavernous, modern railroad station, mourning the dead and the wrecked homes they left behind — made a profound impression on him.



Ukrainian refugees line up for food and medical services in Warsaw's train station on March 10, 2022. (Murray Brewster/CBC News)

For many deeply religious Ukrainians, something happens when they spot a priest's collar.

"So many people see that sign and will come over and speak with us, ask us to pray for them ... to pray for their family," said Cherwick, a Ukrainian-Greek Catholic priest and a 29-year veteran of the military.

It has been a humbling experience — even for a chaplain who spent time with Canadian troops in the killing fields of Kandahar.

In Warsaw, Cherwick bears witness to those struggling to make sense of what has happened to them. One man opened his phone to show the priest before-and-after photos of his now-ruined home.

A message of hope

"There's nothing left there, and you know, [he was] just asking how he's gonna move forward, how he's gonna move on," said Cherwick, who after a few minutes of conversation got the man talking about returning and rebuilding.

Cherwick said some refugees have told him that — with no time to arrange funerals, no time to mourn — they had to leave slain family members behind in Ukraine. They've asked him to pray for their loved ones.

But what can you say to someone who has lost everything?

"[I'm] not sure how much you can say," Cherwick said. Most people don't come to him for answers, he added; what they want is a reaffirmation of hope, a promise that "from death can come life."

It has been a privilege, he said, "to offer them that sign of hope."



Ukrainian evacuees board a train to Warsaw at the rail station in Przemyśl, near the Polish-Ukrainian border, on March 23, 2022, following Russia's military invasion of Ukraine. (Angelos Tzortzinis/AFP/Getty Images)

Both Ukrainians and Russians observed the Orthodox Easter over the weekend, viewing their war from vastly different perspectives.

Patriarch Kirill (Cyril), leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, has supported the war. Over the weekend, he prayed for peace but

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avoided criticizing Moscow's self-described "special military operation."

Russian troops have been accused of committing atrocities, including the slaughter of unarmed civilians in Bucha outside of Kyiv and bomb attacks on hospitals throughout the country.

In the face of such hypocrisy and horror, people look to lay blame, said Cherwick. They want to know why such things are permitted to happen.

'Love, compassion and mercy'

Cherwick said that while he hasn't yet faced those questions, his two colleagues have had "profound discussions" with some of the refugees they have met.

What helps those struggling with such profound questions, he said, is the kind of "love, compassion and mercy" Ukrainian refugees are being welcomed with in Poland.

Lt.-Col. Mike Godard, the commander of the Canadian humanitarian mission in Poland, said the people here have shown themselves to be "very good neighbours" to the Ukrainians.

"It's very impressive. It's ... very uplifting to see," Godard said. He said his troops are "doing whatever jobs need to be done to help make the refugees' stay a little bit more comfortable."

The Liberal government has authorized the deployment to Poland of between 100 and 150 troops for up to three months. Those soldiers are assisting the Polish Territorial Defence Force — composed mostly of reservists — at refugee reception centres.



Spectators support Ukraine's team during a friendly charity soccer match between Legia Warszawa and Dynamo Kyiv at the Polish Army Stadium in Warsaw, Poland on April 12, 2022. (Czarek Sokolowski/Associated Press)

Medics, chaplains and other troops greet the displaced upon their arrival in Poland and help them get settled and find

services. They also assist those who want to move on to third countries.

Many members of the Polish Territorial Defence Force are volunteers, part-timers with civilian jobs. Godard said they have been working non-stop in the two months since Russia invaded Ukraine.

More than five million people have fled Ukraine since Russian troops invaded on Feb. 24, according to a statement from the United Nations refugee agency last week.

The exodus has far exceeded the Geneva-based organization's worst-case forecast of four million refugees — a grim milestone that was marked at the end of March.



Polish servicemen help Ukrainian refugees at the central train station in Warsaw, Poland on Sunday, April 3, 2022. (Czarek Sokolowski/Associated Press)

More than half of all Ukrainian refugees — 2.8 million — have fled to Poland. Some made Poland their first stop on their way to other countries. The country has been generous and sympathetic. Ukrainians are eligible for national ID numbers that entitle them to work and to access free health care, schooling and bonuses for families with children.

Signs of support are everywhere — from TV news anchors wearing blue and golden pins to public trams in Warsaw that rattle along the street with small Ukrainian flags fixed to their antenna masts.

Meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in early March, Polish President Andrzej Duda warned his country faced "a deep, deep refugee crisis." He called on Canada to speed up its refugee application process and to help with managing the flow of the displaced.

Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski told The Associated Press last week that if the fighting intensifies in Ukraine's east and if there is a second wave of refugees, his city will not be able to accept any more people.

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There are about 300,000 war refugees in Warsaw, a city of 1.8 million. Most of the refugees are staying in private homes, Trzaskowski said, adding that while Warsaw residents expected to host refugees for a few months, they cannot stay indefinitely.

Cherwick said he's seen no sign of Polish citizens growing impatient with the refugee burden.

"The Polish defence forces ... they don't see them as refugees," he said. "They see them as guests here in their country, and I think that that very much kind of sets the tone when they get here. [The Ukrainians are] appreciative of the help that they're receiving."

Teaching staff at St. Luke Catholic School about prayer and Iconography

This past week Fr. Bo was invited to lead a PD day with the teachers of St. Luke School in South Cooking Lake. 12 teachers managed to paint the face of Christ and discovered some of the prayers that iconographers use in their work. Thanks to Sharilynn for setting this day up.



Icon PD day at St. Luke Catholic School this past Friday.
Two teachers who participated are missing from this photo.



Faith Family & Friends:

First-Time Obedience-Turning Opposition into Cooperation Gentle Parenting for Good Formation in Children.

On May 13 at 10:15 am (following 9:00 am Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Parish, 6425 120 Ave NW, Edmonton) the Family, Faith & Friends, Parent Group will host the last session for the year.

Therese McDonald (Chesterton House, Mundare) has 30+ years of accompanying parents who want to see their child reach their full potential, see their family overcome the hard things life throws their way, and find a way to maintain faith and sanity throughout.

Join us at Holy Eucharist parish hall, or click here to join online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81241173552?pwd=TKl4R1MxYmQraXI0U0pUaUIhYINIUT09>

You can also find the link on our Family Faith and Friends Parent's group Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1019387668113464>

*Note - These will not be in person at the church but will be online via Zoom.

How do I Know When I'm Ready to Get Married?

I'm taking this question as it is posed. In other words, this post seeks to answer how you know if you're ready to marry and not the question of 'How do I know if this person is the one I should marry' – let's take that up in another post!

The decision to marry is a serious one. It is one of the biggest decisions a person will make in their life, and it is consequential. More than a contract, a marriage in a Catholic context is seen as a covenant between three people: a husband, a wife and God. Stating that you are 'ready to marry' assumes other statements as well. To state that you are ready to marry in the Church means that you are ready to undertake a lifelong and permanent commitment to another person, that you are ready to commit yourself fully to that person in lifelong fidelity and that you are ready to start a family with that person by being open to the Lord's blessing of children and of raising those children in the Catholic faith. This is a lot to be ready for, though remember nothing is impossible with God. Knowing when you are ready to marry comes with proper discernment of God's will for your life. So what is discernment and how do we discern well?

The Oxford English Dictionary tells us that the word "discern" comes from the Latin word *discernere*, from *dis*- 'apart' and *cernere* 'to separate'. In a way, then, discernment is an action word! How many times have we fallen back on the phrase, "I'm still discerning," as a way of actually being indecisive? The One who discerned perfectly was Christ, whose mission was doing the will of His Father. During His earthly ministry, Christ gave us the tools necessary to be active discerners. I ask you to consider these three ways Christ taught us to discern.

1. Be Among Other People

In this time of social distancing and social isolation, being among other people may seem like a thing of the past. Psychologically speaking, we are interpersonal beings, called to be in community with one another. Theologically speaking, we are made in the image and likeness of God, a Trinity of Persons in perfect communion with one another. There's the old adage that if you want to get to know someone well, sit at table with them. Whether or not we are ready to marry is often confirmed when we sit with other people. It's why seminarians and religious do pastoral internship years in parishes and schools, and it's why pastors reach out to family and friends prior to couples being married to get their opinion. We want people from the community, our family and our friends, to help us to confirm God's will for us. It is a key element of discernment. So, what does your parish community, your work community and your broader family and friends think about your readiness for marriage? What do they say to you in conversation?

2. Trust Those Closest to You

On at least three occasions, Jesus takes only Peter, James and John to those most intimate and most sacred spaces and places in

His ministry. We recall that they went with Christ to the mountain during the Transfiguration and to the Garden in Gethsemane during His Passion. Again, Christ shows us that in our lives, we move from a broader community discernment to a more intimate discernment with a few close and very trusted confidants. Talk to a few close friends. What do they think about your readiness to marry? What do they say about your intended spouse?

3. Climb the Mountain and Pray

Many times in the Gospel, most often before or after a significant event in His ministry, Jesus goes off to pray. After He was baptized by John and before His public ministry, we read that Jesus "was led by the Spirit" (Mt. 4:1) into the desert to fast and to pray. When Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist, "[He] withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself" (Mt. 14:13) and immediately following that we read of the miracle of loaves and the fish. After that miracle, the apostles leave and Jesus goes up the mountain, alone, to pray (Mt. 14:23; Mk. 6:46). Jesus teaches us that in order to discern well, we have to have a life rooted in personal prayer with God. We move from a discernment in the broader community, to one with only our closest family and friends to one of pure intimacy with our God. Whatever comes and goes in our daily life, our prayer has to remain constant. It might not always be able to be in a formal prayer setting like the Divine Liturgy in a Church or one of our other services, but we always need to take those quiet moments and make them holy throughout the day.

If you undertake these steps of discernment, I am confident the Holy Spirit will lead you to fulfill your true baptismal calling.



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HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE

It has been some two months since Ukraine was invaded by Russia, leading to a violent war which has claimed thousands of lives and displaced millions of people.

Through the generosity of our parishes, faithful and friends, the Eparchy of Edmonton alone has raised nearly \$2 million dollars to help the innocent victims whose lives and country are being destroyed in this senseless attack on their sovereignty.

Our donations “follow the people of Ukraine,” wherever the need is greatest including:

- **Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine** supporting organizations on the ground including Caritas Ukraine, Ukrainian Greek Catholic eparchies, Sheptytsky Hospital (L’viv) and others who are helping the more than 11 million people affected by the war, including 6.5 million displaced internally, and 5.3 million who have fled to neighbouring countries. Donations are forwarded through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), an organization providing pastoral and humanitarian support to the most vulnerable people around the globe.

- **Humanitarian Aid to help countries** welcoming the 5.3 million people who have fled to Poland, Romania, Moldova, Slovakia, and other countries, mostly women and children.

CNEWA is helping to direct funds where needed.

- **Humanitarian Aid for refugees arriving in Alberta** and welcomed by families throughout the province. We are working with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and Ukrainian Canadian Social Services to support the settlement, integration, and spiritual needs of those arriving in our province.

The outpouring of love and support has been truly amazing, but the need is great, and it will continue to be as Ukraine defends its freedom for all their citizens in all parts of the country. We ask that you continue to be generous with your gifts, but mostly we ask for your prayers. Let us pray to God our Father and Our Most Holy Mother for an end to the suffering of war and for justice and peace in Ukraine.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Given the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, the annual collection for the **“Aid to the Missionary Church in the World,”** traditionally taken up on Pentecost Sunday, **will not take place this year.**

\$200,000 Humanitarian Aid Settlement Grant

Eparchial parishes and eparchial organizations undertaking projects and initiatives to support Ukrainian families and individuals who are fleeing the war in Ukraine may apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 for their project. The faithful of the Eparchy of Edmonton are preparing to welcome these families and help settle them and establish them into the community. Although each parish may have different means of providing support, we all can do something.

Grant Funding and Projects

Through the generous donations of our parishioners, friends, various organizations, and businesses, \$200,000 of the total amounts collected for Humanitarian Aid has been set aside by Bishop David to help the families fleeing Ukraine and temporarily settling in Alberta. Project ideas include:

- Host an event for the newcomers (brunch after church etc. where their meals would be paid)
- City orientation tours
- Spiritual and psychological counselling
- Welcome basket with essential goods
- Purchase of school supplies and backpacks
- Provide for a “free store” that has donated clothing, toys and personal items available.

More information can be found at the Eparchial Website: eeparchy.com

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton is hiring ...

...several summer positions that are made possible through the Canada Summer Grants (CSG) program. Eligible applicants must be:

- Between the ages of 15 and 30 (at the start of the employment term),
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred,
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number and be legally entitled to work in Canada.

We are pleased to offer the following positions, each to commence in May or June 2022.

Further information on each role is available by clicking these hyperlinks, or by going to the Eparchial Website: eeparchy.com

- [Marketing Assistant](#)
- [Administrative Analyst](#)
- [Groundskeeper Cemeteries](#)
- [Religious Education Assistant](#)
- [Youth Development Coordinator](#)

There are many items that our Maintenance Committee has identified for us to do on our

PARISH CLEAN UP DAY:

Saturday, May 14, 9 am till early afternoon

How much we get done obviously will depend on who volunteers... So please come and help us.

Here are some of the jobs identified:

- remove all stale dated items off the bulletin boards.
- clean out and remove all surplus items from storage shed.
- rake up grass and pick up trash .
- trim and remove low hanging dead branches from trees in front of church
- remove wooden table from furnace room and place in storage nook next to furnace room.
- stack all xmas trees in nook and tidy up other materials stored in that space.
- remove materials stored on top of sump cover.
- transfer all binders from fire proof cabinet in room beneath choir loft and transfer to deep freeze downstairs.
- transfer all paints from room beneath choir loft to basement maintenance room.
- treat ant infestation on side walk on side of church.
- pressure wash front hall vestibule floor and gentle pressure wash of windows and walls.
- pressure wash stains on walls beneath windows on 156st side.
- pressure wash dark patch on brick wall left of side entrance
- pressure wash the wooden sign to remove as much of the loose hanging varnish as possible.
- stained glass windows are filthy inside and outside. Need to be washed. Need to decide if light pressure wash from outside can be done with pressure washer or is manual wash needed to get them clean.
- church hall windows need a washing inside and out.
- spray paint touch up of posts inside patio. Some flaking in a few spots.
- office clean up. (suggested by Iryna) no details
- if labour is available and not to big a task remove the 2x4 framing of sidewalk blocks on east lawn and dispose. Serious tripping hazard.
- we need info on whether Sunday school materials are useable or can some be removed and trashed.
- We do not anticipate cleaning or working in the kitchen as this room needs it's own work bee. However if there are enough helpers then some work can be done.

**We would love you
to come and
volunteer.**

It'll be fun to work together.

A BBQ hamburger lunch will be available at noon.

Frozen Perogies for Ukraine

Help us gather some fund to support the victims of the war in Ukraine by getting a bunch of delicious perogies!

This fundraising sale will take place starting at **noon on Saturday, May 14th** (the same day we are doing our clean up day), and will continue till either we sell out or 4pm, whichever comes first.



First Solemn Communion

Our parish's F.S.C. will be celebrated on Sunday May 22nd during the regular 10 am liturgy.

Please keep praying for **Adam, Alec & Drew** as they prepare for this special day.

If anyone is able, I would love help getting some iced cupcakes for them. They will not have a big celebratory meal with us all, but cupcakes are never a bad way to celebrate.



We invite you to join us at our great Ukrainian Catholic

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as we



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Sunday to Saturday

JULY 3-9

at Camp St. Basil

Sunday to Saturday

JULY 10-16

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camposelia.com or eeparchy.com and on Facebook @Camp St. Basil



Free for Ukrainian Nationals fleeing the war
with volunteers who speak English,
Ukrainian and Russian



Dormition Parish Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 8 Fourth Sunday after Pascha - Sunday of the Paralytic. Octoechos Tone 3. The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian; Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great (408-50); Arsenius the Great (450) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 4. Acts 9:32-42; 1 John 1:1-7; John 5:1-15; John 19:25-27; 21:24-25 Mother's Day 10 am Divine Liturgy | 9 The Transfer of the Relics (1087) of Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari; Holy Prophet Isaiah (8th c. BC); Holy Martyr Christopher (249-51) Polyeleos Feast. Acts 10:1-16; John 6:56-69 The National Week for Life and Family 9:30 am Restoration at St. Sophia's Parish 1:30 am Appointment 5:30 pm Appointment | 10 The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot Polyeleos Feast. Acts 10:21-33; John 7:1-13 11 am Appointment 1 pm Restoration at St. Sophia's Parish | 11 Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Cyril (869) and Methodius (885), Teachers of the Slavs and Equals-to-the-Apostles and the Dedication of the City of Constantinople (330); the Holy Priest-Martyr Mocius (284-305); Passing into Eternal Life of Blessed Vasyi (Basil) Hopko, Auxiliary Bishop of Presvov (+1976) Polyeleos Feast. Acts 14:6-18; John 7:14-30 1 pm Oselia & St. Basil Camps Meeting Presentation with Eparchy of Saskatoon Jean Miskew's Birthday | 12 Our Holy Father Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403); Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (733) Acts 10:34-43; John 8:12-20 Hopefully we launch the updated Camp Website & Registrations | 13  The Holy Martyr Glyceria (138-61) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30 10:15 am Faith, Family & Friends | 14 The Holy Martyr Isidore (249-51) Acts 12:1-11; John 8:31-42 9 am Parish Clean up Day 12 noon till 4 pm Frozen Perogy Sale for Ukraine  |
| Praying with Icons Course at Newman Theological College (7 weeks - Fr. Bo teaches) | | | | | | |
| 15 Fifth Sunday after Pascha - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. Octoechos Tone 4. Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great (346) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 7. Acts 11:19-26, 29-30; John 4:5-42 10 am Divine Liturgy | 16 Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sanctified, Disciple of Saint Pachomius (364) Acts 12:12-17; John 8:42-51 The National Week for Life and Family | 17 The Holy Apostle Andronicus and those with him; Passing into Eternal Life (1952) of Blessed Ivan Ziatsky, Protohegumen of the Redemptorists and Martyr Acts 12:25-13:12; John 8:51-59 Johanna Hrabiwchuk's and Shug Puto's Birthdays | 18 Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (284-305); Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and Those with Them; the Seven Holy Virgins Acts 13:13-24; John 6:5-14 | 19 The Holy Priest-Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, and Those with Him (361- 63) Acts 14:20-27; John 9:39-10:9 | 20  The Holy Martyr Thaleleus (283-84) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 15:5-34; John 10:17-28 | 21 The Holy Great Rulers Constantine (337) and Helen (330), Equals-to-the-Apostles Polyeleos Feast. Acts 15:35-41; Acts 26:1-5, 12-20; John 10:27-38; John 10:1-8 Likely First Confessions Day (if not, then the next morning) |
| Praying with Icons Course at Newman Theological College (7 weeks - Fr. Bo teaches) | | | | | | |
| Eparchial Clergy Retreat, with Bishop Andriy Rabyi of Philadelphia, in Caroline, AB | | | | | | |
| 22 Sixth Sunday after Pascha - Sunday of the Man Born Blind. Octoechos Tone 5. The Holy Martyr Basiliscus (286-305) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 8. Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38 First Solemn Communion Day 10 am Divine Liturgy with cake to follow | 23 Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synada (826); Venerable Euphrosyne of Polotsk, Hegumena of the Monastery of the Holy Saviour (1173) Acts 17:1-15; John 11:47-57 5:30 pm Appointment | 24 Our Venerable Father Simeon of the Mountain of Wonders (596) Acts 17:19-28; John 12:19-36 1:30 Appointment 5pm Marriage Prep 7:30 pm Scouts Meeting | 25 Leave-Taking of Pascha. The Third Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; Passing into Eternal Life (1951) of Blessed Mykola (Nicholas) Tsehelsky, Priest and Martyr Polyeleos Feast. Acts | 26 The Ascension of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53 7 pm Festal Divine Liturgy | 27 The Holy Priest-Martyr Therapontus (254-59) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 19:1-8; John 14:1-11 7:30 Appointment | 28 Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon (716-40) Acts 20:7-12; John 14:10-21 Kateryna Orysiuk's Birthday |
| Praying with Icons Course at Newman Theological College (7 weeks - Fr. Bo teaches) | | | | | | |
| | | | Matthew 11:2-15 | | | |

Parish News

(and news from beyond our parish too)

- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Jennie, Mickey, Sister Andrea, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann & Louis.
- **Happy birthday** to **Jean Miskew** who celebrates her birthday this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- **Frozen Perogy Sale on May 14th** from 12 noon till 4pm in our parish. All proceeds go to help victims of the war in Ukraine. Hamburgers (ready to eat, not frozen) will also be available. So, have lunch with us.
- **Parish Clean Up Day on May 14 from 9 am.** Come volunteer to help us do some spring cleaning.
- The Parish still requires three more volunteers (& 2 backups) for the **upcoming casino** to be held on Thursday June 2 & Friday June 3 at the Starlight Casino West Edmonton Mall. Please contact Alex Schabel @ 780-908-3339 to be added to the volunteer list.
- Our Parish's **First Solemn Communion** will take place on May 22 during the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Please keep praying for our lovely, smart, dashing, vibrant kids.
- **Annual Clergy Retreat: May 16-20**, Sanctum Retreat Centre, Caroline. Retreat Master: Most Rev. Andriy Rabi, Auxiliary Bishop, Archeparchy of Philadelphia.
- On Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day), Bishop David invites everyone to an **"All Parishes Outdoor Liturgy and Picnic"** at Camp Oselia. The Divine Liturgy with Bishop will begin at 10:30 am and will be followed by food and activities for all ages. We hope everyone will join us for this festive day of giving glory to God; the Father of all at Camp Oselia "God's Playground".
- This year our Ukrainian Catholic Camps are working together to present the best camps ever! **Camp St. Basil** will take place July 3-9, and **Camp Oselia** will take place July 10-16. We invite all children and youth aged 7-14 to come and play with us. More details will be available shortly.
- Both Camp Oselia and Camp St. Basil are **looking for adventure loving volunteers**. In particular we are looking for Cooks, Nurses, Life guard(s) and Camp Counsellors (teens). Our camps will take place the week of July 3-9 at Camp St. Basil and July 10-16 at Camp Oselia. We would love it if you can help for both weeks, but we would be happy to have you for as much as you can help. For more information please contact Fr. Bo at fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com.

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pascha - Sunday of the Paralytic. Octoechos Tone 3. The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian; Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great (408-50); Arsenius the Great (450)

After "Blessed is the kingdom...":

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life. (3x)

Troparion: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion: O beloved apostle of Christ our God,* hasten, deliver a people without defense.* He who received you when you leaned upon His breast accepts you as you bow in prayer.* Implore Him, O Theologian, to scatter the cloud of nations that besets us,* asking peace and great mercy.

Troparion: Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic,* lift my soul by Your divine presence,* for by many sins and foolish actions,* I, too, am now afflicted and crippled.* Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You:* Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

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

Kontakion: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! * and giving peace to Your Apostles.* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: O virgin apostle, who can recount your mighty works?* For you pour out wonders and healings* and you pray for our souls as Theologian and friend of Christ.

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: Acts 9:32-42 (NRSV)

In those days, Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!" And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Alleluia verses:

Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever."

The heavens shall confess our wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.

Gospel: John 5:1-15 (NRSV)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry

your mat." But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Hymn to the Mother of God

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.

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

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their words unto the ends of the world.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of Blessed is He Who comes... we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of We have seen the true light... we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of May our mouths be filled... we sing three times:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life. (3)

Instead of Blessed be the name of the Lord... we sing three times:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life. (3)

After the final Amen: the Troparion "Christ is risen" is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition:

And to us he grants life eternal;...

...let us bow to His resurrection on the third day.