

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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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)

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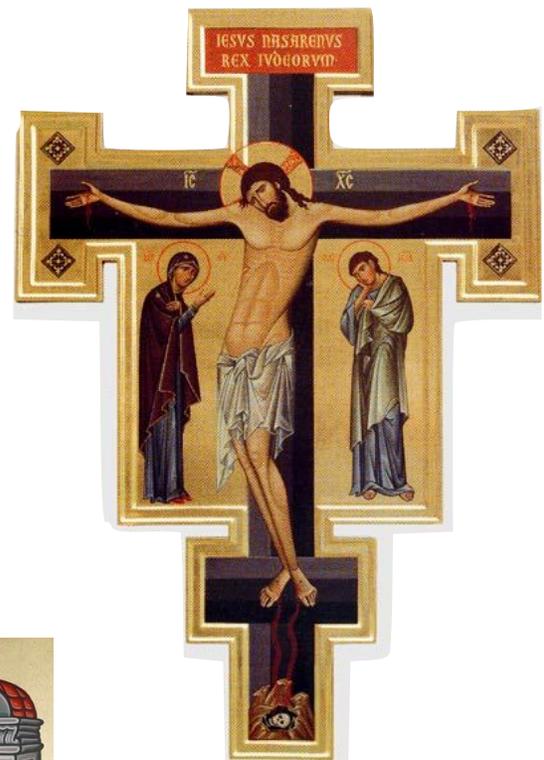
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Sunday, March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross, Octoechos Tone 3.
Fore-feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God

The **Third Sunday of Lent** is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10.38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor 1.24).

-Fr. Thomas Hopko



The Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever- Virgin Mary (text from the OCA website)

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the earliest Christian feasts, and was already being celebrated in the fourth century. There is a painting of the Annunciation in the catacomb of Priscilla in Rome dating from the second century. The Council of Toledo in 656 mentions the Feast, and the Council in Trullo in 692 says that the Annunciation was celebrated during Great Lent.

The Greek and Slavonic names for the Feast may be translated as "good tidings." This, of course, refers to the Incarnation of the Son of God and the...

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The Annunciation

of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Continued....

...salvation He brings. The background of the Annunciation is found in the Gospel of Saint Luke (1:26-38). The troparion describes this as the “beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery,” for on this day the Son of God became the Son of Man.

There are two main components to the Annunciation: the message itself, and the response of the Virgin. The message fulfills God’s promise to send a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15): “I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel.” The Fathers of the Church understand “her seed” to refer to Christ. The prophets hinted at His coming, which they saw dimly, but the Archangel Gabriel now proclaims that the promise is about to be fulfilled.

We see this echoed in the Liturgy of Saint Basil, as well: “When man disobeyed Thee, the only true God who had created him, and was deceived by the guile of the serpent, becoming subject to death by his own transgressions, Thou, O God, in Thy righteous judgment, didst send him forth from Paradise into this world, returning him to the earth from which he was taken, yet providing for him the salvation of regeneration in Thy Christ Himself.”

The Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth in Galilee. There he spoke to the undefiled Virgin who was betrothed to Saint Joseph: “Hail, thou who art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

In contrast to Eve, who was readily deceived by the serpent, the Virgin did not immediately accept the Angel’s message. In her humility, she did not think she was deserving of such words, but was actually troubled by them. The fact that she asked for an explanation reveals her sobriety and prudence. She did not disbelieve the words of the angel, but could not understand how they would be fulfilled, for they spoke of something which was beyond nature.

Then said Mary unto the angel, “How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” (Luke 1:34).

“And the angel answered and said unto her, ‘The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: therefore also that which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.’ And Mary said, ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.’ And the angel departed from her.” (Luke 1: 35-38)



In his Sermon 23 on the day of the Annunciation, Saint Philaret of Moscow boldly stated that “the word of the creature brought the Creator down into the world.” He explains that salvation is not merely an act of God’s will, but also involves the Virgin’s free will. She could have refused, but she accepted God’s will and chose to cooperate without complaint or further questions.

The icon of the Feast shows the Archangel with a staff in his left hand, indicating his role as a messenger. Sometimes one wing is upraised, as if to show his swift descent from heaven. His right hand is stretched toward the holy Virgin as he delivers his message.

The Virgin is depicted either standing or sitting, usually holding yarn in her left hand. Sometimes she is shown holding a scroll. Her right hand may be raised to indicate her surprise at the message she is hearing. Her head is bowed, showing her consent and

obedience. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon her is depicted by a ray of light issuing from a small sphere at the top of the icon, which symbolizes heaven. In a famous icon from Sinai, a white dove is shown in the ray of light.

There are several famous icons of the Annunciation. One is in the Moscow Kremlin in the church of the Annunciation. This icon appeared in connection with the rescue of a prisoner by the Mother of God during the reign of Ivan the Terrible. Another is to be found in the Dormition Cathedral in Moscow (July 8). It was originally located in Ustiug, and was the icon before which Saint Procopius the fool (July 8) prayed to save the city from destruction in 1290. One of the most highly revered icons in Greece is the Tinos icon of the Annunciation (January 30).

The Annunciation falls during Lent, but it is always celebrated with great joy. The Liturgy of Saint Basil or Saint John Chrysostom is served, even on the weekdays of Lent. It is one of the two days of Great Lent on which the fast is relaxed and fish is permitted (Palm Sunday is the other).



The second of six **“Teach us to Pray”**

evenings that are being hosted by our parish also **went smashingly well**. Fr. P. Babej spoke about the history of the Rosary from the hours, to the psalms, to both the Jesus Prayer and the Rosary as most of us know it now.

There was a total of 57 persons attending.

The next session will take place this coming Thursday. We invite you to come to any or all of the sessions. They will certainly open your eyes to the meanings of prayers you probably think you know well.

- **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: HERE at 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.



During the Great Fast our **“Bible Study with an Eastern Twist”** continues, but at a new time!

Now Wednesdays at 6pm (an hour before the 7pm Presanctified Liturgies)





This weekend's Lenten Youth Retreat at Camp Oselia is going very well. We have a lively group who is quite happy to pray, share and learn together. Your continued prayers are most encouraged.

Dormition News:

- 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 Fr. Bo.)
- Happy Birthday to our parishioner **Virginia Sharek** who celebrates her birthdays 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.
- On March 31, April 7 & April 14, one of our famous parishioners Marge (or her family) will be selling "pysanke" (Ukrainian Easter Eggs) in our parish hall after liturgy. Check them out, they are quite beautiful.

Not Dormition News:

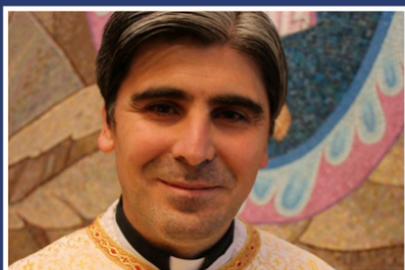
- **LENTEN MISSION at the Cathedral – in English; Mon. March 25 to Wed. March 27.** This year's Lenten Mission will be led by Fr. Michael Winn, Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary. Fr. Michael will also preach at the Sunday Divine Liturgy. *The topics are as follows:*
 - Sun. Mar. 24, 9:30 AM – The Veneration of the Cross. Splendour and Beauty.
 - Mon. Mar. 25, 7 PM – The Mother of God at the Cross. Faithful Love in a Difficult World.
 - Tues. Mar. 26, 7 PM – The Centurion at the Cross. Believing in Difficult Times.
 - Wed. Mar. 27, 7 PM – The Thieves at the Cross. Humility and Pride – Vice and Virtue in our Daily Lives.

An opportunity for Confession, each evening, from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Dormition Ukrainian Catholic and St. Nicholas Melkite Greek Catholic Parishes invite you to



A LENTEN MISSION BEFORE THE ICON OF OUR LADY HELP OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS



- 6:30 pm Akathist Prayer
- 7:00 pm Mission by Fr. Ephrem Kardouh (from Syria)
- Coffee, Tea & Juice

April 1 (English), **April 2** (English) & **April 3** (Arabic)
at Dormition Catholic Parish: 15608 104 Ave Edmonton

This is a free event. All are welcome, especially families.

Fr. Bo's Pleas for Help re: our Lenten Mission.

Well it's official and it's booked. Our Lenten Mission is now only a week away. On April 1, 2 & 3 Fr. Ephrem Kardouh, a Syrian born Catholic Priest will be joining us in prayer and reflection. Fr. Ephrem is currently the pastor of St. Basil's parish in Calgary. He is a beautiful soul. As both a priest and a monk (hiero-monk) and as a father to hundreds of refugees who fled persecution in Syria he will give a profound mission for us. And... he is fun.



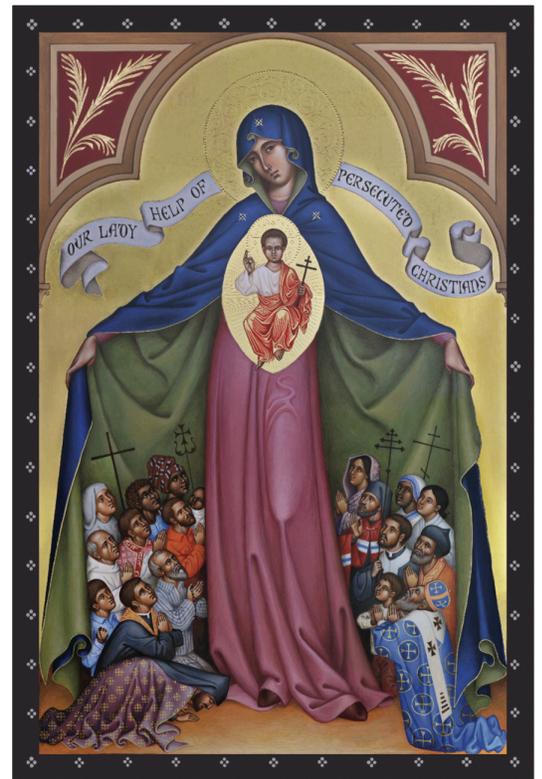
In addition to having such a loved guest, our parish has the EXTREME pleasure of hosting the travelling icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. This is a large and beautiful replica of the original which shows how our Mother indeed cares for

and intercedes for the whole church, especially those who are under persecution. This icon is part of the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program.

Although in our Albertan Society we feel little bits of anti-Christian sentiment from time to time, and we suffer more from apathy than from outside pressure, we must realize that at this time more Christians are being persecuted and martyred than in any previous century. Of course we hear about the tragic beheadings and murders of Christians in the Middle East and Africa, but we also know of many of the faithful who disappear in Eastern Europe (yes, especially in Ukraine), China, and throughout the world. These people NEED our prayers and support.

So... What are Fr. Bo's pleas?

1. Pray that the Lord blesses this Mission. If we pray daily for the next month that this mission will bring forth real spiritual fruit amongst us... it will. Every day pray an "extra" Our Father & Hail Mary, or which ever prayer you feel comfortable praying for the success of this project. It would be extra good if you could say these prayers with others, especially children. The prayers of children are powerful.
2. Let others know about this mission. Next week Fr. Bo will have invitations and posters that you can give out to your friends and families. If we do not invite others to pray and reflect with us then the event will not impact the world as much as it could. Trust me, Fr. Bo will invite people, but it is much more effective if we ALL invite others.
 - In particular I am asking that our parish's UCWLC invite the members of all the city's other UCWLC's and even CWL's from near by Roman Catholic parishes too.
 - And likewise, I would ask the men of the parish to invite other men. The Knights of Columbus will be involved by bringing the icon, and UCBC's (Ukr. Cath. Brotherhoods of Canada - equivalent to the UCWLC but for men) support these types of efforts, but they will not come in numbers unless we invite them!
 - Kids: you too have to invite your friends. Tell your teachers and classmates.
3. Let's work together with St. Nicholas Parish. This mission is not just for us, but it is being put together with our Melkite community too. Let's work WITH them in welcoming people to our joint project. Let's get to know each other and make a great team.
4. Let's be ready for super hospitality. After each night's mission we need to make all of our guests welcome. For this I ask that our coffee, tea and juice be set with joy. If people want to provide snacks that would be great too. Perhaps even lenten-type snack options too, since this mission is during the great fast after all.
5. Flowers! The icon of our Lady is beautiful by itself, but it would be extremely appropriate to decorate it with flowers. Yes, I am aware that during the Great Fast we often don't decorate our church's with flowers, but... this time let's honour our Mother's guidance and protection with an abundance of beautiful blossoms. These are for her, not for us. Now the reality is Fr. Bo is not a florist. If this job is left up to him... (shutter)... well... let's not leave it to him. Please volunteer. Perhaps you know a Catholic florist who would be willing to help or donate.
6. Add your ideas to the ideas already put forward. If you would like to make this event more spiritually beneficial, then please tell Fr. Bo your plans.



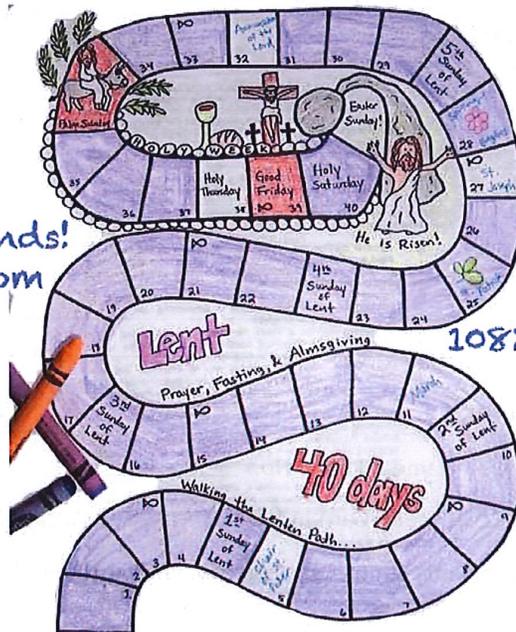
Children's Lenten Overnight Retreat

April 6, 3:30 p.m. – April 7, 12 noon

Grades 1 to 6

Eparchial Youth Ministry Office invites children, to a Lenten overnight retreat. All snacks and meals will be provided. Cost is \$20/child. We ask that you provide a mat for your child to sleep on, bedding, toiletries, and clothes for overnight.

Make new friends!
See friends from
summer or
from previous
camps!



St Josaphat
Cathedral
basement
10825 - 97 Street NW

CONTACT:
youth@eeparchy.com

Millie at
780-424-5496

Happy 12th anniversary
Bishop David!

12 years ago today he
was enthroned as our
Eparch.

This is not a joke.

This morning some
clown opened the
door for me. I thought
to myself that's a nice
Jester.

This is a joke.



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7:00 p.m. dinner

Shumka Dancers, Axios Choir, Mattierin Irish Dancers
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For tickets, contact Anna at
780.469.1010 or
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Whatever you did for the one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me. Mt 25:40



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MAY 2 - 5

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WITH RETREAT MASTER: FR. BO NAHACHEWSKY

ALL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT CAMPOSELIA.COM



**Camp Oselia
Retreats**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Sunday of the Holy Cross 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Youth Retreat @ Oselia	25 🐟 Feast of the Annunciation No Divine Liturgy at our parish (Fr. Bo at Youth Retreat) Lenten Mission at Cathedral Youth Retreat @ Oselia	26 6:30 pm Melkite's Lenten Vespers Lenten Mission at Cathedral	27 🐟 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Lenten Mission at Cathedral	28 7 pm Teach us to Pray: Jesus Prayer Virginia Sharek's Birthday	29 🐟 6:30 pm Melkite's Akathist	30 All Souls Saturday
31 4th Sunday 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Easter egg sale	April 1 🐟 6:30 pm Mission with Fr. Ephrem English Christine Lirette's Birthday	2 6:30 pm Mission with Fr. Ephrem English Christina Hundt's Birthday	3 🐟 6:30 pm Mission with Fr. Ephrem Arabic	4 Faith Family and Friends Icon Painting at St. Nicholas Parish? 7 pm "How to Pray" (Icons) Christopher Bawol's Birthday	5 🐟 6:30 pm Melkite's Akathist Adult Retreat @ Oselia	6 Adult Retreat @ Oselia
7 5th Sunday 10 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 Baptism 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Easter egg sale	8 🐟 7 pm Melkite Youth Practice Paul Sharek's Birthday	9 6:30 pm Melkite's Lenten Vespers	10 🐟 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Theodore Nahachewsky's Birthday	11 7 pm Teach us to Pray: Psalms @ Cathedral Catherine Bawol's Birthday	12 🐟	13 Lazarus Saturday Stella Benko's and Jordan Schabel's Birthdays

Epistle Reader & other Liturgical Stuff Schedule: We really want as much participation in the Liturgy from everyone as possible. If you would like to volunteer in any way including reading/singing the Epistle, helping lead the singing, ushering, helping as a sacristan, helping the kids ring bells, altar serving, etc... please let us know.

This schedule is always likely to be tweaked, so please look it over regularly.

Date	Epistle Readers	Is there "Little Friends of Jesus" this day?	Anticipated Cantor (singing leader)
March 24	Roman & Peter/Donna	No	Marta and/or Helen
March 31	Helen & Bill	No	Namisha Hlus
April 7	Roman & Don Kwas	No	Namisha Hlus
April 14	Pryma Family	Yes	Marta and/or Helen
April 21 (Easter Sunday)	Genyk Family & Virginia	No	TBD
April 28	John S. & Natasha	Yes	TBD
May 5	Alex & Tanya	Yes	Marta and/or Helen



Family Advisor.

St. Michael's Cemetery is looking to fill a vacant position for a Family Advisor.

Family Advisors are responsible for meeting with families and offering information on burial/cremation options, monuments, burial vaults, urns and other forms of memorialization. Family Advisors are also responsible for computer data entry related to cemetery record keeping.

This full time position is available April 8, 2019.

Hours of work are Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (7.50 Hours) with the occasional Saturday.

The successful candidate must be compassionate, possess excellent customer service skills, have exceptional communication skills and the ability to work unsupervised. Cemetery experience is not necessary.

As an employee of the Eparchy of Edmonton you will receive:

- *Competitive Salary
- On-site Training
- *Pension and Health/Dental/Vision Benefits
- *Work/Life Balance

Please forward cover letter, resume, and any questions to:

Eparchy of Edmonton
Attn: Marc Turgeon – Director of Cemeteries
mturgeon@edmontoneparchy.com
Position Search closes on April 5, 2019

Student Summer Employment

St. Michael's Cemetery, 13819 – 82 Street, operated by the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton, is offering summer employment to assist with the general maintenance and upkeep of our cemetery property. Duties includes; operating zero turn mowers, weed whipper operation, push mowers, landscaping duties, maintaining planters/ flower beds. Positions available starting May 6, 2019 and run through to August 30, 2019 with shifts operating

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Position offers competitive wages and opportunity to work outdoors

Interested persons may contact Marc Turgeon, Eparchial Cemeteries Manager, at

mturgeon@edmontoneparchy.com for details regarding positions and to apply.



Please join us if you have experienced the loss of a Loved one

Grief as a Journey is an 8 week program for those searching for support in their grief over the loss of a loved one. Using video presentations and group discussion, we will build community with others who have experienced loss, gain a better understanding of what we are experiencing, and give and receive support and encouragement while journeying through mourning.

DATES: Wednesdays, March 27 - May 22. No session April 17.

When you register you will be asked to choose one time. We will plan our sessions for the time that is most convenient for the majority of attendees - either 1:00 - 3:00 pm or 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

LOCATION: Edmonton Eparchy Pastoral Centre, 9645 – 108 Ave,

Cost: \$20.00 to cover materials.

REGISTER: 780-424-5496

APPEAL TO UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH (age 16-29)

His Beatitude Sviatoslav is inviting our youth to assist him in preparing the main theme of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in 2019: "Communion-Unity in the life and witness of the UGCC."

Let your Church hear your voice on these issues: how do you see your membership and participation in the life of our Church, what good do you see in her, why are you a Ukrainian Catholic and why do you want to be a Ukrainian Catholic, what do you expect from your Church?

You can address these issues by going to the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/2EF3oyW2ZiVxBB362>

The survey must be completed by March 31 (from April 1 it will no longer be active).

THANK YOU !

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

WITH GOSPEL ALSO FROM MONDAY'S FEAST

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.

Troparion, Tone 3: 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, Tone 1: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,* and protect Your community by Your cross.

Troparion, Tone 4: Today is the herald of joy for the universe!* Let us anticipate the feast and celebrate with exultation:* Gabriel is on his way to announce the glad tidings to the Virgin;* he is ready to cry out in fear and wonder:* Rejoice, Lady full of grace, the Lord is with you!

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

Kontakion, Tone 7: No longer does the flaming sword guard the gate of Eden;* the tree of the Cross has quenched its flames gloriously.* The sting of death and the victory of Hades are banished,* and You O my Saviour came and called to those in Hades: "Return again to Paradise!"

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: You are the beginning of salvation for all of us on earth, Virgin Mother of God.* For the great Archangel Gabriel, God's minister, was sent from heaven * to stand before you to bring you joy: *Therefore, we all cry to you:* "Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!"

Instead of Holy God, we sing:

To Your Cross, O Master,* we bow in veneration,* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (Psalm 27:9,1)

Epistle Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia, Tone 1

verse: Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning.

verse: But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (Psalm 73:2,12)

Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Luke 1:24-38

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people." In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will...

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

WITH GOSPEL ALSO FROM MONDAY'S FEAST CONTINUED...

... give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Hymn to the Mother of God

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn

Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord* shine upon us.*
Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia. (Psalm 4:7)

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