



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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Sunday, December 1, 2019

- Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 8;
- The Holy Prophet Nahum (7th century BC)



Picture from Last Year's St. Nicholas Concert.

The feast of St. Nicholas (Svyatai Mykolai) is quickly approaching. **We will be celebrating St. Nicholas Day on Sunday, December 8.**

The focus of this year's program is Following the Star. The Christmas star symbolizes the star of Bethlehem, which guided the three kings, or wise men, to baby Jesus. The star is also the heavenly sign of a prophecy fulfilled long ago and the shining hope for humanity.

In preparation for this special event, the Little Friends of Jesus are asking for your help to make this annual and beloved day a success. The "Little Friends of Jesus" would like to be a light for Our Lady of Peace School whose students are in need. Our youngest parishioners are leading a drive to collect new hats, scarves, mitts and socks for Our Lady of Peace School. The Little Friends of Jesus sincerely ask for your assistance in gathering these items to donate. Donation boxes are available in the church hall.

Tenth Annual
Bishop's Gala

Tuesday,
December 3, 2019

Chateau Louis
Conference Centre
Edmonton

Cocktails 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm

Honourary Chair
Alicia Chichak
Extraordinary Disciple

Baptized and Sent
"Living the Missionary Spirit"

Tickets \$ 180.00
Available at the Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral Centre
780-454-8496 or clancc@edmontoncpcath.com

This Tuesday is Bishop's Annual Gala.

At this Gala there will be a lot of fancy shmancy stuff and cool fundraising efforts, but the part I'm looking forward to most is listening to Alicia Chichak: a young adult who will talk about being alive in the church today. She realizes that each of us, by virtue of our life in Christ, has a profound call to make a difference in the world. She is not afraid to listen to God's plans for her and get her hands dirty. Very inspirational.

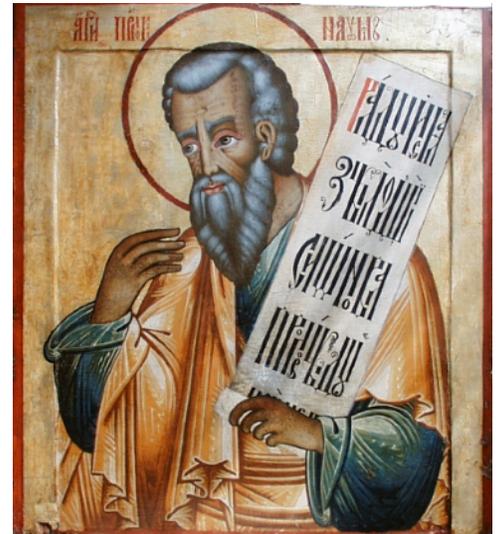
Saints of the Day (taken from OCA.org)

The Holy Prophet Nahum, whose name means “God consoles,” was from the village of Elkosh (Galilee). He lived during the seventh century B.C. The Prophet Naum prophesies the ruin of the Assyrian city of Nineveh because of its iniquity, the destruction of the Israelite kingdom, and the blasphemy of King Sennacherib against God. The Assyrian king Ashurbanipal died in 632 B.C., and over the next two decades, his empire began to crumble. Nineveh fell in 612 B.C.

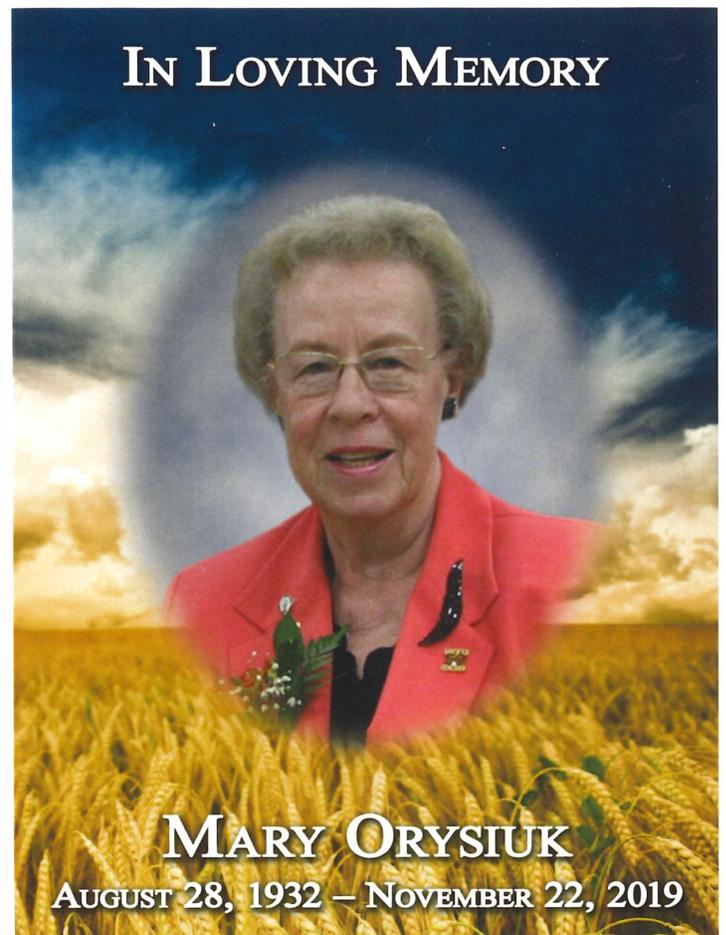
Nahum differs from most of the prophets in as much as he does not issue any call to repentance, nor does he denounce Israel for infidelity to God.

Details of the prophet’s life are unknown. He died at the age of forty-five, and was buried in his native region. He is the seventh of the Twelve Minor Prophets

The Prophet Nahum and Saint Nahum of Ochrid (December 23) are invoked for people with mental disorders.



Give repose with all the saints, O Lord, Everlasting memory, Vichnaya Pamyat.



Our heart felt sympathies to the families of both + Annie and +Mary.

Thank you to all those who helped with these funerals this past week.



Last Thursday we had a good “Liturgical Singing with Namisha” session. In it Fr Bo discussed how we will divide the singing of the liturgy as equally as possible in both Ukrainian and English.

We also arranged with her a

“Liturgical Singing BLITZ!”

This means that Namisha will join us for many of the Sundays of December and all of the Sundays of January and February PLUS

There will be weekly singing practices on Thursdays at 7:30 (with the exception of during the Christmas Holidays)

Here are the dates:

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| • Thursday, December 5: | Practice | • Thursday, January 30: | Practice |
| • Thursday, December 12: | Practice | • Sunday, February 2: | Namisha at DL |
| • Sunday, December 15: | Namisha at DL | • Thursday, February 6: | Practice |
| • Thursday, December 19: | Practice | • Sunday, February 2: | Namisha at DL |
| • Sunday, December 22: | Namisha at DL? | • Thursday, February 6: | Practice |
| • Sunday, December 29: | Namisha at DL | • Sunday, February 9: | Namisha at DL |
| • Sunday, January 5: | Namisha at DL | • Thursday, February 13: | Practice |
| • Thursday, January 9: | Practice | • Sunday, February 16: | Namisha at DL |
| • Sunday, January 12: | Namisha at DL | • Thursday, February 20: | Practice |
| • Sunday, January 19: | Namisha at DL | • Sunday, February 23: | Namisha at DL |
| • Thursday, January 23: | Practice | • Thursday, February 27: | Practice |
| • Sunday, January 26: | Namisha at DL | | |



UNDERSTANDING THE DIVINE LITURGY

Our November Mini-Series with Fr. Bo

It's over. And it's still being worked on.

The Mini-Series went very well. Those who attended all said that they learned a lot about why, how and what we do in the Divine Liturgy each week. This week we focused on the Liturgy from the reception of the Eucharist to the forms of the agape meal that remain and are practiced in the “Antidore”, the “Coffee Fellowship” and the distribution of food to the poor.

Fr. Bo is working on putting the whole thing in video format. Of course this takes a lot of time and effort and probably will not be done any time soon. But part by part it will get done.

Top Right: Fr. Bo demonstrating and explaining the “Teplota” (aka Zeon).

Bottom Right: Brian demonstrating how NOT to receive Eucharist.



Dear Catholic Education Stakeholder and Supporter,

Catholic Education is alive and well in Alberta, educating more than 180,000 students across our province. Excellent academic learning within a faith-based community is the hallmark of Alberta's Catholic Schools. In our celebrations of Catholic Education Sunday on November 3, the Bishops of Alberta reminded us of the responsibility we have to support, protect and advocate for this publicly funded gift. (Please reread this Letter on the next page. It was printed earlier on the Nov. 3rd Bulletin.)

The government of Alberta has recently created and distributed a survey asking Albertans to provide feedback on choice in education. The survey link is here.<<https://www.alberta.ca/choice-in-education-engagement.aspx>> The deadline for response is December 6.

It is essential that all who support Catholic education take the time to make their voices heard. In a recent public forum, Archbishop Smith of the Edmonton archdiocese stated: "There have been Catholic divisions throughout the country that we've lost largely because of apathetic Catholics. We have to encourage everyone to be resolute because so much is at stake. We can never grow apathetic where we're delivering authentic Catholic formation to our children."

Here's what you can do to support Catholic schools:

1. Read the attached letter from the Bishops of Alberta
2. Complete the survey and ensure that you speak directly in support of Catholic education!
3. Forward the survey link to friends, family and supporters and encourage them to do the same. We need the government to receive a strong, passionate response to the questions they are asking!

Thank you!

Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education





The Catholic Bishops
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November 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

United in Prayer and Grateful for Catholic Schools

Catholic Education Sunday is an annual opportunity to celebrate Catholic schools in the province of Alberta. Publicly funded Catholic education is a gift that we acknowledge with deep gratitude and embrace with unwavering resolve. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide faith-based education to more than 180,000 students in Alberta and for the teachers, administrators, parents, students, priests and parishioners who are committed to Catholic Education.

The Alberta Bishops' commitment to Catholic education is resolute and we are actively working and advocating to ensure the future of Catholic education. One year ago, we announced the formation of GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education), a joint initiative with the Catholic School Trustees and Superintendents that will unite, engage, educate and communicate on behalf of Catholic education throughout the province of Alberta. Since that announcement, GrACE groups have been established across our province and these grassroots movements have begun the vital work of prayer, dialogue and action. Community engagement sessions have been widely attended and this reflects the Catholic community's proactive advocacy and engagement on behalf of our publicly funded Catholic schools.

Everyone has a role to play in Catholic education and this includes each of us. Keep our Catholic schools in your prayers that God may lead them in faithfulness, wisdom and charity; get informed about the issues; and commit to the work of advocacy to sustain their future. We invite you to become a positive voice in this conversation. Your involvement will support the many parents who see religion and the Catholic faith as an integral value in the education and formation of their children.

The Bishops of Alberta are encouraged by the active response of our Catholic community in past decades and today to the support of this ministry of the Church. The future of Catholic education will be supported by your prayers, involvement, and advocacy. Just as the Christian community at Colossae was advised by Paul to, "devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" (Colossians 4:2), we too, live in gratitude for our Catholic schools and are called to vigilance and prayer.

We are encouraged by the GrACE initiative to organize a Prayer Novena that will unite our Catholic parishes and schools in a spirit of devotional prayer to further our commitment to Catholic education in Alberta. Let us petition the Lord to direct our actions by His inspiration, and support them by His aid, that every prayer and work in our Catholic schools may begin with His grace and be completed in His service.

May all of our efforts unite us and strengthen our ongoing commitment to Catholic education. We extend to our Catholic school communities our prayers and blessing for offering this Novena and celebrating Catholic Education Sunday.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT

- ❖ Most Reverend Richard W. Smith Archbishop of Edmonton
- ❖ Most Reverend David Motiuk
Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton
- ❖ Most Reverend Paul Terrio Bishop of St. Paul
- ❖ Most Reverend William T. McGrattan Bishop of Calgary
- ❖ Most Reverend Gerard Pettipas CSsR Archbishop
Grouard-McLennan
- ❖ Most Reverend Jon Hansen CSsR Bishop of
Mackenzie-Fort Smith

Parish, Eparchial & Beyond News:

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Miranda** Mayko, **Jean** Miskew, **Sarah** Komar, **Marge** Woitas, **Katie** Bunio, **John** Puto, **Ann** Horsman, **Louis** Pewart & **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: **Suanne** Workun, **Isabella** Gnutel and **David** Laschuk who both 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 **First Solemn Communion Camp** at Camp Oselia will be our parish's FSC program. If your child is in or near grade 2 and ready to receive their sacraments, please contact Fr. Bo
- **Attention Parish Pastoral Council:** The next parish Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday, December 4th.
- The **Tenth Annual Bishop's Gala** will take place on **Tuesday, December 3** at the Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Centre, beginning with a cocktail reception and silent auction at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and an exciting live auction. This festive gala raises funds to support the operation and programming of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. Tickets are \$180 each or \$1440 per table of eight. A charitable tax receipt for \$85 will be issued per ticket. Contact the Pastoral Centre to purchase tickets: 780 424 5496 or chancery@eeparchy.com.
- The **Annual Bishop's Appeal Collection** "What Gift Have I, Worthy of a King?" takes place on Sunday, **December 8**. The Appeal coincides with the Feast of Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra. Saint Nicholas is uniquely tied to Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' birth. Early stories about Saint Nicholas carry with them the Nativity themes of love and justice. He is characterized as a generous and pious servant of God, caring for children and families, and providing gifts for their spiritual and physical well-being. And that's what the Ukrainian Catholic Church is all about. Caring and providing for the faithful throughout the Province of Alberta. Help Bishop David in spreading the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by supporting our Eparchial ministries and offices, including: Youth Ministry, Family Life Ministries, Religious Education, Liturgy Office, Vocations, Ecumenism, Social Outreach, and Marriage Tribunal. With Christmas on our doorstep, one of the holiest times of the year, and in the spirit of Saint Nicholas, what gift do you bring now to the infant Jesus, who lays quietly and peacefully in a manger? Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!
- The **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples** will be celebrated on **December 12**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Latin calendar), Patroness of the Americas. In view of this day of prayer, please find attached the 2019 Message for the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, with the theme Year of Indigenous Language (as declared by the United Nations).
- **Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Bishop Stephen Chmilar.** Bishop Stephen, who is in his 75th year of age, served the Eparchy of Toronto for the past 16 years.
- At the same time, the **Holy Father appointed Bishop Bryan Bayda as Apostolic Administrator** of the Eparchy of Toronto. Bishop Bryan remains as the Bishop of the Eparchy of Saskatoon.
- His Beatitude **Patriarch Sviatoslav appointed Iryna Laschuk**, Chancellor, Eparchy of Edmonton, as a **member of the Pastoral Council of the Patriarchal Curia.** The newly formed Council will continue the work of Vision 2020: Places to Encounter the Living Christ.
- In light of questions recently raised regarding the efforts of the Catholic Church in Canada to respond to the legacy of clergy sexual abuse, for example by way of the publication of names of the "credibly accused," the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB)** wishes to provide an account of some of the **steps the Bishops of Canada are currently taking on this transformative journey:** [Update on the Implementation of the Guidelines on Protecting Minors From Sexual Abuse](#)
- Bishop David, the entire Pastoral Centre staff and volunteers extend to the clergy, religious, monastic, and faithful of the Eparchy of Edmonton a joyous celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and prayerful best wishes for the New Year.



We are still looking to HIRE a SNOW SHOVELER for our parish to start immediately.

We even provide a shovel and snowblower for you to use while cleaning our church.

If you are interested please contact Simon Pryma immediately at prymas@shaw.ca or at 780-902-4499.

Because this job includes getting a set of church keys, the successful applicant will have to be willing to have a Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector so as to comply with our parish's "Working Together For Safer Environments Protocol".

2019 Eparchial

First Solemn Communion Camp



March 20 - 24

First Solemn Communion is an important step in the journey of every Catholic. It is all about receiving the Body and Blood of Christ on one's own, and learning how to prepare for it by the participation in the Mystery (Sacrament) of Reconciliation.

- This camp is for children (aprox. grade 2) who are ready to receive their First Solemn Communion, but do not fit into their own parish's First Solemn Communion program.
- It is a full program condensed into 4 full days, where the child and their parent/adult both learn, have fun, grow in community and are prepared to return to their own parish to receive the sacraments in and with their community.
- This camp works WITH your parish. Your pastor needs to know that you are planning to participate in this camp, and will be receiving the sacraments in your parish when it is done. If you don't currently belong to a parish community, we will happily help you find one near you.

- If you are interested in coming to this camp with your child (yes, one adult must be present too) please go to

CampOselia.com
for more information and to enrol.



**Camp
Oselia**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus 2 pm Melkite Liturgy Suanne Workun's Birthday	2  Isabella Gnutel's Birthday Fr. Bo Fellowship Meeting in ShPk	3  Bishop's Gala  David Laschuk's Birthday	4  Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm	5  Religious Education Commission Meeting  LITURGICAL SINGING WITH NAMISHA at 7:30 pm	6  Feast of St. Nicholas  Melkite Youth Sts. Nick & Barbara Event	7 
8 10 am Divine Liturgy with Little Friends of Jesus' St. Nicholas Concert  2 pm Melkite Liturgy	9  Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's Seminary Fr. Bo Fellowship Meeting in ShPk	10  Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's Seminary Andrij Genyk's Birthday	11  Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's Seminary Steve Dasher's Birthday	12  Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's Seminary  LITURGICAL SINGING WITH NAMISHA at 7:30 pm	13  Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's Seminary	14 
15 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	16 	17 	18 	19   LITURGICAL SINGING WITH NAMISHA at 7:30 pm	20  Melkite Youth?	21 
22 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	23 	24  The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord.  10 pm Complines & Festal Divine Liturgy	25 The Nativity of our Lord.  10 am Festal Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	26 Synaxis of the Mother of God	27	28
29 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	30	31 New Years Eve	1 St. Basil the Great & the Circumcision of our Lord 10 am Divine Liturgy Irene Pryma's Birthday	2	3 Melkite Youth? Greg Ostopowich's Birthday	4
5 The Eve of Theophany 	6 Theophany 	7 Samuel Bryson's Birthday	8 George Laschuk's Birthday	9	10	11 Michael Orysiuk's and Kristofer Workun's Birthdays

Dormition Parish's 2019-20 Christmas - Theophany Season Schedule:

Feast	Date	Service	Time
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, Dec. 24	Complines & Liturgy	10 pm
Christmas Day	Wednesday, Dec. 25	Festal Divine Liturgy	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Sunday after the Nativity: St. Joseph, St. King David & St. James	Sunday, Dec 29	Sunday Divine Liturgy	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
St. Basil's / Circumcision / New Year's	Wednesday, Jan. 1	Liturgy	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Sunday, before Theophany & Theophany Eve	Sunday, Jan. 5	Divine Liturgy followed by the Great Blessing of Water	10 am
Theophany Day	Sunday Jan. 6	Festal Divine Liturgy	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Sunday after Theophany & our Parish "Kutia"	Sunday, Jan. 12	Regular Sunday Liturgy with the traditional Parish Meal: "Kutia"	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm



Please invite your friends, neighbours and family members to the services. Let's tell the whole world about how God loves us so much that he comes to dwell with us.

Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy

Troparion: You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

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

Kontakion: When You rose from the tomb,* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam.* Eve exults in Your resurrection,* and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead,* O most merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: To you, O Mother of God,* the invincible leader,* we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns* in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil.* With your invincible power free us from all dangers* that we may cry out to you:* "Hail, O bride, and pure Virgin!"

Prokeimenon:

Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and Sisters: I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Alleluia, Tone 8

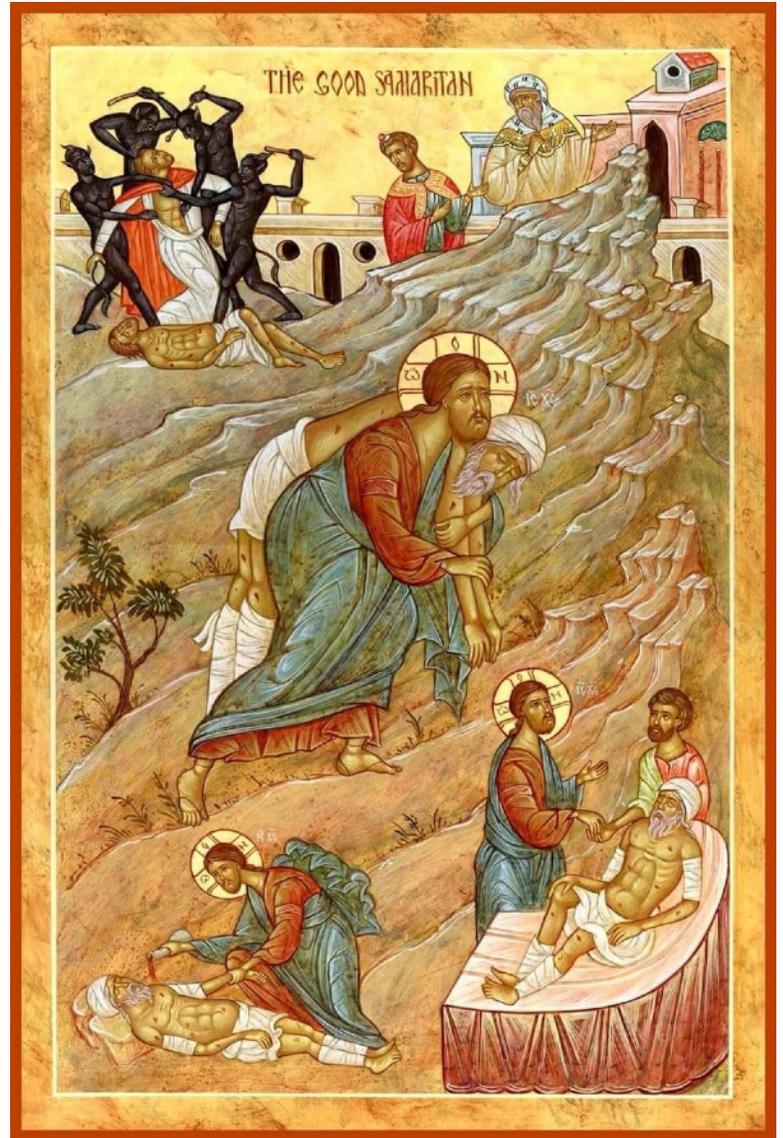
verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

At that time; a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from



Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Communion Hymn

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