

# 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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## October 14, 2018

Commemoration of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, Tone 4;  
our Venerable Mother Parasceva of Ternovo (11th c.);  
The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius and Celsus (64-68);  
Passing into eternal life of Blessed Roman Lysko, Pastor of Youth and Martyr of L'viv

We welcome to the family of God, the **newly initiated servant of God Isaac William Schabel**, who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist yesterday (Sat. Oct. 13) here in our parish.

Isaac is the child of Justin and Stacey Schabel (and little brother of Daxon).

Being a member of Christ's body the Church is not just a mere ceremony. It is a commitment to living the love of Christ by dying daily to one's self, and living the resurrection by loving those around us.

May God profoundly bless and move in the life of Isaac and the whole Schabel family. God grant you many long and happy years. "Mnohaya Lita"



**Our parish looks pretty dark at night. In fact, I've been told by people that they thought our little church was closed down. It is certainly NOT closed.**

**Let's shed a little light upon our beautiful little Church by replacing some of our burnt out outdoor light bulbs, and putting up some cheerful Christmas Lights!**

**... we've got to start somewhere. If you are able to climb ladders with me, I am asking for anyone who might be available on Tuesday afternoon (at 1 pm) to join me as I try to make our church shine a little brighter!**

**Call me if you plan to help. - Fr. Bo** (my number is 780-340-3726)



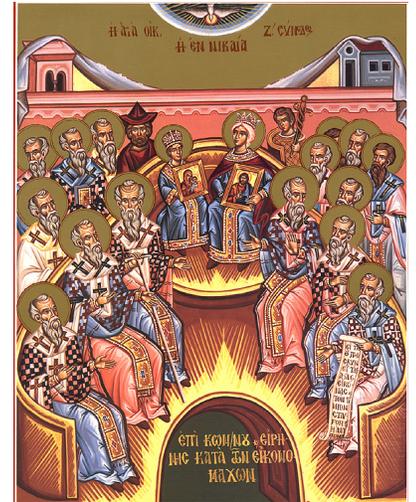
Sometimes it's hard to find 2 minutes to pray when you are at your computer. But did you know that you can subscribe for **"Royal Doors's Daily Gospel & Reflection"** to be emailed to you? It's simple. It's free. and it's a great way to put a little focus on the Big Guy. Go to "Royal Doors" or to our parish's website and click on the link to subscribe for this profound, yet short, daily email.

## The 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honour shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).



## The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius and Celsus of Milan



These holy martyrs suffered during the reign of the emperor Nero (54-68). Saint Nazarius (son of the Christian Perpetua and the Jew Africanus) was born at Rome and was baptized by Bishop Linus. From his youth Nazarius decided to devote his life to preaching Christ and to aid wandering Christians. With this intent he left Rome and arrived in Mediolanum (Milan).

Saint Nazarius met Protasius and Gervasius when he was visiting Christians in the Mediolanum prison. He so loved the twins that he wanted to suffer and die with them. The ruler heard that he was visiting the prisoners, so he had Saint Nazarius beaten with rods, then driven from the city.

Saint Nazarius proceeded to Gaul (modern France), and there he successfully preached Christianity and converted many pagans. In the city of Kimel he baptized Celsus, the son of a Christian woman who entrusted her child to the saint. Nazarius raised the boy in piety, and acquired a faithful disciple and coworker in his missionary labors.

The pagans threw the saints to wild animals to be eaten, but the beasts would not touch them. Afterwards, they tried to drown the martyrs in the sea, but they walked upon the water as if on dry land. The soldiers who carried out the orders were so amazed that they themselves accepted Christianity and released the holy martyrs.

Saints Nazarius and Celsus went to Milan and visited Gervasius and Protasius in prison. For this, they were brought before Nero, who ordered that Saints Nazarius and Celsus be beheaded. Soon after this the holy brothers Gervasius and Protasius were also executed. The relics of all four martyrs were stolen by a Christian named Philip, and were buried in his house.

Many years later, during the reign of the holy Emperor Theodosius (408-450), Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (December 7), discovered the relics of Saints Gervasius and Protasius through a revelation from God.

In the reign of Arcadius and Honorius, Saint Ambrose also discovered the relics of Saints Nazarius and Celsus. The holy relics, glorified by many healings, were solemnly transferred to the Milan cathedral.



## Saint Paraskeva the New

Saint Paraskeva the New was born into a pious family, living during the eleventh century in the village of Epivato, between Silistra and Constantinople. Her older brother Euthymius became a monk, and later he was consecrated as Bishop of Matidia. One day, while

attending the divine services, the words of the Lord pierced her heart like an arrow, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself" (Mt. 16:24). From that time she began to distribute her clothing to the needy, for which reason she endured much grief from her family.

Upon the death of her parents, the saint was tonsured into monasticism at the age of fifteen. She withdrew to the Jordanian desert where she lived the ascetic life until she reached the age of twenty-five. An angel of the Lord ordered

her to return to her homeland, so she stayed at Epivato for two years.

Saint Paraskeva departed to the Lord at the age of twenty-seven, and was buried near the sea. Because of the many miracles which took place at her grave, her relics were uncovered and found to be incorrupt. They were placed in the church of the Holy Apostles at Epivato, where they remained for about 175 years.

Saint Paraskeva's relics were moved to Trnovo, Bulgaria in 1223 and placed in the cathedral. Patriarch Euthymius wrote her Life and established the day of her commemoration as October 14. The Turks occupied Bulgaria in 1391, and her relics were given to Mircea the Elder, Prince of the Romanian Land (one of the districts of Romania). In 1394 the relics were given to Princess Angelina of Serbia (July 30), who brought them to Belgrade. For 120 years Saint Paraskeva's relics rested in Constantinople in the patriarchal cathedral.

On June 13, 1641, her incorrupt relics were transferred to the monastery of the Three Hierarchs at Jassy in Rumania, where many healings took place. On December 26, 1888, after being rescued from a fire, Saint Parasceva's relics were moved again. This time they were placed in the new cathedral at Jassy, where they remain until the present day.

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## Blessed Rev. Roman Lysko

The Blessed Rev. Roman Lysko was born on August 14, 1914 in Horodok, Lviv Oblast in western Ukraine. He belonged to the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

He studied at the Academy of Theology in Lviv and graduated from the seminary and married Neonila Huniovska, a priest's daughter. Together with his wife, he ministered to young people, and Rev. Roman had special poetic and artistic talents. On August 28, 1941 he was ordained by Metropolitan Andrej Sheptytsky, who headed the Ukrainian Catholic Church from 1901 until his death in 1944. He was assigned administrator for the parish in the village of Kotliw, Oliyiv county. In 1944 Rev. Roman was assigned to a parish in the village of Belzets, Zolochiv county. He was also a member of the underground Ukrainian youth organization Plast in his 30's and leader of the Plast group "Fox" (Lys).

On September 9, 1949 Rev. Roman was arrested by the NKVD (the precursor to the KGB) and put in a prison in Lontskoho Street in Lviv. He refused to sign a statement that he converted to the Orthodox Church and remained faithful to his people and his Church.

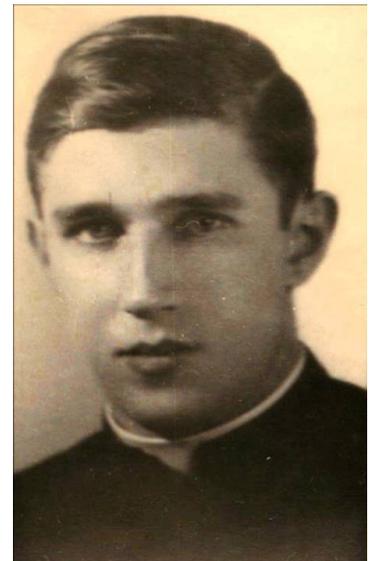
Refusing to turn from his Catholic faith, the NKVD (KGB) officers chained him and sealed him up in a wall, while he was still alive. His spirit undeterred, Lysko was heard by other

prisoners singing within what was to become his tomb.

His family tried several times to obtain information, but they were rejected each time. In 1956 they heard that he died on October 14, 1949 of a heart attack, but many claimed to have seen him imprisoned or heard him sing hymns at a later date than that.

He was beatified on June 27, 2001 by Pope John Paul II during his visit to Lviv, Ukraine. His wife Neonila was present at the ceremony. As Rev. Borys Gudziak, rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University, said at that time: "We rejoice with Neonila Lysko, who for such a short time was comforted by the close presence of her husband, but his glory will last forever".

(this article was not taken from the OCA website, but from several Catholic Sources, including [www.sspp.ca](http://www.sspp.ca), and with some editing by Fr. Bo.)



Ninth Annual

# Bishop's Gala



Thursday,  
November 29, 2018

Chateau Louis  
Conference Centre  
Edmonton

Cocktails 6:00 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm

Honourary Chair  
Rev. Michael Winn

Rector, Holy Spirit  
Ukrainian Catholic Seminary

*Called to Serve*  
*"Fostering Vocations"*

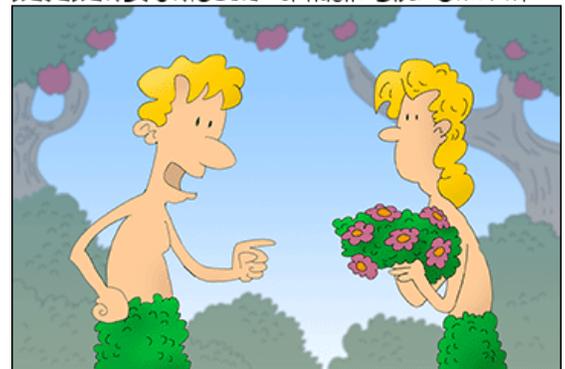
Tickets \$ 175.00  
Available at the Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral Centre  
780 424 5496 or [chancery@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:chancery@edmontoneparchy.com)

**Ninth Annual Bishop's Gala, Thursday, November 29, 2018** at the Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Centre. This festive gala raises funds to support the operation and programming of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and an exciting live auction. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$175 each or \$1400 per table of eight. A charitable tax receipt for \$85 will be issued per ticket. Due to the tremendous success of Galas past, you are encouraged to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Contact the Pastoral Centre to purchase tickets: 780 424 5496 or [chancery@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:chancery@edmontoneparchy.com).

We are also accepting monetary donations and/or donations of silent and live auction items from individual and corporate sponsors. Contact Andrea Leader at 780 424 5496 or [admin@eeparchy.com](mailto:admin@eeparchy.com) to make a donation. All proceeds of the Gala will support the mission of the Church, that is, the sharing of the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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NEW OUTFIT?

## This year marks the 85th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine - Holodomor (1932-1933).

By the end of 1933, millions of people in Ukraine died from starvation, perhaps as many as one-quarter of the population. They died needlessly as the crop harvests were plentiful. The famine was human-made, orchestrated to inflict pain and suffering upon the people, all for political reasons. The tragic events of that time are known today as the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide or "Holodomor" in Ukrainian.

Several events have been organized throughout the Province of Alberta to commemorate this horrific tragedy and to pray for the repose of the Holodomor victims. Take time to locate the one nearest you and plan to attend.

The last Saturday of November is designated Ukrainian Famine and Genocide – Holodomor – Memorial Day in Alberta. This year it falls on November 24. On or about this day plan to make a difference in the lives of the poor today. Millions died from starvation in Ukraine from 1932-1933. Millions throughout the world are still dying today from starvation. In remembrance of

those who perished in the Holodomor, challenge yourself as a parish or a family to feed the poor in your local community on this day by donating food or money to a local charity, serving a meal at a local soup kitchen, handing out sandwiches and hot coffee, distributing food hampers to local families – whatever.

You may also consider making a financial donation to help refugees in Ukraine through Catholic Near East Welfare Association – Canada (<http://donate.cnewa.ca/emergency-ukraine-p/12368.htm>) or to help the victims of the Rohingya Crisis in Burma (Myanmar) through Development and Peace – Carita Canada (<https://www.devp.org/en/aboutus/caritascanada>).

Let us befittingly honour the memory of the millions who died from starvation from a human-made famine in 1932-1933 first by prayerfully committing their souls in peace to God, and then by actively eradicating poverty by feeding the poor in our midst today one mouth at a time.

## October / November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> 12 pm WTFSE Presentation at Holy Eucharist Parish 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	15	16 <b>1 pm Come and help put up our Parish's Christmas Lights &amp; Change some exterior light bulbs</b> Joseph Paziuk's Birthday	17 10 am Fr. Bo Meeting at Eprachy <b>6pm Prayer Service</b> <b>7pm Bible and Faith Study: Early world - Part I</b>	18 Damen Hundt's Birthday 7pm Marriage Prep	19 Melkite's Bible Study	20 Victor Lirette's Marco Orysiuk's & Sera Nahachewsky's Birthdays
21 <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Children's, Youth's &amp; Young Adult Ministries Meeting after Liturgy</b> 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	22	23 7 pm WTFSE Presentation at Holy Cross Parish	24 <b>CANCELLED</b> 6pm Prayer Service <b>CANCELLED</b> 7pm Bible and Faith Study: Early world - Part 2 (Will take place on Nov 7)	25 KofC Padre Night <b>We will need to move the PPC Meeting to another day. See your emails</b>	26	27
28 <b>10 am Divine Liturgy with guest priest.</b> (Fr. Bo in Saskatoon) 2 pm Melkite Liturgy 2 pm Shroud of Turin at Cathedral	29 Clergy Study Days	30 Katie Bunio's and Josie Zeleny's Birthdays Clergy Study Days	31 Clergy Study Days	November 1 Clergy Study Days	2 Clergy Conference "Called to be Holy" Men's Retreat Melkite's Bible Study	3 6 pm "Woven" Part 1, Faith Sharing for Teenage Girls at St. Basil's "Called to be Holy" Men's Retreat

Hi, I'm Fr. Kapusta our parish's Bible Study Mascot.

I invite you to join us for our super, exciting, eye-opening, fun, animated, curiosity satisfying, all ages, salvation bringing, caffeine fuelled, amazing, and colourful

# Bible & Faith Study

## on most Wednesdays at 7pm.

Our first session & second sessions both went super well (just ask those who attended).

Now it's time to get into the stories. This Wednesday's session will be all about the first 3 Chapters of the Book of Genesis.

It's never too Late to join. Come for one session or come to them all. Everyone welcome.



# Dormition News

- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioner: **Joseph Paziuk, Damen Hundt, Victor Lirette, Marco Orysiuk & Sera Nahachewsky** who all celebrate their birthdays this week. God grant you all many years!

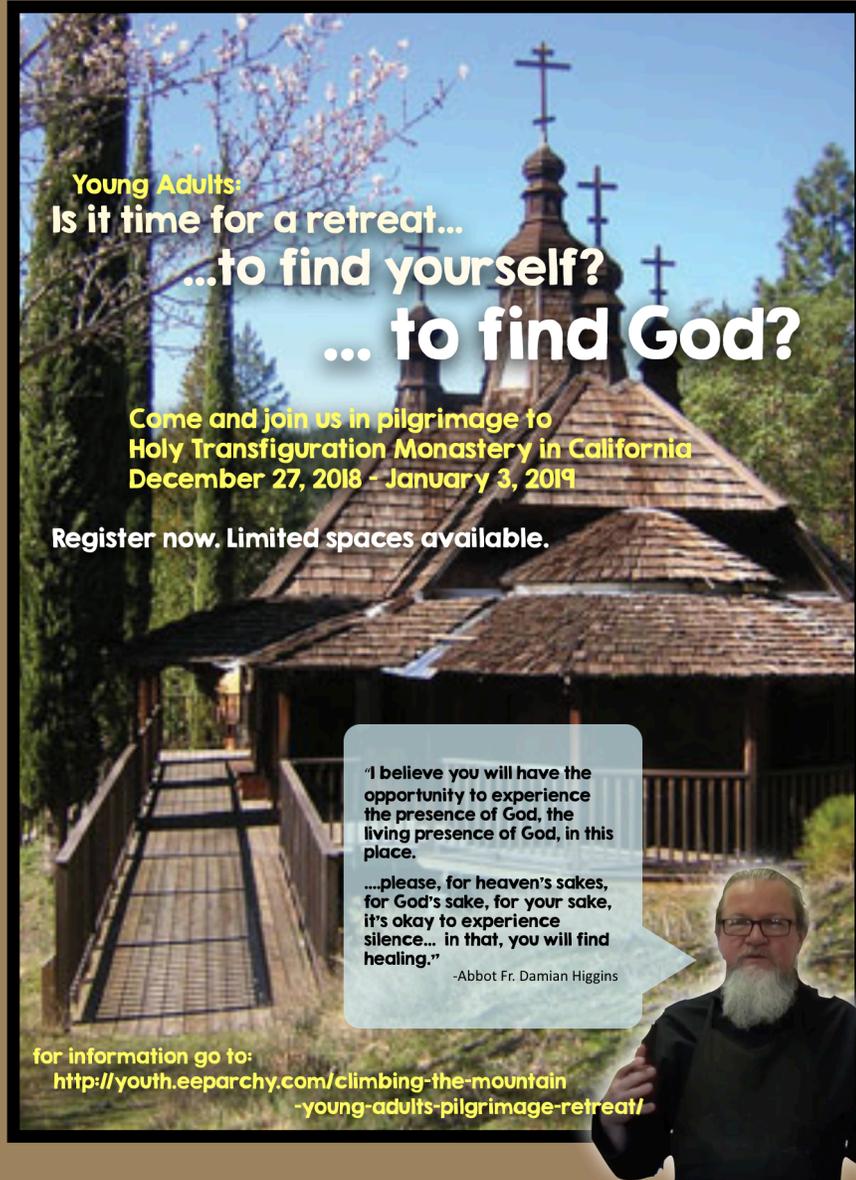
If we don't have your birthday, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email (or at least a piece of paper) with the corrected birthdate and your name.

- 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 & Stephania Nahachewsky.** (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- Fr. Bo has finally done it! He got a **local phone number!** After months of saying he would do it, his is new number is **780-340-FRBO** (it rhymes). That's 780-340-3726.
- 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.
- Is your child ready for their **First Solemn Communion** (and First Confession)? Talk to Fr. Bo, and let's set up our program for the year.
- **Confessions:** Fr. Bo is always around before services, so please do not hesitate to ask him to hear your confession. If you are planning to make a "longer" confession, he is always available by appointment too.
- Next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** is being rescheduled. When would be a good time for you PPC members? email me.
- Wednesday, Oct 17, at 6pm we will pray the **Akathist** together before that evening's Bible Study. All are welcome.
- Wednesday, Oct 17, at 7pm we will have the next instalment of out incredibly enlightening, fun, soul moving, and scrumptious **Bible and Faith Study!** Focusing on the first three chapters of Genesis we will explore the early years of our biblical story. Come, even if you can't make it to every session. Drop in types are always welcome. And bring a friend (and a bible if you got one.)  
  
On Wednesdays the 24th and 31 of October there will be no Bible & Faith Study due to Fr. Bo being out of town.
- **Little Friends of Jesus** schedule till Christmas: Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 (St. Nicholas Program and Lunch after Divine Liturgy) & Dec. 16
- Sunday October 21st, after the Divine Liturgy, we invite you to a **brainstorming and strategy session for our parish's Children, Youth and Young Adults.** This very important demographic of our parish is not only the future of our parish, but is also a very important part of our present.

- There are **new colouring sheets** on our bulletin board for all kids! And adults: Please check out some of the awesome colouring and sticker work our kids have been doing. I bet they would LOVE your positive attention and encouragement.

# Eparchial News

- **Faith, Family, Friends** is a Parent group for Ukrainian Catholic Moms & Dads that is held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month from 9:30 till 11:30 am at St. Nicholas Parish. For more information see the Eparchial Program Guide, or call Joyanne at 780-236-2184.
- All Gentlemen are invited to attend **Called to be Holy: Being a Christian Man in the World Today** on Nov. 2-3. 2018 at Providence Renewal Centre 3005 119 St NW, Edmonton. With the variety of topics and gifted sessional presenters, men of all ages and stages will find something in this conference that will speak to their heart. and encourage them to live out their faith in the world today. For more information check out our parish's website. Deadline to register is Oct 22.
- **"No Stone Left Alone Memorial Service"** will take place on Monday November 5, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St Michael's Cemetery's main central Cross. Join Most Rev. David Motiuk, members of the Edmonton Garrison, St Matthews Elementary School, and Edmonton Eparchy Clergy in honouring our veterans and remembering our loved ones during this time of Remembrance.
- St Vladimir Youth will be hosting a **Family Games Night** for All Ages on Friday evening, Nov 16th, 7-10 PM at St Vladimir's Hall (12726-119 Street). Entrance fee will be \$5 per family. There will be a concession stand selling fresh-baked pretzels, pop, chips, and beer and wine for the adults. Bring a board game to share, and some will be there for your use. There will be a bean-bag toss and play-doh table for the little ones, and a paddle-board room. Card tables/games will be available for the adults, so everyone can enjoy the evening!!
- **"Woven"** Part 1, Faith Sharing for Teen Girls, is a workbook and senior designed to help modern girls see themselves as beloved by God, created in His image, and intended by God to reflect His love to others. Through stories, discussion, crafts and activities, this series of 6 sessions will explore what it means to be a young woman living according to the Eastern Christian Faith in the modern world. We will delve into some of the most pressing topics teen girls face today such as identity, social media, friendship, relationships and more. This takes place on Saturdays from November 6 till December 8, from 6-8pm at St. Basil's Cultural Centre. No cost. Register NOW by calling 780-424-5496 or emailing [education@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:education@edmontoneparchy.com).
- **The Shroud of Turin:** Discover the facts about the most studied artifact in Christendom. Come join a 2 hour presentation on Oct 28, from 2-4pm at St. Josaphat's Cathedral.



**Young Adults:**  
**Is it time for a retreat...**  
**...to find yourself?**  
**... to find God?**

**Come and join us in pilgrimage to  
Holy Transfiguration Monastery in California  
December 27, 2018 - January 3, 2019**

**Register now. Limited spaces available.**

**"I believe you will have the  
opportunity to experience  
the presence of God, the  
living presence of God, in this  
place.**

**...please, for heaven's sakes,  
for God's sake, for your sake,  
it's okay to experience  
silence... in that, you will find  
healing."**

**-Abbot Fr. Damian Higgins**

**for information go to:  
<http://youth.eeparchy.com/climbing-the-mountain>  
-young-adults-pilgrimage-retreat/**

Are you a Young adult between the Ages of 18 and 35? Are you ready for a life changing journey?

There is a group of us from across Canada and the U.S. who are going to a pilgrimage / retreat at Holy Transfiguration Monastery (commonly called "Mt. Tabor") in Redwood Valley, California.

Here we will pray, explore and grow as a community in the beautiful setting of the monastery.

This trip will take place from December 27th, 2018 till January 3rd, 2019 (during Christmas break). Space is limited, so if you are interested please click on the link on our parish's website, or call Millie at the Youth Ministry Office 780-446-1061.

Coming along on this trip are Fr. Joseph Matlak, from the Eparchy of Parma (USA), Fr. Bo Nahachewsky of the Eparchy of Edmonton (Canada), possibly a couple nuns, and Millie from the Eparchy of Edmonton's Youth Ministry Office. Together with them we will also receive guidance from Abbot Fr. Damian Higgins of the Mt. Tabor community.

In addition to prayer and spiritual growth, we will also do day trips to San Francisco, the Pacific Coast, The Redwood Forest, and even some of Wine Country.

If you want to learn about the monastery, consider watching the video on our website. It's long, but quite good.



## Working Together For Safer Environments Protocol

In order to make our parish as safe and secure as possible, ALL parish volunteers are asked to fill out a "Working Together For Safer Environments - Volunteer Information Form". Filling out this form will help us keep current records of who is working in our parish and in what capacity. You can get this form from Fr. Bo. If you are working with "Vulnerable Peoples" such as Children, Teens, Disabled Persons or Seniors, if you have a key to the building, or if you are handling moneys, then you will also be asked to fill out a "High Risk" form. These "High Risk" people will be asked to attend a Volunteer Training Session, and to provide the pastor with a Police Information Check (PIC) with Vulnerable Sector.

I, Fr. Bo, will create a letter for those identified in "High Risk" positions hopefully by next Sunday which will identify you as a volunteer within the church, so that the Police Checks can be done for the Volunteer rate of \$15. This \$15 the parish will refund you upon receipt of the Police Check. All information will be kept in the strictest of confidence with only the parish pastor looking at the PIC. The files will be kept in sealed envelopes in a locked filing cabinet, in a locked room.

The next two Volunteer Training Sessions will be held here in Edmonton on: Sunday, October 14th (today) at Holy Eucharist Parish at noon, and on Tuesday, October 23 at Holy Cross Parish at 7pm. For more information please call the Eparchial Pastoral Centre.

This is not only for the safety of our children, and other vulnerable people, but also for the confidence, safety and security of you, our lovely volunteers.



# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

## Troparia and Kontakia

**Troparion, Tone 4:** *When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel\* the glorious news of the resurrection\* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles:\* "Death has been plundered!\* Christ our God is risen,\* granting to the world great mercy."*

**Troparion, Tone 8:** Christ our God, You are glorified above all,\* You established our fathers as beacons on the earth\* and through them guided all of us to the true faith.\* Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

**Kontakion, Tone 4:** My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave\* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth\* and shattered the gates of Hades;\* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

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

**Kontakion, Tone 6:** The Son who ineffably shone from the Father\* was born two-fold of nature from a woman.\* Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form;\* but depicting it, we revere it faithfully.\* Therefore the Church, holding the true faith,\* kisses the icon of Christ's becoming man.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

**Theotokion, Tone 6:** Undaunted patroness of Christians,\* O steadfast intermediary with the Creator,\* turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,\* but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith.\* Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead,\* for you are ever the patroness of those who honour you, O Mother of God.

## Prokeimenon, Tone 4

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

**verse:** For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. (Daniel 3:26-27)

## Epistle Hebrews 13:7-16

Brothers and Sisters: Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also

suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## Alleluia, Tone I

**verse:** The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**verse:** Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him. (Psalm 49:1,5)

## Gospel John 17:1-13

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people,

to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on

behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

## Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest.\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalms 184:1; 32:1)

