

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, February 16th, 2020

Meatfare Sunday (of the Fearful Judgement), Tone 3;

The Holy Martyrs Pamphilus the Priest (c. 309) and Porphyrius and Their Companions



- Happy Family Day Weekend
- The UCWLC of our parish will be having their **Annual General Meeting today** after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. All UCWLC members are requested to attend this important meeting.
- There is no coffee today (because it is a long weekend), but a little lunch will be provided just for those attending the women's league meeting.

Today is "Meatfare Sunday." **...this means the Great Fast starts next week.** See next page for more details.



Next Sunday (the 23rd) after Divine Liturgy we will have both a **pancake breakfast** and our **parish's Annual General Meeting**. It is our hope that everyone will stay and enjoy both. (Yes, our meeting can be enjoyable.)

At the meeting we will be electing our parish's PPC (Parish Pastoral Council). This council is responsible for giving council to the Pastor (Fr. Bo: who is assigned by the Bishop) so that he can run the parish to the best of his ability. The following is the proposed slate for the 2020 PPC that might be elected at this meeting. As always nominations can be raised from the floor as well.

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.

After the AGM the new PPC will meet for a few minutes to decide when they can have regular meetings. This council will also be installed before the Altar and the community on the following Sunday after the Divine Liturgy.

Pastor	Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
Chair	Greg Ostopowich
Vice Chair	Don Kwas
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Treasurer	Sheila Leiding
Secretary	Sharon Lonsberry
Past Chair	Simon Pryma
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Director 2 year	Sharilynn Shakeshaft
Director 1 year	Steve Konowalec
UCWLC Pres.	To be elected Feb 16
Finance Committee Chair	Alex Schabel
Treasurer	Sheila Leiding
Member	Iryna Laschuk
Member	Jonathan Sharek



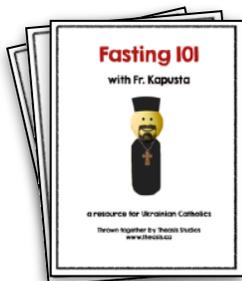
Sunday of Meatfare (of the Last Judgment)

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt. 25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent. (Note: this paragraph considers the "traditional" way of fasting. Please read the booklet described below to understand fasting in our church.)



The Great Fast is only one week away! What is "fasting"? and why should we do it?

Pick up one of the "Fasting 101" booklets, and find out. They are available on the table with the bulletins and online on our parish website.

Our website's address is: <http://dormition.eeparchy.com>

Martyrs Pamphilius the Presbyter, Valens the Deacon, and those with them, at Caesarea in Palestine

The Holy Martyrs Pamphilius the Presbyter, Valens the Deacon, Paul, Porphyrius, Seleucius, Theodulus, Julian, Samuel, Elias, Daniel, Jeremiah and Isaiah suffered during the persecution against Christians, initiated by the emperor Diocletian in the years 308-309 at Caesarea in Palestine.

The holy martyr Pamphilius, a native of the city of Beirut, was educated at Alexandria, after which he was made a priest at Caesarea. He devoted much labor to collating manuscripts and correcting copyist errors in the texts of the New Testament. The corrected texts of Saint Pamphilius were copied and distributed to anyone who wanted them. Many pagans were converted to Christ through them.

His works were collected into the extensive library of spiritual books available for the enlightening of Christians. Saint Jerome (4th-5th century) deeply respected Saint Pamphilius and considered himself fortunate to have located and acquired several of his manuscripts.

Actively assisting Saint Pamphilius in proclaiming the faith in Christ were Saint Valens, deacon of the church at Eleia, a man stooped with age and well-versed in the Holy Scriptures, and Saint Paul, ardent in faith and love for Christ the Savior. All three were imprisoned for two years by Urban, the governor of Palestinian Caesarea.

During the rule of his successor Firmilian, 130 Christians were sentenced in Egypt and sent to Cilicia (Asia Minor) to work in the gold mines. Five young brothers accompanied them to the place of exile. On their return to Egypt they were detained at Caesarea and thrown into prison for confessing Christ.

The youths appeared before Firmilian, together with those imprisoned earlier: Saints Pamphilius, Valens and Paul. The five Egyptian youths took the names of Old Testament prophets, Elias, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel and Daniel. Asked where they were from, the youths said that they were citizens of Jerusalem, meaning the heavenly Jerusalem. Firmilian knew nothing of such a city, since Jerusalem had been razed to the ground by the emperor Titus in the year 70. The emperor Hadrian (117-138) built a new city on the site, which was called Aelia Capitolina.

Firmilian tortured the youths for a long time. He sought to learn the location of the unknown city, and he sought to persuade the youths to apostatize. But nothing was accomplished, and the governor ordered them to be beheaded by the sword with Pamphilius, Valens and Paul.



Before this occurred, a servant of Pamphilius endured suffering. This was the eighteen-year-old youth Porphyrius, meek and humble. He had heard the sentence of death for the condemned martyrs, and asked the governor's permission to bury the bodies after their execution. For this he was sentenced to death, and thrown into a fire.

A witness of this execution, the pious Christian Seleucius, a former soldier, in saluting the deeds of the sufferers, went to Pamphilius and told him about the martyric death of Saint Porphyrius. He was seized by soldiers and, on Firmilian's orders, was beheaded by the sword together with the condemned.

One of the governor's servants, Theodulus, a man of venerable age and a secret Christian, met the martyrs being led to execution, embraced them and asked them to pray for him. He was taken by soldiers to Firmilian, on whose orders he was crucified.

The young Julian, a native of Cappadocia who had come to Caesarea, saw the bodies of the saints which had been thrown to wild beasts without burial. Julian went down on his knees and venerated the bodies of the sufferers. Soldiers standing by at the wall seized him and took him to the governor, who condemned him to burning. The bodies of all twelve martyrs remained unburied for four days, but neither beasts nor birds would touch them. Embarrassed by this situation, the pagans permitted Christians to take the bodies of the martyrs and bury them.

It's this WEEK! Get your tickets TODAY!



THE GREAT DANCE BEFORE THE GREAT FAST
THE 2020 CAMP FUNDRAISER
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Supporting both:

Camp Oselia Fundraiser

CAMP ST. BASIL
COME AS STRANGERS
LEAVE AS FRIENDS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
7 PM - 11 PM AT ST. BASIL'S CULTURAL CENTRE
EDMONTON

The poster features a purple background with white silhouettes of a family dancing. The text is in large, bold, yellow and white fonts.



Our Second "Community Night" went smoothly.

We will have community nights each Thursday of Lent. Not this week, Lent starts next week.

This simple prayer and meal with the neighbours is open to anyone at no cost. Fr. Bo will cook 1 pot of his chicken noodle soup and set most of everything up, so that there is no stress for anyone (except him). If you want to come early to help, you can. Fr. Bo will be there from about 4:30 pm. All are welcome.

Do you want to understand the Lenten season better?

In our hall I have put up both my old and new versions of "Our Journey to Pascha and Beyond" This display explains the entire church seasons from Pre-Lent, through the Great Fast, Holy Week, Easter, and everything up to Pentecost. Check it out.

Christ in the Old Testament: Prophecy and Fulfillment

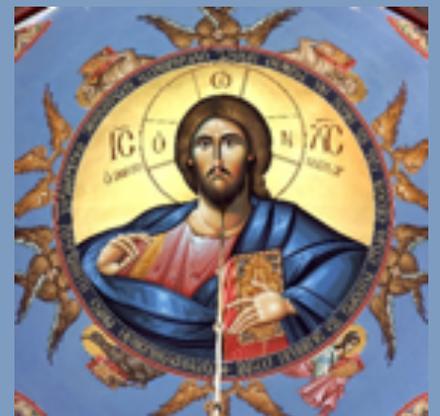
We know that God promised a saviour and that Jesus was the fulfilment of that promise. Join us for 4 sessions during the Great Fast, as we look at the Old Testament and explore where we find the promises and then look at the New Testament in the life of Christ and beyond to see the glorious fulfilment of God's promise to us. Sessions will consist of a presentation and will conclude with prayer.

DATES & TIMES:

- March 12 – Introduction, The Messiah - Fr. Danylo Kuc
- March 19 – The Nativity - Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky
- March 26 – The Suffering of Christ - Fr. Mihajlo Planchak
- April 2 - The Passover - Fr. Peter Babej

All sessions run 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

LOCATION: Holy Eucharist Parish, 6425 120 Ave, Edmonton **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. No registration is necessary.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Meatfare (Last Judgement) Sunday 10 am Divine Liturgy After Liturgy UCWLC's AGM 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	17 9:30am Fr. Bo Appointment 1 pm Parish Financial Review (Committee Only) Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	18	19 🐟 10:30 am Baptismal Prep in Spruce Grove 2pm Edmonton Deanery Meeting at Holy Cross Parish 5 pm Youth Commission Meeting	20 7 pm Singing with Namisha Marko Laschuk's Birthday	21 🐟 7-11 pm Puschenya at the UYUC  Melkites use Hall Melodie Sokoloski-Tower's Birthday	22 10 am Singing with Namisha Katherine Vizza's Birthday
23 Cheesefare Sunday (also known as Forgiveness Sunday) 10 am Divine Liturgy with "LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS" program After Liturgy we have a Pancake Breakfast & The Parish's AGM 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	24 🐟* First Day of the Great Fast - Clean Monday * No meat & No Dairy this day 10am Fr. Bo Appointment Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	25 🐟 5pm Fr. Bo Appointment	26 🐟 Possible Lenten Service... to be determined... Maybe ours... Maybe Melkite... stay tuned.	27 🐟 6 pm Community Night  Ryan Gerace's Birthday	28 🐟 6pm Akathist (Melkites) 7pm  Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	29 🐟 Commemoration of St. Theodore of Tyre
March 1 🐟 Sunday of Orthodoxy 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	2 🐟 Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	3 🐟	4 🐟 11am Fr. Bo Appointment Possible Lenten Service... to be determined... Maybe ours... Maybe Melkite... stay tuned. Natasha Gerace and Steve Konowalec's Birthdays	5 🐟 Fr. Bo at Reconciliation at LSL School 6 pm  Community Night	6 🐟 6pm Akathist (Melkites) 7pm  Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts With "Soroko-ooste" Melkites use Hall??	7 🐟 2nd All Souls Saturday Jess Lastiwka and Catherine Ostopowich's Birthdays
8 🐟 Sunday of Orthodoxy Sunday Commemorating St. Gregory Palamas 10 am Divine Liturgy with "LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS" program 2 pm Melkite Liturgy	9 🐟 10am Fr. Bo Appointment Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	10 🐟	11 🐟 Possible Lenten Service... to be determined... Maybe ours... Maybe Melkite... stay tuned.	12 🐟 6 pm  Community Night 7pm Christ in the Old Testament: Prophecy and Fulfillment Introduction, The Messiah - Fr. Danylo Kuc Helen Moneta's Birthday	13 🐟 6pm Akathist (Melkites) 7pm  Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with "Soroko-ooste"	14 🐟 3rd All Souls Saturday

Come and join our **"Little Friends of Jesus"** who will be having classes on the following Sundays:

- * February 23
- * March 8

- * March 15
- * April 5

- * April 19
- * May 3

- * May 24
- * June 14

Parish & Eparchial 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 Waitas, 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: **Natalya Dashewytsch** who's birthday is this week. May God grant you many years!
- If we don't have **your birthday**, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email (or at least a piece of paper) with your corrected birthdate and name.
- There are 3 more **"Singing with Namisha"** sessions. These will take place on: Thursday, February 20 at 7 pm, Saturday, February 22 at 10 am, and Thursday, February 27 at 7 pm. All people welcome to practice singing with her.
- **During Great Lent**, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its **annual collection for "Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada."** The purpose of this collection is to support the needs of the Church in Canada. Three charitable institutions are the recipients of the collection: the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, Catholic Missions in Canada, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.
 - The **Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta** responds to the call of Christ to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28: 19-20). The Eparchy of Edmonton supports local priests in their travel, health care, pension, and clergy substitution, thus ensuring that they can respond to the pastoral needs of the faithful, especially the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and funerals in rural Alberta. Visit www.edmontoneparchy.com to see how the Church is working for you.
 - **Catholic Missions in Canada** supports over 600 missionaries – priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and lay ministers – throughout 27 eparchies and dioceses right here in Canada, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Catholic Missions supports the local churches in our call to proclaim the Gospel among First Nations communities, missionary support, religious education programs, building and repairs, lay pastoral leadership programs, and education of seminarians. To learn more about the work of *Catholic Missions in Canada* visit (www.cmic.info) and sign up for a free subscription to its quarterly magazine by calling toll free 1-866-937-2642.
 - Each year the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** is asked to speak out, give leadership, and provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics in our daily lives. For our bishops to do so, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Research and gathering information requires staff, time and money. Through the yearly bishops' collection, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous towards the work of their bishops. To learn more about the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, visit www.cccb.ca.
- 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.
- Rev. Peter Babej, Pastor, Saint Josaphat Cathedral, will lead an Eparchy of Edmonton-wide **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** from October 17-29, 2020. Open to all faithful. Contact Father Peter at (780) 422-3181 or : fr.babej@eeparchy.com for details.
- **Lenten Schedule:**
 - The current plan is to have Friday **"Presanctified Liturgies"** at 7pm. Unless there is demand likely we will only have one service during the week.
 - The current plan is to have **"Soroko-ooste"** following the Presanctified Liturgies on the 3 Fridays that precede an "All Souls Saturday". We will not do them separately on Saturday during the day.
 - **"Community Night"** will be done each Thursday during Lent at 6pm.
- Missed your opportunity for **house blessing**? You can always call Fr. Bo and arrange something. No problem.



Changeable Parts for today's Liturgy

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: When You come on earth, O God, in glory,* and the universe trembles,* while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgement,* and the books are opened and all secrets disclosed,* then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,* and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand,* O Judge who are most just.

Prokeimenon:

Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to Him.

Epistle: I Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Brothers and Sisters: "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia verses:

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

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his

right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

