

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE  
**DORMITION**

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

ПАРАФІЯ УСПІННІА ПРЕСВ. БОГОРОДНИЦІ

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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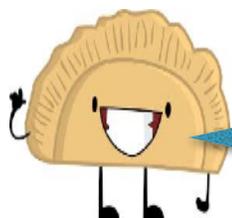
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**Sunday, September 29**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 7); Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite



our **Perogy Supper** will be held on  
**Saturday, November 2.**

Tickets are \$17 each (for adults).

Tell your friends and family to join us.

Also, if you are able, please sign up to help. The volunteer sheets are found in the Narthex (Church Entrance).

At the request of Bishop David, please offer prayers for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Richard's father, Mr. Donald James Smith who passed into eternal life Saturday, September 28. More information regarding the funeral and commemorative Masses will follow as it becomes available.



Please pick up an **Eparchial Fall Program Guide** so that you know about all sorts of great programs our parishes are putting on.

Also, Please fill out the **NEW parish survey** on the last sheet of this bulletin, so that we can put on great programs too.

**Last Notice: September's Special Collection:**



Each year the Eparchy of Edmonton makes a special collection to support those who are studying and preparing themselves to serve in the church. Each family is requested to donate \$25 or more, if they are able to afford it.

More details about this collection can be found in the Parish News section of this Bulletin.

## Saints of the Day (taken from OCA.org)

### Venerable Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine

Saint Cyriacus was born at Corinth to the priest John and his wife Eudokia. Bishop Peter of Corinth, who was a relative, seeing that Cyriacus was growing up as a quiet and sensible child, made him a reader in church. Constant reading of the Holy Scriptures awakened in him a love for the Lord and of a yearning for a pure and saintly life.

Once, when the youth was not yet eighteen years old, he was deeply moved during a church service by the words of the Gospel: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Mt.16:24). He believed these words applied to him, so he went right to the harbor without stopping at home, got onto a ship and went to Jerusalem.

After visiting the holy places, Cyriacus dwelt for several months at a monastery not far from Sion in obedience to the igumen Abba Eustorgius. With his blessing, he made his way to the wilderness Lavra of Saint Euthymius the Great (January 20). Saint Euthymius, discerning in the youth great gifts of God, tonsured him into the monastic schema and placed him under the guidance of Saint Gerasimus (March 4), pursuing asceticism at the Jordan in the monastery of Saint Theoctistus.

Saint Gerasimus, seeing the youthfulness of Cyriacus, ordered him to live in the community with the brethren. The young monk easily accomplished the monastic obediences: he prayed fervently, he slept little, he ate food only every other day, nourishing himself with bread and water.

During Great Lent it was the custom of Saint Gerasimus to go into the Rouva wilderness, returning to the monastery only on Palm Sunday. Seeing Cyriacus' strict abstinence, he decided to take him with him. In complete solitude the ascetics redoubled their efforts. Each Sunday Saint Gerasimus imparted the Holy Mysteries to his disciple.

After the death of Saint Gerasimus, the twenty-seven-year-old Cyriacus returned to the Lavra of Saint Euthymius, but he was no longer among the living. Saint Cyriacus asked for a solitary cell and there he pursued asceticism in silence, communicating only with the monk Thomas. But soon Thomas was sent to Alexandria where he was consecrated bishop, and Saint Cyriacus spent ten years in total silence. At 37 years of age he was ordained to the diaconate.

When a split occurred between the monasteries of Saint Euthymius and Saint Theoctistus, Saint Cyriacus withdrew to the Souka monastery of Saint Chariton (September 28). At this monastery they received even tonsured monks as novices, and so was Saint Cyriacus received. He toiled humbly at the regular

monastic obediences. After several years, Saint Cyriacus was ordained priest and chosen canonarch and did this obedience for eighteen years. Saint Cyriacus spent thirty years at the monastery of Saint Chariton.



Strict fasting and total lack of evil distinguished Saint Cyriacus even among the ascetics of the Lavra. In his cell each night he read the Psalter, interrupting the reading only to go to church at midnight. The ascetic slept very little. When the monk reached seventy years of age, he went to the Natoufa wilderness taking with him his disciple John.

In the desert the hermits fed themselves only with bitter herbs, which through the prayer of Saint Cyriacus was rendered edible. After five years one of the inhabitants found out about the ascetics and brought to them his demon-possessed son, and Saint Cyriacus healed him. From that time many people began to approach the monk with their needs, but he sought complete solitude and fled to the Rouva wilderness, where he dwelt five years more. But the sick and those afflicted by demons came to him in this wilderness, and the saint healed them all with the Sign of the Cross and by anointing them with oil.

At his 80th year of life Saint Cyriacus fled to the hidden Sousakim wilderness, where two dried up streams passed by. According to Tradition, the holy Prophet David brought Sousakim to attention: "Thou hast dried up the rivers of Etham" (Ps 73/74:15). After seven years, brethren of the Souka monastery came to him, beseeching his spiritual help during a period of debilitating hunger and illness, which God permitted.

They implored Saint Cyriacus to return to the monastery, and he settled in a cave, in which Saint Chariton had once lived.

Saint Cyriacus rendered great help to the Church in the struggle with the spreading heresy of the Origenists. By prayer and by word, he brought the wayward back to the true path, and strengthened the Orthodox in their faith. Cyril, the author of the Life of Saint Cyriacus, and a monk of the Lavra of Saint Euthymius, was a witness when Saint Cyriacus predicted the impending death of the chief heretics Nonos and Leontius, and soon the heresy would cease to spread.

The Most Holy Theotokos Herself commanded Saint Cyriacus to keep to the Orthodox teaching in its purity: Having appeared to him in a dream together with the Saints John the Baptist and John the Theologian, She refused to enter into the cell of the monk because in it was a book with the words of the heretic Nestorius. "In your cell is My enemy," She said (The appearance of the Most Holy Theotokos to Saint Cyriacus is commemorated on June 8).

## Lives of the Saints: St. Cyriacus Continued...

At the age of ninety-nine, Saint Cyriacus again went off to Susakim and lived there with his disciple John. In the wilderness a huge lion waited on Saint Cyriacus, protecting him from robbers, but it did not bother wandering brethren and it ate from the monk's hand.

Once in the heat of summer, all the water in the hollow of a rock dried up, where the ascetics had stored water during the winter, and there was no other source of water. Saint Cyriacus prayed, and rain fell, filling the pit with water.

For the two years before his death Saint Cyriacus returned to the monastery and again settled into the cave of Saint Chariton. Until the end of his life the righteous Elder preserved his courage, and prayed with fervor. He was never idle, either he prayed, or he worked. Before his death Saint Cyriacus summoned the brethren and blessed them all. He quietly fell asleep in the Lord, having lived 109 years.



*All families of the Ukrainian Catholic  
Eparchy of Edmonton  
are invited to*

### **A Celebration of Bishop David's Name Day**

Sunday, November 3, 2019

2:00 p.m.

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish

9507 Austin O'Brien Road,  
Edmonton

*Hosted by Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and St. Nicholas UCWLC Branches*

## **Little Friends of Jesus (LFJ) Calendar Dates 2019-2020**

CIX! We are excited for the new LFJ season. Please take note of our upcoming LFJ lessons and sign up for your child to bring a snack to share.

We recognize that parents are the child's first teacher. We will provide notes on each lesson and encourage you to do the enrichment activity with your children during the week.

✓September 15 (done)

✓September 29 (today)

• October 6

• October 20

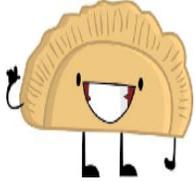
• November 3

• November 24

• December 1

• December 8 - St. Nicholas  
Celebration

• January 12

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy (with Little Friends of Jesus)</b></p> <p>UCWLC Photo after Liturgy</p> <p><b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>Melkite Lunch (Last Sunday of each month)</b></p> | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>10 am Fr. Bo Meeting<br/>1 pm Fr. Bo Meeting</p> <p>Anne Prokop's Birthday</p> | <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Big Feast: Protection of the MOG</b></p> <p><b>CORE Program at Camp Oselia</b></p> <p><b>Eparchial Catechist Workshop</b></p> | <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Edmonton Priest's Deanery Meeting</b></p>  | <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Fr. Bo presenting at St. Rose School's Faith Day</b></p> <p><b>7 pm Fr. Bo celebrates a Funeral (not at our church)</b></p> <p>St. Nicholas (Ukr) Parish's FFF</p> | <p><b>4</b></p>  | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>St. Vladimir Parish's Octoberfest</p>   |
| <p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b></p> <p>Protection of the BVM Parish's Praznyk</p>  | <p><b>7</b></p>  | <p><b>8</b></p>   | <p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>4 pm Camp Oselia Visioning Followup Meeting at the Eparchial Pastoral Centre</b></p> | <p><b>10</b></p>   | <p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Melkite Youth Bible Study in Parish Hall</b></p> <p><b>Women's Retreat at Camp Oselia.</b><br/>Fr. Bo celebrating Liturgy for them.</p> | <p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Women's Retreat at Camp Oselia.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b></p>   | <p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p>  | <p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>7 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Church</b></p>   | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>Joseph Paziuk's Birthday</p>   | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>St. Nicholas (Ukr) Parish's FFF</p>  | <p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Eparchial Convention</b></p> <p>Damen Hundt's Birthday</p>  | <p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Eparchial Convention</b></p> <p><b>1 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy (40 day memorial)</b></p> <p>St. Sophia Parish's Octoberfest</p>                     |
| <p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Eparchial Convention</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b></p> <p>Sera Nahachewsky's and Victor Lirette's Birthdays</p>                             | <p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Election Day</b></p> <p>Helen Sirman's Birthday</p>                         | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Ihor Genyk's Birthday</p>   | <p><b>23</b></p>   | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Anne Tymko's Birthday</p>  | <p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Eparchial Cantoring Course</b></p> <p><b>Melkite Youth Bible Study in Parish Hall</b></p> <p>Jack Bawol's Birthday</p>                  | <p><b>26</b></p>   |
| <p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b></p>   | <p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Clergy Study Days</b></p>   | <p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Clergy Study Days</b></p>  | <p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Clergy Study Days</b></p> <p>Katie Bunio's and Josie Zeleny's Birthdays</p>         | <p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Halloween</b></p> <p><b>Clergy Study Days</b></p>   | <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Clergy Study Days &amp; Conference</b></p>   | <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Our Perogy Supper</b></p>  <p>Redwater District's Puschenya</p> |

**Our Parish will pay the \$40 fee for ANY and EVERY parishioner to attend this course.**

**Let's sing together.**

# Parish & Eparchial & Beyond News:

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Mary** Orysiuk, **Jean** Miskiw, **Sarah** Komar, **Marge** Woitas, **Katie** Bunio, **Stella** Dronyk, **John** Puto, **Ann** Horsman, **Annie** Polack, **Louis** Pewar & **Rosa** Maria Santos. (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- We wish God's blessings and **happy birthday** to our parishioner: **Anne Prokop** who celebrates her birthday this week. God grant you many years!
- If we don't have your birthday, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email (or at least a piece of paper) with your corrected birthdate and name.
- **Last Call:** During the **month of September**, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its annual **Vocations and Seminary Collection**. "It takes a whole village to raise a child." It likewise takes the support of the whole Church to form a deacon, priest, religious, monastic and lay member for ministry in the Church. It also takes our support to offer on-going education and formation for those already in sacred orders or involved in lay ministry.

The faithful can acknowledge the role they play in nurturing vocations by offering their financial support to help defray such expenses as formation programs, retreats, conferences, seminars, tuition, books, and room and board.

The collection supports Holy Spirit Seminary, Edmonton; the Basilian House of Studies, Edmonton; the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Novitiate, Winnipeg; Clergy Study Days; and the Eparchial Diaconal and Lay Ministry Formation Programs;

The collection also assists the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto, which serves the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada by providing academic and spiritual formation for our future Church leaders.

Studying at Holy Spirit Seminary this year are:

  - **Deacon Cyril Kennedy** (Doctoral Studies in Sacred Scripture, Catholic University, Washington, DC);
  - **Roman Kobyletsky** (Pastoral Internship, Saint Josaphat Cathedral);
  - **Julian Savaryn** (Theology Studies, Newman Theological College, Edmonton)
  - **Orion Wiebe** (Philosophy/Theology Studies, University of Alberta/Newman Theological College, Edmonton)

**The suggested donation amount is \$25.00 per family. Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!**
- **FREE FOR PARISHIONERS OF DORMITION. ALL ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND:** The Eparchy of Edmonton invites you to participate in a Cantoring Course on Friday, October 25 (6:00-9:00 pm); and Saturday, October 26 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm), concluding with Great Vespers at 4:00 pm., at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, 10825 - 97th Street, Edmonton. Topics include: the Divine Liturgy, the Eight Resurrectional Tones (Troparia, Kontakia, Prokeimena, Alleluia with verses), and various changeable parts for Major Feasts, including the festal Irmos. Everything will be covered in English and Ukrainian (including transliteration). Cost: \$40 includes course materials, lunch and snacks. To register contact the Pastoral Centre ([chancery@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:chancery@edmontoneparchy.com)) or (780) 424-5496. Questions can also be directed to Dr. Melanie Turgeon ([melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca](mailto:melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca))."
- Ukrainian Catholic **Youth Convention** October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, to grow together in our Faith – Church Encountering Jesus. This is for youth and young adults Grade 8 and up. Our Convention starts Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Eparchial Pastoral Centre 9645 – 108 Avenue, Edmonton. We start off the day with games and discussion, afternoon at "Launchpad Trampoline Park" We will join the Women's League and Men's group for a banquet in the evening. For the youth that choose to sleep over, we will grab our sleeping bags to overnight in the Pastoral Centre, ending with the Divine Liturgy at the cathedral on Sunday morning. Just \$45 covers all your expenses including all meals and banquet, thanks to generous support from the UCWLC and Knights. Contact Millie by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Our (Dormition) UCWLC Branch would like to take a photo of the current members of our branch with our current pastor, after the September 29th Sunday Liturgy. Branch members are encouraged to wear black or navy with a white blouse or Ukrainian blouse for the photo. Also, UCWLC pins should be worn.
- Our (Dormition) UCWLC invites parishioners to **make food bank donations** which will be taken to Our Lady of Peace School to coincide with our upcoming grocery shop for the school, the first week of October. We will purchase fresh fruit and vegetables as well as nutritious non perishable items. Items to donate include - noodles, rice, soups, pasta, pasta sauces, canned beans, canned salmon or canned tuna and crackers. No boxes of cereal, but individual packets of oatmeal are welcomed. (The school staff told us that they receive boxed cereal from another organization.) All food donations are very much appreciated. The fresh fruit and vegetables are served at the school while the other items are sent home to help out families that are experiencing financial difficulties. Our Branch's support of Our Lady of Peace School fulfills one of the four areas that our UCWLC organization is mandated to engage in - that is, Social Justice and Charitable Works.

# More Parish & Eparchial & Beyond News:

- St. Vladimir's Parish invites you to their Octoberfest event on Saturday, October 5. Call Michelle at 780 566 1545 for info/tickets.
- Protection of the BVN Parish invites you to celebrate it's praznyk on Sunday, October 6, 2019. Divine Liturgy - 10:00 a.m. at the Church (3639 – 116 Ave. N.W.); Feast Day Dinner - 12:00 noon at Yang Ming Buffet (3414 – 118 Ave. N.W.). Tickets: \$25 - 13 years and up; 12 years & under – Free. Tickets can be purchased before October 1 from Helen Grykulak @ 780-479-6145 and Archy Ewaskiw @ 780-479-1012 . Everyone is welcome!
- St. Sophia Parish invites you to their Octoberfest event on Saturday, October 19. Call Marge at 780-416-0989 for info/tickets.
- Redwater & District parishes invite you to their Puschenia event on Saturday, November 2. Call Jacob at 780-292-0057 or Lawrence at 780-446-0415 for info/tickets.
- The World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on September 29. This year's theme, highlighted in Pope Francis' Message, is "It is not just about migrants." With this theme, Pope Francis desires that the plight of migrants, refugees,

internally displaced persons, and victims of human trafficking remain in our hearts and in our prayers, and are included among our concern for all marginalized people. The Holy Father's Message is available at: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco\\_20190527\\_world-migrants-day-2019.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20190527_world-migrants-day-2019.html)

- The 39<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Called to be Holy: Men's Retreat

**Nov. 1, 6:30 pm - Nov. 2, 4:30 pm, 2019**

Presenters and themes for this year's conference:

- **Mike Sheptak, Damein Zakordonski** - Testimony and Witness: Living Our Mission in the World.
- **Bishop David Motiuk** - Mission Accomplished: Saints, and Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.
- **Fr. Terry Cherwick** - Equipped for Mission: The Spiritual Preparation required for Mission.
- **Dr. Theresa Zolner** - The Eagle has Landed: Dealing with the psychological challenge of a Mission.
- **Darryl Tymchuk** - Mission 101: The "how to" of reaching others through Christ.

**LOCATION:** Providence Renewal Centre 3005 - 119 St NW, Edmonton

**COST:** Before Oct 5 - \$60.00 - commute, \$110.00 - live in.  
After Oct 5 - \$70.00 - commute, \$120.00 - live in.  
Includes Saturday breakfast, lunch and all snacks.  
Optional Friday supper - \$20.00

**REGISTER ONLINE** on the Eparchy of Edmonton Website.

**MORE INFORMATION:** call: 780-424-5496 or email: [education@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:education@edmontoneparchy.com).

Deadline for registrations is Oct 25, 2019. No late registrations will be accepted.

## 2019 Women's Retreat: Crossing Over through Change and Transition

Women of all ages, you are invited to a quiet, 24 hour "Away Retreat".

**Fri. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 6:30pm -  
Sat. Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 6:30pm**

**Retreat facilitator: Denise Laverdure-Sych**

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

**COST:** Before Sept 1, \$65. After Sept 1, \$75, all meals and snacks are included.

- Private rooms are available on a first come first serve basis, so register early to reserve yours!
- A Shuttle to and from camp will be available at a cost of \$15.00. Indicate this on your registration.

Questions? – Call 780-424-5496 or email [education@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:education@edmontoneparchy.com)

Register online ([eeparchy.com](http://eeparchy.com)) Deadline: Sept 30.



# Ukrainian Catholic Youth Convention

If you are between the ages of Grade 8 to Young Adult, come JOIN US for the UCY Convention in Edmonton!

***Events include sessions:***

- Icebreakers
- Meeting youth from other parishes
  - Launchpad Trampoline Park
  - Banquet \* Stay Overnight

**Lots of fun!**

**Cost:**

Just \$45 for the entire weekend  
(includes meals and overnight stay!)  
Sponsored by UCWLC, UCBCand the Knights of Columbus

**Register:**

Email Millie before October 10  
youth@edmontoneparchy.com  
or call or text Millie at 780- 446-1061

## Family, Faith, Friends!



Check out this parent's group offered through the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton!



*Start your fall off right! Join us as we grow in our own faith, and share parenting ideas and friendship over a cup of coffee.*

**Childcare is provided.**

**Registration is \$25.00 per family for the year.**

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month  
9:00-11:30 am Sept. 19, 2019 - May 2020  
St. Nicholas Church, 9507 Austin O'Brien Rd.  
Call or text Christina - 780-914-9093,



**Tentative Schedule for 2019-2020 year. This is subject to change. Contact Christina 780-914-9093, for more information.**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| October 3  | Creating a Sensory Bin Session  |
| October 17 | Healthy snacks/mom hacks  |
| Nov 7      | Sensory Bin Trade Day, Book sharing   |
| Nov 21     | Healthy Snack/ Mom hacks  |
| Dec 5      | Keeping Christ in Christmas   |
| Dec 19     | Didukh Making   |
| Jan 16     | Social Justice - presentation   |
| Feb 6      | Bringing Up Boys - presentation   |
| Feb 20     | Marriage Presentation   |
| March 5    | The Great Fast as a Family  |
| March 19   | Petrykivka painting project   |
| April 2    | Petrykivka continued  |
| April 16   | Visit to the Eparchy Pastoral Centre  |
| May 7      | Learning about the Summer Feast days (Pentecost/<br>Transfiguration/)Dormition/ |
| May 21     | Service Project   |

his year we will be reading and discussing the book: *The Tech Talk, Strategies for Families in a Digital World* from Our Sunday Visitor Publishing.



# VOTING AS CATHOLICS

## 2019 Federal Election Guide

### Voting: A Right and Responsibility

Canadian Catholics are being called upon as citizens to exercise their right to vote. The Church encourages and reasserts its belief in “the political freedom and responsibility of citizens.”<sup>1</sup> By exercising their right to vote, citizens fulfill their duty of choosing a government and at the same time send a clear signal to the candidates being presented by their political parties for election. The important time leading up to an election also provides Canadians with the opportunity to interact with fellow voters, one’s neighbours, and the candidates themselves (particularly during their visits to neighbourhoods), raising awareness about the values, views, and concerns shared by Catholics across the country.

Political candidates are citizens, too. In addition, they assume responsibility for the well-being of the public. Their commitment and dedication are a generous contribution to society’s common good. Indeed, the purpose of the political community is itself the common good, namely, “the sum of those conditions of [...] social life whereby people, families and associations more adequately and readily may attain their own perfection.”<sup>2</sup>

#### Working to Build a Better Society

While Christian beliefs do not constitute a political platform, they can be seen as a prism through which to analyze and evaluate government policies, laws, and programs. The principles of respect for life from conception to natural death and of the dignity of the human person should influence how Christians assess a party’s position on key moral issues. Choosing life also means being always concerned for the weakest among us – physically, economically, and socially. It likewise implies the protection of the most fundamental human rights, including the right to religious freedom and freedom of conscience.

A more just society is also built when we live in solidarity and dialogue with different social partners, including Indigenous Peoples, as well as by supporting families and ensuring adequate funding for education, healthcare, housing, and the prevention and treatment of addictions.

Working with fellow citizens to address social concerns is fundamentally built on a view of the person inherently belonging to a community. To ensure our communities are truly welcoming and humane, we must also combat all forms of poverty, which inevitably result in the segregation and isolation of individuals.

Canada in the World: Providing Leadership for Justice and Peace

Believing in justice and peace includes daring to take a stand against the arms trade and against human trafficking, which exploits young people and workers. It means entering into

international treaties that respect the planet, our common home, as well as tirelessly working for the expansion of peace everywhere.

#### Voting Means Using Your Judgment

Exercising the right to vote means making informed and discerning judgments about the options available. There are times, however, when making a decision about who to vote for may prove very difficult. The Church reminds us that “in this context, it must be noted also that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law in which the fundamental content of faith and morals is replaced by the introduction of proposals differing from this content or opposing it.”<sup>3</sup>

It is a sign of a healthy democratic community when informed and responsible citizens engage in an ongoing dialogue on major social issues with their political leaders. This is precisely the kind of community we should strive to support and develop. No less is expected of us, since all are called to take an active part in morally shaping the societies we inhabit and, Christians in particular, to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable.

1. Second Vatican Council, *The Church in the Modern World*, n. 76.3.
2. Second Vatican Council, *The Church in the Modern World*, n. 74.1.
3. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Doctrinal Note: On Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life*,
4. See also the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 2242.

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# Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy

**Troparion, Tone 7:** 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.

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

**Kontakion, Tone 7:** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,\* for Christ went down shattering and destroying it's powers.\* Hades is bound.\* The prophets exult with one voice.\* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying:\* "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Theotokion, Tone 7:** O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you,\* bring us up from the pit and depth of sin,\* for you have saved those subject to sin\* by giving birth to our Salvation,\* O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth,\* and still a Virgin after childbirth.

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## Prokeimenon, Tone 7

The Lord will give strength to His people;\* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

**verse:** Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams.

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## Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Brothers and Sisters: As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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## Alleluia, Tone 7

**verse:** It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

**verse:** To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night.

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## Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord told this parable: "a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the

ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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## Communion Hymn

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





# New Updated Questionnaire

Tear this sheet off, fill it out, and give it to Fr. Bo

I would like to teach everyone about the Divine Liturgy in the next few weeks to come.

## What would be good for you? (check one or more)

- Wednesdays at 4 pm
- Wednesdays at 7 pm
- Thursdays at 4 pm
- Thursdays at 7 pm
- Please teach using Online Videos, which I can access whenever (and share with others)
- I don't do "Videos" on the internet

Would you come (regularly) for a week day prayer service like we did last year (6pm)?

- Yes
- Sometimes
- No

**Also:** Do you plan on attending the upcoming Cantoring Workshop on October 25 (all day)

- Yes
- No

**Other Ideas or Comments:**