

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE

DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Парафію Успінню Пресв. Богороднці

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

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Sunday Divine Liturgy (Ukr & Eng) at 10 am



Major Feast Days at 7pm

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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF
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Sunday, January 9, 2022

Sunday after Theophany; Octoechos Tone 8; the Holy Martyr Polyeuctus (249-51)

Христос народився! - Славімо Його! Christ is Born! - Let Us Glorify Him!



Welcome to the Church Nicholas Joseph Setlack.

On January the 6th, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, we Baptized, Chrismated and gave Eucharist to the first born child of Anthony and Oksana Setlack. May God bless you Nicholas and your whole family. Mnohaya Lita.



So when can we take down the Christmas Decorations?

Well, anytime. There is no "exact date" to go by.... or is there?

Christmas trees originally were set up on Christmas Eve in Germany on a day that they celebrated Adam and Eve. They would set up the "Paradise Tree" and act out the story of the fall of mankind, and the need for Christ to come (the next day on Christmas) to save us. The red apples have turned into ornaments and with hundreds of years of "evolution", poof we now have a Christmas Tree. (Continued on next page)



So when can we take down the Christmas Decorations? Continued

Now in our society Christmas has become a MAJOR shopping season, where stores decorate things up hoping that people will feel the generosity of Christmas and therefore spend more money. They often set up trees and other decorations well in advance, as early as halloween to get the money rolling in. By the time Christmas itself comes around they

are ready to remove the decor and head into the new year.

As the Church, we begin to prepare for Christmas early too. The season known as "The Nativity Fast" (also known as St. Philip's Fast), or in the Latin (Roman) tradition as Advent precedes the feast, so that we can prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord. As Ukrainian Catholics we start 40 days before the Nativity (on the day after St. Philip). Roman Catholics start four Sundays before the Nativity. Often times we decorate things up, like the rest of society to mark this special season. Ideally we should spend this time fasting, praying more and taking care of the poor. Often though due to the culture around us, it is a season of gluttonous Christmas parties and awful sweaters.

Once Christmas has arrived the Church celebrates it for 40 more days! We start with the Nativity of Christ (Dec 25) and conclude on the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple (February 2). Of course the first couple weeks are the most intense with us remembering all of Christ's more "human" focused feasts, like his Circumcision (January 1) and his Baptism (January 6).

Often Christmas decorations come down after the feast of Christ's Baptism. Some people leave them up for a little longer as those "in the old country" (Ukraine) still have not yet celebrated the Nativity until January 7th (which is really December 25 on the Julian Calendar). Some others think we should leave it up till January 14th, which is New Year's Day on the Julian Calendar.

When should we take it down? Well, everyone has a different opinion. The Church says that we should greet each other with the greeting "Christ is Born!" and continue to sing carols till Feb 2. But honestly, the decor is simply that: decor.

As your parish priest, I am okay if we take it down sooner, or if we leave it up for later. Either way I am thankful that the volunteers who do it, give their valuable time.

Either way let us keep in our hearts gratitude for Christ's coming and saving us. Let us keep this joy shining bright year round.

- Fr. Bo



What's the Latest news on our newly forming Scouts Group?

A lot of people have been showing interest in this Youth Ministry Initiative. To date I have 39 emails on the "Interested in Scouts" list.

We are currently recruiting adult volunteers to fill the board, and to be leaders (Scouters). Once we fill the positions and have all the volunteers properly registered and screened and the bank and other administrative stuff set up, then we will open registrations up to the children and youth and begin programs. Of course, covid is also something that we are keeping in mind as we consider our start date.

This Tuesday we will have another Zoom meeting to continue filling in the blank spots and solidifying some of our plans. Anyone is welcome to join us. The email with the Zoom Link will be given to all on the "Interested in Scouts" list. To get on the list, simply email Fr. Bo at fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com

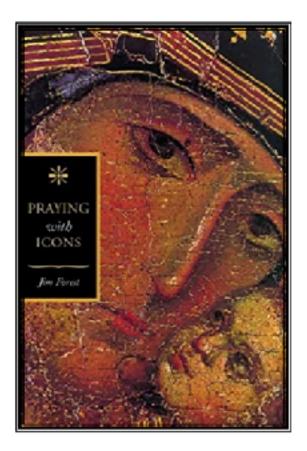
If you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to speak to Fr. Bo.

Dormition Parish Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday 9 Sunday after Theophany; Octoechos Tone 8; the Holy Martyr Polyeuctus (249-51) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 11. Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng 6 pm Vocations Meeting	Monday No Post-feast of Theophany; Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (after 394); the Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Miletene (582-602); Our Venerable Father Marcian, Presbyter and Econome of the Great Church (450-57) Hebrews 8:7-13; Mark 8:11-21 5:30 Appointment	II Post-feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the Cenoebitic Monastic Life (529) 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 11:27-30 11 am Appointment 7 pm Scouts Meeting Michael Orysiuk's & Kristofer Workun's Birthdays	Wednesday 12 Post-feast of Theophany; the Holy Martyr Tatiana Hebrews 10:1-18; Mark 8:30-34	Thursday 13 Post-feast of Theophany; the Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus (313-24) Hebrews 10:35-11:7; Mark 9:10-16 Blessing of Water at St. Benedict School 7 pm Appointment	Leave-taking of the Feast of the Holy Theophany; Our Venerable Fathers Massacred in Sinai and Rhaithu (c. 370); the Repose of the Holy Equal-to-the Apostles Nina, Enlightener of Georgia Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 11:8,11-16; Mark 9:33-41 2 pm Appointment	Saturday 15 Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes (312-37) and John the Hut-Dweller (465-74) Ephesians 5:1-8; Luke 14:1-11
30 Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos, Tone 1; The Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and Illustrious Apostle Peter Matins Resurrectional Gospel 1. Colossians 3:12-16; Luke 18:18-27 IO am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng Lyba Genyk's Birthday	Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great (356) Polyeleos Feast. Hebrews 13: 17-21; Luke 6: 17-23 5:30 Appointment	Our Holy Fathers and Archbishops of Alexandria Athanasius (373) and Cyril (444) Hebrews 12:25-26; 13:22-25; Mark 10:2-12 11 am Appointment 7:15 pm PPC Meeting Beginning of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (c. 390) James 1:1-18; Mark 10:11-16	Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthemius the Great (473) Polyeleos Feast. Hebrews 13: 17-21; Luke 6: 17-23	Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662); the Holy Martyr Neophytus (284-305); the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquilas Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. James 2:1-13; Mark 10:23-32	The Holy Apostle Timothy; the Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628) Colossians 1:2-6; Luke 16:10-15
23 31 Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 2; The Holy Priest-Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; the Holy Martyr Agathangel; Blessed Vincent Levoniuk and companions; Passing of Blessed Olimpia Bida, Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 18:35-43 IO am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng	Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman James 2:14-26; Mark 10:46-52 5:30 Appointment	Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (390) Polyeleos Feast. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; John 10:9-16 11 am Appointment Conclusion of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity	26 Our Venerable Father Xenophon and his wife Maria James 3:11-4:6; Mark 11:23-26 Upm Lay & Deaconal Formation Meeting	The Transfer of the Precious Relics (438) of Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom Polyeleos Feast. Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16 6 pm Camp Oselia Society Meeting	Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian (373) Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12; 2:6-10; Mark 12:1-12	The Transfer of the Relics of the Great-Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer (of Antioch) 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23; Luke 17:3-10
30 32 Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday of Zacchaeus; Octoechos Tone 3; The Three Holy and Great Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; and the Holy Priest-Martyr Hippolytus (235) All- Night Vigil Feast. Matins Resurrectional	The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (284-305) 1 Peter 2:21-3:9; Mark 12:13-17 5:30 Appointment Donna Koziak's Birthday	Fore-feast of the Encounter; the Holy Martyr Tryphon (249-51) Romans 8:28-39; Luke 10:19-21 11 am Appointment	The Encounter of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of Obligation. Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40 7 pm Festal Divine Liturgy	Post-feast of the Encounter; the Holy and Just Simeon Who Received God and the Prophetess Anna Hebrews 9:11-14; Luke 2:25-38	Post-feast of the Encounter; Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium (408-50) Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Peter 1:1-10; Mark 13:1-8	Post-feast of the Encounter; The Holy Martyr Agatha (249-51) 2 Timothy 2:11-19; Luke 18:2-8

Parish Announcements:

- First Solemn Communion: A number of families have contacted me, and it is time to get the program up and running. If you know of a child who is ready to celebrate their first Confession and Solemn Communion (typically Grade 2) have them send me an email.

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- **House Blessings:** As bishop David announced, house blessings will only take place this year by request. If you would like your house blessed please email Fr. Bo. (simply telling him... he will likely not remember.) This can start Friday the 7th or Monday the 10th and can continue throughout the month.
- Parish Bylaws: We are in the process of updating our Parish Bylaws so that they are more in accord with our needs and the sample bylaws that have been given by our Eparchy. Please pray for us as we do this work.
- **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: Michael Orysiuk & Kristofer Workun who celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- Next PPC meeting: January 18. AGM: Feb 6.
- **Thank you** to all volunteers who baked bread, cleaned and decorated the church, ushered, shovelled snow and helped in any way to make our celebrations this Christmas so festive. Mnohaya Lita!
- 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)
- The Winter Program Guide for the Eparchy of Edmonton is now available. The Guide includes resources on Prayer and Reflection; Family Programming; Children and Youth – Sunday Programs; Sadochok; Ridna Shkola; Sacramental Preparation; Altar Servers, Children of Mary; Youth Groups and Activities; Adult Faith Formation; Ministry Training; Choir and Cantoring; Newman Theological College; and Calendar Events. You can find it near the bulletins at church or at this link: https://eeparchy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/FINAL-Winter-Program-Guide2_compressed.pdf



Are you interested in learning more about God, your faith, and the Church?

Sign up for an online course (or two or three) or even work towards a Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions at Newman Theological College (Edmonton).

The course offerings include Scripture, Eastern Christian Theology I and II, Eastern Catholic Worship and Spirituality, the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments), and Praying with Icons.

Each course consists of 10 online sessions, spanning 5 weeks, requiring some 4 hours of work per week (2 hours per lesson). No exams. Cost of registration per course \$85.00 plus the cost of books.

To register and for more information, visit Newman.edu/CCS, or contact Bernie Mandrusiak <u>education@eeparchy.com</u> or Andrea Leader <u>admin@eeparchy.com</u> or call the Pastoral Centre (780) 424-5496.

Year I: Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions I (EASI)

CCS-047 The Theology of Eastern Christianity Part II (mid-January to mid-February) (The Orthodox Way, K. Ware)

CCS-048 Worship and Spirituality of Eastern Catholic Churches (mid-February to mid-March,) (The Face of God, Joseph Raya) – Andrea Leader

CCS-050 The Holy Mysteries: An Introduction (April) (Inexhaustible Delights: God With Us Series) – Rev. Danylo Kuc

CCS-049 Praying with Icons (mid-May to mid-June) (Icons in the Church) – Rev. Bo Nahachewsky

Hi Kids,

Jesus was
baptized, and we
are baptized too.
Ask your parents
about your
baptism. Can they
show you a photo
of it?

Have fun with this word scramble and colouring image.

We are Baptized into Christ

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Antiphon I

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

The sea beheld this and fled,* the Jordan turned back on its course.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Why was it, O sea, that you fled,* that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course?

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion: When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,* worship of the Trinity was revealed;* the voice of the

Father bore witness to You,* naming You the beloved Son,* and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty.* Glory to You, O Christ God,* who appeared and enlightened the world.

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

Kontakion: Today, You have appeared to the world* and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us,* who with knowledge sing Your praises.* You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon:

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord; God the Lord has appeared to us.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good for His mercy endures forever. (*Psalm 117:26-27,1*)

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters; each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Alleluia verses:

Bring to the Lord, you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory has thundered, the Lord reigns over vast waters.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 (NRSV)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Hymn to the Mother of God and the Irmos:

O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan.

Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due, O Mother of God. Even a spirit from above is filled with dizziness when seeking to sing your praises. But since you are good accept our faith, for you know well our love inspired by God. For it is you who protect all Christians; therefore, we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

The grace of God has appeared* bringing salvation to all.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

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

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

Instead of "May our mouths..." and "Blessed be the Name..." we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan. (3)