



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE **DORMITION** OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Sunday Divine Liturgy
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am
& Melkite (Arabic) D.L.
at 2 pm

Akathist or Molebyn
Most Wednesdays at 6 pm
(see calendar)

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Sunday, January 27, 2019

31st Sunday after Pentecost; The Transfer of the Precious Relics (438) of Our Father among the
Saints John Chrysostom

CHRIST IS BORN! - LET US GLORIFY HIM! Христос Раждається! - Славім Його!

Today: First Solemn Communion for Elizabeth Shakeshaft

What is “First Solemn Communion”?

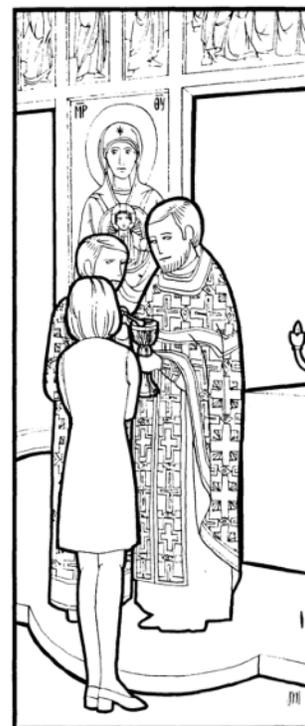
First Solemn Communion is an important step in our spiritual lives. It is the first major opportunity for a child to learn about their faith, and **fully participate in the Mysteries (Sacraments) of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own.**

In one sense this is a spiritual graduation from being a child who passively receives the faith from their parents, to a young person who actively participates in their own spiritual development.

In Eastern Catholic Churches, (and some Roman Catholic Churches) children are usually presented as infants to the Church to receive the Sacraments of Initiation together: Baptism, Chrismation (aka Confirmation) and Eucharist. These children are then brought forward at each Divine Liturgy by their parents, God-parents, or grand-parents to continue receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

When the infants become children enough to understand the basic truths of the faith, and to recognize the meaning of their own actions, they are taught how to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then approach Holy Eucharist. At this point they are no longer brought forth by others, but they approach on their own.

This is what “First Solemn Communion” is all about. It is a program designed to recognize a child’s growth in maturity, to teach him or her what life with Christ is about, and to encourage the child to take more responsibility for his or her own spiritual well-being.



This coming Saturday we will celebrate the Major Feast of the Presentation of Christ.

This major feast is described in the next pages.
It also marks the end of the Christmas season...
(...so we continue to say “Christ is Born!” till Saturday).



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



Translation of the relics of St John Chrysostom the Archbishop of Constantinople

Saint John Chrysostom This great ecumenical teacher and hierarch died in the city of Comana in the year 407 on his way to a place of exile. He had been condemned by the intrigues of the empress Eudoxia because of his daring denunciation of the vices ruling over Constantinople.

The transfer of his venerable relics was made in the year 438,

thirty years after the death of the saint during the reign of Eudoxia's son emperor Theodosius II (408-450).

Saint John Chrysostom had the warm love and deep respect of the people, and grief over his untimely death lived on in the hearts of Christians. Saint John's disciple, Saint Proclus, Patriarch of Constantinople (434-447), during services in the Church of Hagia Sophia, preached a sermon praising Saint John. He said, "O John, your life was filled with sorrow, but your death was glorious. Your grave is blessed and reward is great, by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ O graced one, having conquered the bounds of time and place! Love has conquered space, unforgetting memory

has annihilated the limits, and place does not hinder the miracles of the saint."

Those who were present in church, deeply touched by the words of Saint Proclus, did not allow him even to finish his sermon. With one accord they began to entreat the Patriarch to intercede with the emperor, so that the relics of Saint John might be brought back to Constantinople.

The emperor, overwhelmed by Saint Proclus, gave his consent and gave the order to transfer the relics of Saint John. But those he sent were unable to lift the holy relics until the emperor realized that he had sent men to take the saint's relics from Comana with an edict, instead of with a prayer. He wrote a letter to Saint John, humbly asking him to forgive his audacity, and to return to Constantinople. After the message was read at the grave of Saint John, they easily took up the relics, carried them onto a ship and arrived at Constantinople.

The coffin with the relics was placed in the Church of Holy Peace (Hagia Eirene). When Patriarch Proclus opened the coffin, the body of Saint John was found to be incorrupt. The emperor approached the coffin with tears, asking forgiveness for his mother, who had banished Saint John. All day and night people did not leave the coffin.

In the morning the coffin was brought to the Church of the Holy Apostles. The people cried out, "Father, take up your throne." Then Patriarch Proclus and the clergy standing by the relics saw Saint John open his mouth and say, "Peace be to all." Many of the sick were healed at his tomb.

Saturday's Major Feast: (texts from the OCA website)

The Meeting of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Temple (Feb 2nd)

Today the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without

defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to.... continued...."



The Meeting of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Temple (Feb 2nd) continued...

.... enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth."

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The

Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons on the Feast by the holy bishops Methodius of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilocius of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the sixth century.

In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In 541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverance from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague ceased. In thanksgiving to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast.



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Our community is what
helps make us strong together.



I wondered why
the baseball was
getting bigger.
Then it hit me.



I stayed up all night
to see where the
sun went. Then it
dawned on me.



Thank you to all who helped at this Saturday's Workbee to move our "Little Friends of Jesus" Program out of the Basement

The new shelves are installed and the tables and chairs have been brought up! Now we need to put locks and knobs on the new cupboards. Also we plan to build rolling dividers with bulletin boards and a white board on them. This new space is much healthier, cleaner and safer than the musty moldy basement where the kids have been meeting up till this point.



Home Blessings... Thanks for your patience.

This too will not be a good week for getting them all done.

Although Fr. Bo would like to visit every household of the parish over the next several weeks to bless your houses and to visit with you... this week will not be a very productive "house blessing" week. Fr. Bo has a big deadline for creating a website and advertising for Camp Oselia and many other programs that he is doing.



So, please be patient with him. The good news is that it is never too late to have your house blessed. If he does not get to them all in January, there is always February.

At least a day before he comes, he will phone you and make the appropriate arrangements. If you want to book a particular date or time with him you can send him an email at fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com or text or call on his cell phone 780-340-3726. You don't need to do anything special, just open your door and have a short visit with him.

If you have ideas for the parish you can pass a note onto him, or if any of your contact information has changed this would be a great time to update it.

Teach Us to Pray

In the Gospel of Luke (Lk 11:1-2) one of the disciples said to Jesus "Teach us to pray." They had seen Jesus pray often and understood the importance of frequent prayer. We know that prayer must be at the heart of our own journey towards an ever closer relationship with God but it is not always easy. In this series of presentations we will explore various way of praying and will be presented with practical ways to build a consistent rule of prayer in our lives. Sessions will consist of a presentation and will conclude with prayer. There is no registration. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

March 14 – Fr. Mihajlo Planchak – The Our Father and The Prayer before Communion

March 21 – Fr. Peter Babej – The Rosary and the new Rosary Book

March 28 – Fr. Michael Winn – Contemplative Prayer – The Jesus Prayer

April 4 – Fr. Bo Nahachewsky – Praying with Icons

April 11 – Fr. Danylo Kuc – Praying the Psalms - (at Verkhovyna Hall) **April 25** – Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky – Prayers of the Divine Liturgy

All sessions run 7:00 - 8:30 pm except the last one which will run 7:00 - 9:00pm

LOCATION: Dormition Parish, 15608 – 104 Ave, except April 11, which will be held at Verkhovyna Hall 9637- 108 Ave in conjunction with a Home of Hope Fundraiser. Check the Edmonton Eparchy website for details.



Dormition News

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Sam** Ostopowich, **Fr. Stephen** Wojcichowski, **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.)
In particular, little **Sam Ostopowich** is in need of prayers as he will undergo open heart surgery to close a hole in his heart tomorrow morning (Monday). Open heart surgery is dramatic for anyone, but especially so for a little baby and his parents.
- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioner: Donna Koziak who celebrates her birthday 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.
- **Bible Study with an Eastern Twist:** Our regular Bible Study continue on Wednesdays. All are welcome. Free tea.
- Our program for little children is called "**Little Friends of Jesus**" and we invite your little one to join us. Our two wonderful teachers are Tanya and Chris. If you have any questions about this program please do not hesitate to contact them. Here is our LFJ schedule: January 27; February 10; February 24; March 3; March 17; April 14; April 28; May 5; May 26; June 9
- If you are a **volunteer** in our parish and you have not handed in your **Safer Environments** "volunteer information forms" please do so. If you did, and you are in a high risk position and you have not got your "Police information Check with Vulnerable Sector" yet, please do so. If you don't know what I am talking about... ask me. Thanks.
- Today there is an **Audit Committee Meeting** after the First Solemn Communion Lunch.
- Our **Parish's Annual General Meeting** will take place on February 10th. All parishioners are asked to attend.

- **Parish Casino Workers needed.** We have three shifts remaining to be filled for the Parish Casino:

- Count room worker - 11 pm to 3:30 pm - Monday March 17
- Chip Runner - 7:30 pm to 3:15 am - Tuesday March 18
- Count room worker - 11 pm to 3:30 pm - Tuesday March 18

Please contact Alex Schabel or Iryna Laschuk to complete the necessary AGLC forms asap.

Important Notice: This year the nominating committee is proposing the following people for positions on the 2019 Parish Pastoral Council. There are still a few vacancies, so if you are interested please contact us soon. Nominations will also be taken from the floor for any position.

Rebecca Vizza has also volunteered to take a position on Parish Council, but we don't yet know which position she is wanting to take.

President :	_____
Vice President:	_____
Treasurer:	Alex Schabel
Secretary:	Sharon Lonsberry
Past President:	Helen Sirman

3 year Director:	Sharilynn Shakeshaft
2 year Director:	Steve Konowalec
1 year Director:	Jordan Schabel

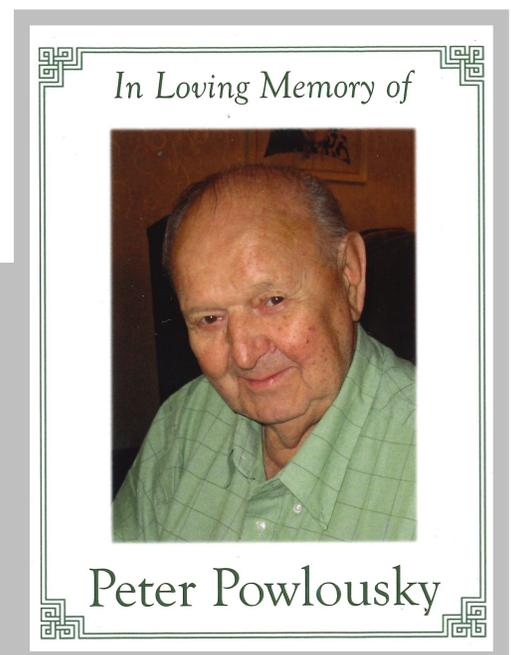
UCWLC President Virginia Sharek

Finance Committee	
Chair	Iryna Laschuk
Treasurer	Alex Schabel
Member	_____
Member	_____

This past Thursday we celebrated the Funeral of the Servant of God + Peter Powlousky in our parish.

May God grant him eternal rest, and peace to his family. Вічна Память!

Thank you Helen for cantoring.





Our parish may have the privilege of hosting a traveling icon of
“Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians.”

Fr. Bo is working with Local Knights of Columbus to set up an evening in the next month or so to gather people from throughout the city (particularly from the western side) to come and pray with us for the needs of the faithful in places in the world where Christianity is under duress.

Since our parish is under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, it is right and fitting for us to beg her to intercede for us and others, to her Son, our Lord.

In addition to praying for our brothers and sisters elsewhere, this is a lovely opportunity for us to open our doors and invite people to join us. Perhaps even to invite people to help our women in the UCWLC and even create a men’s group too, so that we can further the mission of the church.

What would this evening look like? Perhaps we would sing an “Akathist” service to the Mother of God, and have someone from part of the world where the Church is persecuted share their experiences. Then

we could pray in silence, perhaps followed by tea, coffee and donuts (or whatever). Quite easily done, and with a large benefit for all.

When would this take place? I don’t know. I think it might be nice to do this on a weeknight, and perhaps before the Great Fast (Lent). Perhaps a Monday or Thursday during the month of February. Certainly this would depend on the availability of the traveling Icon.

If you would like to be involved with this event, please speak with Fr. Bo.



Camp Oselia's

5 Summer Camps of 2019



Come and join us for another exciting summer of adventure and growth.

Breathe fresh air. Have loads of fun. Make new friends. Eat great food. Grow your faith. Sleep like a log. Feed a couple mosquitoes. Be fully alive!

- Teen Camp (Sr. High) from June 30 till July 2;
- Family Camp (all ages together) from July 2 through July 6;
- Elementary Camp (elementary school) from July 14 through 19;
- Mixed Camp (elementary and Jr. High) from July 21 through 26; and
- Jr. High Camp (you guessed it: for Jr. High Students) from July 28 through August 2

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More information and Registrations will be available soon at CampOselia.com

January - February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10 am Divine Liturgy with First Solemn Communion for Elizabeth Shakeshaft Little Friends of Jesus Audit Committee Meeting after Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	28	29	30 6 pm Prayer 7 pm Bible Study with an Eastern Twist: All Welcome	31 Donna Koziak's Birthday Goal to have the new Camp Oselia website, with all the programs advertised up and ready by midnight on this day.	1 	2 Major Feast of the Presentation of Christ. Church Hall Used Woven, retreat for Teen Girls registration deadline for the "Table for Two"
3 Sunday of Zacchaeus 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Woven, retreat for Teen Girls	4 The Pre-Lenten Season Begins	5	6 No Prayers nor Bible Study	7 Fr. Bo at Teacher's Convention	8 No Fasting Eparchial Pre-Marriage Course weekend I Fr. Bo at Teacher's Convention Melkite Bible Study	9 Eparchial Pre-Marriage Course weekend I
10 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee 10 am Divine Liturgy with the Baptism of Declan Mattern 2 pm Melkite Liturgy 5:30 Table for Two at St. Vladimir Parish	11	12	13 6 pm Prayer 7 pm Bible Study with an Eastern Twist: All Welcome	14 St. Valentine's Day	15  Fr. Bo Away: Icon Workshop at Lethbridge	16 Fr. Bo Away: Icon Workshop at Lethbridge

Okay men:

Valentines day is less than a month away... and you don't want to mess it up this year for your lovely wife. It's time now to book a table at

Tables for Two

A romantic candlelit dinner for couples, married or dating, "Table for Two" provides the ideal opportunity to focus on each other. Each of the courses is served up with discussion starters which invite couples to explore and deepen their relationship with each other and with God. A guest couple will give a short testimony and presentation on a topic related to sacramental marriage.

Feb 10 – Adult, Dating or Married

TIME: 5:30 pm

LOCATION: St. Vladimir Parish Hall, 12726-119St., Edmonton

COST: \$75 per couple.

CONTACT: Register with payment by Feb. 2, 780-424-5496

Social Mission Workshop/ Retreat

March 15, 16 at Camp Oselia

This will be a jam-packed 24 hours!

Beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday and ending at 6:30 pm on Saturday. We will focus on two themes:

- our relationship as Ukrainian Catholics with the Indigenous community. We will learn about each other and spend time sharing.
- the concerns of the environment and ways that we can move our Eparchy toward a better treatment of the gift of the earth.

COST: \$70.00. Register by Jan. 11. 780-424-5496. A shuttle to Camp Oselia will be provided if there is an interest.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion: The divine Church rejoices* and the whole world keeps feast with radiance* at the transfer of your relics, O venerable hierarch John Chrysostom.* Your life as a bishop was godly* and you willingly became a martyr.* Therefore we cry to you, O martyr, passion-bearer and hierarchs' companion:* Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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

Kontakion: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: The precious Church rejoices mystically* at the transfer of your holy relics* and treasuring them as costly gold* it lavishly grants to those who hymn you the grace of healing,* by your prayers, O John the Golden-mouthed.

Prokeimenon

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. (Psalm 46:7,2)

2nd Prokeimenon

My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding.

Epistle I Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

verse: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. (Psalm 30:2)

verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. (Psalm 30:3)

verse: The mouth of the just man shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak judgment. (Psalm 36:30)

verse: The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps will not falter. (Psalm 36:31)

Gospel Luke 18:35-43

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Communion Hymn

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

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.*

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)

