



# 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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(see calendar)

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## December 16, 2018

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, Tone 5; the Holy Prophet Haggai (6th c. BC); The Righteous Aaron



### What a wonderful concert our children (and some grownups) gave for St. Nicholas last Sunday.

To see a number of pictures of the Holy Saint, the kids and more please go to pages 3 & 4. Even more pictures are on the website including most of the kids getting their gift bags from the great saint.

### A Message from Our Lady of Peace (OLOP) School



*I want to thank you and Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God. The school supplies and craft materials we received were perfect! We had two students help us put away the supplies and the students were amazed that people were so kind to think of our school. We are blessed to have Dormition Parish supporting us. Not only are we appreciative of the supplies and food that you provide us with, but just knowing that somebody is thinking of our children and the work that we do is so fulfilling.*

*On behalf of the staff at Our Lady of Peace School, we would like to wish everybody at Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Susan Oreski - Principal of Our Lady of Peace Elementary School*

**Thank you kids and teachers of our "Little Friends of Jesus" Program for organizing the school supplies collection & to our UCWLC who provide groceries for them so that the students can have nutritious meals. You all are indeed as wonderful as Susan (the principal) thinks. Good job everyone.**

The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers**. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).



The **Holy Prophet Haggai** was the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets. He was of the Tribe of Levi and he prophesied during the times of the Persian emperor Darius Hystaspis (prior to 500 B.C.). Upon the return of the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity, he persuaded the people to build the Second Temple at Jerusalem, and he proclaimed that the Messiah would appear in this Temple in the last times.

It is believed that Haggai was buried with the priests at Jerusalem, since he was descended from Aaron.



**The Righteous Aaron** was the son of Amram and Jochebed, and the elder brother of the Prophet Moses the God-seer, and also of Miriam. He was a direct descendent of Levi by both parents. God called him "the Levite" in Exodus 4:14, when He appointed Aaron to be the spokesman for Moses, who was "slow of speech," before the people. Later, he would also speak on behalf of Moses before Pharaoh in Egypt (Ex. 4:30; 7:2). Aaron was married to Elisheba, the daughter of the Prince of Judah (Ex. 6:23), who bore him four sons.

Moses was eighty years old and Aaron was eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh and asked that the Hebrews be released from their slavery. The Lord told Moses that Pharaoh would ask them for a miracle, and that Aaron should throw down his rod before him, and it would become a serpent (Ex. 7:9). When Pharaoh would not allow the Hebrews to leave Egypt, God told Moses to have Aaron stretch forth his rod over the Nile River, and it would turn to blood.

Following a succession of plagues, Pharaoh relented and let the people go, then Moses led them on their long journey to the Promised Land. In Chapter 17 of Exodus, the Hebrews fought Amalek in a battle at Rephidim. Moses stood atop a hill with the rod of God in his hand. As long as he raised his hand, the Hebrews prevailed, but when he became tired and lowered it, Amalek prevailed. Aaron and Hur sat Moses on a rock and held up his hands, one on each side. This was a prefiguration of the suffering of Christ, because the arms of Moses formed a cross. In the Greek Septuagint, the names Aaron and Hur begin with the letters Alpha and Omega, another reference to Christ (Revelation 1:8).



Aaron and his sons were anointed and sanctified to serve God as priests (Exodus chapter 29). In chapter 32, Aaron fell into temptation when Moses went up on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments. Since Moses was taking a long time, the people grew restless and asked Aaron to make them a golden idol in the form of a calf so that they could offer sacrifices. He gave into them, and Moses was angry when he returned and saw them

dancing and singing before the calf. He threw down the tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments, and then he burned the golden calf and ground it to powder. He scattered the powder on the water, and he made the people drink it. When Moses asked those who were on the Lord's side to gather around him, the Levites came to him. He ordered them to take their swords and slay their sons, companions, and neighbors. About three thousand people were killed that day.

Later, Aaron and Miriam criticized Moses for marrying a Cushite woman (Num. 12:1). God was angry with them, so He punished Miriam with leprosy. She was healed by God seven days after Moses interceded for her.

In chapter 17 of Numbers, the people murmured against Moses and Aaron, so God commanded that the leaders of the twelve

tribes should have their names inscribed on their rods and placed in the tent of testimony. One would be chosen to make the people cease their grumbling against Moses and his brother. Aaron's rod bloomed miraculously in the tent of the testimony, to show that he had been chosen for this purpose.

Aaron reposed atop Mount Hor when he was one hundred and twenty-three years old. One of his descendants was St. Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Baptist (Luke 1:5).

These are some pictures from last week's St. Nicholas Concert. More can be found on our website: [dormition.eeparchy.com](http://dormition.eeparchy.com)



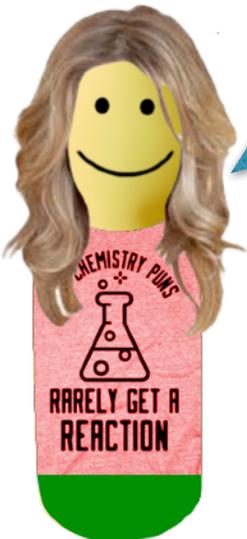
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## December 2018 - January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16  <b>10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus Program</b>  2 pm Melkite Liturgy	17 	18  5pm Private Baptismal Prep Class	19  <b>6pm Prayer Service</b>  <b>7pm Bible / Faith Study: "God With Us"</b>  John Vizza's & Sonja Sashkewytch's Birthdays	20  Elena Sotnikova-Artymkov's Birthday	21 	22  Luba Dasher's Birthday
23  <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b>  2 pm Melkite Liturgy	24  <b>Eve of the Nativity of Christ - Christmas Eve</b>  <b>10 pm Complines followed by Festal Divine Liturgy</b>  	25 <b>Feast of the Nativity of Christ - Christmas</b>  <b>10 am Festal Divine Liturgy</b>  Jesus Christ's Birthday	26 NO Prayers or Bible Study	27 Fr. Bo & Young Adult pilgrims head out to Mt. Tabor...	28 <b>FAST FREE</b>  Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage	29 Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage
30 <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b>  2 pm Melkite Liturgy  Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage	31 New Year's Eve  Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage	1 New Year's Day Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage  <b>10 am Liturgy</b> for the Feast of St. Basil with Sacraments of Initiation for the Vizza girls (with Fr. Danylo)  2 pm Melkite Liturgy  Irene Pryma's Birthday	2 Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage  NO Prayers or Bible Study  Joanna Vizza's Birthday	3 Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage  Greg Ostapowich's Birthday	4  ...Fr. Bo & Young Adult pilgrims return from Mt. Tabor	5 <b>Eve of Theophany</b>  <b>7 pm Complines followed by Festal Divine Liturgy</b>  

**When you look really closely, all mirrors look like eyeballs.**



• **Your parish NEEDS you...** the dates for our parish casino are Monday March 18 & Tuesday March 19, 2019 at the Starlight Casino at WEM. We have 11 volunteer shifts remaining to fill on each day:

- Day shifts begin at 9:00 am to 6:00 pm - 2 people
- Afternoon shift from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm - 1 person
- Evening shift from 7:30 pm to 3:15 am (including count room)- 8 people

Please see Alex Schabel or Iryna Laschuk to complete the required AGLC volunteer forms in the church office or contact Alex at [aschabel@shaw.ca](mailto:aschabel@shaw.ca).

## Dormition News

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Sarah Komar, 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.)
- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **John Vizza, & Sonja Sashkewtych, Elena Sotnikova-Artymkov & Luba Dasher** who all 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.
- **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.
- **The September "Seminary" Collection** happened a few months ago... and many of you gave generously. We raised about half of our parish's \$1000 "levy". This amount is calculated on \$25 per family per parish. If we don't collect enough from this special collection then the funds need to come out of our general operation account (which is used to pay the bills). If you have not given, but you are able to, please give towards this important collection. The money goes to support our young men who are in formation to become priests, monks, and young women who are becoming nuns.

This past week Fr. Bo taught an **Icon Writing Retreat** for the propaedeutic Seminarians at St. Joseph's RC Seminary. This is a great opportunity to teach about our Eastern Theology and Spirituality to a group of lovely young men who are considering the priesthood. Each of the students worked quite hard and their effort was rewarded by nice results.



## Altar Servers NEW YEAR'S GATHERING

*With Bishop  
David*

**Wednesday,  
January 2, 2019**

**Hosted by St. Josaphat  
Cathedral**  
10825 97<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. Edmonton

### THE PLAN

9:30 am - Arrival & Welcome

**10:00 am - Divine Liturgy** with Bishop David, Clergy & Altar Servers. Parents and families are welcome to join us for the Liturgy!

11:30 AM - Film Presentation

12:00 PM - Catechesis

**12:30 PM - Chinese Food Dinner**

1:30 PM - Icebreakers & Games

3:00 PM - The "Victoria"

4:00 PM - Gifts & Prizes, Photo



Please let us know you are coming!  
TO REGISTER, contact Vlodko at 780-604-8095 or email [klvlodko@gmail.com](mailto:klvlodko@gmail.com)  
**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018**



# Dormition Parish's 2018-19 Christmas Season Schedule:

Feast	Date	Service	Time
Christmas Eve	Monday, Dec. 24	Complines & Liturgy	10 pm
Christmas Day	Tuesday, Dec. 25	Festal Divine Liturgy	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Sunday after the Nativity: St. Joseph, St. King David & St. James	Sunday, Dec 30	Sunday Divine Liturgy (with Fr. Peter Brezden)	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
St. Basil's / Circumsision / New Year's	Tuesday, Jan. 1	Liturgy with Baptism of Baby Vizza & Chrismations of Joanna & Katharine Vizza (with Fr. Danylo Kuc)	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Theophany Eve	Saturday, Jan. 5	Complines & Liturgy	7pm
Theophany Day	Sunday Jan. 6	Great Blessing of Water	9:15 am
		Festal Divine Liturgy with Baptism of Shiela (with Bishop, Fr. Stephen Wojcichowski & Fr. Bo)	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Parish "Kutia"	Sunday, Jan. 13	Regular Sunday Liturgy with the traditional Parish Meal: "Kutia"	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm



**Please invite your friends, neighbours and family members to the services. Let's tell the whole world about how God loves us so much that he comes to dwell with us.**

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

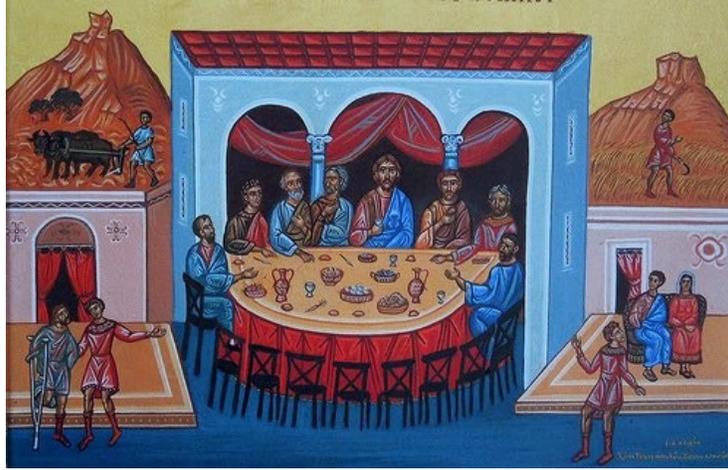
## Troparia and Kontakia

**Troparion, Tone 5:** 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.

**Troparion, Tone 2:** By faith You justified Your ancestors\* and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations.\* The saints exult in glory;\* from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed.\* By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion, Tone 6:** Armed by the Being that defies description,\* you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.\* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:\* "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,"\* for You can do whatever You will.



## 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 Colossians 3:4-11

Brothers and Sisters; When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice,

slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## Alleluia, Tone 4

**verse:** Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

**verse:** They called on the Lord and He heard them. (Psalm 98:6)

## Gospel Luke 14:16-24

The Lord told this parable; "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him,

'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

## Communion Hymn

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1).\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

**Faith & Bible Study:** Our next session is **this Wednesday, Dec. 19** with the theme of "God with Us". We will then resume in the new year with our regular Bible Study on **January 9th**. The theme for that class will be "Egypt & Exodus" part 1.

Everyone is very welcome. Come when you can. You do not have to attend all the classes. Free tea!

