



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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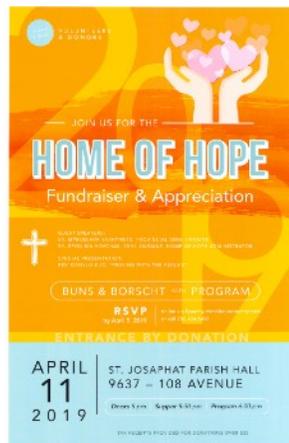
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## Sunday, April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast: Our Venerable Mother, Mary of Egypt, Tone 5.  
The Repose of Our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs (885)



## Join us for a Home of Hope Fundraiser & Appreciation April 11, 2019

St. Josaphat Parish Hall (Verkhovyna), 9637-108 Ave.

Doors open at 5:00 pm, Supper 5:30 pm., Program 6 pm.

Borscht and a Bun will be served, followed by guest speakers: Sr. Myroslava Yakhymets, and Sr. Eronima Vovchak from Ukraine & a special presentation at around 7pm by Rev. Danylo Kuc: *Praying with the Psalms*.

Entrance by donation. Tax Receipts provided for donations over \$25

**\*It is important to RSVP at [eeparchy.com](http://eeparchy.com) or by calling:  
780-424-5496.\***

**Early this afternoon there will be the Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharistizing of Markus and Mikhaela. Welcome both of you to the body of Christ (the Church). Mnohaya Lita.**

## Liturgical Singing with Namisha

Many Sundays @ 9:30

Today, and every Sunday that Namisha will be with us, a half an hour before Liturgy we will have a singing practice. You heard about this last week... but if you are reading this now, it's likely too late for today. (Typically first & third Sundays of the month, but Easter is throwing a little wrench into our April.)



**It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.**

**Yes, there is Bible Study this Wednesday at 6pm and Presanctified following at about 7pm.**

## **The Life of St. Mary of Egypt** sorry about the small print... but it's a long one today

Saint Zosimas (April 4) was a monk at a certain Palestinian monastery on the outskirts of Caesarea. Having dwelt at the monastery since his childhood, he lived there in asceticism until he reached the age of fifty-three. Then he was disturbed by the thought that he had attained perfection, and needed no one to instruct him. "Is there a monk anywhere who can show me some form of asceticism that I have not attained? Is there anyone who has surpassed me in spiritual sobriety and deeds?"

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Zosimas, you have struggled valiantly, as far as this is in the power of man. However, there is no one who is righteous (Rom 3:10). So that you may know how many other ways lead to salvation, leave your native land, like Abraham from the house of his father (Gen 12:1), and go to the monastery by the Jordan."

Abba Zosimas immediately left the monastery, and following the angel, he went to the Jordan monastery and settled in it.

Here he met Elders who were adept in contemplation, and also in their struggles. Never did anyone utter an idle word. Instead, they sang constantly, and prayed all night long. Abba Zosimas began to imitate the spiritual activity of the holy monks.

Thus much time passed, and the holy Forty Day Fast approached. There was a certain custom at the monastery, which was why God had led Saint Zosimas there. On the First Sunday of Great Lent the igumen served the Divine Liturgy, everyone received the All-Pure Body and Blood of Christ. Afterwards, they went to the trapeza for a small repast, and then assembled once more in church.

The monks prayed and made prostrations, asking forgiveness one of another. Then they made a prostration before the igumen and asked his blessing for the struggle that lay before them. During the Psalm "The Lord is my Light and my Savior, whom shall I fear? The Lord is defender of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps 26/27:1), they opened the monastery gate and went off into the wilderness.

Each took with him as much food as he needed, and went into the desert. When their food ran out, they ate roots and desert plants. The monks crossed the Jordan and scattered in various directions, so that no one might see how another fasted or how they spent their time.

The monks returned to the monastery on Palm Sunday, each having his own conscience as a witness of his ascetic struggles. It was a rule of the monastery that no one asked how anyone else had toiled in the desert.

Abba Zosimas, according to the custom of the monastery, went deep into the desert hoping to find someone living there who could benefit him.

He walked into the wilderness for twenty days and then, when he sang the Psalms of the Sixth Hour and made the usual prayers. Suddenly, to the right of the hill where he stood, he saw a human form. He was afraid, thinking that it might be a demonic apparition. Then he guarded himself with the Sign of the Cross, which removed his fear. He turned to the right and saw a form walking southward. The body was black from the blazing sunlight, and the faded short hair was white like a sheep's fleece. Abba Zosimas rejoiced, since he had not seen any living thing for many days.

The desert-dweller saw Zosimas approaching, and attempted to flee from him. Abba Zosimas, forgetting his age and fatigue, quickened his pace. When he was close enough to be heard, he called out, "Why do you flee from me, a sinful old man? Wait for me, for the love of God."

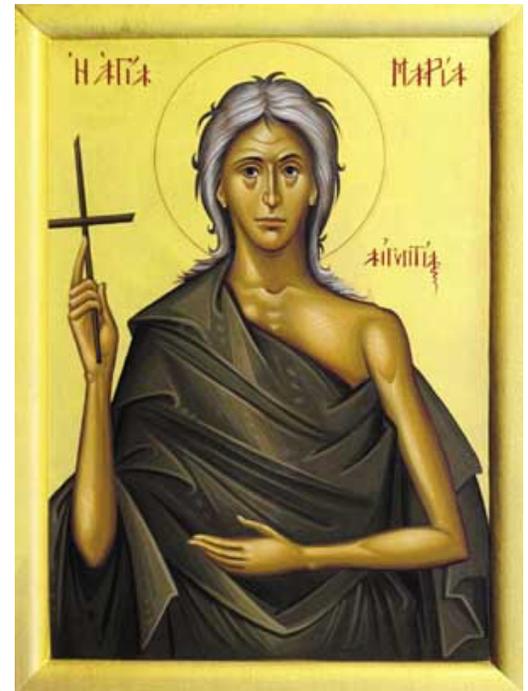
The stranger said to him, "Forgive me, Abba Zosimas, but I cannot turn and show my face to you. I am a woman, and as you see, I am naked. If you would grant the request of a sinful woman, throw me your cloak so I might cover my body, and then I can ask for your blessing."

Then Abba Zosimas was terrified, realizing that she could not have called him by name unless she possessed spiritual insight.

Covered by the cloak, the ascetic turned to Zosimas: "Why do you want to speak with me, a sinful woman? What did you wish to learn from me, you who have not shrunk from such great labors?"

Abba Zosimas fell to the ground and asked for her blessing. She also bowed down before him, and for a long time they remained on the ground each asking the other to bless. Finally, the woman ascetic said: "Abba Zosimas, you must bless and pray, since you are honored with the grace of the priesthood. For many years you have stood before the holy altar, offering the Holy Gifts to the Lord."

These words frightened Saint Zosimas even more. With tears he said to her, "O Mother! It



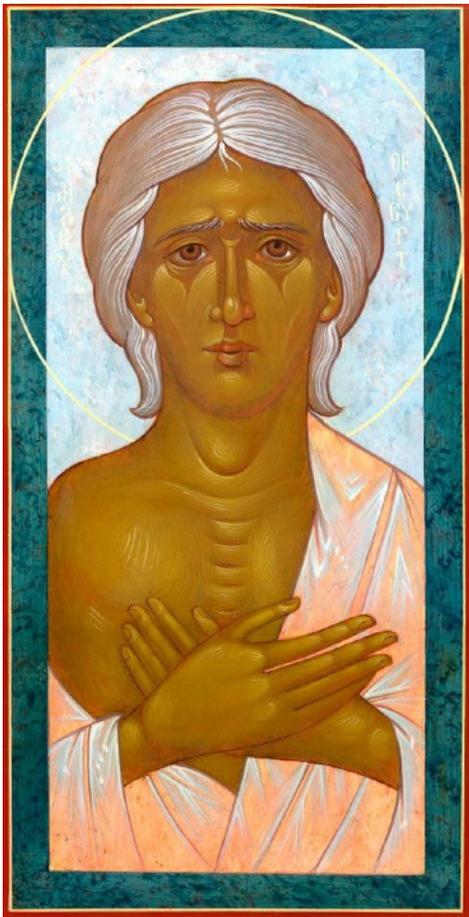
is clear that you live with God and are dead to this world. You have called me by name and recognized me as a priest, though you have never seen me before. The grace granted you is apparent, therefore bless me, for the Lord's sake."

Yielding finally to his entreaties, she said, "Blessed is God, Who cares for the salvation of men." Abba Zosimas replied, "Amen." Then they rose to their feet. The woman ascetic again said to the Elder, "Why have you come, Father, to me who am a sinner, bereft of every virtue? Apparently, the grace of the Holy Spirit has brought you to do me a service. But tell me first, Abba, how do the Christians live, how is the Church guided?"

Abba Zosimas answered her, "By your holy prayers God has granted the Church and us all a lasting peace. But fulfill my unworthy request, Mother, and pray for the whole world and for me a sinner, that my wanderings in the desert may not be useless."

The holy ascetic replied, "You, Abba Zosimas, as a priest, ought to pray for me and for all, for you are called to do this. However, since we must be obedient, I will do as you ask.

The saint turned toward the East, and raising her eyes to heaven and stretching out her hands, she began to pray in a whisper. She prayed so softly that Abba Zosimas could not hear her words. After a long time, the Elder looked up and saw her standing in the air more than a foot above the ground. Seeing this, Zosimas threw himself down on the ground, weeping and repeating, "Lord, have mercy!"



## The Life of St. Mary of Egypt continued

Then he was tempted by a thought. He wondered if she might not be a spirit, and if her prayer could be insincere. At that moment she turned around, lifted him from the ground and said, "Why do your thoughts confuse you, Abba Zosimas? I am not an apparition. I am a sinful and unworthy woman, though I am guarded by holy Baptism."

Then she made the Sign of the Cross and said, "May God protect us from the Evil One and his schemes, for fierce is his struggle against us." Seeing and hearing this, the Elder fell at her feet with tears saying, "I beseech you by Christ our God, do not conceal from me who you are and how you came into this desert. Tell me everything, so that the wondrous works of God may be revealed."

She replied, "It distresses me, Father, to speak to you about my shameless life. When you hear my story, you might flee from me, as if from a poisonous snake. But I shall tell you everything, Father, concealing nothing. However, I exhort you, cease not to pray for me a sinner, that I may find mercy on the Day of Judgment."

"I was born in Egypt and when I was twelve years old, I left my parents and went to Alexandria. There I lost my chastity and gave myself to unrestrained and insatiable sensuality. For more than seventeen years I lived like that and I did it all for free. Do not think that I refused the money because I was

rich. I lived in poverty and worked at spinning flax. To me, life consisted in the satisfaction of my fleshly lust.

"One summer I saw a crowd of people from Libya and Egypt heading toward the sea. They were on their way to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. I also wanted to sail with them. Since I had no food or money, I offered my body in payment for my passage. And so I embarked on the ship.

"Now, Father, believe me, I am very amazed, that the sea tolerated my wantonness and fornication, that the earth did not open up its mouth and take me down alive into hell, because I had ensnared so many souls. I think that God was seeking my repentance. He did not desire the death of a sinner, but awaited my conversion.

"So I arrived in Jerusalem and spent all the days before the Feast living the same sort of life, and maybe even worse.

"When the holy Feast of the Exaltation of the Venerable Cross of the Lord arrived, I went about as before, looking for young men. At daybreak I saw that everyone was heading to the church, so I went along with the rest. When the hour of the Holy Elevation drew nigh, I was trying to enter into the church with all the people. With great effort I came almost to the doors, and attempted to squeeze inside. Although I stepped up to the threshold, it was as though some force held me back, preventing me from entering. I was brushed aside by the crowd, and found myself standing alone on the porch. I thought that perhaps this happened because of my womanly weakness. I worked my way into the crowd, and again I attempted to elbow people aside. However hard I tried, I could not enter. Just as my feet touched the church threshold, I was stopped. Others entered the church without difficulty, while I alone was not allowed in. This happened three or four times. Finally my strength was exhausted. I went off and stood in a corner of the church portico.

"Then I realized that it was my sins that prevented me from seeing the Life-Creating Wood. The grace of the Lord then touched my heart. I wept and lamented, and I began to beat my breast. Sighing from the depths of my heart, I saw above me an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. Turning to Her, I prayed: "O Lady Virgin, who gave birth in the flesh to God the Word! I know that I am unworthy to look upon your icon. I rightly inspire hatred and disgust before your purity, but I know also that God became Man in order to call sinners to repentance. Help me, O All-Pure One. Let me enter the church. Allow me to behold the Wood upon which the Lord was crucified in the flesh, shedding His Blood for the redemption of sinners, and also for me. Be my witness before Your Son that I will never defile my body again with the impurity of fornication. As soon as I have seen the Cross

of your Son, I will renounce the world, and go wherever you lead me."

"After I had spoken, I felt confidence in the compassion of the Mother of God, and left the spot where I had been praying. I joined those entering the church, and no one pushed me back or prevented me from entering. I went on in fear and trembling, and entered the holy place.

"Thus I also saw the Mysteries of God, and how God accepts the penitent. I fell to the holy ground and kissed it. Then I hastened again to stand before the icon of the Mother of God, where I had given my vow. Bending my knees before the Virgin Theotokos, I prayed:

"O Lady, you have not rejected my prayer as unworthy. Glory be to God, Who accepts the repentance of sinners. It is time for me to fulfill my vow, which you witnessed. Therefore, O Lady, guide me on the path of repentance."

"Then I heard a voice from on high: 'If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest.'

"I immediately believed that this voice was meant for me, and I cried out to the Mother of God: 'O Lady, do not forsake me!'

"Then I left the church portico and started on my journey. A certain man gave me three coins as I was leaving the church. With them I bought three loaves of bread, and asked the bread merchant the way to the Jordan.

"It was nine o'clock when I saw the Cross. At sunset I reached the church of Saint John the Baptist on the banks of the Jordan. After praying in the church, I went down to the Jordan and washed my face and hands in its water. Then in this same temple of Saint John the Forerunner I received the Life-Creating Mysteries of Christ. Then I ate half of one of my loaves of bread, drank water from the holy Jordan, and slept there that night on the ground. In the morning I found a small boat and crossed the river to the opposite shore. Again I prayed that the Mother of God would lead me where She wished. Then I found myself in this desert."

Abba Zosimas asked her, "How many years have passed since you began to live in the desert?"

"I think," she replied, "it is forty-seven years since I came from the Holy City."

Abba Zosimas again asked, "What food do you find here, Mother?"

And she said, "I had with me two and a half loaves of bread when I crossed the Jordan. Soon they dried out and hardened. Eating a little at a time, I finished them after a few years."

Again Abba Zosimas asked, "Is it possible you have survived for so many years without sickness, and without suffering in any way from such a complete change?"

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"Believe me, Abba Zosimas," the woman said, "I spent seventeen years in this wilderness (after she had spent seventeen years in immorality), fighting wild beasts: mad desires and passions. When I began to eat bread, I thought of the meat and fish which I had in abundance in Egypt. I also missed the wine that I loved so much when I was in the world, while here I did not even have water. I suffered from thirst and hunger. I also had a mad desire for lewd songs. I seemed to hear them, disturbing my heart and my hearing. Weeping and striking myself on the breast, I remembered the vow I had made. At last I beheld a radiant Light shining on me from everywhere. After a violent tempest, a lasting calm ensued.

"Abba, how shall I tell you of the thoughts that urged me on to fornication? A fire seemed to burn within me, awakening in me the desire for embraces. Then I would throw myself to the ground and water it with my tears. I seemed to see the Most Holy Virgin before me, and She seemed to threaten me for not keeping my vow. I lay face downward day and night upon the ground, and would not get up until that blessed Light encircled me, dispelling the evil thoughts that troubled me.

"Thus I lived in this wilderness for the first seventeen years. Darkness after darkness, misery after misery stood about me, a sinner. But from that time until now the Mother of God helps me in everything."

Abba Zosimas again inquired, "How is it that you require neither food, nor clothing?"

She answered, "After finishing my bread, I lived on herbs and the things one finds in the desert. The clothes I had when I crossed over the Jordan became torn and fell apart. I suffered both from the summer heat, when the blazing heat fell upon me, and from the winter cold, when I shivered from the frost. Many times I fell down upon the earth, as though dead. I struggled with various afflictions and temptations. But from that time until the present day, the power of God has guarded my sinful soul and humble body. I was fed and clothed by the all-powerful word of God, since man does not live by bread alone, but by every word proceeding from the mouth of God (Dt 8:3, Mt. 4:4, Luke 4:4), and those who have put off the old man (Col 3:9) have no refuge, hiding themselves in the clefts of the rocks (Job 24:8, Heb 11:38). When I remember from what evil and from what sins the Lord delivered me, I have imperishible food for salvation."

When Abba Zosimas heard that the holy ascetic quoted the Holy Scripture from memory, from the Books of Moses and Job and from the Psalms of David, he then asked the woman, "Mother, have you read the Psalms and other books?"

She smiled at hearing this question, and answered, "Believe me, I have seen no human face but yours from the time that I crossed over the Jordan. I never learned from books. I have never heard anyone read or sing from them. Perhaps the Word of God, which is alive and acting, teaches man knowledge by itself (Col 3:16, 1 Thess 2:13). This is the end of my story. As I asked when I began, I beg you for the sake of the Incarnate Word of God, holy Abba, pray for me, a sinner.

"Furthermore, I beg you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, tell no one what you have heard from me, until God takes me from this earth. Next year, during Great Lent, do not cross the Jordan, as is the custom of your monastery."

Again Abba Zosimas was amazed, that the practice of his monastery was known to the holy woman ascetic, although he had not said anything to her about this.

"Remain at the monastery," the woman continued. "Even if you try to leave the monastery, you will not be able to do so. On Great and Holy Thursday, the day of the Lord's Last Supper, place the Life-Creating Body and Blood of Christ our God in a holy vessel, and bring it to me. Await me on this side of the Jordan, at the edge of the desert, so that I may receive the Holy Mysteries. And say to Abba John, the igumen of your community, 'Look to yourself and your brothers' (1 Tim 4:16), for there is much that needs correction. Do not say this to him now, but when the Lord shall indicate."

Asking for his prayers, the woman turned and vanished into the depths of the desert.

For a whole year Elder Zosimas remained silent, not daring to reveal to anyone what he had seen, and he prayed that the Lord would grant him to see the holy ascetic once more.

When the first week of Great Lent came again, Saint Zosimas was obliged to remain at the monastery because of sickness. Then he remembered the woman's prophetic words that he would not be able to leave the monastery. After several days went by, Saint Zosimas was healed of his infirmity, but he remained at the monastery until Holy Week.

On Holy Thursday, Abba Zosimas did what he had been ordered to do. He placed some of the Body and Blood of Christ into a chalice, and some food in a small basket. Then he left the monastery and went to the Jordan and waited for the ascetic. The saint seemed tardy, and Abba Zosimas prayed that God would permit him to see the holy woman.

Finally, he saw her standing on the far side of the river. Rejoicing, Saint Zosimas got up and glorified God. Then he wondered how she could cross the Jordan without a boat. She made the Sign of the Cross over the water, then she walked on the water and crossed the Jordan. Abba Zosimas saw her in the moonlight, walking toward him. When the

Elder wanted to make prostration before her, she forbade him, crying out, "What are you doing, Abba? You are a priest and you carry the Holy Mysteries of God."

Reaching the shore, she said to Abba Zosimas, "Bless me, Father." He answered her with trembling, astonished at what he had seen. "Truly God did not lie when he promised that those who purify themselves will be like Him. Glory to You, O Christ our God, for showing me through your holy servant, how far I am from perfection."

The woman asked him to recite both the Creed and the "Our Father." When the prayers were finished, she partook of the Holy Mysteries of Christ. Then she raised her hands to the heavens and said, "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen Your salvation."

The saint turned to the Elder and said, "Please, Abba, fulfill another request. Go now to your monastery, and in a year's time come to the place where we first time spoke."

He said, "If only it were possible for me to follow you and always see your holy face!"

She replied, "For the Lord's sake, pray for me and remember my wretchedness."

Again she made the Sign of the Cross over the Jordan, and walked over the water as before, and disappeared into the desert. Zosimas returned to the monastery with joy and terror, reproaching himself because he had not asked the saint's name. He hoped to do so the following year.

A year passed, and Abba Zosimas went into the desert. He reached the place where he first saw the holy woman ascetic. She lay dead, with arms folded on her bosom, and her face was turned to the east. Abba Zosimas washed her feet with his tears and kissed them, not daring to touch anything else. For a long while he wept over her and sang the customary Psalms, and said the funeral prayers. He began to wonder whether the saint would want him to bury her or not. Hardly had he thought this, when he saw ...



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...something written on the ground near her head: "Abba Zosimas, bury on this spot the body of humble Mary. Return to dust what is dust. Pray to the Lord for me. I reposed on the first day of April, on the very night of the saving Passion of Christ, after partaking of the Mystical Supper."

Reading this note, Abba Zosimas was glad to learn her name. He then realized that Saint Mary, after receiving the Holy Mysteries from his hand, was transported instantaneously to the place where she died, though it had taken him twenty days to travel that distance.

Glorifying God, Abba Zosimas said to himself, "It is time to do what she asks. But how can I dig a grave, with nothing in my hands?" Then he saw a small piece of wood left by some traveler. He picked it up and began to dig. The ground was hard and dry, and he could not dig it. Looking up, Abba Zosimas saw an enormous lion standing by the saint's body and licking her feet. Fear gripped the Elder,

but he guarded himself with the Sign of the Cross, believing that he would remain unharmed through the prayers of the holy woman ascetic. Then the lion came close to the Elder, showing its friendliness with every movement. Abba Zosimas commanded the lion to dig the grave, in order to bury Saint Mary's body. At his words, the lion dug a hole deep enough to bury the body. Then each went his own way. The lion went into the desert, and Abba Zosimas returned to the monastery, blessing and praising Christ our God.

Arriving at the monastery, Abba Zosimas related to the monks and the igumen, what he had seen and heard from Saint Mary. All were astonished, hearing about the miracles of God. They always remembered Saint Mary with faith and love on the day of her repose.

Abba John, the igumen of the monastery, heeded the words of Saint Mary, and with the help of God corrected the things that were wrong at the monastery. Abba Zosimas lived a God-pleasing life at the monastery, reaching nearly a hundred years of age. There he

finished his temporal life, and passed into life eternal.

The monks passed on the life of Saint Mary of Egypt by word of mouth without writing it down.

"I however," says Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem (March 11), "wrote down the Life of Saint Mary of Egypt as I heard it from the holy Fathers. I have recorded everything, putting the truth above all else."

"May God, Who works great miracles and bestows gifts on all who turn to Him in faith, reward those who hear or read this account, and those who copy it. May he grant them a blessed portion together with Saint Mary of Egypt and with all the saints who have pleased God by their pious thoughts and works. Let us give glory to God, the Eternal King, that we may find mercy on the Day of Judgment through our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom is due all glory, honor, majesty and worship together with the Unoriginate Father, and the Most Holy and Life-Creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen."

**During Great Lent**, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its **annual collection** for "**Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada.**" The purpose of this collection is to support the needs of the Church in Canada. Three charitable institutions are the recipients of the collection: the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, Catholic Missions in Canada, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The **Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta** responds to the call of Christ to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28: 19-20). The Eparchy of Edmonton supports local priests in their travel, health care, pension, and clergy substitution, thus ensuring that they can respond to the pastoral needs of the faithful, especially the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and funerals in rural Alberta. Visit [www.edmontoneparchy.com](http://www.edmontoneparchy.com) to see how the Church is working for you.

**Catholic Missions in Canada** supports over 600 missionaries – priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and lay ministers – throughout 27 eparchies and dioceses right here in Canada, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Catholic Missions supports the local churches in our call to proclaim the Gospel among First Nations communities, missionary support, religious education programs, building and repairs, lay pastoral leadership programs, and education of seminarians. To learn more about the work of *Catholic Missions in Canada* visit ([www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info)) and sign up for a free subscription to its quarterly magazine by calling toll free 1-866-937-2642.

Each year the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** is asked to speak out, give leadership, and provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics in our daily lives. For our bishops to do so, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Research and gathering information requires staff, time and money. Through the yearly bishops' collection, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous towards the work of their bishops. To learn more about the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca).

**Holy Thursday and Institution of the Eucharist** – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop David and concelebrating clergy, consecration of Holy Chrism, and Rite of Washing of the Feet of the Disciples will take place at 11:00 am, Thursday, **April 18** at **Saint Josaphat Cathedral**, followed by a 1:00 pm dinner at Saint Josaphat Parish Hall in honour of the gift of priesthood.

All parishioners are welcome! Tickets for the dinner may be purchased through Saint Josaphat Cathedral (780 422-3181) or the Eparchial Pastoral Centre (780 424-5496). \$15.00/adult; youth 12 and under free.

Seeking a time of spiritual renewal?

Join this Women's 24-hour retreat at Camp Oselia May 3, 6:30 pm to May 4, 6:30 pm.



Denise Laverdure Sych, will facilitate this non-lectured, "24 hour Women's Retreat" for those seeking to create a time with the risen Lord in an inviting atmosphere of tranquility and sacred stillness. There will be periods of silence; individual & group prayers; reflective questions; times of sharing & life-giving rituals. Like the myrrh bearers at the tomb; we will come to be touched by the risen Christ in unexpected ways.

**LOCATION:** Camp Oselia, 53230 Range Rd 53, Fallis, AB.

Private rooms are available on a first come first serve basis, so register early to reserve yours!

**COST:** Before April 1, \$65. After April 1, \$75, all meals and snacks are included. \***Registration deadline is April 25.** Register online at [eeparchy.com](http://eeparchy.com) or call: 780-424-5496.

A Shuttle to and from camp will be available a cost of \$15.00. Indicate this on your registration.

Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Newborn Death, Memorial Service and Sharing

On May 11, 2019, 6:00 pm. – 8:30 pm. at Holy Eucharist Parish, 6425-120 Ave, we welcome all who have suffered the loss of a baby – stillborn, miscarriage or a newborn. We will offer a memorial service and then share refreshments and fellowship following the service. Those who are interested may join us to watch the video “Footprints on Our Hearts.” This video offers ways of coping with the feelings that follow the loss of a baby, as it speaks words of understanding, encouragement, and hope for the future.



Families are welcome and childcare will be provided during the video portion, if requested.

\*There is no cost, but it is important to register. Registration deadline is May 6. Register online at [eeparchy.com](http://eeparchy.com) or call: 780-424-5496.

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.



**\*We have postponed our start date. Sessions will begin April 24 and run until June 12.**

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

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**Plashchanytsia Hop (Holy Shroud): GOOD FRIDAY April 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 Teens and Young Adults.**

Eparchial Youth Ministry Office invites: **Teens and Young Adults:** join us on Good Friday as we pray and share our faith this Good Friday at our annual Plashchanytsya Hop. Please meet us at 3:15 p.m. at St Josaphat Cathedral parking lot and we will be carpooling to the various parishes. We will also be providing snacks. Please feel free to join us at any of the parishes at any point if you are not able to join us for the whole evening. For more information call M Millie @ 780-446-1061.

Time	Parish	Location
3:45	Dormition	15608 – 104 AVE
4:20	St. Vladimir's	12726 – 119 STREET
5:00	Holy Cross	9003 - 153 AVE
6:10	Holy Eucharist	6425 - 120 AVE
6:45	Protection BVM	3635 – 116 Ave
7:30	St Sophia	15 Main Boulevard (Madonna Catholic School), Sherwood Park, AB
8:15	St. Nicholas	9507 Austin O'Brien Rd
9:10	St. Basil's	7007 - 109 STREET
10:00	St. Josaphat's	10825 - 97 STREET



## 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 Pewar & Rosa Maria Santos. (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email Fr. Bo.)
- Happy Birthday to our parishioners Markus Ruff, Paul Sharek, Theodore Nahachewsky, Catherine Bawol, Stella Benko's and Jordan Schabel's who all celebrate their 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.

A "Moleben for Life" will be celebrated at 7:00 pm, **May 6**, at **Saint Josaphat Cathedral**, to coincide with the annual National Week of Life and Family and the annual Alberta March for Life.

This year's **Alberta March for Life** takes place on **May 9**, starting with a 10:00 am Pro-Life Divine Liturgy at Saint Joseph Basilica, followed by program and speeches beginning at 12:30 pm at the Alberta Legislature ([albertamarchforlife.com](http://albertamarchforlife.com)).

This year's **Week for Life and the Family** will be observed from **May 12-19**, with the theme, "**Listening to the Gospel as a Family.**" The material for the 2019 National Week of Life and Family is now available on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops's (CCCB) website,

<https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/component/content/article/265-life-and-family/5041-2019-national-week-for-life-and-the-family>

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The **10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Bishop's Prayer Breakfast"** will take place 7:30 – 9:00 am, Wednesday, **May 29**, at Saint Josaphat's Cathedral Hall – Verkhovyna (9637 – 108 Avenue), Edmonton.

The event supports, through prayer, our clergy, religious, monastics and laity in their leadership roles in continuing the mission of Christ in sharing the Good News among the people of God.

Tickets \$25.00 per person. \$200 for a table of 8 persons. For tickets and more information, contact the Chancery Office at (780) 424-5496; [chancery@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:chancery@edmontoneparchy.com).

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**Teen Camp**

**Camp Oselia** July 2 - 6, 2019  
**Family Camp**

**Camp Oselia** July 14 - 19, 2019  
**Elementary Camp**

**Camp Oselia** July 21 - 26, 2019  
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**Camp Oselia** July 28 - August 2, 2019  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b> <b>5th Sunday</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> 12 Baptism <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b> Easter egg sale Markus Ruff's Birthday	<b>8</b> 🐟 7 pm Melkite Youth Practice Paul Sharek's Birthday	<b>9</b> 4 pm Religious Education Commission Meeting at Pastoral Centre	<b>10</b> 🐟 <b>6 pm Bible Study</b> <b>7 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b> Theodore Nahachewsky's Birthday	<b>11</b> <b>5 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at Pastoral Centre</b> 4pm Melkite Baking in Kitchen <b>7 pm Teach us to Pray: Psalms @ Cathedral</b> Catherine Bawol's Birthday	<b>12</b> 🐟	<b>13</b> <b>Lazarus Saturday</b> Stella Benko's and Jordan Schabel's Birthdays
<b>14</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b> Easter egg sale Donald Kwas' Birthday	<b>15</b> 🐟	<b>16</b> 🐟 <b>7pm Melkite's Prayer</b>	<b>17</b> 🐟 <b>3 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with Anointing of the Sick</b> <b>7pm Melkite's 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 Melkite's Matins of the Passion "The 12 Gospels"</b>	<b>19</b> 🐟! <b>Good Friday</b> <b>3 pm Good Friday Vespers</b> <b>7 pm Melkite's Good Friday Vespers</b> Tasha Orysiuk's Birthday	<b>20</b> 🐟 <b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>10 am Jerusalem Matins</b> <b>3 pm Vespers, DL of St. Basil</b> Nola Sokolowski's Birthday
<b>21</b> <b>PASCHA!</b> <b>8:30 am "Nadhrobne"</b> <b>9 am Res. Matins followed by Res. Divine Liturgy &amp; Blessing of Baskets</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Res. Liturgy</b> Julianna Bryson's and Alexandr Artymkov's Birthdays	<b>22</b> Jonathan Sharek's and Brian Ostopowich's Birthdays	<b>23</b> Sinon Pryma's Birthday	<b>24</b> <b>No Bible Study</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7 pm Teach us to Pray: Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Erick Kwas' Birthday

Sunday's Date	Epistle Readers	Is there "Little Friends of Jesus" this day?	Anticipated Cantor (singing leader)
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

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# Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2019



<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>10 am</b>
Holy Tuesday	April 16	St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Prayers	7pm
<b>Holy Wednesday</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing of the Sick</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
		St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Vespers with the Anointing of the Sick	7pm
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>April 18</b>	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the blessing of Chrism and the washing of the feet at the Cathedral	11 am
		<b>Matins of the Passion (the 12 Gospels)</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
		St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Matins of the Passion	7pm
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>Good Friday Vespers (Plaschanytsia)</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
		Youth "Plaschanytia Hop" joins us for part of the service	3:45 pm
		St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Good Friday Vespers	7 pm
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>Jerusalem Matins</b>	<b>10 am</b>
		<b>Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil</b>	<b>3pm</b>
<b>Pascha - Easter</b>	<b>April 21</b>	Nadhrobne Servie	8:30 am
		<b>Resurrection Matins</b>	<b>9 am</b>
		<b>Resurrectional Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>follows</b>
		<b>Easter Basket Blessing</b>	<b>follows</b>
		St. Nicholas Melkite Parish's Easter Services	2 pm

# SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

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

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**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 8:** The divine image was faithfully preserved in you, O mother,\* for taking up the Cross, you followed Christ.\* By your deeds you have taught us to see beyond the flesh, which passes,\* and care for the soul, a thing immortal.\* And so, O venerable Mary,\* your spirit rejoices with the angels.

**Troparion, Tone 4:** O Christ, bestow from above Your mercies\* to those who radiantly feast Your bishop's falling asleep.\* Through the intercession of our father Methodius,\* Your holy disciple,\* open to us the doors of the Kingdom\* and loose the chains of our many sins.

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

**Kontakion, Tone 2:** Let us hymn the godly and faithful Methodius,\* and lovingly call him blessed;\* the pastor of the Slavs and the precious servant of the Trinity,\* the one who banished heresy,\* for he prays on behalf of all of us.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion, Tone 3:** Once you were filled with every impurity,\* now through repentance you have been revealed as a bride of Christ,\* following the angelic life, you crushed demons with the weapon of the Cross.\* Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been shown to be a bride of the kingdom.

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## Prokeimenon, Tone 5

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us\* from this generation and for ever.

*verse:* Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. (Psalm 11:8,2)

## Prokeimenon, Tone 1

My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding. (Psalm 28:4)

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## Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered

himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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## Alleluia, Tone 5

*verse:* Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

*verse:* For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. (Psalm 88:2,3)

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## Gospel Mark 10:32-45

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again." James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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## 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.

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## 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)