



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.

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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
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Sundays, August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 3. Our Venerable Father Moses the Black (c. 400); Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430); the Holy Martyr Gebre Michael, Illuminator of Ethiopia (1855)



+ Father Paul Lysak

The priestly servant of God + Father Paul Lysak reposed in the Lord Friday evening at the Edmonton General Hospital, Edmonton, in his 96th year of earthly life and 69th year of priesthood.

Vichnaja jomu pamjat!

Funeral arrangements will be made this week.

Blessing of Students, Teachers & Staff

On Next Sunday, September 4th, after the liturgy we will pray a special blessing on all students, Teachers and Staff as they (and we) begin a new year.

September 1: Church New Year

from OCA.org

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.



According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

Do you wish to understand how the liturgical year works?

If so... let me know by phone (780-340-3726) and we can set up a short "class" (hour or so) next week (maybe Wednesday the 7th after the Festal Divine Liturgy) to discuss the way the church organizes the year.

(Next week we celebrate the Nativity of the Mother of God on Thursday the 8th (but Fr. Bo has a meeting that evening, so liturgy will happen on the 7th.)



Venerable Moses the Ethiopian of Scete

Saint Moses lived in Egypt during the fourth century. He was an Ethiopian, and since he was black of skin he was called "Murin" (meaning "like an Ethiopian"). In his youth he was the slave of an important man, but after he committed a murder, his master banished him, and he joined a band of robbers.

Because of his bad character and great physical strength, they chose him as their leader. Moses and his band of brigands were feared because of their many evil exploits, including murders and robberies. People trembled at the mere mention of his name.

Moses the brigand spent several years leading a sinful life, but through the great mercy of God he repented, left his band of robbers and went to one of the desert monasteries. Here he wept for a long time, begging to be admitted as one of the brethren. The monks were not convinced of the sincerity of his repentance, but the former robber would neither be driven away nor silenced. He continued to implore that they accept him.

Saint Moses was completely obedient to the hegoumen and the brethren, and he poured forth many tears of sorrow for his sinful life. After a certain while Saint Moses withdrew to a solitary cell, where he spent his time in prayer and the strictest fasting.

Once, four of the robbers of his former band descended upon the cell of Saint Moses. He had lost none of his great physical strength, so he tied them all up. Throwing them over his shoulder, he brought them to the monastery, where he asked the Elders what to do with them. The Elders ordered that they be set free. The robbers, learning that they had chanced upon their former ringleader, and that he had dealt kindly with them, followed his example: they repented and became monks. Later, when the rest of the band of robbers heard about Saint Moses' repentance, then they also gave up their thievery and became fervent monks.

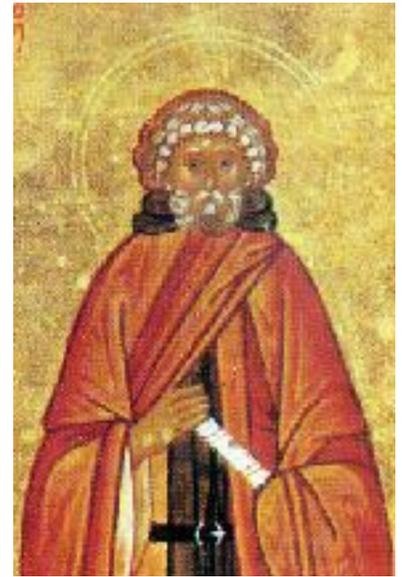
Saint Moses was not quickly freed from the passions. He went often to the hegoumen, Abba Isidore, seeking advice on how to be delivered from the passions of profligacy. Being experienced in the spiritual struggle, the Elder taught him never to eat too much food, to remain partly hungry while observing the strictest restraint. But the passions did not cease to trouble Saint Moses in his dreams.

Then Abba Isidore taught him the all-night vigil. The monk stood the whole night at prayer, so he would not fall asleep. As a result of his prolonged struggles, Saint Moses fell into despondency, and when he began to have thoughts about leaving his solitary cell, Abba Isidore instead strengthened the resolve of his disciple.

In a vision he showed him many demons in the west, prepared for battle, and in the east a still greater quantity of holy angels, also ready for fighting. Abba Isidore explained to Saint Moses that the power of the angels would prevail over the power of the demons, and in the long struggle with the passions it was necessary for him to become completely cleansed of his former sins.

Saint Moses drove himself to additional labors. Making the rounds of the wilderness cells at night, he carried water from the well to each brother. He did this especially for the Elders, who

lived far from the well and who were not easily able to carry their own water. Once, kneeling over the well, Saint Moses felt a powerful blow upon his back and he fell down at the well like one dead, laying there in that position until dawn. Thus did the devils take revenge upon the monk for his victory over them. In the morning the brethren carried him to his cell, and he lay there crippled for a whole year. After he recovered, the monk with firm resolve confessed to the hegoumen, that he would continue with his ascetic struggles. But the Lord Himself put limits to this toil which lasted for many years: Abba Isidore blessed his disciple and told him that the passions had already left him. The Elder commanded him to receive the Holy Mysteries, and to go to his own cell in peace. From that time, Saint Moses received from the Lord power over demons.



Accounts about his exploits spread among the monks and even beyond the bounds of the wilderness. The governor of the land wanted to see the saint. When he heard of this, Saint Moses decided to hide from any visitors, and he departed his own cell. Along the way he met servants of the governor, who asked him how to get to the cell of the desert-dweller Moses. The monk answered them: "Go no farther to see this false and unworthy monk." The servants returned to the monastery where the governor was waiting, and they told him the words of the Elder they had chanced to meet. The brethren, hearing a description of the Elder's appearance, told them that they had encountered Saint Moses himself.

After many years of monastic exploits, Saint Moses was ordained deacon. The bishop clothed him in white vestments and said, "Now Abba Moses is entirely white!" The saint replied, "Only outwardly, for God knows that I am still dark within."

Through humility, the saint believed himself unworthy of the office of deacon. Once, the bishop decided to test him and he bade the clergy to drive him out of the altar, reviling him as an unworthy Ethiopian. In all humility, the monk accepted the abuse. Having put him to the test, the bishop then ordained Saint Moses to the priesthood. Saint Moses labored for fifteen years in this rank, and gathered 75 disciples around himself.

When the saint reached the age of 75, he warned his monks that soon brigands would descend upon the skete and murder all those who remained there. The saint blessed his monks to leave, in order to avoid violent death. His disciples begged the saint to leave with them, but he replied: "For many years now, I have awaited the time when the words spoken by my Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, should be fulfilled: 'All who take up the sword, shall perish by the sword'" (Matt. 26: 52). After this, seven of the brethren remained with Saint Moses, and one of them hid nearby during the attack of the robbers. The robbers killed Saint Moses and the six monks who remained with him. Their death occurred about the year 400.



**Thank you
to all who made our
Annual Parish
Praznyk
such a beautiful event.**

Photos: to the sides we have pictures of both the UCWLC/PPC greeting Bishop with Bread and Salt, and some of our beautiful kids greeting Bishop with flowers.



Please say an extra prayer for Fr. Terry Cherwick

who had a heart attack this past week. He is recovering from the surgery at home.

This fall, let's get together and become more familiar with Sacred Scripture.

**Featuring a young person / family friendly
look at "All the Stories of the Bible"**

When? Well... I'm thinking every couple of weeks on a Sunday? or Wednesday?... or every month on one of those days... starting about mid-September, or maybe October....

***Let me know if you are interested,
and what time would work for you.***



An update on our Catholic Scout Group:

Hello Parishioners and Friends,

I have been praying since mid summer about what to do with our proposed Catholic Scouts Group. I would very much like Dormition parish to start a youth initiative that would bring young families from around the city together to build community, inspire confidence in young people and grow our collective faith. As you all know, I take youth ministry seriously (even if I am having fun while doing it).

Over the past year I have been asking adults to join me in this endeavour, as it would be impossible for me to do alone. To date I have 2 adults who are ready to go, but others have not signed up as "Scouters".

We would need several more committed adults to make this Scouts Group active. I have had about 40 families at one point or another tell me that they are interested in having their children participate... but... well... we need a few more leaders to step forward to proceed. If there are none, then perhaps I will put this project to rest (at least for now).

If you would like to help on a regular (weekly) basis, or if you have thoughts on this project (positive or even constructive criticism) please contact Fr. Bo at 780-340-3726 or by email at fr.nahachewsky@eeparchy.com

Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 3. Our Venerable Father Moses the Black (c. 400); Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430); the Holy Martyr Gebre Michael, Illuminator of Ethiopia (1855) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 1. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 19:16-26</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy Cara Ostopowich's Birthday</p>	<p>29</p> <p>The Beheading of the Honourable and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John All-Night Vigil Feast. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Acts 13:25-32; Mark 6:14-30</p> <p>Teachers return to School ECSD</p> <p>9 am Liturgy for teachers at St. Josaphat's (and 4 other locations)</p> <p>11 am Volunteering</p> <p>5:30 pm Meeting</p> <p>Daryl Ostopowich's Birthday</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Our Holy Fathers and Patriarchs of Constantinople Alexander (336), John (577), and Paul the Younger (784) 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5; Mark 3:13-19</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p>	<p>31</p> <p>The Placing of the Precious Sash of Our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God in Calcoprateia (942) Polyeleos Feast. Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28</p> <p>First Day of School for Students of ECSD</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Beginning of the Liturgical New Year; Our Holy Father Symeon the Stylite (459) and his mother Martha; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God of Miasenes Polyeleos Feast. 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Colossians 3:12-16; Luke 4:16-22; Matthew 11:27-30</p> <p>6 pm Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Holy Martyrs Mamas; Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 2 Corinthians 11:5-21; Mark 4:1-9</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Holy Priest-Martyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia (303); Our Venerable Father Theoctistus, Fellow-Ascetic of the Great Euthymius (467) 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Matthew 22:15-22</p> <p>Usual Bulletin & prep time</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 4. Holy Priest-Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch (250); Holy Prophet Moses Who Saw God Matins Resurrectional Gospel 2 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33-42</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Students, Teachers and School Staff.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Holy Prophet Zachariah and Elisabeth, Parents of John the Baptist 2 Corinthians 12:10-19; Mark 4:10-23</p> <p>Labour Day</p> <p>5:30 pm Meeting</p> <p>Olga Wasarab's Birthday</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Commemoration of the Miracle Performed at Colossus in Chone by the Archangel Michael; Holy Martyr Eudoxius and His Companions (284-305); Our Venerable Father Archipus 2 Corinthians 12:20-13:2; Mark 4:24-34</p> <p>Fr. Bo covering Hospital Chaplaincy</p> <p>10:30 am Possible Liturgy at Venta Care Centre</p> <p>1 pm Appointment</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God; Holy Martyr Sozon the Shepherd (304). Zhyrovtysi Icon of the Mother of God Ephesians 6:10-17; John 15:17-16:2</p> <p>Joshua Lavallee's Birthday</p> <p>If interest exists:</p> <p>7pm Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God and... if interest exists "Understanding the Liturgical Year" class to follow</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary Feast of the Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation. Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28</p> <p>Fr. Bo covering Hospital Chaplaincy</p> <p>6 pm Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God; Holy and Righteous Forebears of God Joachim and Anna; the Holy Martyr Severian (321-23) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21</p> <p>Eparchial Convention</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Saturday before the Exaltation; Holy Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, Nymphodora (303-11); 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Matthew 10:37-11:1</p> <p>Usual Bulletin & prep time</p> <p>Eparchial Convention</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross. Octoechos Tone 5. Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God; Our Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria (474-91) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 3. Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Ordination of François Provinsal to the Diaconate at</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God; the Holy Priest-Martyr Autonomus (284-305) Galatians 2:11-16; Mark 5:24-34</p> <p>5:30 pm Meeting</p> <p>Sophia Gnutel's & Roman Workun's Birthdays</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Commemoration of the Dedication of the Holy Church of the Resurrection of Christ Our God (335); Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross; the Holy Priest-Martyr Cornelius the Centurion Galatians 2:21-3:7; Mark 6:1-7</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>7 pm PPC Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of Obligation. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35</p> <p>Liturgy at 10 am or at 7 pm (TBD)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross; Holy Great-Martyr Nicetas (374) Galatians 3:23-4:5; Mark 6:30-45</p> <p>6 pm Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross; Holy Great-Martyr Euphemia, the All-Famed (303) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Galatians 4:8-21; Mark 6:45-53</p> <p>Fr. Bo will be away</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross; Holy Martyr Sophia, and Her Three Daughters Faith, Hope and Love 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; John 8:21-30</p> <p>Fr. Bo's Nephew (Andriy & Andrea) to be married. Fr. Bo will be away</p> <p>Janet Konowalec's Birthday</p>

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Troparion: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: Today the Virgin stands before us in the church* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,* Apostles exult with prophets,* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokeimenon:

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Epistle (I Corinthians 15:1-11) (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, Now I would remind you, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Alleluia verses:

In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Gospel Matthew 19:16-26 (NRSV)

At that time, a young man came and said to Jesus, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (*Psalms 115:13*)

Parish News

- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Fr. Terry, Anne, Brody, Rosann, Jennie, Mickey, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Ann & Louis.
- **Happy birthday** to **Cara Ostopowich**, and **Daryl Ostopowich** who celebrate(s) his/her/their birthday(s) this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- For your information, a new film entitled **“Mother Teresa: No Greater Love,”** produced by the Knights of Columbus, will be airing in select theatres starting October 3, 2022.