

# 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

## Sunday, February 24, 2019

Meatfare Sunday: The First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy, Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist

### Address:

15608 -104 Avenue,  
Edmonton, AB  
T5P 4G5

### Services:

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)

### Parish Website:

<http://dormition.eeparchy.com>

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@dormitionparish

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### Eparchial Website:

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### Pastor:

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### Congratulations to Justin and Stacey Schabel who entered into the Sacrament of Marriage yesterday.

The wedding took place at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church and was celebrated by Fr. Bo. Hopefully I will have a wedding photo for next week's bulletin. This photo came from their website.



Last weekend Fr. Bo taught an Iconography Workshop at Sts. Peter & Paul parish in Lethbridge. 8 lovely ladies took the course and had wonderful results, both in prayer and in their icons.

This past Thursday 5 young mothers began to write icons of Christ "Not Made By Human Hands". This mini workshop takes place on two more upcoming Thursdays at St. Nicholas parish here in Edmonton.



Fr. Bo is scheduled to put on one more workshop next week here in our parish on March 4-9.... but... he may have to cancel it due to lack of registrations (we need at least 6 people to make it work, so far we have 3). If you are interested please register immediately as registrations close on Tuesday. Registrations are done online at [CAMPOSELIA.COM](http://CAMPOSELIA.COM)

## Feast of the Day: (text from the OCA website)

### First and second finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist of the Lord, John

After the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John (August 29), his body was buried by disciples in the Samaritan city of Sebaste, and his venerable head was hidden by Herodias in an unclean place. Saint Joanna (June 27), the wife of King Herod's steward Chuza (Luke 8:3), secretly took the holy head and placed it into a vessel and buried it on the Mount of Olives in one of Herod's properties.

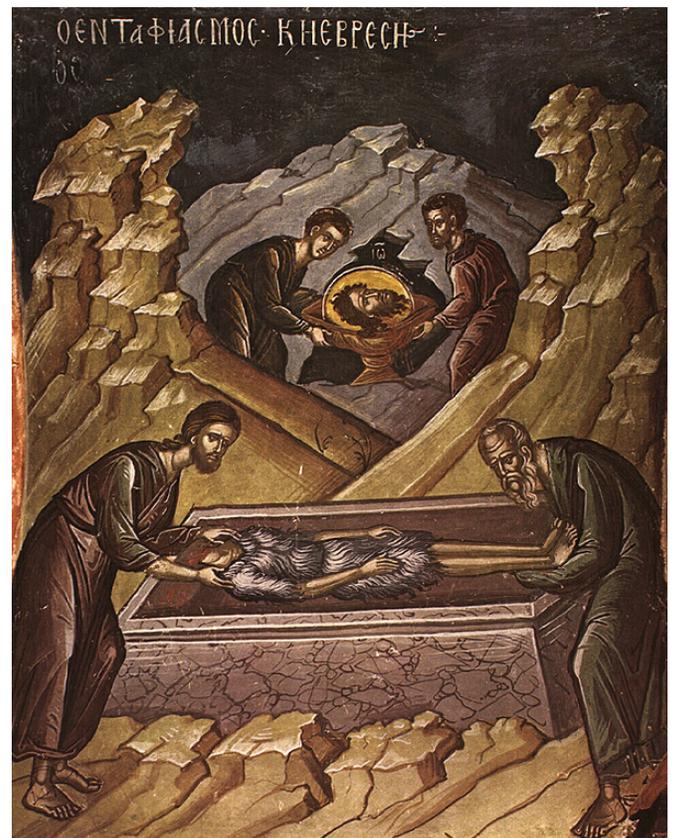
After many years, this property passed into the possession of a government official who became a monk with the name of Innocent. He built a church and a cell there. When they started to dig the foundation, the vessel with the venerable head of John the Baptist was uncovered. Innocent recognized its great holiness from the signs of grace emanating from it. Thus occurred the First Finding of the Head. Innocent preserved it with great piety, but fearful that the holy relic might be abused by unbelievers, before his own death he again hid it in that same place, where it was found. Upon his death the church fell into ruin and was destroyed.

During the days of Saint Constantine the Great (May 21), when Christianity began to flourish, the holy Forerunner appeared twice to two monks journeying to Jerusalem on pilgrimage to the holy places, and he revealed the location of his venerable head.

The monks uncovered the holy relic and, placing it into a sack of camel-hair, they proceeded homewards. Along the way they encountered an unnamed potter and gave him the precious burden to carry. Not knowing what he was carrying, the potter continued on his way. But the holy Forerunner appeared to him and ordered him to flee from the careless and lazy monks, with what he held in his hands. The potter concealed himself from the monks and at home he preserved the venerable head with reverence. Before his death he placed it in a water jug and gave it to his sister.

From that time the venerable head was successively preserved by devout Christians, until the priest Eustathius (infected with the

Arian heresy) came into possession of it. He beguiled a multitude of the infirm who had been healed by the holy head, ascribing their cures to the fact that it was in the possession of an Arian. When his blasphemy was uncovered, he was compelled to flee. After he buried the holy relic in a cave, near Emesa, the heretic intended to return later and use it for disseminating falsehood. God, however, did not permit this. Pious monks settled in the cave, and then a monastery arose at this place. In the year 452 Saint John the Baptist appeared to Archimandrite Marcellus of this monastery, and indicated where his head was hidden. This became celebrated as the Second Finding. The holy relic was transferred to Emesa, and later to Constantinople.



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**Our Lenten and Holy Week Schedule** is 98% figured out. You can see the whole thing on the calendar pages. Basically we will have our lenten Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays at 6pm. For Holy week we will have services at 3pm on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

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**Come and learn all about the Great Fast (Lent) this Wednesday at our “Bible & Faith Study”.**

**Prayer at 6pm and session at 7pm. All are welcome.**

# Dormition News

- **The 2018 tax receipts** are available for distribution after liturgy today. Please see Helen Sirman. If you are unable to pick up your tax receipt today in church, they will be mailed out this week.
- We pray for the **health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: Fr. Stephen Wojcichowski, Sarah Komar, Marge Woitas, Katie Bunio, Stella Dronyk, John Puto, Ann Horsman, Annie Polack, Louis Pekar & Rosa Maria Santos. (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- Happy Birthday to our parishioner **Ryan Gerace** who celebrates his birthday this week. May God grant you many years.  
(If we don't have your birthday, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email.)
- **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.
- 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: 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.
- **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.
- **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. COST: \$70.00. Register by Jan. 11. 780-424-5496. A shuttle to Camp Oselia will be provided if there is an interest. 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.
- **Finding Grace in Grief:** a full day in practical grief support. May 10, from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. If you are interested you can find more information at [www.FindingGraceInGrief.com](http://www.FindingGraceInGrief.com)

- **Camp Oselia** is currently looking for a nurse, cook, grounds keeper, environmental education coordinator, camp counsellors and junior counsellors for summer camp! Please send your application or more information to Millie @[youth@eeparchy.com](mailto:youth@eeparchy.com)
- **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.

- **We are 90% sure our parish's Annual General Meeting will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy.** We ask all parishioners to attend this if possible.
- **Important Notice:** This year the nominating committee is proposing the following people for positions on the 2019 Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations will also be taken from the floor for any position.

President: Simon Prayma

Co-Vice President: John Vizza

Co-Vice President: Iryna Laschuk

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: Sheila Leiding

Member: Johnathan Sharek

# Find out about our 5 Great Camps: CampOselia.com



## Understanding the Parish Calendar:

In order to get feedback on all the Great Fast, Holy Week and Lenten season I am publishing the entire calendar for the next while. I am not sure what was done in the past, but this is what I am thinking to do this year. If you have comments please send them via email or text to Fr. Bo (sadly, telling him today will likely go in one ear and out the other).

Days with a fish “🐟” are days where the Ukrainian Catholic Church prescribes the people to abstain from eating meat.

Days with a fish followed by an exclamation mark “🐟!” are Fasting days where not only meat are abstained from, but also dairy and all other meat products.

**Dormition Parish’s Services are in RED.**  
**St. Nicholas Melkite’s Services are in GREEN.**  
**Programs for All are in BLUE.**

However if you are reading this bulletin in print... likely it was printed in black and white. You can see a coloured version on the parish website.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb. 24 <b>Cheesefare Sunday</b>  <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b>  Hall Booked  <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	25 Melkites in Hall	26 Baptismal Prep  Last possible day to register for the Icon Workshop in our parish.	27 🐟 <b>6 pm Prayer</b>  <b>7 pm Faith Study with an Eastern Twist: All about Lent. All are Welcome</b>  Ryan Gerace’s Birthday	28	March 1 🐟  CANCELLED - Icon Workshop at Camp Oselia	2  CANCELLED - Icon Workshop at Camp Oselia
<b>3</b> <b>Forgiveness Sunday</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> Melkite’s Lunch <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b> CANCELLED - Icon Workshop at Camp Oselia	<b>4 🐟!</b> <b>Clean Monday - The 1st Day of the Great Fast</b> (If enough people sign up) <b>6 pm Icon Workshop</b> (If no Icon Workshop then) 7 pm Melkite Youth Practice  Natasha Gerace’s & Steve Konowalec’s Birthday	<b>5 🐟</b> 1pm Pastoral Centre Staff Meeting (If enough people sign up) 6 pm Icon Workshop  <b>6:30 pm Melkite’s Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>6 🐟</b> 11am Fr. Bo at St Francis Xavier High School (If enough people sign up) <b>6 pm Icon Workshop</b> (If no Icon Workshop then) <b>6 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b>	<b>7 🐟</b> Faith Family and Friends Icon Painting at St. Nicholas Parish (If enough people sign up) <b>6 pm Icon Workshop</b>  Catherine Ostopowich’s and Jess Lastiwka’s Birthdays	<b>8 🐟</b> (If enough people sign up) <b>6:30 pm Icon Workshop</b>  <b>6:30 pm Melkite’s Akathist</b>	<b>9 🐟</b> (If enough people sign up) <b>9 am - 9pm Icon Workshop</b>

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<b>10</b> 1st Sunday <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> Dormition's AGM <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>11</b> 🐟 7 pm Melkite Youth Practice	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 pm Melkite's Lenten Vespers</b> Helen Moneta's Birthday	<b>13</b> 🐟 <b>6 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b> <b>7 pm Bible Study</b>	<b>14</b> <b>7 pm "How to Pray" (Our Father)</b>	<b>15</b> 🐟 <b>6:30 pm Melkite's Akathist</b>	<b>16</b> All Souls Saturday
<b>17</b> 2nd Sunday <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> Panachyda for + Olga Piasta and + Zonie Ostopowich (I believe) <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>18</b> 🐟 Parish Casino 7 pm Melkite Youth Practice Shirley PEAR's Birthday	<b>19</b> Parish Casino Clergy Conference <b>6:30 pm Melkite's Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>20</b> 🐟 <b>6 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b> <b>7 pm Bible Study</b>	<b>21</b> Faith Family and Friends Icon Painting at St. Nicholas Parish <b>7 pm "How to Pray" (Rosary)</b>	<b>22</b> 🐟 <b>6:30 pm Melkite's Akathist</b> Youth Retreat @ Oselia Verna Hnatiuk's and Stephen Sokolowski's Birthdays	<b>23</b> All Souls Saturday Youth Retreat @ Oselia
<b>24</b> Sunday of the Holy Cross <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>25</b> 🐟 <b>Feast of the Annunciation</b> <b>6pm Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 pm Melkite's Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>27</b> 🐟 <b>6 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b> <b>7 pm Bible Study</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7 pm "How to Pray" (Jesus Prayer)</b> Virginia Sharek's Birthday	<b>29</b> 🐟 <b>6:30 pm Melkite's Akathist</b>	<b>30</b> All Souls Saturday
<b>31</b> 4th Sunday <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>1</b> 🐟 <b>6:30 pm Mission with Fr. Ephrem English</b> Christine Lirette's Birthday	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 pm Mission with Fr. Ephrem English</b> Christina Hundt's Birthday	<b>3</b> 🐟 <b>6:30 pm Mission with Fr. Ephrem Arabic</b>	<b>4</b> Faith Family and Friends Icon Painting at St. Nicholas Parish? <b>7 pm "How to Pray" (Icons)</b> Christopher Bawol's Birthday	<b>5</b> 🐟 <b>6:30 pm Melkite's Akathist</b> Adult Retreat @ Oselia	<b>6</b> Adult Retreat @ Oselia
<b>7</b> 5th Sunday <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> 11:30 Baptism <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>8</b> 🐟 7 pm Melkite Youth Practice Paul Sharek's Birthday	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 pm Melkite's Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>10</b> 🐟 <b>6 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b> <b>7 pm Bible Study</b> Theodore Nahachewsky's Birthday	<b>11</b> <b>7 pm "How to Pray" (Psalms) @ Cathedral</b> Catherine Bawol's Birthday	<b>12</b> 🐟	<b>13</b> Lazarus Saturday Stella Benko's and Jordan Schabel's Birthdays
<b>14</b> Palm Sunday <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b> Donald Kwas' Birthday	<b>15</b> 🐟	<b>16</b> 🐟	<b>17</b> 🐟 <b>3 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with Anointing of the Sick</b> <b>7pm Vespers with Anointing of the Sick</b>	<b>18</b> 🐟 ? am DL with Bishop @ Cathedral <b>3 pm Matins of the Passion "The 12 Gospels"</b> <b>7 pm Matins of the Passion "The 12 Gospels"</b>	<b>19</b> 🐟! Good Friday <b>3 pm Good Friday Vespers</b> <b>7 pm Good Friday Vespers</b> Tasha Orysiuk's Birthday	<b>20</b> 🐟 Holy Saturday <b>3 pm Vespers, DL of St. Basil</b> Peter Oprysho's and Nola Sokolowski's Birthdays
<b>21</b> <b>PASCHA!</b> <b>8:30 am "Nadhrobne"</b> <b>9 am Res. Matins</b>	<b>22</b> Jonathan Sharek's and Brian Ostopowich's Birthdays	<b>23</b> Sinon Pryma's Birthday	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7 pm "How to Pray" (Divine Liturgy)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Erick Kwas' Birthday

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

**Troparion:** 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.

**Troparion:** The head of the Forerunner has dawned from the earth\* shedding rays of incorruption and healing on those who believe;\* from on high it assembles the multitude of angels,\* from below it summons the human race\* to glorify Christ God with one voice.

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

**Kontakion:** O Forerunner of Grace and prophet of God,\* having obtained your head from the earth like a sacred rose,\* we always receive gifts of healing;\* for again as of old you proclaim repentance in the world.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion:** When You come on earth, O God, in glory,\* and the universe trembles,\* while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgement,\* and the books are opened and all secrets disclosed,\* then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,\* and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand,\* O Judge who are most just.

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## Prokeimenon:

Great is our Lord and great is His strength;\* and of His knowledge there is no end.

**verse:** Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to Him. ([Psalm 146:5,1](#))

## Prokeimenon:

The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

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## Epistle: I Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Brothers and Sisters: "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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## Alleluia verses:

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour. ([Psalm 94, 1](#))

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. ([Psalm 94:2](#))

The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon. ([Psalm 91:13](#))

They who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish the courts of our God. ([Psalm 91:14](#))

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## Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord told this parable: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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## Communion Hymn

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. ([Psalm 111:6](#))\* 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.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. ([Psalm 32:1](#))