



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
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Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am

& Melkite (Arabic) D.L. at 2 pm

Please register online
at our website if you
plan to attend a
service during this
covid pandemic to
ensure there is room
for you.

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May 30;
First Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints Sunday;
our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatin Monastery (406-25)

Please keep healthy and safe.

Let's not put each other at risk for Covid. Stay home if you are not feeling well. Only 15% of Fire Capacity is allowed in the Church Building. This means for us 20 persons (including the priest) are now allowed for services. Please help us keep track of people by registering online, let's sign in answering the 4 screening questions when we arrive, and let's all help sanitize after every event in church. Our hall is closed until further notice.

Best Wishes National UCWLC Day - Sunday, May 30, 2021!

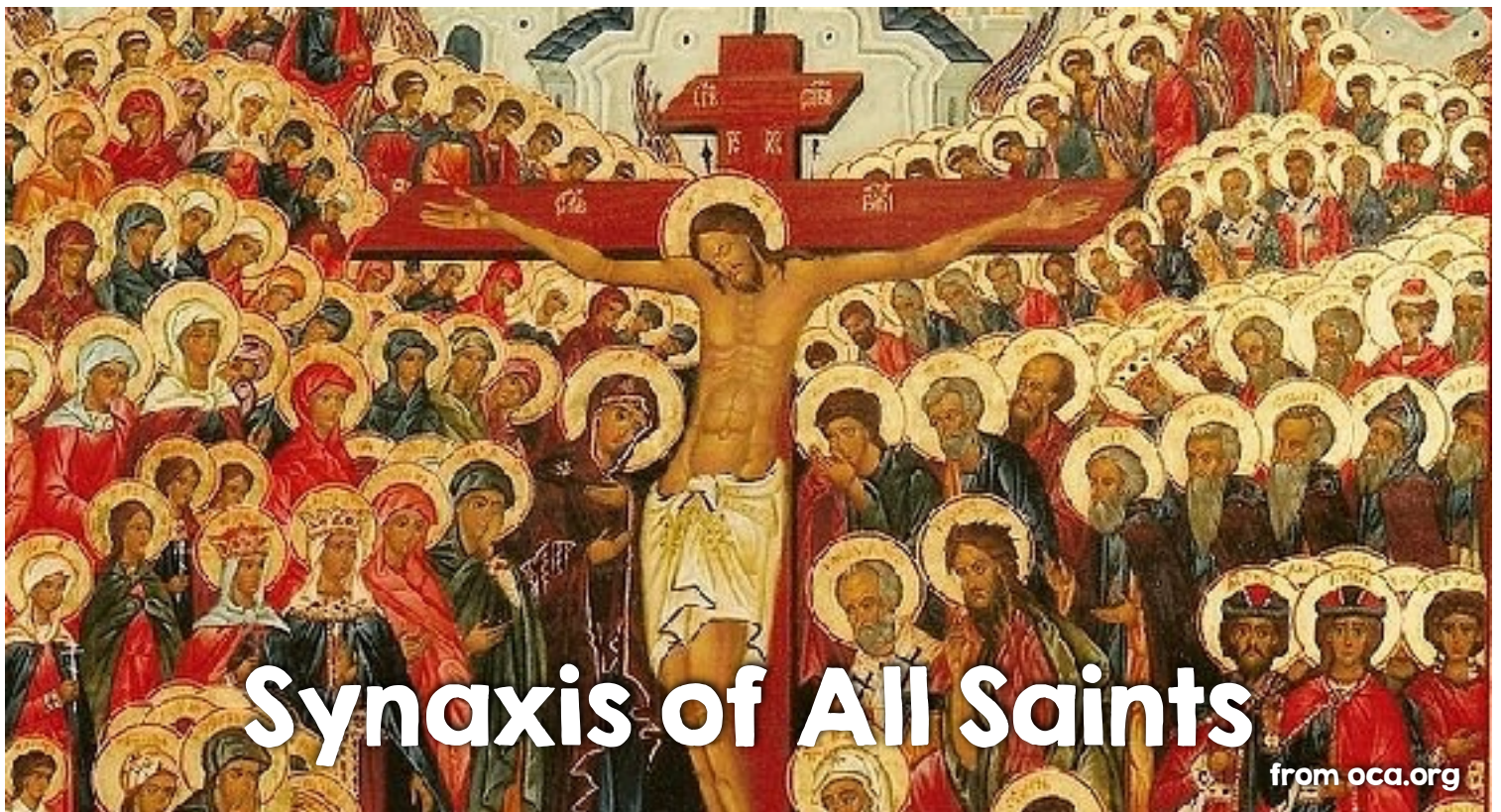
May 30, 2021 marks two years in a row that our traditional celebration of UCWLC cannot take place in person. Even though we have not been able to have face to face meetings during the Covid pandemic, our branch has continued in its mission to serve in our parish. Pastoral care has continued through touching base with elderly and sick parishioners by telephone. Our usual charitable donations were made. Also, fresh fruit, vegetables and other groceries were purchased in May and were delivered to Our Lady of Peace School. A special project was put together by Helen Sirman which enabled our branch to deliver Easter baskets to several appreciative parishioners. UCWLC members assisted in the setting up of the church to celebrate Easter services. Clergy vestments were cleaned. Flowers were purchased and arranged in the church for

Easter services. Roses were given to mothers who attended Divine Liturgy, Mother's Day.

2021 is the Sixty second Anniversary of UCWLC Dormition Branch. Many wonderful, dedicated and accomplished women have given their time, energies and talents in service of Dormition Parish. In 2021 we have 20 active branch members continuing a history of devoted service, worthy of celebration and congratulations!

We are a community of faith and hope. If all continues to go well and with continued blessings from God, Dormition UCWLC will be able gather for a meeting in September. The hope of the branch executive is that we can plan a delayed UCWLC DAY to be celebrated Sunday, September 12th, after Divine Liturgy, after fellowship, in our parish hall.





Synaxis of All Saints

from oca.org

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

Saint Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (*Philokalia* [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the *Octoechos*, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology.

Saint Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to Saint Peter's five categories. The list of Saint Nikodemos is found in his book *The Fourteen Epistles of Saint Paul* (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...."

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. Saint Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously...

... believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, Saint John Climacus had a high regard for them: "Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men" (LADDER, Step 26:31).

The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Saints Joachim and Anna, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, Saint Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December

16) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of Saint Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.

Venerable Isaac, founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (from oca.org)

Saint Isaac lived during the fourth century, received monastic tonsure and pursued ascetic labors in the desert. During the reign of the emperor Valens (364-378), a zealous adherent of the Arian heresy, there was a persecution of the Orthodox, and churches were closed and destroyed.

Hearing of the persecution, Saint Isaac left the wilderness and went to Constantinople to console and encourage the Orthodox, and to fight against the heretics. At that time, barbarian Goths along the River Danube were making war against the Empire. They seized Thrace and advanced toward Constantinople.

When the emperor Valens was leaving the capital with his soldiers, Saint Isaac cried out, "Emperor, unlock the churches of the Orthodox, and then the Lord will aid you!" But the emperor, disdainful of the words of the monk, confidently continued on his way. The saint repeated his request and prophecy three times. The angry emperor ordered Saint Isaac to be thrown into a deep ravine, filled with thorns and mud, from which it was impossible to escape.

Saint Isaac remained alive by God's help, and he emerged, overtook the emperor and said, "You wanted to destroy me, but three angels pulled me from the mire. Hear me, open up the churches for the Orthodox and you shall defeat the enemy. If, however, you do not heed me, then you shall not return. You will be captured and burned alive." The emperor was astonished at the saint's boldness and ordered his attendants Saturninus and Victor to take the monk and hold him in prison until his return.

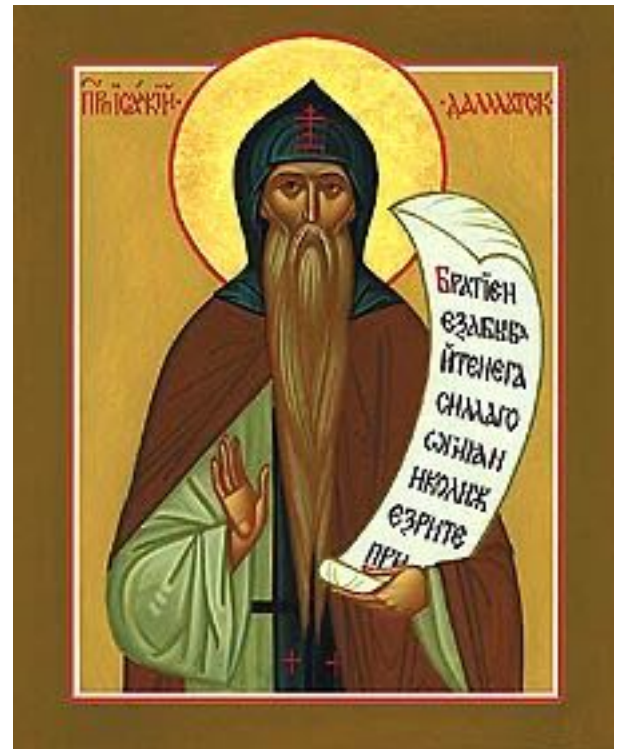
Saint Isaac's prophecy was soon fulfilled. The Goths defeated and pursued the Greek army. The emperor and his Arian generals took refuge in a barn filled with straw, and the attackers set it afire. After news of the emperor's death was received in Constantinople, Saint Isaac was released and honored as a prophet.

Then the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395) came to the throne. On the advice of Saturninus and Victor, he summoned the Elder, treating him with great respect. Obeying his instructions, he banished the Arians from Constantinople and restored the churches to the Orthodox. Saint Isaac wanted to return to his desert, but Saturninus and Victor begged him not to leave the city, but to remain and protect it by his prayers.

Saturninus built a monastery for the saint in Constantinople, where monks gathered around him. Saint Isaac was the monastery's igumen and spiritual guide. He also nourished laypeople, and helped many of the poor and suffering.

When he had reached an advanced age, Saint Isaac made Saint Dalmatus (August 3) igumen. The monastery was later named for Dalmatus.

Saint Isaac died in the year 383, and his memory is also celebrated on March 22.



The Apostle's Fast:

One of the four Fasts of the Liturgical Year

Most people in the Church are very familiar with the Great Fast before Holy Week and Pascha, and many are familiar with the Nativity Fast before Christmas, but many fewer are aware of two other fasts, the Apostle's Fast and the Dormition Fast that happen each summer.

Tomorrow, the Monday after the Sunday of All Saints, we begin the Apostle's Fast, and the feast continues till the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29. This means that each year the fast takes a different number of days, unlike the standard 40 days which we see before Christmas and Easter.

Like all fasts, this is a time to make even more efforts to become holier. (Hopefully we all try to become holier every day, whether it is a fast day or not).

There are many different ways of observing this fast, but this fast is not as intense as the Lenten Fast (Great Fast). As in all fasting periods, people are encouraged to Fast more, Pray more and Give more.



Dear Catholic Community

As we are anticipating the end of Covid restrictions our thoughts are turning to our children and their social, physical, intellectual, character, emotional and spiritual growth.

A group of us are interested in starting a Catholic Scouting Troop with Scouts Canada at Dormition Catholic Church (Central West Edmonton).

We are inviting all interested families to an online "Information Evening", where we will gauge interest, discuss program possibilities, and hear from members of the Northern Lights Council of Scouts Canada who will answer our questions about Scouting.

It is our plan to include a fun balance of friendly age appropriate outdoor quests, indoor exploration, community development and some faith building adventures.

Come and be part of the excitement.



Information Night: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 from 6pm - 7 pm via "zoom".

Simply go to dormition.eeparchy.com and click on the links to join the meeting.



BEAVER SCOUTS
AGES 5-7



CUB SCOUTS
AGES 8-10



SCOUTS
AGES 11-14



VENTURER SCOUTS
AGES 15-17



ROVER SCOUTS
AGES 18-26

Camp Oselia is a Catholic camp which is committed to helping young people confidently grow in a fun and safe environment. Besides physical, emotional and intellectual growth we are committed to strengthening the spirituality of young people and their families. We do this by daily incorporating prayer and catechesis into the program in fun and interactive ways.



Camp Oselia is a youth and family ministry of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. We welcome all young people regardless of race, creed and orientation.

Who is this for?

This camp program is designed for children and youth going into grades three to nine, of any and every background.

If you have a child who is willing to expand their world by adventuring with us for a week, we would love to have them join us.

For all sorts of information and to register your child, please go to: **CAMPOSELIA.COM**



- Online **First Solemn Communion**
Classes are concluding at this time. Fr. Bo will be “catching up” with any families who have missed some of the lessons. Due to Covid restrictions we need to probably have each family have their own FSC Liturgy. Contact me for details.
- We pray for Bernard, the brother of Sheila Leiding, who passed away this Friday. May Christ our God grant him eternal rest among the saints. Eternal Memory.
- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Katie, Jean, Edward, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Virginia & Paul who celebrated their 48th Anniversary last week. Mnohaya Lita.
- **Happy birthday** to **Aria Lonsberry** and **DavidKwas** who both celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- The Annual “Aid to the Missionary Church in the World” collection is taken up throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton on Pentecost Sunday. (If you missed it, don’t worry, we can still pass the donation forward) Christ died for our sins on the life-giving wood of the Cross. His message of love, mercy and forgiveness is needed ever more in our broken world. As Christians, we are called to continue Jesus’ mission of spreading the Good News, each according to our ability and means. Concretely, the Church invites us to collaborate in the mission of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, by giving generously to the following international collections:
 - Peter’s Pence (Pope’s Pastoral Works or Papal Charities),
 - World Mission Fund,
 - Collection for the Holy Land,
 - Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and
 - Aid to the Church in Ukraine.
- **Pope Francis**, to mark the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic

Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* has inaugurated a **special year** dedicated to the family entitled, **Year “Amoris Laetitia Family.”** This special year opens on **March 19, 2021, and concludes on June 26, 2022** at the celebration of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome. The special year highlights the importance of the family within the domestic Church and encourage community ties between families through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals. In preparation for the Year “*Amoris Laetitia Family*,” the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has provided the attached resource brochure with pertinent information and suggestions for the special year. Throughout the year, the Dicastery will be providing supplementary information and resources. You are also invited to consult the Dicastery’s website dedicated to the Year “*Amoris Laetitia Family*”: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

- **The World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests** will be celebrated on **June 11**, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (according to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar). This celebration allows for moments of reflection and meditation on the priestly life and on the pastoral ministry.
- Pope Francis, at his January 31, 2021 *Angelus*, announced the institution of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be celebrated on July 25, the midpoint of the *Amoris Laetitia Family Year*. Starting mid-June, the **Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life will forward a series of pastoral tools**, which will also be available on the Dicastery’s [website](#), in the section dedicated to the *Amoris Laetitia Family Year*.
- **2021 Annual Clergy Retreat and Study Days: October 3-7, 2021**, Providence Renewal Centre (Note Sunday-Thursday).

- **2022 Annual Clergy Retreat**, May 16-20, 2022, Sanctum Retreat Centre, Caroline.
- Clergy Conferences will take place at 9:00 – 11:00 am on Monday, June 14. We will focus our time together primarily on “Albert’s Open for Summer Plan” and how it relates to eparchial and parish life.
- [Read](#) Pope Francis’ **launch** of the ***Laudato si Action Platform***.
- As we celebrated the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit – Pentecost – the **Patriarchal Catechetical Commission** is pleased to introduce to you the next installment in our **series “Praying with the Sacred Scriptures,”** namely, [A Prayerful Reading of the Acts of the Apostles](#) and [Молитовне Читання і Коментар Книги Діянь Апостолів](#). Take up the challenge of a prayerful reading of the Acts of the Apostles, allowing the Holy Spirit to enter anew into your life!
- **Rev. Michael Winn completes his term as Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary on June 30**, having served for twelve years. He returns to his Archeparchy of Winnipeg for a new pastoral assignment. We express our gratitude to Father Michael for his faithful and loving service to the Church in journeying with and forming the next generations of clergy for service in the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless and guide Father Michael in the next chapter of his priestly ministry.
- **Rev. Greg Faryna has been appointed as Rector** of Holy Spirit Seminary by the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in Canada, effective July 1.
- **Rev. Greg Faryna** was appointed to the Senate of Newman Theological College. Father Greg replaces Father Stephen Wojcichowsky who represented the Eparchy of Edmonton on the Senate for the past seven years.

Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>First Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints Sunday; our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatin Monastery (406-25);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews 11:33-12:2; • Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng</p> <p>Possible PPC Meeting to decide about renting the church. Keep an eye on your email.</p> <p>5:30 appointment</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Apostles' Fast begins. The Holy Apostle Hermas; the Holy Martyr Hermes (138-61);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 2:28-3:18; • Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11 <p>Fr. Bo travels to Saskatoon & back</p>	<p>June 1</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him (Second century);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 4:4-12; • Matthew 7:15-21 <p>10:45 appointment</p> <p>All Day: First Solemn Communion Catchup</p> <p>Probable / Possible PPC Meeting to decide about renting the church. Keep an eye on your email.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Our Holy Father Nicephorus the Confessor (829);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 4:13-25; • Matthew 7:21-23 <p>All Day: First Solemn Communion Catchup</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Most Holy Eucharist; Feast of our Lord.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; • John 6:48-54 <p>10:00 appointment</p> <p>6 pm First Solemn Communion</p>	<p>4 🐟</p> <p>Our Holy Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople (312-37);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 5:17-6:2; • Matthew 9:14-17 <p>4 pm Recording of the weekly Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Aria Lonsberry's Birthday</p>	<p>5</p> <p>The Holy Priest-Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre (361-63); the Holy Priest-Martyr Cosmas, Presbyter of Armenia (1707); Veneration of the Icon of the Mother of God, "Of Ihor," so called because it belonged to Ihor Olhovych, Prince of Kiev (+1147);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 3:19-26; • Matthew 7:1-8 <p>Editing, Formatting, Publishing, and generally getting ready for Sunday.</p> <p>David Kwas' Birthday</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Second Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 1; our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonderworker (457-74); Venerable Hilarion the New (845-46);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 2:10-16; • Matthew 4:18-23 <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng</p> <p>5:30 appointment</p>	<p>7</p> <p>The Holy Priest-Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (284-305);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 7:1-13; • Matthew 9:36-10:8 	<p>8</p> <p>The Transfer of the Holy Relics of the Holy Great Martyr Theodore Tyro;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 7:14-8:2; • Matthew 10:9-15 	<p>9</p> <p>Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria (444);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 8:2-13; • Matthew 10:16-22 <p>5:30 pm Unity Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The Holy Priest-Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa (361-63);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 8:22-27; • Matthew 10:23-31 <p>8 am appointment</p> <p>4:30 Eparchial Youth Commission Meeting</p>	<p>11 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 11:19-30; • Luke 10:16-21 <p>4 pm Recording of the weekly Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Raina Nahachewsky's Birthday</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Onuphrius the Great (c. 337); Our Venerable Father Peter of Athos (892); Krystynopil' Icon of the Mother of God;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 3:28-4:3; • Matthew 7:24-8:4 <p>Editing, Formatting, Publishing, and generally getting ready for Sunday.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Third Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2; the Holy Martyr Aquilina (286-305); Holy Triphillius, Bishop of Leucosia (Nicosia) on Cyprus (343);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 5:1-10; • Matthew 6:22-33 <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng</p> <p>5:30 appointment</p>	<p>14</p> <p>The Holy Prophet Elisha (9th c. BC); Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 9:18-33; • Matthew 11:2-15 	<p>15</p> <p>The Holy Prophet Amos (8th c. BC); Venerable Jerome, Presbyter of Stridonium (420);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 10:11-11:2; • Matthew 11:16-20 <p>10:45 appointment</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon of Amathus (408-50);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 11:2-12; • Matthew 11:20-26 <p>7 pm PPC Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael; Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of Ruphenia (446);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 11:13-24; • Matthew 11:27-30 	<p>18 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Leontius (69-79);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 11:25-36; • Matthew 12:1-8 <p>4 pm Recording of the weekly Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>19</p> <p>The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord According to the Flesh;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jude 1:1-10; • John 14:21-24 <p>12 noon Baptism of Conner Dubyk Borylo</p> <p>Editing, Formatting, Publishing, and generally getting ready for Sunday.</p>

Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy!

First Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints Sunday; our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatin Monastery (406-25)

Troparion: You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You!

Troparion: Clothed as in purple and fine linen* with the blood of Your martyrs throughout the world,* Your Church cries out to You through them, O Christ God:* send down Your loving-kindness on Your people;* grant peace to Your community,* and to our souls great mercy.

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

Kontakion: O Lord, Master of nature,* the world offers You the godly martyrs as the first-fruits of nature.* By their supplications, through the Mother of God,* preserve Your Church and Your people in profound peace,* O most merciful One.

Prokeimenon:

Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Psalm 76:12,2)

Epistle - Hebrews II:33-12:2 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia verses:

The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of their afflictions.

The afflictions of the just are many, and out of them all will the Lord deliver them. (Psalm 33:18,20)

Gospel - Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 (NRSV)

The Lord said to his disciples: “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Communion Hymn

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.