



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
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November 1, 2020

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 6; Synaxis of the Archangel
Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers of Heaven**

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



Remembrance Day 2020

1. **Nick Kostyniuk** - Private, Canadian Army
2. **Rev. Ron Hollohan** - Royal Cnd Airforce
3. **Mine Kowal** - Canadian Army
4. **George Melanka** - Royal Cnd Airforce
5. **Joseph Moneta** - Private Cnd Army
6. **Joseph Miskew** - Royal Cnd Airforce
7. **Joseph Noga** - Royal Cnd Airforce
8. **Stan Pawlyk** - Cnd Army
9. **Bruno Polack** - Cnd Army
10. **Harry Sirman** - Cnd Army
11. **Carl Slone** - Royal Cnd Airforce
12. **George Laschuk** - Cnd Army

Following today's live Liturgy, we will pray a Panachyda (service for the departed) in memory of these departed parishioners who have served our Country, as well as all who have died in defence of life and liberty and also those who were victims of war.

Eternal Memory Eternal Memory Eternal Memory

Today is **Catholic Education Sunday**. The Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories issued a message to mark the occasion, reflecting on a passage from the Book of Isaiah, "**Those who hope in the LORD shall renew their strength**" (Isaiah

40:31) (attached). In the context of our current pandemic, it offers us the prophet's words of solicitude, prophetic fulfillment, and hope in the face of challenge. See the letter inside this bulletin.



Saints of the Day, from OCA.org:

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers:

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him” (Mt. 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

The six-winged SERAPHIM (Flaming, Fiery) (Is 6:12) stand closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity. They blaze with love for God and kindle such love in others.

The many-eyed CHERUBIM (outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment) (Gen 3:24) stand before the Lord after the Seraphim. They are radiant with the light of knowledge of God, and knowledge of the mysteries of God. Through them wisdom is poured forth, and people’s minds are enlightened so they may know God and behold His glory.

The THRONES (Col 1:16) stand after the Cherubim, mysteriously and incomprehensibly bearing God through the grace given them for their service. They are ministers of God’s justice, giving to tribunals, kings, etc. the capacity for righteous judgment. The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities:

DOMINIONS (Col 1:16) hold dominion over the angels subject to them. They instruct the earthly authorities, established by God,



to rule wisely, and to govern their lands well. The Dominions teach us to subdue sinful impulses, to subject the flesh to the spirit, to master our will, and to conquer temptation.

POWERS (1 Pet 3:22) fulfill the will of God without hesitation. They work great miracles and give the grace of wonderworking and clairvoyance to saints pleasing to God. The Powers assist people in fulfilling obediences. They also encourage them to be patient, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

AUTHORITIES (1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16) have authority over the devil. They protect people from demonic temptations, and prevent demons from harming people as they would wish. They also uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil thoughts.

The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:

PRINCIPALITIES (Col 1:16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of God’s commands. They watch over the world and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render proper honor to those in authority, as befits their station. They teach those in authority to use their position, not for personal glory and gain, but to honor God, and to spread word of Him, for the benefit of those under them.

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ARCHANGELS (1 Thess 4:16) are messengers of great and wondrous tidings. They reveal prophecies and the mysteries of the faith. They enlighten people to know and understand the will of God, they spread faith in God among the people, illuminating their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel.

ANGELS (1 Pet 3:22) are in the lowest rank of the heavenly hierarchy, and closest to people. They reveal the lesser mysteries of God and His intentions, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They support

those who remain steadfast, and they raise up the fallen. They never abandon us and they are always prepared to help us, if we desire it.

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers are called angels, although each has its own name and position by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest ranks of the angels, and they in turn inform the others.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means "who is like unto God"), the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, "Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!"

According to Church Tradition, and in the church services to the Archangel Michael, he participated in many other Old Testament events.

During the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt he went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Through him the power of the Lord was made manifest, annihilating the Egyptians and Pharaoh who were in pursuit of the Israelites. The Archangel Michael defended Israel in all its misfortunes.

He appeared to Joshua Son of Navi and revealed the will of the Lord at the taking of Jericho (Josh 5:13-16). The power of the great Chief Commander of God was manifest in the annihilation of the 185,000 soldiers of the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib (4/2 Kings 19:35); also in the smiting of the impious leader Heliodorus (2 Macc. 3: 24-26); and in the protection of the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and

Misail, thrown into the fiery furnace for their refusal to worship an idol (Dan 3:22-25).

Through the will of God, the Chief Commander Michael transported the Prophet Habbakuk (December 2) from Judea to Babylon, to give food to Daniel in the lions' den (Dan. 14:33-37).

The Archangel Michael disputed with the devil over the body of the holy Prophet Moses (Jude 1:9).



The holy Archangel Michael showed his power when he miraculously saved a young man, cast into the sea by robbers with a stone about his neck on the shores of Mt Athos. This story is found in the Athonite Paterikon, and in the Life of Saint Neophytus of Docheiariou (November 9).

From ancient times the Archangel Michael was famed for his miracles in Rus. In the Volokolamsk Paterikon is a narrative of Saint Paphnutius of Borov with an account of Tatar tax-gatherers concerning the miraculous saving of Novgorod the Great:

"Therefore Great Novgorod was never taken by the Hagarenes... when... for our

sins the godless Hagarene emperor Batu devoured and set the land aflame and came to Novgorod, and God and the Most Holy Theotokos shielded it with an appearance of Michael the Archangel, who forbade him to enter into it. He [Batu] was come to the Lithuanian city and came toward Kiev and saw the stone church, over the doors of which the great Archangel Michael had written and spoken to the prince his allotted fate, 'By this we have forbidden you entry into Great Novgorod'."

We invoke Saint Michael for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of adversaries on the field of battle. He conquers all spiritual enemies. Holy Scripture and Tradition give us the names of the Archangels:

Gabriel: strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine omnipotence (Dan 8:16, Luke 1:26). He announces the mysteries of God.

Raphael: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15)

Uriel: the fire or light of God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with darkened minds.

Selaphiel: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16). He prays to God for mankind.

Jehudiel: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts.

Barachiel: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people.

Jeremiel: the raising up to God (3 Ezdras 4:36)

On icons the Archangels are depicted in according to the character of their service:

Michael tramples the devil underfoot, and in his left hand holds a green date-tree branch, and in his right hand a spear with a white banner on which is



outlined a scarlet cross, or sometimes a fiery sword.

Gabriel with a branch from Paradise, presented by him to the Most Holy Virgin, or with a shining lantern in his right hand and with a mirror made of jasper in his left.

Raphael holds a vessel with healing medications in his left hand, and with his right hand leads Tobias, carrying a fish for healing (Tobit 5-8).

Uriel in his raised right hand holds a naked sword at the level of his chest, and in his lowered left hand "a fiery flame."

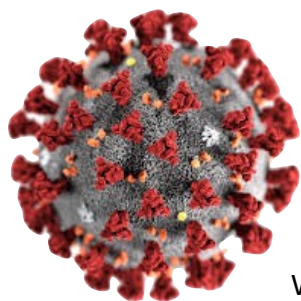
Selaphiel in a prayerful posture, gazing downwards, hands folded on the chest.

Jehudiel holds a golden crown in his right hand, in his left, a whip of three red (or black) thongs.

Barachiel is shown with a white rose on his breast.

Jeremiel holds balance-scales in his hand.

Each person has a guardian angel, and every nation also receives its own guardian angel from God (Dan. 10:13). When a church is consecrated, it also receives a guardian angel (Palladius, Dial. Ch. 10).



At Dormition everyone is welcome.... unless you are feeling sick.

We will continue to be vigilant and to do our best to follow all the covid directives as strictly as possible for everyone's sake. Thanks for your cooperation.

If you are feeling ill, please stay home. Consider watching our recorded Divine Liturgy. It's available on our website on the "videos" page.

For the latest covid information from the government of Alberta for places of worship please click here: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-guidance-for-places-of-worship>



Another funny church sign ↑

Last week's bulletin had another funny church sign.

Слава Ісусу Христу! - Glory to Jesus Christ!

November is Holodomor Awareness Month and on behalf of the Holodomor National Awareness Tour, we are writing to ask for your assistance with an important undertaking that our federally and provincially funded organization has initiated. We have launched a petition to have the word “**Holodomor**” added to all leading English language dictionaries. Firstly, we kindly invite you to sign the petition, which has not only received thousands of signatures from the public, but also from prominent historians, writers, academics, researchers, and journalists.



Moreover, we ask parishes to disseminate our appeal, by posting this petition on their websites, all weekly church bulletins and by encouraging every parishioner to sign the petition and share it with friends and family. Specifically, we ask that each parish publish the direct link to our petition on [Change.org: http://chnng.it/tbB7LJNZt5](http://chnng.it/tbB7LJNZt5) where they can sign the petition.

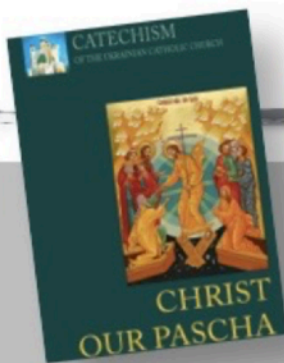
Our intention is to have this Canadian petition expand internationally to attract tens of thousands of signatures, thereby ensuring that the word “**Holodomor**” will finally appear in the English dictionary.

By supporting this important campaign and by inviting your clergy and parishioners to participate in this historic undertaking, you will raise awareness of the Holodomor, thereby increasing the number of countries that recognize it as an act of genocide. Together we can unmask the truth about the Holodomor as well as modern-day genocides that continue to be perpetrated around the world to this very day.

To learn more about our campaign and to view our video and posters, visit www.deeptruth.ca.

Deadline for Petition signatures – December 1, 2020!

With great respect,
Roma Dzerowicz
Executive Director
of the Holodomor National Awareness Tour



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

“I strongly reminded the priest – pastors about this great and holy application before God (to teach catechism), and now I come to you, dear brothers and sisters, to you, fathers of Christian families, to you Christian mothers, to you brothers and sisters, members of various church brotherhoods. Help our priests, help me, your Bishop - Pastor, to spread among the people, But especially among the youth, a knowledge of the holy faith, a knowledge of the catechism. This is the best way to contribute according to your abilities to the pastoral work in the church, this is the best way to fulfill in concrete action the Christian commandment to love one's neighbor, and thus you will also show the best and greatest love to you own people... and make almighty God bless you I hope you understand the importance of catechetical teaching, and that you must do everything, in order to know the catechism well personally, and teach it to your children.”

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky - *On Knowledge of the Catechism* (1937)

Dormition Parish November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 6; Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers of Heaven;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephesians 2:4-10; • Hebrews 2:2-10; • Luke 8:26-39; • Luke 10:16-21; • All-Night Vigil Feast. <p>10 am D.L. Bilingual Ukrainian / English</p> <p>2 pm D.L. Bilingual Arabic / English</p>	<p>9 The Holy Martyrs Onisiphorus and Porphyry (456-474); Our Venerable Mother Matrona (456-74); the Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8; • Luke 11:29-33. <p>Marie Kunec & Maksym Pryma's Birthdays</p>	<p>10 The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympus, Rodion and those with them;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; • Luke 11:34-41. <p>6:30 pm First Solemn Communion Class with Gabby</p>	<p>11 The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent (138-61); Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite (826);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; • Luke 11:42-46. <p>Fr. Bo has a House to Bless.</p>	<p>12 The Holy Priest-Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk (1623); John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (619); Nil the Faster (430); Passing into Eternal Life (1950) of Blessed Hryhoriy (Gregory) Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl and Confessor;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews 4:14-5:10; • John 10:9-16; • All-Night Vigil Feast. <p>6 pm Youth Commission Meeting at Pastoral Centre</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Mom's Birthday</p>	<p>13  Our Holy Father John Chrysostom (the Golden-Mouthed), Archbishop of Constantinople (407);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews 7:26-8:2; • John 10:9-16; • Polyeleos Feast. • Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. <p>7:30 Youth night for Elementary aged Children.</p>	<p>14 The Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Philip;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; • John 1:43-51; • Polyeleos Feast. <p>Publishing of Bulletin & Liturgy and updating of the Parish website.</p> <p>Time to decorate the Church for the Fast</p>
<p>15 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 7; The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas (284-305) and Abibus (313-24); Also the first day of the Nativity Fast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephesians 2:14-22; • Luke 8:41-56; <p>10 am D.L. Bilingual Ukrainian / English</p> <p>2 pm D.L. Bilingual Arabic / English</p>	<p>16  The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; • Matthew 9:9-13; 	<p>17  Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea (270-75); Passing into Eternal Life (1947) of Blessed Josaphat Kotsylovsky, Bishop of Peremyshl and Martyr;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2; • Luke 12:42-48; <p>6:30 pm First Solemn Communion Class with Gabby</p>	<p>18  The Holy Martyrs Plato (286-305) and Roman (305);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; • Luke 12:48-59; 	<p>19  The Holy Prophet Obadiah (Abdias); the Holy Martyr Barlaam;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5; • Luke 13:1-9; 	<p>20  Forefeast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple; Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskaya, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (+1919); Our Venerable Father Gregory of Decapolis (842); Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18; • Luke 13:31-35; <p>7:30 Youth night for Teens</p>	<p>21  Major Feast: The Entrance into the Temple of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrew 9:1-7; • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28; <p>Publishing of Bulletin & Liturgy and updating of the Parish website.</p>



The Internet is so useless. I tried to look up lighters and all they had was 13,749 matches.

It's no secret:

We really love our neighbourhood kids!

This past Tuesday, Dormition's UCWLC* did another shop for our local school, providing them with food so that they can distribute it among the kids and families of Our Lady of Peace School. OLOP school is a great community school located blocks away from Dormition Parish which has more than it's share of under privileged families. Because of this many students arrive hungry. Normally the school's meal program helps feed the kids so that they can focus on their studies, and our parish's UCWLC has been supporting them for several years. This year with Covid added to the mix, and restrictions on feeding people, the need is greater than ever.

Virginia and Janet were able to purchase and deliver \$433 worth of groceries, consisting of fresh fruits and vegetables plus items suitable to be sent home to feed hungry families. Diane too is very involved, being part of this effort for as long as I remember, even though she was not feeling up to being present for the delivery this time around.

The principal and staff were delighted! They expressed their sincere thanks and mentioned that they had not expected us to continue our support in this time of Covid.

If parishioners wish to donate funds or non perishable items for food bank distribution our UCWLC Branch will see that donations will go to Our Lady of Peace School or (if more appropriate) the Edmonton Food Bank.

The photo above shows some of the groceries that were taken to the school.



Our Youth are into it! Great deeds inspire more great deeds.

Every other Friday, the Teens of Dormition Parish & St. Nicholas Melkite Parish are welcome to join our socially distanced "Youth Group". These High School and Junior High School students have been thinking of ways that they can make a real change in the world. When they heard that there were kids and families needing help they decided to jump on the wagon.

The 12 teens who participated this past Friday each made a commitment to raise as much as they can for OLOP. The money will be spent in purchasing more groceries and needed items that the school can distribute as they see fit... likely via the UCWLC. (The school is not able to receive money, but is able to take items, due to existing rules.)

Each of these kids is trying to raise at least \$200, for a group target of more than \$2,000, in only 4 weeks!

How will they do it? Well, some were talking about doing a bottle drive, others were considering selling arts and crafts, others were thinking of taking a collection at their own schools. Fr. Bo said ***"Any way of helping the poor is a good way - so long as it is legal."***

If one of the local kids asks you to help, feel free to do so. You can give money or even good non perishable food items (check your expiry dates) here at the parish. There will be a jar in the front of the church, and the usual "Food Bank" bin in the entrance.

Those wishing to donate online, can do so through Dormition Parish's online donation site. This donation page is part of the Eparchy's website and is done through "Canada Helps". You can make your donation a general donation, but then **please write in the comments** that these funds are ***"for the OLOP School Project via Dormition Parish"***. Donations of over \$25 typically do receive a tax receipt from the parish.

<https://dormition.eeparchy.com/how-to-donate-online/>

Our teens also challenge other teens to get on board. We dare you to gather at least \$200 to help some other people during the month of November. Join our campaign and let's exceed the target of \$2000. This is a great project for all of us as we begin to enter the season of preparing for the Nativity of our Lord.

*For those who don't know, UCWLC stands for the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. They do lots of great work in and around our churches.



**Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the re-tabling of Bill C-7:
“An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)”**

The Catholic Bishops of Canada remain steadfastly opposed to Bill C-7, which further expands euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada, which the government and courts have euphemistically called “medical assistance in dying” (“MAID”). We also remain deeply troubled that the Federal Government chose not to appeal the Quebec Superior Court “*Truchon v. Attorney General of Canada*” ruling which requires the eligibility criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide to be expanded by removing the “reasonable foreseeability of natural death” criterion. This decision not to appeal prompted Bill C-7 and bypassed the “parliamentary review of ...provisions [for “MAID”] and of the state of palliative care in Canada to commence at the start of the fifth year following the day on which [the Act] receives Royal Assent,” as provided in the [original 2016 Act](#) to amend the Criminal Code. This review, which the government had agreed to before introducing new amendments, has yet to occur.

Bill C-7 goes far beyond the *Truchon* ruling by relinquishing and broadening some of the remaining “safeguards.” As [we have previously noted](#), one example of this involves allowing patients whose death is “reasonably foreseeable” to waive their final consent to receiving euthanasia by allowing such a decision to be made through an advance directive. This reckless expansion and that of other eligibility criteria has been justified by the Government on the basis of an online consultation which took place over a mere two weeks between 13 and 27 January 2020, [which the Bishops of Canada have denounced as questionable, biased and rushed](#). The Government, in its own “What We Heard Report”, mentions that it received “thousands” of “form responses” that “were opposed to MAID in general” as well as other responses “opposed to MAID”, even though the question of whether Canadians agreed with euthanasia and assisted suicide in the form of “MAID” was never explicitly asked.¹ It is hoped that in a democratic country, a much more wide-ranging, objective and fair consultation of Canadians would be enacted without further delay.

In 2019, the World Medical Association reaffirmed [its long-standing policy of opposition to euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide](#). Over 70 of Canada’s leading disability rights organizations and advocate stated they were “deeply troubled” with the expansion of “MAID”, and that the Quebec Superior Court’s decision would “[entrench stereotypes and exacerbate stigma for Canadians with disabilities](#)”. With even further disregard, the Government of Canada sidelined and ignored the stark apprehensions brought forward by the

¹ Department of Justice, “What We Heard Report: A Public Consultation on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)”, March 2020. “Summary of comments: Theme 5 - Opposition to MAID”.
<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/ad-am/wwh-cqnae/p2.html#s2-6-5>

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities concerning the implementation of “Medical Assistance in Dying” in Canada from a disability perspective. And most recently here in Canada, more than 50 religious leaders, including Jewish, Muslim and Christians, released an open letter to all Canadians in opposition to Bill C-7.

The pastoral experience of the Bishops has shown that patients are more likely to request euthanasia/assisted suicide when their pain is not properly managed by good quality palliative care, when their dependence on others to provide assistance and support is not adequately met, or when they are socially marginalized. Palliative care, which has yet to become fully available and accessible in our own country, offers a compelling answer – the only respectful, comprehensive and ethical alternative to what the government is trying to address through the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Palliative care seeks to alleviate the pain, loneliness, fear, distress, and despair which can lead individuals, where no such emotional, psychological and spiritual support is available, to the tragic failure that the option or choice of euthanasia and assisted suicide represents. Palliative care supports and respects the dignity of the person and is anchored in the recognition that human life has an objective value independent of illness or life situation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has painfully revealed that fear, distress and despair are not uncommon realities among our fellow Canadians and family members in assisted living and senior residences. The Canadian Armed Forces reported “horrific conditions” in some of the long-term care facilities in which they were called to serve.² The Prime Minister himself referred to the situation as “deeply disturbing.”³ How can the Federal Government in good conscience expand the eligibility to euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada when our country and its citizens are still unable to offer basic human care to the elderly and dying?

The proposed legislation of Bill C-7 remains deeply flawed, unjust, and morally pernicious. The Bishops of Canada call on Catholics and all people of good will to make their voices heard in opposition to the Bill. Similarly, all Canadian legislators should recall that no law that permits the taking of innocent human life can ever be morally justified. Such a law would always violate the intrinsic dignity of the human person. The recent letter *Samaritanus bonus* by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith clearly summarizes the position of the Catholic Church on this matter:

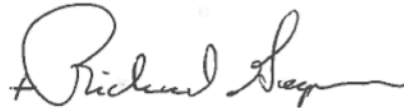
It is gravely unjust to enact laws that legalize euthanasia or justify and support suicide, invoking the false right to choose a death improperly characterized as respectable only because it is chosen. Such laws strike at the foundation of the legal order: the right to life sustains all other rights, including the exercise of freedom. The existence of such laws deeply wound human relations and justice, and threaten the mutual trust among

² “Infestations, sedation and neglect: Military report details ‘horrific’ living conditions” by [Karen Howlett](#), [Jill Mahoney](#) and [Laura Stone](#), *Globe and Mail*, 26 May 2020 (updated 27 May 2020).
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-infestations-sedation-and-neglect-military-report-details-horrific/>

³ Ibid.

human beings. The legitimization of assisted suicide and euthanasia is a sign of the degradation of legal systems.⁴

We firmly support and uphold most categorically the inherent dignity of each and every human person as well as their inalienable right to life which the Government must respect and protect as in any democracy. Elected public officials should not avoid, shy away from or delay sincere dialogue and constructive consultations with faith and community leaders, and others, who could bring to the common reflection and societal discernment a valid perspective worthy of respect and consideration for the good of all Canadians.



+ Richard Gagnon
Archbishop of Winnipeg and
President of the Canadian Conference
of Catholic Bishops

20 October 2020

The **Fourth World Day of the Poor** will be marked on **November 15**. Pope Francis issued a message for the occasion on the theme of: [“Stretch forth your hand to the poor”](#) (Sirach 6:7).

At the best of times, and especially during COVID-19, many families and individuals struggle to put food on the table. As a sign of solidarity with the those in need, and to live out our Christian vocation to see the face of Christ in each other, parishes and families are encouraged to support their local food bank (or similar agency) by making a food or cash donation. This eparchy-wide social outreach activity **“Feeding the Poor of Today”** also honours the memory of the millions who perished in the Holodomor Famine (1932-1933) in Ukraine – commemorated this year on Saturday, November 28 – and in other like genocides throughout the world by providing food for the hungry today.





The Catholic Bishops
of Alberta and the
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Catholic Education Sunday is an annual event that celebrates the important and critical role which our Catholic schools play in the province of Alberta. Publicly funded Catholic education is a gift, which provides faith-based education to more than 180,000 students in Alberta. The Alberta Bishops' commitment to Catholic education is steadfast and we continue actively to work with the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA), the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA) and Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE) to ensure the future of Catholic education in our province.

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Sunday is from the Book of Isaiah. In the context of our current pandemic, it offers us the prophet's words of solicitude, prophetic fulfillment, and hope in the face of challenge.

***Those who hope in the LORD shall renew their strength.
(Isaiah 40:31, NRSV.)***

The pandemic continues to have a deep impact on every facet of our society, including the Catholic Education of our young people. During the shut-down of schools in the spring, Catholic Education faced this challenge by providing virtual classrooms, which continued to engage students in their academic learning and religious faith instruction. When the schools reopened in the fall, many new practices were put in place to adhere to the health precautions and to ensure student safety. In the midst of these challenges, Catholic Education has been embracing the call for renewal and inviting students and their families to look to the future with hope.

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Alberta Bishops released the *Pastoral Statement on the Impact of COVID-19 and the Call to Christian Renewal*. The Pastoral Statement

describes this as a “*time for bold creativity and life-giving transformation for all.*” Some significant societal issues, which were hidden by the distractions of pre-pandemic life, are now very evident. This calls people of Faith, and especially our Catholic educators, to chart a prophetic path in addressing these issues now and in the future.

“Specifically, we seek new ways to promote authentic human development and flourishing in the very way that we live, care for others, work, organize society and interact with one another. Moved by our faith in Christ and inspired by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, we invite the Catholic community to join us in looking afresh at certain aspects of our life together in society, to discern and decide a course for true social, cultural and spiritual renewal.” (*Pastoral Statement on the Impact of COVID-19 and the Call to Christian Renewal*)

This call for renewal will be embraced by our young people through the role that Catholic education must play in strengthening authentic human development, which is essential for true social, cultural and spiritual renewal for the future of our society.

Pope Francis, in his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, proposes such a renewal by rediscovering the value of human fraternity and recognizing ourselves as sisters and brothers, who are responsible for one another and called to stand by those who suffer.

“Education and upbringing, concern for others, a well-integrated view of life and spiritual growth: all these are essential for quality human relationships and for enabling society itself to react against injustices, aberrations and abuses of economic, technological, political and media power.” (*Fratelli Tutti*, No. 167)

Another example of this spirit of renewal can be found in recently beatified Carlos Acutis, a young man of our era. He lived the faith by devoting himself to the Eucharist and responding to this Grace in his life by caring for the poor, advocating for those living with physical or mental challenges, and using technology to further evangelization. Blessed Carlos Acutis has been called “a millennial saint.” His example can guide young people in our Catholic schools to learn about him and to be inspired by his active witness to the Catholic Social Teachings of our faith!

Catholic Education fosters high academic achievement and provides students with personal and communal spiritual formation. Catholic Education invites students to see each other and, indeed, the peoples of the world as their sisters and brothers. This fraternity calls the students to respond to those in need locally and globally. These good works help young people to seek the common good and to bring Christ’s love and hope to others.

May the efforts of everyone bring hope and renewed strength to all those committed to Catholic Education. In this time of pandemic, we extend to our Catholic school communities our prayers and blessing for the celebration of Catholic Education Sunday.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT

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 .

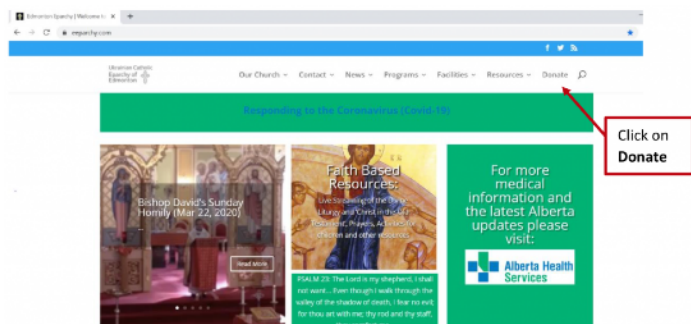
(Please do not mail things to Dormition Parish directly as our mailbox is not sufficiently secure.... It's good enough for bills, but not incoming funds.)

2. Donate using the Eparchial Website.

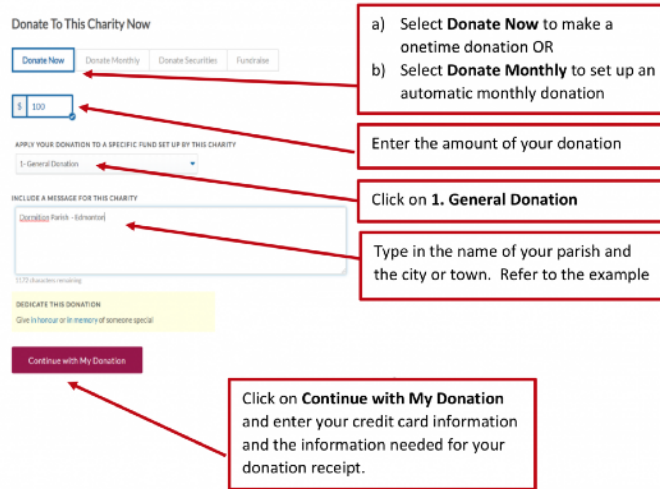
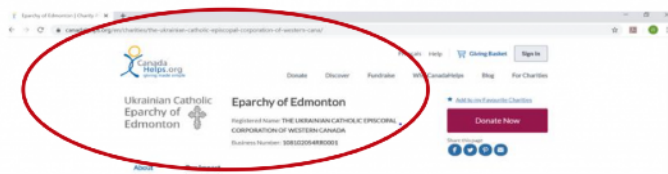
Our Eparchy accepts online donations through Canada Helps. You will receive a donation receipt directly from Canada Helps and the Eparchy will receive notification of the donation with all of the details and will allocate the funds to your parish. The following steps will help first time users with the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

Steps for making an online donation to your parish

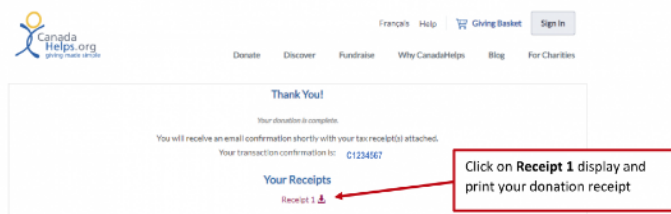
A. Access the Eparchy website at www.eeparchy.com and click on the Donate button.



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

From Dormition Parish's Financial Council:

Collections & Donations

3rd Quarter revenue results to Sept 30, 2020:

Budgeted Year to Date, as of September 30:	\$45,000
Actual Year to Date, as of September 30:	\$28,500
Shortfall Year to Date, as of September 30:	\$16,500

We know that during covid it may be tighter than usual for many families, and if it is we understand. We also thank those who have been contributing already, may God continue to bless you.

For the rest of us, please consider mailing any donation directly to the Parish address to support our community during this unprecedented time. Thank you.



Why should you take a SELFIE?

And why should you send it with your name to Fr. Bo?

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.

Did you know that St. Philip's Fast (also known as the Nativity 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.

Please let us know if you have any children coming.

- Please pray for several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Ron, Peter, Arni, Anne, Katie, Jean, Fr. Josaphat, Edward, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
- Happy Birthday to Marie Kunec & Maksym Pryma who both celebrate this week. Mnohaya Lita!
- You never know what else you might find on our parish's website: dormition.eeparchy.com

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 6; Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers of Heaven

Troparion: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion: Princes of the heavenly hosts,* we, though unworthy, beg you* to encircle us through your prayers* under the shelter of the wings your spiritual glory.* Guard us as we come to you and sincerely cry:* Deliver us from dangers,* O princes of the powers on high!

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

Kontakion: With His life-giving hand* Christ our God, the Giver of life,* raised all the dead from the murky abyss* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.* He is for all the Saviour,* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: Princes of God's hosts, ministers of divine glory,* leaders of angels and guides of men,* pray for our welfare and for great mercy,* O princes of the incorporeal powers.

Prokeimenon:

Save Your people, O Lord,* and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (*Psalms 27:9,1*)

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 (NRSV);

Brothers and Sisters, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the

ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Alleluia verses:

He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.

He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

Praise the Lord, all you His angels; praise Him, all you powers.

For He spoke, and they came into being; He commanded and they were created.

Luke 10:16-21 (NRSV)

The Lord said: "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

Communion Hymn

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

He makes spirits His angels,* and flaming fire His ministers.*

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.