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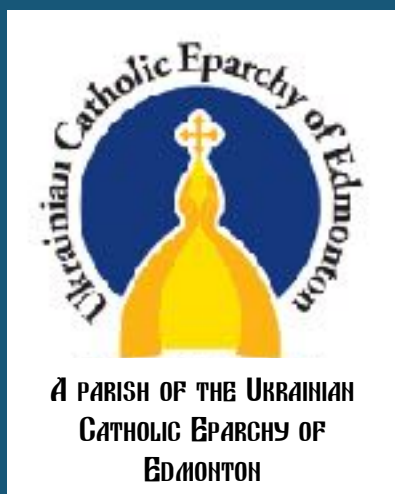
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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN
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Sunday, January 23, 2022

31st Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 2;
The Holy Priest-Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra;
the Holy Martyr Agathangel (both 286-305);
Passing into Eternal Life (1952) of Blessed Olimpia Bida,
Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and Martyr

Христос народився! - Славимо Його!
Christ is Born! - Let Us Glorify Him!

Every family should have a Bible: We should place it in a prominent place in the home and read from it together regularly

An excerpt from the letter from the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission: **Sunday of the Word of God**

This Sunday, for the third year, the entire Catholic Church celebrates "Sunday of the Word of God," which aims to encourage Christians to honour together the Word of God in order to bring Him closer to all the faithful.

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STATEMENT BY THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA CONCERNING THE CURRENT POLITICAL AND HUMANITARIAN CRISES IN UKRAINE

(22 January 2022)



Dear Brothers and Sisters – Christ is Among Us!

During these most difficult days when Ukraine endures the threat of Russian invasion, the clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada reach out to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We want to ensure you that we are with you day and night in sincere and earnest prayer and support. For some time now, our faithful have been asked to offer prayers for peace in Ukraine both in their churches and in their homes. Know that we remain united with you even more now during these threatening times.

Although many in the world are not surprised at Russia's conduct in the last months, others are perplexed as to why it sees a need, in this day and age, to strive toward imperialistic ambitions. For our part, we simply and sincerely ask our brothers and sisters in Russia to...

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... reconsider the motives of their leaders in re-igniting the hardship that the citizens of Ukraine have undergone in the last seven years. Surely a neighbourly solution of reconciling divergent political visions will prove more successful in building solidarity and mutual beneficial collaboration. We also appeal to our shared Christian faith which flows from the ancient baptism of St. Volodymyr in the Dniepro River in the 10th Century.

We furthermore appeal to all civil authorities that have any influence over the situation - above all, Russia - to consider peaceful solutions to the conflict. This would not necessarily mean a compromise, but would prove to be a just and fair and even magnanimous solution. History teaches us that forced compromises, unnecessary subjugation and unjust resolutions often only fester and eventually erupt in ways unforeseen which are often more devastating than an earlier bilateral resolution would have been. Furthermore, using a third country as a pawn in a game of posturing between outside powers is also not only unjust, but it dangerously threatens to ignite a long-lasting and bitter quest for justice that hampers any efforts toward a peaceful co-existence among peoples.

Finally, we also appeal to all people of goodwill to see this not merely as another distant conflict on the other side of the world that we read about in the press. This is a conflict that has already brought tragedy and hardship upon millions of individuals and families. It is a tragedy that will not go away, but rather one that threatens to spill out into a wider global conflict. We owe it to ourselves to be informed about the history and the truth of the tensions of the last decade and especially since Ukraine declared its independence in 1991. We believe that by the grace and mercy of our Lord, for which we humbly pray that the world and especially those nations directly involved in the conflict, can arrive at a peaceful and satisfactory resolution that would prove to be long-lasting.

This is not a time for audacious sable rattling nor for drawn out political diplomacy which, as we have seen in the past, is only as effective as there is honour and good will. Rather, we believe that what is especially required in times like these is earnest prayer that peace will prevail and that we all will be inspired by the Lord's appeal to truth (John 8:32), peace and holiness (Hebrews 12:14). May the great Christian nations now at the

potential epicenter of the growing conflict show themselves to be the beacons of light and hope that are so desperately needed in a world darkened by disease, intrigue and avarice. Is a non-violent solution impossible even at this late hour? Is there not a solution that can restore the hope and possibilities that was experienced by the former Soviet nations when the Soviet Union loosened its hold on peoples long pining for freedom and self-determination? We believe that which Christ affirmed to us by His eternal Word, namely, *"with men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."* (Mark 10:27)

Dearly Beloved, we call upon you in these critical days to direct your efforts in the following ways:

Be informed. Know the facts and fight falsehood in a post-truth public debate being warped by Russian disinformation. Inform others. The world cannot look away; you should not look away. Seek and share the truth, which gives authentic freedom and wisdom.

Support. There is a huge humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. People near the frontline often lack the basics—clean water, fuel, food, clothes, medicine. Heal the wounds. Help the victims of this senseless invasion. Provide your financial support through the established agencies in your area or through the legitimate channels currently being developed.

Pray. Pray for peace and justice in Ukraine. God is the Lord of history and the Lover of Humankind. His grace changes the most hardened hearts. Ukraine was brutally invaded, its territory annexed, the society traumatized. May God convert the promoters of violence. The Lord miraculously liberated the peoples of the Soviet Union without war. May God's gift of human dignity be honoured and protected. May God protect Ukraine and its people from further harm.

Christ is among us! He is and will be!

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
+ David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton, Administrator of the Eparchy of New Westminster
+ Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon, Administrator of the Eparchy of Toronto & Eastern Canada



Sunday of the Word of God

Lviv, January 20, 2022

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitan, God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics, Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters Catechists, And all Faithful!

Establishing this celebration, the Holy Father Francis emphasizes that this day devoted to the Bible should encourage Christians to deep their knowledge of the Word of God daily, “For we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut...”(Aperuit illis, 8).

Our Church joins the initiative of the Holy Father in celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God. In particular, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, during the celebration of the first Sunday of the Word of God in 2020, said: “I would like all of us Christians to say: we cannot live without God’s Word.”

This year has been declared the Year of the Family by the Synod of Bishops of our Church. So, I ask you to introduce three things in our families this year:

1. Make sure each of our families has a Bible.

2. May the Bible be placed in our homes in a proper, dignified place, reminding us that the center, foundation, and starting point of our thoughts, words, and actions is God.

3. Every day, or at least once a week, as we gather together in our families and communities, let us read and meditate on the Holy Scriptures! This will help us to overcome obstacles, temptations, insults and build our Domestic Church – in love for God and for one another.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav urges us, “I encourage you to read the Scriptures every day. I know that today, in fact, there is no person who does not have the opportunity to read the Holy Scriptures. We often have a dusty Bible in our book collections. We often collect various editions of the Holy Scriptures, but we seldom open them and delve into them.”

As we read God’s Word, meditate on it, and pray with it, we meet, we get to know, and receive Christ. The Word of God is alive and active when we listen to it and live in it.

Let us, therefore, ensure that the Word of God is in our hands, minds, homes, and our hearts.

In prayer,

+ DAVID (Motiuk)

Chair, Patriarchal Catechetical Commission,
Bishop, Eparchy of Edmonton



Blessed Martyr Olimpia Bida, Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Nun and Martyr Sister Olympia (Bida) was born in 1903 in the village of Tsebliv, Lviv Region. At a young age she entered the congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. In 1938, she was assigned to the town of Khyriv where she became superior of the house. After the establishment of the Soviet regime she and the other sisters suffered a number of attacks on the convent. She, nevertheless, continued to care for the children, to catechize, to organise underground religious services (often without a priest). In 1950, she was arrested by soldiers of the NKVD (KGB) and taken to a hard labour camp in Boryslav. Eventually she was sentenced to lifelong exile in the Tomsk region of Siberia for “anti-Soviet activities”. Even in exile, Sr. Olympia tried to preform her duties as superior. She was a support for her fellow sisters. She patiently endured inhuman living conditions. She died a martyr’s death on January 23, 1952.

From Sister Olympia’s letter to her provincial superior, Sister Neonylia:

“God Almighty, God’s Providence will not allow His little children to perish in a foreign land. For He is with us here, in the midst of these forests and waters. He doesn’t forget about us . . . Because of our faith, because of a divine matter, we suffer, and what could be better than this? ... Let’s follow Him bravely. Not only when all is well, but even when times are bitter, let us say: Glory to God in all matters.”

Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus

lives of the saints from oca.org

The Hieromartyr Clement was born in the Galatian city of Ancyra in the year 258, of a pagan father and a Christian mother. He lost his father when he was an infant, and his mother when he was twelve. She predicted a martyr's death for him because of his belief in Christ.

A woman named Sophia adopted him and raised him in the fear of God. During a terrible famine in Galatia several pagans turned out their own children, not having the means to feed them. Sophia took in these unfortunates, and fed and clothed them. Saint Clement assisted her in this. He taught the children and prepared them for Baptism. Many of them died as martyrs for Christ.

Saint Clement was made a reader, and later a deacon. When he was eighteen he was ordained to the holy priesthood, and at age twenty he was consecrated Bishop of Ancyra. Soon afterwards the persecution against Christians under Diocletian (284-305) broke out.

Bishop Clement was denounced as a Christian and arrested. Dometian, the governor of Galatia, tried to make the saint worship the pagan gods, but Saint Clement firmly confessed his faith and valiantly withstood all the tortures.

They suspended him on a tree, and raked his body with sharp iron instruments so that his entrails could be seen. They smashed his mouth with stones, and they turned him on a wheel and burned him over a low fire. The Lord preserved His sufferer and healed his lacerated body.

Then Dometian sent the saint to Rome to the emperor Diocletian himself, with a report that Bishop Clement had been fiercely tortured, but had proven unyielding. Diocletian, seeing the martyr completely healthy, did not believe the report and subjected him to even crueler tortures, and then had him locked up in prison.

At Pratulin in Poland, **Blessed Vincent Lewoniuk and twelve companions**, Ukrainian Catholic martyrs, who for not having given in to the threats and blandishments of those who wanted them away from the Catholic Church and for refusing to hand over the keys their parish, were mortally wounded and killed. (1874) (catholic.net)

Many of the pagans, seeing the bravery of the saint and the miraculous healing of his wounds, believed in Christ. People flocked to Saint Clement in prison for guidance, healing and Baptism, so that the prison was literally transformed into a church. When word of this reached the emperor, many of these new Christians were executed.

Diocletian, struck by the amazing endurance of Saint Clement, sent him to Nicomedia to his co-emperor Maximian. On the ship, the saint was joined by his disciple Agathangelus, who had avoided being executed with the other confessors, and who now wanted to suffer and die for Christ with Bishop Clement.

The emperor Maximian in turn sent Saints Clement and Agathangelus to the governor Agrippina, who subjected them to such inhuman torments, that even the pagan on-lookers felt pity for the martyrs and they began to pelt the torturers with stones.

Having been set free, the saints healed an inhabitant of the city through the laying on of hands and they baptized and instructed people, thronging to them in multitudes. Arrested again on orders of Maximian, they were sent home to Ancyra, where the ruler Cyrenius had them tortured. Then they were sent to the city of Amasea to the proconsul Dometius, known for his great cruelty.

In Amasea, the martyrs were thrown into hot lime. They spent a whole day in it and remained unharmed. They flayed them, beat them with iron rods, set them on red-hot beds, and poured sulfur on their bodies. All this failed to harm the saints, and they were sent to Tarsus for new tortures. In the wilderness along

the way Saint Clement had a revelation that he would suffer a total of twenty-eight years for Christ. Then having endured a multitude of tortures, the saints were locked up in prison.

Saint Agathangelus was beheaded with the sword on November 5. The Christians of Ancyra freed Saint Clement from prison and took him to a cave church. There, after celebrating Liturgy, the saint announced to the faithful the impending end of the persecution and his own martyrdom. On January 23, the holy hierarch was killed by soldiers from the city, who stormed the church. The saint was beheaded as he stood before the altar and offered the Bloodless Sacrifice. Two deacons, Christopher and Chariton, were beheaded with him, but no one else was harmed.



Parish Announcements:

- **House Blessings:** As bishop David announced, house blessings will only take place this year by request. If you would like your house blessed please email Fr. Bo. (simply telling him... he will likely not remember.)
- **Parish Bylaws:** We are in the process of updating our Parish Bylaws so that they are more in accord with our needs and the sample bylaws that have been given by our Eparchy. Please pray for us as we do this work.
- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Sheila's daughter & family, Owen, the Shakeshaft family, Mickey, Sister Andrea, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
- **Happy Birthday** to: **Lyba Genyk** who celebrates her birthday this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- **Parish AGM:** Feb 13. (note the change of date.... we are still not sure how this meeting will be conducted due to Covid. It might be in person, but likely (like last year) it might be done via mail.



First Solemn Communion

First Solemn Communion is an important step in our spiritual lives. It is the first major opportunity for a child to learn about their faith, and **fully participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own.**

In one sense this is a spiritual graduation from being a child who passively receives the faith from their parents, to a young person who actively participates in their own spiritual development.

Usually children are presented as infants to the Church to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation (aka Confirmation) and the Eucharist. These children are then brought forward at each Divine Liturgy by their parents, God-parents, or grand-parents to continue receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. When they become old enough to understand the basic truths of the faith, and to recognize the meaning of their own actions, they are prepared to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then approach the Holy Eucharist, no longer being brought forth, but on their own.

This is what "First Solemn Communion" is all about. It is a program designed to recognize a child's growth in maturity, to teach him or her what Life with Christ is about, and to help the child to take more responsibility for his or her own spiritual well-being.

Currently in our parish there are a few (3) families that I have been talking to about starting our program with their children. We are currently emailing back and forth to pick a good time to gather (in person, or perhaps digitally).

If you know of any child who would like to join us, please have their parents email me as soon as possible. fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com



Please take Covid seriously.

If you are feeling sick please stay home.

Please do what you can to help and support those around you, and keep safe.

In the parish, please keep a safe distance from each other, sanitize your hands

regularly and always wear a mask. At the end of each Liturgy we'd appreciate you helping us sanitize your pew. Thanks.

There are several parishioner families who have been and also who are currently struggling with this virus. Please pray for their full recoveries.

Our upcoming youth initiative, the **"#221 OUR LADY'S SCOUTS"** has taken some lovely strides forwards lately thanks to our wonderful new volunteer families.

We now have a **"URL"** and **website**. Well... the URL: OurLadysScouts.ca now points to our parish's scouts page, but hopefully soon we will get it populated.

We have our own **email address**. info@ourladysscouts.ca which our communications people have set up.

We have a "MailChimp" account, that hopefully will soon become active once we connect it to our new email.

We are also looking into our FaceBook and other social media, and will set those up once we have our other ducks in line.

God willing our volunteers can soon begin registering officially with both the parish and Scouts Canada.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 8 at 7:15



THE GREAT FAST FOR FAMILIES

On Feb. 11 at 10:15 am (following 9:00 am Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Parish 6425 120 Ave NW, Edmonton) the Family, Faith and Friends, Parent Group will be hosting the 3rd of 5 sessions.

Join Fr. Roman Planchak as he leads us through a reflection and some practical ideas for experiencing the Great Fast way that touches our hearts as a family. We will begin with a reflection for ourselves as parents and as children of God. This will be followed by a discussion on practical ways to observe the Fast with young children.

Email education@edmontoneparchy.com if you would like to attend in person. Only a limited number of people may join the presentation at Holy Eucharist parish. First come first serve. To join online click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89850863656?pwd=ZUpQS1RlZUIYZGV6Zzl6L3pLc1o3QT09>

*Note - Fr. Roman will not be in person but will be joining via Zoom.

Curious about Family Faith and Friends?

Parents with young families are invited to come together for prayer, faith development, fellowship, and support. To learn more about this group and be kept up to date with events

and resources, join the Facebook Group: Family, Faith, Friends, Parent's Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1019387668113464>.

For other questions call or text: 780-914-9093 Christina

Table for Two, You are my Valentine



Again, due to COVID we have been sidelined. Therefore, for those in Edmonton and area (Sherwood Park, Leduc, Beaumont, St. Albert) we are providing the opportunity to order a sumptuous meal for two created by a red seal chef, which will be delivered right to your home! All you have to do is set the table, light the candles and follow the instructions to heat your meal.

Each of the courses will come with discussion starters which invite couples to explore & deepen their relationship with each other and with God. You can take as much time as you would like.

As you are enjoying your coffee, tea or wine at the end of your meal, you will have the opportunity to watch and listen to a short presentation from a couple who will share their experience of faith within their marriage.

*We are looking for drivers to help deliver the meals (5-6 deliveries). Contact Bernadette if you are willing to help out: education@edmontoneparchy.com

WHEN: Sunday, Feb 13, deliveries made between 1:00 pm. and 3:00 pm.

WHERE: At home 😊 (Edmonton area)

HOW MUCH: \$75 per couple.

Register here by Feb. 7: Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/table-for-two-tickets-216408292027> (or search Table for Two on Eventbrite Edmonton)

We look forward to hosting you virtually!

Some feedback from last year:

"I have to say that it was a perfect end to a lovely day spent with my dear valentine."

"I loved the little notes with conversational questions and we enjoyed reminiscing about special times shared and answering the questions. What a lovely idea!"

"It truly was a well thought out meaningful idea that I know would have given many others a special night to remember."

"If this is happening next year please add us to the email list!"

"The meal was absolutely delicious – thank you to the Chef. We thank Bishop David for his meaningful spiritual message and blessings."

"We are so appreciative that we could still celebrate Valentine's Day this way. We look forward to it every year. The food, the questions and the video were so thoughtful and made our night special. Thank you!"



Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>23</p> <p>31 Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 2; The Holy Priest-Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; the Holy Martyr Agathangel; Blessed Vincent Levoniu and companions; Passing of Blessed Olimpia Bida, Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 18:35-43</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p> <p>Possible but not confirmed start to our First Solemn Communion Program</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman James 2:14-26; Mark 10:46-52</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (390) Polyeleos Feast. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; John 10:9-16</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>Conclusion of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Xenophon and his wife Maria James 3:11-4:6; Mark 11:23-26</p> <p>4 pm Lay & Deaconal Formation Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>The Transfer of the Precious Relics (438) of Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom Polyeleos Feast. Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16</p> <p>6 pm Camp Oselia Society Meeting</p>	<p>28 🐟</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian (373) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12; 2:6-10; Mark 12:1-12</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p>	<p>29</p> <p>The Transfer of the Relics of the Great-Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer (of Antioch) 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23; Luke 17:3-10</p>
<p>30</p> <p>32 Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday of Zacchaeus; Octoechos Tone 3; The Three Holy and Great Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; and the Holy Priest-Martyr Hippolytus (235) All-Night Vigil Feast. Matins Resurrectional Gospel 3. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Hebrews 13:7-16; Luke 19:1-10; Matthew 5:14-19</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p>	<p>31</p> <p>The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenarys Cyrus and John (284-305) 1 Peter 2:21-3:9; Mark 12:13-17</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p> <p>The Beginning of the Pre-Lenten Season</p> <p>Donna Koziaak's Birthday</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Fore-feast of the Encounter; the Holy Martyr Tryphon (249-51) Romans 8:28-39; Luke 10:19-21</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p>	<p>2</p> <p>The Encounter of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of Obligation. Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40</p> <p>The end of 40 Christmas days celebration</p> <p>7 pm Festal Divine Liturgy</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Post-feast of the Encounter; the Holy and Just Simeon Who Received God and the Prophetess Anna Hebrews 9:11-14; Luke 2:25-38</p>	<p>4 🐟</p> <p>Post-feast of the Encounter; Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium (408-50) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Peter 1:1-10; Mark 13:1-8</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Post-feast of the Encounter; The Holy Martyr Agatha (249-51) 2 Timothy 2:11-19; Luke 18:2-8</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee; Octoechos Tone 4; Post-feast of the Encounter; Our Venerable Father Boucolus, Bishop of Smyrna; the Holy Priest-Martyr Sylvanus, Bishop of Emessa and Those with Him Matins Resurrectional Gospel 4. 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Post-feast of the Encounter; Our Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus (312-37); Passing into Eternal Life (1957) of Blessed Petro Verhun, apostolic Visitator of Germany and Martyr of Siberia 2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mark 13:9-13</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Post-feast of the Encounter; the Holy Great-Martyr Theodore the General (286-305); the Holy Prophet Zechariah (c. 520 BC) 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>7:15 pm Scouts Meeting</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Pamphilus the Priest (c. 309) and Porphyrius and Their Companions 1 John 3:21-4:6; Mark 14:43-15:1</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Charalampus (193-211) 1 John 1:8-2:6; Mark 13:31-14:2</p> <p>Marta & Natalia Dashkewytch's birthdays</p>	<p>11 (no fasting)</p> <p>The Holy Priest-Martyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebastia (313-24) 1 John 2:7-17; Mark 14:3-9</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Our Holy Father Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (379-95) 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Luke 20:45-21:4</p>



THE MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

I'm giving this icon to you a week early, because next Sunday I want to focus on Zachhaeus and our Journey through Lent and on to Pascha.

The Meeting of our Lord is when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to offer Him to God the Father. The priest Simeon took Jesus into his hands and recognized Him as the Saviour of the world. Having beheld God's salvation he blessed the child and was able to go in peace. There was another holy lady there too, her name was Anna. She told Mary that this child was indeed super - super - super special.

January 23, 2022

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The Holy Priest-Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; the Holy Martyr Agathangel; Passing into Eternal Life of Blessed Martyr Olimpia Bida, Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Troparion: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

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

Kontakion: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour;* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon:

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle: I Timothy 1:15-17 (NRSV)

Timothy my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia verses:

The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43 (NRSV)

At that time, when Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Communion Hymn

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

