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(see calendar)

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**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

31st Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 7; Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (c. 390)

**Christ Is Born! - Let us glorify Him!**

**House Blessing season is upon us!**

To book your house blessing time, please fill out one of the slots on the schedule on the bulletin board.



**Welcome WCACYM people**

(Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers).

We are happy to have you at our 5pm Saturday service.

**News about our Bishops:**

(Although Bishop David now has a new job, don't panic, he is not leaving us.)

- The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne of the Ukrainians, Australia, presented by **Archbishop Peter Stasiuk, C.S.R.**
- The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne of the Ukrainians the **Reverend Mykola Bychok, C.S.R.**, currently vicar of the Saint John the Baptist parish in Newark, U.S.A.
- The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the eparchy of the Holy Family of London of the Ukrainians, Great Britain, **Bishop Kenneth Anthony Adam Nowakowski**, transferring him from the eparchy of New Westminster of Ukrainians (Canada).
- The Holy Father has appointed as apostolic administrator of the eparchy of New Westminster of the Ukrainians, Canada, **Bishop David Motiuk** of the eparchy of Edmonton of the Ukrainians. Bishop David continues as Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton.



**Our First "Community Night" will take place on THURSDAY, January 31 at 6pm.**

**More details inside this bulletin.**

## Today's Saint of the Day (taken from [OCA.ORG](http://OCA.ORG))

**Saint Macarius the Great of Egypt** was born in the early fourth century in the village of Ptinapor in Egypt. At the wish of his parents he entered into marriage, but was soon widowed. After he buried his wife, Macarius told himself, "Take heed, Macarius, and have care for your soul. It is fitting that you forsake worldly life."

The Lord rewarded the saint with a long life, but from that time the memory of death was constantly with him, impelling him to ascetic deeds of prayer and penitence. He began to visit the church of God more frequently and to be more deeply absorbed in Holy Scripture, but he did not leave his aged parents, thus fulfilling the commandment to honor one's parents.

Until his parents died, Saint Macarius used his remaining substance to help them and he began to pray fervently that the Lord might show him a guide on the way to salvation. The Lord sent him an experienced Elder, who lived in the desert not far from the village. The Elder accepted the youth with love, guided him in the spiritual science of watchfulness, fasting and prayer, and taught him the handicraft of weaving baskets. After building a separate cell not far from his own, the Elder settled his disciple in it.

The local bishop arrived one day at Ptinapor and, knowing of the saint's virtuous life, ordained him against his will. Saint Macarius was overwhelmed by this disturbance of his silence, and so he went secretly to another place. The Enemy of our salvation began a tenacious struggle with the ascetic, trying to terrify him, shaking his cell and suggesting sinful thoughts. Saint Macarius repelled the attacks of the devil, defending himself with prayer and the Sign of the Cross.

Evil people slandered the saint, accusing him of seducing a woman from a nearby village. They dragged him out of his cell and jeered at him. Saint Macarius endured the temptation with great humility. Without a murmur, he sent the money that he got for his baskets for the support of the pregnant woman.

The innocence of Saint Macarius was manifested when the woman, who suffered torment for many days, was not able to give birth. She confessed that she had slandered the hermit, and revealed the name of the real father. When her parents found out the truth, they were astonished and intended to go to the saint to ask forgiveness. Though Saint Macarius willingly accepted dishonor, he shunned the praise of men. He fled from that place by night and settled on Mt. Nitria in the Pharan desert.

Thus human wickedness contributed to the prospering of the righteous. Having dwelt in the desert for three years, he went to Saint Anthony the Great, the Father of Egyptian monasticism, for he had heard that he was still alive in the world, and he longed to see him. Abba Anthony received him with love, and Macarius became his devoted disciple and follower. Saint Macarius lived with him for a long time and then, on the advice of the saintly abba, he went off to the Skete monastery (in the northwest part of Egypt). He so shone forth in asceticism that he came to be called "a young Elder," because he had distinguished himself as an experienced and mature monk, even though he was not quite thirty years old.

Saint Macarius survived many demonic attacks against him. Once, he was carrying palm branches for weaving baskets, and a devil met him on the way and wanted to strike him with a sickle, but he was not able to do this. He said, "Macarius, I suffer great anguish from you because I am unable to vanquish you. I do everything that you do. You fast, and I eat nothing at all. You keep vigil, and I never sleep. You surpass me only in one thing: humility."

When the saint reached the age of forty, he was ordained to the priesthood and made the head of the monks living in the desert of Skete. During these years, Saint Macarius often visited with Saint Anthony the Great, receiving guidance from him in spiritual conversations. Abba Macarius was deemed worthy to be present at the death of Saint Anthony and he received

his staff. He also received a double portion of the Anthony's spiritual power, just as the prophet Elisha once received a double portion of the grace of the prophet Elias, along with the mantle that he dropped from the fiery chariot.

Saint Macarius worked many healings. People thronged to him from various places for help and for advice, asking his holy prayers. All this unsettled the quietude of the saint. He therefore dug out a deep cave under his cell, and hid there for prayer and meditation.

Saint Macarius attained such boldness before God that, through his prayers, the Lord raised the dead. Despite attaining such heights of holiness, he continued to preserve his unusual humility. One time the holy abba caught a thief loading his things on a donkey standing near the cell. Without revealing that he was the owner of these things, the monk began to help tie up the load. Having removed himself from the world, the monk told himself, "We bring nothing at all into this world; clearly, it is not possible to take anything out from it. Blessed be the Lord for all things!"



# Saint Macarius the Great of Egypt page 2

Once, Saint Macarius was walking and saw a skull lying upon the ground. He asked, "Who are you?" The skull answered, "I was a chief priest of the pagans. When you, Abba, pray for those in hell, we receive some mitigation."

The monk asked, "What are these torments?" "We are sitting in a great fire," replied the skull, "and we do not see one another. When you pray, we begin to see each other somewhat, and this affords us some comfort." Having heard such words, the saint began to weep and asked, "Are there still more fiercesome torments?" The skull answered, "Down below us are those who knew the Name of God, but spurned Him and did not keep His commandments. They endure even more grievous torments."

Once, while he was praying, Saint Macarius heard a voice: "Macarius, you have not yet attained such perfection in virtue as two women who live in the city." The humble ascetic went to the city, found the house where the women lived, and knocked. The women received him with joy, and he said, "I have come from the desert seeking you in order to learn of your good deeds. Tell me about them, and conceal nothing."

The women answered with surprise, "We live with our husbands, and we have not such virtues." But the saint continued to insist, and the women then told him, "We married two brothers. After living together in one house for fifteen years, we have not uttered a single malicious nor shameful word, and we never quarrel among ourselves. We asked our husbands to allow us to enter a women's monastery, but they would not agree. We vowed not to utter a single worldly word until our death."

Saint Macarius glorified God and said, "In truth, the Lord seeks neither virgins nor married women, and neither monks nor laymen, but values a person's free intent, accepting it as the deed itself. He grants to everyone's free will the grace of the Holy Spirit, which operates in an individual and directs the life of all who yearn to be saved."

During the years of the reign of the Arian emperor Valens (364-378), Saint Macarius the Great and Saint Macarius of Alexandria was subjected to persecution by the followers of the Arian bishop Lucius. They seized both Elders and put them on a ship, sending them to an island where only pagans lived. By the prayers of the saints, the daughter of a pagan priest was delivered from an evil spirit. After this, the pagan priest and all the inhabitants of the island were baptized. When he heard

what had happened, the Arian bishop feared an uprising and permitted the Elders to return to their monasteries.

The meekness and humility of the monk transformed human souls. "A harmful word," said Abba Macarius, "makes good things bad, but a good word makes bad things good." When the monks asked him how to pray properly, he answered, "Prayer does not require many words. It is needful to say only, "Lord, as Thou wilt and as Thou knowest, have mercy on me." If an enemy should fall upon you, you need only say, "Lord, have mercy!" The Lord knows that which is useful for us, and grants us mercy."

When the brethren asked how a monk ought to comport himself, the saint replied, "Forgive me, I am not yet a monk, but I have seen monks. I asked them what I must do to be a monk. They answered, 'If a man does not withdraw himself from everything which is in the world, it is not possible to be a monk.' Then I said, 'I am weak and cannot be as you are.' The monks responded, 'If you cannot renounce the world as we have, then go to your cell and weep for your sins.'"

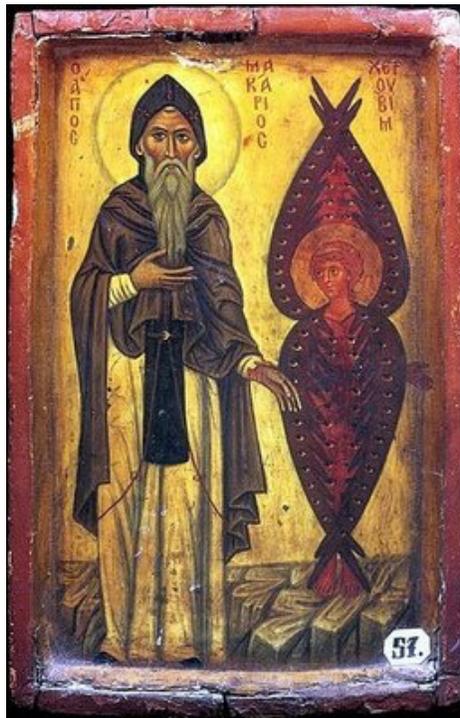
Saint Macarius gave advice to a young man who wished to become a monk: "Flee from people and you shall be saved." That one asked: "What does it mean to flee from people?" The monk answered: "Sit in your cell and repent of your sins."

Saint Macarius sent him to a cemetery to rebuke and then to praise the dead. Then he asked him what they said to him. The young man replied, "They were silent to

both praise and reproach." "If you wish to be saved, be as one dead. Do not become angry when insulted, nor puffed up when praised." And further: "If slander is like praise for you, poverty like riches, insufficiency like abundance, then you shall not perish."

The prayer of Saint Macarius saved many in perilous circumstances of life, and preserved them from harm and temptation. His benevolence was so great that they said of him: "Just as God sees the whole world, but does not chastize sinners, so also does Abba Macarius cover his neighbor's weaknesses, which he seemed to see without seeing, and heard without hearing."

The monk lived until the age of ninety. Shortly before his death, Saints Anthony and Pachomius appeared to him, bringing the joyful message of his departure to eternal life in nine days. After instructing his disciples to preserve the monastic Rule and



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the traditions of the Fathers, he blessed them and began to prepare for death. Saint Macarius departed to the Lord saying, "Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

Abba Macarius spent sixty years in the wilderness, being dead to the world. He spent most of his time in conversation with God, often in a state of spiritual rapture. But he never ceased to weep, to repent and to work. The saint's profound theological writings are based on his own personal experience. Fifty Spiritual Homilies and seven Ascetic Treatises survive as the precious legacy of his spiritual wisdom. Several prayers composed by Saint Macarius the Great are still used by the Church in the Prayers Before Sleep and also in the Morning Prayers.

Man's highest goal and purpose, the union of the soul with God, is a primary principle in the works of Saint Macarius. Describing the methods for attaining mystical communion, the saint relies upon the experience of the great teachers of Egyptian monasticism and on his own experience. The way to God and the experience of the holy ascetics of union with God is revealed to each believer's heart.

Earthly life, according to Saint Macarius, has only a relative significance: to prepare the soul, to make it capable of perceiving the heavenly Kingdom, and to establish in the soul an affinity with the heavenly homeland.

"For those truly believing in Christ, it is necessary to change and transform the soul from its present degraded nature into another, divine nature, and to be fashioned anew by the power of the Holy Spirit."

This is possible, if we truly believe and we truly love God and have observed all His holy commandments. If one betrothed to

Christ at Baptism does not seek and receive the divine light of the Holy Spirit in the present life, "then when he departs from the body, he is separated into the regions of darkness on the left side. He does not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but has his end in hell with the devil and his angels" (Homily 30:6).

In the teaching of Saint Macarius, the inner action of the Christian determines the extent of his perception of divine truth and love. Each of us acquires salvation through grace and the divine gift of the Holy Spirit, but to attain a perfect measure of virtue, which is necessary for the soul's assimilation of this divine gift, is possible only "by faith and by love with the strengthening of free will." Thus, the Christian inherits eternal life "as much by grace, as by truth."

Salvation is a divine-human action, and we attain complete spiritual success "not only by divine power and grace, but also by the accomplishing of the proper labors." On the other hand, it is not just within "the measure of freedom and purity" that we arrive at the proper solicitude, it is not without "the cooperation of the hand of God above." The participation of man determines the actual condition of his soul, thus inclining him to good or evil. "If a soul still in the world does not possess in itself the sanctity of the Spirit for great faith and for prayer, and does not strive for the oneness of divine communion, then it is unfit for the heavenly kingdom."

The miracles and visions of Blessed Macarius are recorded in a book by the presbyter Rufinus, and his Life was compiled by Saint Serapion, bishop of Tmuntis (Lower Egypt), one of the renowned workers of the Church in the fourth century. His holy relics are in the city of Amalfi, Italy.



**LITURGICAL  
SINGING  
WITH  
NAMISHA**



**NOTE:**

**There is no  
practice  
this  
Thursday.**

**All Thursdays (except this one) at  
7pm, and Sundays at 10am,  
of January & February.**

**All are encouraged to participate**

- Saturday, January 18: Namisha at DL
- Sunday, January 19: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, January 23: Practice
- Sunday, January 26: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, January 30: Practice
- Sunday, February 2: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 6: Practice
- Sunday, February 2: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 6: Practice
- Sunday, February 9: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 13: Practice
- Sunday, February 16: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 20: Practice
- Sunday, February 23: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 27: Practice

DL = Divine Liturgy

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February 14-17, 2020  
(Family Day Long Weekend)



Camp Oselia Retreats

Camp Oselia CAMPS

July 2 - 4, 2020

# Teen Camp



Eparchial First Solemn Communion Camp



March 20-22, 2020

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July 12 - 17, 2020

# Elementary Camp



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March 26 - 29, 2020

# Teen Lenten Spring Break Retreat



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July 19 - 24, 2020

# Mixed Elementary & Jr. High Camp



Camp Oselia RETREATS

Eparchial Marriage Prep Course

April 17 - 19, 2020



Camp Oselia CAMPS

July 26 - 31, 2020

# Jr. High Camp



Catholic Festival of the Mother of God

Sunday, May 3



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August 28 - 30, 2020

# Family Camp



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WHAT A FABULOUS DANCE BAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>19</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b> Fr. Bo visitation with the Ruff Family	<b>20</b> Peter Sontrop's Birthday Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>21</b> <b>House Blessing Day</b> Adam Ostopowich's Birthday	<b>22</b> <b>House Blessing Day</b>	<b>23</b> <b>House Blessing Day</b> <b>Singing with Namisha at 7:00 pm</b> Marta Dashkewytch's Birthday	<b>24</b> <b>All day: Large School Retreat at St. Josaphat's and Sacred Heart lead by Fr. Bo &amp; others</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b> <b>Melkites meal</b>	<b>27</b> Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>5pm Our First: "Community Night"?</b>  <b>Singing with Namisha at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Melkites use hall in the evening</b> Donna Koziak's Birthday	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>The Feast of the Encounter of our Lord in the Temple</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>3</b> Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Puschenya tickets price increases</b>	<b>8</b>



After polling the community **the first ever "Community Night"** at Dormition Parish will

take place on **THURSDAY, January 31 at 6pm.**

The plan is to celebrate a simplified version of Vespers that is often called "Welcome Home" Vespers, as it was designed for the inner city community of the Welcome Home in Winnipeg. Following this prayer we will sit together with whomever comes and enjoy a hot bowl of soup and a bun. We eat, we visit, and then we are done. Simple.

The goal of this Community night is not to raise money, nor to solve the needs of the hungry, but rather to BE WITH people.

Fr. Bo will be cooking a big pot of soup or two from mid afternoon (Home/Church made "Chicken Noodle" and "Button Soup" with whatever ingredients we want to throw in it). If anyone else wants to make a pot with him, that would be cool. Just be mindful that we need to cook in our commercial kitchen following all the safety - food handling rules. Just give Fr. Bo a call well in advance. (Buns will likely be Costco Buns)

If 5 people come, good. If 50 come, wow, thats very good. If 100 come... we will run out of soup and bowls (unless Jesus does His thing again), but, oh well, so be it. We will know to cook more soup next time.

Next time???? Yes, I am hoping that we can do this on a regular basis. Simple, but regular. However, first things first, lets get this one done.

I invite anyone who wishes to come to come. I plan to let people know about it by telling the staff at Our Lady of Peace School, and maybe putting it on the outdoor sign that we have (if I can find the key for it again).

("Liturgical Singing with Namisha" will be either unaffected or slightly delayed.)

# Parish & Eparchial News:

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Fr. Bill Hupalo, Stephania Nahachewsky, Miranda Mayko, Jean Miskew, Sarah Komar, Marge Woitas, Katie Bunio, John Puto, Ann Horsman, 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: **Peter Sontrop, Adam Ostopowich and Marta Dashkewtych** who's birthdays are this week. May God grant you all 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 UCWLC of our parish will be having their Annual General Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. All UCWLC members are requested to attend
- 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.
- Coming soon: Parish Photo Directory project... no details yet.
- The **Ukrainian Musical Society of Alberta** will hold its annual **Concert of Carols**, 3:00 pm, Sunday, **January 26**, at Saint Josaphat Cathedral.
- Each year the Edmonton and District Council of Churches organizes an ecumenical celebration to coincide with the annual worldwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's Ecumenical Prayer Service, hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, will take place on Sunday, January 19, from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 334 Knottwood Road North NW, Edmonton. This year's theme calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. The international resources for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Malta. The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and throughout the year 2019 were jointly prepared and published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. Local resources for Canada can be accessed at (week of [prayer.ca](http://prayer.ca)). Join Bishop David and other Ecumenical Leaders as we pray for Christian unity!

## Our Current Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Pastor	Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
Chair	Simon Pryma
Vice Chair	John Vizza
Vice Chair	Iryna Laschuk
Treasurer	Alex Schabel
Secretary	Sharon Lonsberry
Past Chair	Helen Sirman
Director 3 year	Sharilynn Shakeshaft
Director 2 year	Steve Konowalec
Director 1 year	Jordan Schabel
UCWLC Pres.	Virginia Sharek
Finance Committee Chair	Iryna Laschuk
Treasurer	Alex Schabel
Member	Sheila Leiding
Member	Jonathan Sharek

- Our parish's **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> after the Liturgy. All parishioners are requested to join us for this important meeting. The following is the current **proposed slate for the 2020 PPC** that might be elected at this meeting. As always nominations can be raised from the floor. (if I made some mistakes remembering this list they will be fixed for next Sunday's bulletin.)

Pastor	Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
Chair	?
Vice Chair	Greg Ostopowich
Vice Chair	Don Kwas
Vice Chair	Jordan Schabel
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UCWLC Pres.	To be elected Jan 19
Finance Committee Chair	Alex Schabel
Treasurer	Sheila Leiding
Member	Iryna Laschuk
Member	Jonathan Sharek

- After the AGM Fr. Bo will appoint people to head various committees such as Liturgical, Outreach, Communications, Maintenance and others... Let him know if you are willing to help.



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# Iconography Workshop

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The following is a response I gave someone who was inquiring about the upcoming Iconography Workshop.

## You might have the same Questions for this FAMILY DAY WEEKEND Icon Writing Retreat. I'd love to have you.

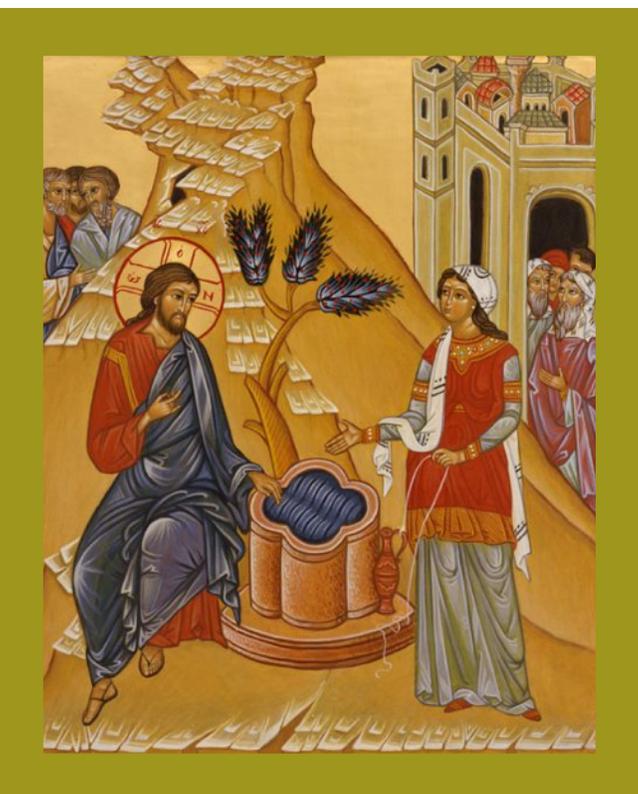
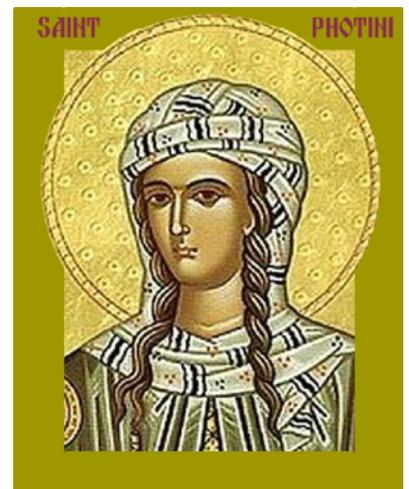
Dear "so-and-so",

There is indeed room for you if you wish to join us. We'd love to have you.

You can register at the following website (Eventbrite) or by visiting our Ukr. Cath. Pastoral Centre (which will save you the EventBrite fees). <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/icon-workshop-tickets-86772443715>

If you register online it will ask you a few questions. If you want to do it in person then I need to know your Name, Email, Mobile Phone, Gender, Experience:  Beginner (0-5 icons),  Some Experience (5-10),  Intermediate (11-50), or  Advanced (50+ icons), Any medical or dietary info that we should know about, an Emergency Contact, and their phone

If you have limited experience then you will likely be painting something like the simpler image (above). For those with Intermediate or advanced experience you will get to paint the whole scene with Christ, St. Photini, the well, the city, etc... (left)



Ummm... what else can I tell you? I anticipate using every minute of our time as effectively as we can, however we will leave a little time for walking around and reflection in "God's Playground". We will pray together in the morning and evening, and we will eat simple food that we will throw into the oven ourselves (or stir up on the stove) (...a cook would raise the price for us...). Beds are comfortable, but you will need to bring your own bedding / blankets. Most likely we will all have our own rooms.

The price is \$650, this includes all supplies, food and lodging.

I will be out at the camp early on Friday (noon-ish) and I would encourage everyone to arrive as they are able. Once everyone is there, we will begin (I am picturing about 6-6:30). The retreat/workshop will continue till we are done on Monday. Likely this will be in the afternoon, perhaps as late as supper.... It depends on all of you.

If you have any other questions do not hesitate to call me on my cell: 780-340-3726

Fr. Bo

# It would be great for you to join us too!

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

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Theotokion:** 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:

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: I Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in

me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## Alleluia:

**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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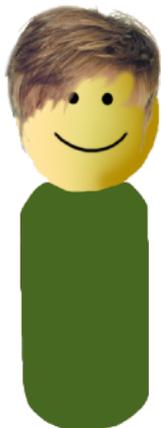
## Gospel Luke 18:35-43

At that time Jesus: approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

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## Communion Hymn

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



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