

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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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5; our Venerable Father Hilarion the Great (371)

YOUTH!

We often think of the Church's youth as being the Church of tomorrow. But in reality they are fully and completely real and present NOW. They are (together with us more seasoned people) the **Church of today!**

Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Not only should we "let" the children come to Him, but we also need to recognize that Children are truly teachers that we all need to learn from. Their energy, their curiosity, their innocence, honesty and sincerity is what we all need.

Today after our Liturgy we will be having a conversation with our Children's Program leaders and all who are interested in our parish's Youth Ministries (from cradle to young adults and families). We will talk about our existing programs like "Altar Servers" and "Little Friends of Jesus" but also our hopes and plans for upper elementary children, teens and young adults.

YOU are welcome to join us at this important meeting. Also in attendance will be Mrs. Millie S. from the Eparchial Youth Ministry Office, who will be able to help us network, find resources, get organized and if we have a good idea, perhaps even help us with finances.

Our parish might not look like it is overflowing with kids, but there are more in the woodwork than you might imagine. Not only do most parishioners have kids and grandkids (sometimes great grandkids), but we are also closely tied to schools, and live in a neighbourhood full of families. AND... if we look closely, we have multiple dozen children and teens who come to our Church building every week who want to do Youth Ministry with us... yup, the Melkites. Just look at the picture and read the article on the following pages about their bi-weekly Bible Study.

These are very exciting times we are entering. Thank you God for all of our youth!



VISIT LOURDES, PARIS, SENLIS & UKRAINE Sept 2019

with **Sister Angelica & Myrna Arychuk**

Telephone: Sister Angelica 604 375-6626 or Myrna 604 617 7200

More details : <https://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/visit-lourdes-paris-senlis--ukraine.html>

Saints of the Day: Saint Hilarion the Great (text from the OCA website)

Saint Hilarion the Great was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabatha. He was sent to Alexandria to study. There he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned to his native land to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family's inheritance to the poor, Hilarion set out into the desert surrounding the city of Maium.

In the desert the monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them with heavy labor, fasting and fervent prayer. The devil sought to frighten the saint with phantoms and apparitions. During prayer Saint Hilarion heard children crying, women wailing, the roaring of lions and other wild beasts. The monk perceived that it was the demons causing these terrors in order to drive him away from the wilderness. He overcame his fear with the help of fervent prayer. Once, robbers fell upon Saint Hilarion, and he persuaded them to forsake their life of crime through the power of his words.

Soon all of Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord granted to Saint Hilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this gift of grace he loosed the bonds of many of the afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying that the grace of God is not for sale (MT 10:8).

Such was the grace that he received from God that he could tell by the smell of someone's body or clothing which passion afflicted his soul. They came to Saint Hilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of Saint Hilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he instituted a strict ascetic manner of life.

About seven years before his death (+ 371-372) Saint Hilarion moved back to Cyprus, where the ascetic lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself.



A HUGE THANK YOU to those who came and helped illuminate our little Church.

Last week I asked for volunteers to come and help me hang some Christmas lights and change the burnt out lightbulbs around the exterior of our Church. Many understandably were unable to come due to work, but a lovely handful of volunteers did show up, and we enjoyed some gorgeous weather as we brightened our building. In about 3 hours, we put up 16 strands of lights around the entire perimeter of the building. We also changed lightbulbs on both the front and the back of the church illuminating the four main entrances (we still need to work a little more to get the side doors working, but we did really good.)

Thank you to Abuna (Fr.) Issa, Tony, Louis, Steve and my kids who pitched in and got this lovely job done. It not only looks great, but it also helped us bond the two parishes (St. Nicholas Melkite & Dormition Ukr. Cath), and enabled us to meet and talk to several neighbours. I'm so pleased.

And Bonus: We got the roof's gutters / drains cleared too.



So... How many priests does it take to screw in a bunch of lightbulbs?

Two this time, and a few parishioners.

The Blessing of St. Nicholas Melkite Parish in our Church



This Friday, St. Nicholas Parish held their second "Bible Study Night". They plan to continue this program every other Friday. I was asked to come in and do some kind of a lesson in English with their younger people. I figured that the "crowd" would be 3-5 kids of all ages that I'd have to struggle to keep entertained. After all, it is hard to keep a 5 year old and a 17 year old on the same page as you tell stories from the bible.

But much to my surprise they had multiple leaders, who each lead a group of over a dozen people. Little kids learned about the love of God. Upper Elementary did something... I'm not sure exactly what. And I was placed with a group of over a dozen high schoolers. We talked about Who God

is, Who we are, the "problem" of evil in the world, and God's plan for us. Abuna (Fr.) Issa was in the church talking about the books of the bible with a large group of Adults in Arabic.

Many people had already started to leave when I suggested that we take a group photo (yes, there were more people in attendance than you can see in the picture). The group visited, sung happy birthday to "deacon" Sam, and were very grateful for our enabling them to build up their community. It was beautiful.

I told them as we were tidying up at the end of the night, that we need them, as much as they need us to help them get their parish going. Their positive energy

and joy will help our parish to become more active. This kind of partnership of two Byzantine Catholic Parishes is one that is obviously blessed by God.

I realize it was not, is not, and won't always be easy to have two parishes in one building, especially when we don't all speak the same language, when sometimes things don't get put back the same way they were, and with the extra costs. But the blessings certainly have the potential to greatly outweigh the burdens. The more we get to know one another and work together the easier it will get.

Thank you God for these brothers and Sisters in Christ. Lord, help us to grow through them to You.

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.devop.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.

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"



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.

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 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.

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.

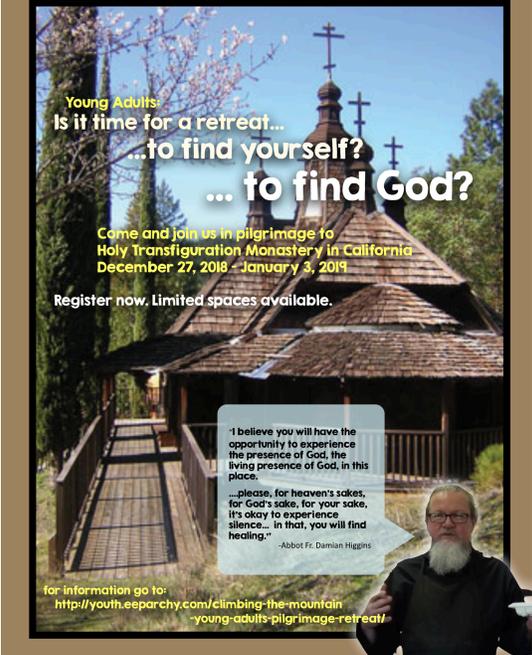
Here we will pray, explore and grow as a community in the beautiful setting of the monastery.

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.



October / November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 10 am Divine Liturgy Children's, Youth's & Young Adult Ministries Meeting after Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Helen Sirman's & Ihor Genyk's Birthdays	22	23 7 pm WTFSE Presentation at Holy Cross Parish	24  Anne Tymko's Birthday CANCELLED 6pm Prayer Service CANCELLED 7pm Bible and Faith Study	25 KofC Padre Night No PPC Meeting (see Nov 8)	26 	27
28 10 am Divine Liturgy with guest priest Fr. Paul Lysak. (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 Halloween	November 1 Clergy Study Days	2  Clergy Conference "Called to be Holy" Men's Retreat 7 pm Melkite's Bible Study	3 6 pm "Woven" Faith Sharing for Teenage Girls at St. Basil's "Called to be Holy" Men's Retreat Redwater's "Puschenya"
4 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	5 Iconography Lesson (Theosis Studio)	6	7  6pm Prayer Service 7pm Bible and Faith Study: Early world - Part 2	8 Archangel Michael & All the Heavenly Hosts Fr. Bo meets with Bishop re Camp 7pm PPC Meeting	9  Steven Bryson's, Marie Kunec's & Maksym Pryma's Birthdays	10 6 pm "Woven", Faith Sharing for Teenage Girls at St. Basil's
11 10 am Divine Liturgy with guest priest Fr. Peter Brezden. (Fr. Bo away) Remembrance Day Service after Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	12 St. Josaphat Toscha Sharek & Stephania Nahachewsky's Birthdays Day off in Lue of Remembrance Day No School for ECSD	13	14 	15  St. Philip's Fast (Pre-Christmas Fast, "Advent") Begins	16 	17  6 pm "Woven", Faith Sharing for Teenage Girls at St. Basil's



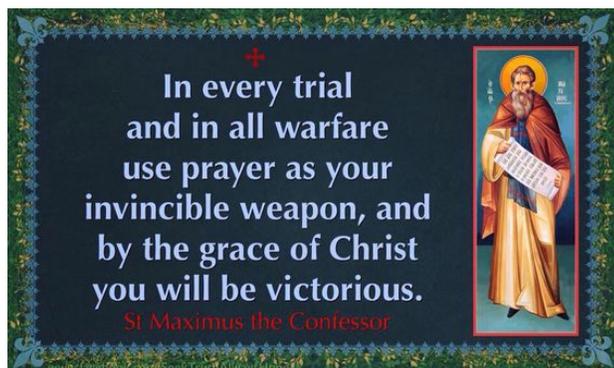
Our Parish's next Faith & Bible Study Night will be on Wednesday Nov. 7th
We will be looking at chapters 4-11 of Genesis.
It's never too Late to join. Come for one session or come to them all. Everyone welcome.

Did you know that there is only a few more weeks before we begin the Pre-Christmas Fast? On November the 15th we begin a season of preparing ourselves to encounter God in the flesh.
I will also be showing up on Sunday December 9th to check on the parish and encourage you.



Dormition News

- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **Helen Sirman, Ihor Genyk & Anne Tymko** 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 new number is now **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** will take place on Thursday November 8th. The one we planned for later this week is cancelled due to Fr. Bo's absence.
- On Wednesdays the 24th and 31 of October there will be no Bible & Faith Study due to Fr. Bo being out of town. The next one is November 7th.
- **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
- 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"** Faith Sharing for Teen Girls, is a workbook and seminar 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.
- The parishes in the **Redwater district** are hosting a **Puschenia** on November 3, 2018 in Radway, AB at the Radway Agri-centre. Tickets are \$50 which include a Ukrainian meal and a dance featuring Millenia. For tickets, contact Jacob Onyschuk at 780-292-0057 or email jacob.onyschuk@gmail.com (or Fr. Slavko Dumec at 780-467-6200 slavkodumec@hotmail.com)
Advance Tickets Only, deadline for ticket purchase is Thursday, October 25.
- **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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

Troparion: 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: 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: 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.

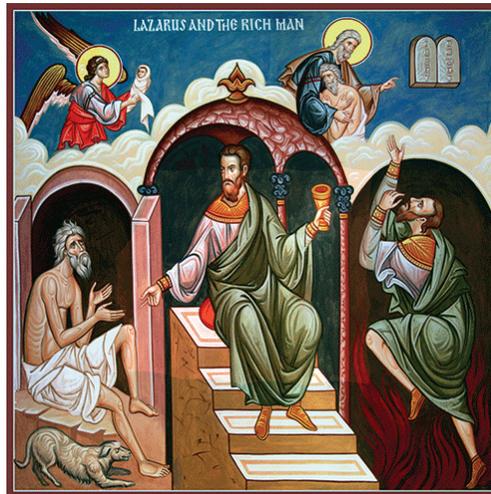
Prokeimenon

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 Galatians 6:11-18

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.

Alleluia verses:

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

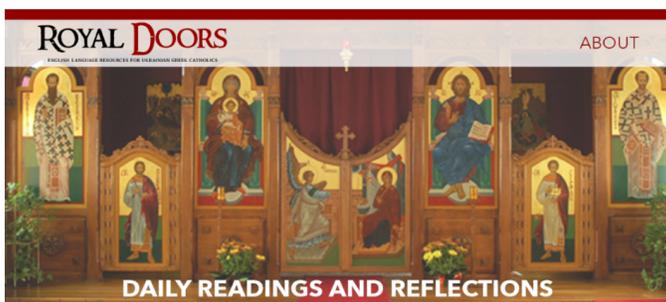
For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. (Psalm 88:2,3)

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

The Lord told this parable: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Communion Hymn

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



Did you know that the website called **"Royal Doors"** is a **English language site with free resources for the Ukrainian Catholic Church**? In it you will find fascinating articles, liturgical texts, daily reflections, the entire text of "Christ our Pascha: The Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church", explanations of feasts and fasts, current news of our Church from around the world, and much much more. Please take some time and explore this ever growing website.