



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

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(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am
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Akathist or Molebyn
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(see calendar)

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Sunday, March 1st, 2020

First Sunday of the Great fast – Sunday of Orthodoxy, Tone 5;
The Holy Venerable-Martyr Eudocia (98-117)

Soroko-ooste

Five times a year the church commemorates all the deceased. It is traditional to say a panacbyda and read out all the names of our deceased parishioners and family members. Three of the five "All Souls Saturdays" fall during Lent.

If you would like to update your list of family members and friends, or if you have never given a list, please see Helen, Greg, Donna or Fr. Bo.

These "Soroko-ooste" services will take place after the Presanctified Liturgies on Fridays, March 6, 13 & 20.



Bishop David has evoked an Eparchial Sobor on "Global Unity and the Ukrainian Catholic Church" to be held in three locations in our Eparchy. Our Edmonton Deanery's Sobor will take place on Monday, March 16 at Holy Cross Parish. Our delegates will be (1) Fr. Bo, (2) Greg Ostopowich, (3) Sheila Leiding, (4) Helen Sirman, (5) Alex Schabel, and (6) Sharon Lonsberry. Our Eparchial Chancellor Iryna will be there too (7).



Puschenya Camp Fundraiser:

The exact numbers aren't yet in, but it looks like we made around \$2200 for our kids! That's over a grand per camp!

Special Thanks to all who helped and/or attended.

This week:

Thursday Soup at 6pm

Friday & Saturday Perogy Making

Friday Presanctified with Soroko-oosete

Today's Saint of the Day (taken from OCA.ORG)

Holy Monastic Martyr Eudokia was a Samaritan, a native of the city of Heliopolis in Phoenicia (modern Baalbek), who lived during the reign of Trajan (98-117). Her pagan impiety took her off the good path, and for a long time she led a sinful life. Her soul was deadened and her heart hardened.

Eudokia awoke one night at midnight and heard singing from the house of a Christian woman next to hers. A monk was reading from a book which described the Last Judgment, the punishment of sinners, and the reward of the righteous. The grace of God touched Eudokia's heart, and she grieved because of her great wealth and for her sinful life.

In the morning Eudokia hastened to call on the man whose rule of prayer she heard the previous night. This was a monk named Germanus, returning from pilgrimage to the holy places to his own monastery. Eudokia listened for a long time to the guidance of the Elder, and her soul was filled with joy and love for Christ. She asked Germanus to stay in her home for a week, during which she secluded herself in her room, and spent her time in fasting and prayer.

The Elder Germanus told her to give away her wealth and to forget her previous life. Eudokia received holy Baptism from Bishop Theodotus of Heliopolis. She entered a monastery and took upon herself very strict acts of penitence. The Lord granted forgiveness to the penitent sinner and endowed her with spiritual gifts.

After she had become the head of the monastery, the young pagan Philostrates (one of her former lovers) heard of her conversion to Christ and longed to see her again. Aflame with impious passion, he came into the monastery in the guise of a monk and began to urge Eudokia to return to Heliopolis, and resume her former life. "May God rebuke you and not allow you to leave these premises," Eudokia cried. Then the impostor fell down dead. Fearing that she had served as an accomplice to murder, the sisters intensified their prayer and besought the Lord to reveal to them His will.

The Lord appeared to Saint Eudokia in a vision and said: "Arise, Eudokia, and pray for the resurrection of the dead man." Through Eudokia's prayers, Philostrates revived. Having been restored to life, the pagan begged the nun to forgive him. After he was baptized, he went back to Heliopolis. From that time he never forgot the mercy of God shown him, and he started onto the way of repentance.

Some time passed, and another situation occurred. Inhabitants of Heliopolis reported to the governor Aurelian, that Eudokia had

taken gold and silver out of the city and concealed it at the monastery. Aurelian sent a detachment of soldiers to confiscate these supposed treasures. For three days the soldiers tried in vain to approach the walls of the monastery, but an invisible power of God guarded it.

Aurelian again sent soldiers to the monastery, this time under the command of his own son. But on the very first day of the journey Aurelian's son injured his leg and soon died. Then Philostrates counseled Aurelian to write to Mother Eudokia, imploring her to revive the youth. And the Lord, in His infinite mercy, and through the prayers of Saint Eudokia, restored the youth to life. Having witnessed this great miracle, Aurelian and his close associates believed in Christ and were baptized.

When persecutions against Christians intensified, they arrested Eudokia and brought her to the governor Diogenes to be tortured. While torturing the saint, the military commander Diodorus received news of the sudden death of his wife Firmina. In despair he rushed to Saint Eudokia with a plea to pray for his departed wife. The monastic martyr, filled with great faith, turned to God with prayer and besought Him to return

Firmina to life. As eyewitnesses of the power and grace of the Lord, Diodorus and Diogenes believed in Christ and were baptized together with their families. Saint Eudokia lived for awhile at the house of Diodorus and enlightened the newly-illuminated Christians.

Once, the only son of a certain widow, who was working in the garden, was bitten by a snake and died. The mother wept bitterly for her dead son, and asked Diodorus to resurrect him. Learning of her grief, Saint Eudokia said to Diodorus, "The time is at hand for you to show faith in the Almighty God, Who hears the prayers of penitent sinners and in His mercy grants them forgiveness."

Diodorus was distressed, not considering himself worthy of such boldness before the Lord, but he obeyed Saint Eudokia. He prayed and in the name of Christ he commanded the dead one to rise, and before the eyes of everyone present the youth revived.

Saint Eudokia returned to her monastery, where she lived in asceticism for fifty-six years.

After Diogenes died the new governor was Vicentius, a fierce persecutor of Christians. Having learned of the accomplishments of the saint, he gave orders to execute her. The holy martyr was beheaded on March 1, 107.



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.



**You are invited:
For "Beers and
Qs" with Fr. Julian
Bilyj!**

*Wednesday, March 4,
at 7 PM, at Fargos
(5804 Terrace Road,
NW).*

An evening on topics about our faith and all with a drink of your choice! It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Ukrainian Catholic faith, meet new friends and participate in fruitful discussions!

P.S: please bring a friend and RSVP to Solomiia at 587-936-1148 or smsavaryn@gmail.com

I got a new pair of gloves today, but they're both 'lefts' which, on the one hand, is great, but on the other, it's just not right.

We would like to thank John for his beautiful service of baking Prosphora for our parish for many years.

With John's retirement from this ministry we are looking for new volunteers to occasionally bake the bread that is offered during each Liturgy.

Fr. Bo will soon (in a week, or two, or three) put together a Prosphora Baking lesson, so that interested people can learn what to do and what it all means.



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

* March 8
* March 15

* April 5
* April 19

* May 3
* May 24

* June 14

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>March 1 🐟 Sunday of Orthodoxy</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy followed by Panachyda for + Mary Oresiuk 2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p> | <p>2 🐟 Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time</p> | <p>3 🐟 6pm Fr. Bo Appointment 6pm Lenten Complines (Melkites)</p> | <p>4 🐟 11am Fr. Bo Appointment Natasha Gerace and Steve Konowalec's Birthdays</p> | <p>5 🐟 Fr. Bo at Reconciliation at LSL School 6 pm Community  Night</p> | <p>6 🐟 10:30 am 40 Day Memorial for Fr. Bill at Cathedral Perogy Making 6pm Akathist (Melkites) 7pm Liturgy  of the Presanctified Gifts With "Soroko- ooste"</p> | <p>7 🐟 Perogy Making Jess Lastiwka and Catherine Ostopowich's Birthdays</p> |
| <p>8 🐟 2nd Sunday of Lent: the Commemoration St. Gregory Palamas 10 am Divine Liturgy with "LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS" program Macaroni & Cheese Dinner fundraiser (\$5/ person) 2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p> | <p>9 🐟 10am Fr. Bo Appointment Melkite Youth in Hall Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time</p> | <p>10 🐟 10 am Clergy Conferenc e at Holy Eucharist Parish 6pm Lenten Complines (Melkites)</p> | <p>11 🐟 10:30am Baptismal Prep 2:15 pm Fr. Bo Appointment</p> | <p>12 🐟 6 pm  Community Night 7pm Christ in the Old Testament: Prophecy and Fulfillment Introduction, The Messiah - Fr. Danylo Kuc Helen Moneta's Birthday</p> | <p>13 🐟 6pm Akathist (Melkites) followed by youth 7pm Liturgy  of the Presanctified Gifts with "Soroko- ooste"</p> | <p>14 🐟 2nd All Souls Saturday city stops garbage removal service to church, need contract with someone else before this day.</p> |
| <p>15 🐟 3rd Sunday of Lent: Sunday of the Holy Cross 10 am Divine Liturgy with "LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS" program 2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p> | <p>16 🐟 Eparchial Sobor Melkite Youth in Hall</p> | <p>17 🐟 6pm Lenten Complines (Melkites)</p> | <p>18 🐟</p> | <p>19 🐟 6 pm  Community Night 7pm Christ in the Old Testament: Prophecy and Fulfillment, The Nativity - Fr. Stephen Wojcichowski</p> | <p>20 🐟 First Communion Camp Sacred Arts Guild of Alberta (SAGA) Display at Newman College 6pm Akathist (Melkites) 7pm Liturgy  of the Presanctified Gifts with "Soroko- ooste"</p> | <p>21 🐟 First Communion Camp 3rd All Souls Saturday SAGA Display at Newman College Meeting of Edmonton SAGA</p> |
| <p>22 🐟 4th Sunday of Lent: the Commemoration John of the Ladder First Communion Camp 10 am Divine Liturgy with "LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS" program with Baptism Our Dormition UCWLC's regular meeting (after Coffee)</p> | <p>23 🐟 Melkite Youth in Hall</p> | <p>24 🐟 6pm Lenten Complines (Melkites)</p> | <p>25 🐟</p> | <p>26 🐟 6 pm  Community Night 7pm Christ in the Old Testament: Prophecy and Fulfillment, The Suffering of Christ - Fr. Mihajlo Planchak</p> | <p>27 🐟 6pm Akathist (Melkites) followed by youth 7pm Liturgy  of the Presanctified Gifts</p> | <p>28 🐟 2pm Melkite baptism</p> |

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** 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.)
- Today we will have a panachyda after the Liturgy to remember + **Mary Oryshak**. Last Wednesday we also celebrated a panachyda for + **Ann Bunio**. We also remember + **Zonie Ostopowich** who passed away 6 years ago last week. May God grant them all Eternal Memory.
- We wish God's blessings and **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **Natasha** Gerace, **Steve** Konowalec, **Jess** Lastiwka and **Catherine** Ostopowich who all celebrate their birthdays 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.
- **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.
- **Children's Overnight Lenten Retreat:** The Eparchial Youth Ministry invites all children, grades 1 – 6 for an overnight retreat. Cost is \$25.00 per child. Register by March 20th to <http://bit.ly/37N58iw> This event takes place from March 7 (4:30 p.m.) — March 8 (noon) 2020 - at St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church,
- The **First Solemn Communion Camp** from March 20-22 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.
- **Teen "Spring Break" Lenten Retreat** is coming on March 26 - 29. If you are interested in attending go to CampOselia.com or talk to Millie at the Bishop's offices 780-424-5496.
- Planning to get married and looking for a marriage prep course? The **Eparchial Marriage Prep Course** at Camp Oselia will take place from April 17-19. Talk to Fr. Bo for more details.
- **Holy Land Pilgrimage** Postponed until February 2021. Please note that the planned October 2020 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land has been postponed until February 2021, owing to a huge increase in airfare (some 65%). For further information, contact Father Peter at (780) 422-3181 or : fr.babej@eeparchy.com.
- **Pope Francis** issued his **Message for Lent**, entitled "We implore you on behalf of Christ, to be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). In his [Message for Lent 2020](#), Pope Francis points to the paschal mystery – the mystery of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection – as the basis of conversion. It, like all documents from the vatican, is available online.
- **Pope Francis** published his [Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Querida Amazonia, Beloved Amazon](#), the final document of the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazonian Region held in Rome from October 6-27, 2019. It, like all documents from the vatican, is available online.
- **Pope Francis** revised number 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the **death penalty**. The new revised paragraph reads: "2267. *Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.* Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption. Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person",[1] and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."
- The **National Week for Life and the Family** will be celebrated **May 10-17**, with the theme, "Children: The Crowning Glory of Marriage." Material is available on COLF: <https://www.colf.ca/en/events/item/301-national-week-for-life-and-the-family-2020>
- The **11th Annual "Bishop's Prayer Breakfast"** will take place 7:30 – 9:00 am, Wednesday, June 3, at Saint Josaphat's Cathedral Hall – Verkhovyna (9637 – 108 Avenue). The event supports, through prayer, our clergy, religious, monastics and laity in their leadership roles in continuing the mission of Christ in sharing the Good News among the people of God. For tickets and more information, contact the Chancery Office at (780) 424-5496; chancery@edmontoneparchy.com.

Changeable Parts for today's Liturgy

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion: We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,* and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:* by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

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

Kontakion: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,* He suffused it with the beauty of God.* Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word,* we portray it in images.

Prokeimenon

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

Epistle Hebrews II:24-26, 32-40; I2:I-2

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were

commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia verses:

Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

They called on the Lord, and He heard them.

Gospel: John I:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Hymn to the Mother of God

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider that all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

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.