

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

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## Services:

**ALL SERVICES TEMPORARILY  
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## Normally though:

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## Holy Week, 2020

Special COVID Bulletin #1.

Wow, has our world ever changed. But many things needed a reset. We will see how things progress. As you are all aware religious institutions such as ourselves are not permitted to gather for public services. But the Church, even in this new reality, is NOT CLOSED. We are the Church! And we will continue to know, love and serve our God and our brothers and sisters.



In these new bulletins I am including:

- **THIS LINK** to a "Holy Week & Pascha For the Domestic Church". (See picture above, and click here to see this excellent document.)
- A Brief Explanation of the Holy Week Services (next page)
- Prayer of Spiritual Communion
- A bad pun as usual
- Saints & Readings of the Day for this week
- What's in Your Basket? The Symbolism of the Easter (Pascha) Basket.
- Updates from the Eparchy on Covid-19
- Financial stuff and more...
- including this not too helpful calendar which has one meeting and birthdays:

<b>5</b> 🐟 <b>Triumphal Entrance into Jerusalem (aka Palm Sunday)</b>	<b>6</b> 🐟 <b>Great and Holy Monday</b>	<b>7</b> 🐟 <b>Great and Holy Tuesday</b>	<b>8</b> 🐟 <b>Great and Holy Wednesday</b> Paul Sharek's Birthday	<b>9</b> 🐟 <b>Great and Holy Thursday</b>	<b>10</b> 🐟 <b>Good Friday (Major Fasting Day)</b> Theodore Nahachewsky's Birthday	<b>11</b> 🐟 <b>Great and Holy Saturday</b> Catherine Bawol's Birthday
<b>12</b> <b>Pascha - The Resurrection of our Lord - Easter</b>	<b>13</b> Stella Benko's & Jordan Shabel's Birthdays	<b>14</b> <b>ONLINE PPC MEETING AT 5pm</b> Don Kwas' Birthday	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Lillian Gregory's Birthday	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>

**No Services in the Churches... only ONLINE**  
[click here for the link to Ukrainian Catholic services](#)

# Brief Reflections: HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES



**Saturday, April 4, 2020**

## **LAZARUS SATURDAY**

The Great Fast (40 days) ends on Friday, April 3. Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday form a short and joyous prelude to the days of grief which will follow. Bethany is the place where Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and reveals Himself to be “the Resurrection and the Life.” “Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live” (John 11:25). Bethany is also the point of departure for Jesus’s entry into Jerusalem. On this Saturday, we go to Bethany, to Lazarus’s tomb. We want to meet Jesus at Bethany and to start Holy Week with Him, close to Him. Jesus invites us to be there, and He waits for us.

**Sunday, April 5, 2020**

## **PALM SUNDAY**

The public ministry of Jesus ends with two great events: the raising of Lazarus from the dead, and the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. These two events, witnessed by many people, give testimony to the fact that Jesus is not only the promised Messiah, but He is also the Lord, the Son of the living God. Just as the people greeted Christ with branches from the trees, so Christians also greet Christ with “palms of virtue” as He enters upon His voluntary passion.

**Monday, April 6**

## **Holy Monday**

In the morning, Jesus returns to the city of Jerusalem. On the way, He finds a fig tree with no fruit. He curses it and immediately it withers away. After three years of teaching and healing, the leaders and the people of Israel have not accepted His message. Like the fig tree, they have

remained barren, without fruit. With this prophetic and symbolic act, Jesus warns those in every generation of what will befall anyone who fails to listen to His message. Arriving in Jerusalem, Jesus enters the temple, where the chief priests and elders question His authority.

**Tuesday, April 7**

## **Holy Tuesday**

As the chosen Lamb of God, Jesus is without blemish. He is tested and questioned by the Pharisees and the Sadducees, who hope to trap Him in some way, but they cannot find any fault in Him. Jesus’s answers are astonishing. In the end, Jesus pronounces judgment upon the scribes, the Pharisees and leaders of Israel, who had the God-given authority to teach God’s Law, but were personally ungodly and cold of heart.

**Wednesday, April 8**

## **Holy Wednesday**

In the morning at Matins, during the reading of the Gospel, Jesus announces: “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified... For this purpose, I came to this hour. Father: glorify Your name” (John 12:23-28). As Jesus says this, the voice of the Father from heaven is heard, saying: “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again” (John 12:28). Judgement is upon the world, and Satan’s dominion over the world is about to be conquered. When Jesus is lifted up (His Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension), He will draw all peoples to Himself” (John 12:31). In the evening, the Gospel reading at the Presanctified Liturgy presents to us the contrast of two figures, two states of the soul. We remember the action of the woman, who at Bethany came to pour a jar of precious

ointment on Jesus's head; and the action of the disciple, Judas, who betrayed his Master. It was Judas who protested in response to the woman's action. Jesus approved of the woman's action, because it was an act of genuine love and worship, expressed in anticipation of His death and burial. The Sacrament of Holy Anointing is administered to all who desire to receive spiritual and physical relief.

**Thursday, April 9**  
**HOLY THURSDAY**

Holy Thursday takes us into the Mystery of the Passover. It commemorates and makes present to us the first part of this mystery, the part that takes place in the Upper Room. The Lord Jesus, really present both as He who distributes and as He who is distributed, gives Himself to us in the Eucharist. All faithful Catholic and Orthodox Christians believe that in Holy Communion, they receive the most holy and precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, their Lord and Saviour. On Holy Thursday, after the Mystical Supper in the Upper Room, we follow Jesus to the Garden of Olives: his priestly prayer, arrest, and passion.

**Friday, April 10, 2020**  
**HOLY FRIDAY**

On Holy Friday, we remain with Jesus in the moments of His passion, His trial before Pilate, His scourging, His sentencing, the carrying of the cross, His crucifixion, death,

and burial. During the Vespers Service, we join Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, to take down Jesus's body from cross, to bind it in linen cloths with spices, to carry it in procession, and place it reverently in a new tomb, in a garden nearby. On this day, we observe a strict fast, with abstinence from all meat, eggs, and dairy products.

**Saturday, April 11, 2020**  
**HOLY SATURDAY**

On Holy Saturday, the Church directs our attention to the tomb. Even in death, the Lord observes the Sabbath. While His incorruptible Divine Body rests peacefully in the tomb, His Divine Soul rests in Hades, dispelling its darkness with the Divine Light of His Presence, awaiting the moment of Resurrection.

**Sunday, April 12, 2020**  
**HOLY PASCHA – EASTER SUNDAY**

The Sunday of the Resurrection is called the "solemnity of solemnities." It is at the heart of the Christian year. However, it is inseparable from the Mystical Supper (Thursday), and the crucifixion and burial (Friday). The word "Pascha" (from the Hebrew, Pesach) means "to pass by, to pass through." The Pascha of Jesus Christ is His "passing through" suffering and death to His glorification in the Resurrection and Ascension. In the deepest sense, Christ Himself is the Pascha (Passover), for the passage through death to life takes place in Him.

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

This is a prayer you can say when you long for the Eucharist, but can not approach.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts! I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offences, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation. I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Did you hear about that cheese factory that exploded in France?

There was nothing left but de Brie!

### Readings for each day:

Palm Sunday:	Phil 4:4-9 & Jn 12:1-18
Holy Monday:	Ex 1:1-20, Job 1:1-12 & Mt 24:3-35
Holy Tuesday:	Ex 2:5-10, Job 1:13-22 & Mt 24:36-26:2
Holy Wednesday:	Ex 2:11-22, Job 2:1-10 & Mt 26:6-16
Holy Thursday:	Is 50:4-11, 1 Cor 11:23-32, Mt 26:2-20, Jn 13:3-17, Mt 26:31-39, Lk 22:43-45 & Mt 26:40-27:2
Good Friday:	Is 52:13-54:1, 1 Cor 1:18-2:2, Mt 27:1-38, Lk 23:39-44, Mt 27:39-54, Jn 19:31-37 & Mt 27:55-61
Holy Saturday:	Rom 6:3-11 & Mt 28:1-20

# From the Synaxarion: The Saints of the Day

Please note: These saints are the saints of the day, but because this is Holy Week, we really don't focus on them.

**April 5**

**Memory of the holy Martyrs Claudius, Diodorus, Victor, Pappias, Nicephoros, and Serapion (+under Decius, 249-251)**

It is believed that these holy martyrs suffered for the faith in Corinth under Emperor Decius (249-251).

**April 6**

**Memory of our Father among the Saints Eutychios, Archbishop of Constantinople (+582)**

A native of Phrygia, Saint Eutychios lived in the time of Emperor Justinian. Skevophylax of the Church of Augustopolis, he was ordained a lector, subdeacon, and priest by the Bishop of Amasia. At Patriarch Saint Menas' death, he was named to succeed him on the patriarchal throne of Constantinople in 552. In this rank he presided over the Fifth Ecumenical Council in 553. At this time the Aphantartodecetae heresy was spreading and the Emperor himself succumbed to it. Saint Eutychios fought the new heresy and was deposed for it and exiled to a monastery in Amasia in 565. At Justinian's death, the Saint was able to remount his throne in 577, under Justin II. He occupied himself with destroying the last traces of this heresy. He died on April 6, 582.

**April 7**

**Memory of the holy Martyr Kalliopios (+304)  
(Memory of our holy Father George, Bishop of Melitene)**

(Saint George was elected Bishop of Melitene and governed his flock wisely. With his amazing knowledge he fought the Iconoclasts and made them recognize their errors. An emulator of the Angels by his charity, he left this life having worked innumerable miracles. Thanks to a divine revelation, he knew the hour of his death in advance by means of a star which appeared to him and his subjects).

Saint Kalliopios was a native of Perge in Pamphylia, the son of a Christian mother named Theokleia. He lived in the times of Emperor Maximian. Piously raised by his mother in the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, he presented himself to the persecutors courageously confessing Christ's name. His hands were tied behind his back and he was cruelly beaten with whips fitted out with lead. Preserved by an angel, he was thrown into prison by order of President Maximos. Taken out of prison on Great Thursday, he was condemned to be crucified. He was crucified head downward in order to avoid being crucified as Our Lord for his mother had obtained this favor for him by giving the executioner five gold pieces. He expired on Great Friday at the third hour. When he was taken down from the cross, his mother, upon seeing him, fainted and died of sorrow. Pious Christians buried her beside her martyr son.

**April 8**

**Memory of the holy Apostles Herodios, Agabos, Rufus, Asyncritos, Phlegon, and Hermes (First century)**

Saint Herodion was a relative of Saint Paul the Apostle who greeted him near the end of his epistle to the Romans (Romans 16:11). A native of Jerusalem, Agabos was a prophet. When Paul and Barnabus were in Antioch, Agabos predicted under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that a great famine would come upon the whole land of Judea. This great famine took place under Claudius about 45-48. In Caesarea, Agabos predicted to the Apostle Paul that captivity and prisoner's chains awaited him in Jerusalem. Rufus was the son of Simon the Cyrenian, whom the Apostle greets, as well as Asyncritos, Phlegon, and Hermes, toward the end of his epistle to the Romans (Romans 16:13-14).

**April 9**

**Memory of the holy Martyr Eupsychios of Caesarea (+362)**

A native of Cappadocia, Saint Eupsychios was hardly married when inflamed by divine zeal he gathered a crowd of Christians and utterly destroyed the Temple of Fortune. Julian the Apostate, who believed in this divinity, condemned Eupsychios to be beheaded as responsible for this action on September 7, 362.

**April 10**

**Memory of the holy Martyrs Terentios, Pompeius, Maximos, Makarios, Afrikanos, and their companions (+under Decius, 249-251)**

All natives of Africa, these holy martyrs suffered for the faith under Emperor Decius (249-251). By order of Emperor Theodosius (379-395), their holy relics were placed in the martyrrium of Saint Euphemia in Petra, near Constantinople.

**April 11**

**Memory of the holy Martyr Antipas, of Pergamum in Asia (+under Domitian, 81-96)**

A native of Pergamum in Asia, the holy martyr Antipas under Emperor Domitian (81-96). The Book of Apocalypse, which describes him as "faithful" and as a "martyr" (Apocalypse 2:13), testifies that he was contemporaneous with the holy Apostles at the time when Saint John the Evangelist was in exile at Patmos.

# Pastoral Message from Bishop for Holy Week and Easter

April 1, 2020

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**

My Dear Parishioners,

**Re: Holy Week and Easter Services**

I pray that you and your families are safe and healthy. As we endure the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are evermore united as one global family – God’s family – in our efforts to battle this disease, protecting in particular our seniors and those with medical conditions. In Christ, all things are possible. We will overcome.

Over these past several weeks, I have been moved by the love and pastoral care expressed towards you by our clergy. To them, I express my heartfelt gratitude. They are praying for you daily, celebrating the Lenten liturgical services and the Divine Liturgy for your intentions, visiting the sick and dying, celebrating funerals, hearing confessions upon request, phoning and keeping in touch with you – in particular, the elderly and shut-ins – providing counselling, and so on. They have also been sending you their weekly bulletins and homily reflections, with the Sunday epistle and gospel, and changeable parts, so that you pray and reflect upon the word of God at home, alone or with your family. Although our buildings are closed, the Church continues to be open – because we are the Church!

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

As we prepare to mark Holy Week, Our Lord’s passion, crucifixion, death upon the cross, and then Easter and his glorious third-day Resurrection, our celebrations will be very different this year owing to the coronavirus. We simply continue doing what we’re already doing, that is, stay home to prevent the spread of the virus, and to follow the Holy Week and Easter services from home through livestream.

For this purpose, four parishes throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton have been designated to provide livestream: Easter, April 12 – Saint Josaphat Cathedral, Saint Basil the Great Parish, Edmonton, and Saint Stephen Protomartyr Parish, Calgary; and Easter, April 19 – Saint George the Victory-bearer Parish, Edmonton. For service times and website information, visit the Eparchy of Edmonton’s website [www.eeparchy.com](http://www.eeparchy.com).

When following the livestream liturgical services, it is important to stay prayerful and focused, avoiding all distractions. Set up a prayer corner in your “domestic church.” Place yourself in front of an icon. Light a candle. On the appropriate day, download a copy of an icon of the Holy (Last) Supper, the Holy Shroud of Our Lord (plachanytsia), and the Resurrection of Our Lord (available on [www.eeparchy.com](http://www.eeparchy.com)). Meditate upon them.

Be assured that all our pastors will celebrate the Holy Week and Easter services for your intention, either in church by themselves or with the assistance of a cantor, or privately in their home.

## **Palm Sunday and Pussy willows**

Blessed pussy willows will not be distributed on Flowery (Palm) Sunday. Some parishes who have already pre-ordered pussy willows, may bless and distribute them once the pandemic has passed.



## **Easter Basket-blessings**

Easter baskets will be blessed via livestream, following the celebration of Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy. Alternatively, in these extraordinary circumstances, the faithful may recite the prayers of Easter-basket blessing yourself (available at [www.eeparchy.com](http://www.eeparchy.com)), sprinkling them with Holy Water, where available.

## **Easter Confessions**

As it is not possible to celebrate our “Easter” confession at this time, nor receive the Divine Eucharist on the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, pray by yourself or as a family the “Prayer of Spiritual Communion,” which can be found below.

## **Financial Support**

At this critical time, your financial support is greatly appreciated. Our eparchy and parishes continue to incur expenses as we strive to fulfill the mission which God has entrusted to the Church. If you are able, you may mail a donation directly to the Eparchy of Edmonton or your parish. You may also donate online at [www.eeparchy.com](http://www.eeparchy.com) by clicking “Donate.” If you are donating to a given parish, specify which parish in the memo box: “Include a message for this charity.”

## **Continued Prayer for you and your family**

Please know that your bishop and your clergy are praying for you, for family and friends; for the shut-ins and elderly; for the sick and the dying; for government leaders and officials; and for the doctors, nurses, researchers, for all care givers, and for all who provide essential services.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, I pray that God’s grace and love fills your heart, and that of your family and friends, and brings joy and peace to all people.

Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop David Motiuk

Eparchial Bishop, Eparchy of Edmonton

Apostolic Administrator, Eparchy of New Westminster

# 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.)
- We wish God's blessings and **happy birthday** to our parishioner: **Paul Sharek, Theodore Nahachewsky & Catherine Bawol** 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.
- I've been working on the parish list, and learning "Mail Chimp" in order to email these bulletins to everyone. If you did not get this email... ..ummm... ..never mind. **Well, if you know of anyone else who wants this bulletin, pass their email to me somehow (email or text is best),** or get them to fill in the new popup on our parish's website.
- Check out [CampOselia.com](http://CampOselia.com) for information about our wonderful programs including. We have not cancelled them (yet) in hopes that we will be free to hold them in July. You can reserve a spot without payment for your children.
  - **Teen Camp:** July 2-4
  - **Elementary Camp:** July 12-17
  - **Mixed Camp:** July 19-24
  - **Jr. High Camp:** July 26-31
  - **Family Camp:** August 27-30
- Pretty much everything else has been either postponed or cancelled due to Covid-19.
- **Pope Francis** issued a [Message for the 35th World Youth Day \(WYD\)](#) on the theme: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (Lk 7:14).
- 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.

- The inaugural meeting of the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCB) Standing Committee for Responsible Ministry and the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons** was recently held in Ottawa. The first permanent structure of its kind within the CCCB, the membership of the Standing Committee involves a total of 16 people, including four Bishops, victims-survivors, and experts from the fields of safeguarding, psychology, and law (canon and civil).

The meeting of the Standing Committee members represents an important step for the Church in Canada in its commitment to address the grave harm sexual abuse caused to victims and their families, and to ensure all pastoral environments are safe.

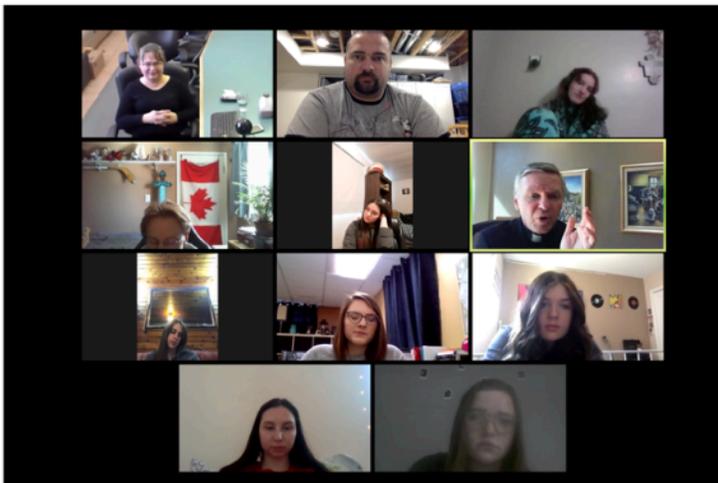
For more on the meeting, visit: [Standing Committee for Responsible Ministry Holds Inaugural Meeting](#) .

- **Bishop David** appointed **Rev. Roman Planchak** as **Protopresbyter (Dean) of the Calgary Protopresbyterate (Deanery)**, member of the College of Consultors, and member of the Presbyteral Council. At the same time, Bishop David expresses his gratitude to Rev. Greg Faryna who served in the same capacity since 2018.
- **Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski** was **enthroned** as **Bishop of London** on March 21. The Eparchy of London serves the Ukrainian Catholic faithful throughout the United Kingdom. Bishop Kenneth was enthroned by Cardinal Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Cardinal Archbishop has been delegated to perform the enthronement by His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav, who is under travel restrictions owing to the Coronavirus. Below is a link to the Eparchy of New Westminster's website, which carries the recorded Rite of Enthronement, and well as my greetings to Bishop Kenneth on behalf of his former Eparchy. From New Westminster to Westminster. <http://nweparchy.ca/project/enthronement-of-bishop-kenneth-nowakowski/>
- *His Excellency Bishop David and the entire Chancery staff and volunteers extend to the clergy, religious, monastic, and faithful of the Eparchy of Edmonton a blessed and holy celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord.*



We are learning how to do many things in these days. Here is a screen shot of a lenten youth retreat we had this week using video conferencing, with Bishop David and myself. This was organized by Millie S, of the Youth Ministry Office.

There will be another one coming soon. Contact Millie at [youth@eeparchy.com](mailto:youth@eeparchy.com)



## What's in Your Basket? The Symbolism of the Easter (Pascha)



### Basket.

*The Easter Basket is more than simply delicious food. It is meant to serve as a reminder and a teaching on the Feast of all Feasts; Pascha (Easter). Our celebration becomes much richer when we keep these teachings foremost in our minds. Spend time each year with your family talking about what is in your basket, reminding yourselves of the depth of God's love and the significance of this day that we are celebrating.*

**Paska:** is a large, round, elaborately decorated loaf of bread. It symbolizes our Lord Jesus Christ, the "living Bread" [Jn. 6:51](#) who "came down from heaven to give life (eternal) to the world" (cf. Prayer for the Blessing of the Bread).

**Babka:** is a tall, sweet, delicate bread, in honour of Mary, the Mother of God ([Theotokos](#) – literally means God bearer), who was intimately connected with her Son's birth, suffering and death.

**Eggs:** are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth.

- ❖ *Pysanky* are the eggs, beautifully decorated with symbols which were derived from nature in pre-Christian times. These symbols were eventually adapted to Christian meanings.
- ❖ *Krashanky* are the eggs dyed one colour. In ancient times *Krashanky* were dyed only red symbolizing Christ's blood.

**Grated Beets:** remind us of Christ's passion and suffering. They too remind us of His blood shed for us. They are often mixed with horseradish.

**Horseradish:** symbolizes the bitterness of sin for which Christ died and rose. It also reminds us of the bitterness of Jesus' passion through which He entered into glory.

**Dairy Products:** remind us of the "prosperity and peace" of the Messianic times which had been foretold by the Prophets [Isaiah 7:22](#); [Joel 3:18](#) Metaphorically, the milk and honey in the Bible signify wealth, especially the spiritual wealth of God's kingdom.

- ❖ **Butter** is symbolic of burial ointment. It is often shaped into a lamb (Christ is the Lamb of God [John 1:29](#)) or decorated with whole cloves or peppercorns in the form of a cross.
- ❖ **Cottage cheese**, bland in taste, reminds us of the need for self-control and moderation which we should cultivate in our daily lives.

**Salt:** is a reminder of the commitment to follow Christ: in His words "You are the salt of the earth" [Mt. 5:13](#)

**Meat products:** symbolize the sacrificial animals of the Old Testament, foreshadowing the true sacrifice of our Savior, who became "a Lamb of God, taking away the sins of the world" [Jn. 1:29](#). It is also symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter (Pascha).

**Kobassa and Ham** are generally the meats that are included.

**Beeswax candle:** is placed in the basket and lit during the blessing celebration. It is symbolic of Christ, "the Light of the World," who brought us the glorious good news of the New Life.

**Rushnyk:** (cover) This embroidered cloth reminds us of Christ's shroud and of our baptismal robe 'kryzhma'. Being cleansed with the baptismal waters, we celebrate the joy of New Life as we put on the 'kryzhma'.

The basket should be lined with an embroidered rushnyk, or a white napkin. It can also be adorned with green periwinkle, pussy willows and spring flowers which also symbolize new life.

*The basket should contain only a sampling of the foods you are going to eat for Easter breakfast. It is important to remove all cellophane, foil and paper from the basket prior to having it blessed. Any items such as eggshells, leftover food that will not be eaten, flowers, cellophane, foil or paper napkins that have been blessed or may have come in contact with the blessed water must either be burned or buried and not disposed of in the garbage.*



Babka and Paska



Rushnyk



**Hey kids, have your parents print this page and colour it for me. Then you can take a picture of it and I'll put your colouring in one of our future bulletins.**



As we all face the impacts of COVID-19 together  
We at St. Michael's and Rosehill Cemeteries  
will continue to serve without interruption.

If your family has experienced the recent passing of a loved one  
and you need to arrange interment or urn burial services,  
please call our office at  
**780-424-5493**

When an appointment is necessary,  
we assure our practices align with the guidance provided  
by public health and government organizations.

**Monument sales, Niche and Plot purchases  
will continue in the most considerate way forward  
with your convenience, health, safety, and well-being,  
as well as that of our associates  
foremost in conduct of our services.**

*Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures.*

*We are here for you.*

"We will not go back to normal.  
Normal never was. Our pre-corona  
existence was not normal other than  
we normalized greed, inequity,  
exhaustion, depletion, extraction,  
disconnection, confusion, rage,  
hoarding, hate and lack. We should  
not long to return, my friends. We  
are being given the opportunity to  
stitch a new garment. One that fits  
all of humanity and nature."

SONYA RENEE TAYLOR

Left: A nice message. Let's make our world better. Do not lament.



**Keep praying in your homes. Keep healthy. Stay away from crowds. Wash your hands. Make cool crafts with your kids (like the one on the left). Go for walks. Cook healthy food. Keep yourself positive and know that your God will take care of all of us, because he is good and loves humankind.**

**I am praying with my family at our dining room table for the health and well being of all of you.**

# How to Donate to our Parish during the Covid crisis and beyond

With the closure of our churches, we recognize that parishioners who normally donate through Sunday collections may wonder how they can continue to support their parishes financially. The Eparchial Pastoral Centre is suggesting three options for parishioners to donate to their parishes if online options are not available to them directly:

## I. Mail a donation by cheque;

Please do not send cash in the mail. Mail it to the (Ukrainian Catholic) Pastoral Centre and we will forward all donations to the parish. Our address is:

Eparchy of Edmonton Pastoral Centre

9645 108 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 1A3 .

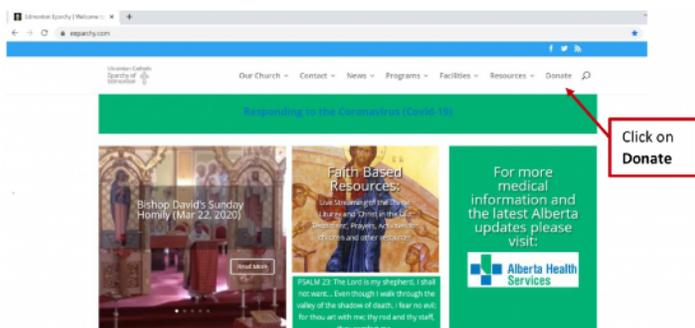
(Please do not mail things to Dormition Parish directly as our mailbox is not sufficiently secure.... It's good enough for bills, but not incoming funds.)

## 2. Donate using the Eparchial Website.

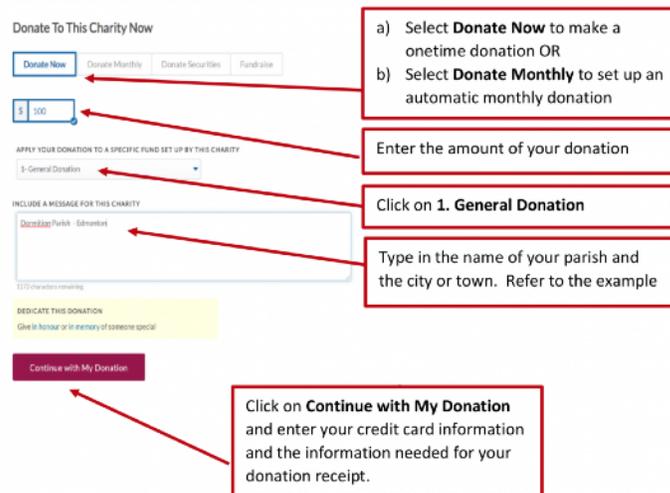
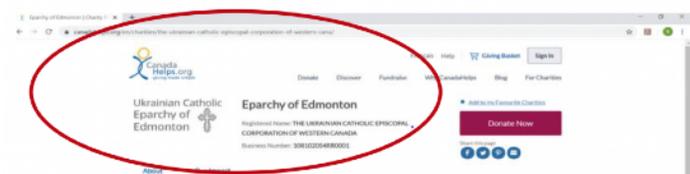
Our Eparchy accepts online donations through Canada Helps. You will receive a donation receipt directly from Canada Helps and the Eparchy will receive notification of the donation with all of the details and will allocate the funds to your parish. The following steps will help first time users with the online process:

Steps for making an online donation to your parish

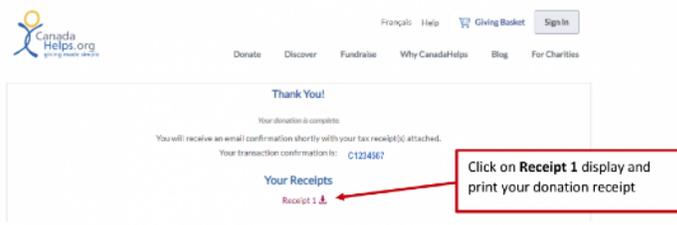
A. Access the Eparchy website at [www.eeparchy.com](http://www.eeparchy.com) and click on the Donate button.



B. You are automatically transferred to the Canada Helps site for the Eparchy of Edmonton. Scroll to the Donate to this Charity Now area and complete the required fields:



C. Once you have typed in the required information, click on the Complete Donation button. A message will appear thanking you for your donation and providing a confirmation number. You will also be able to directly print your charitable receipt.



D. Your donation is complete. The Eparchy will receive notification of the donation and will allocate the donation for your parish. You may close your browser.

## 3. Donate by credit card

– Please call our Pastoral Centre at 780.424.5496 during office hours (hours may be limited but you can leave a message and we will call you back). You will be asked for you name, credit card number, name of your parish and the city/town. A donation receipt will be issued from the Eparchy of Edmonton and proceeds allocated to your parish.

Thank you for your continued support of our Church though these unprecedented times. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please call our Pastoral Centre at 780.424.5496



### Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

We pray that you are in good health and adapting to the new reality of daily routines in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. With the cancellation of Divine Liturgies celebrated within our parish communities, our parish life has changed significantly, particularly as we prepare for Easter. We must remember however, that our Church is OPEN, maybe not in the physical sense, but truly in our hearts. Your pastors continue to serve you, by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and other services on behalf of all faithful, and through their ministry are reaching out to their parishioners, including the elderly, sick and those in need.

At the Pastoral Centre, we are receiving many telephone calls and emails from individuals asking about ways they can support their parishes. They also share their concerns of cancelled services, lower donations and the challenge of meeting all parish expenses in the coming months. Government response in the form of subsidies and other financial aid is becoming available and eligibility requirements are being clarified. As the Eparchy acts as the legal employer for all pastors under one payroll number, any application for wage subsidies from any level of government would be submitted by the Eparchy on behalf of the parishes. At the Eparchial level, we are reviewing these programs and will forward information to the parish pastoral councils, specifically the pastor, council chair and treasurer.

This is the first communication which will provide information on some initial financial relief to the parishes. As a first step, beginning **April 1, 2020**, Bishop David announced a number initiatives to **ease the financial strain on parishes**:

1. **Suspend the collection of the 10% Cathedraticum** from parish collections for the next 3 months (April 1 through June 30, 2020). Parishes will not be required to pay Cathedraticum for this period. The situation will be evaluated should the COVID-19 Pandemic continue past June 2020.
2. Allow parishioners to make **online donations to their parish using the Eparchial Website**. Donations will be applied to the parish account or sent to the parish directly. The procedure is attached along with a template that a parish can use to add their own information with instructions for online giving. This feature is available through *Canada Helps*. Funds are deposited to the eparchial bank account every two weeks less a nominal fee of 3% taken by *Canada Helps*. *Canada Helps* immediately issues the donation receipt online. We have already received a steady number of donations and encourage you to share this information with your parishioners.

3. Payments made to the Eparchy for the **clergy stipends and substitutions** will be reduced as follows (April through June 30, 2020):
  - The **travel allowance will change**. As there are lesser requirements for travel by the clergy the current allowance will change from a specified amount to a reimbursement by kilometre at a rate of \$0.55 / km. Your pastor will submit his mileage directly to the parish or district council for payment.
  - **Remove the substitution levy**: the \$100 per pastor per month will be deducted from the remuneration invoice as there are currently no services. These adjustments will be made on the April, May and June invoices, copies of which will be forwarded to the parishes. If your parish has already submitted post dated cheques, we will process the April cheque and credit any excess to the next month. Otherwise, if you would like to reissue the cheques for the three months, please call the office and ask for Sheila.
4. For parishes who have **loans outstanding**, the Eparchy will waive loan interest for the next 3 months (April through June 2020).
5. The Eparchy will continue to provide **online resources and video-streaming** of liturgical services through our website. If you have any suggestions, please forward them by email to [chancery@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:chancery@edmontoneparchy.com).

We will continue sharing information in the coming weeks as more is known and clarified. As always, we welcome your input and feedback. Thank you for your patience and prayers during these unusual times. God Bless.

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*His Excellency Bishop David and the entire Pastoral Centre staff and volunteers extend to the clergy, religious, monastic, and faithful of the Eparchy of Edmonton a blessed Holy Week and joyous celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord.*

*Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!  
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*