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July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5;

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary (98-117);

Venerable Father Michael of Maleon (961)

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Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy (Ukr & Eng) at 10 am for June: (English) at 12 noon & soon to return Melkite (Arabic) D.L. at 2 pm

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Today we have the honour of having Bishop David join us for this morning's Liturgy.

We welcome you with warm hearts and mask covered faces. It is always good to have you with us.

Bishop shares some news about our Holy Spirit Seminary here in Edmonton:

Very Rev. Michael Winn's term as Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary concludes on June 30, 2021. Father Michael served two five-year terms as Rector, then accepted an additional two-year term to assist in the relocation of Holy Spirit Seminary from Ottawa to Edmonton. We are grateful for his dedicated service in guiding the discernment and formation of candidates for ordained ministry in the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada.

I am pleased to announce that Metropolitan Lawrence and the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada have appointed Rev. Greg Faryna as Vice-Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, effective January 1, 2021, with an eventual appointment as Rector. Father Michael and Father Greg will overlap the 2021 Winter Seminary/Academic semester to ensure a smooth transition.

The Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in Canada have also appointed... (continued on next page)





...Very Rev. Mihajlo Planchak as Spiritual Director of Holy Spirit Seminary effective September 1, 2020. Father Mihajlo continues to serve as Pastor of Holy Eucharist Parish, Edmonton, while dedicating time to providing spiritual direction for the



seminarians.

At the same time, with Father Greg's appointment to Holy Spirit Seminary, I am pleased to appoint Rev. Michael Bombak as Assistant Pastor of Saint Stephen Protomartyr Parish, Calgary, effective September 13, 2020, and then Pastor effective January 1, 2021. Father Michael currently serves as Pastor of Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish, Lloydminster, and St Olga Parish, Vermilion. Given



that these two parishes have mutally asked to be reincluded in a parish district structure, consultations with the parishioners and selected clergy will take place as to how and when this can be realized.

What is Holy Spirit Seminary?

Holy Spirit Seminary is the Major Seminary of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada. It also welcomes candidates from elsewhere. Its primary purpose is the preparation of candidates for ordained priesthood in the Catholic Church. This preparation for eparchial ministerial leadership embraces and promotes spiritual formation, theological education, and field training. The Seminary pursues its calling to form candidates as responsible and apostolic persons for the service of the Church and world by fostering: faithful love for Jesus Christ, his Church and all people; commitment to hand on faithfully the tradition, teachings and history of the Church; commitment to the exploration of the mysteries of faith through sustained scriptural and theological enquiry; and communal life through faith, prayer and wisdom.

History

The need for a Seminary in Canada had long been discussed by the Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of Canada. Before the establishment of Holy Spirit Seminary, candidates attended various Roman Catholic seminaries in Canada including University of Saint Paul Seminary (Ottawa), Saint Basil's College (Toronto), Saint Augustine's Seminary (Toronto), Saint Peter's Seminary (London), and Saint Joseph's Seminary (Edmonton), while others attended Saint Josaphat's Seminary and Saint Sofia College in Rome. Whereas the Basilian and Redemptorist Orders had their own scholasticates, there was no place of preparation for eparchial priests.

Holy Spirit Seminary was established in 1981. The former Basilian scholasticate at 520 Queen Elizabeth Driveway served as its first location. Very Rev. Joseph Andrijishyn was appointed Rector and in September 1981 the Seminary opened its doors and began receiving its first students. Seminarians studied philosophy at Ottawa University and theology at the University of Saint Paul. By 1983, the Seminary building became too small to accommodate all the students and an additional house at 72 Craig Street was purchased. When the Basilian Fathers made it known that they intended to sell the scholasticate building, the Seminary was relocated to 1030 Baseline Road, a former Augustinian Monastery.

Through many years, the Seminary collaborated with the Faculty of Theology at Saint Paul University so that the seminarians would have as some of their academic theological formation in their own Byzantine Christian tradition. In 1990, at the invitation of the Ukrainian Catholic hierarchy of Canada, the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies (MASI) moved from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago to become an academic institute within the Faculty of Theology at the University of Saint Paul in Ottawa. With the move of MASI to the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto in 2017, the Bishops discerned and determined that Holy Spirit Seminary would move to Edmonton in August 2018. The Seminary began a new relationship with Newman Theological College where seminarians would receive their academic philosophical and theological formation.

Since the erection of Holy Spirit Seminary in 1981, over 100 candidates have received all or part of their priestly formation in Ottawa; more than 60 have been ordained to the priesthood and now serve in various parishes across Canada and the USA.

The Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion were natives of the village of Kallippi, near Ancyra, and they suffered during the time of a persecution under the emperor Trajan (98-117). Saint Proclus was put under arrest first.

Brought before the governor Maximus, he fearlessly confessed his faith in Christ. The governor decided to compel the saint to submit himself to the emperor and offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. During his tortures, the martyr predicted to Maximus that soon he himself would be compelled to confess Christ as the true God. They forced the martyr to run after the chariot of the governor, heading towards the village Kallippi. Exhausted, Saint Proclus prayed that the Lord would halt the chariot. By the power of God the chariot halted, and no force could move it from the spot. The dignitary sitting in it became petrified. The martyr told him that he would remain unmoving until



such time as he would sign a document with a confession of Christ. Only after this could the chariot continue on its way with the governor.

The humiliated pagan took fierce revenge on Saint Proclus. He commanded that Proclus be led out beyond the city, tied to a pillar and shot with arrows. The soldiers, leading Saint Proclus to execution, told him to give in and save his life, but the saint said that they should follow their orders.

Along the way to the place of execution, they met Hilarion, the nephew of Saint Proclus, who with tears embraced his uncle and also confessed himself a Christian. The soldiers seized him, and he was thrown into prison. The holy Martyr Proclus prayed for his tormentors and surrendered his soul to God beneath a hail of arrows.

Saint Hilarion was brought to trial and, with the same courage as Saint Proclus, confessed himself a Christian. After tortures he was sentenced to death. They tied the martyr's hands and dragged him by his feet through the city, wounded and bloody, and then they beheaded him three days after the death of his uncle, the holy Martyr Proclus. Christians buried them together in a single grave.

Today's other Saint of the day: (from <u>oca.org</u>) Venerable Michael of Maleinus

Saint Michael Maleinus was born about the year 894 in the Charsian region (Cappadocia) and at Baptism he received the name Manuel. He was related to the Byzantine emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). At age 18 Manuel went off to Bithynia, to the Kyminas monastery under the guidance of the Elder, John Heladites, who tonsured him into monasticism with the name Michael. Fulfilling a very difficult obedience in spite of his illustrious lineage, he demonstrated an example of great humility.

After the passage of a certain time, he was found worthy of the grace of the priesthood. Constantly studying the Holy Scripture, Saint Michael showed how the priesthood ought to be properly conjoined with monasticism, he attained to a high degree of dispassion and acquired the gift of perspicacity. He was very compassionate and kindly towards people, he could not let remain without help and consolation those who were in need and in sorrow, and by his ardent prayer he accomplished many miracles.

After much monastic effort under the guidance of the Elder John, Saint Michael asked his blessing to live in a cave as a hermit. Five days of the week he spent at prayerful concentration, and only on Saturday and Sunday did he come to the monastery for participation in the divine services and to partake of the Holy Mysteries.



By his example of sublime spiritual life the holy hermit attracted many seeking salvation. In a desolate place called Dry Lake, the venerable Michael founded a monastery for the brethren gathering around him, and gave it a strict monastic rule. When the monastery was secure, Saint Michael went to a still more remote place and built there a new monastery. By the efforts of the holy abba, the whole... (continued on next page) mountain of Kyminas was covered with monastic communities, where constantly prayers were raised up for all the world to the Throne of the Most-High.

About the year 953, the youth Abraham entered the brotherhood, flourishing under the guidance of Saint Michael, who gave him the name Athanasius. Later, Saint Athanasius (July 5) founded the renowned Great Lavra, the first cenobitic monastery on Mount Athos. In the building of the Lavra great help was given to Saint Athanasius by Saint Michael's nephew, the future Byzantine emperor Nicephoros Phocas (963-969), who met Athanasius while visiting his uncle. After fifty years of ceaseless monastic struggle, Saint Michael Maleinos went peacefully to the Lord in the year 962.

Parish News & Beyond:

- Our parish is open again! We invite you to come back and pray with us if you feel ready to do so, and to let others know that they can come too. Of course there will be all the precautions in place as we want to make sure that everyone remains healthy. We will strictly follow all the rules and regulations of both AHS and the Eparchy of Edmonton. In order to attend, please go to our website: <u>DORMITION.EEPARCHY.COM</u> and click on the "Reserve a Spot" button.
- We pray for the health and well-being of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: Fr. Josaphat Turkalo, Edward, Verna Hnatiuk, 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: Sophia Gerace (July 15) and Sharilynn Shakeshaft (July 17) who both celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many years!
- A BIG Thank-You to all those who have been supporting our parish with online, sent in, and in person donations. Your support is helping us to keep moving forward in this unprecedented time. You are all the greatest.
- Beware of email scams using Fr. Bo's name. Several people have received emails that claim to be from me asking for gift cards. These emails are not from me. I will only send out emails from the emails listed to the left, and I will never ask for gift cards or any such thing. If the request sounds fishy.... it probably is. These scammers have been using other priest's names as well. Please beware.
- Save the Date for the 5th annual Called to be Holy, Men's Conference and Retreat: Nov. 6, 7, 2020. for more info communicate with Bernie at <u>education@eeparchy.com</u>
- Pope Francis issued his Message on the occasion of the Fourth World Day of the Poor, to be marked on November 15, 2020. The theme of the Holy Father's message is <u>"Stretch forth your</u> <u>hand to the poor</u>" (Sirach 6: 7).
- His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav issued an appeal to prayer and solidarity following severe flooding in western Ukraine, the worst floods in a decade (attached). Parishioners wishing

to make financial contributions towards the flood victims may do so through their individual parish. The parishes can then forward the donations to the Pastoral Centre – Eparchy of Edmonton, who in turn will work with accredited aid agencies in responding to the disaster.

- In response to the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement, <u>God Created</u> <u>Humankind in his Image and Likeness: Respect for the other is</u> <u>a must</u>.
- From information gathered for the **2019 Annual General Statistical Questionnaire** on behalf of the Vatican Secretariat of State, as of **December 31, 2019** the Eparchy of Edmonton has (by way of comparison, 2019 numbers are included in brackets):
 - Ukrainian Catholic population of 25,000, with 4,943 in regular Sunday attendance (2018: 24,000, with 4,739 in regular Sunday attendance)
 - 81 parishes and missions (2018: 81)
 - 32 eparchial priests (31)
 - 11 religious priests (10)
 - 5 deacons (3)
 - 3 eparchial seminarians (4) ;
 - 1 religious seminarian (1)
 - 11 women religious (12)
 - 4 men religious (4)
 - 183 baptisms (168)
 - 107 First Communions (102)
 - 43 marriages (43)
 - 228 funerals (236)
 - 257 children in catechism (255)
 - 58 catechists (56)

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.



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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.

+ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 5: You, my Saviour, descended to Hades,* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.* And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 5: Rejoice, O rampart and protection of those who have recourse to you!* Rejoice, O tranquil haven and Virgin,* who gave birth in the flesh to your Maker and God!* Fail not to intercede for those* who sing and worship the Child you bore.

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us* from this generation and for ever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. (*Psalm 11:8,2*)

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Alleluia, Tone 5

verse: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. (*Psalm 88:2,3*)

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 (NRSV)

At that time, after getting into a boat he crossed the water and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralysed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.' Then some of the scribes said to themselves, 'This man is blaspheming.' But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he then said to the paralytic—'Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.' And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (*Psalm 148:1*)



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