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OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Парафія Успіння Пресв. Богородиці

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Third Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. Octoechos Tone 2. The Holy Prophet Jeremiah (625-585 BC); Passing into Eternal Life (1951) of Blessed Klymentii (Clement) Sheptytsky, Archimandrite of the Studites and Confessor

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

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Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am

Festal Liturgies:

Most Major Feast Days at 7pm,
*see the calendar section of this
bulletin for details.*

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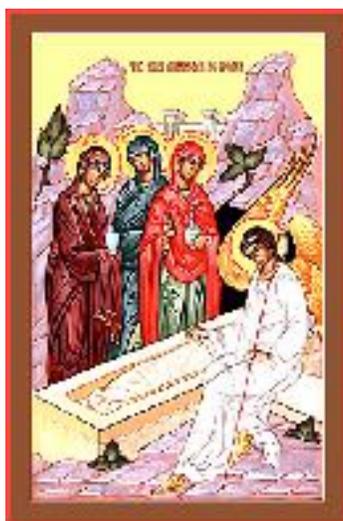
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Christ is Risen! Христос воскрес!

Parish Easter Breakfast:

Today after the Divine Liturgy.

Adults: \$15, Age 14 - 18: \$10, under 14: free.



Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikódēmos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

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Prophet Jeremiah

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The Holy Prophet Jeremiah, one of the four great Old Testament prophets, was son of the priest Helkiah from the city of Anathoth near Jerusalem, and he lived 600 years before the Birth of Christ, under the Israelite king Josiah and four of his successors. He was called to prophetic service at the age of fifteen, when the Lord revealed to him that even before his birth the Lord had chosen him to be a prophet. Jeremiah refused, citing his youth and lack of skill at speaking, but the Lord promised to be always with him and to watch over him.

He touched the mouth of the chosen one and said, "Behold, I have put My words into your mouth. Behold, I have appointed you this day over nations and kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to rebuild, and to plant" (Jer. 1:9-10). From that time Jeremiah prophesied for twenty-three years, denouncing the Jews for abandoning the true God and worshipping idols, predicting sorrows and devastating wars. He stood by the gates of the city, and at the entrance to the Temple, everywhere where the people gathered, and he exhorted them with imprecations and often with tears. The people, however, mocked and abused him, and they even tried to kill him.

Depicting for the Jews their impending enslavement to the king of Babylon, Jeremiah first placed on his own neck a wooden, and then an iron yoke, and thus he went about among the people. Enraged at the dire predictions of the prophet, the Jewish elders threw the Prophet Jeremiah into a pit filled with horrid, slimy creatures, where he almost died. Through the intercession of the God-fearing royal official Habbemelek, the prophet was pulled out of the pit, but he did not cease his prophecies, and for this he was carted off to prison. Under the Jewish king Zedekiah his prophecy was fulfilled.

Nebuchadnezzar came, slaughtered many people, carried off a remnant into captivity, and Jerusalem was pillaged and destroyed. Nebuchadnezzar released the prophet from prison and permitted

him to live where he wanted. The prophet remained at the ruins of Jerusalem and bewailed his nation's misfortune. According to Tradition, the Prophet Jeremiah took the Ark of the Covenant with the Tablets of the Law and hid it in one of the caves of Mount Nabath (Nebo), so that the Jews could no longer find it (2 Mac. 2). Afterwards, a new Ark of the Covenant was fashioned, but it lacked the glory of the first.

Among the Jews remaining in their fatherland there soon arose internecine clashes: Hodoliah, Nebuchadnezzar's viceroy, was murdered. The Jews, fearing the wrath of Babylon, decided to flee into Egypt. The Prophet Jeremiah disagreed with their intention, predicting that the punishment which they feared would befall them in Egypt. The Jews would not listen to the prophet, however, and taking him along by force, they went into Egypt and settled in the city of Tathnis. There the prophet lived for four years and was respected by the Egyptians, because by his prayers he killed crocodiles and other creatures infesting these parts. When Jeremiah prophesied that the King of Babylon would invade Egypt and annihilate the Jews living there, the Jews murdered him. In that very same year the saint's prophecy was fulfilled. There is a tradition that 250 years later, Alexander the Great transported the relics of the holy Prophet Jeremiah to Alexandria.

The Prophet Jeremiah wrote his Book of Prophecies and also the Book of Lamentations about the desolation of Jerusalem and the Exile. The times in which he lived and prophesied are described in 4/2 Kings (Ch. 23-25) and in the Second Book of Chronicles (36:12) and in 2 Maccabees (Ch. 2).

In the Gospel of Matthew it is said that the betrayal of Judas was foretold by the Prophet Jeremiah, "And they took thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom the sons of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me" (Mt. 27:9-10). Perhaps Jeremiah 32:6-15 is meant.

Even after his death, the Prophet Jeremiah was regarded as a wonderworker. Dust from his tomb was believed to cure snake-bite, and many Christians pray to him for this purpose.



Pope Francis, in consultation with the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church:

- has appointed Bishop Bryan Bayda, currently Bishop of Saskatoon and Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada, as Bishop of the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada; and
- has appointed Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, as Administrator of the Eparchy of Saskatoon, while remaining Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada.

Blessed Hieromartyr Klymentiy Sheptytsky

Sheptytsky was born on 17 November 1869 in the village of Prylbychi, near Lviv in Galicia to an old Polish-Ruthenian noble family. The Szeptycki family lived in the eastern part of Poland, near Zamosc, in Labunie's Palace. At that time, the area was of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He was a younger brother of the future Servant of God, Metropolitan Bishop Andrey Sheptytsky, and received his education first at home and starting in 1882 at Krakow.

Sheptytsky later also studied in Munich and Paris. In 1892 he became a doctor of law at the Jagiellonian University. After finishing his studies he returned home to manage the family estates and look after his aging parents. In 1900 Casimir Sheptytsky was elected to the Austrian parliament however after its dissolution in 1907 he decided to withdraw from politics.

In 1911 Sheptytsky decided to become a monk and entered the Benedictine (Latin Rite) monastery in Beuron (Baden-Württemberg), Germany. After a year he decided to follow the example of his older brother, returning to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of their ancestors and entered the St. Theodore the Studite Monastery of St. Theodore in Bosnia. He took the religious name of **Clement**, after Pope Saint Clement I, martyred in Chersonesos, who together with St Andrew the First-Called is considered to be the founder of Christianity in the Balkans. On 28 August 1913 he was ordained a priest by the Bishop of Križevci, Croatia Dionisije Njaradi. That same year he undertook theological studies in Innsbruck and after finishing them in 1919 returned to Ukraine to settle in the Holy Dormition Lavra in Peremyshliany Raion.

In 1926 Father Clement was named the hegumen (prior) of the Univ Lavra. In 1937 he came to Lviv to aide his ailing brother Andrew. In 1939 the region was occupied by communists, the Soviet "liberators" immediately implemented a plan to eliminate the Ukrainian intellectual elites and Church. At the time they did not arrest the Metropolitan himself, fearing his great authority among the nation, but went after his family attempting to capture Clement and murdering their brother Leon along with his family. During that time the Metropolitan divided the Soviet union into four exarchates and named Father Clement the exarch of Russia.

World War II

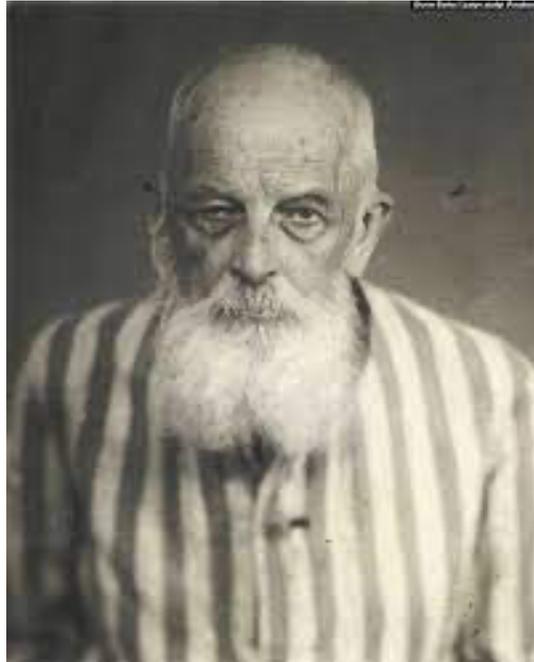
In 1941 the persecution of Christians was interrupted with the outbreak of the Nazi-Soviet war and the German occupation of Ukraine, however the situation did not improve much. During that time father Clement helped his brother Andrey Sheptytsky

rescue Jews, harboring them in Studite monasteries and organizing groups that would aid them in escaping to Hungarian controlled Transcarpathian Ukraine.

From 1941 to 1944, when the region was occupied by Nazi Germany, Jewish boys were hidden at the monastery in Univ, home to monks of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Univ was particularly important because it was the main Studite monastery; with its large community of monks, younger boys would go unnoticed by authorities. Along with the handful of holy

men who were the children's daily caretakers, three figures were instrumental in their safekeeping: Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, his brother Klymentiy, and Omelyan Kovch, a priest from the nearby town of Peremyshliany. Kurt I. Lewin, whose father was Lviv's last rabbi and who would later become a renowned businessman, and David Kahane, later chief rabbi in the Israeli Air Force, were both harbored by Sheptytsky in Lviv. Later in their lives, both men would write about their experiences, Lewin in "A Journey Through Illusions" and Kahane in the "Lvov Ghetto Diary."

Clement Sheptytsky was recognized as one of the Righteous among the Nations by the State of Israel in 1995.



Soviet persecution

With the return of the Soviets in 1944 a coordinated action to destroy the Church and subject it to the Moscow Patriarchate was implemented. After the death of the Metropolitan, his successor, Joseph Slipyj, named Father Clement the Archimandrite of the Studite Order. This meant that at the time of the mass arrest of Church hierarchs carried out by the NKVD in 1945 he was one of the highest ranking clergymen left. As such he became an informal leader of the Church, meeting with monks and priests and strengthening them in their resolve. On 5 June 1947 he himself was arrested by Soviet authorities and held, first in an NKVD prison in Lviv, then in Kiev, and finally, after his steadfast refusal to renounce his faith and serve the Moscow Patriarchate, sentenced to eight years imprisonment. Ivan Kryvytskyi remembered Father Klymentiy as tall, rather thin, with a long white beard, a little stooped, with a cane. Arms relaxed, calm, face and eyes friendly. "He reminded me of Saint Nicholas ... We never expected such a rascal in our room ... Some sisters had passed three apples to him, real rosy red and ripe. And he gave one apple to Roman Novosad, who often had stomach problems. He said: 'You need to take care of your stomach,' and the others he divided among us." He died on May 1, 1951 in Vladimir Central Prison.

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Blessed Hieromartyr Klymentiy Sheptytsky continued...



Veneration

Sheptytsky was beatified on 27 June 2001 by Pope John Paul II in Lviv, during his apostolic journey to Ukraine, together with 27 other members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church previously declared Venerable.

On July 29, 2011, a monument to Andrey and Klymentiy Sheptytsky was unveiled in their home village of Prylbychi.

Legacy

In November 2011, James Temerty, chairman of the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter Initiative (UJE) donated \$1.2M to establish three endowed chairs in Jewish Studies at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine.

A human rights activist, who served time in Soviet prisons, Myroslav Marynovych, the vice Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University, said,

We have always wanted to plunge more deeply into the legacy of previous generations of ethnic Ukrainians and Jews who lived on historically Ukrainian lands. This legacy knows not only pain and injustice, but also the experience of tolerant co-existence and mutual assistance. In order to guarantee a humane outline for the future, we must not forget the former and actively the experience the latter. For example, the spiritual inheritance of the Sheptytsky brothers alone, Andrey and Klymentiy, is sufficient to reveal to the contemporary person all the beauty of the love of humanity.

<https://alchetron.com/Clement-Sheptytsky>

The National Week for Life and Family is May 9 - 16.

The theme this year is: **Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life.** Check out activities, prayers, homilies and resources to celebrate this week that celebrates the family and the sanctity of human life: <https://www.cccb.ca/national-week-for-life-and-the-family/>

National March for Life

Thursday, 12 May 2022

Check out the Canada Website: <https://marchforlife.ca/>

Check out the Alberta Website: <https://albertamarchforlife.com/>



The “One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies” Campaign will take place May 6-8, 2022.

[Learn more here](#)

Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. This is a powerful way for us to commit ourselves to the ongoing battle for the rights and protection of our unborn Brothers



and Sisters. It is a drive around the entire world to say one million rosaries over the course of the weekend. Parishes, prayer groups, families and individuals are encouraged to take part by praying the rosary either together or individually on one (or more) of these days.

Go to: www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org to register so that you may be counted among those praying during this year's campaign. You are welcome to join an eparchial online rosary on May 6, 7 at 9:00 am.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87537286252?pwd=Q0Z0Mk82SzhWd1E2T2dVY3ovdytkZz09>

Parish News

(and news from beyond our parish too)

- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Jennie, Mickey, Sister Andrea, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann & Louis.
- **Happy birthday** to Deloris Noga, Eric Kwas, Valentyna Kennedy, Joseph Shakeshaft & Roewen Hundt who celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you all many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- **Frozen Perogy Sale on May 14th** from 12 noon till 4pm in our parish. All proceeds go to help victims of the war in Ukraine. Hamburgers (ready to eat, not frozen) will also be available. So, have lunch with us.
- **Parish Clean Up Day on May 14 from 9 am.** Come volunteer to help us do some spring cleaning.
- The Parish still requires three more volunteers (& 2 backups) for the **upcoming casino** to be held on Thursday June 2 & Friday June 3 at the Starlight Casino West Edmonton Mall. Please contact Alex Schabel @ 780-908-3339 to be added to the volunteer list.
- Our Parish's **First Solemn Communion** will take place on May 22 during the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Please keep praying for our lovely, smart, dashing, vibrant kids.
- **Annual Clergy Retreat: May 16-20**, Sanctum Retreat Centre, Caroline. Retreat Master: Most Rev. Andriy Rabi, Auxiliary Bishop, Archeparchy of Philadelphia.
- On Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day), Bishop David invites everyone to an **"All Parishes Outdoor Liturgy and Picnic"** at Camp Oselia. The Divine Liturgy with Bishop will begin at 10:30 am and will be followed by food and activities for all ages. We hope everyone will join us for this festive day of giving glory to God; the Father of all at Camp Oselia "God's Playground".
- This year our Ukrainian Catholic Camps are working together to present the best camps ever! **Camp St. Basil** will take place July 3-9, and **Camp Oselia** will take place July 10-16. We invite all children and youth aged 7-14 to come and play with us. More details will be available shortly.
- Both Camp Oselia and Camp St. Basil are **looking for adventure loving volunteers**. In particular we are looking for Cooks, Nurses, Life guard(s) and Camp Counsellors (teens). Our camps will take place the week of July 3-9 at Camp St. Basil and July 10-16 at Camp Oselia. We would love it if you can help for both weeks, but we would be happy to have you for as much as you can help. For more information please contact Fr. Bo at fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com.
- **Lay Formation and Deaconal Program** had a retreat weekend this past Friday and Saturday. Andrea, Fr. Danylo & Fr. Bo lead reflections. If you want to be better formed in your faith, ask Fr. Bo about the program.



Perogy Supper

Adults: **\$20** Seniors: **\$18**
Children 7-12yrs: **\$10** Children 0-6yrs: **free**
Eat-in or Take-out options available

**Cheddar Perogies, Cabbage Rolls, Salmon,
Ukrainian Sausage, Coleslaw and Dessert**

On **Friday 3rd June**, from **4:30pm - 7:00pm**

At St Josaphat's Cathedral Parish Hall
9637- 108 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5H 4G4

For inquires and tickets please ring the
parish office on **780-422-3181**, Monday to
Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Payments accepted: Cash, Cheque or
e-Transfer*



St Josaphat's Cathedral

*e-Transfers will incur a \$1.50 sur charge per transaction

Dormition Parish Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1</p> <p>Third Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. Octoechos Tone 2. The Holy Prophet Jeremiah (625-585 BC); Coronation of Pochoiv Icon of the Mother of God (1773); Passing into Eternal Life (1951) of Blessed Klymentii (Clement) Sheptytsky, Archimandrite of the Studites and Confessor Matins Resurrectional Gospel 3. Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43-16:8</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Parish Easter Breakfast</p> <p>Richard Andrusiak's Birthday</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Our Father Among the Saints Athanasius the Great (373) Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60; John 4:46-54</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>George Kunec's & Peter Opryshko's Birthdays</p> | <p>3</p> <p>The Repose of our Venerable Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves at Kyiv and Organizer of the Cenobitic (Common) Life in Rus (1074) and the Holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura (286-305) Acts 8:5-17; Hebrews 13:7-16; John 6:27-33; Matthew 11:27-30</p> <p>10:30 am Venta Care Centre Liturgy</p> <p>1:30 pm Appointment</p> | <p>4</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Pelagia Acts 8:18-25; John 6:35-39</p> <p>1 pm Oselia & St. Basil Camps Meeting</p> | <p>5</p> <p>The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene (321-23); Our Venerable Father Nicephoras, Hegumen of the Monastery at Medicus Acts 8:26-39; John 6:40-44</p> <p>10:15 Eparchial Vocations meeting</p> <p>Hall Set-up</p> <p>Tanya Bryson-Vanderven's Birthday</p> | <p>6 🐟</p> <p>The Holy, Just and Long-suffering Job Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 8:40-9:19; John 6:48-54</p> <p>9 am Icon Workshop PD with Elk Island School District</p> <p>One Million Rosaries Campaign</p> <p>6 pm Liturgy with Bishop Milad followed by Dinner</p> <p>Hall Rental</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross over Jerusalem at the Third Hour of the Day during the Reign of Constantine (351); the Holy Martyr Acacius (286-305) Acts 9:20-31; John 15:17-16:2</p> <p>Clothing give away for Ukrainian Nationals fleeing from the war.</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>Fourth Sunday after Pascha - Sunday of the Paralytic. Octoechos Tone 3. The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian; Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great (408-50); Arsenius the Great (450) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 4. Acts 9:32-42; 1 John 1:1-7; John 5:1-15; John 19:25-27; 21:24-25</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> | <p>9</p> <p>The Transfer of the Relics (1087) of Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari; Holy Prophet Isaiah (8th c. BC); Holy Martyr Christopher (249-51) Polyeleos Feast. Acts 10:1-16; John 6:56-69</p> <p>The National Week for Life and Family</p> | <p>10</p> <p>The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot Polyeleos Feast. Acts 10:21-33; John 7:1-13</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Cyril (869) and Methodius (885), Teachers of the Slavs and Equals-to-the-Apostles and the Dedication of the City of Constantinople (330); the Holy Priest-Martyr Mocius (284-305); Passing into Eternal Life of Blessed Vasyl (Basil) Hopko, Auxiliary Bishop of Presvov (+1976) Polyeleos Feast. Acts 14:6-18; John 7:14-30</p> <p>1 pm Oselia & St. Basil Camps Meeting</p> <p>Presentation with Eparchy of Saskatoon</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Our Holy Father Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403); Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (733) Acts 10:34-43; John 8:12-20</p> | <p>13 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Glyceria (138-61) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30</p> | <p>14</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Isidore (249-51) Acts 12:1-11; John 8:31-42</p> <p>9 am Parish Clean up Day</p> <p>Frozen Perogy Sale from 12 noon till 4 pm</p> |
| <p>Praying with Icons Course at Newman Theological College (7 weeks - Fr. Bo teaches)</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>15</p> <p>Fifth Sunday after Pascha - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. Octoechos Tone 4. Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great (346) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 7. Acts 11:19-26, 29-30; John 4:5-42</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sanctified, Disciple of Saint Pachomius (364) Acts 12:12-17; John 8:42-51</p> <p>Clergy Retreat</p> <p>The National Week for Life and Family</p> | <p>17</p> <p>The Holy Apostle Andronicus and those with him; Passing into Eternal Life (1952) of Blessed Ivan Ziatyk, Protohegumen of the Redemptorists and Martyr Acts 12:25-13:12; John 8:51-59</p> <p>Clergy Retreat</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (284-305); Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and Those with Them; the Seven Holy Virgins Acts 13:13-24; John 6:5-14</p> <p>Clergy Retreat</p> | <p>19</p> <p>The Holy Priest-Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, and Those with Him (361- 63) Acts 14:20-27; John 9:39-10:9</p> <p>Clergy Retreat</p> | <p>20 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Thaleus (283-84) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 15:5-34; John 10:17-28</p> <p>Clergy Retreat</p> | <p>21</p> <p>The Holy Great Rulers Constantine (337) and Helen (330), Equals-to-the-Apostles Polyeleos Feast. Acts 15:35-41; Acts 26:1-5, 12-20; John 10:27-38; John 10:1-8</p> |

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE

It has been some two months since Ukraine was invaded by Russia, leading to a violent war which has claimed thousands of lives and displaced millions of people.

Through the generosity of our parishes, faithful and friends, the Eparchy of Edmonton alone has raised nearly \$2 million dollars to help the innocent victims whose lives and country are being destroyed in this senseless attack on their sovereignty.

Our donations “follow the people of Ukraine,” wherever the need is greatest including:

- **Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine** supporting organizations on the ground including Caritas Ukraine, Ukrainian Greek Catholic eparchies, Sheptytsky Hospital (L’viv) and others who are helping the more than 11 million people affected by the war, including 6.5 million displaced internally, and 5.3 million who have fled to neighbouring countries. Donations are forwarded through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), an organization providing pastoral and humanitarian support to the most vulnerable people around the globe.

- **Humanitarian Aid to help countries** welcoming the 5.3 million people who have fled to Poland, Romania, Moldova, Slovakia, and other countries, mostly women and children.

CNEWA is helping to direct funds where needed.

- **Humanitarian Aid for refugees arriving in Alberta** and welcomed by families throughout the province. We are working with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and Ukrainian Canadian Social Services to support the settlement, integration, and spiritual needs of those arriving in our province.

The outpouring of love and support has been truly amazing, but the need is great, and it will continue to be as Ukraine defends its freedom for all their citizens in all parts of the country. We ask that you continue to be generous with your gifts, but mostly we ask for your prayers. Let us pray to God our Father and Our Most Holy Mother for an end to the suffering of war and for justice and peace in Ukraine.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Given the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, the annual collection for the “**Aid to the Missionary Church in the World,**” traditionally taken up on Pentecost Sunday, **will not take place this year.**

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Third Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. Octoechos Tone 2. The Holy Prophet Jeremiah (625-585 BC); Coronation of Pochaiv Icon of the Mother of God (1773); Passing into Eternal Life (1951) of Blessed Klymentii (Clement) Sheptytsky, Archimandrite of the Studites and Confessor

After “Blessed is the kingdom...”:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life. (3x)

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!”

Troparion: The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree.* He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices* and placed it in a new tomb.* But on the third day You arose, O Lord,* granting the world Your great mercy.

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

Kontakion: You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God,* and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection.* You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all:* “The Saviour is risen from the tomb.”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! * and giving peace to Your Apostles.* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

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: Acts 6:1-7 (NRSV)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Alleluia verses:

You have shown favour to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob.

Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Hymn to the Mother of God

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of Blessed is He Who comes... we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of We have seen the true light... we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of May our mouths be filled... we sing three times:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life. (3)

Instead of Blessed be the name of the Lord... we sing three times:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life. (3)

After the final Amen: the troparion "Christ is risen" is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition:

And to us he grants life eternal;...

...let us bow to His resurrection on the third day.