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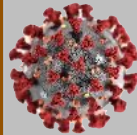
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**Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross, Tone 7;
the Holy Priest-Martyrs and Bishops of Cherson Basil, Ephrem, Capiton,
Euaene. Etherius and Others (284-305)**



At Dormition everyone is always welcome....

...so long as you are wearing a mask and keep your social distance...
and unless you are feeling sick... If you are please stay home.

Get well first, then come and join us again. We take covid seriously.



Please be advised that the 2020 tax receipts have been issued to all parishioners and visitors who donated directly to the parish. You should receive your tax receipt in the mail in the next week. For donations that were made to the parish on-line via the Eparchial website, you will need to print your receipt from the Canada Helps website using the following link:

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3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).



The Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus

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The Hieromartyrs Basil, Ephraim, Eugene, Elpidius, Agathodorus, Aetherius, and Capito carried the Gospel of Christ into the North Black Sea region from the Danube to the Dniپر, including the Crimea. They were bishops of Cherson at different times during the fourth century, and they sealed their apostolic activity with martyrdom. Only Aetherius died in peace.

Long before the Baptism of Rus under Saint Vladimir, the Christian Faith had already spread into the Crimea, which in antiquity was called

Tauridia and was ruled by the Roman Emperor. The beginning of the enlightenment of Tauridia is attributed to the holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called (November 30).

The Church's enemies unwillingly contributed to the further spread of Christianity. The Roman emperors often banished traitors to this area. During the first three centuries, Christians were regarded as traitors because they would not follow the state religion. In the reign of Trajan (98-117), Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome (November 25), was sent to work in a stone quarry near Cherson. There he continued his preaching, and suffered martyrdom.

The pagans inhabiting the Crimea stubbornly resisted the spread of Christianity. But the faith of Christ, through its self-sacrificing preachers, grew strong and was affirmed. Many missionaries gave their lives in this struggle.

At the beginning of the fourth century a bishop's See was established at Cherson. This was a critical period when Cherson served as a base for the Roman armies which constantly passed through the area. During the reign of Diocletian (284-305), the Patriarch of Jerusalem sent many bishops to preach the Gospel in various lands. Two of them, Ephraim and Basil, arrived in Cherson and planted the Word of God there.

Later on, Saint Ephraim went to the peoples living along the Danube, where he underwent many tribulations and sorrows. He was beheaded at the start of the persecution. The preaching at Cherson was continued by Saint Basil, Saint Ephraim's companion. He set many idol-worshippers on the path of truth.

Other wayward inhabitants of the city, enraged at his activity, rose up against him. The saint was arrested, mercilessly beaten and expelled from the city.

He went to a mountain and settled in a cave, where he unceasingly prayed to God for those who had driven him out, asking that He might illumine them with the light of true knowledge. And the Lord provided the unbelievers with a miracle. The only son of an important citizen of Cherson died. The dead child appeared to his parents in a dream and said that a certain man named Basil could resurrect him from the dead by his prayers.

When the parents had found the saint and entreated him to work the miracle, Saint Basil replied that he himself was a sinful man and had not the power to raise the dead, but the Lord Almighty could fulfill their request if they were to believe in Him. For a long time the saint prayed, invoking the Name of the Holy Trinity. Then he blessed water, and sprinkled it on the dead one, who was restored to life. The saint returned to the city with honor, and many believed and were baptized.

Soon, by order of the emperor Maximian Galerius (305-311), the persecution against Christians spread with

renewed force. The Christ-haters rose up also against Saint Basil. On March 7, 309 he was dragged from his house during the night. They tied him up, dragged him along the streets and beat him to death with stones and rods. The body of the saint was thrown out of the city to be eaten by dogs and birds, and for many days it was left unburied, but remained untouched. Then Christians secretly buried the body of the holy martyr in a cave.

A year after the martyrdom of Saint Basil, three of his companions, Bishops Eugene, Elpidius and Agathodorus, ceased their preaching in the Hellespont, and arrived at Cherson to continue his holy work. They endured many hardships for the salvation of human souls. All three bishops shared the fate of their predecessor: they were stoned to death by the pagans on March 7, 311.

When Constantine the Great (May 21) took the throne, Bishop Aetherius was sent by emperor Constantine to Cherson from Jerusalem. At first he also encountered hostility on the part of the pagans, but the holy emperor would not tolerate acts of violence against the preacher. He issued a decree permitting the



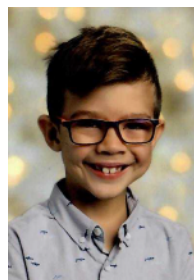
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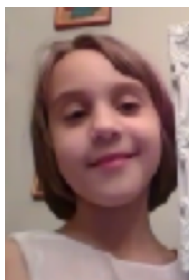
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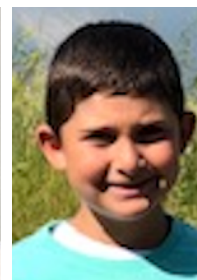
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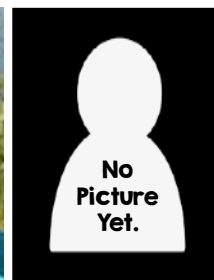
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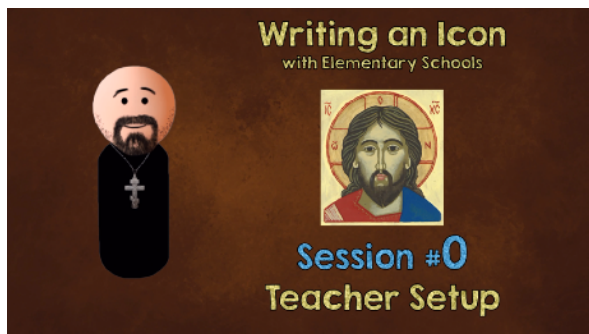
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During Great Lent, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its annual collection for “Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada.” see previous bulletins for details.

- Please pray for several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Ross, Ron, Peter, Katie, Jean, Edward, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
- Happy birthday to Catherine Ostopowich & Jess Nahachewsky (March 7) and Helen Moneta who all celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- No new news about the AGM. Once we figure it out, we shall let you know.
- Our **website** has been updated A LOT and we will continue to do so with the help of our Eparchial Communications Director. This is being done so that it not only looks and functions better, but it also has more content which is easier to use, and so that it also looks good and functions on mobile devices such as smart phones. If you notice any broken links, info that needs updating or anything missing, please feel free to send me an email. - Fr. Bo
- Thank you Alex, Sheila and the rest of the financial team for getting this years tax receipts out. God bless your efforts.



I have been hard at work preparing, and now presenting an “Iconographer in Residency Program” for St. Benedict Catholic School in our West end area. About 240 icons will be painted by kids from Kindergarten to grade 6 and their teachers. This is an excellent opportunity for us to explain who Jesus is, how He is both God and man, how we can pray with Icons, and what Icons are.

If you want to see the “videos” that are being used (because I can’t present in person due to covid) they are being posted up on our parish’s website, as well as on theosis.ca (Fr. Bo’s website). Please pray for these kids to have a positive experience.

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Christians of Cherson to have church services without hindrance. Through the efforts of Saint Aetherius a church was built in the city, where the saint peacefully governed his flock.

Saint Aetherius journeyed to Constantinople to thank the emperor for protecting the Christians. He fell ill and died on the return trip.
















The holy emperor Constantine then sent Bishop Capiton to Cherson to replace Saint Aetherius. The Christians met him with joy, but the pagans demanded a sign from the new bishop, so they might believe in the God Whom he preached. Placing all his hope on the Lord, Saint Capiton put on his omophorion and went into a burning furnace. He prayed in the fire for about an hour, and emerged from it unharmed. “Shall anyone bind fire in his bosom, and not burn his garments?” Solomon asks (Prov. 6:27).

Saint Capiton carried red-hot coals in his phelonion, yet neither his body nor his garments were scorched. Many of the unbelievers were then persuaded in the power of the Christian God.

This miracle and the great faith of Saint Capiton were reported to Saint Constantine and the holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (325), and they all glorified God.

After several years Saint Capiton journeyed to Constantinople on business, but the ship encountered a storm at the mouth of the Dniepr River. The local people (pagans) seized the ship and drowned all those on board, including Saint Capiton. Although this occurred on December 21, Saint Capiton is commemorated with the other hieromartyrs of Cherson on March 7.

Dormition Parish - February - March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 </p> <p>Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross, Tone 7; the Holy Priest-Martyrs and Bishops of Cherson Basil, Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius and Others (284-305); Passing into Eternal Life (1935) of Blessed Leonid Fedorov, Exarch of the Russian Catholic Church, and Martyr;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 21. • Hebrews 4:14-5:6; • Mark 8:34-9:1 <p>10 am D.L. Mostly Ukrainian with Memorial for Stefan Lupynis.</p> <p>12 noon D.L. Mostly English</p> <p>2 pm D.L. Bilingual Arabic / English</p> <p>Catherine Ostopowich's & Jess Nahachewsky's Birthdays</p>	<p>8 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophilactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (c. 845);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 22. • Isaiah 14:24-32; • Genesis 8:21-9:7; • Proverbs 11:19-12:6 <p>6pm Eparchial Youth Commission Meeting</p>	<p>9 </p> <p>The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste (321-23);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 23. • Isaiah 25:1-9; • Genesis 9:8-17; • Proverbs 12:8-22; • Matthew 20:1-16 	<p>10 </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Codratus and Those with Him (249-51);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 24. • Isaiah 26:21-27:9; • Genesis 9:18-10:1; • Proverbs 12:23-13:10 <p>2 pm Deanery Meeting</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (638);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 25. • Isaiah 28:14-22; • Genesis 10:32-11:9; • Proverbs 13:19-14:6 	<p>12 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigriana (817); Our Holy Father Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome (604);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 26. • Isaiah 29:13-23; • Genesis 12:1-7; • Proverbs 14:15-26 <p>11 am Patristics Course for clergy</p> <p>4pm Anticipated Liturgy Recording</p> <p>6 Children 7 Older Children 8 Teens Online (see Fr. Bo for details)</p> <p>Helen Monetta's Birthday</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>All Souls Saturday; The Transfer of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople (847);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 27 • Hebrews 6:9-12; • 1 Corinthians 15:47-57; • Mark 7:31-37; • John 5:24-30 <p>Weekly day of editing the Liturgy video, making of this bulletin, updating the website and much more. Saturdays are busy.</p>
						
<p>14 </p> <p>Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: St. John Climacus, Tone 8; our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia (547);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 28 • Hebrews 6:13-20; • Ephesians 5:9-19; • Mark 9:17-31; • Matthew 4:25-5:12 <p>10 am D.L. Bilingual Ukrainian / English</p> <p>2 pm D.L. Bilingual Arabic / English</p>	<p>15 </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Agapius and the Six Martyrs with Him (284-305);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 29. • Isaiah 37:33-38:6; • Genesis 13:12-18; • Proverbs 14:27-15:4 	<p>16 </p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Pappas (284-305);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 30. • Isaiah 40:18-31; • Genesis 15:1-15; • Proverbs 15:7-19 	<p>17 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Alexius, Man of God;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 31. • Isaiah 41:4-14; • Genesis 17:1-9; • Proverbs 15:20-16:9 <p>2pm Appointment</p> <p>Helen Frankiw's Birthday</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 32. • Isaiah 42:5-16; • Genesis 18:20-33; • Proverbs 16:17-17:17 <p>6 pm? Eparchial Vocations Directors meeting with Seminarians at Dormition</p> <p>Shirley Pekar's & Alex Schabel's Birthdays</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria (253-60);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 33. • Isaiah 45:11-17; • Genesis 22:1-18; • Proverbs 17:17-18:5 <p>11 am Patristics Course for clergy</p> <p>4pm Anticipated Liturgy Recording</p> <p>6 Children 7 Older Children 8 Teens Online (see Fr. Bo for details)</p>	<p>20 </p> <p>Akathist Saturday; our Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Saracens at the Monastery of St. Sabbas (580-97);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Fast Day 34 • Hebrews 9:24-28; • Hebrews 9:1-7; • Mark 8:27-31; • Luke 10:38-42; • 11:27-28 <p>Weekly day of editing the Liturgy video, making of this bulletin, updating the website and much more. Saturdays are busy.</p>

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Troparion: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,* and protect Your community by Your cross.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: No longer does the flaming sword guard the gate of Eden;* the tree of the Cross has quenched its flames gloriously.* The sting of death and the victory of Hades are banished,* and You O my Saviour came and called to those in Hades: "Return again to Paradise!"

Instead of Holy God, we sing:

To Your Cross, O Master,* we bow in veneration,* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!

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.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia verses:

Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning.

But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (NRSV)

The Lord said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Hymn to the Mother of God

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn

Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord* shine upon us.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Ambo Prayer:

The Blessed are You, O Lord, highly exalted, glorified and good. In Your divine providence You have established us in these days of inner peace. To Your servants give the good fruit of righteousness in all their works, might and power for the destruction of sin and for the renewal of soul and mind, so that during the forty days of fast, we may overcome the enemy's clever manipulation. For You are our God, who through fasting and discipline made mortals equal to angels, and entrusted the fasting Moses with the tablets of the law written by Your divine hand. Now, O Lord, return us to the safe harbour of the holy Passion of Your Christ, that we may conquer sin with the wood of Your Cross as our weapon, and become worthy of the joyous Resurrection on the third day.

Through the prayers and supplications of the all holy and pure Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary and of all Your saints, now and for ever and ever.

At the end of Liturgy we sing:

To Your Cross, O Master,* we bow in veneration,* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!