

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

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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

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November 18, 2018

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 1; the Holy Martyrs Plato (286-305) and Roman (305)

Raising Money To Do Good.

Two Things You Can Do Today To Help our Community

Buy a Raffle Ticket!

Our UCWLC (Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada) is selling raffle tickets for a lovely basket of goodies, in order to raise funds to support their good works. Buy a ticket or 40.

They are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.



Buy a Falafel!

Think of Falafels as the Melkite equivalent to our perogies. They are delicious and help fund churches. Today St. Nicholas Melkite parish will be selling them in our parish hall starting after noon.



UCWLC meeting today after Liturgy.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting Monday at 7.

Faith / Bible Study: Everything about the Mother Of God this Wednesday, November 21 at 7pm. Festal Liturgy at 6pm.

This Wednesday: The Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple

The second great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple which is commemorated on the twenty-first of November. Like the feast of her nativity, this feast of Mary is without direct biblical and historical reference. But like the nativity, it is a feast filled...



The Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple

...with important spiritual significance for the Christian believer.

The texts of the service tells how Mary was brought as a small child to the temple by her parents in order to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the Lord until the time of their betrothal in marriage. According to Church tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be "nourished" there by the angels in order to become herself the "holy of holies" of God, the living sanctuary and temple of the Divine child who was to be born in her.

There is no doubt that the verses of

the Old Testamental Psalm 45, used

extensively in the services of the

feast, provided a great inspiration for the celebration of Mary's

the Jerusalem Temple.

him ...

consecration to the service of God in

Hear, O Daughter, and

consider and incline your

ear; forget your people and

your father's house, and the

king will desire your beauty. Since he is your Lord, bow to

The princess is decked in her

robes, in many-colored robes

chamber with gold-woven

she is led to her king, with

her virgin companions, her

With joy and gladness they

are led along, as they enter

the palace of the king.

escort, in her train.

The main theme of the feast of Mary's entrance to the Temple, repeated many times in the liturgical services, is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that "the dwelling of God is with man" and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence (Ezek 37.27; Jn 14.15–23; Acts 7.47; 2 Cor 6.11; Eph 2.18–22; 1 Pet 2.4; Rev 22.1–4).

Today is the preview of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin

appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation (Troparion).

The most pure Temple of the Saviour, the precious Chamber and Virgin, the Sacred Treasure of the Glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the Abode of Heaven! (Kontakion).

The fortieth chapter of Exodus about the building of the tabernacle is read at Vespers, together with passages from the First Book of Kings and the Prophecy of Ezekiel. Each one of these readings all end with exactly the same line, "for the glory of the Lord filled the house [tabernacle] of the Lord God Almighty" (Ex 40.35; 1 Kg 8.11; Ezek 44.4).

Instead of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations, therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever (Ps45.10–17).

The Church understands these words of the psalm to be a prophecy directly related to Mary the Theotokos. According to the Gospel of Saint Luke which is read at the Vigil of each of her feasts, Mary herself speaks the following words:

> My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. For behold, hence-forth all generations shall call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation (Lk 1.47–50).

Once again on this feast, the Old Testament readings are interpreted as symbols of the Mother of God. This "glory of the Lord" is referred to the Mother of Christ and it "fills" her and all people after her who "hear the word of God and keep it" as the Gospel of the festal liturgy proclaims (Lk 11.37–28). The epistle reading at the Divine Liturgy also proclaims this very same theme (Heb 9.1–7).

Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is the feast which celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. When the child Mary enters the temple, the time of the temple comes to an end and the "preview of the good will of God" is shown forth. On this feast we celebrate—in the person of Christ's mother—that we too are the house and tabernacle of the Lord.

> ... We are the temple of the living God, as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (2 Cor 6.16; Is 52.11).



Saints of the Day: (texts from the OCA website)

The Holy Martyr Platon,

brother of the holy Martyr Antiochus the Physician (July 16), was born at the city of Ancyra in Galatia. While still a youth he left home and went through the cities, preaching the Word of God to pagans, amazing his audience with the persuasiveness and beauty of his speech, and his profound knowledge of Greek learning.

Because of his preaching he was arrested and brought for trial to the temple of Zeus before the governor Agrippinus. At first, the judge



attempted to persuade the saint to turn away from Christ by flattery. He assured the youth that he might be on a par of intellect with the greatest of the philosophers Plato, if only he worshipped also the pagan gods. To this Saint Platon answered, that the wisdom of the philosopher, although great, was but ephemeral and limited, whereas the true, eternal and unbounded wisdom comprised the Gospel teachings. Then the judge promised to give him his beautiful niece for his wife if he would deny Christ. He also threatened him with torture and death if he refused. Saint Platon replied that he chose a temporal death for the sake of eternal life. The patience of the governor was exhausted, and he gave orders to mercilessly beat the martyr, and then send him off to prison.

When they led Saint Platon off to prison, he turned to the people gathered about the temple, and he called on them not to forsake the Christian Faith. Seven days later they again led the Martyr Platon for trial before Agrippinus in the temple of Zeus, where they had the implements of torture already prepared: boiling cauldrons, red-hot iron and sharp hooks. The judge offered the martyr a choice: either to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, or to feel the effects of these implements of torture on his body. Again the saint steadfastly refused to worship idols, and after his tortures they threw him in prison for eighteen more days without bread or water. But seeing that this did not shake the martyr, they offered him his life and freedom if he would only say, "Great is the god Apollo." The martyr refused to deny Christ or to sacrifice to the idols. Therefore, Agrippinus ordered the holy Martyr Platon to be beheaded. Saint Romanus was born in

Palestine, and served as a deacon in Caesarea. At the time of the persecution against Christians, he was living in Antioch. Through his preaching, he encouraged the faithful to stand firm in their confession of Christ when the Eparch Asclypiades wanted to raze the church to its foundations. Saint Romanus told the people that they must fight to prevent the destruction of the house of God. assuring them that even if



they died in their efforts they would sing a hymn of victory in heaven.

At that time there a festival was being celebrated in honour of the idols, and Saint Romanus went to the pagan temple to upbraid the Eparch and the unbelievers for their impiety. As Asclypiades was about to enter the temple, Saint Romanus fearlessly proclaimed that the idols were not gods, and that only Jesus Christ was truly God.

Asclypiades ordered the saint to be beaten, and even tried to persuade him to deny Christ. When this failed, the Eparch ordered that Saint Romanus be tortured. He was suspended and beaten, and his sides were scraped with metal blades. Bravely enduring these torments, Saint Romanus confessed Christ, and chastised Asclypiades for his obstinate refusal to see the truth.

Then Saint Romanus was condemned to death by fire. As soon as the fire was lit, however, a rain fell and put it out. Then the Eparch ordered the saint's tongue to be cut out, because he still confessed Christ and reviled the idolaters. Even after his tongue was cut out, the saint continued to speak as before.

Finally, Saint Romanus was nailed to a keg, and he was strangled in his prison cell. Having completed his contest for Christ, he was found worthy of the heavenly Kingdom, where he continuously glorifies the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit throughout all ages.



l've got a phobia of over-engineered buildings.

So... Is that a "Complex Complex Complex"?



Are you ready for a life changing, totally fun, meaningful and exciting weekend? Do you want

to meet cool young people like yourself from across the province? Do you want to gain a greater sense of purpose for your life and become the person that God wants you to be?

This is the weekend for you. Join us as we spend some quality time with God, nature, friends and... and... you get to go sledding, play those cool icebreaker games that everyone loves to hate, and try to stump the priest with any anonymous questions around a blazing camp fire.

A Pre-Christmas Retreat is a great chance to focus your life, make new and profound friends and set your (spiritual) world on fire.

Invite your best friends and let's go.

Who is this for?

You! If you are in grade 9 through 12, and you want to have fun, get to know new people, and grow spiritually, then this is a retreat for you.

How much will this retreat cost me?

We have set the participant costs to **\$50**. We ask that you submit this retreat fee online if possible along with your registration.

All of our programming, including this program, is done with the aid of donations and fundraising to keep the prices low.

If this fee is still too much for you or your family, consider asking your church, your local Knights of Columbus, or local Women's League to sponsor you. Most would be very happy to help if you ask them nicely (and in advance).

How can I register?

Go to CampOselia.com and register online.



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.

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.

	Торіс	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	

Dormition News

• We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **Christopher Hundt** and **Jenny Panchuk** who celebrate their birthdays this week. God grant you 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 & Rosa Maria Santos. (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- Due to meetings that a few of our PPC members had to go to at the Eparchial Pastoral Centre, we had to reschedule last week's PPC meeting. The new date for the upcoming Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is now Monday, Nov 13 at 7pm. I apologize for the confusion. (I was confused too.) 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.

- 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: Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 (St. Nicholas Program and Lunch after Divine Liturgy) & Dec. 16
- Saint Nicholas is coming! Saint Nicholas is coming! Saint Nicholas is coming! After Liturgy on December 9th. And we are collecting school supplies for Our Lady of Peace School. Please be generous.
- 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.
- Working Together for Safer Environments: If you are a volunteer and you submitted your basic forms. Thank-you. If you are in a "High Risk Ministry Position" and you submitted your forms: Thank-you, and your letter is on the desk in the office. If you are a volunteer and you did not get any forms... TALK TO FR. BO! (or send him an email).

Eparchial News

- **Camp Oselia Society** is looking to hire, a part time contractor to take on the caretaker duties at Camp Oselia. Camp Oselia is a year around facility that provides an environmentally friendly place for camps, programs and retreats for children, students and adults. The main duties of this position include:
 - Meeting and supporting groups who are conducting programs and renting the facility
 - General yard maintenance: snow removal, grass cutting, maintaining the lake front, garbage removal, and recycling
 - Building repairs and maintenance: cleaning of the facility (all buildings particularly washrooms and kitchen) and minor repairs
 - Maintenance of equipment: lawnmowers, tractor, attachments and hand equipment

The successful candidate will have recent, hands on experience with maintenance of a large commercial property. They will have proven interpersonal skills and will be required to complete Safer Environments Training and obtain a police record check when requested. It is expected hours to be flexible and will average approximately 20 hours per week (less hours in the low season and closer to full time hours in the busy summer season). This posting closes November 30, 2018. Compensation to commensurate with experience. If you are interested in applying for this position, please forward your application by email to: Camp Oselia Society, Attn: Dan Papirnik Email: danpapirnik@shaw.ca 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.

- The Annual Bishop's Appeal Collection "What Gift Have I, Worthy of a King?" takes place on Sunday, December 2 and 9th. The Appeal coincides with the Feast of Saint Nicholas. Help Bishop David in spreading the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by supporting our Eparchial ministries and offices, including: Youth Ministry, Family Life Ministries, Religious Education, Liturgy Office, Vocations, Ecumenism, Social Outreach, and Marriage Tribunal. Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!
- The Axios Men's Ensemble of Edmonton, along with select choristers from the renown Boyan Ensemble of Kyiv, will be led by guest conductor, Maestro Michael Zaugg. The concert will be **an evening of Sacred Choral Music** to prepare for the coming Nativity of Jesus Christ. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. They are available at <u>www.axioschoir.com</u> or by calling <u>780-906-1549</u>. Youth tickets (17 and under) are \$10.00.
- 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 <u>http://bit.ly/</u> childrensjesusretreat Cost is \$20, all snacks and meals will be provided.
- Is it too late to be part of the Young Adult Pilgrimage to Mt Tabor Monastery in California this December 27 through January 3rd?
 ... Well yesbut... we can still fit you in, but you might have to pay a bit more for flights. Talk to Millie at the Youth Ministry Office ASAP if you are still interested. Her office number is (780) 424-5496.

November - December 2018									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
 18 ∝ 10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program UCWLC Branch meeting after Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy 3 pm Memorial Service for the servant of God + Fr. Basil Skubleny at Star Peno Christopher Hundt's Birthday 	19 ∝ 9 am Pilgrimage Meeting 7pm arish Pastoral Council Meeting	20 🗙 6pm Marriage Prep	21 X Major Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God 6pm Festal Divine Liturgy 7pm Bible and Faith Study: All about the Mother of God	22 ∝ School Program at Camp Oselia	23 🗙	24 X Children's Overnight Retreat at Holy Eucharist Parish Holodomor Memorial Day Jenny Panchuk's Birthday			
25 ↔ IO am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program 12 pm Melkite Liturgy (yes, it's 2 hours earlier than normal this day)	26 🗙	27 🗙	28 X 6pm Prayer Service 7pm Bible Study: Patriarchs Part I Stella Dronyk's Birthday	29 🗙 Bishop's Gala Domimka Lirette's Birthday	30 CX St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Bible Study in our Parish Hall?	1 ∝ I0:30 am Divine Liturgy with Panachyda for +Laurence Sirman Suanne Workun's Birthday			
2 ∝ IO am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program & with Panachyda for +Laurence Sirman 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	3 🗙 David Laschuk's Birthday	4 🗙	5 🗙 6pm Prayer Service 7pm Bible Study: Patriarchs Part 2	6 ∝ Feast of St. Nicholas	7 ∝ Advent Catholic Youth Retreat at Camp Oselia	8 X Advent Catholic Youth Retreat at Camp Oselia			

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 (<u>http://</u> <u>donate.cnewa.ca/emergency-</u> <u>ukraine-p/12368.htm</u>) 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.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone I: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

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

Kontakion, Tone I: You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raise the world.* All humanity acclaims You as God.* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:* "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone I: When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his 'Rejoice!'* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the Holy Ark.* As the just David said,* you have become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.* Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!* Glory to Him Who came forth from you!* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

Prokeimenon, Tone I

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. (Psalm 32:22,1)

Epistle Ephesians 5:9-19

Brothers and Sisters: the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,

Alleluia, Tone I

Verse: God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

Verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. (Psalm 17:48,51)

Gospel Luke 12:16-21

The Lord told this parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Communion Hymn

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

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

Welcome! We are glad you came.

After Liturgy please join us for "coffee" so that we can get to know one another.

If you are unfamiliar with Byzantine Christian worship then you are in for a wonderful experience. For many it may seem a bit strange, perhaps even from another time. The priest stands in front of the Altar facing God with the people, everything is sung or chanted, the clergy are vested in rich looking vestments, the people venerate the Gospel Book and icons, incense fills the air with majesty... With all the smells and bells it can seem a bit overwhelming to those who are not familiar with it, but each action, each prayer, each detail has deep meaning, and once understood they help us enter deeper into our life with God.

The Byzantine Church's liturgical roots run deep into early Christianity. The Divine Liturgy (known as the "Mass" in the Latin Rite) is the same Eucharistic service first celebrated by Christ Himself, and is the highlight of our liturgical worship. Although our prayer life is living and dynamic, our liturgical tradition has many elements that have remained virtually unchanged over the centuries. Authentic yet still totally relevant to us today. The goal of the Divine Liturgy is to unite ourselves with all creation, in praise and thanksgiving to God.

If you are new to our faith tradition, I encourage you to come and sit next to one of our 'regulars', and let them guide and explain things for you. Questions are very welcome.

You can also learn a lot more about our community, and the programs we have by checking out our parish's website at: http://dormition.eeparchy.com

DO YOU NEED PRAYERS? OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Let Fr. Bo know if you or someone you know needs prayers. He will not only keep them in his personal prayers, but he can include them in the Liturgy too (if you desire). There is a sheet in the entrance of the church if you wish to have the name(s) read aloud during the service.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH? OR DO YOU HAVE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION?

Please fill out one of the forms that can be found on the table in the entrance of the church. Parishioners get a FREE box of donation envelopes! (yippee, free envelopes!)