

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
ПАРАФІІА УСПІННІА ПРЕСВ. БОГОРОДНИЦІ

A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

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**Please register
online or by
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Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am
if needed: (English) at 12 noon
& Melkite (Arabic) D.L. at 2 pm

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October 25, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 4;
The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius (351)

Welcome to Dormition Parish. We are glad to have you with us.

Take a Selfie

and send it to Fr. Bo with your name(s).

This way Fr. Bo can make the parish a simple informal Photo Directory.

Photo Directories are great tools for people to use to learn each other's names and faces.

Don't be shy. The photo does not need to be professional. In fact I kinda like goofy. So long as we can clearly see your face (no masks). If you have a family include them all in the pic. Send this picture to Fr. Bo via phone at 780-340-3726, or by email at fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com.

Don't delay. Do it now, before you forget. It'll only take a moment of your time.



This Tuesday, our Parish's Women's League (UCWLC) is purchasing groceries for Our Lady of Peace School's Lunch program. The kids at this inner city school not far from our church are often coming to school hungry. Often the only food they eat that day is from school.

If you would like to contribute some funds so that the UCWLC can purchase more, it would be greatly appreciated by the kids and staff of the school. You can throw your donation in the collection basket in an envelope that you can write "For O.L.O.P School, via the UCWLC" on it.

Or if you'd rather donate online, see the second last page of this bulletin, and write "for OLOP School via Dormition Parish's UCWLC" in the 'include a message' section.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:

Wednesday the 28 at 7 pm in the Church Hall. Be there.

Today's Saints of the Day:

Martyr Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople

taken from OCA.org

The Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, Notaries of Constantinople served in a Constantinople cathedral. Marcian was a reader and Martyrius a subdeacon. They both performed in the capacity of notaries, i.e. secretaries, for Patriarch Paul the Confessor (November 6).

Arian heretics expelled and secretly executed the righteous Patriarch Paul. His throne was given to the heretic Macedonius. The heretics attempted to entice Saints Marcian and Martyrius over to their side by flattery. They offered them gold and promised to consecrate them as archbishops, but all the efforts of the Arians were in vain.

Then the impious threatened to slander them before the emperor, and sought to intimidate them with torture and death. But the saints steadfastly confessed Orthodoxy, as handed down by the Fathers of the Church. Marcian and Martyrius were sentenced to death. Before death, the martyrs prayed, "Lord God, Who has invisibly created our hearts, and directed all our deeds, accept with peace the souls of Your servants, since we perish for You and are considered as sheep for the slaughter (Ps 32/33:15; 43/44:22). We rejoice that by such a death we shall depart this life for Your Name. Grant us to be partakers of life eternal with You, the Source of life." After their prayer the martyrs, with quiet rejoicing, bent their necks beneath the sword of the impious (+ ca. 335).



Their holy bodies were reverently buried by Orthodox Christians. Later, by decree of Saint John Chrysostom, the relics of the holy martyrs were transferred to a church built in their honor. Believers here were healed of many infirmities through the prayers of the saints, to the glory of the One Life-Creating Trinity.

We will continue to be vigilant and to do our best to follow all the covid directives as strictly as possible.

Here is an email about one of our Ukrainian Catholic Parishes in Alberta who had a covid positive person visit:

CIX!

For your information, last Friday, October 16, Alberta Health Services (AHS) had contacted Fr Gary Sedgwick and the parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Lethbridge, to indicate that a member of the parish had tested positive for COVID-19.

Father Gary is in touch with the parishioner in question, who is recovering and doing well. The remaining parishioners are monitoring for symptoms.

The parish was closed for one Sunday and will re-open this Sunday, October 25. Alberta Health Services was pleased with our eparchial liturgical directives, which are intended to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Interesting, AHS commented that had the Eparchy not had directives in place, they would have recommended closure for a significant period (in some instances, weeks if not months) and the levy of fines.

Once again, thank you to all our pastors, parish pastoral council members, and volunteers for keeping everyone safe while we pray and worship God!

God bless - Bishop David

People to pray for:



Dormition UCWLC branch has not been able to continue pastoral care visits to residents in senior's homes and to shut-in during the pandemic due to the risk of spreading the virus. However our branch members have kept in touch with each other by telephone. In addition to this our UCWLC Branch has requested that a special prayer intention be made for several parishioners in the Divine Liturgy celebrated today, Sunday, October 25.

Stella Benko – recovering from a fall

Katie Bunio – recovering from Covid -19

Ann Horsman – now living in Laurier House

Jean Miskew - moved to St. Michael's

Ron Pawlyk – lives in Laurier House, unwell.

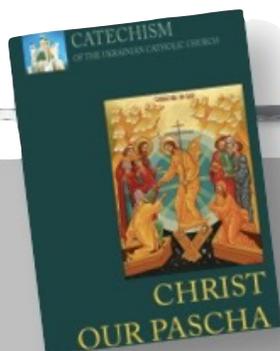
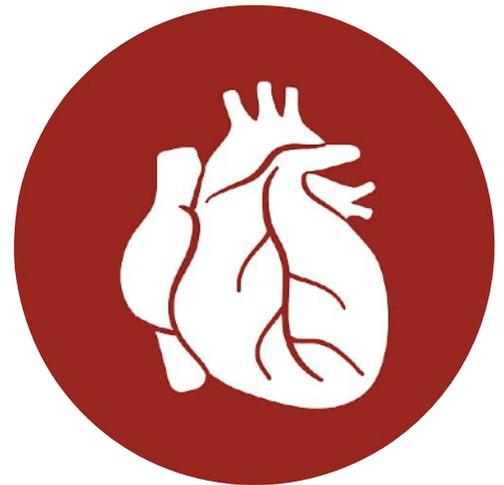
Peter Oprysko – in hospital

Also this weekend we as a parish have been asked to pray for **Tanya Sumka**, a young woman who is receiving a heart transplant. The operation should be taking place as Fr. Bo is writing this bulletin insert. We pray for Tanya so that the heart will take strongly within her, and that she may recover quickly and have more strength than ever before. We also pray for the Doctors, Nurses and all those taking care of her be blessed with steady hands and everything they may need. Please pray also for the person who died and donated his/her organs to help others live, and their family as they grieve.

Finally we pray for all the family and friends of Tanya who nervously await news from her surgery.

Christ our God, who heal us all, bless your servant Tanya.

- Please pray for several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Tanya, Ron, Peter, Arni, Anne, Katie, Jean, Fr. Josaphat, Edward, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
- Happy Birthday to our parishioners **Elizabeth** Shakeshaft, **Katie** Bunio (109 years old!) and **Josie** Zeleny who all celebrate this week. Mnohaya Lita.
- You never know what else you might find on our parish's website: dormition.eepararchy.com Check it out.



Excerpt from **Christ Our Pascha**

Human beings reveal themselves in their personal actions and at the same time through them “create” themselves. A person's actions have a clearly marked personal character and constitute the style or manner of his or her existence. According to the teaching of Saint John of Damascus, a human being is the author of his or her moral behavior. Just as the divine Person, the human person initiates their own actions. Created in the image of God, a Human being is a rational being, capable of self-control and self determination, and is, therefore, morally responsible for his or her actions. (# 728)

Important reminder to all who use the church building: PLEASE make sure all doors are closed and locked before you leave.

Luckily for us, this week when someone left the door unlocked, the alarm system went off. This scared some of our own people as they were trying to get in for a parish program (the priest (me) was late). Because of cell phones, we handled the alarm and all turned out fine. However, this means that someone had used the front doors and not shut them fully completely earlier in the week. When anyone locks up they must check ALL exterior doors, even ones they did not use (but someone else might have).

Also, please make sure that you sanitize anything you might touch for the sake of others who enter the church on any given day. Thanks.



October & November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost 10 am D.L. Bilingual Ukrainian / English 2 pm D.L. Bilingual Arabic / English	26	27 10 am Clergy Retreat and Study Days 6 pm First Solemn Communion Class with Gabby	28 10 am Clergy Retreat and Study Days 7 pm PPC Meeting in Church Hall	29 Elizabeth Shakeshaft's Birthday 10 am Clergy Retreat and Study Days	30 🐟 Katie Bunio & Josie Zeleny's Birthdays 10 am Clergy Conference 5 pm-ish recording of the weekend's Liturgy. 7:30 pm Youth Ministry	31 Halloween Publishing of Bulletin & Liturgy and updating of the Parish website.
1 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 10 am D.L. Bilingual Ukrainian / English 2 pm D.L. Bilingual Arabic / English	2	3 6 pm First Solemn Communion Class with Gabby	4 Fr. Bo is presenting for "Faith Day" (online) to St. Matthew School*.	5 9 am Fr. Bo unavailable	6 🐟	7 Organizing the files in the church. Publishing of Bulletin & Liturgy and updating of the Parish website.

Very Big Thank you to our Maintenance Committee for all they organized at this past Saturday's Maintenance Committee Meeting. Good meeting. I'm glad our church building is in your capable hands. God bless all of you.

CALLED TO BE HOLY - MEN'S RETREAT/CONFERENCE

"WHOLENESS: BODY MIND SPIRIT"

NOV. 6, 6:30 PM - 8:10 PM., NOV 7, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

We are created by God as an integrated whole of mind body and spirit. In order to be truly who God meant us to be we strive to be healthy in all of these areas. Thankfully our faith provides guidance and ways to strive for this wholeness especially in the face of a culture that does not necessarily support this. Join us for a time of learning, reflection, prayer and fellowship.

Friday Evening Keynote Presentation:

Dr. Matt Hoven - *Wholeness: Body, Mind, Spirit: A Story of Faith & Sport*

Saturday Sessions:

Dr. Stéphane Saulnier: *Called to be Holy – what the Scriptures say.*

We will explore the call to holiness directed to God's people in the Bible, and draw some inspiration for our lives.

Dr. Matt Hoven: *Faith and Hockey: Connections and Pathways*

There are many historical and contemporary connections between our national winter sport and the Christian faith. This session will explore some major connections and then offer men ways to engage hockey (and all sport) with the mind of Christ.

Dr. Paul Flaman: *Transgenderism and the Catholic Church*

We will examine transgenderism including sex-hormone therapy and surgery, both of adults and minors, in the light of scientific studies, human experience, related Catholic teaching and health care ethical principles.

Rt. Rev. Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky: *Wholeness of Being: Thoughts Matter.*

We will be introduced to ways in which we can discern thoughts that cause us to be distant from God and cooperate with the grace of God to reduce, redirect and remove certain thoughts which in turn opens us to God's presence.

Due to current restrictions we are offering online participation and limited in person attendance (20) following all necessary protocols. Those joining in person will be doing so at [Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 9003 – 153 Ave., Edmonton.](#) Those joining online will be sent a Zoom link.

COST: \$25 to cover the cost of presenters. Cost is the same for online or in person participation. If the cost is a hardship contact Bernadette (see below)

MEALS: In person participants are asked to bring a bag lunch or go out to purchase lunch. Single serve snacks will be available throughout the day.

REGISTER: Online: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-ukrainian-catholic-episcopal-corporation-of-western-cana/events/mens-conference/>

CONTACT: Bernadette Mandrusiak at: 780-424-5496 or email: education@edmontoneparchy.com if you have any questions or concerns.

How to Donate Online

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

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 .

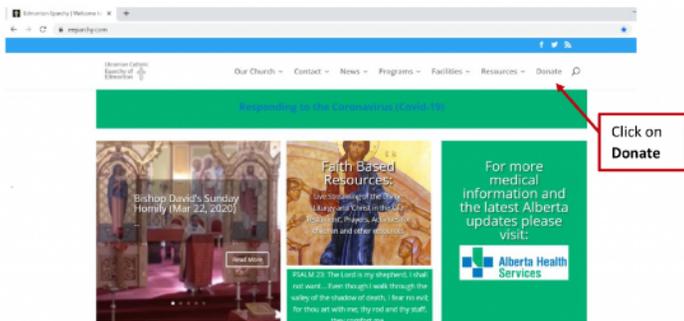
(Please do not mail things to Dormition Parish directly as our mailbox is not sufficiently secure.... It's good enough for bills, but not incoming funds.)

2. Donate using the Eparchial Website.

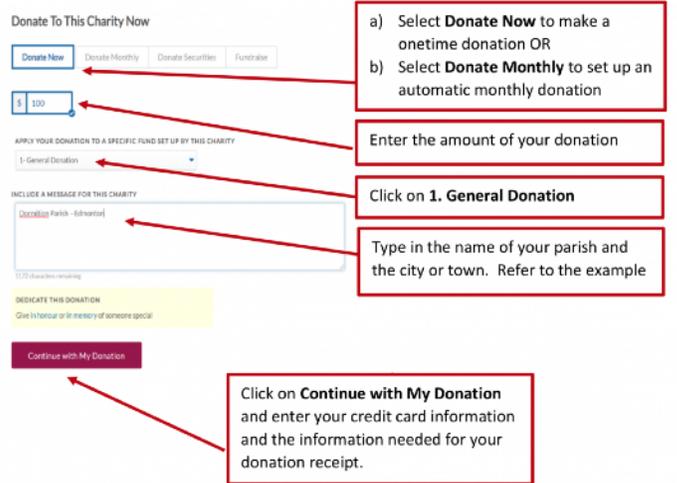
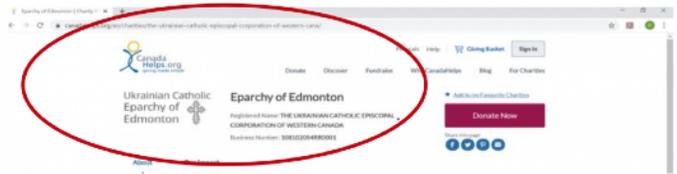
Our Eparchy accepts online donations through Canada Helps. You will receive a donation receipt directly from Canada Helps and the Eparchy will receive notification of the donation with all of the details and will allocate the funds to your parish. The following steps will help first time users with the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

Steps for making an online donation to your parish

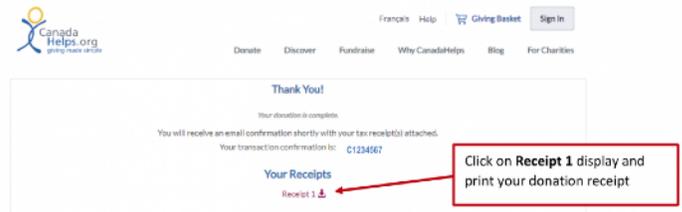
A. Access the Eparchy website at www.eeparchy.com and click on the Donate button.



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

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Troparion: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

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

Kontakion: My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: By your birth, O immaculate one,* Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins,* celebrate as they cry out to you:* “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God* and nourisher of our life.”

Prokeimenon:

How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom.

verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died

to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia verses:

Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 (NRSV)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Did you know that St. Philip's Fast is just around the corner?

The season of this fast starts on November 15, and goes for 40 days so that we can prepare for the coming of Christ on the feast of His Nativity.

During this time we try to make extra efforts to become more in communion with our Lord, primarily through increasing our Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer. In addition to this we normally spend more time learning about our God in study. As usual I will try to increase the amount of churchy explanations and such in this bulletin.

During this time we also typically celebrate St. Nicholas' Day with a concert. Unfortunately due to covid it won't be as normal, but I have recently talked to the holy saint, and he plans to visit us at the end of Liturgy on Sunday, December 6th.