



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Парафія Успіння Пресв. Богородиці

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 Feasts at 6 or 7 pm,
*see the calendar section of this
bulletin for details.*

Parish Website:

<http://dormition.eeparchy.com>

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Sunday, February 12, 2023

Meatfare Sunday (of the Fearful Judgment), Tone 3.

Our Holy Father Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (379-95)



Earthquake claims more than 25,000

Bishops and Catholic Organizations in Canada Launch Turkey/Syria Earthquake Emergency Aid Campaign

Ottawa, February 10, 2023: With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC), Aid to Church in Need (ACN), Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) are launching an ...

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Our in Parish Icon Workshop is this week.

That We May Walk Together Pastoral Letter to the People of Canada

Bishops of Canada wrote a letter to you. Read it in today's bulletin.



WALKING
TOGETHER

Today: Our Parish's Annual General Meeting

Everyone is asked to stay after today's liturgy for a light lunch and our Annual Parish Meeting. You will learn all about what we have been up to, what we plan to do, our finances and we will elect our Parish Council Representatives for the following year. This is also an excellent opportunity for you to speak out and be heard. We want to know what you think our community should do. See you at the meeting.



We are Nearing the First Anniversary of the Intensified war in Ukraine. But the war has been going on since February 2014: That's 9 years!

Donations for Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine, and support for those who have fled from the violence and are resettling in our community continue to be accepted through our parish.

Also: For your information, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council is organizing a Candlelight Vigil on the steps of the Alberta Legislature on Friday, February 24, beginning at 6:00 pm, to mark the one-year anniversary of the beginning of the intensified war in Ukraine. Let us pray for those affected by the war and for peace. More info from the UCC will be forthcoming.



Message from Bishop David to the Clergy:

We have all been devastated by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria with the loss of countless lives, search and rescue operations, homeless, food and medicine shortage, and so on. As Christians we are called to respond to those in need.

The Catholic Bishops in Canada have endorsed an emergency aid campaign for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria [see above]. I kindly ask that you share this request with your parishioners, encouraging them to donate where possible.

We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria. God bless.

Bishops and Catholic Organizations in Canada Launch Turkey/ Syria Earthquake Emergency Aid Campaign continued...

emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on Monday. They have pledged the total sum of nearly one million Canadian dollars.

"As Catholics we are compelled to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in dire circumstances like the thousands of families that have

... lost loved ones, or are injured and have lost their homes, due to the earthquake," said Bishop Poisson, president of the CCCB and Bishop of Saint-Jérôme-Mont-Laurier. "For this reason, local Bishops have been invited to this emergency campaign in their dioceses/eparchies and to invite their faithful to donate to any one of the organizations collecting funds."

"These four organizations are well positioned in the region to respond quickly and efficiently with their Caritas and Jesuit Refugee Service networks, local Eastern Churches, and their many social and emergency initiatives," said Bishop Poisson.

"Our partners in the region know the local reality and they have been working together on the ground to support Syrian families in Syria and Syrian refugees in Turkey who have been affected by 12 years of civil war," said, Marie-Claude Lalonde, National Director of ACN, Jenny Cafiso Executive Director of CJI, Dr. Adriana Bara, National Director of CNEWA Canada and Carl Hétu Executive Director of DPCC.

Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families go back to a more stable life.

To donate or for any inquiries you can contact the organisations as follows:

ACN: web: <https://bit.ly/acn-donate-syria> Toll free #: 1-800-585-6333 Ext 228

CJI: web <https://canadianjesuitsinternational.ca> Toll free #: 1-800-448-2148

CNEWA Canada: web: www.cnewa.ca Toll free #: 1-866-322-4441

DPCC: web www.devp.org Toll free #: 1-800-494-1401

About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

About Aid to Church in Need:

Aid to the Church in need is a pontifical charity founded in 1947 and funding emergency and pastoral projects in more than 140 countries.

About Canadian Jesuit International:

Canadian Jesuits International is the international solidarity agency of the Jesuits of Canada that supports poor and marginalized people in Africa, Asia and Latin America through the work of Jesuits and other partners as they strive for a more just society. CJI also carries out education and advocacy in Canada on international social justice and global solidarity.

About CNEWA Canada:

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has been a lifeline for the poor, displaced people, and those affected by war in the Middle East, North-East Africa, India and Eastern Europe. Founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926, and under the

Our Parish has weekly (almost weekly) Fellowship after Liturgy. We would love to have more volunteers help set these fellowships up. This would include making coffee and tea, and setting out some baking in advance. If you can help once in a while (maybe once a month or less), please speak to Dianne, Virginia or Helen (3 of our good looking UCWLC members)



♥♥ Edmonton REALLY loves Ukrainian cooking!!! ♥♥

It took almost 4 WEEKS to cook our very first DAY of orders and we are finally DONE!!

A HUGE thank you to Dormition Parish for providing access to their beautiful commercial kitchen, Paul at [Sawmill Banquet & Catering Services](#) for opening his heart and freezers for varenyky, holobtsi and borscht, Matt at [Cook County Saloon](#) for helping to kick off Ukraine's Kitchen and of course our amazing newcomers from Ukraine who worked tirelessly to cook.

Fun Fact: NONE of these cooks had ever made a cheddar perogy before!!!

We encourage you to try more traditional items when we re-open for more food, and PLEASE consider hiring one of the FreeStore Ukrainian Newcomer volunteers for services such as photography, videography, cleaning services, or pet sitting! We are getting raving reviews from their services.

Visit FreeStoreYeg.com for more information.



Its happening this week! Our Icon Workshop.

We will start on Friday at 3:30. If you come into the church, say hello, but please don't touch the stuff we have out. Are there spaces left? I can still accommodate another one or three... but let me know ASAP. For more info, talk to Fr. Bo.



Start the Great Fast with us at our upcoming **Iconography Workshop**

Learn the painting process and also the theology and spirituality of Byzantine Iconography.
No prior experience necessary.

**Friday, Feb. 17 - Monday, Feb. 20, 2023
(Family Day Long Weekend)**

At Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God, Ukrainian Catholic Church
15608 -104 Avenue, Edmonton, AB

Write a traditional Egg Tempera Icon with 24K gold gilding.
This year we shall paint the icon of the Theotokos of the Passion, commonly known in the Catholic Church as "Our Lady of Perpetual Help".

Instructor: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

Cost: \$400 per person. Materials and simple meals provided. 10-12 hours each day.

For more information and to register go to

dormition.eeparchy.com

Saint Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch

Saint Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch, was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (ca. 357), and afterwards he was summoned to Antioch by the emperor Constantius to help combat the Arian heresy, and was appointed to that See.

Saint Meletius struggled zealously against the Arian error, but through the intrigues of the heretics he was thrice deposed from his cathedra by the Emperor Constantius who had become surrounded by the Arians and had accepted their position. In all this Saint Meletius was distinguished by an extraordinary gentleness, and he constantly led his flock by the example of his own virtue and kindly disposition, supposing that the seeds of the true teaching sprout more readily on such soil.

Saint Meletius was the one who ordained the future hierarch Saint Basil the Great as deacon. Saint Meletius also baptized and encouraged another of the greatest luminaries of Orthodoxy, Saint John Chrysostom, who later eulogized his former archpastor.

After Constantius, the throne was occupied by Julian the Apostate, and the saint again was expelled, having to hide himself in secret places for his safety. Returning under the emperor Jovian in the year 363, Saint Meletius wrote his theological treatise, "Exposition of the Faith," which facilitated the conversion of many of the Arians to Orthodoxy.

In the year 381, under the emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395), the Second Ecumenical Council was convened. In the year 380 the saint had set off on his way to the Second Ecumenical Council at Constantinople, and came to preside over it.

Before the start of the Council, Saint Meletius raised his hand displaying three fingers, and then withdrawing two fingers and leaving one extended he blessed the people, proclaiming: "We



understand three hypostases, and we speak about a single nature." With this declaration, a fire surrounded the saint like lightning. During the Council Saint Meletius fell asleep in the Lord. Saint Gregory of Nyssa honored the memory of the deceased with a eulogy.

Saint Meletius has left treatises on the consubstantiality of the Son of God with the Father, and a letter to the emperor Jovian concerning the Holy Trinity. The relics of Saint Meletius were transferred from Constantinople to Antioch.

Through the Prayers of St. Meletius, O Lord Jesus Christ, Have Mercy on Us and Save Us.

These explanations of the lives of the Saints are taken from oca.org

Family Faith and Friends: Supper & Movie Night



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023 AT 5 PM - 7 PM

Holy Eucharist Parish 6425 120 Avenue, Edmonton

Bring the whole family! This is a great opportunity to get to know each other better and build a community of faith! Please bring something for potluck. Let us know what you will bring. We will have supper & then watch an Easter themed movie. Confession will be available. Join the Family Faith Friends Facebook group and respond on the page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1019387668113464/>, email familyandlife@eeparchy.com or text Christina 780-914-9093

Mark Your Calendars & Join Us for this Eparchial Lenten Series:

Prayer



Fasting



Almsgiving



Three Essential Disciplines

March 16, March 23, March 30, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

We are encouraged to focus on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving especially during Great Lent, but have you ever wondered why or how? In this 3-part series, we will explore the origins of these disciplines, how we might undertake them and learn about the benefits that they can hold for our spiritual life and our personal growth in holiness.

Each session will be comprised of a presentation, discussion, and prayer. Attend any or all sessions. No registration necessary.

March 16 – Prayer – Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

March 23 – Fasting – Deacon Cyril Kennedy

March 30 – Almsgiving - Staff of the Madonna House community (Marian Centre)

LOCATION: St. Nicholas Parish, 9507 Austin O'Brien Rd., Edmonton

If you cannot attend in person because of distance or illness you are welcome to join on Zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/Lent-series-2023> or email: familyandlife@eeparchy.com for the link.

Parish & Eparchial News

- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to) Pauline, Stanley, Fr. Terry, Anne, Brody, Rosann, Jennie, Mickey, Kristopher, Greg, Ross, Ron, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Ann & Louis.
- **Happy birthday** to Fr. Ephrem who celebrate(s) his/her/their birthday(s) this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- Our **Parish's Annual General Meeting** will take place after Liturgy today! All parishioners are asked to participate in this important meeting. Yes, we will keep it as short as we can.
- **Thank You to the Andrusiak family** who donated a new kid sized table for our Family Room. The old one was broken beyond repair, but this new one is... well... new.
- **"All Souls Saturdays"**: During the pre-Lenten, Lenten and even Post-Lenten seasons there are 5 days where we as the church pray for all those who died. The first of these days took place yesterday. Thank you to those who came. If you would like the names of your family's loved ones

included into the prayers (**soroko-ooste**) please write them down on a piece of paper and hand them to Fr. Bo, or update them in our parish's book. The next "All Souls Saturday" will be on March 4th. We will do a Parastas at 7 pm that day.

- The Eparchy of Edmonton is hosting a **Cantoring Workshop on Saturday, March 18** (10am-1pm) at St. Josaphat Cathedral (10825-97 Street). Participants are encouraged to attend the 9am Divine Liturgy – the workshop will begin immediately thereafter (approximately 10:15 a.m.) and conclude by 1pm. A light breakfast (coffee, bagels, fruit) will be provided. Online participation available on request. The topic of the workshop is the *Irmosy*: we will cover the hymns to the Mother of God that replace "Dostoino/It is truly right" for several feasts of the liturgical year. All cantors are welcome, regardless of experience: we will divide into groups based on experience and language preference (Ukrainian and English). To register contact Deacon Cyril Kennedy at liturgy@eeparchy.com or register online at tinyurl.com/eparchycantor. Cost \$25/person.



THAT WE MAY WALK TOGETHER

PASTORAL LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CANADA

The path of the Church, arising from her very nature, is that of reconciliation. Pope Francis, in the course of his “Walking Together” pilgrimage to Canada, reflecting on the teaching of Saint Paul that the Church is the “living body of reconciliation,” offered these words: “The word ‘reconciliation’ is in fact practically synonymous with the word ‘Church’. It comes from the word ‘council’, and it means ‘meet again in council.’ The Church is the house where we ‘conciliate’ anew, where we meet to start over and to grow together. It is the place where we stop thinking as individuals and acknowledge that we are brothers and sisters of one another. Where we look one another in the eye, accept the other’s history and culture, and allow the mystique of togetherness, so pleasing to the Holy Spirit, to foster the healing of wounded memories” (Meeting of Pope Francis with the Indigenous Peoples and members of the parish community at the Sacred Heart Church, Edmonton, July 25, 2022).



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POPE FRANCIS

For some time now, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has been engaged in dialogue with the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities of this land. Encouraged by the presence, words, and gestures of Pope Francis, we wish to invite all members of the Catholic Church in Canada, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, to join us in continuing the pilgrimage towards deep healing and lasting reconciliation.



WALKING TOGETHER MARCHER ENSEMBLE

Image: Pope's Visit 2022, Les 8000 Ans, Alberta
Photo credit: Matthew Bodnar/CCCB