

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

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Sept 9, 2018; Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross, Tone 7;

Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God; Holy and Righteous Forebears of God Joachim and Anna; & the Holy Martyr Severian (321-23)



Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Later this week we celebrate the Feast of the



Holy and Life Giving Cross The following is by Fr. Thomas Hopko

The Elevation of the Cross. celebrated on the fourteenth of September, commemorates the finding of Christ's Cross by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century; and, after it was taken by the



Persians, of its recovery by the Emperor Heraclius in the seventh century at which time it was "elevated" in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. From this latter event the "universal elevation" of the Cross was celebrated annually in all of the churches of the Christian Empire.

The day of the Elevation of the Cross became, as it were, the national holiday of the Eastern Christian Empire similar to the Fourth of July in the United States. The Cross, the official emblem of the Empire which was placed on all public buildings and uniforms, was officially elevated on this day by the bishops and priests. They blessed the four directions of the universe with the Cross, while the faithful repeated the chanting of "Lord have mercy." This ritual is still done in the churches today after the solemn presentation and elevation of the Cross at the end of the Vigil service of the holy day following the Great Doxology of Matins.

Elevation of the Cross By Fr. Thomas Hopko, continued...

The troparion of the feast which was, one might say, the "national anthem" sung on all public occasions in the Christian Empires of Byzantium and Russia, originally petitioned God to save the

people, to grant victory in war and to preserve the empire "by the virtue of the Cross." Today the troparion, and all the hymns of the day, are "spiritualized" as the "adversaries" become the spiritually wicked and sinful including the devil and his armies, and "orthodox Christians" replace the names of ruling officials of the Empire.

> O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by the virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation (Troparion).

As Thou was mercifully crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; make all orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories



whom He loves and that Divine Wisdom is "a Tree of life to those who lay hold upon her and trust in her, as in the Lord" (Prov 3.11– 18). Again the reference is to the Cross which is, as the epistle reading of the day proclaims, "to those who are called ... the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1.24).

The third Old Testament reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah

which tells of the "city of the Lord" where both Jews and Gentiles will live together and "shall bow themselves down" at the place of God's feet and "shall know that I the Lord am Thy Saviour and Thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Israel" (Is 60.11–16). Here we have the direct reference to God's city where men shall worship at His feet; and together with the psalm line repeated constantly during the services which calls us to "bow before His footstool," we have once again the reference to the Holy Cross (Ps 99.5, 110.1, et al.).

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy resurrection, we glorify (Hymn of Veneration before the Cross).

This central hymn of the Elevation of the Cross which lasts for eight days in the Church is sung many times. It replaces the Thrice-Holy of the Divine Liturgy. The normal

over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace (Kontakion).

The holy day of the Elevation of the Cross, although it has an obviously "political" origin, has a place of great significance in the Church today. It remains with us as a day of fasting and prayer, a day when we recall that the Cross is the only sign worthy of our total allegiance, and that our salvation comes not by "victories" of any earthly sort but by the only true and lasting victory of the crucifixion of Christ and our co-crucifixion with him.

When we elevate the Cross and bow down before it in veneration and worship to God, we proclaim that we belong to the Kingdom "not of this world," and that our only true and enduring citizenship is with the saints in the "city of God" (Eph 2.19; Heb 11.10; Rev 21–22).

The first Old Testamental reading of the Vespers of the day tells of the "tree" which changes the bitter waters into sweetness—the symbol of the Tree of the Cross (Ex 15.22–16.1). The second reading reminds us that the Lord chastens and corrects those

antiphons are also replaced by special verses from the psalms which have direct reference to Christ's crucifixion on the Cross (Ps 22, 74, 99). At the Matins, in the gospel reading from Saint John, Christ says that when He is elevated on the Cross He will draw all men to Himself (Jn 12.28–36). The long gospel reading at the Divine Liturgy is the passion account from this same gospel.

Thus, at the Elevation of the Cross the Christians make their official rededication to the crucified Lord and pledge their undivided allegiance to Him by the adoration of His holy feet nailed to the life-creating Cross. This is the meaning of this holy day of fasting and repentance in the Church today.

There will be a Festal Divine Liturgy at our parish this Friday at 7 pm for this feast.

Saints of the Day: Holy, Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim & Anna; and the Martyr Severian of Sebaste (taken from oca.org)

Saint Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, who was of the tribe of Levi. Saint Anna's family came from Bethlehem.

Saint Joachim, the son of Barpathir, was of the tribe of Judah, and was a descendant of King David, to whom God had revealed that the Savior of the world would be born from his seed.

The couple lived at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and all their life they grieved over this. They had to endure derision and scorn, since at that time childlessness was considered a disgrace. They never grumbled, but fervently prayed to God, humbly trusting in Him.



Once, during a great feast, the gifts which Joachim took to Jerusalem as an offering to God were not accepted by the priest Reuben, who considered that a childless man was not worthy to offer sacrifice to God. This pained the old man very much, and he, regarding himself the most sinful of people, decided not to return home, but to settle in solitude in a desolate place.

When Saint Anna learned what humiliation her husband had endured, she sorrowfully entreated God with prayer and fasting to grant her a child. In his desolate solitude the righteous Joachim also asked God for this. The prayer of the saintly couple was heard. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, Who would be blessed above all other women. He also told them that She would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Saints Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them and they named her Mary.

Saint Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80, after his daughter went to live in the Temple. Saint Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband.

Saints Joachim and Anna are often invoked by couples trying to have children.

The Holy Martyr Severian (+ 320) suffered for Christ in Armenian Sebaste during the governorship of Licius, when Christians were persecuted under the emperor Licinius. Even before his martyr's deed, Saint Severian had shown sincere compassion for 40 Christian soldiers, suffering for confessing the Name of Christ. He visited the captives in prison, raised their spirits, and appealed to their valor and stoic strength. These martyrs



met their death at Lake Sebaste (March 9).

Half a year later, Severian was also brought to trial for confessing the Christian Faith, and he was subjected to cruel tortures. Deeply devoted to the will of God, Saint Severian called out to the Lord during his torment, imploring Him for the strength to endure the suffering and to complete his deed of martyrdom.

After intense torture, and unbroken in his faith, the holy martyr was suspended from the city wall with one stone chained around his neck, and another chained to his feet, and so he died. His body was carried by Christians of Sebaste to his home, where the local inhabitants thronged to take their leave of him and to ask for his holy prayers.

Dormition News

- We wish God's blessings and a happy birthday to our parishioner: **Roman Workun** who's birthday is this week. God grant you many years!
- We pray for the health and well-being of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: Marge Woitas, Katie Bunio, Stella Dronyk, John Puto, Ann Horsman, Annie Polack, & Louis Pewar (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- Next PPC Meeting (Parish Pastoral Council) is Wednesday, September 26 at 7pm
- 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.
- Got questions 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@gmail.com
- Do you want to get involved in our parish's Music Ministry? If so, let's meet on Sept 19 at 7pm to talk about our parish's Liturgical Singing. Date bad for you? send Fr. Bo an email and perhaps we shall change the date.

- Hey Kids: Want to Altar Serve? I'd love to have anyone in Grade 2 or higher participate in the Liturgy with me at the Altar. Come and see me before Liturgy. Training is "on the job". Both boys and girls welcome.
- Do you wish to read the Epistle, or to help out as a Sacristan? If so please talk to any of our current Sacristans and they will help you get on the list.
- For 85 days prior to International Holodomor Memorial Day, which falls on November 24th, 2018, Ukrainian communities around the world will participate in an international action, "Light a Candle in Remembrance!". Beginning September 1st, the first candle will be lit in a Ukrainian city and every day, in a different part of the world, a candle lighting ceremony will take place. Light a Candle in Remembrance! Panakhyda and ceremony will take place in Edmonton at 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 21st at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral (10825-97 St.). Everyone is welcome.
- Back in 2008 our bishop published a booklet for our Eparchy called "Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines: Building up the Community of Believers". This document describes how parishes should function. In it are a couple things that we should be updating for our parish; namely: Our Parish Mission Statement, and Our Parish Bylaws. I ask all parish council members to go to our parish website and get familiar with this document before the next PPC meeting (Sept 26). Paper copies are also available from Fr. Bo by request.

August - September 2018								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes	day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
9 10 am Divine Liturgy with the blessing of Students and Teachers. Little Friends of Jesus	10 10:30 am Parish Financial Signing Authority Meeting at the Pastoral Centre	11	12 Roman Workun's Birthday		13	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7 pm Festal Liturgy	15	
Program						Praznyk @ Monastic Skete		
2 pm Melkite Liturgy				CO	ORE Program at Camp Oselia			
16 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee. And then UCWLC's Lunch. Little Friends of Jesus Program 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	17 Janet Konowalec's Birthday	18	19 Edmonton Deanery Clergy Meeting 7pm Music Ministry Meeting		20 Thomas Sokolowski's & Rebecca Vizza's Birthdays	21 CORE Program at Camp Oselia	22 Annie Pollack's Birthday My Family - Domestic Church @ st. Nicholas Parish Retreat at Oselia	
23 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee. 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	24	25	26 7 pm Parish Pastoral Co Meeting	uncil	27	28 Robyn Orysiuk's & Diane Woitas's Birthdays	29	



Little Friends of Jesus

Our program for little children who have not yet taken their First Solemn Communion* is called "The Little Friends of Jesus" They meet in the room downstairs at 10:00 am on many Sundays. They return to join their families during the Liturgy. Later in the service, they gather at the front of the church to share what we have learned and did on that Sunday.

Our two wonderful teachers are Tanya and Chris. If you have any questions about this program please do not hesitate to contact them.

Below is the schedule of Sundays before Christmas that have a LFJ program:

- Sept. 9
- Sept. 16
- Sept. 30
- Oct. 7
- Oct. 21
- Nov. 4

- Nov. 18
- Nov. 25
- Dec. 2

• Dec. 16

- Dec. 9 (St. Nicholas Program and Luncheon after Divine Liturgy)

Come Learn, Pray and Play with us.

*Children who have received their F.S.C. are encouraged to participate in the Liturgy as Altar Servers and Singers.

Our Bible & Faith Study with an Eastern Twist

Everyone is most welcome to this enlightening, spiritual and fun look at Scripture and our Faith: with a distinct Eastern twist. Loaded with videos, animated powerpoints, visual aids, handouts and a boatload of corny humour, we will explore who we are, who God is, and what we need to do to be fully alive in Christ.

Resources we will be using include:

- The Bible Timeline (Great Adventure Bible Study Series)
- Fr. Kapusta's Iconic Bible Study
- The Orthodox Study Bible
- "Christ our Pascha" the Catechism of the UGCC
- "All the Stories of the Bible" by John Walsh
- The Synaxarion
- and much much more...

At 7pm, on most Wednesdays starting October 3 till June

26 here at Dormition Parish. See the proposed schedule on the following page. Come to any or all of the classes. Coffee and Tea provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

And it's Free!

(However, if you have lots of moolah: donations to help cover costs are very welcome.)

Open to Young Adults, Teens, Not-So-Young Adults, Mature People, Immature People, Churchy people, Not-So-Churchy People, Catholics, Non-Catholics, Neighbours, Friends, Family and even (ugh...) Calgary Stampeder fans.

Proposed Dormition Bible & Faith Study Schedule 2018 - 2019 Sometimes things change: please see our website's calendar <<u>dormition.eepachry.com</u>> to confirm classes. All classes would be at 7 pm, following a 6 pm prayer service.

	Торіс	Wednesday	Notes:
1	Introduction to Eastern Church, The Bible & Liturgical Year.	October 3	
2	Finding the Story in Scripture	October 10	
3	Early World, Part 1	October 17	
4	Early World, Part 2	October 24	
	No Class	October 31	Halloween & Clergy Retreat
5	Patriarchs, Part 1	November 7	
	No Class	November 14	EICS No school week
	Liturgical Year: Theotokos	November 21	
6	Patriarchs, Part 2	November 28	
7	Egypt & Exodus, Part 1	December 5	
	No Class	December 12	Icon Workshop
	Liturgical Year: God with Us	December 19	
	No Class	December 26 & January 2	Christmas Break
8	Egypt & Exodus, Part 2	January 9	
9	Desert Wanderings	January 16	
10	Conquest & Judges, Part 1	January 23	
11	Conquest & Judges, Part 2	January 30	
	No Class	February 6	No School
12	Royal Kingdom, Part 1	February 13	
13	Royal Kingdom, Part 2	February 20	
	Liturgical Year: All About Lent	February 27	
	No Class	March 6	Icon Workshop
14	Divided Kingdom, Part 1	March 13	
15	Divided Kingdom, Part 2	March 20	
	No Class	March 27	Spring Break
16	Exile	April 3	
	Liturgical Year: All About Holy Week & Easter	April 10	
	No Classes	April 17 & 24	Holy Week & Bright Week
17 & 18	Return & Maccabean Revolt	May 1	
19	Messianic Fulfillment, Part 1	May 8	
20	Messianic Fulfillment, Part 2	May 15	
21	Messianic Fulfillment, Part 3	May 22	
	Liturgical Year: The Holy Spirit	May 29	
	No Class	June 5	Icon Workshop
22	The Church, Part 1	June 12	
23	The Church, Part 2	June 19	
24	The Church, Part 3	June 26	

Young Adult Pilgrim's Retreat

(Age 18 - 35) Dec. 27 - Jan. 3

Climbing the Mountain

Holy Transfiguration Monastery, California

Visit the monastery on Mt. Tabor for prayer and talks, with excursions to California's Pacific Coast, Redwood Forest, Wine Country and a short stay in San Francisco.

This pilgrimage to Holy Transfiguration Monastery is for young adults looking for a deeper spiritual experience. Strengthen your faith and journey with the Ukrainian Catholic church through a pilgrimage experience.

It is organized by the Edmonton Eparchy (Millie Schietzsch) and the Eparchy of Parma (Fr Joseph Matlak) during the Christmas Break, December 27th to January 3rd. Contact Millie at <u>youth@eeparchy.com</u>.

CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN

A YOUNG ADULT PILGRIM'S RETREAT (AGES 16-35) TO HOLY TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY

REDWOOD VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

WITH DAY EXCURSIONS: San Francisco, Pacific Coast, Redwood Covert, Wine Country

DECEMBER 27, 2018 - JANUARY 3, 2019

For Nore Information: USA: Tr. Joseph Matlak, 910-785-2764 - fijosephmatlak@gmail.com CANADA: Millic Schietzsch, 780-446-1061 - coath@edmontoreparchy.com



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A FEAST ... OF FAITH!

September 14Th & 15Th, 2018 The Solemn Praznyk Feast Of The Monastic Skete Of The Universal Exaltation Of The Precious And Life-Creating Cross

FRIDAY EVE, SEPTEMBER I4TH At The

Descent Of The Holy Spirit Church In Derwent, Alberta:

5:30 PM

- Great Vespers, Litiya & Myrovannya with Bishop David
- Refreshments & Fellowship with Vladyka
- Festal Matins Vigil with Solemn Exaltation of the Precious and Lifecreating Cross
- First Hour
- Again, Refreshments & Fellowship

SATURDAY MORN, SEPTEMBER 15TH At

The Descent Of The Holy Spirit Church In Derwent, Alberta:

9:00 AM

• Sacramental Mystery of Repentance (Confession) available

10:00 AM

- Festal Divine Liturgy with Solemn Exaltation of the Precious and Lifecreating Cross
- Water Blessing & Myrovannya
- Festal-Fasting Meal, Fellowship, and Icon Store of the Nuns of Holy Resurrection Monastery, Saskatoon.

SATURDAY EVE, SEPTEMBER 15TH At The Monastic Skete (Or, If Rain, At The Derwent Church):

5:30 PM

- Solemn Moleben (Prayer Service) in Honour of the Precious and Life-creating Cross
- Festal-Fasting Meal, Fellowship & Lighting Festal Signal Fire 'Вогонь'!

For further info or special need, call Hieromonk Teodosy - 780 741 3885



Catechist Workshop

Oct 5, 2018 5:30 - 9:00 pm.

Who should attend? All those teaching children or adults, or those who might like to begin teaching. This will be an evening of professional development, spiritual growth and networking with other catechists.

Themes for the workshop:

•Faith and God's call. We will explore how we can help those we encounter, grow in their faith and discernment of God's call for them.

•Our Blessed Mother, the Theotokos. What does the Church teach about Mary? How and why do we pray to her? Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky will speak to us about the recently published Rosary Book.

LOCATION: 9645-108 Ave, Edmonton

Register by Sept. 28 at 780-424-5496 or education@edmontoneparchy.com

COST: \$15.00 - Ask your parish council if they will cover your costs.

Have you checked out our New and Improved **Dormition Parish Website?**

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!

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We need to add new content regularly, therefore, 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: <u>fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com</u>

Fall Teen Retreat

September 21 & 22

(Friday night and Saturday) at Camp Oselia

Ages; 13 - 17 Cost: \$50



My Family - A Domestic Church Sept 22, 2018



This program which is geared toward

families with children around the age of 12 and younger but others are welcome to attend! Join us as we look at how parents can bring faith into their homes and build their own "Domestic church". Families will have fun learning and working together to create a vision for themselves as a family of faith.

TIMES: 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Supper will be provided. Bring PJs and the kids can get ready for bed before heading home!

LOCATION: St. Nicholas Parish, 9507 Austin O'Brien Rd., NW

COST: \$20.00 per family. Supplies and supper included.

CONTACT: To register or for more information call Joyanne -780-236-2184 or stnicksyouthyeg@gmail.com **Register by: Sept 16**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

Troparion, Tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 4: Your nativity, O Virgin Mother of God,* has made joy known to all the world,* for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God.* He abolished the curse and gave the blessing;* and by making death of no effect He bestowed on us eternal life.

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

Kontakion, Tone 7: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,* for Christ went down shattering and destroying it s powers.* Hades is bound.* The prophets exult with one voice.* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying:* "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 4: By your birth, O immaculate one,* Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins,* celebrate as they cry out to you:* "The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God* and nourisher of our life."

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (Psalm27:9,1)

Epistle (Galatians 6:II-I8)

Brothers and Sisters: See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they

want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Allevia, Tone I

I have exalted one chosen from the people and with my holy oil anointed him.

Verse: My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong. (Psalm 88:20-21,22)

Gospel (John 3:13-17)

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Hymn to the Mother of God & Irmos

O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary, born from a barren womb.

Irmos, Tone 8: Virginity is alien to mothers* and childbearing is foreign to virgins;* yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together.* Therefore we and all the nations of the earth* without ceasing magnify you.

Communion Hymn

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



Before the final blessing at today's liturgy we will be blessing all students and teachers (and support staff) as they return to school.

May God bless you all, opening your minds, hearts and eyes to his teachings and truth.