



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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Most Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
(see calendar)

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November 4, 2018

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 7;
our Venerable Father Joannicius the Great (846);
the Holy Martyrs Nicander, Bishop of Myra and the Priest Hermas



Next Sunday is **Remembrance Day** and our parish normally has a beautiful service after the Sunday Divine Liturgy honouring those who serve and served our country and defended freedom.

Although I (Fr. Bo) will be away next weekend, I encourage those lovely volunteers who spend time and energy in putting this together each year to do so again.

Fr. Peter Brezden will be serving Liturgy and will attend the remembrance service too.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Thursday at 7pm.

All PPC members and Financial Committee members are requested to attend.
Interested parishioners also welcome (but only elected members may vote).



Our First Solemn Communion Classes have begun. This year it looks like we have 1 student: Miss Elizabeth Shakeshaft. She is a bright girl who knows a lot about Jesus and is excited to be able to receive Him in the Eucharist. I request all of our parishioners to pray for her (and her family) and to encourage her as she takes this important step in her Sacramental journey.

If you know someone else who could / should be joining us... no worries, let Fr. Bo know and we will include them in the program.

What is First Solemn Communion?

Normally when we are baptized in the Ukrainian Catholic Church we receive the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist. The baptized child continues to receive Communion until they are old enough to be able to approach on their own two feet (with or without crutches). When they are old enough (typically about grade 2-ish) then they prepare themselves for receiving Jesus by learning about Him, recognizing their own sinfulness, doing the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and then approaching the Chalice of Salvation. We call this first time receiving on their own a child's First "Solemn" Communion.

Saint Joannicius the Great was born in Bithynia in the year 752 in the village of Marikat. His parents were destitute and could not provide him even the basics of an education. From childhood he had to tend the family cattle, their sole wealth. Love for God and prayer completely dominated the soul of the child Joannicius. Often, having shielded the herd with the Sign of the Cross, he went to a secluded place and spent the whole day praying, and neither thieves nor wild beasts came near his herd.

By order of the emperor Leo IV (775-780), a multitude of officials went through the cities and towns to draft young men for military service. Young Joannicius was also drafted into the imperial army. He earned the respect of his fellow soldiers for his good disposition, but he was also a brave soldier who struck fear in the hearts of his enemies. Saint Joannicius served in the imperial army for six years. More than once he was rewarded by his commanders and the emperor. But military service weighed heavily on him; his soul thirsted for spiritual deeds and solitude.

Saint Joannicius, having renounced the world, longed to go at once into the wilderness. However, on the advice of an Elder experienced in monastic life, he spent a two years at a monastery. Here the saint became accustomed to monastic obedience, to monastic rules and practices. He studied reading and writing, and he learned thirty Psalms of David by heart.

After this, commanded by God to go to a certain mountain, the monk withdrew into the wilderness. For three years he remained in deep solitude in the wilderness, and only once a month a shepherd brought him some bread and water. The ascetic spent day and night in prayer and psalmody. After each verse of singing the Psalms Saint Joannicius made a prayer, which the Church keeps to this day in a somewhat altered form, "The Father is my hope, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection."

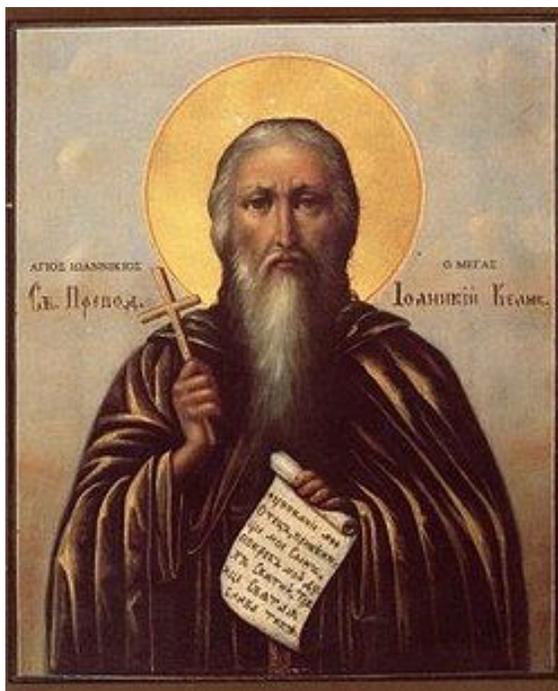
By chance, he encountered some of his former companions from military service. The saint fled the wilderness and withdrew to Mount Kountourea to hide himself from everyone. Only after twelve years of ascetic life did the hermit accept monastic tonsure. The saint spent three years in seclusion after being tonsured. Then he went to a place called Chelidon to see the great ascetic Saint George (February 21). The ascetics spent three years together. During this time Saint Joannicius learned the entire Psalter by heart. As he grew older, Saint Joannicius settled in the Antidiev monastery and dwelt there in seclusion until his death.

Saint Joannicius spent seventy years in ascetic deeds and attained to a high degree of spiritual perfection. Through the mercy of God the saint acquired the gift of prophecy, as his disciple Pachomius has related. The Elder also levitated above the ground when he

prayed. Once, he crossed a river flooded to overflowing. The saint could make himself invisible for people and make others also hidden from sight.

Once, Saint Joannicius led Greek captives out of prison under the very eyes of the guards. Poison and fire, with which the envious wanted to destroy the saint, did him no harm, and predatory beasts did not touch him. He freed the island of Thasos from a multitude of snakes. Saint Joannicius also saved a young nun who was preparing to leave the monastery to marry; he took upon himself the agonized maiden's suffering of passion, and by fasting and prayer, he overcame the seductive assault of the devil.

Foreseeing his death, Saint Joannicius fell asleep in the Lord on November 4, 846, at the age of 94.



The Hieromartyrs Nicander, Bishop of Myra, and Hermas the Presbyter,

were disciples of the holy Apostle Paul's follower and fellow ascetic, the holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy (August 25), and they were ordained by him to the priesthood.

Living the ascetic life amid incessant pastoral works, the saints converted many pagans to Christ. For this they were arrested and brought before the city prefect, Libanius. Neither flattery nor threats swayed the holy martyrs to renounce Christ. Then Libanius gave orders that they be tortured.

The saints endured fierce and inhuman torments: they were tied to horses and dragged over stones, their bodies were raked with iron hooks, and they were cast into a hot oven. The Lord helped them endure things that a mere man by his own strength could not endure. Towards the end, iron nails were hammered into their heads and hearts. They were thrown into a pit, then covered over with earth.

After enduring such a cruel death, now they live forever in the joy of the Lord (Mt. 25:21).



Children's Overnight Retreat

November 24 - 25th, 2018 at Holy Eucharist Ukr. Cath. Parish

Ages: Grades 1 through 6

Make new friends! See friends from summer or previous camps at this overnight retreat. Bring a friend and spread the word!

Drop off: 3:30, November 24

Pick-up: After Divine Liturgy November 25.

Register with payment by Monday, November 19th.

You can register by emailing Millie @ youth@eeparchy.com or the registration form is at <http://bit.ly/childrensjesusretreat> Cost is \$20, all snacks and meals will be provided.

October / November 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program</p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Iconography Lesson (Theosis Studio)</p> <p>Private Baptismal Prep Session</p> <p>No Stone Left Alone at St. Michael's Cemetery</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Private Marriage Prep Session</p>	<p>7 ☩</p> <p>6pm Prayer Service</p> <p>7pm Bible and Faith Study: Early world - Part 2</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Archangel Michael & All the Heavenly Hosts</p> <p>Fr. Bo meets with Bishop re Camp</p> <p>7pm PPC Meeting</p>	<p>9 ☩</p> <p>Steven Bryson's, Marie Kunec's & Maksym Pryma's Birthdays</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6 pm "Woven", Faith Sharing for Teenage Girls at St. Basil's</p>
<p>11</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy with guest priest Fr. Peter Brezden. (Fr. Bo away)</p> <p>Remembrance Day Service after Liturgy</p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p>	<p>12</p> <p>St. Josaphat</p> <p>Toscha Sharek & Stephania Nahachewsky's Birthdays</p> <p>Fr. Bo does a funeral in Sherwood Park for his great Aunt Lennie</p> <p>Day off in Lue of Remembrance Day No School for ECSD</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 ☩</p> <p>No Bible Study</p>	<p>15 ☩</p> <p>St. Philip's Fast (Pre-Christmas Fast, "Advent") Begins</p>	<p>16 ☩</p> <p>Family Games Night at St. Vlad's Parish</p>	<p>17 ☩</p> <p>6 pm "Woven", Faith Sharing for Teenage Girls at St. Basil's</p>
<p>18 ☩</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program</p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p> <p>Christopher Hundt's Birthday</p>	<p>19 ☩</p>	<p>20 ☩</p>	<p>21 ☩</p> <p>Major Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God</p> <p>6pm Festal Divine Liturgy</p> <p>7pm Bible and Faith Study: All about the Mother of God</p>	<p>22 ☩</p> <p>School Program at Camp Oselia</p>	<p>23 ☩</p>	<p>24 ☩</p> <p>Children's Overnight Retreat at Holy Eucharist Parish</p> <p>Jean Miskew's and Jenny Panchuk's Birthdays</p>

Did you know that the Orthodox Church in Ukraine has been granted Autocephaly by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople on October 11th of this year? This means that the Orthodox Church in Ukraine is no longer under the Moscow Patriarch, but is self-ruling. The Moscow based Russian Orthodox Church, which has deep ties to the Kremlin, does not like this. They deny that the Patriarch of Constantinople can grant Ukraine Autocephaly because they believe that Ukraine is and should be part of Moscow's territory. However, the rest of the Orthodox world is not listening to them. This split in the Orthodox world, and it's ramifications, both good and bad, will be felt politically for a long time and on many levels. I ask everyone to pray that God's will be done, and that no blood will be shed, but rather that this brings about lasting peace, deeper faith, and a spirit of cooperation.

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 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.

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/>

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.

Abuse of any kind is plain wrong! We need to be vigilant for each other!

It is a sad fact that abuses happen, to young and old, strong and weak. We, especially we as the Church, have the responsibility to make sure we are doing our best to not allow it to happen to anyone anywhere. We as a parish will follow the “Working Together for Safer Environments Protocol” that all Catholic Churches follow. A copy of the entire protocol can be found in the Church office. If you would like to see it, just ask any Parish Pastoral Council member and they will show it to you. Soon also we plan to put it up digitally on our website.

ALL parish volunteers are asked to fill out a “Working Together For Safer Environments - Volunteer Information Form”, so that we know who is volunteering in our parish. You can get this form from Fr. Bo.

If you are working with Vulnerable People (such as children, teens, disabled persons and/or seniors), if you have a key to the building, or if you are handling moneys, then you are considered as a person in a high risk position, and therefore you will also be asked to fill out a “High Risk” form. These volunteers who work in “High Risk” positions will be asked to attend a Volunteer Training Session (if they have not done so already), and to provide the pastor with a Police Information Check (PIC) with Vulnerable Sector. Those in “Low Risk Positions” do not need a Police Check.

For those people volunteering in “High Risk Positions” who have already submitted their forms I have created letters which identify you

as a volunteer. With this letter you can get a PIC at a Volunteer rate as compared to the more expensive non volunteer rate. The parish will refund your volunteer PIC fee (please bring us your receipt) so that this does not cost you anything. When you submit your PIC to Fr. Bo, it will be kept in the strictest of confidence with only the parish pastor (Fr. Bo) looking at it. The PIC (or a copy of the original) will be kept in sealed envelopes in a locked filing cabinet, in a locked room. The letters identifying you as a volunteer are now available for you in the parish office.

As stated above, if you are in a high risk position, and you have not attended a “Volunteer Training Session” then you will need to attend one as soon as possible. For information on the next sessions please call the Eparchial Pastoral Centre. This Volunteer Training Session will help us recognize the common signs of abuse and will let you know what you can do to stop it.

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT SUSPECT ANYONE OF ANY WRONG DOING IN OUR PARISH. WE DO HOWEVER WANT TO BE CONFIDENT THAT WE ARE DOING OUR UTMOST TO PROTECT EVERYONE INCLUDING YOU.

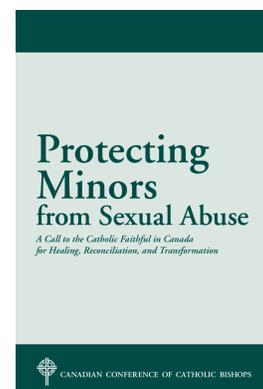
We realize that paperwork, PICs and training sessions are all a bit inconvenient, but they are necessary: for our children and other vulnerable people, and also for the confidence, safety and security of you, our

lovely volunteers. Thank you for your cooperation.

In related news: Recently the Canadian Catholic Bishops in Canada have promulgated a new book entitled “Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation” (the whole book is available free on our website).

This document aims to help Church leaders and all involved in Church ministry in Canada to become better informed about the sexual abuse of minors; to share in the responsibility of protecting minors and safeguarding pastoral environments; to identify how parishes and institutions can be more accountable and transparent in dealing with instances of sexual abuse of minors; and to understand better the tragic consequences of such abuse so as to ensure the adequacy of pastoral and administrative responses toward survivors and victims.

I encourage everyone to be familiar with it, so that we can better take care of each other.



Dormition News

- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **Steven Bryson, Marie Kunec & Maksym Pryma** 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.)
- Our **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will take place on this Thursday, November 8th, at 7pm .
- **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 are welcome.
- **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.
- **Little Friends of Jesus** schedule till Christmas: Today, Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 (St. Nicholas Program and Lunch after Divine Liturgy) & Dec. 16
- **Kid's Bulletins** are available for all kids each week (hopefully). They are found near the regular parish bulletins, and also online at our parish's website. <http://dormition.eeparchy.com>
- **First Class Relics of Saint (Mother) Theresa of Calcutta** have been given to our parish. More information will be forthcoming.

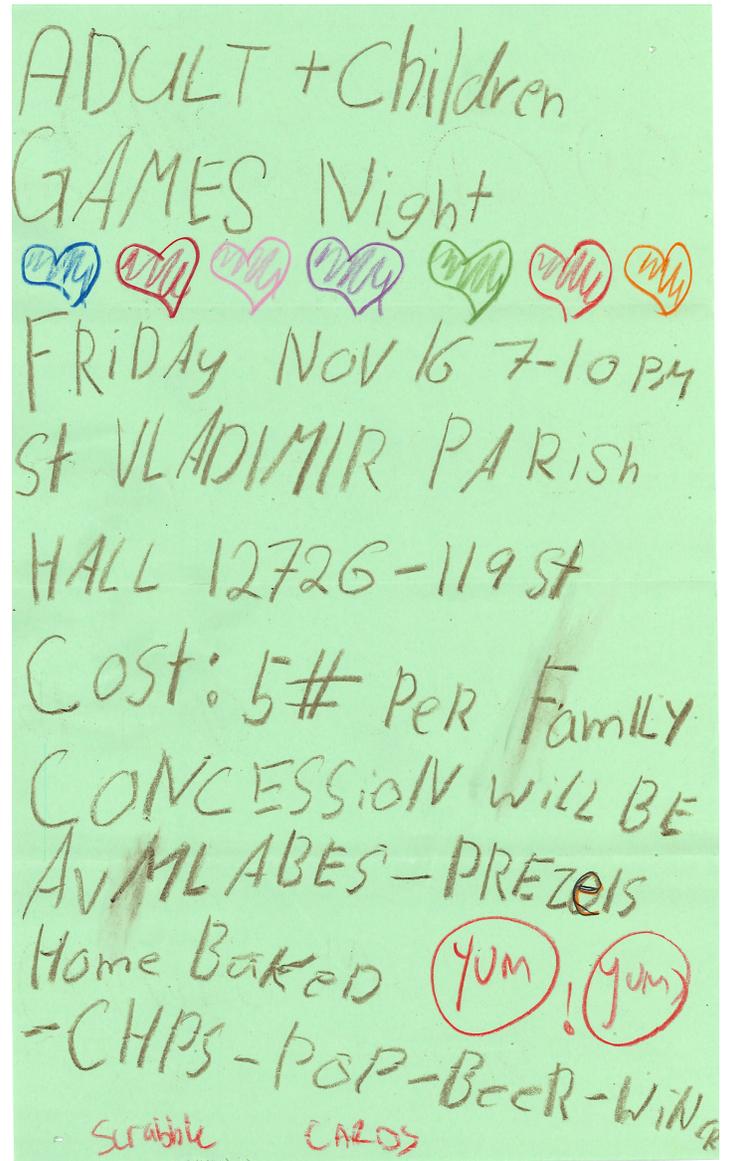


Did you know that in a week and a half we begin the Pre-Christmas Fast (aka Advent - Philip's Fast)? On November the 15th we begin preparing ourselves to encounter God in the flesh.

I, St. Nicholas, will also be showing up on Sunday December 9th to check on the parish and encourage you.

Eparchial News

- **"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.
- 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.
- Let's support St. Vladimir's Children by attending their games night. See their lovely hand made poster below:





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.

See our updated schedule below.

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

	Topic	Wednesday	
5	Early World, Part 2	November 7	
	No Class	November 14	Fr. Bo away
*	Liturgical Year: Theotokos	November 21	
6	Patriarchs, Part 1	November 28	
7	Patriarchs, Part 2	December 5	
	No Class	December 12	Icon Workshop
*	Liturgical Year: God with Us	December 19	
	No Class	December 26 & January 2	Christmas Break / Pilgrimage
8	Egypt & Exodus, Part 1	January 9	
9	Egypt & Exodus, Part 2	January 16	
10	Desert Wanderings	January 23	
10 & 11	Conquest & Judges, Part 1 & 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	
	No Class	May 15	Probable Icon Workshop
20 & 21	Messianic Fulfillment, Part 2 & 3	May 22	
*	Liturgical Year: The Holy Spirit	May 29	
	No Class	June 5	Camp Oselia C.O.R.E. Program
22	The Church, Part 1	June 12	
23 & 24	The Church, Part 2 & 3	June 19	

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

Troparia and Kontakia

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.

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 its 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.

Theotokion, Tone 7: O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you,* bring us up from the pit and depth of sin,* for you have saved those subject to sin* by giving birth to our Salvation,* O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth,* and still a Virgin after childbirth.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

The Lord will give strength to His people;* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. (Psalm 28:11,1)

Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22

Brothers and Sisters; For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Alleluia, Tone 7

verse: It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

verse: To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. (Psalm 91:2,3)

Gospel Luke 8:41-56

At that time; there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who

was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's

house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved." When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

Communion Hymn

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

