



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
ПАРАФІЯ УСПІННІА ПРЕСВ. БОГОРОДНИЦІ

Our Mission is to joyfully bring all people into the knowledge, love and service of the Holy Trinity, Who dwells amongst us.

Address:

15608 -104 Avenue,
Edmonton, AB
T5P 4G5

Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am

Presacrtified Liturgies:
Wednesdays of Lent at 7 pm

Festal Liturgies:
Major Feast Days at 7pm

Parish Website:

<http://dormition.eeparchy.com>

Eparchial Website:

www.eeparchy.com

Pastor:

Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

Fr. Bo's cell phone:

780-340-FR.BO (3726)

Fr. Bo's Emails:

fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com



Sunday, March 6, 2022

**First Sunday of the Great Fast:
The Sunday of Orthodoxy; Octoechos Tone 8;
The Holy Forty-Two Martyrs of Ammorium (848)**



Please reply to our Online / Mailed out AGM as soon as you are able.



If you have not gotten anything, you can go to our parish website, and click on the big "AGM" button. Your vote needs to be received by March 13th.

**Prayers and Special Collection for Ukraine.
Inside this bulletin.**

Covid Restrictions Have Eased:

- The provincial mask mandate has lifted, however, at this time Edmonton's mask mandate is still in effect.
 - Capacity limits on places of worship are now removed, including for weddings and funerals.
 - Individuals should continue to monitor health symptoms and stay home if sick.
 - Please hand-sanitize regularly.
 - Continued use of single-use Communion spoons will remain.
 - Cleaning and sanitizing churches after each use will remain.
 - In-person meetings and fellowship are now allowed.
 - Congregation and choral singing are now permitted..
- As we move from "pandemic" to "endemic" in our approach to COVID-19, let us continue to do our part in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and in caring one for another, especially our elderly and vulnerable.

1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy

The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm.

The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilus, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the Icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes.

In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people. Since that time this event has been commemorated every year, because it was definitively determined that we do not worship the Icons, but we honor and glorify all the Saints who are depicted on them. We worship only the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and no one else, neither a Saint, nor an Angel.

Originally, the Holy Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage.



42 Martyrs of Ammoria in Phrygia

During a war between the Byzantine Emperor Theophilus (829-842) and the Saracens, the Saracens managed to besiege the city of Ammoria (in Galicia in Asia Minor). As a result of treason on the part of the military commander Baditses, Ammoria fell, and forty-two of its generals were taken captive and sent off to Syria.

During the seven years of their imprisonment, their captors tried in vain to persuade them to renounce Christianity and accept Islam. The captives stubbornly resisted all their seductive offers and bravely held out against terrible threats. After many torments that failed to break the spirit of the Christian soldiers, they condemned them to death, hoping to shake the determination of the saints before executing them. The martyrs remained steadfast, saying that the Old Testament Prophets bore witness to Christ, while Mohammed called himself a prophet without any other witnesses to support his claim.

One of the captives, Theodore, had renounced the priestly office to become a general. His captors taunted him, "We know that you forsook the priestly office, became a soldier and shed blood in battle. You can have no hope in Christ, Whom you abandoned voluntarily, so accept Mohammed."

But the martyr replied, "You do not speak truthfully when you say that I abandoned Christ. Moreover, I left the priesthood because of my own unworthiness. Therefore, I must shed my blood for the sake of Christ, so that He might forgive the sins that I have committed against Him."

The executioners took each one separately and led him off to be beheaded, then threw the bodies into the River Euphrates. In the service to them, these holy passion-bearers are glorified as: the "All-Blessed" Theodore, the "Unconquered" Callistus, the "Valiant" Constantine, the "Wondrous" Theophilus and "the Most Strong" Basoes. Saints Aetius (Aetitus) and Melissenus were also among the martyrs.

The betrayer Baditses did not escape his shameful fate. The enemy knew that it is impossible to trust a traitor, and so they killed him.



A Prayer During this Time of War in Ukraine:



Please Lord, speedily end the violence and fear that grips those in Ukraine and in all places of conflict.

Lord, open everyone's eyes to Your ways, and change all of our hearts so that we may serve and care for all our brothers and sisters as You have taught.

Render useless all machines of hatred and war. Turn those who inflict pain and suffering in pursuit of power, so that they heal, comfort and empower others. Remove from us all thoughts of hatred and revenge. Grant safety to those who flee. Comfort to those who now mourn. Give rest to those who have died. Allow those who are seized with anxiety to have hope and respite, and inflame those who are indifferent to passion for life. Ease the nightmares that now plague children and adults alike. Shelter those who are now homeless. Heal those who suffer horrible wounds. Let Your truth shine through the propaganda. Open our homes, tables, and yes, even our wallets to those in need.

Help us to love our enemies as You love us, and teach us to forgive those who trespass against us as You steadfastly forgive us.

Молитва до Ісуса Христа – Царя всього світу (у важливих потребах)

О мій Боже, для Тебе живу, в
Тебе вірю, на Тебе покладаю
всю надію і Тобі віддаюся.

Ісусе Христе! Вислухай
мене, бо Ти все можеш.

Надихни мене, керуй мною,
зміцни мене, улагідни мене,
борони мене, заслони мене,
провадь мене, потіш мене,
благослови мене, вчи мене,
освіти мене, перестережи
мене, заспокій мене,
прости мені, спаси мене.

О найсолодший Ісусе, будь мені
не Суддею, а Спасителем. АМІНЬ.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

In Byzantine Churches the celebration of the Divine Liturgy is considered too festive for weekdays of the Great Fast (Lent). Yet the Church recognizes the intense need for the faithful to receive the Eucharist during this penitential time. In order to make it available, the church celebrates Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Presanctified Liturgies are basically evening prayers (Vespers) with the distribution of Eucharist. The Eucharist is consecrated during Divine Liturgy on the preceding Sunday, is kept in the Tabernacle, and then is brought out to the people during the service.

This year we will have Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays at 7 pm in our parish.

I will not have Presanctified Liturgies on Fridays due to a commitment I made to teach Catechism every other Friday. You can certainly join another parish at their service, or you can re-watch/attend the Liturgy that we record on Wednesday via Youtube.

On all Wednesdays that are followed by an "All Souls" Saturday we will also include a Panachyda (prayers of the deceased) mentioning the names of all of our loved ones. If you would like to submit or update your family's list of departed, hand a paper to Fr. Bo.

Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. (prostration)

Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. (prostration)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brothers and sisters; for You are blessed, now and ever and forever. Amen. (prostration)

Normally during Lent we have one special collection over and above the regular collection for the needs of the parish. This year, due to the war in Ukraine, we now have 2. (3 if you count the one for flowers to decorate the church at Easter.)

Special Collection for Ukraine

Amid the unfolding Russian invasion of Ukraine, our Church, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters there, is collecting donations to support the full mobilization of humanitarian aid, medical help and spiritual and psychological care.

We thank our faithful who have already donated towards this purpose, and we pledge to continue to support our brothers and sisters there. Donations can be made directly on the eparchial website <https://eeparchy.com/donate/>.

We also encourage our parishes in Alberta to take up a special collection on Sunday, February 27 and Sunday, March 6, 2022. All donations will be forwarded to the Eparchy, and we will send all funds collected to those organizations already in Ukraine providing support and aid. Please be generous.

At this time donations are being matched by a generous family from our Eparchy.

Although an exact amount is not available, so far we have collected a large amount of funds. (Some estimates place it over half a million!) We sincerely thank all who have been donating.

Lord, Great and Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine!

Special annual collection for “Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada.”

The purpose of this collection is to support the needs of the Church in Canada. Three charitable institutions are the recipients of the collection: the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, Catholic Missions in Canada, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The **Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta** responds to the call of Christ to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28: 19-20). The Eparchy of Edmonton supports local priests in their travel, health care, pension, and clergy substitution, thus ensuring that they can respond to the pastoral needs of the faithful, especially the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and funerals in rural Alberta. Visit www.edmontoneparchy.com to see how the Church is working for you.

Catholic Missions in Canada supports over 600 missionaries – priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and lay ministers –

throughout 27 eparchies and dioceses right here in Canada, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Catholic Missions supports the local churches in our call to proclaim the Gospel among First Nations communities, missionary support, religious education programs, building and repairs, lay pastoral leadership programs, and education of seminarians. To learn more about the work of *Catholic Missions in Canada* visit (www.cmic.info) and sign up for a free subscription to its quarterly magazine by calling toll free 1-866-937-2642.

Each year the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** is asked to speak out, give leadership, and provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics in our daily lives. For our bishops to do so, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Research and gathering information require staff, time and money. Through the yearly bishops’ collection, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous towards the work of their bishops. To learn more about the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, visit www.cccb.ca.

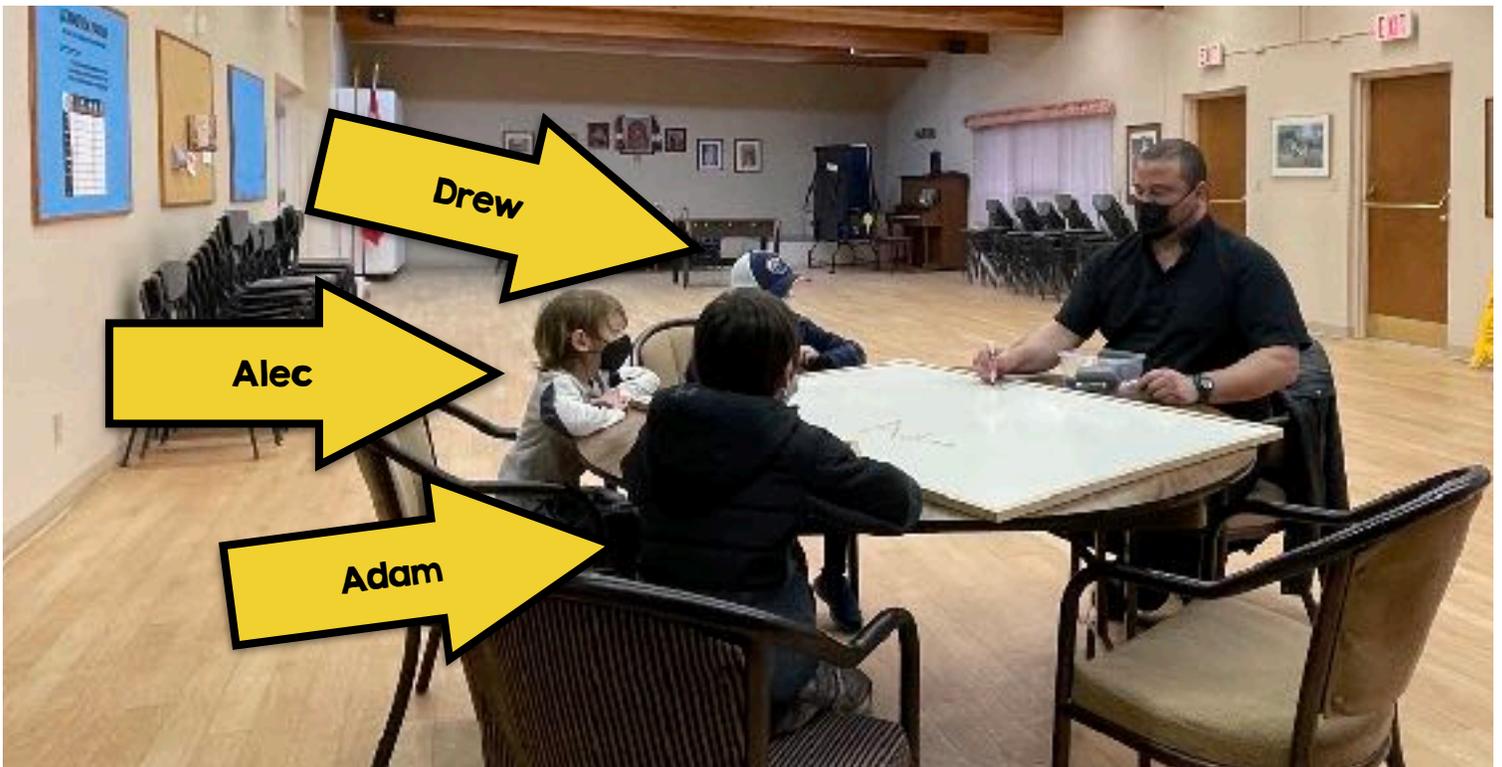
Did you know that you can make donations to our parish directly through our website?

Click on the link and you will be taken to “Canada Helps” which is how we accept online donations. Tax receipts are issued automatically for these donations. Consider making a regular monthly donation which you can set up automatically and you will never have to remember to bring an envelope to church with you again!

<https://dormition.eeparchy.com/online-giving/>

Parish News:

- **Fellowship after Liturgy will return next Sunday!** As we used to do before covid, after liturgy people are invited to visit over a cup of coffee or tea (or juice). All are welcome.
- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Mickey, Sister Andrea, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann & Louis.
- **Happy birthday** to **Jess Lastiwka, Catherine Ostopowich and Helen Moneta** who celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- **Confessions:** Fr. Bo is always happy to hear confessions. Just me know and I will make some time for you. (Before Liturgy is possible only if we book some extra time in advance as we do not want to start Liturgy late.)
- **Got any ideas for our parish?** We'd love to hear from you.



Our First Solemn Communion Class is going Superbly!

We have 3 really bright young men who are preparing to make their First Confession, and receive their First Solemn Communion in the months ahead. So far we have had 2 classes in which we discussed Who God is and who we are (and how we are created to be like Him, but our sins make us “broken”), and we talked about how we are part of God’s story which we can find in Scripture (So far we talked about everything in the Old Testament).

Next class we plan to talk about how God became a human through the Holy Spirit and His mother Mary, how Jesus rescues us from sin, and how we are called to join our lives to him (like we were created to be).

In general the classes are going awesome.

I ask all parishioners to add to their prayers a quick note to God asking him to bless these kids and their families, so that they can learn lots and give themselves completely to the Lord.

And we play foosball.

Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 </p> <p>First Sunday of the Great Fast: The Sunday of Orthodoxy; Octoechos Tone 8; The Holy Forty-Two Martyrs of Ammorium (848) Great Fast Day 7. Matins Resurrectional Gospel 8. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40; 12:1-2; John 1:43-51</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng 5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>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 Great Fast Day 8. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Isaiah 4:2-5:6; Vespers - Genesis 3:21-4:7; Proverbs 3:34-4:22; 5:30 Appointment Jess Lastiwka's & Catherine Ostopowich's Birthdays</p>	<p>8 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophilactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (c. 845) Great Fast Day 9. Isaiah 5:7-16; Vespers - Genesis 4:8-15; Proverbs 5:1-15; Isaiah 43:9-14; Wisdom 3:1-9; Wisdom 5:15-6:3;</p>	<p>9 </p> <p>The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste (321-23) Great Fast Day 10. Polyeleos Feast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 5:16-26; Presanctified - Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15-6:3; Hebrews 12:1-10; Matthew 20:1-16 11 am Appointment</p> <p>7 pm Presanctified Liturgy with Panachyda for all Souls</p>	<p>10 </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Codratus and Those with Him (249-51) Great Fast Day 11. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 6:1-12; Vespers - Genesis 5:1-24; Proverbs 6:3-20;</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (638) Great Fast Day 12. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 7:1-14; Presanctified - Genesis 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1; 11 am Appointment</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>Second Saturday of the Great Fast: All Souls Saturday; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigriana (817); Our Holy Father Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome (604) Great Fast Day 13. Hebrews 3:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Mark 1:35-44; John 5:24-30</p> <p>all day Scouter Training Helen Moneta's Birthday</p>
<p>13 </p> <p>Second Sunday of the Great Fast: St. Gregory of Palamas. Octoechos Tone 1. The Transfer of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople (847) Great Fast Day 14. Matins Resurrectional Gospel 9. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Mark 2:1-12</p> <p>Last Day to receive AGM replies. Daylight Savings Time Starts 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng Fellowship to follow Liturgy 12 pm anticipated First Solemn Communion Class #3 5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia (547) Great Fast Day 15. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 8:13-9:7; Vespers - Genesis 6:9-22; Proverbs 8:1-21; 5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>15 </p> <p>The Holy Martyr Agapius and the Six Martyrs with Him (284-305) Great Fast Day 16. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 9:9-10:4; Vespers - Genesis 7:1-5; Proverbs 8:32-9:11; 7:15 pm Probable Scouts Meeting</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Pappas (284-305) Great Fast Day 17. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 10:12-20; Presanctified - Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18; 10:40 am Appointment 2 pm Deanery meeting 7 pm Presanctified Liturgy with Panachyda for all Souls</p>	<p>17 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father Alexius, Man of God Great Fast Day 18. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 11:10-12:2; Vespers - Genesis 7:11-8:3; Proverbs 10:1-22; St. Patrick's Day Iconography Workshop with St. Theresa Catholic School (Sherwood Park) Helen Frankie's Birthday</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386) Great Fast Day 19. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 13:2-13; Presanctified - Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12; 11 am Appointment 6 pm High School Catechism Owen Bawol's, Shirley Pekar and Alex Schabel's Birthdays</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>Third Saturday of the Great Fast: All Souls Saturday. The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria (253-60). Great Fast Day 20 Hebrews 10:32-38; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Mark 2:14-17; John 5:24-30</p>
<p>20 </p> <p>Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross. Octoechos Tone 2. Our Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Saracens at the</p>	<p>21 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania (813-20) Great Fast Day 22. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat.</p>	<p>22 </p> <p>The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Presbyter of Ancyra (363); Passing into eternal life (1924) of Fr. Isidore Dolnytsky, hymnographer,</p>	<p>23 </p> <p>The Holy Venerable-Martyr Nikon and His Disciples, Martyred with Him (270-75) Great Fast Day 24. Abstinence from meat</p>	<p>24 </p> <p>Fore-feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God; Our Venerable Father Zachary; Our Holy Father Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia in</p>	<p>25</p> <p>The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; Passing into</p>	<p>26 </p> <p>Fourth Saturday of the Great Fast: All Souls Saturday. Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel 6 Great Fast Day 27 Hebrews 6:9-12; 1</p>

Sunday, February 27, 2022

First Sunday of the Great Fast: The Sunday of Orthodoxy; Octoechos Tone 8; The Holy Forty-Two Martyrs of Ammorium (848)

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: We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,* and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:* by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

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

Kontakion: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,* He suffused it with the beauty of God.* Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word,* we portray it in images.

Prokeimenon:

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

Epistle: Hebrews II:24-26,32-40; I2:I-2 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who 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:

Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

They called on the Lord, and He heard them.

Gospel: John I:43-51 (NRSV)

At that time Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

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.