



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Парафія Успіння Пресв. Богородиці
A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

Address:

15608 -104 Avenue, Edmonton, AB
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Services:

**ALL SERVICES TEMPORARILY
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

Normally Though:

Sunday Divine Liturgy
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am
& Melkite (Arabic) D.L. at 2 pm

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May 17, 2020

**Sixth Sunday after Pascha - Sunday of the Man Born Blind (Tone 5);
The Holy Apostle Andronicus and those with him.**

Christ is Risen! Христос Воскрес!

The Blind Man

by Fr. Thomas Hopko

The sixth Sunday of Pascha commemorates the healing of the man blind from birth (Jn 9). We are identified with that man who came to see and to believe in Jesus as the Son of God. The Lord has anointed our eyes with his own divine hands and washed them with the waters of our baptism (Jn 9.6–11).

Jesus used clay of spittle and told the man to wash in the waters of Siloam. He did so because it was the Sabbath day on which spitting, clay-making and washing were strictly forbidden. By breaking these ritual laws of the Jews, Jesus showed that He is indeed the Lord of the Sabbath, and, as such,

that He is equal to God the Father Who alone, according to Jewish tradition, works on the Sabbath day in running His world.

There is scandal over the healing of the blind man on the Sabbath day. He is separated from the synagogue because of his faith in Christ. The entire Church follows this man in his fate, knowing that it is those who do not see Jesus as the Lord who are really blind and still in their sins (Jn 9.41). The others have the light of life and can see and know the Son of God, for "you have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you" (Jn 9.37).

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness! (Kontakion).



**The feast of
Ascension
is this
Thursday,
but we will
celebrate
it as per
usual on
the Sunday
after.**

Today's Saint of the Day from oca.org

Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia

Saint Andronicus Apostle of the Seventy and Saint Junia were relatives of the holy Apostle Paul. They labored much, preaching the Gospel to pagans. Saint Paul mentions them in his Epistle to the Romans: "Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and fellow prisoners, who are of note among the Apostles, who also were in Christ, before me" (Romans 16:7).

Saint Andronicus was made Bishop of Pannonia, but his preaching also took him and Saint Junia to other lands, far from the boundaries of his diocese. Through the efforts of Saints Andronicus and Junia the Church of Christ was strengthened, pagans were converted to the knowledge of God, many pagan temples closed, and in their place Christian churches were built. The service in honor of these saints states that they suffered martyrdom for Christ.

In the fifth century, during the reign of the emperors Arcadius and Honorius, their holy relics were uncovered on the outskirts of Constantinople together with the relics of other martyrs at the gate of Eugenius (February 22).

It was revealed to the pious cleric Nicholas Kalligraphos that among the relics of these seventeen martyrs were the relics of the holy Apostle Andronicus. Afterwards, a magnificent church was built on this spot.



Parish 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, 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 parishioners: **Shug Puto (17th), and Joanna Hrabiwchuk (17th)** who both celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many years!
- Our next **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting** is anticipated for May 26 via Zoom. Parish council members please check your emails.

Looking for some of our recent videos or bulletins?

Fr. Bo has been posting and emailing out Church videos and bulletins. You can also find them on our parish website that we have been updating weekly, sometimes twice weekly. If you are not getting the emails, tell me and I'll put you on the list.

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Fr. Kapusta's

LITURGY STUDY

Episode I: Introduction

We did it in person at the parish this winter, now its coming together online. And its animated!

No cartoons are not just for kids. This liturgy study is for people of all ages. And it's... well...

...Just barely started. But if you want to see the first two episodes they are online.

God willing each week I will be able to post a few more, and constantly improve their quality. (not that they are too bad now, even if I do say so myself.)

Enjoy.

Corona Pandemic and our Parish

Several people have been inquiring if we at Dormition Parish will be starting services immediately.

The answer is: Not yet.

We are trying to figure out exactly how to safely and responsibly do this. But at this time we (the Ukr. Catholic Church in Alberta) are not yet ready.

On Tuesday Bishop David will be gathering all of the clergy of the Edmonton Eparchy online for a ZOOM meeting to discuss how the church as a whole can do this. Yes some churches (especially larger ones) have reopened, but there are limitations to what they can and can not do. Eucharist for example is not allowed to be distributed. There are questions as to the safety of allowing people to sing in the church buildings. Would children be allowed? Would Seniors? There are many things to consider.

At current Bishop David has NOT lifted the ban on public Divine Liturgies or other public services.

We certainly should be talking and figuring out how to resume our communal worship, but we must do this carefully. I invite anyone who has ideas to send me an email. Ideas will be discussed both at the Eparchial Clergy Zoom meeting, and also at our Parishes Pastoral Council Zoom meeting.

Also we do encourage everyone to pray for a quick and healthy resolution to this reality.



Our weekly videos are now on the Eparchy of Edmonton's newly reorganized website. Check it out. eeparchy.com

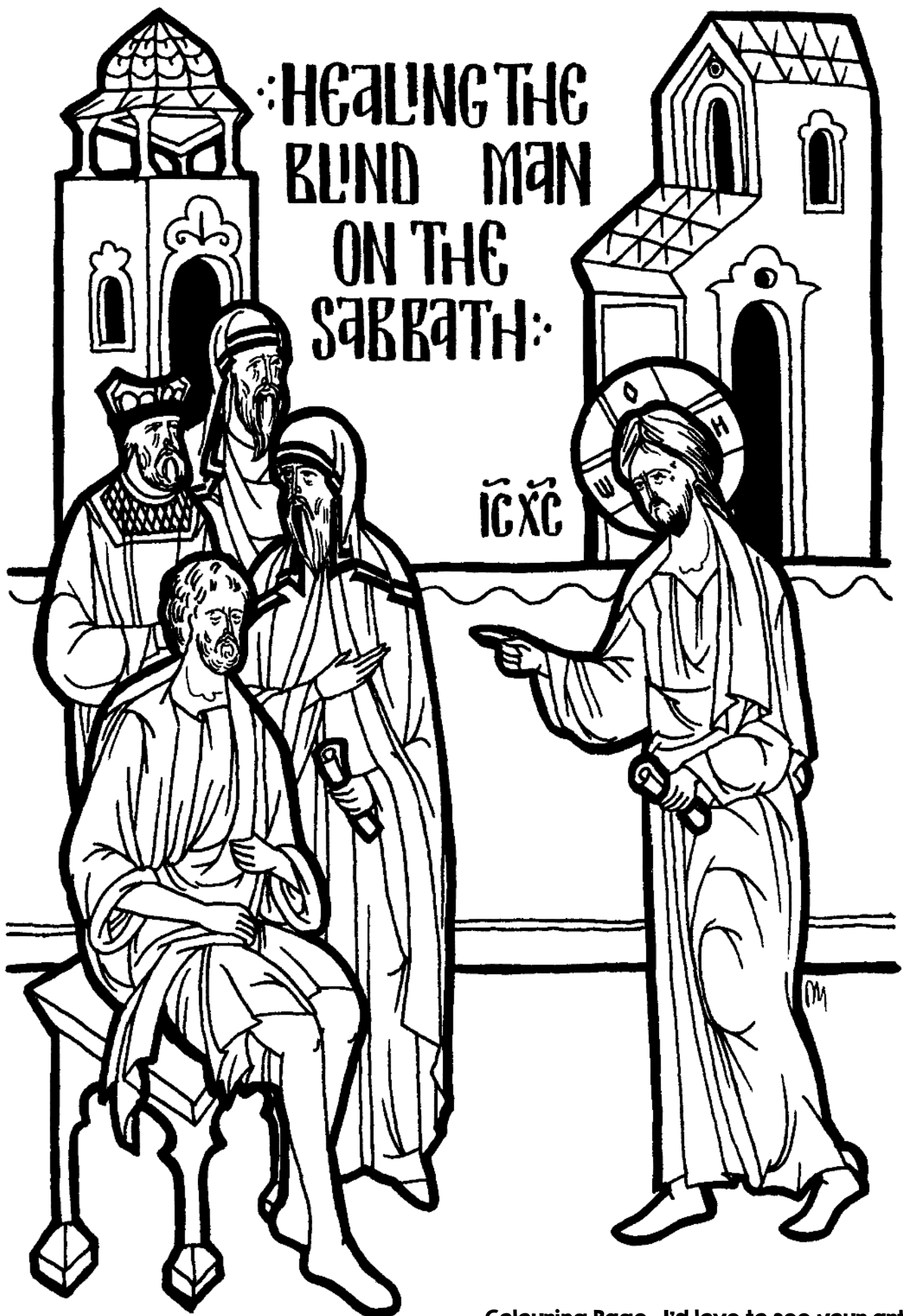


**Liturgy for Sunday,
May 17, 2020.
Sunday of the Man
Born Blind.**

For use during the covid pandemic.

**with Fr. Bo and family of Dormition of the
Most Holy Mother of God Ukrainian
Catholic Parish in Edmonton**

HEALING THE BLIND MAN ON THE SABBATH:



Colouring Page. I'd love to see your art.

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 .

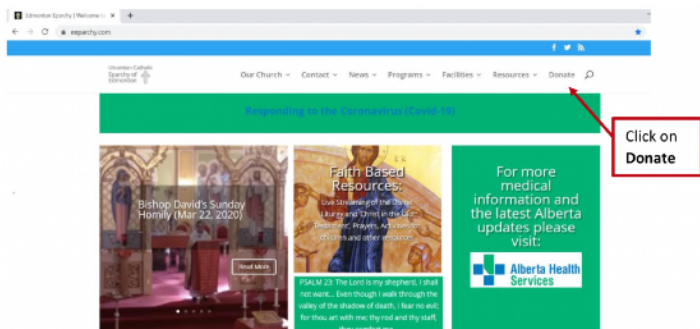
(Please do not mail things to Dormition Parish directly as our mailbox is not sufficiently secure.... It's good enough for bills, but not incoming funds.)

2. Donate using the Eparchial Website.

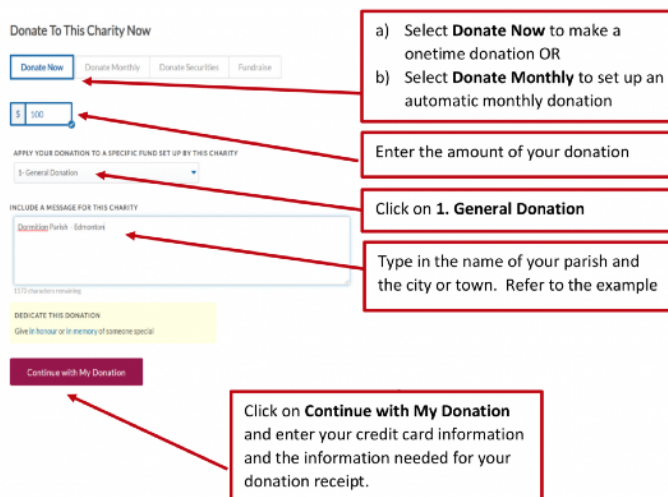
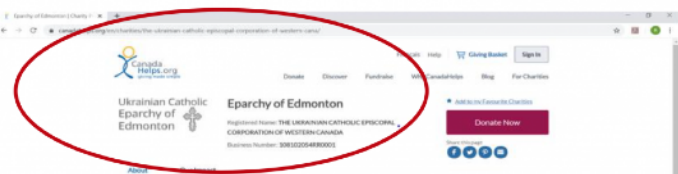
Our Eparchy accepts online donations through Canada Helps. You will receive a donation receipt directly from Canada Helps and the Eparchy will receive notification of the donation with all of the details and will allocate the funds to your parish. The following steps will help first time users with the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

Steps for making an online donation to your parish

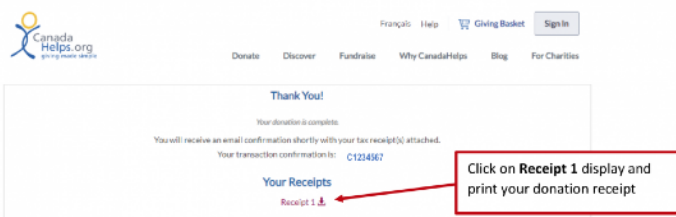
A. Access the Eparchy website at www.eeparchy.com and click on the Donate button.



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