



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5;

the Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia (286-305);

Vyshhorod Icon of the Mother of God ("Our Lady of Vladimir") ➤



The Dormition Parish Website is "New and Improved"

On our website you can now find:

- The latest parish calendar, including saints and readings of the day
- Every bulletin since August 1 in colour
- An interactive map
- Liturgical Service Schedule
- Updated parish news
- and more... check it out!

But... this is not enough!

We need to add new content regularly. I'm looking for you to help by give photos, articles and other interesting tidbits for the website. Just email some content to me at: fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com



IMPORTANT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM



Not only is this a chance to update Fr. Bo about the parish history, the finances, the way things work in the parish, but it is our first real opportunity to plan at how we shall move forward.

What is our mission statement and how are we going to do it?

Well as part of the Eparchy it is:

**To lead all people into an ever-closer communion with the Trinity
by together living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and the teachings and spirituality of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.**

All PPC members and Financial Committee members are asked to attend. Please look at your emails for the previous PPC minutes and the agenda.

I ask all parishioners to pray that this meeting be not only efficient and productive, but that it be filled with the movements of the Holy Spirit and therefore be a profound and moving experience for the whole church.

Saints of the Day: The Martyrs Adrian and Natalia of Nicomedia and their 23 Martyred Companions

The Martyrs Adrian and Natalia were married in their youth for one year prior to their martyrdom, and lived in Nicomedia during the time of the emperor Maximian (305-311). The emperor promised a reward to whomever would inform on Christians to bring them to trial. Then the denunciations began, and twenty-three Christians were captured in a cave near Nicomedia.

They were tortured, urged to worship idols, and then brought before the Praetor, in order to record their names and responses. Adrian, the head of the praetorium, watched as these people suffered with such courage for their faith. Seeing how firmly and fearlessly they confessed Christ, he asked: "What rewards do you expect from your God for your suffering?" The martyrs replied: "Such rewards as we are not able to describe, nor can your mind comprehend." Saint Adrian told the scribes, "Write my name down also, for I am a Christian and I die gladly for Christ God."

The scribes reported this to the emperor, who summoned Saint Adrian and asked: "Really, have you gone mad, that you want to die? Come, cross out your name from the lists and offer sacrifice to the gods, asking their forgiveness."

Saint Adrian answered: "I have not lost my mind, but rather have I found it." Maximian then ordered Adrian to be thrown into prison. His wife, Saint Natalia, knowing that her husband was to suffer for Christ, rejoiced, since she herself was secretly a Christian.

She hastened to the prison and encouraged her husband saying: "You are blessed, my lord, because you have believed in Christ. You have obtained a great treasure. Do not regret anything earthly, neither beauty, nor youth (Adrian was then 28 years of age), nor riches. Everything worldly is dust and ashes. Only faith and good deeds are pleasing to God."

On the pledge of the other martyrs, they released Saint Adrian from prison to tell his wife about the day of his execution. At first Saint Natalia thought that he had renounced Christ and thus had been set free, and she did not want to let him into the house. The saint persuaded his wife that he had not fled from martyrdom, but rather had come to give her the news of the day of his execution.



They tortured Saint Adrian cruelly. The emperor advised the saint to have pity on himself and call on the gods, but the martyr answered: "Let your gods say what blessings they promise me, and then I shall worship them, but if they cannot do this, then why should I worship them?" Saint Natalia did not cease to encourage her husband. She asked him also to pray to God for her, that they would not force her into marriage with a pagan after his death.

The executioner ordered the hands and the legs of the saints to be broken on the anvil. Saint Natalia, fearing that her husband would hesitate on seeing the sufferings of the other martyrs, asked the executioner to begin with him, and permit her to put his hands and legs on the anvil herself.

They wanted to burn the bodies of the saints, but a storm arose and the fire went out. Many of the executioners were even struck by lightning. Saint Natalia took the hand of her husband and kept it at home. Soon an army commander asked the emperor's approval to wed Saint Natalia, who was both young and rich. But she hid herself away in Byzantium. Saint Adrian appeared to her in a dream and said that she would soon be at rest in the Lord. The martyr, worn out by her former sufferings, in fact soon fell asleep in the Lord.

Lives of the Saints: oca.org

Are you able to volunteer tomorrow during the day?

Holy Spirit Seminary has just moved to Edmonton and is in need of volunteers to help in cleaning windows and parts of the building. The next cleaning day is on Monday, August 27, 2018 from 9:00am to 5:00 pm. Please call the Rector, Fr. Michael Winn, at 587-460-6031, or just show up at the door. Gloves and all cleaning supplies (and, of course, refreshments) will be available.

This week we begin a New Liturgical Year!

In our Byzantine Church tradition the Liturgical year starts on the first day of September (much like the school year also starts at the beginning of September). This cycle of feasts and fasting seasons is not just commemorations of past events, but celebrations and participations of events that continue to happen in Christ here and now! Christ's resurrection, for example, is not merely a past event that is frozen in time and space; it is an event in which we all participate in directly. Christ is amongst us! Death is trampled! Christ is born! Christ is Risen! We do not use the word "was" in our greetings because we understand God is not limited to our sense of time, he is fully present to us at all moments.

Our Calendar has 12 major feasts, which include:

- **The Nativity of the Mother of God** (September 8)
- **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (September 14)
- **The Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple** (November 21)
- **The Nativity of Christ** (December 25)
- **Theophany – the Baptism of Christ** (Jan 6)
- **The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple** (February 2)
- **The Annunciation** (March 25)

- **The Transfiguration of Christ** (August 6)
- **The Dormition of the Mother of God** (August 15)
- **Christ's Entrance into Jerusalem** (One week before Pascha)
- **The Ascension** (40 days after Pascha)
- **Pentecost – The Descent of the Holy Spirit** (50 days after Pascha)

The feast of **Pascha** (Christ's Resurrection – Easter) and the events directly tied with it (Crucifixion, Holy Saturday,...), are not counted as part of the 12 major feasts because it is considered greater than the rest, it is the feast of feasts.

There are also many other feasts, including ones like the Protection of the Mother of God (October 1), St. Nicholas (December 6) and Sts. Peter and Paul (June 9) which also play an important part in our liturgical year. In fact, every day is a commemoration of some person or event in our salvation history.

Fasting is another important part of our liturgical year. It is not an exercise of self-punishment, a matter of keeping church "laws", a means to display our piety, nor a way to acquire physical

benefits or spiritual powers, rather it is a means of self-discipline. **Fasting is not merely refraining from certain foods.** St. John Chrysostom asks: *"What good is fasting from food if we do not fast from sins? What good is it to be careful not to eat meat and yet be unconcerned about the violence we are doing to the poor? What gain have we if we avoid wine but still are drunk with pleasures?"*

There are four special seasons where we fast:

- **The Great Fast & Holy Week** (from the Monday after Cheesefare Sunday till Holy Saturday)
- **The Nativity Fast – Advent – St. Philip's Fast** (November 15 – December 24)
- **The Apostle's Fast** (from the Monday after All Saints Day till Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29)
- **The Dormition Fast** (From August 1 till August 15)

And we also fast on:

- **All Fridays** (and Wednesday's) except on fast free weeks
- **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (September 14)
- **The Eve of Theophany** (January 5)
- **The Beheading of St. John** (August 29)

Let's make this year a good and holy one together.

August - September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10 am Divine Liturgy 1 pm Melkite Liturgy followed by Melkite Baptism McKinley Sharek's Birthday	27 Seminary calling for volunteers Zorianna Gerace's Birthday	28 Mary Orysiuk's Birthday	29 Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Forerunner 7 pm PPC Meeting Nicholya Lirette's & Daryl Osopowich's Birthdays	30 9 am ECSD Division Masses	31	1 Liturgical New Year
2 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by 40 day Memorial Service for Mary Noga 1 pm Melkite Liturgy 4 pm Melkite Wedding	3 Labour Day	4 First day of School for ECSD	5 Olga Wasarab's Birthday	6	7	8 Nativity of the Mother of God 7 pm Festal Liturgy
9 10 am Divine Liturgy with the blessing of Students and Teachers, followed by a Memorial Service 1 pm Melkite Liturgy	10	11	12 Roman Workun's Birthday	13	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7 pm Festal Liturgy	15
CORE Program at Camp Oselia						

August 29: The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

The Beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord, John the Baptist: The Evangelists Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyric end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ.

Following the Baptism of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist was locked up in prison by Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch (ruler of one fourth of the Holy Land) and governor of Galilee. (After the death of king Herod the Great, the Romans divided the territory of Palestine into four parts, and put a governor in charge of each part. Herod Antipas received Galilee from the emperor Augustus).

The prophet of God John openly denounced Herod for having left his lawful wife, the daughter of the Arabian king Aretas, and then instead cohabiting with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (Luke 3:19-20). On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens. Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would ask, up to half his kingdom.

The vile girl on the advice of her wicked mother Herodias asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod became apprehensive, for he feared the wrath of God for the murder of a prophet, whom earlier he had heeded. He also feared the people, who loved the holy Forerunner. But because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of Saint John and to give it to Salome.

According to Tradition, the mouth of the dead preacher of repentance once more opened and proclaimed: "Herod, you should not have the wife of your brother Philip." Salome took the platter with the head of Saint John and gave it to her mother. The frenzied Herodias repeatedly stabbed the tongue of the prophet



with a needle and buried his holy head in a unclean place. But the pious Joanna, wife of Herod's steward Chuza, buried the head of John the Baptist in an earthen vessel on the Mount of Olives, where Herod had a parcel of land. (The Uncovering of the Venerable Head is celebrated (February 24). The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia, there where the wicked deed had been done.

After the murder of Saint John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, later sent Jesus Christ to him, Whom he mocked (Luke 23:7-12).

The judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water. Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck.

Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of Saint John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligua (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

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- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **Katerina** Workun, **Mark** Sashkewych, **Gregory** Orysiuk, **Angelina** Sotnikova-Artymkov, **McKinley** Sharek, **Zorianna** Gerace, **Mary** Orysiuk, **Nicholya** Lirette and **Daryl** Ostopowich who all celebrated their birthdays in August. God grant you many years! (Now that I have the list, and I remembered to include birthdays in the bulletin, I will try to do this weekly and not monthly as was done in the past.)
 - We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers. — — — —
If you know of someone who should be in the bulletin please email me.
 - Bishop David is asking Fr. Bo to work with **Programming at Camp Oselia** in addition to being the pastor of Dormition Parish. What exactly will this entail? We are not sure yet. More news forthcoming.



Teen Youth Retreat

September 21 & 22

(Friday night and Saturday)
at Camp Oselia

Please tell your teens.
To register send an email with
your teen's name, phone
number and email address to
Millie at:
youth@edmontoneparchy.com



A Huge Bible Study at Our Parish?

I'm considering a big Bible Study at our parish for
parishioners, neighbours, families from the Catholic
Schools, and people from all over the west side of the
city... ...maybe on Wednesday nights???

Think about it. I'd love to hear your positive constructive
criticism. Likely this would not start till October.

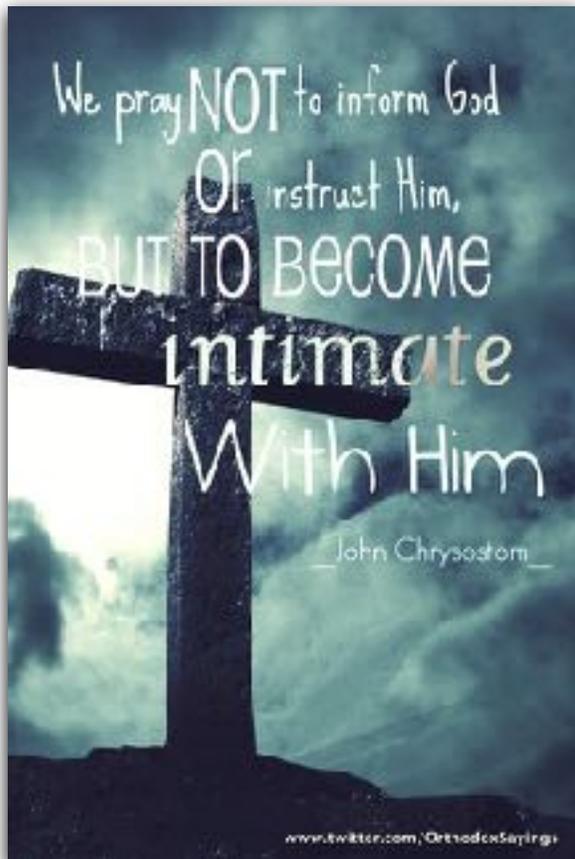


**KEEP
CALM
AND
BECOME A
ALTAR SERVER**

We welcome new and returning Altar Servers! If you are not sure
what to do... don't worry! We do on the spot training! Just come
forward and say "hi" to Fr. Bo before the liturgy begins and he will
help you out. Altar Servers should ideally be kids who have done
their "First Solemn Communion" (typically grade 2), or older.

Are you an Adult and want to help?

We have awesome sacristans who assist with the liturgy, and we have a
great bunch of people who read the Epistles. However, we would
always welcome more good help. Please talk to one of the Sacristans.



Got a question about your faith that you would like to
see in the bulletin?

Or do you wish to initiate the process for a Baptism?
Chrismation? First Solemn Communion? Confession?
Wedding? Sick Call?

Send me a note: fr.bo.nahachewsky
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SUNDAY AUGUST 26 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

Troparion, Tone 5: 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.

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

Kontakion, Tone 5: You, my Saviour, descended to Hades,* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.* And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 5:

Rejoice, O rampart and protection of those who have recourse to you!* Rejoice, O tranquil haven and Virgin,* who gave birth in the flesh to your Maker and God!* Fail not to intercede for those* who sing and worship the Child you bore.

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us* from this generation and for ever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. (Psalm 11:8,2)

Epistle: (2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4)

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters; It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment. But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith. So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Alleluia, Tone 5

verse: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. (Psalm 88:2,3)

Gospel: (Matthew 22:1-14)

The Lord told this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)

