



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Парафія Успіння Пресв. Богородиці

A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

## Address:

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Edmonton, AB  
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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)

## Parish Website:

<http://dormition.eeparchy.com>

## Twitter:

@dormitionparish

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## Eparchial Website:

[www.eeparchy.com](http://www.eeparchy.com)

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## Sunday, August 18

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 1; Post-feast of the Dormition;  
Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus (313-24)



## Making Our Parish Bloom (even more) A Day of Pastoral Visioning

On Saturday, September 7th,  
from 10 am till 4 pm

we will be spending the day reflecting on the nature, mission and vision of our parish.

- **COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS:** How Are We Already Fulfilling our Mission as Church?
- **DARING TO DREAM:** Imagine What Might Be Possible or Necessary to Better Fulfill our Mission as Church.
- **EVALUATING / PRIORITIZING:** What Can Be Done and What Will Have the Greatest Impact on our Parish Mission?
- **DESIGNING / COMMITTING:** Concrete Plan of Action Fulfilling our Mission as Church

*Let's Get Excited!*

More info inside this bulletin.



Dormition Parish invites you to join us for our

# PRAZNYK

celebration of our Patron Feast

Next Sunday, August 25

10 am Divine Liturgy with Bishop David  
followed by a beautiful banquet

Tickets available at the parish  
or through Helen Sirman at 780-221-0269

Adults: \$25. Age 6-11: \$12. and under 6: free.



# Today's Saint of the Day

(from the [oca.org](http://oca.org) website)

**The Martyrs Florus and Laurus** were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God).

The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing.

Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed.

They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ.

When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians.

The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople.



**Still haven't got all  
your "Working  
Together for Safer  
Environments" forms  
and training in order?  
If not, please talk to Fr.  
Bo.**

All people in "High Risk" positions  
must attend a Training Session:  
The next one is... likely in the fall.  
Perhaps our parish will host another  
one... stay tuned.

Contact Andrea Leader at  
780-424-5496 for more info.



**Thank you for all your prayers  
while Camp Oselia was running  
and while I was away with my  
family.**

**If you have sent me an email...  
...please be patient with me. I  
have a pile to look through.**

**If you would like to update me  
on what and how things went  
while I was away please feel  
free to call me.**

**-Fr. Bo**



# Making Our Parish Bloom (even more) A Day of Pastoral Visioning

On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am till 4 pm



After being in our parish for a year I have had the opportunity to get to know many of the parishioners, their needs and desires. I have also gotten a general feel for the parish and how it works. Obviously I do not know everything, nor everyone, but I believe it is time for us to gather together, discuss our parish, and make plans for our future.

Before anyone can decide the directions for our parish to go forward in, we need to understand who we are and our purpose. Last year our PPC came up with the following Proposed Parish Mission Statement:

***“To joyfully bring all people into the knowledge, love and service of the Holy Trinity, Who dwells within us.”***

Knowing this, and with the direction of our Bishop and Synod of Bishops as they have laid out in the “Vision 2020: Vibrant Parish” Program, it is time for us to move forward. We know that to become a more Vibrant Parish we need to continue and expand in our efforts in:

- The Word of God and Catechesis (Kerygma)
- Liturgy and Prayer
- Service to our Neighbour (Diakonia)
- Leadership - Stewardship
- Communion - Unity (Koinonia)
- Missionary Spirit

While keeping true to our Characteristics as a Ukrainian Catholic Church which include:

- Eastern Christian Heritage,
  - Focus on the Person,
  - Spirit of Self-Emptying for Christ’s sake (Kenosis)
  - Witnessing and serving unity with the successor of St. Peter,
  - and Accessibility and Openness
- (all of these are described in the Vision 2020 Program)

## *Let's Get Excited!*

Our parish is awesome. Let’s make it even awesome-er!

What would you like to focus on? What do you need to see to make it a better parish for you and your family? What flavour(s), direction(s), niche(s) will our parish choose to put it’s efforts into?

Let’s invite everyone to join us in dreaming and making this parish bloom (more). There is tonnes of potential all around us and God has called us to go forth. These are exciting times, perhaps a little intimidating even, but together we can lift up Dormition Parish to even greater service of our Lord.

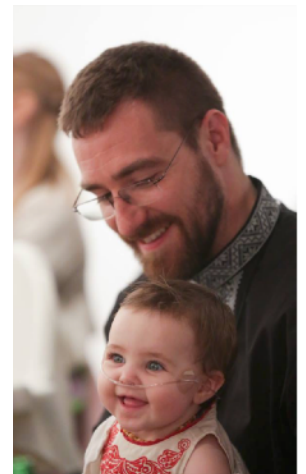
## **How will this day be structured?**

Yes, lunch will be provided... I’m not sure what it will be yet, or how it will work, but we shall eat something. To be figured out.

This day will be based on the “**Handbook for Pastoral Planning**” which is a book put together by the Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops to help us make a plan and carry it out. You can grab a copy of it in the entrance of the church or find the whole document online on our website:



<http://dormition.eeparchy.com> (see the button on the front page)

I have invited Fr. Mike Bomback a young and dynamic priest of our Eparchy to lead this program in our parish. The reasons that I invited him to lead is that he is a prayerful man, quite capable and organized, and he does not have any current involvement in our parish, therefore he can look at things from a outside perspective.



***“Dormition Parish is MY parish, but it is certainly OUR parish, and certainly and perhaps most importantly it is GOD’S parish. Let’s all listen to each other and the promptings of the Holy Spirit to make it the most vibrant parish in the world!”***



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>18</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> 12 pm Melkite Liturgy at William Hawrelak Park site 1	<b>19</b> Lunch Meeting Gregory Orysiuk's Birthday	<b>20</b> Angelina Sotnikova-Atymkov's Birthday	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 🐟 🐟	<b>24</b> 🍷 * 🍷
<b>25</b> 🍷  <b>Our Parish Praznyk</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy with Bishop David</b> 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	<b>26</b> <b>Fr. Bo preaching a retreat (in Edm)</b> McKinley Sharek's Birthday	<b>27</b> <b>Fr. Bo preaching a retreat (in Edm)</b> Zorianna Gerace's Birthday	<b>28</b> <b>Fr. Bo preaching a retreat (in Edm)</b> Mary Orysiuk's Birthday	<b>29</b> 🐟 <b>Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b> <b>Fr. Bo preaching a retreat (in Edm)</b> Nicholya Lirette & Daryl Ostapowich's Birthdays	<b>30</b> 🐟 <b>Fr. Bo preaching a retreat (in Edm)</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>1</b> 🍷 <b>Liturgical New Year</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	<b>2</b> 🍷 🍷 <b>Labour Day</b>	<b>3</b> <b>First Day of School</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Olga Wasarab's Birthday	<b>6</b> 🐟	<b>7</b>  <b>Dormition Parish Visioning</b>

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Mary Orysiuk, Jean Miskiwi, 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.)
- We wish God's blessings and **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **Gregory Orysiuk and Angelina Sotnikova-Atymkov** who celebrate their birthdays this week. God grant you many years!
- If we don't have your birthday, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email (or at least a piece of paper) with your corrected birthdate and name.
- The **39th Biannual Conference of the Ukrainian Catholic Council (Centralia) – Eparchy of Edmonton** will take place **October 18-20, 2019**, at Saint Josaphat Cathedral/Chateau Louis Conference Centre, Edmonton. This year's **special guest** is **Bishop Ken Nowakowski, Eparchy of New Westminster**, who will speak to the convention theme of **"The Vibrant Parish..... the Next Steps – My Response."** The Ukrainian Catholic Council comprises the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada, the Ukrainian Catholic Youth of Canada, and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy Chapter Knights of Columbus. Given that the Convention celebrates the contribution of our lay organizations in the life of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, for the very first time,

representatives of our Parish Pastoral Councils throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton will be invited to participate.

- The Eparchy of Edmonton invites you to participate in a Cantoring Course to be held at St. Josaphat Cathedral on Friday, October 25 (6:00-9:00 pm) and Saturday, October 26 (9:00 am- 4:00 pm, concluding with Vespers). Topics include: the Divine Liturgy, 8 Resurrectional Tones, and various changeable parts for major feasts. More information will soon be available on the Eparchy of Edmonton website. Questions can be emailed to: [Melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca](mailto:Melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca)
- Update on the New - Old Tabernacle. I have been working on the Tabernacle that was donated to the parish by the Ostapowich family years ago, to make it smaller so that it will again fit on the Holy Table. I have made much progress, and I hope (but don't promise) to have it done by next Sunday. If it is done, we will ask bishop to re-bless it as part of our praznyk celebration.
- Sunday, September 8: The feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God
- Wednesday, September 11: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- Saturday, September 14: The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sunday, September 15: Joint liturgy with St. Nicholas (Melkite) Community

# Changeable Parts for this Sunday's Divine Liturgy

**Troparion:** Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,\* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,\* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,\* and gave life to the world.\* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:\* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!\* Glory to Your kingdom!\* Glory to Your saving plan,\* O only Lover of mankind.

**Troparion:** In giving birth you retained your virginity,\* in falling asleep you did not abandon the world, O Mother of God.\* You passed into life, for you are the Mother of Life,\* and by your prayers\* you deliver our souls from death.

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

**Kontakion:** You arose in glory from the tomb\* and with Yourself You raise the world.\* All humanity acclaim You as God.\* and death has vanished.\* Adam exults, O Master,\* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:\* "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion:** The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,\* unceasing in her intercession and unfailing hope of patronage,\* for, as the Mother of Life, she was transferred to life\* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

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## Prokeimenon:

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

**verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

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## Epistle: I Corinthians 4:9-16

Brothers and Sisters: For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

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## Alleluia:

**verse:** God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

**verse:** Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

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## Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

At that time: When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised." And they were greatly distressed.

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## Hymn to the Mother of God and the Irmos:

Seeing the pure one's falling asleep, angels marvelled in wonder how the Virgin could ascend from earth to heaven.

O pure Virgin, in you are conquered the bounds of nature,\* for childbirth remains virginal and death is betrothed to life.\* Virgin after childbearing and alive and death, O Mother of God,\* never cease to save your inheritance.

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## Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

## VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instil in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

