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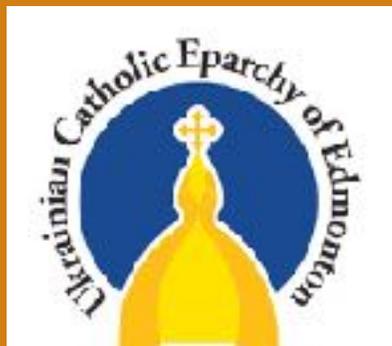
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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN
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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 6; The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplias and others with them; the Holy Martyr Epimachus (250);

Canadian Bishops to Welcome Pope Francis to Canada on Historic Pilgrimage of Healing and Reconciliation



OTTAWA, October 27, 2021 – The Catholic Bishops of Canada are grateful that Pope Francis has accepted their invitation to visit Canada on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation. The Holy Father’s full statement on the matter can be found [here](#).

In anticipation of this visit, the planned delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and youth will travel to the Holy See, where they will have the opportunity to speak to Pope Francis about the timing, focus, and themes in preparation for his future pilgrimage to Canada.

“The Bishops of Canada have been engaged in meaningful discussions with Indigenous Peoples, especially those affected by Residential Schools who have shared stories about the suffering and challenges that they continue to experience,” said CCCB President, the Most Rev. Raymond Poisson. “We pray that Pope Francis’ visit to Canada will be a significant milestone in the journey toward reconciliation and healing.”

The Canadian Bishops recently pledged to work with the Holy See and Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit to Canada by the Pope. Following this pledge and informed by three years of ongoing dialogue between the Canadian Bishops, the Holy See, and Indigenous Peoples, the President and former-President of the CCCB met in Rome with the Secretary of State of the Holy See to discuss next steps on the reconciliation journey earlier this month and in preparation for the delegation.

This delegation to the Holy See will take place from December 17-20, 2021, and is being planned in close collaboration with National Indigenous Organizations and other partners.

“We will invite the delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and youth who will meet with Pope Francis to open their hearts to the Holy Father and share both their suffering as well as their hopes and desires for his eventual visit to Canada,” added Bishop Poisson.

Additional details about Pope Francis’ pilgrimage to Canada, as well as the Rome delegation will be announced by the CCCB as details are confirmed.

Holy Apostles Stakhys, Apellēs, Amplias, Urban, and Nárçissus of the 70

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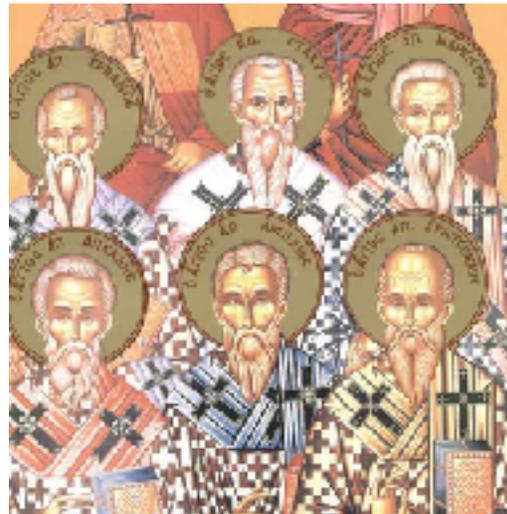
Saint Stachys, one of the Seventy Apostles, was ordained as Bishop of Byzantium by Saint Andrew (November 30). He founded a church at Argyropolis, and many people gathered there to hear him preach. He was a good shepherd to his flock, zealously proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, converting many to the true Faith, and laboring tirelessly for their salvation for sixteen years. He departed to the Lord in peace.

Saints Amplias and Urban were also made Bishops by Saint Andrew. Amplias was the Bishop of Diopolis, and Urban was the Bishop of Macedonia. They also suffered martyrdom because they were destroying the pagan idols.

Saint Nárçissus was appointed as Bishop of Athens by the Apostle Philip. He was tortured and put to death by the idol-worshippers because of his zeal in proclaiming the truth of the Gospel.

Saint Apellēs was the Bishop of Herakleia, and he brought many to the Christian Faith.

Saint Aristóboulos, one of the Seventy Apostles, was the brother of Saint Barnabas (June 11) and proclaimed the Gospel in Britain, where he died in peace. He is also commemorated on March 16, but on March 15 in Greek usage.



- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Helen, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Edward, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
- **Helen Monetta** is particularly ill and requests your prayers at this time.

- **Next PPC meeting** is anticipated on Tuesday, November 17 at 7 pm
- Faridae Mody of Freedom School of Dance would like to invite any interested children to join their dance studio, which teaches many types of dance including **Ukrainian dance**. If you are interested or would like to learn more, you can go to www.freedomsofthedance.com

Our Parish Pastoral Council is considering having **a Perogy Pinching Bee** in the near

future (before Christmas) to help our parish with its financial needs. At the time of writing this bulletin we don't know exactly when, but it could be soon. Maybe in the next week or two.



If you are interested in helping please contact Helen S.

Of course with covid we will need to take many precautions to keep each other and the food safe. But we can do this!

Current Covid Precautions:

- We need to wear masks
- We need to keep families 2 meters apart
- We need to limit the number of people in church to 1/3 of its normal capacity (now only 44 people)
- We can not all sing together, either we recite or we have 1 cantor (family)
- We will not be having fellowship after liturgy until further notice.

Inspecting mirrors is a job I could really see myself doing.

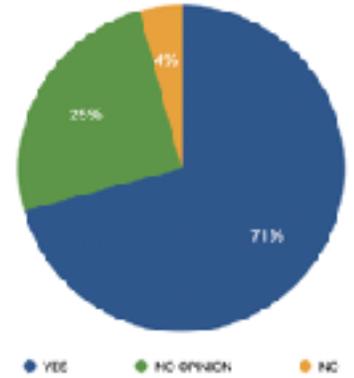


A Catholic Scouts Group in our Parish

Over the past several months we have been discussing as a parish how to engage more people in their faith. One idea was to encourage young families by starting a Youth Ministry initiative such as a Scouts group. In the past there have been many Ukrainian Catholic Churches with their own scouts groups, dance groups, youth choirs and other youth ministry initiatives.

A meeting was held in September and we found out that there was interest from our own young families, as well as many young families from parishes around us to start a Catholic Scouts Group. This group would follow the structure of "Scouts Canada" with its badges and uniforms, but would also include spiritual lessons and activities that pertain to our Catholic faith. These spiritual lessons would include working with those less fortunate, learning about our traditions and beliefs, attending Sunday services, and other activities that benefit the families involved and community around them.

Over the past 2 weeks we had asked all parishioners if they supported this endeavour or not. 24 people replied to our vote with the majority (71%) being in favour of starting a Scouts group. Therefore we will begin working on setting this project up. Only 4% did not support the project. 25% of those who responded did not have strong opinions and/or claimed that they would like more information. So... I will try to answer some questions that were asked in the comment section of the vote.



Question: Is the timing of this right with covid still being around?

Answer: At this time we are only setting up the organization with its own board, bank account, bylaws and training the volunteer Scouters. We will not open up to programming with children and youth till at earliest the new year. Hopefully by then covid will be under control again. If it is not, then we will follow all recommendations of AHS, as well as both the Eparchy of Edmonton and the Scouts Canada Organization. Perhaps if we feel that it is too early we will not open up till we are more ready.

Question: Are there members of our parish that are planning to participate?

Answer: Although we do not have many families with young children among our regular parishioners, yes, a few families that we have have indeed shown interest and have even volunteered to lead the program. We hope that other "less regular" parishioner families will see the activities and excitement of this adventurous project, and will consider joining us and will intern become more active in our parish.

In addition to our own parishioners this scouting group will be open to all. We have already approached other catholic churches, schools and groups letting them know that this project is open to them all. Hopefully with time, as the scouts group expands, the families will become more familiar with our faith and parish life and will choose to participate in it more directly. Our goal is not to take people from other parishes, but rather to engage people who do not call any parish their home into our community.

Question: Is there a cost to the parish? / Will they be paying rent?

Answer: Firstly, this is our project, not some foreign group coming to use our building. Yes, there is always the lights, flushing of toilets, cleaning and maintenance associated with using a building (and yes, kids are typically more messy than

grown ups). But this is no different than us having a bible study or liturgical singing practice. We have a building so that we can use it, not so that we can keep it locked up and vacant.

The scouts group will not pay any rent to the parish. However our scouts group can choose to do things that will benefit the whole community. If our scouts choose we can volunteer to help with the maintenance and material needs of the church. Scouts can choose to join in parish fundraising efforts. Scouts can choose to put together a fundraiser for the parish. They can pray with us and attend liturgies and families who do so, can contribute to the collection plate if they so choose.

There is no guarantee that our parish will financially benefit from this endeavour, but it is likely in the long term that our parish will be much better off than it is if we engage with families and work with them to grow our community.

Think of this as we think of the UCWLC. Like the UCWLC, a group of Catholic Scouts would be associated with our parish, and have the best interest of the parish and the whole Catholic Church in mind. Both organizations can do great things out of the goodness of their hearts, but do not contribute because there is some sort of rental contract.

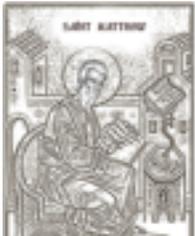
Question: How many families will be involved?

Answer: At first I imagine a few dozen families involved, with children and youth of various ages. As time goes on there could be many, many dozen families. The main limiting factors are the volunteers who will lead the different age groups.

If you have any other questions please feel free to ask Fr. Bo.

The first official meeting of this scouts organizing group will take place this Tuesday at 7 pm in our parish hall.

Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3I</p> <p>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 6; The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplias and others with them; the Holy Martyr Epimachus (250); Ephesians 2:4-10; Luke 8:26-39</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng</p> <p>5:30 appointment</p> <p>Halloween</p>	<p>I</p> <p>The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian; Passing into Eternal Life of the Servant of God Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, 1944; Passing into Eternal Life (1947) of Blessed Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo, and Martyr; 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8; Luke 11:29-33</p> <p>10 am Funeral of + Lois Danelesko at TFC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidophorus, and Anempodistus; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 11:34-41</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy at Venta Care Centre (monthly)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Acepsimas the Bishop (378), Joseph the Priest and Aithalis the Deacon (379); the Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydda, Where His Precious Body is Entombed; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Luke 11:42-46</p> <p>65 years of the Canadian Metropolia</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Joannicius the Great (846); the Holy Martyrs Nicander, Bishop of Myra and the Priest Hermas; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8; Luke 11:47-12:1</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>2pm Appointment (med)</p>	<p>5 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Epistemis; Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28; Luke 12:2-12</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Our Holy Father Paul, Archbishop of Constantinople and Confessor (c. 353-61); 2 Corinthians 11:1-6; Luke 9:1-6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 7; The Thirty-Three Holy Martyrs of Militene (284-305); Our Venerable Father and Wonderworker Lazarus, Hermit of Mount Galesius (1054); Ephesians 2:14-22; Luke 8:41-56</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p>Catholic Education Day</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng</p> <p>5:30 appointment</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers of Heaven; All-night Vigil Feast. Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Onisiphorus and Porphyry (456-474); Our Venerable Mother Matrona (456-74); the Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos; 2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2; Luke 12:42-48</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>Steven Bryson's, Marie Kunec's & Maksym Pryma's Birthdays</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympus, Rodion and those with them; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Luke 12:48-59</p>	<p>11</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent (138-61); Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite (826); 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5; Luke 13:1-9</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p>	<p>12 🐟</p> <p>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; Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 4:14-5:10; John 10:9-16</p> <p>CANCELLED Eparchial Convention</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Our Holy Father John Chrysostom (the Golden-Mouthed), Archbishop of Constantinople (407); Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16</p> <p>CANCELLED Eparchial Convention</p> 
<p>14</p> <p>Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 8; The Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Philip; Polyeleos Feast. Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 10:25-37; John 1:43-51</p> <p>World day of the Poor</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng</p> <p>5:30 appointment</p>	<p>15</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas (284-305) and Abibus (313-24); Nativity Fast. 1 Timothy 1:1-7; Luke 14:12-15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew; Polyeleos Feast. Nativity Fast. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 9:9-13</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>7 pm PPC Meeting</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>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; Nativity Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15; Luke 15:1-10</p> <p>Red Wednesday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Plato (286-305) and Roman (305); Nativity Fast. 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:1-9</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>Social Mission of the Church, Welcome Retreat</p>	<p>19</p> <p>The Holy Prophet Obadiah (Abdias); the Holy Martyr Barlaam; Nativity Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Timothy 4:4-8,16; Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Forefast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple; Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskya, 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); Nativity Fast. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-9;</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>

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Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:2)

Social Mission of the Church, Welcome Retreat

Nov 18, 7:00 -9:00 pm on Zoom

Those who have a passion for social development, justice and charity and would like to explore ways that our Eparchy can continue to serve God by serving others, are invited to join this zoom event! Representatives from all of the parishes throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton are encouraged to attend.

Hosted by Bishop David and the members of the Social Mission Commission, this will be an evening of inspiration, discovery, and reflection.

Commission members will share ways that they can help the faithful in all the parishes of the Eparchy of Edmonton to be more active and involved in social justice issues all over the world!

Monica Nino from Development and Peace will teach us about this Catholic organization and ways that we can work together for the good of others.

Participants will be invited to share what they have been doing individually and in their parishes and to learn from each other.

Bishop David will lead us in a reflection on social consciousness in our own lives.

Register at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/social-mission-of-the-church-welcome-retreat-tickets-191897760367>

Or search: **Social Mission of the Church, Welcome Retreat** on the Eventbrite website (www.eventbrite.ca).

For more information email: socialjustice@eeparchy.com

The Fifth World Day of the Poor

will be marked on **November 14**. Pope Francis message for the occasion focuses on the theme of: [The poor you will always have with you](#) (Mk 14:7)

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 27 – and in other like genocides throughout the world by providing food for the hungry today.

A concrete way to help those in need this Christmas is to collaborate with the **Knights of Columbus' annual initiative [Coats for Kids Program](#)**, which provides warm clothing for children during our cold prairie winters. A case of 12 winter coats costs only \$330 (including shipping). Contact your local Knights of Columbus Council to make a monetary donation towards this exceptional cause. Children during the Holodomor perished from hunger during the cold winter of 1932-1933. Let us honour their memory by providing warmth for our children today.



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5; The Holy Martyr Aretas and those with him (523);

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!

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.

Theotokion: Undaunted patroness of Christians,* O steadfast intermediary with the Creator,* turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,* but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith.* Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead,* for you are ever the patroness of those who honour you, O Mother of God.

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: 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.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 (NRSV)

At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Communion Hymn:

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

